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Marbel



# *The* **CORE**

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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.**

## **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





# 6<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting & Fellowship: August Celebrators' Night

## PROGRAM FLOW

### PART I. Registration and Dinner

### PART II. Meeting Proper

Call to Order

Rtn. JANINE C. PRING, PHF

President, RY 2024-2025

Invocation

Overture

Philippine National Anthem

Overture

Rotary Hymn

Overture

Four-Way Test and Object of Rotary

### Agenda:

1. District Governor's Club Visit Schedule
2. 3rd ACom Meeting Updates
3. Boots for Brighter Steps Recap and Next Beneficiary
4. Maintenance Updates of Donated Water Purifier of RC Cheonan-West
5. Building Brighter Futures Project
6. Recap Site Visit for Davao del Norte Flood Victims and Community Assessment
7. Pamaskong Handog Annual Christmas Gift-giving Fundraising Activity of the Rotary Spouses
8. Distribution of Coin Banks for Fundraising
9. Celebrators' Night Raffle Draw by Rotary Spouses
10. Other Matters

### Open Forum

Secretary's Report

Rtn. BALTAZAR A. FRESCO, JR., PHF

President-Elect, RY 2025-2026

Adjournment

Rtn. JANINE C. PRING, PHF

President, RY 2024-2025

### PART III. Fellowship



## Invocation



Almighty and forgiving Heavenly Father,

We gather today with grateful hearts to celebrate the special day of our Club President and to have this 6th General Membership Meeting. We thank You for the opportunity to come together as a community, united in service and fellowship.

Bless our time together with wisdom and inspiration. Guide our discussions and decisions so that we may continue to make a positive impact in our community and beyond. May our actions reflect the values of service, integrity, and compassion that define our mission.

We also lift up our Club President, in this special occasion. Bless her with continued strength, wisdom, and joy as she leads our club. We thank You for her dedication and leadership, and we ask that You grant her a fulfilling year ahead.

We offer this meeting and our efforts into Your hands, trusting in Your guidance and grace.

In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

## Rotary Quote

"It's simple. The more members we have, the more people we can help. A stronger membership base will result in stronger communities."

Gary CK Huang  
Rotary International  
President



# Presidential Message

## Stephanie A. Urchick Rotary International President 2024-25



I strongly support maintaining our current vision statement. There's magic as people unite to create sustainable change. Those actions have global, community, and personal impact. We've seen progress toward this vision since its adoption.

We must continue to support our vision with strategies and goals reflecting what we've learned over the past few years.

Together, in 2024-2025, let's add 100,000 more members to our organization. Recruit new members and engage our current members with meaningful club experiences. Expand our North America innovative club advocate program globally for additional impact.

Together, let's help each other become more adept at digital innovation by inviting clubs to virtual 'chats' with Senior leaders and 7-minute virtual networking sessions. Relevant information is shared and members see how readily one can engage and 'connect' with Rotary leaders and each other. It also shows how adaptive our organization has become. Let's create a Rotary App. There's no better way to spread the word about Rotary and its causes and to allow members to engage with Rotary and support it by donating to The Rotary Foundation.

Together, let's encourage members to serve others through their vocations, education, and skillsets by establishing a mentoring and coaching program for Rotarians and Rotaractors.

Together, let's finally eradicate polio. The world relied on expertise in our Polio program to assist medical experts to reach isolated areas when COVID hit. Now let's get COVID experts on board to help individuals understand the relationship between vaccine and disease prevention, and to assist with the eradication final drive.

Together, let's extend continuity with our participants on programs that have proven results, including empowering girls, world leader meetings, and public-facing events. Success breeds success, and while members must embrace transformation in order to grow, building on accomplishments is a great motivator. Our power is our people.



# *Message from the* **Club President** **Rtn. Janine Francesca C. Pring, PHF**

On August 17, 2024, we had a productive and memorable day in General Santos City. Together with AG Evelyn Tampus, we successfully completed three important activities: the Area 3H and Areas 3FGH Committee Meetings, as well as the celebration of Uptown General Santos' 1st charter anniversary. It was a great opportunity to connect and make progress in our initiatives.



