ROTARY HYMN

I want to be a Rotarian for the world, Make the Rotary flag be a flag of peace unfurled; I will serve my community, Help to seek international unity. Through Rotary, I will dedicate my all, World understanding shall be my cherished goal.

Refrain: With the Four Way Test

I will pursue my quest And if I, in a way help obtain

Peace in the world

Then I won't have lived in vain.

I'll observe service above self, Lend a hand to all who need my help; I'll get my spouse to involve in Rotary And in Rotary ways I will train my family.

Refrain: With the Four Way Test

We'll pursue our quest

And if we, in a way help obtain

Peace in the world

Then we won't have lived in vain.

Build a bridge for tomorrow's youth, Strengthened by nothing but the truth; Let's join our hands, there's no reason to divide. We shall all understand, while the good Lord is our guide.

Refrain: With the Four Way Test

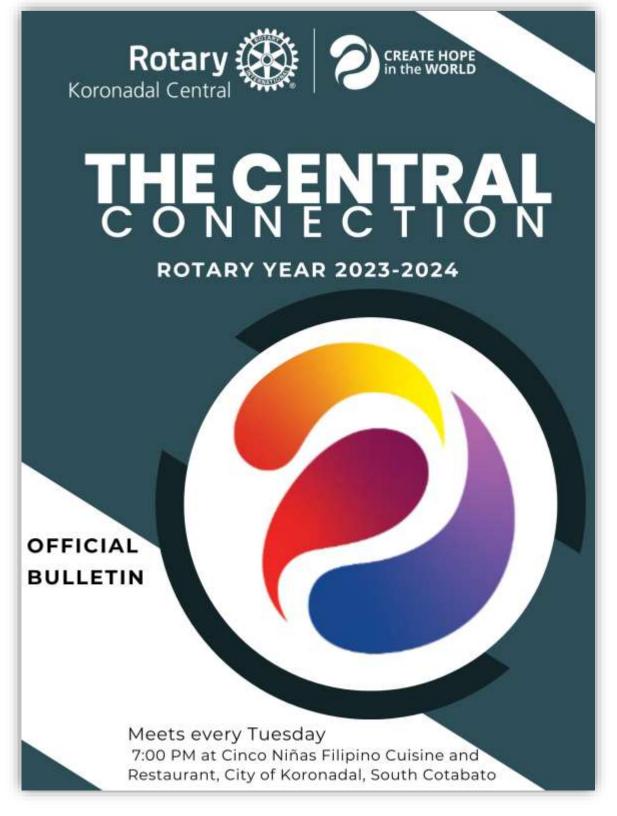
We'll pursue our quest

And if we, in a way help obtain

Peace in the world

Then we won't have lived in vain.

Peace be achieved, So we won't have lived in vain.



The FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to ALL CONCERNED? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

OBJECT OF ROTARY

...is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise, and, in particular to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life.

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

- Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life;
- Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect;
- Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world;
- Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians;
- Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure nonretaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

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ROTARY OBSERVATION MONTHS

























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JANUARY CELEBRATORS

January 13 PP Leo Santos

> January 16 Rtn. Eleosie Sy

January 18 Rtn. Bahandi Sueno PDS Perfecto Sueno, Jr.

> January 19 Rtn. Marites Cordero

> > January 28 Rtn. EJ Go Rtn. Leonor Abayon



your heart desires.

10th General Membership Meeting and Fellowship

PROGRAM

PART I. REGISTRATION AND DINNER		
PART II. MEETING PROPER		
Call to Order	Pres. Sarah M. Gapas	
Invocation	Overture	
Philippine National Anthem	Overture	
Rotary Hymn	Overture	
Four-Way Test & Object of Rotary		
Secretary's Report	Sec. Hazel Eugenio	
President's Time and Adjournment	Pres. Sarah M. Gapas	

Agenda:

- 1. DISCON 2024 and submission of Club Listing
- 2. Membership
- 3. Other matters

PART III. FELLOWSHIP

Invocation

Heavenly Father, be present with us now. Let our deliberation and practice tend to your glory. Thank you for the goodness and mercy that we receive every day. Send us your Holy Spirit to be our guide and give us the wisdom on our Rotary works. May this meeting bring success and growth to our club. Inspire and guide us always. In this we pray in Your most Holy name, Amen.



PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

R. Gordon R. McInally
RI President 2023-2024



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In difficult times like these, it's impossible to avoid feeling heartbroken over the devastation and loss of life caused by war and destruction.

Rotary always stands against harming and displacing civilian populations and using armed aggression instead of pursuing peaceful solutions. We advocate for the observance and respect of international law. We believe in strong action to defend and promote peace, even in the darkest of times.

But we also take our position as an international, nonpolitical, nonreligious organization seriously. To respect the global perspectives and experiences of our members, and to work most effectively in our peacebuilding efforts, we do not choose sides in conflicts.

Rotary is made up of 1.4 million people in communities all over the globe who are united in our commitment to building a peaceful world. We strive to ensure that our words and actions prioritize the health and safety of our global membership and the communities where we live and serve.

Our members seek to offer humanitarian assistance to those affected by conflict, and our global reach requires that we promote peacebuilding and conflict prevention with cross-cultural, cross-border connections and friendship through Rotary.

For decades, Rotary has harnessed these connections to carry out service projects, support peace fellowships and scholarships, and establish programs like Rotary Peace Centers to help build lasting peace. Our members also take action to promote Positive Peace, addressing the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Rotary members who wish to wage peace can use district grants and Rotary Foundation global grants to support projects with other Rotary members that help refugees and displaced people, provide medical support, and more worldwide. Members can also work with or join peace-focused Rotary Action Groups, Friendship Exchanges, Fellowships, and intercountry committees. And District Designated Funds or district cash can support our peacebuilding and conflict prevention efforts.

Members and nonmembers alike can learn more about peacebuilding through the Rotary Positive Peace Academy, a free online course available to anyone with an internet connection. You can find it at positivepeace.academy/rotary.

There is no denying that incidents of violence and atrocities being perpetuated around the world seem to be escalating. Global peace is fragile, and the stakes are getting higher.

Still, we know that it is possible to bring all people together to work toward a shared goal. Rotary members do so every day in every part of the world. May our ability to unify in common purpose be a spark that helps light the path out of these dark days.

Together, let's Create Hope in the World.

CLUB PAST PRESIDENTS



LORETA C. SY, PHF+4 Rotary Year 2013-2014 "Engage Rotary, Change Lives"



ORLANDO N. DELA CRUZ⁺
Rotary Year 2014-2015
"Light Up Rotary"

FREDERICK D. CAYABYAB, PHF

Rotary Year 2016-2017

"Rotary Serving Humanity"

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JUANITO C. CUEVA, PHF+2 Rotary Year 2017-2018 "Rotary: Making a Difference"



.EODEGARIO R. SANTOS, PHF+1
Rotary Year 2018-2019
"Be the Inspiration"



RYAN G. DELA CRUZ, PHF Rotary Year 2020-2021 "Rotary Opens Opportunities"



DAPHNY DORRIS P. DOMINGO, PHF+1
Rotary Year 2019-2020
"Rotary Connects the World"



MARYBELLE S. AGREDA, PHF+1
Rotary Year 2021-2022
"Serve to Change Lives"



BENJIE V. HOKSUAN, PHF+1
Rotary Year 2022-2023
"Imagine Rotary"

