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- Basic Education & Literacy
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We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

### Our Core Values

Our values are an increasingly important component in strategic planning because they drive the intent and direction of the organization's leadership.

## CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

*This document certifies that*

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name)  
 of the Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_ has  
 attended the club's General Membership Weekly Meeting and Fellowship on  
 \_\_\_\_\_ held at EMR Center, Morales, Koronadal City,  
 South Cotabato, Philippines.

**RTN. RHEA E. SAVARIZ**  
*Executive Secretary*

## THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT AND CLUB'S 15<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### PROGRAMME

#### PART I: District Governor and Club Officer's Meeting

#### PART II: General Membership Meeting

Call to Order ..... Pres. Andy Atkins  
 Invocation & National Anthem..... VP Evelyn Tampus  
 Rotary Hymn ..... AVP  
 Four-Way Test and Object of Rotary..... PP Tony Vicente  
 Acknowledgement of Visiting Rotarians/Spouses/Guests ...PAG Gerry Cruz  
 Presentation of Club's Accomplishment (July-Dec 2020) .... Pres. Andy Atkins  
 Introduction of the District Governor ..... PDG Bing Garcia  
 Message of the District Governor ..... DG Rodel Riezl Reyes  
 Updates ..... DS Cary Beatusula  
 DGC Vincent Ang

Open Forum

Giving of Token of Appreciation

President's Time & Adjournment..... Pres. Andy Atkins

#### PART III: General Membership Meeting

**PAG Gerry Cruz**  
*Moderator*



Heavenly Father, we thank you for your continuing grace on our lives guiding us towards your great love, meaning and purpose for our lives. Help us in Rotary to see others as you see them so we can direct your grace and love towards them and if it is your will, the privilege to help them in their time of need. Dear Lord keep us and our loved ones safe in your arms. During our Rotary times together be with us in our decision making and conversation so that we can bring glory to you in and through Christ Jesus. Amen.

# 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.

## ENJOY ROTARY!

Rotary Club of Marbel Original Theme Song  
 (Lyrics: PP Camilo Dajay, Composer: Ryan Gazo)

When life becomes short and complicated  
 When all you see is poverty and misery  
 When you are bored and discontented  
 And your days seem cold and dreary  
 It's time to get up, move on and make new friends  
 The joy of serving others  
 Is felt by each Rotarian  
 Come take your place under the sun  
 Join us and have so much fun

If you want to be happy  
 Join Rotary  
 If you want to be loved  
 Embrace Rotary  
 If you want peace and harmony  
 Serve with Rotary

The Rotary Club of Marbel  
 Our home  
 Our passion  
 Our family  
 All for the service of humanity

Rotary Club of Marbel  
 Rotary Club of Marbel  
 Rotary!

# ROTARY OBSERVATION MONTHS

**JULY IS NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH**  
 "To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."  
 Winston Churchill

**AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**  
 "Rotary's strength lies in the sincerity of purpose of its members."  
 Eric Gosselin, Rotary Club of Everett, Oregon, 1971 Rotary International

**SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH**  
 "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."  
 Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

**OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH**  
 "In the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world."  
 Dr. Seuss

**NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**  
 EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR  
 "If we can conquer space, we can conquer childhood hunger."  
 Buzz Aldrin

**DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH**  
 "The prevention of disease today is one of the most important factors in line of human endeavor."  
 Charles Mayo

**JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH**  
 "Rotary's greatest strength will always be the individual Rotarian. No other organization has such powerful human resources."  
 Past RI President Glen W. Ackerley 1997-98

**FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH**  
 "Imagine all the people living in peace..."  
 John Lennon

**MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH**  
 "Clean water, the essence of our health, is a birthright for everyone, and becomes available to all people now."  
 Bill & Melinda Gates

**APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH**  
 "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."  
 Mahatma Gandhi

**MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**  
 "We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future."  
 Mrs. Jemima Lee 1986-87

**JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH**  
 "Don't adventures ever have an end? I suppose not. Someone else always has to carry on the story."  
 J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring

## CLUB PILLARS

<u>Rotary Year</u>	<u>Past President</u>	<u>RI Theme</u>
1980-1981	Gerardo "Gerry" Calaliman	"Take Time to Serve"
1981-1982	Benjamin "Bing" M. Garcia	"World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary"
1982-1983	Pedro "Pete" Torres	"Mankind is One-Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World"
1983-1984	Tranquilino "Jun" Araral, Jr.	"Share Rotary - Serve People"
1984-1985	Bernardo "Jun" Dignadice, Jr.	"Discover a New World of Service"
1985-1986	Gerardo "Gerry" S. Cruz	"You are the Key"
1986-1987	Perfecto "Pitok" B. Sueno, Jr.	"Rotary Brings Hope"
1987-1988	Romulo "Romy" Rafael+	"United in Service Dedicated to Peace"
1988-1989	Jose "Peps" Barroso	"Put Life in Rotary - Your Life"
1989-1990	Benjamin "Ben" D. Pajaro	"Enjoy Rotary"
1990-1991	Claro "Caloy" Precioso	"Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm"
1991-1992	Pio "Pio" Mariñas	"Look Beyond Yourself"
1992-1993	Nazario "Boy" Grecia	"Real Happiness is Helping Others"
1992-1993	Antonio "Tony" M. Vicente	"Real Happiness is Helping Others"
1993-1994	Delfin "Bong" Riego de Dios	"Believe In what You Can Do - Do what You Believe In"
1994-1995	Emmanuel "Manny" Reinoso	"Be A Friend"
1995-1996	Edgardo "Ed" Barrios	"Act with Integrity - Serve with Love - Work for Peace"
1996-1997	Loreta "Loring" Sy	"Build the Future with Action and Vision"
1997-1998	Jose "Joe" Cagampang	"Show Rotary Cares"
1998-1999	Arnold "Nonoy" G. Garcia	"Follow Your Rotary Dream"
1999-2000	Alfredo "Fred" E. dela Peña	"Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity"
2000-2001	Suzanne "Zanne" Araquil	"Create Awareness...Take Action"
2001-2002	Floro "Puyot" Calixton	"Mankind is Our Business"
2002-2003	Rolan "Rolan" A. Alajar	Sow the Seeds of Love"
2003-2004	Roland "Roland" Asperga	"Lend a Hand"
2004-2005	Noel "Noel" N. Dungca+	"Celebrate Rotary"
2005-2006	Camilo "Toto" L. Dajay	"Service Above Self"
2006-2007	Datu Tungko "Dats" Saikol	"Lead the Way"
2007-2008	Mark Marie "Mark" G. Bantug	"Rotary Shares"
2008-2009	Jessie "Jessie" P. Cruz	"Make Dreams Real"
2009-2010	Marie Antonina "Junette" Hurtado	"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"
2010-2011	Juanito "Johnny" C. Cueva	"Building Communities, Bridging Continents"
2011-2012	Leodegario "Leo" R. Santos, Jr.	"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"
2012-2013	Antonio "Tony" M. Vicente	"Peace Through Service"
2013-2014	Carlo "Carlo" S. Precioso	"Engage Rotary Change Lives"
2014-2015	Leandro Ador "Ador" A. Dizon	"Light Up Rotary"
2015-2016	Nolito "Lito" B. Prudencio	"Be A Gift to the World"
2016-2017	Randy "Randy" S. Baldeovar	"Rotary Serving Humanity"
2017-2018	Jason Anthony "Jay" Y. Garcia	"Rotary: Making a Difference"
2018-2019	Leween Jan "Leween" P. Santos	"Be the Inspiration"
2019-2020	Philip Leonard "Philip" T. Escueta	"Rotary Connects the World"

## The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with other and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. 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
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. 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

