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!









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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.

























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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) | |
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| of the Rotary Club of | |
| has attended the club's General Membersh | hip Meeting and Fellowship |
| on held | at Koronadal City, South |
| Cotabato, Philippines. | |

RTN. RHEA E. SAVARIZ

Executive Secretary





14th General Membership Meeting & Fellowship

PROGRAM FLOW

PART I. Registration and Dinner

PART II. Meeting Proper

Call to Order RTN. ILAH MARIE L. LABRADOR, PHF

President, RY 2023-2024

Invocation Overture

Philippine National Anthem Overture

Rotary Hymn Overture

Four-Way Test and Object of Rotary RTN. MA. VICTORIA C. TAN, PHF

Chairperson, Public Image

Welcome and acknowledgement of Guests RTN. GERRY S. CRUZ, PHF+2

Past Assistant Governo and Club Adviser

Introduction of the Resource Speaker RTN. RHEA E. SAVARIZ

Executive Secretary

Presentation of the Resource Speaker ATTY. MA. LOURDES ROMELLI JULIANO

Labor Arbiter, NLRC XII

Open Forum to be facilitated by the Program Host

Secretary's Report JANINE C. PRING, PHF

President-Elect, RY 2024-2025

President's Time and Updates:

 Donation Drive for the Landslide victims in Lower Ladol, Brgy. Assumption, City of Koronadal

2. Club's TRF status and the Awards Night on November 18, 2023, Davao City

3. Other matters

Adjournment RTN. ILAH MARIE L. LABRADOR, PHF

President, RY 2023-2024

PART III. Fellowship







Invocation

Loving Heavenly Father, we come to You tonight asking for your blessing and help as we are gathered together. We pray for Your divine guidance in the matters at hand and ask that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Give us the desire to find ways to excel in our services. Help us to work together and inspire us to serve more. We ask that we would challenge each other to reach higher and farther to be the best that we can be. Thank you for using us as an instrument to help those in need.



We pray for your protection and provision to the landslide and flood victims not only in the City of Koronadal but all affected areas nationwide. Pour down Your holy blessings upon them especially the food, shelter and clothing. In this we pray in Your most gracious name, Amen.

Inspiring Quote

THE SMALLEST ACT
OF KINDNESS IS WORTH
MORE THAN THE
GRANDEST INTENTION,

- OSCAR WILDE





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 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 3860 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 43 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 in helping to change lives and creating hope in the world!











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'lok 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 Interact 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

NOVEMBER 2023

R. Gordon R. MacInally
RI President 2023-2024

Next year, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region when recruitment begins for our newest peace center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University (BAU) in Istanbul.

A series of events in the coming year will recognize the new center at BAU and Rotary's work to promote peace. The 2024 Rotary International Convention in May will mark 25 years since the first Rotary Peace Centers were announced — coincidentally at the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU also starts in 2024, and selected candidates will begin their program in early 2025.

Since its beginning, the peace centers program has prepared more than 1,700 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries to create a more peaceful world. That is certainly worth celebrating, but Rotary Peace Fellows are more than statistics on a page. Their actions have helped *Create Hope in the World* and will continue to do so.

For example, Jennifer Montgomery and Gorett Komurembe — peace fellows from the program at Makerere University in Uganda — are co-founders of Magenta Girls Initiative. The international nongovernmental organization equips Ugandan girls and young women with the support and tools to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence, trafficking, and trauma.

Ndzi Divine Njamsi, another peace fellow who studied at Makerere, has taken lessons learned about Positive Peace and is sharing them with students of his own in Cameroon. He became interested in the Rotary Positive Peace Activator training program after witnessing extremism, online hate speech, and violence in Cameroon. Since completing the program, he has brought his lessons on peace to students at the Yaoundé International Business School and other organizations in the Central Africa country.

The world needs more people like the graduates of the program at Makerere and our other peace fellows. To that end, we can all advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn more about Rotary and apply for this impactful fellowship. Rotary members can also mentor candidates for the fellowship. Or you can work with peace fellows who have already graduated. They probably have an initiative or two that would benefit from your help.

Our peace centers in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia depend on financial support as well. The program at BAU was made possible thanks to a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation.

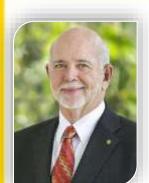
This new Rotary Peace Center will offer a one-year professional development certificate in peace and development studies for fellows focusing on peacebuilding within the Middle East and North Africa region.

Peace must be waged persistently; it is the soil where hope takes root. But as with any journey, we take one step at a time. Let's take those steps together.









Trustee's Chair Message

Barry Rassin

November 2023

This month, as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation, let's recognize it for what it is: one of the world's best humanitarian organizations. Many charities, relief organizations, and nonprofits do the same type of work, and the public associates them with the causes they work on. But I wonder how many people know that Rotary supports those same causes — seven of them in fact — which we call our areas of focus.

