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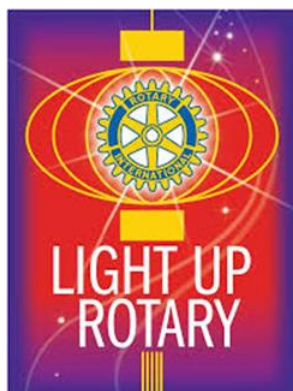


(Ret.) Maj. Gen. JOSE T. ALMONTE

Former Director-General, National Security Council
Former National Security Adviser
Republic of the Philippines

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With threats left and right to our national sovereignty, it's about time we heed his time-tested expertise as he makes sure our country is in good hands when he secures his rightful place at Asia's First Rotary Club.



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PROGRAM

RCM's 43rd for RY 2014-15

June 18, 2015, Thursday, 12N, Manila Polo Club

OIC/Moderator : PP Archit Bartolome

“A Joint Meeting Between Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) & Rotary Club of Forbes Park (RCFP)”

P R O G R A M T I M E T A B L E

11:30 PM	Registration & Cocktails	
12:25 PM	Bell to be Rung: Members and Guests are requested to be seated	PP Archit Bartolome OIC/Moderator
12:30 PM	Call to Order	RCM Pres. Frank Evaristo; RCFP Pres. John Tiong
	Singing of Republic of the Philippines National Anthem	RCM WF Music Chorale
	Invocation	PD Alvin Lacambacal
	RCM Hymn RCFP Hymn The 4-Way Test Credo	RCM WF Music Chorale; RCFP Music Committee PP Bert Galano RC Forbes Park
12:40 PM	Introduction of - -Guests and Visiting Rotarians -Personalities seated at the Head Table Welcome Song	Rtn. John Huang RC Forbes Park RCM WF Music Chorale
12:45 PM	Maligayang Bati (RC Manila Birthday Celebrants) June 11...Rtn. Citos Manalaysay; June 15...Dir. Bobby Joseph; June 17...PD Raoul Villegas, Rtn. David Wong; June 20...PP Boy Ampil; June 22...Treas. Chito Tagaysay; June 24...STAR Rtn. Geof Yu; Maligayang Bati (RC Forbes Park Birthday Celebrant) June 16...Rtn. John Huang Happy Birthday Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:50 PM	President's Time	RCM Pres. Frank Evaristo; RCFP Pres. John Tiong
12:55 PM	Introduction of Guest of Honor and Speaker	Amb. Rtn. Dicky Yujuico
	Address:	General Jose T. Almonte Former National Security Adviser & Director-General National Security Council
	Public Forum Response and presentation of token of appreciation to General Jose T. Almonte	RCM Pres. Frank Evaristo; RCFP Pres. John Tiong
2:00 PM	Adjournment	

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



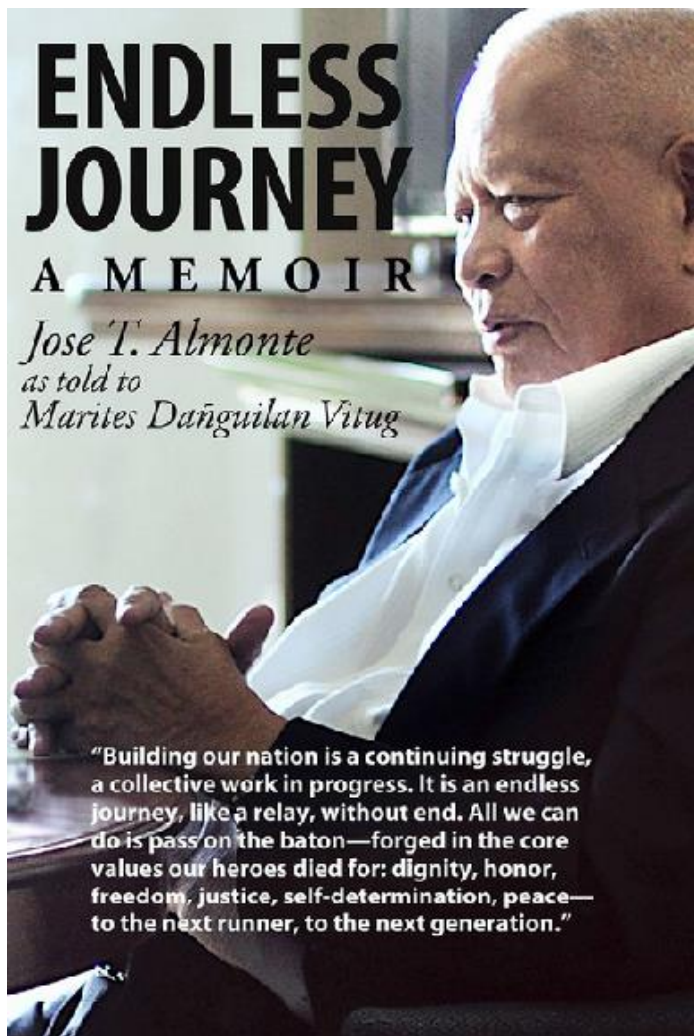
The 2015 Journalism Awards was, definitely, a box office hit! On its nineteenth (19th) year of staging what media circles regard as one of the most prestigious award-giving bodies, the Journalism Awards has not lost even a bit, its luster, as it continues to be one of Rotary Club of Manila's shining moments both on print and on the air. With a powerful attendance of more than 150 guests, 66 regular members of Asia's First Rotary Club and 2 honorary members, the annual event which gave recognition to the most outstanding media practitioners in the tri-media, i.e., print, television and radio as well as certain special awards, easily lived up to its billing as the most anticipated event of the year with a full house of media coverage that definitely worked to our club's public image as media mileage and exposure of

