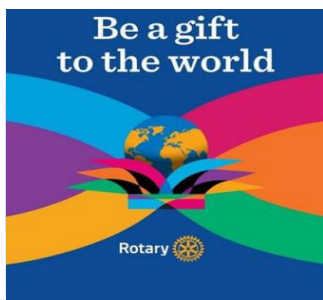




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No. 3614, August 20, 2015

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



RAFAEL M. GARCIA, III
Past District Governor
Rotary International District 3800



KABALITA

Beauty and charity have found a home in Rotary. Let the Queens of Beauty who emerged from the foremost Beauty Pageant in the archipelago show us why it takes more than just good looks to be a queen as they make a fitting complement to The Rotary Foundation Expert who hopes to inspire his fellow Rotarians to imbibe the habit of giving in furtherance of Service Above Self as they show the different facets of sharing at Asia's First Rotary Club.

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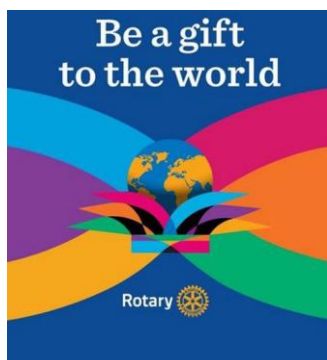
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RCM's 8th for RY 2015-16
August 20, 2015, Thursday, 12N, Manila Polo Club McKinley Room
OIC/Moderator : PDSAA Ike Stranathan

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	PDSAA Ike Stranathan OIC/Moderator
12:30 PM	Call to Order	Pres. Ebot Tan
	Singing of Republic of the Philippines National Anthem	RCM WF Music Chorale
	Invocation	Rtn. Geoff Yu
	RCM Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	The 4-Way Test Credo	Rtn. Hermie Esguerra
12:40 PM	Introduction of - -Guests and Visiting Rotarians -Personalities seated at the Head Table Welcome Song	Rtn. Caloy Reyes RCM WF Music Chorale
12:45 PM	Maligayang Bati (Weekly RCM Birthday Celebrants) : Aug. 22...Rtn. Deo Villacorta, Rtn. Rodel Adiviso; Aug. 26...Rtn. Rtn. Pering Benedicto Happy Birthday Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
	Raffle of twelve (12) bottles of red wine	PVP Manny Dy, Sponsor
12:50 PM	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Lan Eufemio , Secretariat Bookkeeper Rotary Club of Manila Secretariat	Pres. Ebot Tan; Sec. George Salazar
12:55PM	President's Time Presentation of check donation to Alay Lakad Foundation, Inc. thru its Pres. Frank Evaristo & IPS Albert Alday Chairman, Alay Lakad Committee	Pres. Ebot Tan

12:55 PM	Induction of new member to RC Manila Mr. Jovee K. Ong (Filipino) President, Victoria Mondiale Corporation Classification: Furniture & Accessories – Furniture Retailing Proposer: PP Boy Ampil Welcome Baby Rotarian song	Pres. Ebot Tan Inducting Officer RCM WF Music Chorale
1:00 PM	Presentation of Bb. Pilipinas Queens 2015 Ms. Pia Wurtzbach – Bb Pilipinas Universe Ms. Rogelie Catacutan – Bb Pilipinas Supranational Ms. Janicel Lubina – Bb Pilipinas International Ms. Hannah Sison – 1 st Runner Up Ms. Kimverlyn Suiza – 2 nd Runner Up > Brief messages of Binibining Pilipinas Queens	PDSAA Ike Stranathan
1:10 PM	Introduction of featured guest speaker	PDG Vince Carlos
	Address : PDG Rafael M. “Raffy” Garcia III on “Major Donor and PHF Program” Chairman, Philippine College of Rotary Governors; Endowment and Major Gifts Adviser, Rotary International	
	Public Forum	
	Response and presentation of token of appreciation courtesy of PVP Manny Dy, PAT Muhammad Aslam, Rtn. Johnny Chotrani & Dir. Issam Eldebs to Binibining Pilipinas Queens ; and the Club’s token of appreciation to PDG Rafael M. “Raffy” Garcia III	
		Pres. Ebot Tan
2:00 PM	Adjournment	

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

Last week, renowned Architect Jun Palafox gave us a glimpse of what the Philippine urban landscape would look like in the near future. He showed us that today's dilapidated areas of the metropolis could be transformed into a bustling cosmopolitan area, attractive to people from all walks of life.

On news within our club, I take great pride in announcing that our World Famous Chorale, under the leadership of its Chairman, PP Babes Reyes, and its Co-Chairman, PS Gus Fajardo, literally "brought the house down" with an impeccable rendition of the National Anthem of the United States of America, "The Star Spangled Banner, and our very own National Anthem, the "Lupang Hinirang", last 13 August 2015 on the occasion of the Dinner Fellowship for Rotary International (RI) President-Elect John Germ and Lady Judy at the Manila Polo Club. As the members of the World Famous Chorale took their respective places on the stage of the jam-packed Main Hall of the Manila Polo Club, one could not help but be impressed at how the place immediately turned from one replete with the sounds of overwhelming camaraderie between Rotarians of the different districts into one of solemn silence in preparation for the performance of our World Famous Chorale. Around twenty-three (23) of our fellow Manila Rotarians, which included two (2) Past District Governors, CoS/PP Rudy Bediones, our incumbent DG/PP Obet Pagdanganan, and myself, manifested the strength and might of [UTF-8?]Asia's™ First Rotary Club at the Dinner Fellowship for Rotary International President Elect John Germ and Lady Judy at the Manila Polo Club where Districts 3810, 3830, 3850, 3860 and 3870 converged to pay homage to the next leader of Rotary International amid a presentation of talents, mostly from our district, together with the Philippines' pride, El Gamma Penumbra last 13 August 2015. After the affair, I had a very enjoyable fellowship meeting with several of my fellow WCP's at a nearby restaurant.

