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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



7th General Membership Meeting & Fellowship

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. Recap of Boots for a Brighter Steps
2. Recap of Site Visit and Community Assessment in Barangay Magupising, Braulio E. Dujali Municipality, Davao Del Norte
3. District Governor's Club Visit on September 3, 2024
4. RC Marbel Thanksgiving & Team Building at Isla Jardin on September 21-22, 2024
5. Upcoming Events/Activities

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



Gracious and Loving God,

As we gather for our 7th General Membership meeting and fellowship, we pause to express our gratitude for the opportunity to serve and support one another.

We come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the protection You have bestowed upon each one of us. Thank you for keeping us safe as we travelled, both for our personal and Rotary-related activities. We ask for Your guidance and wisdom in our discussions and decisions for this meeting. May our efforts be blessed with success and our work be filled with purpose and unity.

Strengthen our commitment and inspire us more to make a positive impact in our community.

In this we pray, in Your most Holy Name, Amen.

"A Rotary club gives us an opportunity that no social, political, or specialized business club can do. It is strong on the human side; it stands for the individual, unfetters him, appeals to his originality, brings out his latent powers, and puts him at his best by extending him the full measure of his confidence and appealing to the best that is in him — 'service not self.'"

~Glenn C. Mead
1912-13 RI 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**

As we wrap up the fantastic and productive month of August and enter the "ber" months, I'm excited about the opportunities for even more collaborative projects and activities. Working with all of you, alongside other Rotary clubs and our government and private partners, continues to inspire me.



My heartfelt thanks to each of you for your extra effort in supporting every project and attending each activity. It's clear that we're not only working to better our community but also enjoying the strong bonds that make us a true Rotary Club Family. You all truly deserve our Thanksgiving party and get-together on September 21-22, 2024!

I also want to commend the outstanding work done over the past weekend and this week. Special thanks to PAG Gerry Cruz and Spouse Neneng for their tireless support of the Boots for Brighter Steps project, which has now benefited four schools: Carpenter Hill Elementary School, Guadalupe Elementary School, Crossing Diaz Elementary School, and most recently, Marbel 4 Elementary School. Additionally, I'd like to acknowledge PAG Jay Garcia and Spouse Marienel, IPP Ilah, Rtn. Dan and Spouse Ann, and Rtn. Riyu for their time and dedication during our visit to assist flood victims in Brgy. Magupising, Braulio E. Dujali Municipality, Davao Del Norte, and for conducting a thorough community assessment.

Looking ahead to September 3, 2024, we will be hosting a Governor's Visit. I personally encourage each of you to attend as we welcome DG Caroline Andrade and the District Team. It will be a wonderful opportunity to present our achievements and plans for the coming months, as well as to enjoy a great fellowship with them.

Thank you all for your presence tonight. I look forward to our continued success and more meaningful and fruitful meetings together!

The Secretary's Report

Rtn. Baltazar A. Fresco, Jr., PHF

Here's what we've accomplished over the past few days:

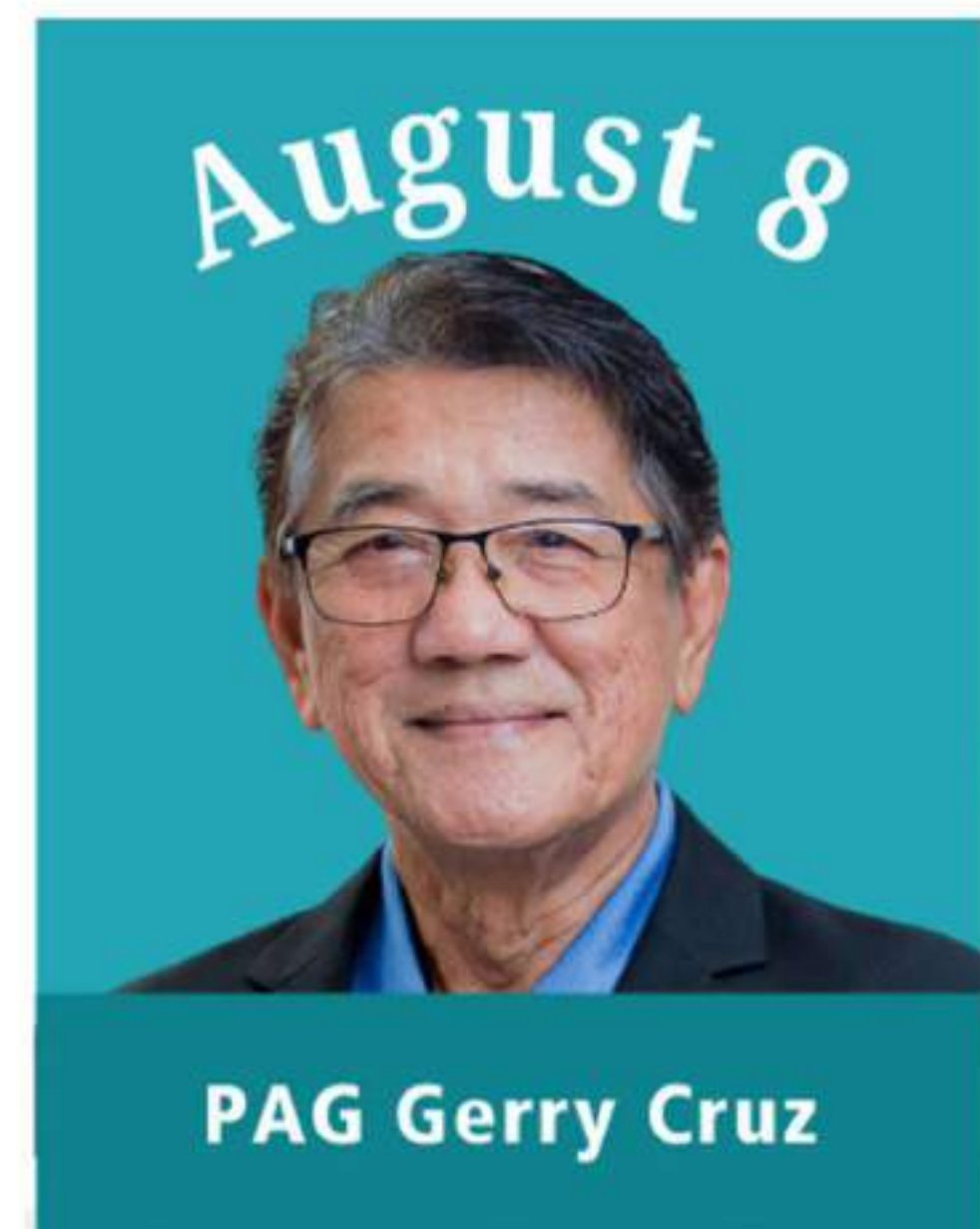
- **6th General Membership Meeting and Fellowship - August Celebrator's Night:** Held on August 22, 2024, this event was a great success. We enjoyed the fundraising raffle organized by our Spouses, led by Spouse Nene Alajar. This event also marked the launch of the "Barya Mo, Kaligayahan Ko" project, a fundraising initiative featuring coin cans distributed to Rotarian and Spouse establishments. These efforts are all in support of our Pamaskong Handog, our annual December gift-giving activity.
- **Building Brighter Futures Project:** In partnership with DSWD XII, we conducted this project in Barangay Labangal, General Santos City. We donated baby diapers and food to support 25 teen moms and their babies. Special thanks to Ms. Mitch Sueno, a breastfeeding advocate, for her donation of pure breastmilk.
- **Water Purifier Maintenance:** As discussed and reported in last week's meeting, we conducted a timely maintenance check on our donated water purifiers. Equipment at KNCHS was relocated to a more accessible site, and filters were changed. Additionally, we checked the equipment at KCES 1.
- **Davao Del Norte Site Visit and Community Assessment:** Under the leadership of President Janine, RC Marbel Team visited Barangay Magupising, Braulio E. Dujali Municipality, during the long weekend. The purpose was to assess the community's needs as they continue to recover from the previous floods.
- **Boots for Brighter Steps Project:** In partnership with the Rotary Club of Cheonan-West and the Rotary Club of Alabang Lampara, we completed the distribution of rain boots to four schools. Here's a quick recap:
 - July 29, 2024: Carpenter Hill Elementary School, Brgy. Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City – 144 rain boots
 - August 12, 2024: Guadalupe Elementary School, Brgy. Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City – 160 rain boots
 - August 19, 2024: Crossing Diaz Elementary School, Brgy. San Isidro, Koronadal City – 53 rain boots
 - August 27, 2024: Marbel 4 Elementary School, Brgy. Pangasinan, Koronadal City – 51 rain boots
- **Digital Bulletin - The Core:** We've embraced digital communication with four editions of our club bulletin now posted on our Facebook page. A big thank you to President Janine for initiating this, making our updates always accessible to members.
- **Monthly Reports.** District and Rotary Club Central monthly reports were timely submitted.
- The photos from our activities and projects are included in this bulletin. Enjoy reading!