If they want clean water, good health, and a sustainable future for our planet, they support what our Foundation does. If they envision a world where peace, full literacy, and economic opportunities for communities to support themselves exist, they also believe in Rotary's mission. And if they want to see mothers and their babies thrive, their vision aligns with the work we do.

And we have a lot of work in progress through the Foundation. Polio eradication is changing the world, one drop of vaccine at a time. Rotary Peace Centers are training peacebuilders to reduce violence and resolve conflict. And through Foundation global and district grants, we are improving lives in a real way.

The way we work also sets us apart. We have global reach, with more than 48,000 field offices in the form of Rotary and Rotaract clubs. We emphasize good stewardship of your funds and efficient implementation of your projects. And we always aim for sustainable solutions.

During the 2022-23 Rotary year, the Foundation awarded 1,098 global grants. If you think of what a single grant can do, you begin to grasp the scale of our work and the magnitude of our impact — an impact people can see and feel in their daily lives.

Our district supported a global grant project that focused on basic education and literacy in Malawi, where we helped train 38 teachers who are responsible for 4,000 students. We also built two toilets and installed a pump, so they had water for drinking and hand washing.

I will never forget that when Esther and I visited the school, a young boy pointed to my Rotary pin, recognizing it from other volunteers who wore their pins during the project. He said, "I know you helped me. I won't be able to travel to thank the others who helped me, so please thank them for me."

So thank you, Rotary, on behalf of a child in Malawi whose future you made a little brighter, and on behalf of thousands of others you have helped by supporting The Rotary Foundation.







| ROTARY YEAR | RILOGO | RI THEME | CLUB PRESIDENT |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 2002-2003 | Ŷ | "Sow the Seeds of Love" | Rolan "Rolan" A. Alajar |
| 2003-2004 | | "Lend a Hand" | Roland "Roland" Asperga |
| 2004-2005 | TVVIV | "Celebrate Rotary" | Noel "Noel" M. Dungca |
| 2005-2006 | SERVICE Annual Services | "Service Above Self" | Camilo "Toto" L. Dajay |
| 2006-2007 | * | "Lead the Way" | Datu Tungko "Dats" M. Salkol |
| 2007-2008 | No. | "Rotary Shares" | Mark Marie "Mark" G. Bantug |
| 2008-2009 | ₹ | "Make Dreams Real" | Jessie "Jessie" P. Cruz |
| 2009-2010 | 4 | "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands" | Marie Antonina "Junette" Hurtada |
| 2010-2011 | 100 | "Building Communities, Bridging Continents" | Juanito "Johnny" C. Cueva |
| 2011-2012 | 63 | "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" | Leadegario "Leo" R. Santos, Jr. |
| 2012-2013 | | "Peace Through Service" | Antonio "Tony" M. Vicente |
| 2013-2014 | 1 | "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" 8. Prudencio |
| 2016-2017 | | "Rotary Serving Humanity" | Randy "Rhandz" S. Baldelovar |
| 2017-2018 | 6 | "Rotary: Making a Difference" | Jason Anthony "Jay" Y. Garcia |
| 2018-2019 | ME THE INSPIRATION | "Be the inspiration" | Leween Jan "Leween" P. Santos |
| 2019-2020 | * | "Rotary Connects the World" | Philip Leonard "Philip" T. Escueta |
| 2020-2021 | Rotary Opens Opportunities | "Rotary Opens Opportunities" | Andrew Robert "Andy" W. Atkins |
| 2021-2022 | SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES | "Serve to Change Lives" | Evelyn "Bing" P. Tampus |
| 2022-2023 | MAGINE HOTARY | "Imagine Rotary" | Francis Ian "Ian" A. Fedoc |
| | BENJAMIN | I. GARCIA, Major Donor Level 3 District 2850 Governor Rotary Year 2018-2019 "Se the Inspiration" | 2 |