The following day, 14 August 2015, DG/PP Obet Pagdanganan, CoS/PP Rudy Bediones, and I attended the 35th Inaugural Ceremonies of the Rotary Club of Pasay Silangan at the New World Makati Hotel in Makati City, where WCP Ma. Lowelle Sibunga was inducted as Club President. The next day, 15 August 2015, DG/PP Obet Pagdanganan, CoS/PP Rudy Bediones, IDCoS/ISDG/PD/IPS Albert Alday, PVP Lance Masters, AG/IPP Frank Evaristo, and I attended the District 3810 Public Relations Seminar hosted by the Rotary Club of Manila Midtown led by WCP Teodulo "Teody" Hidalgo at the Grand Ballroom of The Heritage Hotel in Pasay City. Very bright and early the following morning, 16 August 2015, DG/PP Obet Pagdanganan, CoS/PP Rudy Bediones, AG/IPP Frank Evaristo, PVP Lance Masters, ICoS/PSDG/PP Cesar Ubaldo, and I attended the Induction of Officers and the Launching of the Road Safety and End Polio Campaign of the Rotary Club of Manila 101 with RI President-Elect John Germ as Guest of Honor and Speaker, who was there together with Lady Judy at The Cultural Center of the Philippines in Pasay City. During this event, WCP Majella Tumangan-Villaroman was inducted as Club President in front of many invited VIP's from different sectors in a one of a kind induction where the guests and members asked to come in "sports chic" attire. A day later, 17 August 2015, DG/PP Obet Pagdanganan and CoS/PP Rudy Bediones accompanied RI President-Elect John Germ and Lady Judy as they visited the Tuloy sa Don Bosco in Alabang, Muntinlupa City. Three days later, 19 August 2015, DG/PP Obet Pagdanganan and CoS/PP Rudy Bediones attended the Induction and Handover Ceremonies of the Rotary Club of Cavite East at the Palms Country Club in Muntinlupa City, where WCP Cyril Glenn Alcantara was inducted as Club President.

Today, beauty and charity make a merry mix up as our luncheon meeting will be graced by the presence of the Bb. Pilipinas Beauties of 2015, namely, Bb. Pilipinas Universe Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach, Bb. Pilipinas International Janicel Lubina, Bb. Pilipinas Supranational Rogelie Catacutan, Bb. Pilipinas 1st Runner-up Ms. Hannah Sison and Bb. Pilipinas 2nd Runner-up Ms. Kimverlyn Suiza. At the same time, we shall have District 3800 Past District Governor Rafael "Raffy M. Garcia, III, who will enlighten us on the "Major Donor and Program.

Mabuhay ang Rotary Club of Manila!

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Rafael M. Garcia III
High Technology Entrepreneur

ROTARY RESUME

First non-charter Rotarian of RC Pasig since 1971

Club President – RC Pasig, RY 2006-2007

Most Outstanding President for District 3800 in 2006-2007

Most Outstanding Rotary Club in District 3800, RY 2006-2007

Received 37 awards including the Rotary International Four Avenues of Service Award in 2007

Increased membership from 35 to 78 during my term

Built a 159 unit Gawad Kalinga housing project for informal settlers in Sitio Caliuag, Barangay Pinagbuhatan, Pasig City

Presently building a 3 story Rotary Center on a 600 sqm. lot adjacent to the RC Pasig GK housing project

TRF Banquet Chair – RY 2007-2008

Deputy District Governor – RY 2008-2009

Chair - District Disaster Coordinating Committee – RY 2009-2010

District Governor – RY 2011-2012

Vice Chair – 2013 Taipei Institute

General Program Trainer – 2014 Kota Kinabalu Institute

Training Leader – 2014 International Assembly

Photography Co Chair – 2014 International Assembly

Training Leader (DTTS/GETS) – 2015 Manila Institute

Chairman – Philippine College of Rotary Governors, RY 2015-2016 Endowment and Major Gifts Adviser – Zone 7a – RY 2013-2016

Arch C. Klumph Society Trustee's Circle 2012

Chair's Circle 2013

PRESENT POSITION

Chairman/CEO of the Mega Group of Computer Companies, a multinational conglomerate of 44 companies specializing in high technology systems based in the Philippines, with offices in the US, Shanghai, Buenos Aires, Singapore and Germany, active in the Middle East, South America, Australia and in the Eastern Bloc countries, either through wholly owned companies or through joint ventures.

SIGNIFICANT MEGA GROUP COMPANIES

Mega Data Corporation (which had been providing the Philippine Drivers License since 1983, and operated the National Bureau of Investigation Criminal Computer System since 1977).