ROSTER OF MEMBERS

Nb.	Rotarians	Classification	Spouse
1	Abayon, Leonor C	Insurance Brokerage	-
2	Agreda, Marybelle S., P I F.1	Fuel Distribution	Adonis
3	Asperga, Aaron Andrelle E	Real Estate	-
4	Balaoing, Gideliza R, PHF+2	Entrepreneurship	
5	Basilio, Lino E, P I F:1	Restaurant Management	Veronica
6	Casado, Lesly Ann A	Secretarial Services	-
7	Cayabyab, Frederick D, PHF	Commercial Banking	Mercy
8	Cordero, Marites M, PHF	Medicine-OB	
9	Oueva, Juanito C, PHF+3	Security Services	Yolanda
10	Dafielmoto, Basilio E	Government Service- Civil Service	Annabelle
11	Dalaten, Kaharudin G	Government Service-Provincial	-
12	Daraug, Vanessa Joy D.	Hotel Management	-
13	Daraug, Ricardo Delos R	Real Estate	-
14	Daraug, Rickson Jay D	Hotel Management	-
15	Dela Cruz, Ryan G., PHF	School Administration-Tertiary	laisha
16	De Lima, Allan C	Government Service-City Environment	-
17	Domingo, Daphny Domis P., PHF4	Government Service-Environmental	-
18	Espulgar, Jeff Adlrex B	Government Service-Investigator	-
19	Eugenio, Kristine Hazel J.	Medical Services	-
20	Filipinas, Leana	Medicine	-
21	Gapas, Sarah M, PHF	Entrepreneurship	Antonio
22	Go, Enrico Jacinto A	School Administration-Tertiary	Dona
23	Hoksuan, Benjie V., PHF+1	Government Service-Municipal	Mary Jane
24	Hollite, Maribel S., PHF	Cable Management	Moises Rhonell
25	Hurtado, Marie Antonina I., PHF	Government Service-Provincial	-
26	Ilao, Yolanda C., PHF+3	Real Estate Broker	-
27	Labiao, Kristian N	Motorparts Management	Hebah
28	Macaludos, John Farid K	Government Service-Legal (DTI)	-
29	Magarang, Ana Nhara D	Government Service-Legal (DBNR)	_
30	Mari, Nervielle R	Government Service-Health Insurance	Nmfa
31	Matinong, Miguel M	Government Service-Provincial	Agnes
32	Porque, Joeden	Optometrist	-
33	Pingoy, Dagny S, PHT+3	Hotel Management	Gerard Samuel
34	Punsalan, Krisjuper Andreo J.	Government Service-Military	Regina
35	Rabor, Kevin O.	Medicine-General Practitioner	-
36	Santos, Leodegario Jr. R, PHF+1	Tire and Battery Distribution	Ruth
37	Sarmiento, Alejandro Jr. T.	Medicine-Pediatrics	Glezel
38	Sueno, Bahandi B, PHF	Restaurant Management	-
39	Sueno, Perfecto, Jr. D., PHT+8	Fuel Distribution	Marilou
40	Sy, Loreta C, PHF+4	Construction Materials Distribution	Victoriano Sr.
41	Sy, Eleosie Y.	Store Management	Victoriano Jr.
42	Taghap, Marlon N, PHF	Government Service	Arianne
43	Tenecio, Elva L	Life Insurance	-
44	Vargas, Mary Cris E	Medicine-Obstetrics/Gynecologist	_
45	Velasco, Dennis A, PHF	Judiciary	Jennifer

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Club President's Message

Rtn. Sarah M. Gapas

Greetings!

The second phase or half semester of the Rotary Year 2023-2024 is only getting started, yet the effort has never stopped. There were incoming events, review of accomplishments, and training for the new leaders and more. And I am asking for your proactive assistance.

Early bird registration for the District Conference (DISCON) 2024 is currently open till February 29, 2024. I urge everyone to make advance plans, take advantage of the offer, and book a hotel for their lodging. The specifics of the registration cost and deadlines are posted in the Secretary's Report. May 3-4, 2024, is when DISCON 2024 will take place at the Dusit Thani and Azuela Cove in Lanang, Davao City.

We are now upgrading our RI registered membership as well, since this has an impact on how the club invoice is calculated. This is also to guarantee that members have faithfully fulfilled their financial commitments to the club. Please review the Secretary's Report for transparency. The club invoice for the second semester, or January 2024, was already sent out.

In addition, February is quickly approaching, and Rotary Week will soon be celebrated. During the activity, the club's tasks will be divided by Area 3H, and in the same way, I am asking for your presence and participation.

Furthermore, I am thrilled that you could make it here tonight. I appreciate your help along the journey of RCKC for the Rotary Year 2023-2024.

Finally, let us enjoy the rest of the night.



Secretary's Report

Rtn. Hazel Eugenio

 DISCON 20024 – May 3-4, 2024 at Dusit Thani and Azuela Cove, Lanang, Davao City



RCKC Club Invoice – January 2024



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Trustee's Chair Message

Barry Rassin



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The new year ushers in promise and hope, a time to resolve to do things differently. We can do more than just hope for the best. We can take steps — big and small — to make changes in every aspect of our lives, including Rotary.