| ROTARY YEAR | RILOGO | RI THEME | CLUB PRESIDENT |
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| 1980-1981 | | "Take Time to Serve" | Gerardo "Gerry" Calaliman |
| 1981-1982 | Description of the last | "World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary" | Benjamin "Bing" M. Garcia |
| 1982-1983 | 1 | "Mankind is One-Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World" | Pedro "Pete" Torres |
| 1983-1984 | | "Share Rotary - Serve People" | Tranquilino "Jun" Ararai, Jr. |
| 1984-1985 | 46 | "Discover a New World of Service" | Bernardo "Jun" Dignadice, Jr. |
| 1985-1986 | É | "You are the Key" | Gerardo "Gerry" S. Cruz |
| 1986-1987 | | "Rotary Brings Hope" | Perfecto "Pitok" Sueno, Jr. |
| 1987-1988 | - 97 | "United in Service Dedicated to Peace" | Romulo "Romy" Rafael" |
| 1988-1989 | Ž | "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 | No. | "Look Beyond Yourself" | Pio "Pio" Mariñas |
| 1992-1993 | ****** | "Real Happiness is Helping Others" | Nazario "Boy" Grecia Antonio "Tany" M. Vicente |
| 1993-1994 | Basen meruras Draweru manen | "Believe In what You Can Do - Do what You Believe In" | Delfin "Bong" O. Riego de Dios |
| 1994-1995 | A | "Be A Friend" | Emmanuel "Manny" Reinoso |
| 1995-1996 | (*) | "Act with Integrity - Serve with Love - Work for Peace" | Edgardo "Ed" Barrios |
| 1996-1997 | (1) | "Build the Future with Action and Vision" | Loreta "Loring" C. Sy |
| 1997-1998 | 10 | "Show Rotary Cares" | Jose "Joe" Cagampang |
| 1998-1999 | 0 | "Follow Your Rotary Dream" | Arnold "Nonoy" G. Garcia |
| 1999-2000 | ** | "Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity" | Alfredo "Fred" E. dela Peña |
| 2000-2001 | 0 | "Create Awareness Take Action" | Suzanne "Zanne" Araquil |
| 2001-2002 | 100 | "Mankind is Our Business" | Floro "Puyot" D. Calixton |







Message from the Club President

Rtn. Ilah Marie L. Labrador, PHF



Greetings!

Foremost, let me thank Atty. Ma. Lourdes Romelli Juliano for accepting our invitation and we warmly welcome you to our meeting.

I am overjoyed with the updates from our Foundation Chair regarding the generosity of our members. Cheers to our new Major Donor – PP Fred and Spouse Henriette; new PHF+1 – Rtn. Neneng de Jesus and me, and continuing PHS, PSS, and additional contributions to the endowment fund – PDG Bing and Lady Nene! The District scheduled a Foundation Awards Night on November 18, 2023 to be held at the Acacia Hotel, Davao City. Let us witness and applaud your generosity. Thank you so much!

Last November 7, 2023, calamities due to heavy and continued rainfall affected the areas of Mindanao. The Lower Ladol of Barangay Assumption in the City of Koronadal was one of the areas with huge damage to lives and properties because of landslides. With our quick response under the lead of PE Janine and PP Jessie Cruz (since I am in Manila for an important training/conference), a donation drive was then initiated. Thank you for answering our call and donations were flooded in the group chat. The list of pledges and summary of expenses were posted in the Secretary's Report.

However, for tonight let us lean our eyes and ears to our beautiful Speaker as she will share with us significant information and updates about the shared responsibility of employer and employees, obligations of both, and other related topics.

Finally, thank you for your presence tonight!





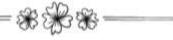






The Secretary's Report

Rtn. Janine C. Pring, PHF



- 1. I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the following pledges during our call for donation to around 35 families or 121 individuals (senior citizens, adult and children) landslide victims last November 7, 2023 of Lower Ladol, Barangay Assumption, City of Koronadal:
 - PN Jun Fresco free water refills
 - Ann Doc Dajay Used Clothes and 1K Cash to Buy Water Containers
 - PE Janine Pring Used Clothes
 - Ann Grace Vicente Used Clothes and Old Blankets + 1K Cash for Food Packs
 - IPP Ian Fedoc 1K Cash for Food Packs/Toiletries
 - PP FRED/HENRIETTE CASH 5k
 - Louie Bernardo old clothes + 1K.
 - Ilah Marie 1k for food packs and toiletries
 - PP Leween and Spouse Babie- 2k
 - PP Jessie old clothes + 2k

The total cash pledges are P14,000 less the total expenses of P4,375, the total remaining balance and will serve as the Club's Disaster Fund is P9,625.

- 2. I am pleased to inform everyone that the attendance and activity reports for the month of October 2023 as well as the club bulletin were submitted through the district website.
- 3. Thank you to our TRF Chair PAG Carlo Precioso for facilitating the Foundation contribution and encouraging the members to donate! As reported as of October 27, 2023, a total of \$13045 has been remitted to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations and special thanks to our new Major Donor - PP Fred dela Peña (celebrating his birthday today) and Spouse Henriette; Pres. Ilah and Rtn. Neneng de Jesus as PHF+1; Continuing Paul Harris Society, Polio Plus Society and additional contribution to the endowment fund from PDG Bing Garcia and Spouse Nene. Salute for sharing your resources and blessings!







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NOVEMBER CELEBRATORS



November 6 Spouse Pau de Jesus



November 9 PP Fred dela Peña



November 16 Spouse Gigi Dajay



November 17 Rtn. Ed Lay



November 27 Spouse Arlene Fresco

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