

# Enjoy Rotary!

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

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!



# The CORE

Official Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Marbel (Koronadal)

Club No. 17121 | Chartered June 30, 1980  
District 3860 | Philippines  
Meets every Thursday, 7:30PM

Rotary Year 2023-2024

## 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 behaviour 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

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### Our Mission

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 Meeting and Fellowship on \_\_\_\_\_ held at Koronadal City, South Cotabato, Philippines.

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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> General Membership Meeting and Fellowship

Precious Child Learning Center (PCLC), Brgy. Zone IV, City of Koronadal  
July 13, 2023 | 6:30 PM

### PROGRAMME

#### PART I. Registration and Dinner

#### PART II. General Membership Meeting

Call to Order	Pres. Ilah Marie L. Labrador
Invocation	Overture
Philippine National Anthem	Overture
Rotary Hymn	Overture
Four-Way Test and Object of Rotary	PAG Randy S. Baldeovar
Acknowledgement of Visiting Rotarians and Guests	PDG Benjamin M. Garcia

#### Presentation and Discussion of Agenda Items:

1. Dugo Mo, Buhay Ko (Bloodletting Activity) on July 16, 2023 at KCC of Marbel Events Center, City of Koronadal (9am-3pm)
2. Other Upcoming Schedule of Activities
3. Other matters

Secretary's Report	PE/Sec. Janine C. Pring
Adjournment	Pres. Ilah Marie L. Labrador

#### PART III. Production Number Practice and Fellowship

**Rtn. Virgilio H. Adalin**  
*Program Host*

# Invocation

*Thank you, Heavenly Father for this wonderful day you have given in our lives. Thank you for all the people who are here for this fellowship. Humbly, we submit the Rotary works into your hands. Let you take control of this and help us to gain good things and knowledge from this. We especially ask you to bless our new President and the members of the Board and our incoming community projects. Sustain us as we continually of good service to your people, one way of serving You. This we pray in your most Holy name, Amen.*



# Inspiring Quote



The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood.

— Paul P. Harris —

AZ QUOTES

## Club History DECADES OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF

The club is a proud recipient of various TRF Matching Grants such as Adopt-a-Harelip Project with the Rotaract Club of Johor Bahru (Malaysia) of District 3310, Vitamin A supplementation, and cataract operation. The club has been also a recipient of World Community Service projects from RI District 2790 of Chiba, Japan on school building construction, feeding program, literacy, water supply and sanitation, cataract and harelip operation.

In cooperation with international and national medical societies, the club hosted medical and dental missions for various indigent communities in South Cotabato. This project was awarded as the Most Outstanding by the District. The club itself is also a recipient of numerous "Most Outstanding Club awards" in recognition for its dedication and commitment to do fair share in making the community a better place to live.



In 2005-2010, Koronadal City and Department of Education City Division awarded the club as one of the outstanding civic organization in Koronadal City during its Charter Day celebration.



The club had garnered string of awards from Rotary International and District. The highly-esteemed name it had carved in the community is a clear sign that it had accomplished its goals. It is not a reason to complacent, however. Every Rotary Year president aims to equal, or even surpass, the outstanding achievement that their predecessors had consummated for the club. To widen our network, expand our collaborative work for the good of humanity, we forged sisterhood agreements with

Rotary Clubs of Japan, Singapore, Johor Bahru, Davao, and Alabang LAMPARA.

The club is not only well-known for the delivery of service projects but also its contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). It produced the first Paul Harris Fellow in the Rotary Year 1994-1995. From then onwards, annual contribution to TRF becomes usual thus, became a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Club in 2018 and still consistently generous until today. Also, some club members doing great service as district and club officers.

Apart from its zeal to extend help to the needy, members became popular in District 3880 with their unique innovations in folk and modern dances.