Omega Computers (supplies Philippine banks and credit card companies with plastic card personalization systems for their credit and ATM cards, including EMV cards),

Symbol Sciences (supplies commercial barcode scanners to Philippine retail companies including giant SM Malls)

Scantech (supplied 90% of Philippine industrial companies with industrial grade barcode scanners);
Offshore Data, Home Data, DumaData, and Scanplus International (all data transcription companies servicing the needs of US based telephone directory companies, medical and legal transcription companies),
JipCard Philippines (a joint venture company producing PVC cards for the credit card and bank card industries),
Laser Barcode Solutions (provides custom made bar-coding solutions to the Philippine market),
Geebo Digital (a 3D animation company),
Xinapse (an Open Source systems development company),
Mega ePrinting (provides digital short-run printing to the local market),
Technical Computer Components (Clark) (a material recovery company that recovers high valued spare parts from obsolete computer systems and stocks them for users of these systems),
IT Convergence (which provides Oracle consultants to Fortune 500 companies)
ROM Gaming (operated lottery companies in Romania from 1994-2009)
888 Electronic Gaming, and 165 Gaming, (operated lotto companies in Cambodia)
GELOTO (operated LOTTO operations in Equatorial Guinea)
Mega Gaming Corporation (Developed and operated Off-Fronton betting terminals for the Cagayan Valley Jai A'Lai)
Agilivant Philippines Corporation (operates a money remittance system for OFW remittances to the Philippines)
BTI Payments Inc (a joint venture company with a leading Australian firm, Banktech, that provides state of the art ATM's to Philippine banks)

PAST POSITIONS

SGV & Co – Management Services Division – Supervising Consultant
Asia Computer Services Corporation – Vice President for Operations
Meralco Securities & Investment Corporation – General Manager : Computer Services Center
Online Advanced Systems Inc - Executive Vice President
Herdis Management and Investment Corporation :
 Summa Computer Services Corporation - President
 Herdis-Jardine Davies Inc – President
 Uniphil Computer Corporation - President

PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

My wife, Minda Acacio Garcia, is active in the Soroptimists International movement, which concentrates on the improvement of the lives of women and girls. She has been a Past President of the Founder-Manila Chapter, and a member of the International Fund Development Council based in Philadelphia. She is the Immediate Past Regional Governor for the whole Philippine Region for SY 2012-2014. She is now a member of the Fund Raising Committee of Soroptimists International based in Philadelphia.

We have four children:

Susanna (Nana) married to Nick Guzman
Ma. Antonia Romina married to Paul Narth
Rafael IV married to Djoanna Pineda
Ana Maria Katrina married to Paolo Diaz
and eight grandchildren:
Mariel, Manuel, & Marcel Guzman
Kieron Narth
Rafael P. Garcia V
Santino, Andrea, & Giselle Diaz

Preview of next Thursday's RCM meeting, August 27, 2015, 12N, McKinley Room, Manila Polo Club



Atty. Estelito P. "Titong" Mendoza
E.P. Mendoza Law Office
Past Director, RC Manila

Mark this important date in your calendar. Make it a point to attend and actively participate in our weekly Thursday Club luncheon meetings. See you!

By: Program Committee Chairman Rtn. Tong Payumo;
Co-Chairman Rtn. Babe Romualdez, RY 2015-16

BINIBINING PILIPINAS QUEENS

Binibining Pilipinas Ms. Universe **Ms. Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach**



Age: 25 years old
From: Cagayan de Oro City
Height: 5'6½"
Vitals: 35 - 26½ - 33½

Pia is a professional model, make-up artist and contributor for the youth section of Inquirer lifestyle. She was also a Culinary Arts graduate at the Center for Asian Culinary Studies.

Binibining Pilipinas Supranational Ms. Rogelie Catacutan



Age: 23 years old
From: Cebu City
Height: 5'7½"
Vitals: 32½ - 25 - 33½

Rogelie was a nurse by profession but a practicing hotelier. She also loves dancing and taking care of plants.

Binibining Pilipinas International Ms. Janicel Lubina



Age: 19 years old
From: Palawan
Height: 5'7"
Vitals: 34 - 23½ - 33½

Janicel loves scuba diving and music and she advocates quality education for the youth.

Ms. Hannah Sison

1st Runner-Up



Age: 26 years old

From: Oas, Albay

Height: 5'6"

Vitals: 32½ - 24½ - 32½

Hannah Ruth is a multimedia artist who also loves computer programming and coding. She wants to make mobile apps and animated storybook for kids.

Ms. Kimverlyn Suiza

2nd Runner-Up



Age: 26 yrs old

From: Marikina City

Height: 5'6¼"

Vitals: 32½ - 25 - 30½

Kimverlyn worked as a production staff for a noontime show. She is a night person who always take off-beaten track whenever she goes to different places.

THE WEEK THAT WAS...



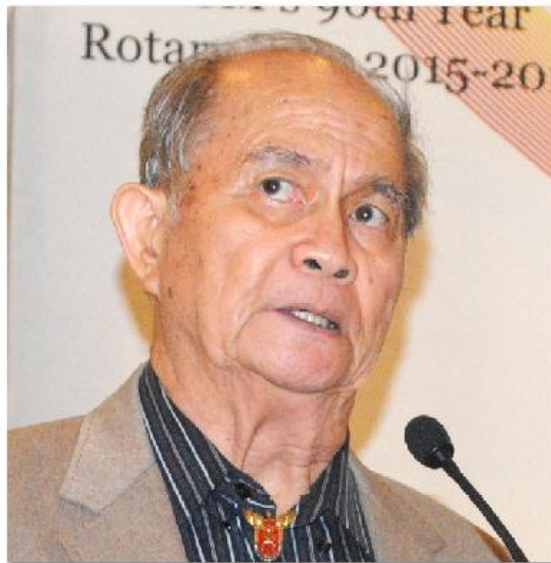
Rtn. Henning Karcher, as OIC-Moderator directs the program of activities for the joint meeting of Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) and Rotary Club of Forbes Park (RCFP).



RCM Pres. Ebot Tan and RCFP Pres. Tedjie Herbosa call the joint meeting to order.



RCM Rtn. Aris Tan delivers an ecumenical prayer.



RCFP PP Frankie Adriano leads in the recitation of the four (4) Way Test.