our club were definitely in the high heavens with no less than the woman of the hour, the Honorable Grace Poe, Senator of the Republic of the Philippines, as the event's Guest of Honor and Keynote Speaker. With post event exposures of our club the following day in television giants, ABS-CBN 2 and GMA 7 as well as in various newspapers and radio stations from where the winners emanated, the image of the Rotary Club of Manila as an icon of service to the nation reigned supreme. On this note, congratulations are in order for Journalism Awards Committee Chair Rtn. Babe Romualdez, Journalism Awards Committee Co-Chair PVP Fausto Preysler and members, Dir. Susing Pineda, PD Jimmie Policarpio, Rtn. Art Lopez, Rtn. Pepe Rodriguez and Rtn. Farid Schoucair. This event was under the directorship of AG/IPP Rudy Bediones (Vocational Service Group), the District 3810 Incoming Chief of Staff of DGE Obet Pagdanganan. Kudos to the Journalism Awards Team for a job well done.

On news within our club and around the district, last Tuesday, June 16, 2015, I attended the 150 years celebration of the Hospicio de San Jose together with VP Teddy Ocampo, PD Phil Ong and Hon./PSAA Fred Lim (former Mayor of Manila), the Chairman of the Elderly and Special Children Committee where we exchanged pleasantries with the people who attended this important event. Last Wednesday, June 17, 2015, I attended the the Rotary Street Children Foundation Thanksgiving and Handover Ceremonies together with our DG Edmond Aguilar and my fellow Best Class Presidents who attended in full force at this event held at the Tuloy sa Don Bosco in Alabang, Muntinlupa City. Next Thursday, June 25, 2015, road to Rotary 2014-2015 finally sees its end with the staging of my final meeting as President of Asia's First Rotary Club at the McKinley Hall of the Manila Polo Club in Makati City. Dubbed as the VALEDICTORY AND YEAR-END AWARDS PRESENTATION, due recognition will be given to club members who have performed outstandingly during the Rotary Year 2014-2015 in consonance with the year's theme, "Light Up Rotary". In particular, the most outstanding Rotarians of the club who were instrumental in laying down the objectives, plans and programs as well as accomplishing the respective goals in service to the various communities as inspired by the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self" will be justly rewarded. As an added feature to the swan song of this year's administration, our club will raffle off some valuable prizes such as two (2) PAL Manila-Hong Kong-Manila tickets, one (1) overnight accommodation for two at a Deluxe Room with Buffet Breakfast for two at the New World Makati Hotel, one (1) buffet lunch or dinner for two at Cafe 1228 of the New World Makati Hotel, three (3) overnight accommodation for two at a Deluxe Room of the Fersal Hotel, three (3) gift certificates for a Double Room accommodation at Microtel and four (4) bottles of red wine. Strict rules regarding physical presence of the drawn winner applies. Otherwise, the same will be re-drawn so as to give chances for other club members to win. Likewise, only members of the Rotary Club of Manila are entitled to win at the raffle.