Then, on Monday, August 19, 2024, we reached a significant milestone with the Boots for Brighter Steps Project. We were able to provide 53 students from Crossing Diaz Elementary School with much-needed footwear. So far, we've visited 3 out of the 4 targeted schools, with Marbel 4 Elementary School being the final one on our list.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the club Spouses for reviving the "Barya Mo, Kaligayahan Ko" Project and organizing the fun raffles as a fundraising activity. Your dedication and creativity in supporting our causes are truly commendable.

In exciting news, we received a wonderful update from Rotary International: Congratulations to Hope-Creating President Ilah Marie Labrador for achieving the most significant award a Rotary club can receive! This recognition is a testament to the hard work and commitment of our entire team.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for the Governor's Visit, tentatively scheduled for September 3, 2024. There will be important preparations to make, and most importantly, your presence will be crucial for the success of this event.

Lastly, I want to express my sincere gratitude for all the warm wishes and greetings as I celebrate another year of life today. Your support means the world to me, and I'm grateful for the wonderful memories we continue to create together.

Thank you all for your hard work and kindness.



The Secretary's

Report

Rtn. Baltazar A. Fresco, Jr., PHF

The club had a productive week, engaging in various projects and activities under the leadership of President Janine Pring, who celebrated her birthday today. We've accomplished a lot and are preparing for upcoming events. Please mark your calendars and save the dates for the following:

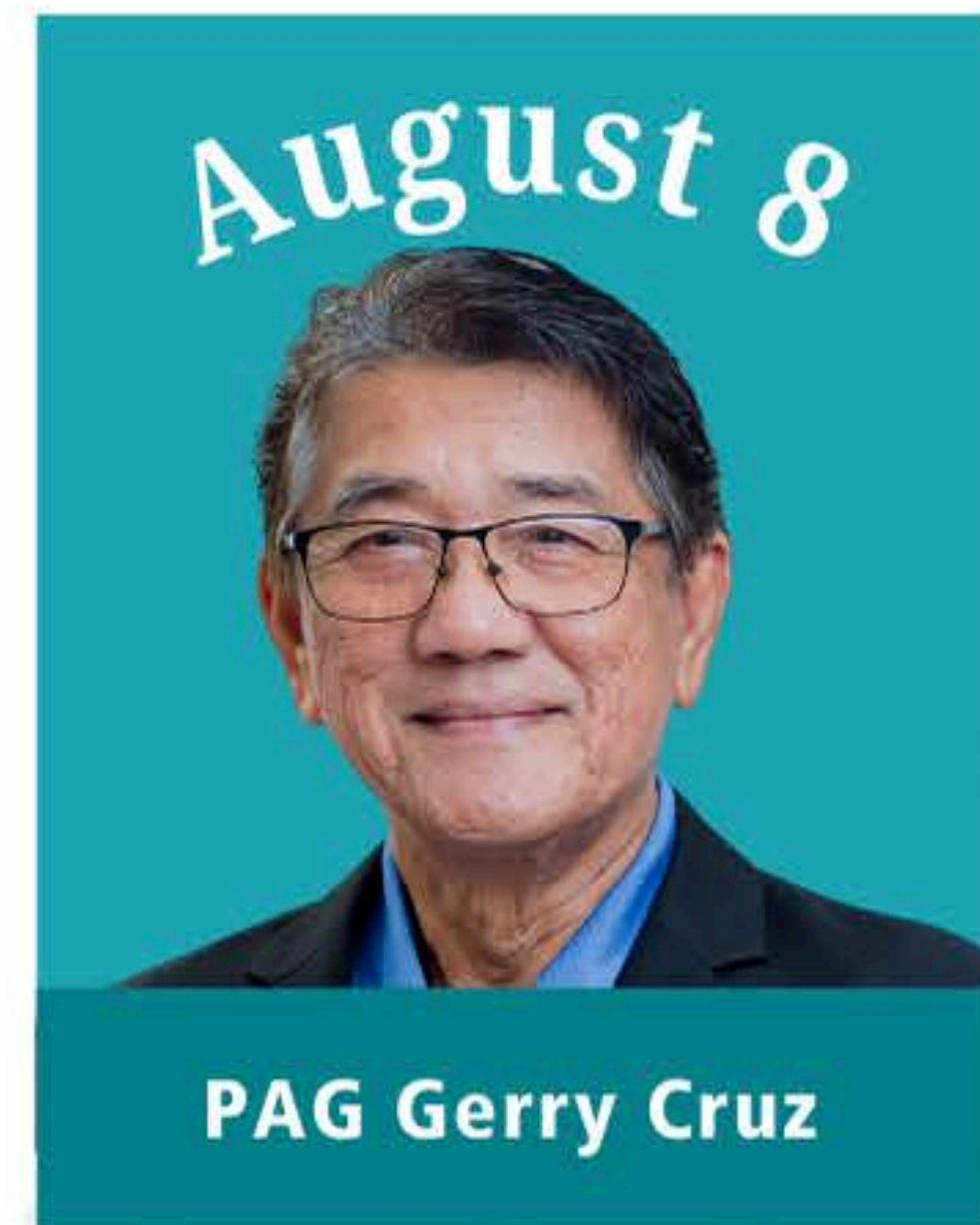


Date	Activity	Venue
August 27, 2024 7:00 AM	Boots for Brighter Steps	Marbel 4 Elementary School
September 3, 2024 (Tentative)	Governor's Visit	TBA
September 7, 2024	Vibrant Club Seminar Davao City-Mindanao Leg	Acacia Hotel, Davao City
September 21, 2024	Adopt-A-Mountain	Koronadal City
September 23-25, 2024	Site Visit for Davao del Norte Flood Victims and Community Assessment	Davao City
October 5, 2024 (Tentative)	Breast Cancer Awareness	TBA
October 19, 2024 (Tentative)	Move to End Polio (Bike, Run, Dance)	General Santos City



# August Celebrators

## *Happy Birthday!*





# Officers & Directors



**Janine C. Pring**  
Club President



**Ilah L. Labrador**  
Vice President &  
Immediate Past  
President



**Baltazar A. Fresco**  
Secretary /  
President-Elect



**Rhea E. Savariz**  
Executive Secretary



**Nolito B. Prudencio**  
Treasurer



**Francis Ian A. Fedoc**  
Auditor / Club  
Learning Officer



**Evelyn P. Tampus**  
Protocol



**Virgilio H. Adalin**  
Sgt. At Arms



**Alfredo E. Dela Pena**  
Disaster Risk  
Reduction  
Management /  
International  
Relations



**Randy S. Baldeovar**  
Club Administration



**Carlo S. Precioso**  
Foundation



**Jessie P. Cruz**  
Membership



## Officers & Directors



**Alexander G. Guyos**  
Public Image



**Daniel Norr G. Bumaras**  
Digital Transformation



**Leween Jan P. Santos**  
Service Project



**Louie O. Bernardo**  
Community Service



**Jason Anthony Y. Garcia**  
Youth Service



**Rolan A. Alajar**  
Vocational Service



**Maria Victoria C. Tan**  
End Polio Coordinator



**Nida D. De Jesus**  
Fund Raising  
Activities Chair

## Advisers



**PDG Benjamin M. Garcia**



**PAG Gerardo S. Cruz**



**PP Antonio M. Vicente**



**PP Benjamin D. Pajaro**



## Documented Activity

AUGUST

17

2024

### 3rd Areas 3FGH Committee Meeting (ACoM)

Cotton Bowl Grill and Steak House, San Miguel Street, General Santos City



### Area 3H Committee Meeting (ACoM)

Bigbean Steaks and Grills, General Santos City

AUGUST

17

2024







AUGUST

17

2024

# Documented Activity

## Attendance to the 1st Charter Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Uptown General Santos

Sydney Hotel, General Santos City





AUGUST

19

2024

## Documented Activity

### Boots for Brighter Steps (Beneficiary #3)

Crossing Diaz Elementary School, Koronadal City



Donating rain boots to grade school students ensures their health, comfort, and participation in school activities during inclement weather, promoting equal opportunities and reducing absenteeism. Our unending thanks to the Rotary Club of Cheonan-West and Rotary Club of Alabang Lampara for this project.