RCFP PP Ruben Torres introduces the guests, visiting Rotarians and personalities seated at the presidential table.





RCM Pres. Ebot Tan presents club bannerettes to first-time visiting Rotarians : **PP Sook-Hee Chung**, RC Seoul Hwasan, Korea, **PP Frank Pacifico**, RC Makati Central, **CP Luz Pacifico**, RC Muntinlupa Filinvest, **Rtn. Reinhard Chiebeler**, RC Rastatt, Baden-Baden, **Rtn. Marlon Alabastro**, RC New Manila East and **Rtn. Cheng Alas**, RC New Manila East.



Rtn. Reinhard Chiebeler, RC Rastatt, Baden-Baden delivers brief message, and afterwards **RCM Pres. Ebot Tan** placed a Rotary Pin as a token of memento.



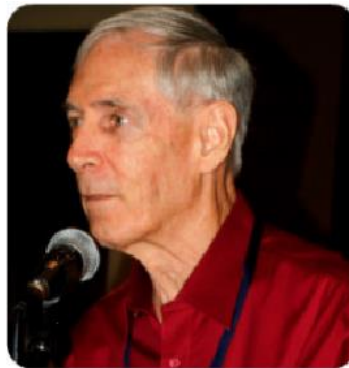
RCM Pres. Ebot Tan and RCFP Pres. Tedjie Herbosa report on their respective club activities during the President's Time.



Rtn. Tong Payumo does the honor and pleasure of introducing **Rtn. Architect Felino A. Palafox, Jr.**, Principal Architect / Urban Planner / Founder, PALAFOX Associates, as guest of honor & speaker.



Arch. Felino "Jun" A. Palafox, Jr., Principal Architect, Urban Planner and Founder of PALAFOX Associates, spoke before Manila Rotarians, Forbes Park Rotarians, Visiting Rotarians and guests on the different urban systems and their impact on the Philippine landscape.



An interactive public forum followed suit post the speech of **Rtn. Architect Felino A. Palafox, Jr.**



RCM Pres. Ebot Tan presents to **Rtn. Architect Felino A. Palafox, Jr.**, a religious icon of Jesus Christ and Mother and Child, followed by **RCFP Pres. Tedjie Herbosa**, for the respective clubs' token of appreciation to the guest of honor and speaker.

INTERCLUB ACTIVITIES



Rotary Club of Manila Metro Induction held last Aug. 11, 2015 at Hyatt Hotel Manila. In photo are: Catherine Piczon, Ian Tong, Andrew Co, Benedicta Du-Baladad and AG/IPP Frank Evaristo.



Rotary Club of Raha Sulayman Manila 41st Induction held last Aug. 12, 2015 at Sole Mare Park Suites, Pasay City with WCP Kenneth Russell Yee, District Governor Obet Pagdanganan as guest speaker, COS Rudy Bediones and AG IPP Frank Evaristo. Also in photo are Erwin Serrano, PDG Edmond Aguilar, John Sy, BCP Andrew Co and Ricky Valdes.



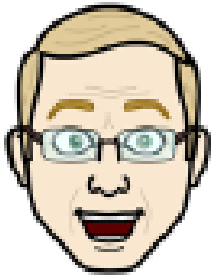
RC Manila 101 Induction held at Cultural Center at 6:30pm, August 16, 2015. From left WCP Gally Santana, RC Panday Pira, PDG Edmond Aguilar, AG/IPP Frank Evaristo and Pres. Ebot Tan.



RC Manila 101 Induction. With **PDG Edmond Aguilar**, **DG Obet Pagdanganan**, **RI PE John** and **Spouse Judy Germ**, **AG/IPP Frank Evaristo**, **Dolly Velouanang**, **Bing Seagull** and **Ernesto Y. Choa**.



Rotary Club of Manila 101 Induction held last Sunday August 16, 2015 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.. Photo shows **Pres Ebot Tan** with the **World Class Presidents** during fellowship time after the induction.



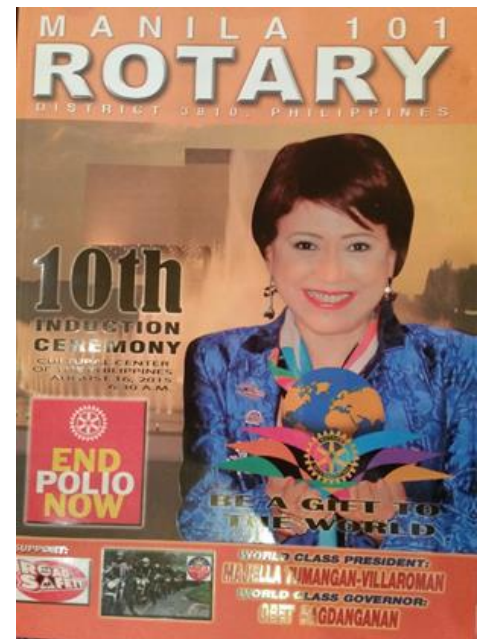
Early morning call to duty: a most unusual and spectacular turnover and induction By **PVP Lance Masters**

Philippine Rotary Club induction and turnover events follow a very traditional format. A club holds a meeting either at the usual appointed time and place or in the evening at a special function hall such as a hotel ballroom. In both versions, many invited guests, including district officers and leadership teams, the current and past district governors, presidents of other clubs in the district, special family and friends of the incoming president, and perhaps additional dignitaries join the club members to solemnize the obligations of the incoming club officers and board, and to celebrate and enjoy a special fellowship.

