

## 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



# MARCH CELEBRATORS

March 1  
Sec. Hazel Eugenio

March 16  
Rtn. Alejandro Sarmiento, Jr.

March 25  
PP Frederick Cayabyab

March 31  
Rtn. Kevin Rabor



# 12<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. Registration to District Conference, Davao City and PETS-SETS 2024, Dumaguete City</li> <li>2. Other matters</li> </ol>	
PART III. FELLOWSHIP	

## Prayer

Almighty Father, direct us by Thy wisdom and love as we meet in Rotary fellowship. Open our eyes to the power for understanding and peace as we see ourselves, not alone by ourselves, but united with Rotarians in many parts of the world. We pray that this great global effort for goodwill toward mankind will encourage us to go forward in good works to Thy honor and to the benefit of those in need. Amen.



## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

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



### MARCH 2024

There are many pathways to peace, and in Rotary, we are fortunate to have Rotary Peace Fellows who demonstrate this truth time and again.

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fellowships for leaders around the world to study peace and development, and what these peace fellows learn prepares them to work in conflict prevention and resolution and promote Positive Peace. Here are a few examples of the creative ways peace fellows advance peace:

#### Promoting sustainability

Alejandra Rueda-Zarate combined her Rotary Peace Fellowship in peace and conflict resolution with her master's degree in energy and resources to support her dream of protecting the Colombian countryside.

She founded the organization NES Naturaleza in 2011 to help farmers in Colombia and across rural Latin America gain access to knowledge and training to uphold sustainable farming standards. That support has improved the lives of nearly 4,500 farmers, inspiring many of them to become entrepreneurs. And it's helped promote both natural and social sustainability throughout Latin America.

#### Ending racism

Peace fellows Geoffrey Diesel and Kathy Doherty have applied their fellowships in peace and development studies toward co-founding the Racial Equity Project, a subcommittee of Rotary Positive Peace Activators in North America committed to studying ways to create a more peaceful society through anti-racism efforts.

The Racial Equity Project takes a deep look into how the eight Pillars of Positive Peace could support efforts to address racism, and it works to spread this message to communities across North America. The organization initially grew from Rotary's strategic partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, a global think tank dedicated to promoting Positive Peace.

#### Managing disasters using data

Through a Rotary Peace Fellowship, Jamie LeSueur earned a master's degree in social science within peace and conflict research. He now leads emergency operations for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, setting a management and operational framework for agency collaboration in emergency response situations.

Jamie has found that research data is a powerful tool to bring calm to the complex world of disaster response. No matter what an organization's protocols might entail, letting research be the foundation for decision making helps clarify even the most complicated emergencies.

These stories — and hundreds like them — show how Rotary is creating a generation of leaders ready and able to build peace worldwide. Nearly 1,800 peace fellows have graduated from Rotary Peace Centers, and they are applying their craft in more than 140 countries.

May the continuing work of peace fellows and the Rotary members who support them inspire you to continue to *Create Hope in the World* through service, fundraising, and creative thinking.

## 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"*



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



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



**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	Agrega, 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	-
19	Elauria, Dobie Josh R	Government Service	-
20	Eugenio, Kristine Hazel J.	Medical Services	-
21	Filipinas, Leana	Medicine	-
22	Gapas, Sarah M, PHF	Entrepreneurship	Antonio
23	Go, Enrico Jacinto A	School Administration-Tertiary	Dona
24	Hokuan, Benjie V, PHF4	Government Service-Municipal	Mary Jane
25	Hblite, Maribel S, PHF	Cable Management	Moses Rhonell
26	Hurtado, Marie Antonina I, PHF	Government Service-Provincial	-
27	Ilaq, Yolanda C, PHF3	Real Estate Broker	-
28	Labiaq, Kristian N	Motorparts Management	Hebah
29	Macaludos, John Farid K	Government Service-Legal (DTI)	-
30	Magarang, Ana Nhara D	Government Service-Legal (DENR)	-
31	Mari, Nervielle R	Government Service-Health Insurance	Nmrfa
32	Matinong, Miguel M	Government Service-Provincial	Agnes
33	Porquez, Joeden	Optometrist	-
34	Pingoy, Dagny S, PHF3	Hotel Management	Gerard Samuel
35	Punsalan, Krisjuper Andreo J.	Government Service-Military	Regina
36	Rabor, Kevin Q	Medicine-General Practitioner	-
37	Santos, Leodegario Jr. R, PHF4	Tire and Battery Distribution	Ruth
38	Sarmiento, Alejandro Jr. T.	Medicine-Pediatrics	Glezel
39	Sueno, Bahandi B, PHF	Restaurant Management	-
40	Sueno, Perfecto, Jr. D, PHF8	Fuel Distribution	Marilyou
41	Sy, Loretta C, PHF4	Construction Materials Distribution	Victoriano Sr.
42	Sy, Eleosie Y.	Store Management	Victoriano Jr.
43	Taghag, Marlon N, PHF	Government Service	Arianne
44	Vargas, Mary Oris E	Medicine-Obstetrics/Gynecologist	-
45	Velasco, Dennis A, PHF	Judiciary	Jennifer



### Club President's Message

Rtn. Sarah M. Gapas

Greetings to you my fellow Rotarians and to our dear Spouses.