Today, our club shall have retired Major General Jose T. Almonte, former National Security Adviser and former Director-General of the National Security Council of the Republic of the Philippines during the administration of our Rotary Club of Manila Honorary Member, the former President of the Republic of the Philippines, His Excellency Fidel "Eddie" V. Ramos who will be our special guest in a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Forbes Park led by Best Class President John Tiong. Let's give a warm welcome to our esteemed guest of honor and speaker and I encourage all to participate in the remaining activities of our club as we give the remaining days of this Rotary year, the final kick it deserves.

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKERS PROFILE

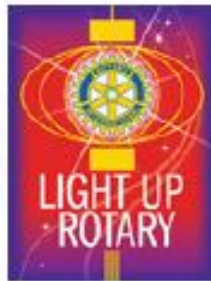


JOSE T. ALMONTE was National Security Adviser and Director-General of the National Security Council in the Cabinet of Philippine President Fidel V. Ramos from 1992-98. A graduate of the Philippine Military Academy in 1956, he won the Distinguished Conduct Star for gallantry with the Philippine military contingent in Vietnam from 1966-69.

He retired from the Armed Forces in 1986, while recovering the hidden wealth of the late President Ferdinand E. Marcos in Switzerland under Operation Big Bird. He was also conferred the country's highest award, the Ancient Order of Sikatuna, for outstanding government service from 1992-98. The Polytechnic University of the Philippines awarded him an honorary doctorate in public administration in 1995. He published four books: *Toward One Southeast Asia* (2004), *My Part in the 1986 People Power Revolution* (2006), *We Must Level the Playing Field* (2007), and *Endless Journey, A Memoir* (2015).

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITY

June 25, 2015, 12N, Manila Polo Club



VALEDICTORY – YEAR-END AWARDS LUNCHEON MEETING FOR ROTARY YEAR 2014-15

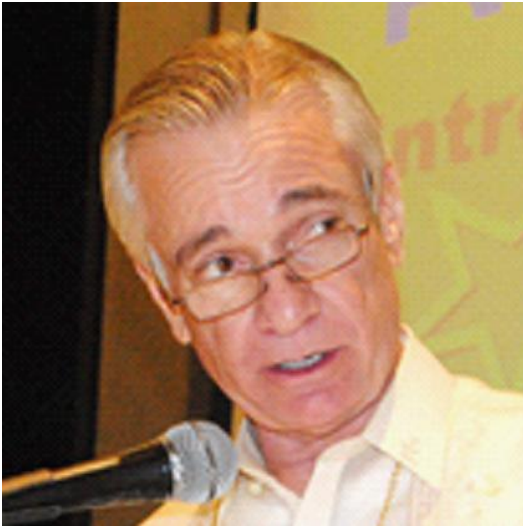
THE WEEK THAT WAS...



Rtn. Babe Romualdez, Chairman, Journalism Awards Committee, as OIC-Moderator directs the program of activities for the annual Journalism Awards Presentation.



PD Jimmie Policarpio delivers an ecumenical prayer.



PVP Fausto Preysler, Co-Chairman, Journalism Awards Committee, introduces the guests, visiting Rotarians and personalities seated at the presidential table.



Rtn. Babe Romualdez, Chairman, Journalism Awards Committee, presents the Journalism Awardees 2015, with their respective trophies presented by Pres. Frank Evaristo, DGE/PP Obet Pagdanganan, IPP/Director-in-Charge Rudy Bediones, Director Susing Pineda, to the following awardees: Radio Female Broadcaster of the Year : Ms. Ruby Bernardo-Tayag, ABS-CBN – DZMM.com.ph, Radio Male Broadcaster of the Year : Mr. Vic de Leon Lima, ABS-CBN, DZMM Radyo Patrol 630, Radio Station of the Year : DZMM 630 KHZZ - ABS-CBN, Television Female Broadcaster of the Year : Ms. Vicky Morales-Reyno, Anchor, 24 oras, GMA Network, Television Male Broadcaster of the Year : Mr. Noli de Castro, Anchor, ABS-CBN TV Patrol, Television Station of the Year : ANC, Investigative Reporter of the Year : Mr. Ted Failon, Anchor, ABS-CBN TV Patrol, Opinion Writer of the Year : Mr. Conrado R. Banal III, Columnist, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Regional Newspaper of the Year : The Mindanao Daily Mirror and The Cebu Freeman, Visayas Region, Business Newspaper of the Year : Business World, Newspaper of the Year : The Standard, Special Awards : Mr. Tony Lopez, Pres./Publisher, Biznews Asia and Amb. Antonio L. Cabangon-Chua, Chairman Emeritus, ALC Group of Companies & Journalist of the Year : Ms. Letty Jimenez Magsanoc, Editor, Philippine Daily Inquirer.