However, there are exceptions to every rule. In a first for District 3810, the 10th Turnover and Induction of RC Manila 101 actually began at 6:30 a.m.(!), meaning many of us had only a couple of hours of sleep, having participated not only in a full day-long Rotary seminar the previous day, but also several social functions the previous evening. Fortunately, popular caffeinated beverages were flowing freely. The Cultural Center of the Philippines was the venue. MMDA closed all the adjacent roads (i.e. Roxas Blvd) to all traffic for special function, making access challenging for program participants. The induction was held outside the main entrance on the CCP driveway. Yes, it was very hot with the morning sun blazing down on all. Governor Obet Pagdanganan conducted the induction of WCP Majella Tumangan Villaroman and the entire incoming leadership team of officers and directors. Senator Cynthia Villar, MMDA Chairman Francis Tolentino, and – even more special – RIPE John Germ, with RI Director Guiller Tumangan (Majella's uncle), and Majella's mom, 101's charter president Tess Tumangan administered the oaths of office.

RC Manila 101 is fostering at least one initiative in each of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus, plus at least one Road Safety initiative in response to Governor Obet's challenge. The first phase of their Road Safety program included more than 200 motorcycles and their riders from the Vespa Riders Association, the BMW Motorcycle Rider's Club, the Motorcycle Association of the Philippine bikers, and Women Firefighters cyclists, all of whom took a Road Safety oath administered by MMDA Chairman Francis Tolentino, along with Philippines Global Road Safety Partnership Executive Director John Susaning. Then the motorcycles paraded past the assembly and drove off, not into the sunset, but into the sunrise. I hope that the promises they made will actually mean something to them and we will have at least a few more thoughtful motorcyclists in metro Manila. Everybody went back inside, grateful to sit down in the air-conditioned lobby. However, we did not sit for long. WCP Majella called us to order and all arose for the invocation, the singing of the national anthems of the United States (RIPE Germ is an American) and the Philippines, and the very upbeat club hymn. We sat back down and PDG Ed Tumangan, Majella's father, introduced a hearty list of dignitaries, including Senator Cynthia Villar, three Congressmen and women, MMDA Chairman Francis Tolentino, Makati Mayor Kid Pena, Philippines Global Road Safety Partnership Executive Director Eng. John Susaning, DOH Secretary Dr. Eric Tayag, 101 past president Manny Pacquiao was mentioned (but not actually there), Philippines Red Cross Executive Secretary Dr. Gwen Pang, District Governor Obet Pagdanganan, PDG Edmond Aguilar, PDG Karen Lee Tamayo, PDG Ernesto Y. Choa, PDG Connie Beltran, PDG Ed Tumangan, PDG Eduardo Alvarez, Chief of Staff Rudy Bediones, District Secretary Dolly Velouanang, DGE Ernesto Yuyek, and DGN Loy Cosico. Many additional district officials and World Class Presidents were recognized, including our own President Ebot Tan.

WCP Majella deftly used a PowerPoint presentation to address 101's commitment to "Be a Gift to the World," with their initiatives in each of the six areas of focus. Ten new members were inducted by Gov Obet, including 101's youngest, a true "baby" Rotarian at only 21 years of age! Then PDG District Rotary Foundation Chair Paco Atayde introduced the Paul Harris major donors. These included Majella, who has only been a member of the club a little more than a year, having repatriated after many years in the San Francisco Bay area. She is a true FilAm, with dual citizenship. The club launched its "End Polio Now" program, including recognition of special End Polio donors by SDG PP Liza Elorde (Chair of the club's TRF committee). RIPE Germ gave a keynote address, and it was not the same as the keynote from Thursday night! This speech was very adaptive to what he had already experienced on this trip and especially that morning so far. The club gave him a special token



of appreciation: a beautiful Castrillo bronze tabletop sculpture. All of the Manila 101 members present then sang along and danced to "Happy." Rahms Ciriaco recorded a video of that performance and I shared it to my Facebook feed, so you can watch it there. RIPE Germ and RID Director Tumangan departed for Tarlac for a D3770 event, passing through the Rotary Mobile eLearning van on the way.

Senator Villar gave her usual address on Environment, Climate Change, and Livelihood Projects. If you ever heard her speak before, you already know exactly what she said. The Mobile eLearning Computer English Comprehension Vocational Training project mentioned earlier is a TRF Global Grant in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Sarasota (Florida), represented by PDG Richard Rehmeier, President Vicente Medina and prominent ophthalmologist Dr. Icasiano Santos, who has conducted many vision camps and Rotary eye surgery missions. RC 101's flagship "Education in Motion" program recognized the ten top schools and teachers from the last year. A club sisterhood agreement was executed between 101 and Sarasota.

The meeting concluded with a brief address by Governor Obet. It was brief because the program was running more than ninety minutes over. As is often our practice, a fellowship followed with singing and dancing. Later there was an after party attended by some of the district officers and some of the WCP's including, of course, Presidents Majella and Ebot.

Overall, it was a very extraordinary induction and turnover. Manila 101 is a very different club from ours, demonstrating the diversity of clubs, formats, programs, priorities, activities and memberships. RCM was represented by Gov Obet Pagdanganan, President Ebot Tan, PP/COS Rudy Bediones, PP/AG Frank Evaristo, PP Cesar Ubaldo, and yours truly, PVP/TRF Co-Chair Lance Masters.