The strength of the club lies in each member's commitment to the motto 'Service above Self' and to a feeling of unity within the Rotary Club of Marbel family. Whether it is in the good times to work together on club projects or during the sad times having personal tragedies. Membership retention is vitally important to retain a solid core and membership development is important for the long-term future of the club. The club is proud to have among its members outstanding leaders in the community not only in their respective professions or businesses but also in their passionate involvement in the Rotary service.

These may not be much crow about, but in humble way, the Rotary Club of Marbel during its 42 years of journey had shared time and resources with the least of the brethren in places and instances most appreciated. Through the years, it delivered myriads of projects benefitting the less fortunate members of the community.

Our commitment of service never ends. The Rotary Club of Marbel will continue to serve the humanity to be an inspiration and help to change lives. Imagine Rotary!

## Club History DECADES OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF

It started when Attorney Paul Harris desired for camaraderie among business associates brought together of four men in downtown Chicago. After practice of subsequent rotating meeting location, they decided to call it as Rotary Club of which eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: Service Above Self.

As Rotary grew, members pooled their resources and used their talents to serve their communities. There are 34,282 member clubs worldwide, 1.2 million neighbors, friends, and community leaders called Rotarians have joined these clubs to create positive, lasting change in the communities around the globe.

The Rotary Club of Koronadal then, was the only Rotary Club in the municipality of Marbel



(now City of Koronadal). The committee on Club Extension headed by Past President (PP) Tolosa came up to the idea of forming one additional club in the growing City of Koronadal. In mid-1979, they searched for young, dynamic and well-respected professionals who will compose the new club.

It was June 30, 1980 when the Rotary Club of Marbel (Koronadal) has been approved by Rotary International (RI). The late PP Gerardo Calaliman was the Charter President who led the club its birth pains, surviving the odds and establishing a name worthy of respect and prestige that every Rotary Club brings. As years sped fast, new blood was brought in regardless of religion, gender, or political preference.

The club's flagship projects includes medical, dental, and surgical mission; literacy and feeding; career orientation to graduating high school students; anti-bullying and I love English campaign; Adopt-a-Day Care Centers; support the school for the deaf at Koronadal Pilot Elementary School; annual December gift-giving and feeding; breast cancer awareness activities; environmental projects such as tree planting in the mountain areas of Lake Sebu and City of Koronadal, coastal clean-up in the shores of Sarangani Bay and General Santos City as well as B'ok Creek together with different national line agencies. All One Rotary, One District activities were also participated.



The club sponsored the Rotaract Club of Notre Dame of Marbel University (school-based) in 1988 and organized the Interoct Club of Koronadal National Comprehensive High School (KNCHS) in 2014. The Rotaract Club of Korbel (school-based) and Interact Club of Korbel were also organized during the inspiring Rotary year 2018-2019. During the pandemic era in 2021, the first community-based - Rotaract Club of Marbel was born which composed of young professionals.

## Presidential MESSAGE

July 2023

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



Even as we face new and serious challenges, Rotary takes care of its members and those we serve, works to build lasting peace, and embeds belonging and inclusion in everything we do. That is why I am asking everyone in Rotary to *Create Hope in the World*.

This year, we're prioritizing projects to support mental health. This effort is deeply personal to me. I know what it's like to see someone suffer in silence. I have also witnessed the power of personal connections, the value of discussing emotional and mental well-being, and the lifesaving impact of preventive care and treatment.

Research shows that performing acts of kindness is an effective step any of us can take to protect our well-being. And by building peace within, we become more capable of bringing peace to the world. Building peace is the essence of Rotary. Many of our service projects foster the conditions for Positive Peace. We work tirelessly to overcome barriers and create new connections. This year, we'll promote virtual international exchanges for members to strengthen those vital connections.

Peace isn't a dream, and it's not passive. It's the result of working hard, earning trust, and having open conversations that may be difficult. Peace must be waged persistently — and bravely. Everything we do across our areas of focus has the potential to foster the hope that can make peace possible.

