# 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!









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











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: advancement international The understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.







## Thank you to our generous sponsors!







































## **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 co	ertifies that
(Name	)
of the Rotary Club of	
nas attended the club's General Memb	bership Meeting and Fellowship
on	held at Koronadal City, South
Cotabato, Philippines.	

RTN. RHEA E. SAVARIZ

Executive Secretary





# 17<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting and 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. JASON ANTHONY Y. GARCIA

Past Assistant Governor

#### Agenda:

- 1. December Gift-Giving and Feeding Project at Moloy ES, Surallah
- 2. Christmas and Thanksgiving Party
- 3. Other matters

Discussion and Open Forum

Secretary's Report

JANINE C. PRING, PHF
President-Elect, RY 2024-2025

Adjournment RTN. ILAH MARIE L. LABRADOR, PHF

President, RY 2023-2024

**PART III. Fellowship** 

Volume 43 | Issue 13 December 7, 2023 7:30 PM EMR Center, Brgy. Morales, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato Volume 43 | Issue 13 December 7, 2023 7:30 PM EMR Center, Brgy. Morales, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato





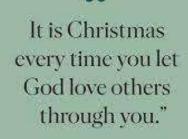


## Invocation

We beseech Thee, our Heavenly Father to bestow Thy grace upon this meeting. Guide and protect us always with your Holy Spirit. As we enjoy our fellowship, one with another, may we grow in stature, so that we may be able to give more to our friends in Rotary, and in turn give strength to the ideals of Rotary in the service to mankind. Amen.



Inspiring Quote



Mother Teresa

nartha stewar





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

**DECEMBER 2023** 

R. Gordon R. MacInally

RI President 2023-2024

In December, I will attend the United Nations COP28 climate change summit in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. There, I will speak about the convergence of two global crises: climate and mental health. As the World Health Organization has noted, climate change worsens risk factors — such as disruptions to homes and livelihoods — for mental health problems. The emotional distress of a disaster also makes it difficult for people to recover and rebuild.

Rotary partner ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that has helped more than 2.5 million displaced people in approximately 100 countries with emergency shelter, essential household items, and technical support. I wish to share this month's column with their CEO, Sanj Srikanthan, who explains that the words we choose to describe disasters matter.

#### — Gordon McInally

The term "natural" disaster has long been used to describe tropical storms, floods, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, but there needs to be an urgent shift in the language we use. While the term may seem harmless, and we've not always gotten it right, we've learned through our work with disaster-affected communities how it perpetuates a dangerous myth that nothing could have been done to prevent people being so badly affected. This misleading and harmful narrative can lead to a lack of action to help people who need it.

The language we use matters. When we frame disasters as natural, we fail to acknowledge the complex interplay between nature and the role of human actions and how they impact communities around the world.

Earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, and extreme storms, drought, and flooding occur because of natural processes on Earth. But it is how these events affect people or the environment that has the potential to make them a disaster — outcomes influenced by human factors like where people live, what types of homes they have, political instability, and the lack of proactive measures to protect vulnerable communities. A disaster is the result of systemic inequalities in access to resources and power. Where we live and how much money we have often determines our ability to recover. The people worst affected are those living in poverty, with the least means to protect themselves and few resources to withstand the next event.

By framing these events as natural, we undermine the need for proactive measures to protect vulnerable communities, masking the underlying social, economic, and political instability that makes marginalized and disadvantaged communities disproportionately affected. Our teams see firsthand how issues like inequality, poverty, urbanization, deforestation, and the climate crisis can make communities more vulnerable.

At ShelterBox, we simply say "disaster" or are more specific, describing the extreme weather, earthquake, tsunami, or volcanic eruption. I urge everyone to help us in breaking this cycle by committing to language that accurately reflects why people are affected so badly.

Only then does it pave the way to address the underlying causes of vulnerability and work toward a more just and equitable future for all, with the necessary investment, resources, and proactive measures to help protect affected communities.

Disasters are not natural. Let's stop saying they are.

Sanj Srikanthan

CEO, ShelterBox

Volume 43 | Issue 13 December 7, 2023 7:30 PM EMR Center, Brgy. Morales, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato Volume 43 | Issue 13 December 7, 2023 7:30 PM EMR Center, Brgy. Morales, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato









## Trustee's Chair Message

Barry Rassin

December 2023

"So this is Christmas / And what have you done?" sang John Lennon in the holiday classic "Happy Xmas (War Is Over)," released in 1971 with Yoko Ono.

The holidays are a time of warmth and togetherness but also of reflection. Above all, the season is a time of generosity, especially to those less fortunate.