AUGUST

17

2024

# Documented Activity

## Attendance to the 1st Charter Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Uptown General Santos

Sydney Hotel, General Santos City





# ROSTER OF MEMBERS



ADALIN, VIRGILIO H.,  
PHF  
Spouse: **Nancy**  
Dentistry



ALAJAR, ROLANA A.,  
PHF+3  
Spouse: **Celestina**,  
PHF+1  
Optometry



BALDEOVAR, RANDY  
S., PHF  
Spouse: **Theresa**  
Life Insurance



BANTUG, MARK MARIE  
G., PHF+6  
Spouse: **Elizabeth**,  
PHF  
Chemical Sales &  
Distribution



BERNARDO, LOUIE O.  
Spouse: **Sherryl**  
Banking - Commercial



BUMARAS, DANIEL  
NORR G., PHF  
Spouse: **Ann**  
Architecture



CALIBANG, RALPH  
GRAYSON A.  
Government Banking



CEREZO, MA. CYRILLE  
U., PHF+2  
Medicine - Nephrology



CHIU, CHRISTIAN  
VALEEN R., PHF  
Spouse: **Jillian**  
Distribution - IT



CRUZ, GERARDO S.,  
PHF+2  
Spouse: **Tessie**, PHF  
Management Services



CRUZ, JESSIE P., PHF+3  
Spouse: **Nemia**  
Pawnshop  
Management



DAJAY, CAMILO L., PHF  
Spouse: **Gertrudes**  
Medicine - General  
Surgery



DE JESUS, NIDA D.,  
PHF+2  
Fuel Sales &  
Distribution



DELA PEÑA, ALFREDO  
E., MAJOR DONOR  
LEVEL 1  
Spouse: **Maria  
Henrietta**, PHF  
Real Estate Development



ESCUETA, PHILIP  
LEONARD T., PHF  
Government Service -  
Social Welfare



FEDOC, FRANCIS IAN A.,  
PHF+1  
Spouse: **Ivy**  
Public Utilities-Electric



FRESCO, BALTAZAR  
JR. A., PHF  
Spouse: **Arlene**  
Water Management



GARCIA, JASON  
ANTHONY Y., PHF+2  
Spouse: **Marienel**  
Transportation Services  
- Bus



GARCIA, JOSIE J., PHF+1  
Spouse: **Gerry**  
Distribution -  
Veterinary Products



GUYOS, ALEXANDER G.  
Governmental  
Agencies



GARCIA, BENJAMIN M., MAJOR DONOR LEVEL 3, BENEFACTOR  
Spouse: **Virginia**, Major Donor Level 3  
Telecommunication Services





LABRADOR, ILAH  
MARIE L., PHF<sup>1</sup>

Government Banking



LAY, EDUARDO C.,  
PHF<sup>2</sup>

Spouse: **Melba, PHF**

Medicine - IM/Internist



LUBATON, AIDEE  
VONND.

Spouse: **Jessica**

School Administration-  
Higher Education



PAEZ, FR. JOSE  
ANTONIO CATOLICO,  
PHF

Religion



PAJARO, BENJAMIN  
D., PHF<sup>1</sup>

Spouse: **Amelia**

Medicine - ENT



PEPILLO, STEFANIE  
CHARISSE D.

Government Banking



PRECIOSO, CARLO S.,  
PHF<sup>4</sup>

Spouse: **Trixy, PHF**

School Administration  
- Primary



PRING, JANINE  
FRANCESCA C., PHF

BPO - IT



PRUDENCIO, NOLITO B.,  
PHF

Spouse: **Elsa**

Banking-Commercial



RIVERA, REMEGIO,  
JR. D., PHF

Spouse: **Emily**

Medicine - General  
Surgery



SADIANG-ABAY,  
RIONELEAN N.

Restaurant-Management



SANTOS, LEWEEN JAN  
P., PHF<sup>1</sup>

Spouse: **Amabelle  
Sharon**

Distribution - Paint



SAVARIZ, RHEA E.

Spouse: **Jay**

Government Service -  
Higher Education



TAMPUS, EVELYN P.,  
PHF<sup>1</sup>

Spouse: **Frederick**

Banking-Universal



TAN, DAVID C.

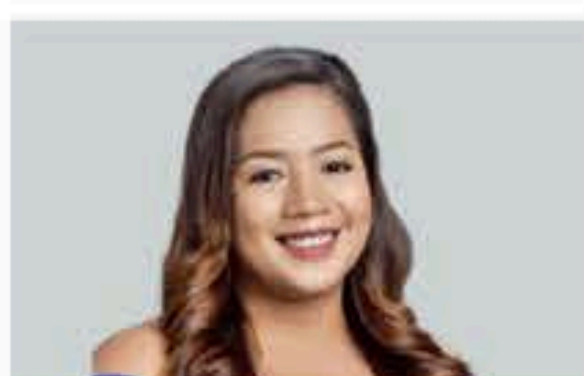
Distribution-Motorcycle



TAN, MARIA VICTORIA  
C., PHF

Spouse: **Reynaldo**

Distribution-Motorcycle



TUDIO, TIARA  
BEBONEY A.