In February, Rotary Clubs worldwide commemorated the 119th Rotary International Anniversary. In Area 3H, we marked this occasion with a week-long celebration from February 18-24, 2024. During our recent meeting, our club bulletin highlighted the successful launch event and ribbon-cutting ceremony for a photo exhibit showcasing various club projects. As all beginnings have endings, February 24, 2024, marked the culmination program, which was a collaborative effort with Areas 3F and 3G. This event took place at the Holy Trinity College grounds in General Santos City and featured activities such as traditional Filipino games, Zumba, and more. The success of these activities was made possible by your significant contributions, presence, and support. We extend our gratitude for your participation and prayers.

The District Conference (DISCON) scheduled for May 3-4, 2024, is rapidly approaching and will take place at Dusit Thani and Azuela Cove in Davao City. Additionally, registration for PETS/SETS/DTTS/DTA is now open until March 30, 2024. We strongly encourage our incoming club officers, particularly the President and Secretary, to register as there will be no onsite registration available. This matter was also addressed during our March 9, 2024 Areas 3FGH Committee Meeting, along with discussions on the Mindanao leg Rotaract Sports Festival. Further details regarding our agreements and other preparations will be presented to you this evening.

As the club members agreed, our meeting will be twice a month (second and last Tuesdays). With that, I am asking your active participation and attendance. Thank you and wishing you a wonderful night ahead!



## Secretary's Report

Rtn. Hazel Eugenio

- As noted in our previous meeting, attendance was low. Therefore, we urge each Rotarian to bring another Rotarian to our meeting. We aim to increase our attendees and initiate games during our fellowship to enjoy. Thank you.
- Also, we would like to acknowledge President Sarah Gapas' attendance to the Areas 3FGH Committee Meeting (ACoM) last Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Cinco Niñas, Koronadal City. The photo is posted in this bulletin.
- Save the dates!
  - April 11-12, 2024 – PETS-SETS 2024 (Dumaguete City)
  - May 3-4, 2024 – DISCON 2024 (Davao City)



## Trustee's Chair Message

*Barry Rassin*



### MARCH 2024

Rotary's focus turns to two themes this month. March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month, and we celebrate World Rotaract Week 11-17 March. Both WASH and Rotaract are near and dear to me.

Clean water, basic sanitation, and proper hygiene are fundamental human rights, yet a staggering 2.2 billion people still lack access to safe drinking water.

We're taking action. Over the past decade, your Rotary Foundation has invested more than \$180 million in over 2,500 water and sanitation projects worldwide. Rotary is on the ground making a difference through global grant-supported projects funded by your contributions to the Foundation.

But Rotary can't do it alone. We have partnered with organizations like USAID to deliver large-scale solutions. The Rotary-USAID Partnership has helped thousands access water and sanitation services in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, the Philippines, and Uganda.

Our Foundation is the connector for other water partnerships, too. This was the case when I worked with leaders from Rotary District 7020 to set up the Haiti National Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Initiative, known as HANWASH. Foundation grants continue to play a critical role in our strategy of working with nongovernmental organizations, municipalities, and government agencies in communities throughout Haiti.

Rotary efforts to connect people with clean water go beyond providing a basic necessity. We are paving the way for healthier communities and brighter futures, and doing so in a sustainable manner. With access to water, communities enhance education levels, improve health, and further development.

When we talk about partnerships, we can't forget our closest ally, right here in the family of Rotary: Rotaract. The engagement, energy, and ideas of Rotaract complement the experience of Rotary clubs and increase our collective impact.

Yet many Rotary members still do not know that, as of 2022, Rotaract club activities can be included in district grants, and they are eligible for global grants, expanding avenues for collaboration.

I encourage all Rotary and Rotaract clubs to foster closer collaboration and engagement in our Foundation, whether it's rolling up their sleeves on a project or giving.

We all know that in Rotary, great opportunities are always around the corner. When you combine water and sanitation projects, Rotaract, and the Foundation, all will become a big part of your life, as they have in mine — and not just this month, but forever.

# 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

# PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

March 9, 2024 Areas 3FGH Committee Meeting  
Cinco Niñas, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato



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Area 3H Rotary Week Celebration (Culmination)  
February 24, 2024 at Holy Trinity College, General Santos City



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