During your holiday giving, remember that gifts to The Rotary

Foundation may not fit nicely in a present box, yet they keep on giving throughout the year.

December is also Disease Prevention and Treatment Month. Just think of all the Rotary efforts that would not be possible without the generosity of your our Rotary family. Consider the

that would not be possible without the generosity of you, our Rotary family. Consider the incredible progress we have achieved in our fight to end polio — the countless lives we've saved and the hope we've restored. Think of all the clinics around the world Rotary has equipped and the medical professionals trained through Foundation grants, helping fight heart disease and Guinea worm disease.

Your gifts to the Foundation also help make health care accessible to underserved communities in a big way through Programs of Scale. Right now, those grant recipients are working to end malaria in Zambia, reduce the mortality rate of mothers and their infants in Nigeria, and eliminate cervical cancer in Egypt.

Of course, our reach extends far beyond disease prevention and treatment. During times of disaster, we must act swiftly to alleviate suffering and offer support. In response to the devastating earthquake in Morocco in September, The Rotary Foundation Trustees established the Morocco Earthquake Response Fund to support immediate relief efforts led by Rotary members on the ground. You can contribute directly, and your districts can apply for grants from the fund until 21 September 2024 or until the funds are fully allocated. Anyone can initiate a fundraiser for the Morocco fund on Raise for Rotary, opening further avenues for your generosity.

We truly have the gift of giving. There are no limits to the opportunities to give and make a difference through Rotary.

As we approach the end of the year, I invite you to make your gifts before 31 December. Your generosity will have a profound impact on many — people who you may never meet, but whose lives you will change just the same.

On behalf of Esther and myself, we wish you all a joyful holiday season. Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and unwavering commitment to The Rotary Foundation and to what Rotary is all about: helping others.







ROTARY YEAR	RILOGO	RITHEME	CLUB PRESIDENT
2002-2003	Ŷ	"Sow the Seeds of Love"	Rolan "Rolan" A. Alajar
2003-2004		"Lend a Hand"	Roland "Roland" Asperga
2004-2005	10/17	"Celebrate Rotary"	Noel "Noel" M. Dungca
2005-2006	SERVICE Assess Seed	"Service Above Self"	Camillo "Toto" L. Dajay
2006-2007	*	"Lead the Way"	Datu Tungko "Dats" M. Saikol
2007-2008	No.	"Rotary Shares"	Mark Marie "Mark" G. Bantug
2008-2009	<b>₹</b>	"Make Dreams Real"	Jessie "Jessie" P. Cruz
2009-2010	4	"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"	Marie Antonina "Junette" Hurtack
2010-2011	1	"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	(Pm.	"Rotary: Making a Difference"	Jason Anthony "Jay" Y. Garcia
2018-2019	DE 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 HUTARY	"Imagine Rotary"	Francis Ian "Ian" A. Fedoc
	BENJAMIN	I. GARCIA, Major Donor Level 3 District 3850 Governor Rotory Year 2018-2019 "Se the Inspiration"	2

Volume 43 | Issue 13







OTARY YEAR	RILOGO	RI THEME	CLUB PRESIDENT
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" Araral, Jr.
1984-1985	10	"Discover a New World of Service"	Bernardo "Jun" Dignadice, Jr.
1985-1986	a de	"You are the Key"	Gerordo "Gerry" S. Cruz
1986-1987		"Rotory Brings Hope"	Perfecto "Pitok" Sueno, Jr.
1987-1988	- 99	"United in Service Dedicated to Peace"	Romula "Romy" Rafael"
1988-1989	X	*Put Life in Rotary - Your Life*	Jose "Peps" Barroso
1989-1990	9	"Enjoy Rotary"	Benjamin "Ben" D. Pajaro
1991.	0=	"Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm"	Claro "Caloy" Precioso
1991-1992	- Table	"Look Beyond Yourself"	Pio "Pio" Mariñas
1992-1993	林地	"Real Happiness is Helping Others"	Nazario "Boy" Grecia Antonio "Tany" M. Vicente
1993-1994	Dissert marks	"Believe in what You Can Do - Do what You Believe In"	Delfin "Bong" O. Riego de Dios
1994-1995	1	"Be A Friend"	Emmanuel "Manny" Reinoso
1995-1996	(	"Act with Integrity - Serve with Love - Work for Peace"	Edgardo "Ed" Barrios
1996-1997	0	"Build the Future with Action and Vision"	Loreta "Loring" C. Sy
1997-1998	10	"Show Rotary Cares"	Jose "Joe" Cagampang
1998-1999	9	"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		"Mankind is Our Business"	Floro "Puyot" D. Calixton







# Message from the Club President

Rtn. Ilah Marie L. Labrador, PHF



Advance Merry Christmas to you, my RC Marbel family!