Governmental  
Agencies



VALERIO, KEITH ALVIN,  
PHF<sup>1</sup>

Spouse: **Gina**

Distribution -  
Agricultural Products



VALERA, TWINKLE  
ANN R.

Education-Primary



VALERO, SHEENA  
FANTILANO

Government Service -  
Legal



VICENTE, ANTONIO M.,  
PHF<sup>4</sup>

Spouse: **Grace, PHF**

## ROSTER OF MEMBERS



# Spouses Officers



**Marinel T. Garcia**  
President



**Trixy G. Precioso**  
Vice President



**Arlene L. Fresco**  
Secretary



**Elsa M. Prudencio**  
Treasurer



**Maria Henrietta  
C. Dela Pena**  
Auditor



**Celestina D.  
Alajar**  
Community Service



**Amabelle Sharon  
V. Santos**  
Service Projects



**Theresa G.  
Baldeovar**  
Community Service



**Grace V. Vicente**  
Fund Raising



## Rotaract Club Officers (RY 2024-2025) COMMUNITY-BASED



**James Darel C. Dignadice**  
Club President



**April Gene A. Balajera**  
Vice President



**Jeffrey D. Tapiculin**  
Secretary



**Xerxes John R. Aguilar**  
Assistant Secretary



**Vhince R. Baltores**  
Treasurer



**Hilda Mae D. Dolaus**  
Auditor



**Jaj Honahlee Minion**  
Professional Service  
Chair



**Rica Mae D. Hurtado**  
Protocol/Club  
Learning Facilitator



**Kevin Dave R. Conejos**  
Membership Chair



**Maclaine Mia Yonnick F. Demegillo**  
Foundation Chair



**Justine C. Bestuer**  
Public Image Chair



**Victoria Jelly D. Trinidad**  
Assistant Public  
Image Chair



**Cherry Ferolino**  
End Polio Chair



**Dan Kendrick L. Artil**  
Editor in Chief (Club  
Newsletter)

## Rotaract Club Officers (RY 2024-2025) SCHOOL-BASED



**Janice P. Liston**  
Club President



**Melody F. Agulan**  
Vice President



**Novie B. Cabero**  
Secretary



**Christine Jae P. Tayong**  
Treasurer



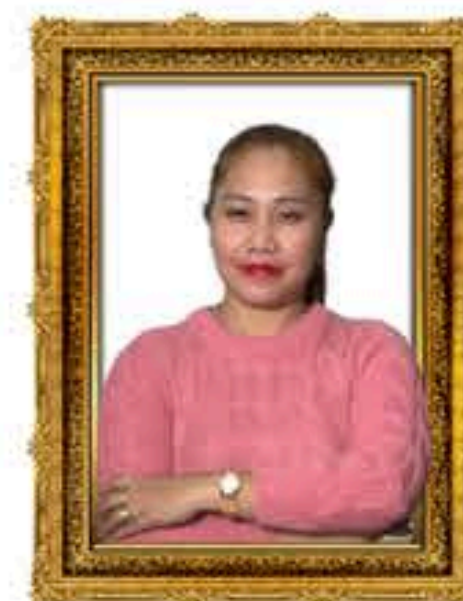
**Lord C. Sison**  
Auditor



**Chlaryz Faye C. Clarito**  
PIO



**Sherwin A. Alimbutod**  
Public Image Chair



**Merly S. Sacopla**  
Membership Chair



# Rotary Observation Months

**JULY IS**

**NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH**

*True leaders don't create followers, they create new leaders.*

Rotary  [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**AUGUST IS**

**MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**


*"Rotary's strength lies in the sincerity of purpose of its members."*  
Ester Smedley, Rotary Club of Portland, Oregon - 1921 Rotary Convention

Rotary  **EACH ROTARIAN REACH ONE, KEEP ONE** [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**SEPTEMBER IS**

**BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH**

*"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."*  
John Dewey

Rotary  **TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved**

**OCTOBER IS**

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

*"To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world."*  
Dr. Seuss

Rotary  [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**NOVEMBER IS**

**ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

*"Clean water, the essence of life and a birthright for everyone, must become available to all people now"*  
Jean-Michel Cousteau

**EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR**

**BECAUSE WE CARE MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, BE THE DIFFERENCE**

Rotary  [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**DECEMBER IS**

**DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH**

*Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure.*

Rotary  **TAKE ACTION: Join a Project**

**JANUARY IS**

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH**

*"Of all the hundred and one ways in which men can make themselves useful to society, undoubtedly the most available and often the most effective are within the spheres of their own occupations."*  
Paul P. Harris

Rotary  **TAKE ACTION: Engage Rotary, Change Lives**

**FEBRUARY IS**

**PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/ RESOLUTION MONTH**

*"Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict - alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence."*  
Dorothy Thompson

Rotary  **TAKE ACTION: Engage Rotary, Change Lives**

**MARCH DESIGNATION IS**

**WATER AND SANITATION MONTH**

*"Clean water..... is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives."*

Rotary  **TAKE ACTION: Join a Project**

**APRIL DESIGNATION IS**

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

*"What is the value of the life of one child saved? No one will ever know, but if the child were our own, the price tag would be marked: Not for sale - this life is invaluable."*  
1979-80 James L. Bomar Jr

Rotary  **TAKE ACTION: Join a Project**

**MAY IS**

**YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**

*"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future."*  
- PRIP James L. Lacy 1998-99

Rotary  **YOUTH** [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**JUNE DESIGNATION IS**

**ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH**

*"What binds Rotarians together is a unity of desire and a unity of purpose to serve society and to serve mankind, a unity in diversity."*  
Past RI President C.P.H. Teestra 1983-86

Rotary  **TAKE ACTION: [rotaryfellowships@rotary.org](http://rotaryfellowships@rotary.org)**



ROTARY YEAR	RI LOGO	RI THEME	CLUB PRESIDENT
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. Saikol
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. Baldeovar
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 "Ev" P. Tampus
2022-2023		"Imagine Rotary"	Francis Ian "Ian" A. Fedoc
2023-2024		"Create Hope in the World"	Ilah Marie "Ilah" L. Labrador
2024-2025		"The Magic of Rotary"	Janine Francesca "Janine" C. Pring



**Benjamin "Bing" M. Garcia**  
*District 3860 Governor, Rotary Year 2018-2019*  
*"Be the Inspiration"*





## Club Pillars 1980-2023

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"	Tranquilino "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" Sueno, 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" Mariñas
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" Reinoso
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
2001-2002		"Mankind is Our Business"	Floro "Puyot" D. Calixton
2002-2003		"Sow the Seeds of Love"	Rolan "Rolan" A. Alajar



# Club History

## Decades of Service Above Self

The origins of the Rotary Club of Marbel trace back to Attorney Paul Harris's vision for camaraderie among business associates, who initially convened in downtown Chicago. After rotating meeting locations, they formalized into what would become the Rotary Club - an international organization dedicated to service and fellowship, encapsulated in its motto: "Service Above Self."



As Rotary expanded globally, members pooled their talents and resources to serve their communities. Today, there are over 46,000 member clubs worldwide, comprising 1.4 million Rotarians - neighbors, friends, and community leaders - who work collaboratively to foster positive, lasting change globally.

Initially established as the sole Rotary Club in Marbel municipality (now the City of Koronadal), the Rotary Club of Koronadal identified opportunities for expansion. Under the leadership of the late Rey Tolosa, Extension Committee Chair and Past President (PP), the club aimed to establish or sponsor another Rotary club in the growing city. In mid-1979, they began recruiting young, dynamic professionals to join this new initiative.

On June 30, 1980, Rotary International (RI) approved the establishment of the Rotary Club of Marbel. Charter President, the late Gerardo Calaliman, led the club through its formative years, establishing a name synonymous with respect and prestige, emblematic of all Rotary Clubs. Over the years, the club welcomed diverse new members, irrespective of religion, gender, or political affiliation.