Ms. Ruby Bernardo-Tayag, Radio Female Broadcaster of the Year, DZMM.com.ph, ABS-CBN



Mr. Vic de Leon Lima, Radio Male Broadcaster of the Year, DZMM Radyo Patrol 630, ABS-CBN



DZMM 630 KHZZ - ABS-CBN, Radio Station of the Year represented by **Mr. Adrian Marco**, Head, DZMM Programs & Services & **Ms. May Ceniza**, Head, DZMM Special Project



ANC Philippines, Television Station of the Year represented by **Ms. Nadia Trinidad**, Head of News Production



Mr. Ted Failon, Investigative Reporter of the Year, Anchor, ABS-CBN TV Patrol,



Mr. Conrado R. Banal III, Opinion Writer of the Year, Columnist, Philippine Daily Inquirer,



Ms. Vicky Morales-Reyno, Television Female Broadcaster of the Year, Anchor, 24 oras, GMA Network, Inc. represented by **PDG Vince Carlos**



Business World, Business Newspaper of the Year represented by **Mr. Roby A. Alampay**, editor-in-chief of **Business World**



The **Mindanao Daily Mirror** represented by **Mr. Virgilio Bermudez**, Editorial Consultant/Former Managing Editor, as Regional Newspapers of the Year



The **Cebu Freeman, Visayas Region**, represented by **Ms. Quennie Bronce**, Editor-in-Chief, as Regional Newspapers of the Year



Manila Standard, Newspaper of the Year represented by **Mr. Jojo Robles**, Editor-in-Chief



Ambassador Antonio L. Cabangon-Chua, Special Awardee, Chairman Emeritus, ALC Group of Companies



Rotarian Antonio S. Lopez, President/Publisher, BizNewsAsia, Philippines, Inc., Special Awardee.

Ms. Letty Jimenez Magsanoc, Journalist of the Year, Editor-in-Chief, Philippine Daily Inquirer represented by **Ms. Sandy Romualdez**, President/CEO,





President Frank Evaristo, Senator Grace Poe, VP Teddy Ocampo in a posterity photo with the Journalism Awardees 2015 : **Manila Standard**, Newspaper of the Year represented by **Mr. Jojo Robles**, Editor-in-Chief, **Business World**, Business Newspaper of the Year represented by **Mr. Anthony Cuaycong**, VP/COO and **Mr. Danny Ocampo**, Director for Advertising & Digital Sales, The **Mindanao Daily Mirror** represented by **Mr. Virgilio Bermudez**, Editorial Consultant/ Former Managing Editor, and **The Cebu Freeman, Visayas Region**, represented by **Ms. Quennie Bronze**, Editor-in-Chief, as Regional Newspapers of the Year, **ANC Philippines**, Television Station of the Year represented by **Ms. Nadia Trinidad**, Head of News Production, **Mr. Noli de Castro**, Television Male Broadcaster of the Year, Anchor, ABS-CBN TV Patrol, **Ms. Vicky Morales-Reyno**, Television Female Broadcaster of the Year, Anchor, 24 oras, GMA Network, Inc. represented by **PDG Vince Carlos**, **DZMM 630 KHZZ** - ABS-CBN, Radio Station of the Year represented by **Mr. Adrian Marco**, Head, DZMM Programs & Services & **Ms. May Caniza**, Head, DZMM Special Project, **Mr. Vic de Leon Lima**, Radio Male Broadcaster of the Year, DZMM Radyo Patrol 630, ABS-CBN, **Ms. Ruby Bernardo-Tayag**, Radio Female Broadcaster of the Year, DZMM.com.ph, ABS-CBN, **Ms. Letty Jimenez Magsanoc**, Journalist of the Year, Editor-in-Chief, Philippine Daily Inquirer represented by **Ms. Sandy Romualdez**, President/CEO, **Mr. Ted Failon**, Investigative Reporter of the Year, Anchor, ABS-CBN TV Patrol, **Mr. Conrado R. Banal III**, Opinion Writer of the Year, Columnist, Philippine Daily Inquirer, **Ambassador Antonio L. Cabangon-Chua**, Special Awardee, Chairman Emeritus, ALC Group of Companies and **Rotarian Antonio S. Lopez**, President/Publisher, BizNewsAsia, Philippines, Inc., Special Awardee.



Rtn. Art Lopez recites the 4 Way Test Credo.



PVP Roy Golez does the honor of introducing **Honorable Grace Poe**, Senator, Republic of the Philippines, as guest of honor and keynote speaker.