Rotary International President Gordon R. McInally once said that "Rotary brings lasting change to the world." This year, as we enjoy the Yuletide season, we are sharing resources with our brethren as our final day of the year. I kindly request that you attend the Moloy Elementary School gift-giving on December 16, 2023. The school determined that 230 students from Kinder through Grade 6 who are considered underprivileged will benefit from the project. I would especially like to thank PDG Bing Garcia and Lady Nene, as well as Dr. Frank and Rory Mamaril, and Ms. Grace Fariñas, who donated our toys and as our usual partner for years. Thank you also to the Spouses for helping this project.

But as agreed, please join first to our Thanksgiving and Christmas party on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Precious Child Learning Center. This is before our final project. Kindly bring a unisex gift that is at least P500 value to exchange. We'll also have some entertaining games ready for you to enjoy. Let's rejoice in God's blessings as we approach the midway point of the Rotary Year 2023–2024. We are grateful to everyone who will contribute their blessings for this potluck celebration, as well as the December celebrants.

The membership committee will make sure that all of our RI membership records are accurately accounted for before January 2024. One of the things I will be concentrating on before the year ends is verifying our reports and membership statistics on rotary.org.

I appreciate your steadfast commitment, hard work, and unflinching support. May God provide us success in everything we do.











## The Secretary's Report

Rtn. Janine C. Pring, PHF



1. I sincerely thank everyone who came to the Governor's Night event held on December 1, 2023, at the Maya Pavilion of the Paraiso Verde Resort in the City of Koronadal. The picture from the aforementioned celebration is posted below.



- 2. I would want to encourage the members to actively participate in the final two events of the year. And I hope 2024 brings us prosperity!
  - December 12, 2023 -6:30 PM

**Club Christmas Party** 

PCLC, Zone IV, City of Koronadal

Attire: Wear something red

For exchange gift: At least P500 (unisex)

**December Gift-Giving and Feeding** December 16, 2023 -

Moloy Elementary School, Surallah

Attire: Club uniform

We have had a number of earthquakes in the past few days, and on Sunday we learned of the bombing attacks at MSU Marawi. Let's all constantly exercise caution and stay safe. We are praying for everyone's safety, especially in light of the bomb threat warnings that have been circulated via SMS and social media.







#### **ROTARY OBSERVATION MONTHS**









































## **DECEMBER CELEBRATORS**



December 6 Spouse Neneng Cruz



December 10 PN Jun Fresco



December 18 PP Jessie Cruz



December 27 Rtn. Ian Chiu



December 6 Rtn. Louie and Spouse Sherryl Bernardo



December 18 PAG Gerry & Spouse Neneng Cruz



PP Ben & Spouse Babes Pajaro



PP Evelyn & Spouse Fred Tampus



December 29 Rtn. Vicky & Spouse Rey Tan























Spouse: Gerry Distribution -Veterinary Products



GUYOS ALEXANDER G. Educational Services -Youth



JUMILLA, KARL MIKHAIL ANGELOS. Spouse: Giesaril Interior Designing & Furniture Manufacturing



MARIEL, PHF Government Banking



LAY EDUARDO C. PHF-1 Spause: Melba, PHF Medicine - IM/Internist



VONND. Spouse: Jessica School Administration-Higher Education



Spouse: Maritess Engineering-Construction



Spause: Amelia Medicine - ENT



PHF-1 Spouse: Trixy, PHF School Administration - Primary

PRECIOSO, CARLO S.



PRINC JANINE FRANCESCA C. PHF BPO - IT



PRUDENCIO, NOLITO B., PHF Spouse: Elsa

Banking-Commercial



RIVERA REMEGIO, JR. D. PHF Spouse: Emily Medicine - General



P. PHF: Spouse: Amabelle Sharon Distribution - Paint



Spouse: Jay Government Service -Higher Education



TAMPUS EVELYNP. PHET Spouse: Frederick Banking-Universal



Motorcycle Distribution



TAN MARIA VICTORIA C. PHF Spouse: Reynaldo Distribution -Motorcycle



VALERIO KEITH ALVIN. PHET Spouse: Gina Distribution -Agricultural Products



FANTILANO

Government Service -Legal































## **DOCUMENTED ACTIVITY**

November 30, 2023 | 16th General Membership Meeting and Fellowship: November Celebrators' Night Precious Child Learning Center, City of Koronadal