The club's impactful initiatives span a wide array of projects aimed at enhancing community welfare, including medical, dental, and surgical missions; literacy programs; feeding schemes; career orientation for graduating high school students; anti-bullying campaigns; "I Love English" initiatives; establishment of Adopt-a-Day Care Centers; support for the school for the deaf at Koronadal Central Elementary School 1; annual December gift-giving and feeding programs; breast cancer awareness campaigns; bloodletting activities; End Polio initiatives; and various environmental projects such as tree planting in mountain areas like Lake Sebu and Koronadal City, and coastal clean-ups along Sarangani Bay, General Santos City, and B'lok Creek, in collaboration with different national and local government and private agencies. The club actively participates in One Rotary, One District activities and area-wide projects, amplifying its impact across broader communities.

The Rotary Club of Marbel has also nurtured youth leadership through its sponsorship of the Rotaract Club of Notre Dame of Marbel University in 1988 and the establishment of the Interact Club of Koronadal National Comprehensive High School (KNCHS) in 2014. In 2018-2019, the club expanded its youth initiatives with the formation of the school-based Rotaract Club of Korbel and the Interact Club of Korbel. During the challenging times of the pandemic in 2021, the club pioneered the establishment of the community-based Rotaract Club of Marbel, comprising young professionals committed to service and community development.

In dedication to expanding influence and promoting collaboration for the advancement of humanity, the Rotary Club of Marbel forged sisterhood agreements with the Rotary Club of Japan and the Rotary Club of Singapore, represented by Past President Dr. Oliver Henedige. Upon Dr. Henedige's return to the Philippines, he introduced Dr. Angamuthu Rajoo, Past President of the Rotary Club of Johor Bahru (Malaysia) in District 3310, which later became a sister club. In the Rotary Year 2018-2019, a sisterhood agreement was also signed with the Rotary Club of Alabang LAMPARA through the then President, Atty. Elbert S. Cruz. In 2024, another sisterhood agreement was inked with the Rotary Club of Cheonan West from South Korea under District 3620. These initiatives signify auspicious beginnings for the relationship between the clubs.



The Rotary Club of Marbel has proudly received multiple grants from The Rotary Foundation (TRF). These include a notable Adopt-a-Harelip Project in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Johor Bahru, as well as initiatives for Vitamin A supplementation and cataract operations. Additionally, the club has benefited from World Community Service projects supported by District 2790 in Chiba, Japan. These projects encompass activities such as school building construction, feeding programs, literacy initiatives, water supply and sanitation improvements, and further cataract and harelip surgeries. In 2024, the Water for Schools Project of the Rotary Club of Cheonan West provided safe and clean drinking water to the selected schools.

In partnership with international and national medical societies, the club has organized impactful medical and dental missions serving indigent communities in South Cotabato. These efforts were recognized as the Most Outstanding Project by District 3860. Furthermore, the club has earned numerous exceptional awards, including the Rotary International Citation, underscoring its unwavering dedication to community improvement and service. These prestigious awards from Rotary International and District 3860 reflect the esteemed reputation it has cultivated within the community - an undeniable testament to achieving its goals and acknowledging its significant contributions as one of the outstanding civic organizations in the community.

Beyond its renowned service projects, the club has made significant contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). A milestone was reached with the creation of its first Paul Harris Fellow (PHF), Rotarian Benjamin M. Garcia, in the Rotary Year 1994-1995. Additionally, the club takes pride in his achievement as the first District 3860 Governor from the club and served for the Rotary Year 2018-2019 under the RI Theme "Be the Inspiration." Through his generous donations to the Foundation, he became the club's first TRF Benefactor and reached Major Donor Level 2. Since then, annual contributions to TRF have become customary, leading to the club's recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Club in 2018 - a tradition of generosity that continues steadfastly today.

The strength of the Rotary Club of Marbel lies in each member's unwavering commitment to the motto 'Service Above Self' and in fostering a sense of unity within the Rotary Club of Marbel family. Whether celebrating successes through collaborative club projects or supporting each other during personal hardships, their bond remains resilient. Recognizing that maintaining membership retention is crucial for a strong foundation, continuous membership development ensures the club's enduring legacy.

The club takes pride in its members who are distinguished leaders not only in their respective professions or businesses but also in their passionate dedication to Rotary service, enriching the community through their diverse contributions.

Over 44 years, the club has dedicated time, effort, and resources to uplift those most in need, making a meaningful impact through countless projects benefiting the less fortunate members of their community.