The spirit of connection and purpose should inspire every Rotary member. When club leaders focus on offering an excellent club experience, we retain more members and attract more prospective members. We must make our clubs as welcoming and as engaging as we can.

Our goal is to create a sense of belonging, from our club meetings to our service activities. We need to continue creating inclusive, welcoming environments where everyone can be their authentic selves. All people of action need to be able to imagine a place for themselves in Rotary — it's up to us to ensure they can do so.

Over the next year, I will be putting a focus on continuing our journey in diversity, equity, and inclusion — ensuring that Rotary reflects the communities we serve and continues to take significant steps toward accessing the full range of human talents and experiences, so that we can better serve humanity. And we will continue to empower women and girls by helping them unlock the potential already within them.

As we begin this journey together, I take inspiration from Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, who in the 18th century spoke of all the world becoming kin, promoting "sense and worth, over all the earth." This has long been my call to action, and I share it now with you.

Let us build peace within and spread it freely. Let us create belonging and imagine the future of Rotary afresh. Let us work together joyously and *Create Hope in the World*.



## Trustee's Chair Message

Barry Rassin

July 2023

I love Rotary for many reasons, perhaps most of all for the impact we make when we work together. There is really no other group like us.

In the last five years, The Rotary Foundation has helped 100 million beneficiaries. That is staggering.

But the need is great. There are countless more we could be reaching and supporting right now if we had the resources. We could reach twice as many in the next five years. And your fellow Rotaractors and Rotarians are ready to help. They're hungry for more grants to help more people who need us.

That's why, this year, The Rotary Foundation Trustees have set an ambitious goal for giving of \$500 million, our highest ever.

This breaks down to \$150 million for the Annual Fund to help fund grants and \$50 million for polio eradication, to be matched by \$100 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. For the Endowment Fund and our future, we are targeting \$60 million in outright giving and \$80 million in commitments, totaling \$140 million. And we want to collect \$60 million in other contributions, such as direct giving, cash for global grants, and Disaster Response Fund donations.

To make this happen, we need all of you — each and every Rotarian and Rotaractor.

Did you know that over 80 percent of Rotary members make no contributions to PolioPlus, or that over 60 percent make no donation at all to The Rotary Foundation? For an organization of 1.4 million members, that means that nearly 1 million of us are not contributing each year. Imagine the tremendous difference it would make if each of those 1 million could contribute just \$25 a year. That would be \$25 million we wouldn't need to raise from our best donors.

We can all give something. That's why I am asking each of you to set a goal to give what you can to The Rotary Foundation this year.

Never have we set such an audacious goal, but I believe that you, who make up Rotary, always respond to a challenge, especially when you see the difference we can make with those funds. We are part of an audacious organization, one that dreams big and makes our dreams a reality.

Let's think bigger and differently this year, so we can meet our goal and do more to *Create Hope in the World*. In this way, we will make the Rotary year ahead an unforgettable one, not just for ourselves, but most importantly, for those whose lives we will soon touch.

ROTARY YEAR	RI LOGO	RI THEME	CLUB PRESIDENT
2001-2002		"Mankind is Our Business"	Floro "Puyot" D. Calixton
2002-2003		"Sow the Seeds of Love"	Rolan "Rolan" A. Alajar
2003-2004		"Lend a Hand"	Roland "Roland" Asperga
2004-2005		"Celebrate Rotary"	Noel "Noel" M. Dungca
2005-2006		"Service Above Self"	Camilo "Toto" L. Dajay
2006-2007		"Lead the Way"	Datu Tungko "Dats" M. Saikal
2007-2008		"Rotary Shares"	Mark Marie "Mark" G. Bantug
2008-2009		"Make Dreams Real"	Jessie "Jessie" P. Cruz
2009-2010		"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"	Marie Antonina "Junette" Hurtado
2010-2011		"Building Communities, Bridging Continents"	Juanito "Johnny" C. Cueva
2011-2012		"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"	Leodegario "Leo" R. Santos, Jr.
2012-2013		"Peace Through Service"	Antonio "Tony" M. Vicente
2013-2014		"Engage Rotary Change Lives"	Carlo "Carlo" S. Precioso
2014-2015		"Light Up Rotary"	Leandro Ador "Ador" A. Dizon
2015-2016		"Be A Gift to the World"	Nolito "Lito" B. Prudencio
2016-2017		"Rotary Serving Humanity"	Randy "Rhandz" S. Baldeolar
2017-2018		"Rotary: Making a Difference"	Jason Anthony "Jay" Y. Garcia
2018-2019		"Be the Inspiration"	Leween Jan "Leween" P. Santos
2019-2020		"Rotary Connects the World"	Philip Leonard "Philip" T. Escueta
2020-2021		"Rotary Opens Opportunities"	Andrew Robert "Andy" W. Atkins
2021-2022		"Serve to Change Lives"	Evelyn "Bing" P. Tampus