Senator Grace Poe spoke before Manila Rotarians, Visiting Rotarians and guests on the occasion of the 2015 Rotary Club of Manila Journalism Awards , where, among others, she reiterated the role of media in nation building and gamely answered questions from the audience alluding to her plans for the 2016 elections.



An interactive public forum followed suit post the speech of **Senator Grace Poe**.

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The Standard

Presidency not to be desired, says Grace Poe

By Macon Ramos-Araneta, Rey E. Requejo



Open forum. Senator Grace Poe answers questions from members of the Rotary Club of Manila and its guests during yesterday's Journalism Awards, as RCM president Frank Evaristo and US Ambassador Philip Goldberg listen. EYACASIO

SENATOR Grace Poe said Thursday that the presidency was a privilege, but it "it's abnormal for anyone to desire it."

"It's a big challenge. Six years of their life almost being in a convent. You always have to be detached in a way, but also immersed at the same time. It's not easy," said Poe when questioned about her plans for the 2016 elections.

"I'm sorry if at this time, this is still my answer. I have no advertisement, I am not fishing for anything. I'm still doing my job," said Poe, who has been placing strongly in recent opinion polls about the 2016 presidential and vice presidential elections.

Grace cites media role in good governance

By Maricar B. Brizuela

SEN. GRACE Poe yesterday said transparency and accountability are necessary for democracy to work even as media has an important role in improving accountability and fighting corruption.

Speaking during the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) Journalism Awards 2015 at the New World Hotel in Makati, Poe highlighted the role of media in nation building, saying that if she had her way, every citizen would have "access to government contracts, project details and project allocations."

"This is the purpose of the freedom of information (FOI) bill that has been one of my priorities since day 1. The FOI only adds just one more piece to the arsenal for our increasingly connected and engaged citizens. I won't think the investigations on the PDAF (Priority Development Assistance Fund) or the current investigations on the Makati City parking building has been as successful without the citizens weighing on it through the Internet," she said.

She noted that journalists do not only chronicle events but are also tasked with examining and exploring issues behind the news stories.

"Transparency and accountabil-



INQUIRER president Sandy Prieto-Romualdez receives the Rotary Club Journalist of the Year Award for *Inquirer* editor in chief Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc from Pres. Frank Evaristo as Sen. Grace Poe watches. CONTRIBUTED

ity are principles which are necessary for democracy to work. Citizens will be able to participate meaningfully in governance only if all relevant information is available to them. Transparency and accountability are central pillars of good governance and effective public service. Media has a role in improving accountability," Poe said.

The RCM honored the outstanding journalists for the year in print, television, radio and gave out special awards to selected media personalities.

Inquirer editor in chief Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc was named Journalist of the Year while *Inquirer* columnist Conrado R. Banal was recognized as the Opinion Writer of the Year. *Inquirer* president and chief executive officer Sandy Prieto-Romualdez received the award on behalf of Magsanoc.

Launched in 1966, the RCM Journalism Awards was organized to give recognition to the outstanding contribution of people in the tri-media and encourage the proper development of journalism in the country.

"Today is not only a day of recognition but a day of thanksgiving for the dedication, patriotism and courage of our awardees. I would like to thank them," said Poe.

"It's been said that the media has a key role to play in informing individuals. It provides an inclusive and critical platform for public dialogue and debate, simulating interpersonal communication and ultimately policy making that benefits a greater number of people," she added.

Last year, Poe filed Senate Resolution N- 533, which calls a review of government efforts to end media violence.



BusinessWorld recognized as 'Business Newspaper of the Year'

BUSINESSWORLD, the country's premier business daily, was recognized as the "Business Newspaper of the Year" by the Rotary Club of Manila at the Journalism Awards 2015 held yesterday. This is the sixth time that the Rotary Club of Manila gave the same citation to *BusinessWorld*, which was founded by respected journalist Raul L. Locsin. In photo are Miguel G. Belmonte, chief executive officer of *BusinessWorld* (left); and Roby A. Alampay, editor-in-chief of *BusinessWorld* (right).

The Philippine STAR **NEWS**

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015



The Rotary Club of Manila Journalism Awards presented its 2014-2015 awardees yesterday at the New World Hotel. Among the recipients were Philstar Media Group titles *BusinessWorld* as Business Newspaper of the Year and *The Freeman* as Regional Newspaper of the Year. Photo shows Philstar Media Group president and CEO Miguel G. Belmonte (center) with *BusinessWorld* editor-in-chief Roby Alampay and *The Freeman* editor-in-chief Quennie Bronze.