Here's a New Year's resolution to consider: Remember that The Rotary Foundation belongs to you. The Foundation is a global force, doing our good work in the world. Just like anything that belongs to you, it requires care and attention. How can we do this? First, get to know your Foundation better this year. Did you know that in 2023, the Foundation achieved a maximum four-star rating from Charity Navigator for the 15th consecutive year? This places your Foundation among the world's top charities. Why do we consistently receive this honor? It's because we are financially strong, have a broad reach, and are highly effective with the gifts you give: 91 percent of funds are allocated to program awards and operations.

Another way to engage with your Foundation is to support it through a gift, every year. We've set an ambitious fundraising goal of \$500 million this year, and I'm confident that, with your support, we will achieve it. This year, I'm especially counting on those Rotarians and Rotaractors who have not yet contributed to make their first gift. Because The Rotary Foundation is an excellent steward, you can be confident that your gift will make a difference, whether it's in polio eradication, literacy initiatives, peace education, or any other area in which we excel.

In 2024, resolve to share the Foundation with others. The Foundation is too great to keep to ourselves. Spread the word during your fundraisers and events. Let the public know that The Rotary Foundation plays a significant role in everything we do, including in our many partnerships. Anyone can support the Foundation, even people who are not in Rotary.

Lastly this year, take action. Your Foundation is waiting for you to roll up your sleeves and make use of its resources to make the world a better place. Seek out global or district grant projects. Consider partnering with a Rotaract club in 2024 to support a grant or collaborate on one. Team up with Rotary and Rotaract clubs in your area to plan your biggest million dollar dinner fundraiser or End Polio Now event.

Whatever you decide to do in 2024, commit to keeping our Foundation in your plans. I can't wait to hear about all the great things we will accomplish this year.

CLUB OFFICERS

ROTARY YEAR 2023-2024

President Sarah M. Gapas Vice President Kristian N. Labiao

Secretary Kristine Hazel J. Eugenio

Executive Secretary Maribel S. Hollite
Treasurer Dagny S. Pingoy
Auditor Enrico Jacinto A. Go
Sgt. At Arms Marlon N. Taghap
Immediate Past President Benjie V. Hoksuan

COMMITTEES

Club Administration Loreta C. Sy

The Rotary Foundation & Polio Plus Perfecto D. Sueno, Jr. Membership Benjie V. Hoksuan

Public Image and Relations Ryan G. Dela Cruz & Lino E. Basilio

Service Projects Marybelle S. Agreda

Community Service Miguel M. Matinong and Marie Antonina I. Hurtado

Youth Service Ryan G. Dela Cruz
Vocational Service Enrico Jacinto A. Go
Club Trainers and Advisers Juanito C. Cueva
Eric D. Cayabyab

Loreta C. Sy

Peace & Conflict Resolution Krisjufer J. Punsalan

Disease Prevention & Treatment Alejandro T. Sarmiento, Jr.

Water And Sanitation Nerville R. Mari
Maternal & Child Care Mary Cris E. Vargas
Basic Education & Literacy Eleosie Y. Sy

Environmental Protection Daphny Dorris P. Domingo

Allan C. De Lima

Fundraising Yolanda C. Ilao

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9th General Membership Meeting and Fellowship, January 9, 2023 at Kamagong Hall, Cinco Niñas, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato





2024-2025: The Magic of Rotary

RI President-elect Stephanie Urchick celebrates the magic of Rotary. She says members create that magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member of Rotary.



Stephanie A. Urchick is selected to be the 2024-25 President of Rotary International



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2024 Rotary International Convention 25-29 May 2024 Singapore

"Sharing Hope in Singapore"



Singapore awaits!

The Rotary Convention is where friendship and learning come together to inspire you. In Singapore, you'll connect with people of action from around the globe at Rotary's biggest event of the year.

We'll share fresh perspectives, inspiration, and hope – with each other and the world! The convention features world-class dining and cultural attractions, distinguished speakers, energizing breakout sessions, and much more.

Join 25-29 May 2024 in Singapore!

Register by 31 March to take advance of the pre-registration discount!

https://convention.rotary.org