The Rotary Club of Marbel demonstrates unwavering commitment to service. It remains steadfast in its mission to inspire and transform lives, showcasing the spirit of Rotary. Together, they envision a future where their service continues to make a profound difference in the world.





## 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

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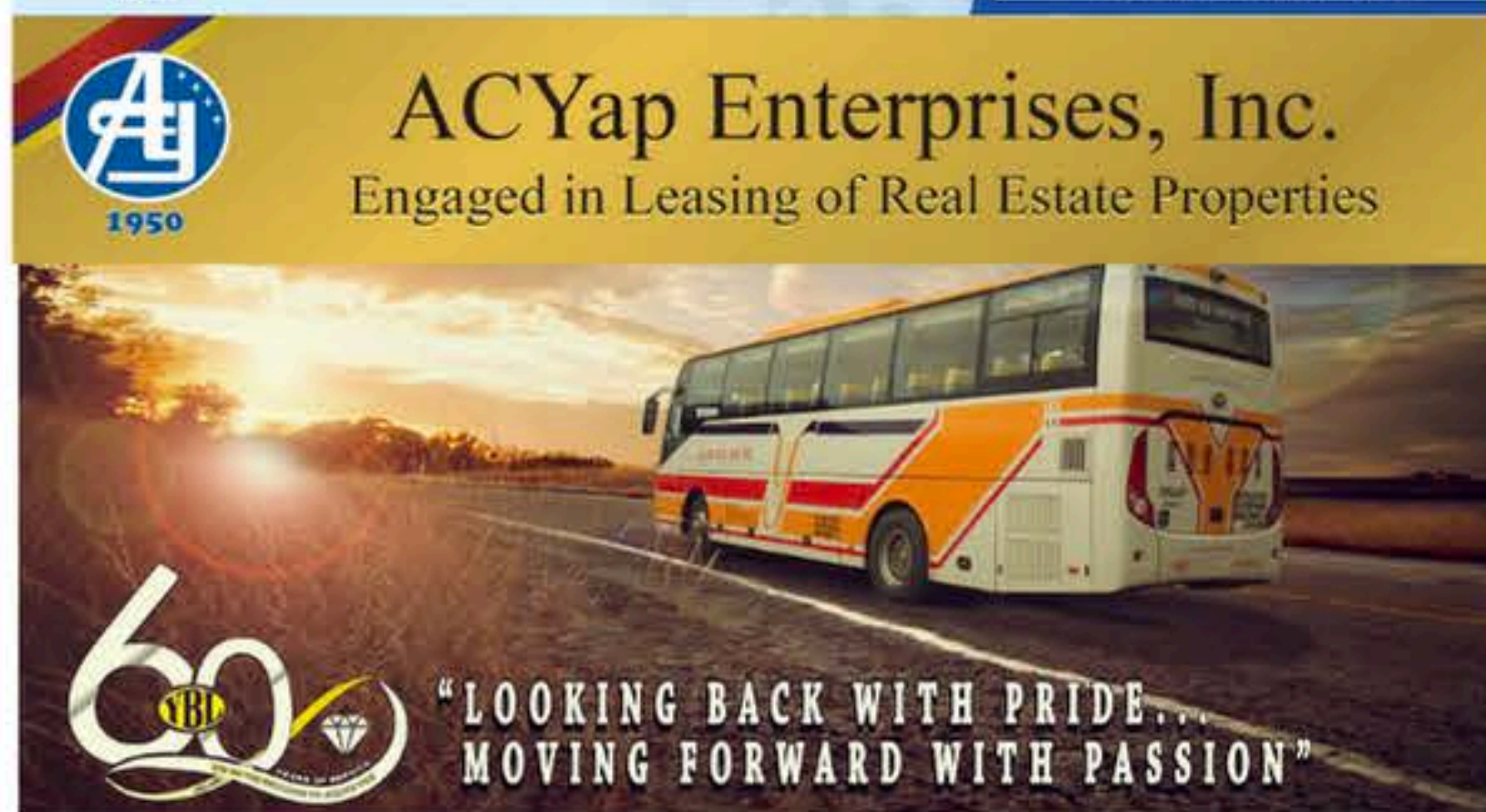
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Executive Secretary  
Rotary Club of Marbel (Koronadal)



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# Enjoy Rotary!

## Rotary Club of Marbel's 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  
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