GEREMY PINTOLO

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015

Spy Bits

By **BABE G. ROMUALDEZ**

**Senator Poe graces Rotary Manila
journalism awards**

The Rotary Club of Manila is holding its 19th Journalism Awards today with no less than Senator Grace Poe as guest of honor and speaker. The RCM happens to be the oldest and most prestigious Rotary club in Asia and its Journalism awards has become one of the most prominent recognitions given to journalists and media outlets (print, television and radio).

The Journalism Awards is one of the biggest events of the Manila Rotary and this year's awardees include the Cebu Freeman as Regional Newspaper of the Year. *The Freeman* is a sister publication of **The Philippine STAR** which incidentally, has been elevated to the Hall of Fame for having won the Newspaper of the Year Award for three consecutive times.

Other awardees are Ted Failon who was named the Investigative Reporter of the Year; Kabayan Noli de Castro who bagged the male Broadcaster of the Year for Television; Vicky Morales-Reyno as female Broadcaster of the Year for Television; Conrad Banal who is the Opinion Writer of the Year and Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc as Journalist of the Year. There are also other awards for several more categories, plus special awards to a couple of veterans in the industry, but we'll save the rest for our special photo column at the Allure section this coming Sunday.



From The Stands

By DOMINI M. TORREVILLAS

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The Rotary Club of Manila gave awards on Independence Day to the Most Outstanding Journalists for 2015 in print, television and radio. The awardees were announced by RCM president Frank Evaristo. Babe Romualdez chaired the journalism awards committee, and RCM past vice president Fausto Preysler, was co-chair and is the major sponsor of this year's awards.

The awardees were *Manila Standard*, *Business World*, *The Mindanao Daily Mirror* and *The Cebu Freeman*, Noli de Castro, Vicky Morales-Reyno, Vic de Leon Lima, Ruby Bernardo-Tayag, Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc, Ted Failon and Conrado R. Banal III.

Special awards were given to Antonio S. Lopez, and Ambassador Antonio L. Cabangon-Chua.

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OPINION

Sunday, June 14, 2015



BABE'S EYE VIEW By Babe Romualdez

At the Rotary Club of Manila's 19th Journalism Awards last Thursday (see photos at the Allure section of the Star today), Senator Grace Poe was the guest of honor and speaker. I got the sense that there seemed to be a strong sentiment among the guests that the lady senator could very well become the next president of the Philippines. We saw it from the moment she arrived at the lobby of the New World Hotel up to the ballroom, with the press immediately coming into action to take photos and the Rotary members and other guests interrupting whatever they were doing to acknowledge her presence.

We specifically chose Grace Poe to give the keynote speech during the Rotary event for the most prestigious journalism awards because of the fact that she is the main sponsor of the Senate version of the Freedom of Information bill which unfortunately has been stalled in Congress.

Senator Grace spoke about the role of journalists who are tasked with asking the hard questions and finding the answers that would keep public officials true to their responsibility of serving the people.

But more significantly, what really impressed the audience was her candor during the Q & A, answering questions articulately and straightforward. We asked her whether she believed that the "presidency is destiny" — to which she admitted that the presidency is a privilege but that it would be "abnormal" for anyone to covet or desire it considering the heavy responsibilities that go with being the Chief Executive. She likened the position to being cloistered in a convent where one has to be detached but at the same time would still have to be engaged.

Grace has publicly admitted that her father, Fernando Poe Jr., well known by the adoring masses as Da King as we all know, was a major factor in giving her the number one spot at her Senatorial run. While it would seem that his popularity has also rubbed off on her, what many like most about Grace is that she has been able to establish herself as a quietly competent and independent-minded legislator. As Rotary member and former Congressman Roy Golez described her, she is a woman with "brains, beauty and a heart" — someone who could easily empathize with ordinary Filipinos.

Senator Poe has not even formally announced her plan to run for higher office in 2016, but her popularity continues to soar judging from the Pulse Asia/SWS surveys. It was obviously a mistake for the UNA spokesman to pounce on her and pillory Grace with the citizenship issue. It drew a negative public reaction which boomeranged on the Vice President, forcing Senator Nancy Binay to do some sort of "tactical retreat" so to speak. Analysts also find it very significant that the president has met with her more than once — a clear indication that she is very much in the radar as a strong contender for the presidential race. We also received raw information that a number of businessmen have already discreetly indicated their willingness to contribute to her campaign. A reliable source also told us that an influential industry player has (reportedly) already organized a fund raising "small dinner" for the senator.

