

## 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.

Rotary  
Koronadal Central



CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD

# THE CENTRAL CONNECTION

ROTARY YEAR 2023-2024

OFFICIAL  
BULLETIN

Meets every Tuesday  
7:00 PM at Cinco Niñas Filipino Cuisine and  
Restaurant, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato

## 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 non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

## ROTARY OBSERVATION MONTHS



# FEBRUARY CELEBRATORS

February 18  
Rtn. Neville Mari



February 10  
PP Marybelle Agreda  
and Spouse Adonis  
Agreda

# 11<sup>th</sup> 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:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rotary Week Celebration Culmination Day: February 24, 2024</li> <li>2. District Conference, Davao City</li> <li>3. PETS-SETS 2024, Dumaguete City</li> <li>4. Upcoming Project on Water and Sanitation</li> <li>5. Other matters</li> </ol>	
PART III. FELLOWSHIP	

## Invocation

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to come before you on the matters being held today.

We ask that you bless those who come here and the ones left at home. May Rotary friends and Rotary ways help us to serve You and Your people. We give you the honor and the glory in every event. Amen.





## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

**R. Gordon R. McNally**  
RI President 2023-2024



### FEBRUARY 2024

I am enthused and encouraged by your embrace of mental health initiatives throughout the Rotary world. More than 1,000 of you have responded so far to an ongoing survey by the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives, offering your feedback on what Rotary can do to improve the personal well-being of members.

The top suggestions are illuminating. Rotary members are asking for more fellowship, camaraderie, conversation, cohesiveness, and connection. They also want more recognition, validation, and integration. They are seeking more service opportunities, and they want more wellness activities, including mental health speakers, awareness efforts, and education.

Our members not only appreciate the greater focus on mental health, but they also believe that making more of the Rotary experience will materially improve their lives. I find it interesting that members are not asking anything dramatically new of their club — rather they want more of what we do best. For example, connection can be improved during meetings simply by assigning seating once each month to encourage people to speak with someone new.

Here are some great ways that we can help achieve these results and make Rotary more appealing to those considering membership. First, we need to acknowledge the importance of increasing belonging in our clubs and to encourage Rotary members to make the most of every opportunity for new and stronger connections. Public health experts worldwide are concerned about increasing levels of loneliness — the U.S. surgeon general has even declared it an epidemic. Mental health experts agree that finding groups and clubs around common hobbies and interests is a strong way to create greater connectedness. This is what Rotary is all about. We need to make sure all of our members are fully engaged and that our communities are better aware of this inherent strength.

Second, if your club has found new ways to build connection, please share your stories with us at [mindhealth@rotary.org](mailto:mindhealth@rotary.org) so we can make them more broadly known within the Rotary world. Your good ideas might inspire others. Post your service project stories on Rotary Showcase.

And finally, I encourage you to share feedback from surveys like this with your club and bring forward your own ideas to improve your club experience and meet your peers' expectations. The journey we have begun is about more than mental health. It is about taking advantage of the full strength of our wonderful organization and helping all members feel that they are part of a community that cares deeply about their personal well-being.

Everything you do to strengthen connections in Rotary, with each other and the people we serve, also helps improve mental health. And everything we do to improve mental health helps strengthen those connections. Let's continue this virtuous cycle.

## CLUB PAST PRESIDENTS



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



**ORLANDO N. DELA CRUZ<sup>+</sup>**  
Rotary Year 2014-2015  
*"Light Up Rotary"*



**FREDERICK D. CAYABYAB, PHF**  
Rotary Year 2016-2017  
*"Rotary Serving Humanity"*



**OSCAR PAGUNSAN**  
Rotary Year 2015-2016  
*"Be a Gift to the World"*



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



**LEODEGARIO 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, PHF4	Fuel Distribution	Adonis
3	Asperga, Aaron Andrelle E	Real Estate	-
4	Balacing, Gideliza R, PHF2	Entrepreneurship	-
5	Basilio, Lino E, PHF4	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, PHF3	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	Iasha
16	De Lima, Allan C	Government Service-City Environment	-
17	Domingo, Daphny Dorris P., PHF4	Government Service-Environmental	-
18	Espulgar, Jeff Adlrex B	Government Service-Investigator	-
	Elauria, Dobbie Josh R	Government Service	-
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	Haksuan, Benjie V, PHF4	Government Service-Municipal	Mary Jane
24	Hblite, Maribel S, PHF	Cable Management	Moses Rhonell
25	Hurtado, Marie Antonina I, PHF	Government Service-Provincial	-
26	Ilaq, Yolanda C, PHF3	Real Estate Broker	-
27	Labiaq, Kristian N	Motorparts Management	Hebah
28	Macaludos, John Farid K	Government Service-Legal (DTI)	-
29	Magarang, Ana Nhara D	Government Service-Legal (DENR)	-
30	Mari, Nervielle R	Government Service-Health Insurance	Nmrfa
31	Matinong, Miguel M	Government Service-Provincial	Agnes
32	Porquez, Joeden	Optometrist	-
33	Pingoy, Dagny S, PHF3	Hotel Management	Gerard Samuel
34	Punsalan, Krisjuper Andreo J.	Government Service-Military	Regina
35	Rabor, Kevin Q	Medicine-General Practitioner	-
36	Santos, Leodegario Jr. R, PHF4	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, PHF8	Fuel Distribution	Marilou
40	Sy, Loreta C, PHF4	Construction Materials Distribution	Victoriano Sr.
41	Sy, Eleosie Y.	Store Management	Victoriano Jr.
42	Taghapi, Marlon N, PHF	Government Service	Arianne
43	Teneo, Elva L	Life Insurance	-
44	Vargas, Mary Oris E	Medicine-Obstetrics/Gynecologist	-
45	Velasco, Dennis A, PHF	Judiciary	Jennifer



