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ROTARY CLUB OF
KANKABATO-TACLOBAN

Rotary Year 2026-2027

THIS MONTH'S ROTARY THEME
MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Every August, Rotary turns its attention to the people who make service possible. This issue looks at where our club stands, who's joining us, and how each member can help us grow.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO BELONGS HERE?

Bring them as your guest to any meeting this month — the Membership Committee will take it from there.

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VISION

A united Rotary Club of Kankabato creating lasting impact by empowering communities, inspiring service, and building a better future for all.

MISSION

The Rotary Club of Kankabato is committed to uniting people of action to serve with integrity, strengthen fellowship, support sustainable community projects, develop leaders, and advance Rotary's ideals of "Service Above Self" while creating lasting impact in every community we serve



CLUB HISTORY

Kankabato is derived from the name of Cankabato Bay, a notable bay located in Tacloban, Philippines. The bay has historically served as an essential hub for trade and transportation in the region. Indigenous peoples originally named the area, and it was later adapted by Spanish colonizers. The bay and its surroundings played a crucial role in the cultural and economic development of Tacloban. Over time, the name evolved into Kankabato, reflecting its deep historical and geographical significance.

The Rotary Club of Kankabato-Tacloban was chartered in the year 2011. Rotarian Antolin Ofonda was elected and served as the Charter President. From 25 pioneering members, the RC Kankabato has now 19 active members, with the current Impact-Building President, Rtn. Albert P. Esperas, for the Rotary Year 2026-27 as the 15th president of the organization. This organization is composed of established professionals and businessmen with diverse characters and background who came together and believed in one goal which is to make a difference. This international organization is a non-profit and non-partisan union. Members of this club are called as rotarians. Also, they sponsor young rotarians called as Rotaractors. These inspiring rotarians believe in the inherent goodness of other people as it results to the ripple effect of kindness in the community. When we show kindness to other people, it creates a chain of reaction which causes kindness to find its way back to us.

Every Rotary Club like the RC of Kankabato-Tacloban is grounded with guiding principles which are Object of Rotary, 4-Way Test and Avenues of Service. These principles have been developed to serve as the bible for every Rotarian as they venture themselves in humanitarian acts of kindness as well as making themselves for another time a servant-leader who aims to uplift the status of the community they belong to. Rotarians of this organization initiate transformational projects not only in the region and national level but also in the international stage.



Since 2011, the RC Kankabato-Tacloban engages in several projects that are timely and relevant to the needs, issues and concerns of the society. They have conducted several projects such as distribution of school supplies and hygiene kits, bloodletting activities, raising awareness and funding to end Polio and Breast Cancer, and Mangrove and tree-planting activity. This organization also did an adopt-a-school campaign to donate facilities such as handwashing facility, books for their library and repair some old school buildings in Guindapunan Elementary School, Pawing Elementary School Baras Elementary School and Alangalang National High School and JARMS Elementary School. Moreover, donation drives and feeding programs were also conducted to send help to those victims of natural and man-made calamities such as typhoons, earthquakes, landslides, and fires. During pandemic, still the club lends a hand and do an extra mile just to be of help to the community. They have donated essential medical supplies such as medical facemasks, alcohols, vitamins and PPEs to the hospitals in the city and province. These programs may be less extravagant but it is, for the meantime necessary and beneficial.

Because of the successes of their projects, the RC of Kankabato-Tacloban is recognized not only in the local community but also in the national level. They bagged local, district awards and nominations for their community involvement. These sets of awards serve as an inspiration for them to continue to work side by side to execute action and impact through fellowship and service. As long as we are living and part of the continuous cosmic evolution, let us not forget to lend little drops of love to the less privileged. A little act of kindness, charity and generosity creates a magical effect on the heart of a person; hence, we call it as the true evidence of authentic and genuine love. The Rotary Club of Kankabato-Tacloban, as long as it breathes, will continue to shower rays of love to all people around the globe.



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Olayinka H. Babalola **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL LEADER'S MESSAGE**

Dear Family of Rotary,

My Challenge to you

Peace does not happen by accident. It must be pursued deliberately, built strategically, and woven intentionally into everything we do. That is the challenge i am placing before the Rotary world this year.

Rotary recognizes peacebuilding as one of our areas of focus. But I believe peace must be more than a category of work we set aside for current projects. It must become a lens, one we choose to look through every time we plan, every time we serve, every time we ask what kind of impact we truly want to leave behind.

The Institute for Economics and Peace has identified eight Pillars of Positive Peace: well-functioning government, a sound business environment, equitable distribution of resources, acceptance of the rights of others, good relations with neighbours, free flow of information, high levels of human capital, and low levels of corruption. These pillars describe the conditions that make lasting peace possible. And when I look at them carefully, I see enormous potential for Rotary. Not because our work automatically advances peace but because it can when we are deliberate about it.

That is the key word: deliberate.

A water project does not build peace on its own. But a water project designed with the Pillars of Positive Peace in mind - one that asks how equitable access to resources



strengthens community trust - can begin to lay that foundation. A vocational training program does not guarantee reconciliation. But one that intentionally brings divided communities together around shared economic opportunity can start to build it. The project does not change. The intention does.