## 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.

## ROSTER OF MEMBERS

	NAMES	CLASSIFICATION	SPOUSES
1	ADALIN, Virgilio H., PHF	Dentistry	Nancy
2	ALAJAR, Rolan A., PHF+3	Optometry	Celestina, PHF+1
3	ATKINS, Andrew, PHF	Social Work	Sherill
4	BALDELOVAR, Randy S., PHF	Life Insurance	Theresa
5	BANTUG, Mark Marie G., PHF+4	Chemical Sales & Distribution	Elizabeth, PHF
6	CEREZO, Ma. Cyrille U., PHF+2	Medicine - Nephrology	N/A
7	CHIU, Christian Valeen R., PHF	Distribution - IT	N/A
8	CRUZ, Gerardo S., PHF+2	Management Services	Tessie, PHF
9	CRUZ, Jessie, PHF+3	Pawnshop Management	Nemia
10	DAJAY, Camilo L., PHF	Medicine- General Surgery	Gertrudes
11	DARAUG, John Michael D, PHF	Hotel Management	N/A
12	DE JESUS, Nida, PHF	Fuel Sales & Distribution	-
13	DE JESUS, Jose Mari B., PHF	Printing Services	Arianne Pauline
14	DELA PEÑA, Alfredo E., PHF+5	Real Estate Development	Maria Henrietta, PHF
15	ESCUETA, Philip Leonard T., PHF	Human Resource	N/A
16	ESPEJO, Cezario Joel C.	Gov. Service-Social Welfare & Dev.	-
17	FEDOC, Francis Ian A., PHF	Public Utilities-Electric	Ivy
18	FRESCO, Baltazar Jr. A., PHF	Water Management	Arlene
19	GARCIA, Benjamin M., Major Donor Level 2	Telecommunication	Virginia, MD+2
20	GARCIA, Jason Anthony Y., PHF+2	Transportation-Bus	Mariene
21	GARCIA, Josie J., PHF+1	Distribution – Veterinary Products	Gerry
22	GUANGA, Mary Grace	Government Banking-Legal	N/A
23	JAVELLANA, Lemuel	IT Services	Kristine
24	LABRADOR, Ilah Marie L.	Government Banking	N/A
25	LAY, Eduardo C., PHF+1	Medicine, IM/Internist	Melba, PHF
26	LORICO, Michael Joseph J., PHF	Legal Services	Maria Janina
27	PACLAR, Chris Paolo	Banking-Commercial	-
28	PAEZ, Jose Antonio C., PHF	Religion - Catholic	N/A
29	PAJARO, Benjamin D, PHF+1	Medicine - ENT	Amelia
30	PAR, Olimpio M., PHF	Transportation- Bus	Elsie
31	PRECIOSO, Carlo S., PHF+1	School Administration	Trixy, PHF
32	PRING, Janine C., PHF	BPO-Graphics Design	N/A
33	PRUDENCIO, Nolito B., PHF	Banking - Commercial	Elsa
34	RIVERA, Remegio, Jr. D., PHF	Medicine -General Surgery	Emily
35	SANTOS, Leween Jan P., PHF+1	Distribution - Paint	Amabelle Sharon
36	SAVARIZ, Rhea E.	Gov. Service-Technical Education	Jay
37	TAMPUS, Evelyn P., PHF	Banking-Universal	Frederick
38	TAN, Maria Victoria C., PHF	Distribution - Motorcycle	Reynaldo
39	TAN, Mark Anthony C., PHF	Distribution - Motorcycle	-
40	VALERIO, Keith Alvin, PHF+1	Distribution – Agricultural Products	Gina
41	VICENTE, Antonio M., PHF+2	Distribution - Paint	Grace, PHF

## TRUSTEE'S CHAIR MESSAGE

K.R. Ravindran



Having grown up amid lush green forests in the mountainous landscape of Sri Lanka, I always recall the words of the great poet Rabindranath Tagore: "Trees are the earth's endless effort to speak to the listening heaven."

How sad that so often we humans insist on interrupting this conversation.

Just like every other living thing, we are a part of nature. But we are also the only species that bears the responsibility of protecting the environment for future generations. The coronavirus pandemic has shed light as nothing has before on the relationship between environmental degradation and threats to public health.

A few years ago, the government-owned electricity company in my country planned to build a second coal power plant, in eastern Sri Lanka. It would suck 93 million liters of water per hour from a bay where fragile ecosystems meet the deep sea, the site of one of the largest spawning grounds for sperm whales in the world. After processing, those 93 million liters per hour would be dumped into the ocean, now loaded with toxic chemicals that put that marine life at great risk.

Learning from the lessons of the damage caused by the first plant, a coalition formed, made up of many public advocates, including Rotarians. They ran a campaign that alerted the media, the public, and the local community to the potential dangers, in addition to taking legal action. The government eventually abandoned its coal plant idea after the resulting public outcry.

We can truly move mountains when we come together.

When some of us moved to add the environment as Rotary's newest cause, we did so because of the urgency of the problem. In 1990-91, RI President Paulo V.C. Costa set forth a vision, and today we will take this work to the next level. We live in a time of great stress on our environment, of rapidly rising sea levels, massive storms, disappearing rainforests and wildlife, and destructive forest fires. Climate change touches us all, rich and poor. We will face the challenge strategically, as with the other areas of focus. In fact, the six other areas of focus depend on this one. For what good is it to fight disease if our polluted environment causes us to become sick again?

The Rotary Foundation will be central to this work. More than \$18 million has gone toward environment-related global grants in the past five years. Building upon this work to protect the environment, we will give yet another Rotary gift to future generations. And you can be a part of it today.

**(JANUARY 2021)**

# LET'S CELEBRATE!

MONTH: January

Happy Birthday



January 2  
Rtn. Rhy Savariz



January 13  
Rtn. Vicky Tan



January 21  
Spouse Grace Vicente



January 28  
PP Rolan & Spouse Nene Alajar

HAPPY Anniversary

January 20  
Rtn Alvin & Spouse Gina Valerio

## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Holger Knaack



January is finally here. As we look forward to 2021, our thinking doesn't have to stop at the end of these 365 days. Are you thinking ahead about what you will be doing in 2022, 2023, and beyond?

We cannot foresee the future, but we can steer ourselves where we want to go. I think it is important that every Rotary club hold a strategic meeting at least once a year. Past RI Director Greg Yank, who has a lot of experience working with clubs on their plans, shares his viewpoint.