## Club President's Message

Rtn. Sarah M. Gapas

Let me start by sincerely thanking you for your unwavering support during the opening ceremony of the Area 3H Rotary Week Celebration last Sunday, February 18, 2024. A motorcade from Jaycees Avenue in the City of Koronadal to the DSWD facility, the Home for Girls and Women in Tantangan, marked the beginning of the event. The program began at 8:30 a.m. with the kick-off messages. The motivational speech on women's rights was delivered by Attorney Sheena Valero, a Rotarian and the PNP Koronadal City's legal councilor. The actual demonstration of correct haircutting and makeup application, which was a livelihood training conducted by Ms. Fe Cadiante in collaboration with the Hair Experts Salon, came next. The girl-residents were happier when they received gifts and shared snacks with the Rotarians and Spouses. They also relished the entertaining games.

At the City of Koronadal's lobby yesterday morning, the spouses and Rotarians from Area 3H convened early to witness the official launch of the public image campaign and to exhibit a range of projects and events.

I urged every member to actively participate in the week-long celebration. The culminating event, which Areas 3FGH will work together to honor Rotary International's 119th anniversary, will take place on February 24, 2024. I hope you will be in favor of the event that will take place in General Santos City.

In addition, we will talk about the next District Conference (DISCON) 2024, which will take place in Lanang, Davao City, on May 3-4, 2024, at the Dusit Thani and Azuela Cove. Additionally, the PETS-SETS timetable is available, and new club officers need to be prepared for their training. There will also be an incoming project in line with water and sanitation and the updates on this will be discussed tonight.

Finally, thank you for your presence and let us enjoy!



## Secretary's Report

Rtn. Hazel Eugenio

*Notes and Agreements during the 10<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting and Fellowship held on January 30, 2024*

- VP Kristian Labiao reported the January 19, 2024 tree planting activity and donation of garden tools, seedlings, and carpentry tools to Bacongco Elementary School in Brgy. San Isidro, Koronadal City to celebrate Rotary's Vocational month.
- All members were encouraged to attend the DISCON 2024 and the attendance of the following members were subject for confirmation, to wit:
  1. PP Johnny Cueva
  2. PAG Loreta Sy
  3. IPP Benjie Hoksuan
  4. PE Alex Sarmiento
  5. Incoming Club Officers (RY 2024-2025)
- Paul Harris Fellow additional commitment:
  - Rtn. Allan de Lima - \$250
  - Rtn. Neville Mari - \$250
  - Rtn. Kevin Rabor - \$250
- Updates on the Rotary Week Celebration on February 18-24, 2024
  - Feb 18 – 6:30 am Motorcade; 8:00am ribbon cutting and opening program and exhibit at KCC Mall Activity Center
  - Motorcade starts at Protech Center – Alunan – KCC
  - 9am Thanksgiving Mass
  - Feb 24, 2024 – Culmination Program
- Peace and conflict project to be arranged including the possible location for the project. Tentative schedule is on Feb 17
- Conduct meeting before February 18 in preparation for the Rotary week
- Regular Meeting concern:
  - Prepare meeting host
  - One meeting will be hosted by the celebrators of the month (potluck; enjoyable games; etc.)
  - Agreed to try 3 meetings in a month and a proposal for the said concern will be presented during the club's General Assembly tentatively scheduled on March 2, 2024 (Saturday)
- There being no other matters to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 in the evening

## Trustee's Chair Message

*Barry Rassin*



### **FEBRUARY 2024**

Following the news is challenging these days. Stories of war and violence are deeply discouraging. It breaks my heart when I hear about innocent bystanders, particularly women and children, who are caught in the crossfire of conflict.

Is there anything we can do about it? We certainly can't turn away from the problem. I think in these times, we need to shift our focus from what we can't change to what we can do. We can also support what we know works.

February is Rotary's Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month. It is one of our areas of focus because peace is central to everything we do in Rotary. Even though most of us aren't diplomats at the negotiating table or peacebuilders working on active conflicts, in Rotary's singular way, what we do works to promote peace and prevent conflict somewhere, every day.

Every Rotary member should remember this during the month of February: When you support any of the areas of focus of The Rotary Foundation, you are contributing to peace. Foundation grants that address fundamental issues — such as a global grant focused on enhancing basic literacy in a community — will cultivate a better understanding of the world and lead to greater economic stability, laying the groundwork for peace.

You can say the same for all the areas of focus, from the environment to economic development. They help stabilize communities, lift families out of poverty, and foster the pursuit of education.

Peace is and always has been interwoven into the fabric of Rotary beyond our projects, too. In 1999, when we established the Rotary Peace Centers through a visionary initiative of our Foundation, we reaffirmed this commitment. This month, we are once again renewing that vision, with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, our host partner for the newest Rotary Peace Center, as it takes its first steps to prepare for the initial cohort of students arriving in early 2025.

All along the way, as Rotary has evolved into a global force for good, it has championed peace and understanding in countless ways, and our Foundation remains the great driving force behind that vision. It will be part of Rotary's eternal legacy.

And by supporting our work, you will be able to say that you are a part of that legacy. You can directly support it by visiting [rotary.org/donate](https://rotary.org/donate) and selecting peacebuilding and conflict prevention as the area of focus.



# 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. Ila

# PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

10<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting and Fellowship, January 30, 2024 at Cinco Niñas, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato





# PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

Area 3H Rotary Week Celebration – Opening Ceremony  
February 18, 2024, motorcade from City of Koronadal the DSWD Home for Girls and Women in Tantangan



# PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

Area 3H Rotary Week Celebration – Ribbon Cutting and Photo Exhibit  
February 19, 2024 at the City Hall Lobby, Koronadal City