In Columbia, Rotary's Pathway to Peace and Prosperity program shows us what this looks like in practice. Working in communities shaped by decades of armed conflict and displacement, the program combines economic empowerment with conflict resolution training and community-led reconciliation. Peace was not a hoped-for side effect. It was central to the design. That is the standard I am calling all of us to follow.

As you plan your next project, whatever the focus area, I want you to pause and ask one question: How does this create the condition for peace? Consult the Pillars of Positive Peace. Find where your work connects. Then, make that connection intentional. Share what you discover with your club, your district, and your community. The more we talk about peace as a practice rather than a destination, the more naturally it will shape everything we do.

This is not about doing different work. It is about doing our work differently, with greater awareness, greater purpose, and a clearer vision of the world we are trying to build. Every Rotary project carries potential. Our task is to unlock it, not by chance, but by choice.



Arlene J. Adlawan **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S LETTERS**

Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and Partners in Service,

August carries two responsibilities for us this year, and I don't think they're as separate as they first appear.

On one hand, this is Membership Month — the month we're asked to look outward, to notice who's missing from our meetings, and to bring them in. On the other, RI President Yinka has challenged every one of us to treat peacebuilding not as a project category, but as a lens: something we look through every time we plan, serve, or decide what kind of impact we want to leave behind.

I'd ask Kankabato to hold both at once. Growing our membership isn't just a numbers exercise — it's an act of peacebuilding in its own right. Every guest you welcome to a meeting, every new member you induct, is another person given a seat at a table built on trust, fair treatment, and shared purpose. President Yinka points to the Pillars of Positive Peace — things like equitable access to resources and good relations with neighbors — as conditions Rotary can help build when we're intentional about it. A club that opens its doors wider is practicing exactly that.

So here's my ask for August: as you plan your guest days and induction ceremonies this month, don't just count new members. Ask what kind of club you're inviting them into, and whether that club reflects the world you want them to help build.

Kankabato has never been short on warmth or welcome. Let's make that visible this month.



Albert P. Esperas **PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, Partners, and Friends of the Rotary Club of Kankabato,

I want to start this message with a number, because I think we need to sit with it for a moment: we are down to 19 members. A year ago we were 23. Even at the start of this Rotary year, we were 21. In the span of one month, we've lost 10% of our club.

I'm not sharing this to alarm anyone — I'm sharing it because August is Membership Month, and I don't think we can talk honestly about membership this month without first being honest about where we stand.

RI President Yinka has asked every Rotarian this year to treat our work through a deliberate lens — to stop assuming good outcomes will simply happen, and to build them on purpose instead. Membership is no different. We cannot assume our numbers will hold, let alone grow, unless we decide — deliberately, as a club — that they will.

So here is what I'm asking of every one of us this month: let's double our efforts. Not double our meetings, not double our paperwork — double the attention we give to the people already in this room, and double the invitations we extend to the people who aren't yet.

Concretely, that means:

- Reach out personally to any member who has gone quiet. A drop from 21 to 19 isn't just a statistic — it's specific people we may still be able to bring back.



- Bring a guest to our next meeting. One each. If every one of us does this, we don't just recover what we lost — we grow past where we started.
- Talk about why you stayed. Prospective members join clubs, but they stay for people. Share your own Rotary story with someone this week.

We've built something worth protecting in this club — projects, friendships, years of service to Kankabato. Losing members isn't inevitable, and neither is winning them back. Both are choices we make, one conversation at a time.

Let's choose to grow.



THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The 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.

THE 4 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?



Jerico M. Cahayag **SECRETARY'S EXCLUSIVE**

AUGUST IN REVIEW

A month-by-month look at where our club showed up in August.

August 13 – Project Bright Bites Guindapunan Elementary School

The club kicked off Project Bright Bites at Guindapunan Elementary School, a feeding initiative sponsored by the Rotary Club of Quirino Manila Central. This marked the first of two feeding sessions the club would hold at the school this month.





August 13 – 2nd ACOM Meeting, Rotary Center

On the same day, club representatives attended the 2nd ACOM Meeting at the Rotary Center, where discussions centered on the District-Wide Bloodletting Activity and the upcoming Vibrant Seminar — both key items on the district's calendar for the coming weeks.



August 19 – Fellowship Meeting & Club Health Check

The club held a fellowship meeting paired with a Club Health Check, an internal check-in on the club's standing and wellbeing — timely, given Membership Month's focus on taking honest stock of where the club is.



August 27 – Project Bright Bites, Guindapunan Elementary School

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August 30 – Area Bloodletting Activity, Robinsons North, Tacloban City

The club joined fellow Rotarians, volunteers, and community members in the Area Bloodletting Activity led by the Rotary Club of Kandaya, Tacloban, held at Robinsons North, Tacloban City — closing out the month with a district-wide show of solidarity.





That's a wrap for August, Kankabato — two feeding sessions at Guindapunan Elementary, a seat at the district table for ACOM, a health check on our own club, and a hand extended alongside fellow Rotarians at the Area Bloodletting Activity. Five entries, one thread running through all of them: showing up, for our members and for our community alike.