DISTRICT 3810 PUBLIC RELATIONS SEMINAR



MANILA ROTARIANS ATTEND DISTRICT 3810 PR SEMINAR

IDCoS/ISDG/PD/IPS Albert Alday, PVP Lance Masters, AG/IPP Frank Evaristo and President Ebot Tan attended the DISTRICT 3810 PUBLIC RELATIONS SEMINAR with the theme, "Opening Possibilities. Getting Out of the Nutshell." at the Grand Ballroom of The Heritage Hotel in Pasay City last August 15, 2015. Also present during this event were CoS/PP Rudy Bediones and DG/PP Obet Pagdanganan. The seminar was hosted by the Rotary Club of Manila Midtown led by WCP Teody Hidalgo where our club, the Rotary Club of Manila, the First in Asia, was among the thirty-four (34) Co-Host clubs. The whole day event featured different topics of interest in public relations such as "PR in Rotary Through The Years" by District 3820 PDG Consuelo "Chit" Lijauco, "Communicating In This Age" by Mr. Lito Pagayon, "PR That Works!" by Ms. Ruby Paurom, "The Message and The Medium" by Ms. Malou Tiquia, "Social Media 101" by Rotary Club of Makati Dasmariñas Rtn. JP dela Vega and "Strengthening the Rotary Brand" by District 3810 PDG Lyne Abanilla. A special feature of the seminar was a discussion on the protocols with respect to the use of the Rotary logo which was discussed by our former Manila Rotaractor, PDRR and Rotary Club of Manila Magic CP Charlie Chua, the Editor-In-Chief of the GML for Rotary Year 2015-2016. The event was a well-attended affair with around one hundred forty (140) Rotarians from around the district in attendance.



WELCOME DINNER & FELLOWSHIP



Welcome Dinner & Fellowship for Rotary President Elect John Germ & Spouse Judy

By PVP Lance Masters

Last Thursday evening, August 13, five of the Philippines' Rotary Districts joined hands to host and welcome RIPE John Germ and spouse Judy. The photo shows him helping to administer the anti-polio vaccine; just two drops to prevent the disease. RIPE John has served Rotary and been a gift to the world as the current Chair of the International PolioPlus campaign. Before he headed the USD\$200 million challenge, he chaired the TRF Investment Committee and Finance Committee, has been Vice Chair of the Bangkok Convention Committee, Vice Chair of TRF Stewardship Committee, Chair of the nominating committee, Chair of the Council on Legislation, and International Training Leader. He is a Past RID Director, PDG and PP of his home club RC Chattanooga Downtown. A responsible steward of the gifts bestowed upon him, he is a member of the Arch Klump Society, giving very generously of his time, talent and treasure. Of course, his service extends well beyond Rotary; he has been a prominent civic leader in Tennessee for decades with service to University of Tennessee Chattanooga, Public Education, Blood Assurance, Orange Grove Center, Past President of Tennessee Jaycees, received the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award, United Way Campaign Chairperson, Junior Achievement, Chamber of Commerce and many more. Perhaps most notable among numerous recognitions is that President Obama recognized him as one of only twelve *Champions of Change* in 2013. In hearing his speeches, it was easy to understand his nomination to serve as our international leader: He has the knowhow, the experience (in business and in service; he is the Chairman of a major international engineering consulting firm), and most importantly an inspirational passion to lead Rotary to greater accomplishments.

As loyal Rotarians, almost every Rotarian who heard that the next President of Rotary International would be here in the Philippines wanted to attend the welcoming dinner. Originally designed and promoted only to Presidents-elect, District Governors-Elect and others who will be in office during RIPE Germ's term, Past District Governors and select

current leadership executives, the event was quickly over-subscribed when it was announced that the entertainment for the evening would be the Grand Champions of "Asia's Got Talent," the phenomenal shadow dancing group *El Gamma Penumbra*, twelve men from Tanauan, their home town in the province of Batangas.

Even before the crowd of more than 500 in the Main Hall of our Polo Club of Manila were called to order by each of the five World Class Governors, the lights were dimmed and we were treated to El Gamma Penumbra's now famous "Pillin Mo Ang Pilipinas," originally produced for the Department of Tourism and seen globally during the finals of the television competition. As amazing as it had been to watch on television, it was even more compelling in person. The

crowd shrieked in delight, applauded many times during the performance, so proud of the Philippines, and so astonished by the artistic interpretations and emotional messages communicated through the dance skits.

Following the introductory number, D3810 Governor Obet Pagdanganan called the assembly to order, followed in turn by D3830 Gov Pepito Bengzon, D3850 Gov Oliver Ong, D3860 Gov Buddy Estudillo, and D3870 Gov Leopoldo Ochoa. Following the invocation, the national anthems of the United States and the Philippines were led and sung by our very own Rotary Club of Manila "World Famous Chorale," including Pres Ebot Tan, PDG Vince Carlos, PDG Alex Cureg, PP Babes Reyes, PP Cesar Ubaldo, IPP Frank Evaristo, PP/COS Rudy Bediones, VP Teddy Ocampo, Dir Bobby Joseph, Dir Ning Lopez, Dir Amading



Valdez, Dir Oscar del Rosario, AS Alvin Lacambacal, PVP/TRF Co-Chair Lance Masters, PT Jim Chua, PD/Alay Lakad and Balita Chair Albert Alday, PD Beda Fajardo, PS Gus Fajardo, PD Nick Locsin, PDSAA Tony Lopa, PD Ner Lonzaga, Rtn Steve Dekrey and Rtn Geof Yu. Spouses in attendance included Anna Cureg, Veronica Dekrey and Cathryna Lacambacal.

Dignitaries were acknowledged (at least 200 by name), and a roll call of districts (with much noise making by our D3810 group of more than 100). RI Director Guiller Tumangan gave a message and dinner was served. As we finished our supper, D3850 presented an Ethnic Dance, D3810 CP Chock Encabo sang a couple of songs (great voice!), and the D3810 "Dream Girls" presented a song and dance routine.