**BENJAMIN M. GARCIA, Major Donor Level 2**  
District 3860 Governor  
Rotary Year 2018-2019  
"Be the Inspiration"



### Club Pillars 1980-2021

ROTARY YEAR	RI LOGO	RI THEME	CLUB PRESIDENT
1980-1981		"Take Time to Serve"	Gerardo "Gerry" Calaliman
1981-1982		"World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary"	Benjamin "Bing" M. Garcia
1982-1983		"Mankind is One-Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World"	Pedro "Pete" Torres
1983-1984		"Share Rotary - Serve People"	Tranquillino "Jun" Araral, Jr.
1984-1985		"Discover a New World of Service"	Bernardo "Jun" Dignadice, Jr.
1985-1986		"You are the Key"	Gerardo "Gerry" S. Cruz
1986-1987		"Rotary Brings Hope"	Perfecto "Pitok" Suena, Jr.
1987-1988		"United in Service Dedicated to Peace"	Romulo "Romy" Rafael
1988-1989		"Put Life in Rotary - Your Life"	Jose "Peps" Barroso
1989-1990		"Enjoy Rotary"	Benjamin "Ben" D. Pajaro
1991		"Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm"	Claro "Caloy" Precioso
1991-1992		"Look Beyond Yourself"	Pio "Pio" Marinas
1992-1993		"Real Happiness is Helping Others"	Nazario "Boy" Grecia Antonio "Tony" M. Vicente
1993-1994		"Believe in what You Can Do - Do what You Believe In"	Delfin "Bong" O. Riego de Dios
1994-1995		"Be A Friend"	Emmanuel "Manny" Reinosa
1995-1996		"Act with Integrity - Serve with Love - Work for Peace"	Edgardo "Ed" Barrios
1996-1997		"Build the Future with Action and Vision"	Loreta "Loring" C. Sy
1997-1998		"Show Rotary Cares"	Jose "Joe" Cagampang
1998-1999		"Follow Your Rotary Dream"	Arnold "Nonoy" G. Garcia
1999-2000		"Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity"	Alfredo "Fred" E. dela Peña
2000-2001		"Create Awareness Take Action"	Suzanne "Zanne" Araquil



## Message from the Club President

Rtn. Ilah Marie L. Labrador, PHF



Happy Life Creating Year to all!

We started the Rotary Year with a big-time project last July 1, 2023 at Nelmda Elementary School wherein, Area 3H Rotary Clubs composed of Rotary Club of Central Polomolok, Rotary Club of Koronadal, Rotary Club of Koronadal Central, Rotary Club of Metro Koronadal, and our club, worked together as one to achieve a successful project. Likewise, after the morning event was the unveiling of the Rotary landmark at Alunan Avenue. It is a mural painting of Rotary Masterbrand with the names of Area 3H Rotary Clubs, the Create Hope South Cotabato showcasing its rich culture and products, and the list of major Sponsors. Of course, thank you to PP Tony and Spouse Grace Vicente for their tireless generosity.