See you all in September's edition.



PP Analiza F. Yu
**MONEY MATTERS
UPDATES**

Dear Rotarians of Kankabato,

As we begin the new Rotary Year, the Treasurer's Office respectfully presents the club dues for this rotary year. These payments are necessary to ensure that our club remains in good financial standing with Rotary International, Rotary District 3860, and our partner organizations.

SPECIFICATION	AMOUNT	TOTAL	SPECIFICATION	AMOUNT	TOTAL
RI INVOICE (JULY 2026)	P 5,457.00	P 5,457.00	POLIO PLUS FUND	P 1,476.19	P 1,476.19
DISASTER FUND	P100.00	P100.00	DISTRICT WIDE ACTIVITIES	P3,500.00	P3,500.00
ROTARACT LEVY	P1,000.00	P1,000.00	CLUB CLERK HONORARIUM	P2,347.82	P2,347.82
PRM (DIGITAL)	P 300.00	P 300.00	DISTRICT LEVY	P850.00	P850.00
CLUB LISTING DISCON FEE	P215.00	P215.00	INFLATION	P1,000.00	P1,000.00
TRF PER CAPITA	P6,200.00	P6,200.00		TOTAL	P22,043.61
EREY	P1,550.00	P1,550.00		GRAND TOTAL	P 23,000.00

In view of the foregoing obligations, the Treasurer respectfully recommends that the club prioritize and settle all mandatory dues and subscriptions within their prescribed deadlines. Timely payment will help maintain the club's good standing and ensure that we continue to fulfill our responsibilities as members of Rotary International and Rotary District 3860.

The Treasurer further recommends that all payments be properly documented and that copies of official receipts, deposit slips, and proof of payment be maintained for the club's financial records and reporting requirements.

FEATURED ARTICLE

HEALTH CHECK REVEALS FELLOWSHIP DECLINE

ANALYZING THE TRENDS AND
STRENGTHENING OUR CLUB



Engagement



Retention



Meetings



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WHY THE CLUB HEALTH CHECK MATTERS — AND WHY WE DID ONE THIS MONTH



On August 19, alongside our regular fellowship meeting, Kankabato sat down and ran a Club Health Check. It's easy for an item like that to get lost between the handshakes and the meal — so this piece is here to explain why it deserves more attention than that.

What it actually is

A Club Health Check isn't a report card in the way a grade is. It's a structured look at how the club is functioning across the things that keep any organization alive: member engagement, meeting quality, project impact, finances, leadership pipeline, and — increasingly, this year — retention. It asks blunt questions. Are members showing up? Are they staying? Do they know why they joined, and do they still feel it? Is the club doing work people are proud to be part of?

The value isn't in the score. It's in surfacing the answer to a question most clubs never ask out loud until it's too late: are we actually as healthy as we look from the front row?



Why this one mattered

We didn't run this check in a vacuum. District figures released this month show Kankabato opened the Rotary year at 21 members and had slipped to 19 by July 31 — a 10% drop in a single month, down from 23 a year ago. Numbers like that rarely announce themselves with a single dramatic event. They build quietly: a member who stops making meetings, a renewal that doesn't get followed up, a new member who never quite felt woven into the club. A health check is one of the few tools that catches that quiet erosion before it becomes a pattern.

"We don't get to hope our way to a stronger Kankabato — we have to look honestly at what's working, and act on it."

- PRES. ALBERT

President Yinka's challenge to Rotary this year has been to stop assuming good outcomes and start building them deliberately. A club's health is no exception.

What comes next

A health check only earns its place if it leads somewhere. Over the coming weeks, expect club leadership to share what the check surfaced — where we're strong, where we're thin, and what specific steps we're taking in response, alongside the membership push already underway this month. Consider this article your invitation to ask questions about it at our next meeting. A club's health isn't the board's concern alone; it's everyone's, because everyone in this room is part of the answer.

Kankabato has weathered dips before and come back stronger. The health check is how we make sure this time is no different.



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BALYUAN: ***A Name Rooted in History, Fellowship, and Service***

Balyuan is a historic site and cultural symbol in Tacloban City, Leyte, associated with the traditional Balyuan Rites—a commemorative reenactment of the historic exchange between the image of the Santo Niño of Basey and the image of the Nuestra Señora de la Asunción of Tolosa. The tradition recalls the longstanding cultural and religious connections between communities across the San Juanico Strait and has become an important part of Leyte's heritage.

The Rotary Club of Kankabato-Tacloban chose “Balyuan” as the official name of its club bulletin because the word embodies the spirit of coming together, exchange, and unity. Just as the Balyuan tradition brings communities together across the waters, the club seeks to bring Rotarians, partners, and communities together through fellowship and service.

More than a name, Balyuan represents the club's identity, rooted in local heritage, strengthened by fellowship, and united for service. It reminds every Kankabato Rotarian that meaningful impact begins when people come together with a shared purpose.

BALYUAN — Where heritage meets fellowship, and fellowship becomes service.



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