Part two of the evening was an El Gamma Penumbra specially commissioned original interpretative dance celebrating Fil-Am Friendship and Rotary History. I posted a brief video on my Facebook and invite you to experience it yourself – it filled our hearts with pride in Rotary and I saw several people wipe away a few tears of joy.

RIPE John Germ gave a powerful and inspirational keynote speech. At the conclusion of the formal program, of course almost everyone wanted to have pictures taken with the RIPE. The photo session included thirteen groups plus scores of individual, club and special teams. Entertainment followed but, frankly, this writer was ready to sleep, needing to arise early the next morning for the District Public Image Seminar, reported on elsewhere in this Balita. It was a privilege for our club and "World Famous" to attend and participate in the program. You're invited to come and sing along with us, in what I think is the best and most active fellowship in our club. Sit with us; stand and sing with us! Have fun in Rotary with the "World Famous Chorale!"





The national anthems of the United States and the Philippines were led and sung by Rotary Club of Manila "World Famous Chorale".

ALAY LAKAD 2015



August 20, 2015

Circular to all **RCM Members**
Subject: Alay Lakad 2015

Dear Fellow **Rotarians**,

The Alay Lakad Foundation, Inc., our partner in service to the youth sector of society, will be marking its 43rd Anniversary this 2015. Since its inception in 1972, Alay Lakad has continuously gained the unstinted support of the Filipino public as demonstrated by thousands of walkers who participate in the nationwide activity every first Sunday of September. This year's Alay Lakad will be held on September 6, 2015, Sunday, 8:00AM, at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila. The objective of the walk is to raise funds for the out-of-school and marginalized youth. This year's theme is ***"Alay Lakad Para Sa Magandang Kinabukasan."***

The Kiwanis International Philippines Luzon District will chair this year's National Coordinating Committee under the leadership of its Governor, Atty. Melvin Mendoza with Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. as vice-chair headed by President Angel Ngu.

The Alay Lakad is dedicated to assist the government in enabling and empowering the youth, especially, the out-of-school youth, to become productive and responsible citizens. Raising funds through "walking" was conceptualized by the late DSWD Secretary Dr. Estefania Aldaba Lim to enable the OSY's to go to school through scholarship programs, educational assistance and skills and livelihood trainings to improve their way of life.

To sustain this effort, we need the support of other organizations and individuals who share our commitment and dedication to help the Filipino youth. Through these years, Rotary International District 3810, presently, under the governorship of our very own Past President / District Governor Obet Pagdanganan, is one of the avid supporters of this walk-for-a-cause to benefit the marginalized youth, especially, the out-of-school youth.

With the yearly funds that Alay Lakad generates from the walkers, it has already provided more than 70,000 educational grants, assistance and livelihood opportunities to the out-of-school youth for the improvement of their quality of life. To sustain this effort, we need the support of other organizations and individuals who share our commitment and dedication to help the Filipino youth.

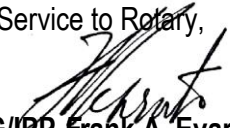
Our Rotary Club of Manila, being the "First in Asia", with the invaluable support of our youth organizations – Rotaract Clubs of Manila and De La Salle University Manila, will again take an active part in this endeavor.

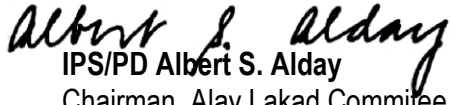
As an added incentive to those who will participate in the walk-for-a-cause, t-shirts will be provided for free courtesy of your Alay Lakad Chairman and complimentary breakfast will be hosted by fellow Rotarian Enrique "Rickie" Y. Yap, Jr. at the Manila Hotel after the program.

Your support and active participation in this worthwhile endeavor will be highly appreciated.

Kindly fill-up early the **REPLY FORM** and send to us via email : rcmanila@rcmanila.org or fax : 527-1885 **on or before August 27 to enable us to prepare & distribute in advance the t-shirts for the participants on September 6, Sunday.**

In Service to Rotary,


AG/IPP Frank A. Evaristo
President, Alay Lakad Foundation, Inc.


IPS/PD Albert S. Alday
Chairman, Alay Lakad Committee
Rotary Club of Manila

REPLY FORM

Attention :

AG/IPP Frank A. Evaristo
President, Alay Lakad Foundation, Inc.

IPS/PD Albert S. Alday
Chairman, Alay Lakad Committee
Rotary Club of Manila

Subject : Alay Lakad 2015, September 6, Sunday
Assembly Time: 5:30 AM SHARP, Planetarium

- ☐ YES, I am joining.
☐ With Family Members &/or Guests

T-Shirt Size	Quantity
☐ 3 XL	_____
☐ 2 XL	_____
☐ XL	_____
☐ Large	_____
☐ Medium	_____
☐ Small	_____

NAME OF MEMBER IN PRINT & SIGNATURE

DATE

ELECTION BOD RY 2016-2017

August 18, 2015

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Please be informed of the following when we prepare to elect for our Directors for the Board for RY 2016-2017 on

Thursday – SEPTEMBER 3, 2015:
ONE THIRD OF THE MEMBERSHIP

QUORUM:
QUALIFICATION TO VOTE and TO BE VOTED UPON

Candidates / Nominees:

MEMBERSHIP DUES (at least one semester's full membership dues or Php 12,500.00) AND FULL PAYMENT OF OTHER CLUB ACTIVITY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS PAID UP TO DATE **AUGUST 27, 2015**

Electorate: MEMBERSHIP DUES (at least one semester's full membership dues or Php 12,500.00) not later than **AUGUST 27, 2015.**

ELECTION MANUAL Section on Nomination Rules (G):

"Members nominated (and not disqualified for some reason or other) may decline their nomination for valid reason(s). The decision to decline or to accept the nomination should be made in writing and addressed to the Chairman of the Election Committee. However, failure to reply by the nominated member not later than ten (10) days before the Election Day may be regarded by the Election Committee as acceptance of the nomination and as agreement to stand for election to the incoming Board .