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

27

2024

Boots for Brighter Steps (Beneficiary #4)

Marbel 4 Elementary School

Brgy. Pangasinan, Koronadal City, South Cotabato

Rotary
Marbel



AUG

27

Boots for Brighter Steps

Marbel 4 Elementary School, Brgy.
New Pangasinan, Koronadal City



MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH





AUGUST

22

2024

Documented Activity

6th General Membership Meeting & Fellowship: August Celebrators Night

Moonplate Resto and Grill, Koronadal City



Documented Activity

AUGUST

21-22

2024

Visit and Maintenance Check to Water Purifiers

KCNHS and KCES 1

Koronadal City, South Cotabato





AUGUST

29

2024

Boots for Brighter Steps (Beneficiary #4)

Marbel 4 Elementary School

Brgy. Pangasinan, Koronadal City, South Cotabato



Documented Activity

AUGUST
23-25
2024

Site Visit and Community Assessment

Barangay Magupising, Braulio E. Dujali Municipality,
Davao Del Norte



Officials and residents of the puroks under Barangay Magupising posed for documentation after the interview and community assessment. This activity was conducted to assess the possible needs of the community and status of recovery during the flash floods which devastated the area and their source of living.



AUGUST

23-25

2024

Site Visit &
Community
Assessment

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
MARIEL L., PHF-1

Government Banking



LAY, EDUARDO C.,
PHF-2

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-1

Spouse: **Amelia**

Medicine - ENT



PEPILLO, STEFANIE
CHARISSE D.

Government Banking



PRECIOSO, CARLO S.,
PHF-4

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,
RIONELEANN.

Restaurant-Management



SANTOS, LEWEEN JAN
P., PHF-1

Spouse: **Amabelle
Sharon**

Distribution - Paint



SAVARIZ, RHEA E.

Spouse: **Jay**

Government Service -
Higher Education



TAMPUS, EVELYN P.,
PHF-1

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-1

Spouse: **Gina**

Distribution -
Agricultural Products



VALERA, TWINKLE
ANN R.

Education-Primary



VALERO, SHEENA
FANTILANO

Government Service -
Legal



VICENTE, ANTONIO M.,
PHF-4

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. Baltore
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

AUGUST IS

MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

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

Rotary **EACH ROTARIAN REACH ONE, KEEP ONE** 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

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 Coateau

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

BECAUSE WE CARE
MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, BE THE DIFFERENCE

Rotary

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."
- PHIP James L. Lacy 1998-99

Rotary **YOUTH** 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



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

This document certifies that

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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
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