While speculations run high and the senator herself continues to remain mum about her plans, an insider disclosed the lady senator will most likely run for the highest office as an independent candidate -- unless of course she gets adopted as a Liberal Party candidate.

In politics everything is possible, like what happened to Fidel Ramos when he lost to Monching Mitra for the LDP nomination as the party standard bearer for the 1992 elections. Everybody expected Cory Aquino to endorse Mitra but she

suddenly changed gears, endorsing Fidel Ramos instead and the rest is history. Which only goes to show that nothing is really certain. Who knows, Noynoy Aquino could also shift gear at the eleventh hour.

But I for one believe the presidency is destiny —and we can look back at the recent history of politics in this country and you will know what I mean. Just like Mitra, Joe de Venecia was all set to become president with all the power, machinery and resources of the Lakas party — he lost to Joseph Estrada in 1998. Gloria Arroyo was set to run for president too but slid down to being the vice-presidential candidate. Little did she know she would be catapulted to the presidency after the illegal overthrow of Joseph Estrada in 2001. She was president for nine years. In 2010, Manny Villar was almost sure he would be president until Cory Aquino died in August, 2009. Noynoy suddenly became the man to beat.

But everything is all speculative at this point. Those aspiring to be president should remember that things have changed too with the new age of information technology. They should not underestimate the voting public especially a large segment of society who are quietly watching the events via closed social media groups. Filipinos have never been so much more informed as they are today thanks to the advent of information and digital technology. Even mainstream media is recognizing the power of digital technology with many of them merging traditional and online platforms to reach wider audiences.

Those who are watching the evolution of politics in this country also say that we are seeing a new breed of Filipino voters emerge — well-informed, opinionated and confident in knowing that they have the power to help shape destiny literally at the tip of their fingers via the Internet — which only means — politicians can no longer fool all the people all the time.



Manila Rotary's 19th Journalism Awards

THIS WEEK ON PEOPLEASIA By Babe Romualdez (The Philippine Star) | Updated June 14, 2015 - 12:00am



Sen. Grace Poe delivers her speech as guest speaker for the Journalism Awards

Now on its 19th year, the Rotary Club of Manila's Journalism Awards gave recognition to the most outstanding media practitioners in print and broadcast media during the awarding ceremonies held at the Grand Ballroom of the New World Makati Hotel last Thursday.

The Manila Rotary happens to be the first — and certainly the most prestigious — Rotary Club in Asia and its Journalism Awards has become one of the most anticipated events for the year. No less than Sen. Grace Poe was the guest of honor and speaker, with US Ambassador Philip Goldberg — who is an honorary member of the Manila Rotary — taking time off from his busy schedule to attend the awarding ceremonies before flying to Iloilo for the Independence Day celebrations last Friday.



Frank Evaristo (second from left) and Sen. Grace Poe (fifth from left) with the Journalism Awardees (from left) DZMM's Vic de Leon Lima, Inquirer president and CEO Sandy Romuladez, Vince Carlos (for GMA-7's Vicky Morales), The Standard editor-in-chief Jojo Robles, CNN Philippines chairman Tony Cabangon-Chua and BizNews Asia publisher Tony Lopez.

This year's awardees are certainly the best of the best — with Ted Failon copping the Investigative Reporter of the Year award while Conrado Banal III was voted the Opinion Writer of the Year. Inquirer editor-in-chief Letty Jimenez- Magsanoc bagged the Journalist of the Year Award while The Standard – formerly the Manila Standard Today – emerged as the Newspaper of the Year for its scoops and exposes on hot button issues like the Mamasapano incident and just recently, the BBL payola issues. The paper was also recognized for the innovations it is undertaking like the integration of the digital platform with the print version.

Kabayan Noli de Castro was named the Television Male Broadcaster of the Year with Vicky Morales-Reyno as the Television Female Broadcaster of

the Year. Other awardees include Ruby Tayag, Vic de Leon Lima and special awardees Tony Lopez and former Ambassador Tony Cabangon-Chua for their significant contributions to the industry.

ANC was voted the TV station of the year while DZMM was named the Radio Station of the Year. BusinessWorld was the Business Newspaper of the Year while the Mindanao Daily Mirror and Cebu's The Freeman received the Regional Newspaper of the Year award. Incidentally, The Freeman is a sister publication of The Philippine STAR, which has been elevated to the Hall of Fame for having won "Newspaper of the Year" for three consecutive times. Photos by Ramon Joseph J. Ruiz



Sen. Grace Poe, RCM president Frank Evaristo and honorary rotary member US Ambassador Philip Goldberg.