*A famous aphorism states, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Planning is essential to achieving success in all areas of life, including Rotary, and we're getting better at it every year.*

*Strategic planning for Rotary clubs works. I have helped many clubs find that pathway by working with them to build what I call a blueprint, a multiyear plan that answers the fundamental question: "What is our vision for our club?" The best plans I have seen are those that are focused, when a club concentrates its resources on the best opportunities it has. Your Rotary club cannot be all things to its members and to the community it serves; it has limited human, financial, and time resources. A successful plan factors in assets and limitations to chart the desired pathway for your members. Begin building a multiyear strategic plan by brainstorming with your club, asking, "What are our initiatives and priorities for the next two to three years?" Document your answers using action-oriented language that is specific, concrete, and measurable about the goals you want to achieve.*

*Next, narrow down your initiatives to a core set of three to five priorities. Your club will then develop specific objectives for each initiative, outlining who will be involved, key milestones of achievement, how progress will be tracked, and a timeline for completion. Keep your plan short and simple.*

*Then go out and do it. Review the progress you make toward accomplishing the initiatives, and revise as needed at least once a year. Rotary has a solid template to assist clubs in their planning, which you can find at [my.rotary.org/en/document/strategic-planning-guide](https://my.rotary.org/en/document/strategic-planning-guide).*

We want to enrich and enliven our clubs with new discussions and ideas. But how do we attract the diverse professionals, from different backgrounds, ages, and experiences, who are all driven by as strong a sense of integrity as we are?

Through strategic planning, we explore this question to define the very nature of our club and the value it offers to its members and to the community. Each club is different, and each club's value will be unique. During the planning process, clubs may also find that some of the activities they used to do are no longer relevant or attractive.

Once your club makes a strategic plan, it's time to take action and carry out the necessary changes. When we do that — as we engage members in vibrant and active clubs that not only have fun but also serve their communities with projects that have real and lasting impact — our clubs grow stronger. And when we discover what makes our own clubs unique and build upon those core values in all our efforts, *Rotary Opens Opportunities* to enrich the lives of everyone.

*Past RI Director Greg Yank died on 5 January, 2021, shortly after the publication of this letter. A member of Rotary Club of O'Fallon, Illinois, Yank served on the RI Board of Directors from 2017-2019 and was a recipient of the Service above Self Award in 2014. RI President Holger Knaack would like to express his profound sympathy to Yank's family and friends. (JANUARY 2021)*

## SECRETARY'S CORNER & REPORT

Rtn. Rhea Savariz

### SUMMARY OF SERVICE PROJECTS CONDUCTED

July-December 2020

Project Title	Duration	Area of Focus
Donation Drive for the Flood Victims in Koronadal City	July 27-August 1, 2020	Disaster Response; Water, sanitation, and hygiene
Saving Baby Gavee's Heart	September 20-October 8, 2020	Maternal and Child Health
End COVID-19 Spread: PPEs for the Frontliners	October 1-December 15, 2020	Disaster Response; Disease Prevention and Treatment (Shared on Showcase)
World Polio Day and End Polio Now Campaign	October 8-31, 2020	Disease Prevention and Treatment
Adopt-a-Farm Project	October 8-December 3, 2020	Community and Economic Development
Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign	October 28, 2020	Disease Prevention and Treatment
Basic Skills Training in Beauty Care & Hairdressing	December 1, 2020	Basic Education and Literacy Community and Economic Development
Skillsharing on Basic Graphic Designing	December 3, 2020	Basic Education and Literacy
Learn & Earn: Embossing & Shape Cutting System	December 3, 2020	Basic Education and Literacy Community and Economic Development
Tree Planting Activity	December 3, 2020	Environment

- Paid/deposited for the Club Invoice for January 2021 (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester) and PRM Subscription for January-June 2021

## MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

Andrew Robert W. Atkins



It is with pleasure that I welcome our Rotary Year 2020-2021 District Governor for 3860 Rodel Riezl S. Reyes and any accompanying guests.

We hope that he/they will enjoy a time of productive fellowship with the Rotary Club of Marbel.

2020 was a challenging year for most people and this included the Rotary Club of Marbel. We have had to make alterations to our venue and how we meet. Nevertheless, we have risen to the challenge and have frequently had good attendance at our meetings and managed some purposeful projects. I have always made it known my preference for meeting face-to-face and this appears supported by the club. At the same time, we endeavour to maintain current precautions with regard to Covid-19. However, for a while in September we had to revert to meeting on Zoom where our public image officer, Janine Pring, played a key role in facilitating our online meetings.

At just over half way through my term there are some goals yet to achieve, most notably in the area of club membership. My own life ethos has generally been for quality rather than quantity and it was with this in mind that our club, with the support of the club officers felt the need to reform its membership. Some members had moved out of the club, another passed away and some decided that other life circumstances prevented them from taking an active role. We have had three additions to membership, but I suggest that as a club we find ways of introducing others to Rotary membership to help ensure the continuation of an active and vibrant club.