Since July is the new leadership and fellowship month, members enjoyed attending the Induction and Handover Ceremonies of other clubs in Areas 3F, 3G, and 3H. The schedule of ceremonies will be posted in our group chat for you to also save the date and find time to witness the forthcoming events.

As we are preparing for our 44<sup>th</sup> Induction and Handover Ceremonies, I am encouraging the so talented members to show off and join with our grand production number. This will also be an avenue of getting more closer as we engage ourselves with the twice or thrice a week practice. Also, the sponsorship letters are out and there might be some that I missed thus, I am asking your help to please chat or message me if you have friends that we can ask for help. Thank you to those who already submitted their commitment.

Finally, I would like to welcome our guest/s for tonight. I wish they will enjoy our company. Thank you and mabuhay!



# The Secretary's Report

Rtn. Janine C. Pring, PHF



1. The 1<sup>st</sup> General Membership Meeting and Fellowship last July 6, 2023 was a good start as there were potential and soon-to-be club members and on younger generation attended. To acknowledged them, please see below names:

- Joe Marck A. Lacandula
- Karl Mikhail Angelo Jumilla and Spouse Giesaril Chai
- Joseph Dulay
- Atty. Sheena Valero
- Aidee Vonn D. Lubaton

The members agreed to have 4 regular meetings in a month with the following details:

- 1<sup>st</sup> week – EMR Center
- 2<sup>nd</sup> week – Potluck or EMR Center or any venue as agreed/coordinated
- 3<sup>rd</sup> week – EMR Center
- 4<sup>th</sup> week – to be hosted by the Celebrators of the month including venue

2. Thank you to the members who attended the 28<sup>th</sup> Induction and Handover Ceremonies of the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos City last July 8, 2023 held at Venue 88, General Santos City:

- 1.) PDG Bing Garcia and Lady Nene
- 2.) PAG Jay Garcia
- 3.) PAG Randy Baldelovar
- 4.) PP Lito Prudencio and Spouse Elsa
- 5.) Pres. Ilah Labrador

3. Thank you also to those who supported and attended the conducted projects such as Rotary New Year Celebration, Unveiling of Rotary Landmark, Lugayaw sa Paglaom (A Walk for Hope) at SG Farm, Induction ceremonies of other Rotary clubs and more.

## ROTARY OBSERVATION MONTHS





## 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.

## July CELEBRATORS



**Spouse Elsa Prudencio**  
July 6



**PP Rolan Alajar**  
July 9



**PP Toto Dajay**  
July 18



**Spouse Beth Bantug**  
July 26

# DOCUMENTED ACTIVITY

28<sup>TH</sup> INDUCTION AND HANDOVER CEREMONIES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GREATER GENERAL SANTOS (JULY 8, 2023)



# DON'T MISS THIS AND SAVE THE DATE!

ROTARY CLUB OF MARBEL 44<sup>TH</sup> INDUCTION & HANDOVER CEREMONIES  
05 August 2023 | 6:00 PM  
EMR Convention Center, City of Koronadal

## ATTIRE:

### Modern Filipiniana (Ladies)

MODERN FILIPINIANA (WOMEN)



### Barong Tagalog with Black Pants (Gentlemen)

BARONG WITH BLACK PANTS (MEN)



## DOCUMENTED PROJECT

*Campaign for the Bloodletting Activity (July 7, 2023)  
aired live at Brigada News FM Koronadal*



*Lugàyaw sa Paglaom (A Walk for Hope) at SG Farm*



## DOCUMENTED ACTIVITY

*Meet with the Rotaractors re: Hike of Hope project (July 10, 2023)*



## DOCUMENTED ACTIVITY

2<sup>nd</sup> Areas 3FGH Committee Meeting (July 9, 2023)



1<sup>st</sup> General Membership Meeting and Fellowship (July 6, 2023)



## DOCUMENTED PROJECT

Rotary New Year Celebration and Unveiling of Rotary Landmark (July 1, 2023)