Frank Evaristo and special awardee Tony Cabangon-Chua.



With (from left) STAR president and CEO Miguel Belmonte, Frank Evaristo, Ambassador Goldberg, Roilo Golez and The Standard chairman Philip Romualdez.



Escorting Sen. Grace Poe to the venue.



Josephine Reyes of Aliw Broadcasting Corp. and Opinion Writer of the Year Conrado Banal III.



Sen. Grace Poe with PeopleAsia editor-in-chief and GM Joanne Rae Ramirez.

HOSPICIO DE SAN JOSE AT 150 YEARS

Hospicio de San Jose 150 years celebration held last June 16, 2015, Tuesday, at the Hospicio de San Jose, Ayala Boulevard, Manila. Photo shows Pres. Frank Evaristo PD Phil Ong, Chairman, Elderly & Special Children Committee, Vice Pres. Teddy Ocampo and PSAA Alfredo S. Lim, celebrating with the wards of Hospicio de San Jose for the milestone occasion.



INVOCATION



Prayer by **PD Jimmie Policarpio**

delivered during the RCM Journalism Awards Presentation last June 11, 2015

Let's put ourselves in the presence of the Lord.

Thank you Lord for this special gathering as today marks our renewed hope against the crisis of truth in our culture and our nation, as we can still find rare breed of people, like the ones who will be awarded here today with journalism awards, who are braving the fear of speaking or writing the truth, in a word where it is often a difficult challenge to pursue and live the truth.

We pray that these handful of gems will continuously be inspired to adhere to the codes and principles of journalism — Truthfulness, Accuracy, Objectivity, Impartiality, and Public Accountability, despite the difficulty of upholding them consistently in a real world that is always compromised to fit in our own comfort level and our culture.

Lord, always bless these extra ordinary men and women with courage in the cause of truth...With boldness to speak it openly and clearly even when it is unpopular or even in the face of adverse consequence.

We also pray that this momentous occasion will remind the rest of us here today that while our lives here are temporary, we can always choose to leave behind legacies that will inspire the next generation.

Lord, we lift up to you every detail of this occasion and may your blessings and protection be upon us today and always.

Lord Bless the Rotary Club of Manila its members and officers and its pursuit to spread the ideals and principles of Rotary Movement.

God Bless the Filipino people and our country the PHILIPPINES.

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IPP Rudy Bediones
Incoming Chief of Staff
June 17, 2015



We are pleased to update the membership of the confirmed reservation made by the members of Rotary Club of Manila for the Handover Meeting to be held on June 27, 2015 (Saturday) 6:00 PM at the Philippine International Convention Center.

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| (1) Pres Frank Evaristo | (16) PD Patricio "Bebot" Pineda |
| (2) IPP Rodolfo "Rudy" Bediones | (17) PD Reinerio "Ner" Lonzaga |
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| (11) PP Cesar Ubaldo | (26) Rtn Herminio "Hermie" Esguerra |
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| (13) PVP Lance Masters | |
| (14) PD Jose "Jimmie" Policarpio | |
| (15) PD Knud Hedeager | |

CONFIRMED PLEDGES OF SUPPORT:

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| (28) PE Eusebio "Ebot" Tan | (33) PP Benny Laguesma |
| (29) Dir. Amado "Amading" Valdez | (34) PD Philip Ong |
| (30) DE Issam Eldebs | (35) PD John Cenica |
| (31) Asst. Treas. Elias "Eloy" Adamos | (36) PD Beda Fajardo |
| (32) IT Felix Francisco "Chito" Zaldarriaga | (37) Ms. Tracy |

We encourage members to join so that we can fulfill our commitment of 50 attendees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rodolfo P. Bediones".

RODOLFO P. BEDIONES
Immediate Past President

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BEING ON TOP HAS ITS PRICE (Smoking kills!)

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

To whoever made this poster: Congratulations! Somebody sent this to my daughter Ellyce's iPhone. She emailed it to me. The message immediately caught my attention like a novelty hit song or a Yoyoy Villame or Gary Granada song usually does. I added some items for the purpose of extra impact. And to those who have yet to learn how to read Tagalog Komiks, Pilipino newspaper tabloid, or Liwayway: I'm very sorry. Some things are funnier when they are delivered in the vernacular.

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