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR ACCEPTANCE
OR OTHERWISE OF THE NOMINATION:**

AUGUST 27, 2015

List of nominees for the Board of Directors of Rotary Year 2016-2017 as of August 19, 2015

- (1) Dir. Jesus M. Pineda
- (2) PD Beda Fajardo
- (3) PD John Cenica
- (4) VP Teodoro J. Ocampo
- (5) Rtn Arthur M. Lopez
- (6) Rtn Babe Romualdez
- (7) Dir. Issam Eldebs
- (8) Dir Amado D. Valdez
- (9) Dir. Robert L. Joseph
- (10) Dir. Mariano B. Lopez
- (11) Dir. Oscar del Rosario
- (12) Treas. Felix Francisco Zaldarriaga
- (13) DSAA Jaime M. Cabase
- (14) AS Alvin Lacambacal
- (15) Rtn Jack Bautista
- (16) Rtn Avenilo Aventura, Jr.
- (17) PD Robert M. Sears
- (18) PDSAA Antonio A. Lopa
- (19) PD Arsenio Z. Locsin
- (20) Rtn Wilfredo M. Pelino
- (21) IPT Hector O. Tagaysay
- (22) Rtn John Emyl Eugenio
- (23) Rtn Brendan Egan
- (24) PD Patricio F. Pineda, Jr.
- (25) PS Augusto Z. Fajardo
- (26) Rtn Antonio S. Lopez
- (27) PSAA Gunter Matschuck
- (28) PAS Conrado Topacio
- (29) PD Phillip Ong
- (30) Rtn Herminio S. Esguerra
- (31) PD Albert S. Alday
- (32) PT Joselito sibayan
- (33) PVP Lance Masters
- (34) PD Jose Policarpio, Jr.

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PP FRANCIS JUICO
Co Chairman

IPP FRANK EVARISTO
Chairman

PP CESAR UBALDO
Co Chairman

CLUB PRESS RELEASE



Oh yes, it's
Johnny!

by JOHNNY LITTON



THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015

Charity begets charity



The lovely socialite and active philanthropist **Tessie Amparo** recently hosted a luncheon for her friends who have been supporting her advocacies. Leave it to Tessie to make a thoughtful gesture of thanks to those who extended their help at her charitable events.

By the way, Tessie, the Inner Wheel Club of Manila (IWCM) president, received the Outstanding Leadership and Community Service award recently. She also received, on behalf of her club, the much-coveted Hall of Fame and International awards.

Congratulations, Tessie!

(From left) Tessie Amparo, Frank and Annabelle Adriano with Frank Evaristo.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015

Inside Track

Rotary International District 3810 governor-elect Ernesto Yuyek and wife Ana led the hosting of a dinner fellowship in honor of Rotary International president-elect John Germ and his wife Judy at the Manila Polo Club in Makati City last Aug. 13. Germ, an engineer by profession, has been a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga since 1976 and has served Rotary International in various capacities. He is a recipient of Rotary's Service Above Self Award, The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife are both members of the distinguished Arch Klumph Society of Rotary International.



PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION AND CHILD CARE



CYBERBULLYING (What can parents do about it?)

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

Classes in the big universities have just started. This means that bullies and mean girls are once again around or inside the campus. They do the nasty activities in person, and in recent years, the digital advancement or the cyber world has given them a new platform. Now they're bullies in the real-world and online. The consequences are the same. Name-calling, labeling, and threatening, whether in person or through FACEBOOK, TUMBLR, TWEETER, internet chat, emails, text messages, or other digital connections and transmissions, as well as through social media, have the same serious consequences to the bullied kid or teen.

What is cyberbullying?

This is a modern type of bullying. The bully uses technology to harass, threaten, embarrass, or target another person. It occurs among young people. When an adult is involved, it may be considered as *cyber-harassment* or *cyberstalking*. Sometimes cyberbullying can be naïve or unintentional. However, one person's joke could be another's hurtful insult. Repeated pattern of emails, texts, and online posts is rarely accidental and may constitute cyberbullying.

Signs of cyberbullying

Sometimes cyberbullying is easy to spot. If your child shows you a text, tweet, or email that is harsh or mean, you may be able to detect the bully in the midst. Studies have shown that only a few of cyberbullying victims come out in the open to speak openly about their problems. Signs of cyberbullying include:

- Being emotionally upset during or after using the internet or the phone.
- Being secretive or protective about one's digital life.
- Withdrawal from family members, friends, and activities.
- Avoiding school or group gatherings.
- Slipping grades and "acting out" in anger at home.
- Changes in mood, behavior, sleep, or appetite.
- Wanting to stop using the computer or cellphone.
- Being nervous or jumpy when getting an instant message, text, or email.
- Avoiding discussions about computer or cellphone activities.

What parents can do

When you're pretty sure that your child is a victim of cyberbullying, offer comfort and support. Talk about your experiences about any bullying in school to make him feel that you can identify to his problem. Let him realize that it's not his fault. Electronically block the bully. Block his emails and text messages to your child. Limit your child's access to technology. Know your kids online world. Learn about ways to keep your kids safe online.

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