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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



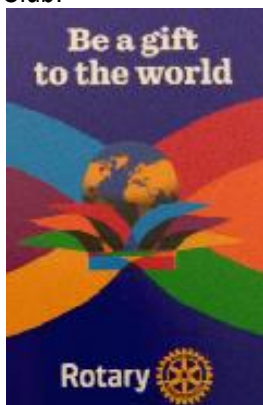
HON. SERGIO R. OSMEÑA III

Senator
Republic of the Philippines



KABALITA

With a Cebu pedigree noted for excellence in Philippine governance owing to a rich history in meaningful legislation, you are absolutely sure he's got what it takes to make an *eskapo* to victory in his reelection bid for a Senate seat in the 2016 National Elections as he makes the grade at Asia's First Rotary Club.



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RCM's 29th for RY 2015-16

February 11, 2016, Thursday, 12N, Manila Polo Club McKinley Room

OIC/Moderator: Rtn. Joel Valdes**P R O G R A M T I M E T A B L E****“Chinese New Year of Red Fire Monkey cum Valentines Fellowship —
A Joint Meeting Between Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) and Daughter
Rotary Club of Bagumbayan-Manila (RCBM)”**

11:30 PM	Registration & Cocktails	
12:25 PM	Bell to be Rung: Members and Guests are requested to be seated	Rtn. Joel Valdes OIC/Moderator
12:30 PM	Call to Order	RCM Pres. Ebot Tan; RCBM Pres. Wilson Ngie
	Singing of Republic of the Philippines National Anthem Invocation RCM Hymn The 4-Way Test Credo	RCM WF Music Chorale RCM PP Francis Juico RCM WF Music Chorale All Rotarians led by RCBM PD Wilbert Loa IPP Ian Tong RCBM
12:40 PM	Introduction of - -Guests and Visiting Rotarians -Personalities seated at the Head Table Welcome Song Special song numbers	RCM WF Music Chorale Ms. Lisa Cabahug, Soprano;
	Distribution of Tikoy, Special Gifts to RCMers', Guests and Rotary Anns courtesy of	PVP Manny Dy
1:00 PM	Maligayang Bati (Weekly RCM Birthday Celebrants) : Feb. 12...Rtn. Willy Lim; Feb. 14...Rtn. Val Araneta; Feb. 16...Rtn. Klaus Muller; Feb. 17...Rtn. Jun Aventura Happy Birthday Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
1:05 PM	President's Time	RCM Pres. Ebot Tan; RCBM Pres. Wilson Ngie
	“Mabuhay Toast for Chinese New Year of Red Fire Monkey” Wines courtesy of Dir. Bobby Joseph	
1:10 PM	Introduction of Guest of Honor and Speaker	Dir. Susing Pineda
	Address: Hon. Sergio R. Osmeña III Senator, Republic of the Philippines	
	Public Forum Raffle of cash prizes Response and presentation of token of appreciation to Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III	Dir. Bobby Joseph RCM Pres. Ebot Tan; RCBM Pres. Wilson Ngie
2:00 PM	Adjournment	

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

During last Thursday's general membership luncheon meeting, a promise to make Manila the "go to" place was the theme of Rep. Amado Bagatsing of the Fifth (5th) Congressional District of the City of Manila, who is vying for the mayoralty post of the City of Manila in the upcoming elections in May. The talk of Congressman Bagatsing elicited a lot of reactions from many Manila Rotarians, who engaged him in an animated exchange of ideas and opinions. Representative Bagatsing proposed that, with his plan to improve the conditions in the City of Manila, our Club should consider moving the venue of our regular Thursday luncheon membership meetings back to a venue within the City of Manila.

On news within our Club, the preparations for DISCON 2016 is hitting peak levels, and everyone within our Club is encouraged to do his share in ensuring that DISCON 2016 will be a success. Your DISCON 2016 Committee continues to meet on a weekly basis to update its members on the arrangements for the needed accommodations, venue, booths, and the souvenir program, as the day of reckoning fast approaches. Again, I encourage each and every Manila Rotarian to help in any way one can for us to be able to meet the target revenue collection so that we will be able to cover the expenses for the event.

On news from around the District, yesterday, 10 February 2016, several Manila Rotarians led by DG/PP Obet Pagdanganan, DGND/CoS/PP Rudy Bediones, ISDG/AG/IPP Frank Evaristo (in his capacity as Chairman of the Best Class Presidents), and ICoS/SDG/PP Cesar Ubaldo (in his capacity as Chairman of the Presidents 101) trooped to the Le Parc Event Hall along EDSA in Pasay City to attend the Past Presidents Council Fellowship, where the different groups of past Rotary Club Presidents met to develop closer rapport and relations. On Tuesday, 9 February 2016, I met with the Presidents of the various Rotary Clubs in Manila (we call ourselves the United Manila Rotary Clubs) to plan our presentation for DISCON 2016 and our contribution for the event. We also mapped out plans for our contribution and participation at the Valentine's Party organized by our very own DG Obet Pagdanganan for the children and elderly of the Hospicio de San Jose scheduled at 3:00pm this Friday, 12 February 2016. All Manila Rotarians are encouraged to attend this event and actively participate in the effort to uplift the lives of the children and elderly at the Hospicio de San Jose.

Today, we welcome as our Guest of Honor and Speaker, the Hon. Sergio R. Osmeña, III, Senator of the Republic of the Philippines, who will present his advocacies and the various laws he authored, co-authored, or otherwise supported, which have an impact on our economy and on the lives of our countrymen. We also hope to hear from him about his political plans in 2016 and in the future. The Rotary Club of Bagumbayan Manila will join us at this Joint Meeting of Rotary Clubs, which will also serve as a Chinese New Year cum Valentine's fellowship celebration.

Again, I encourage all Manila Rotarians to actively participate and support all of our Club's activities, programs, and projects and to submit the name of at least one good recruit for membership in our Club.

Mabuhay and Rotary Club of Manila!

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER'S PROFILE



PROFILE

"Making lives better."

Senator Serge Osmeña is currently the Chairman of the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies and the Committee on Energy.

Sen. Osmeña's legislative efforts have been focused on measures that would transform Philippine society into one that is kinder and gentler to all Filipinos, especially those who have less in life. He seeks to promote inclusive economic growth and help the poor escape from poverty through the creation of more jobs, lowering the costs of doing business, reducing the bureaucratic logjam and adopting international best practices.

Sen. Osmeña is a farmer and businessman by training.

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK GUEST SPEAKER

February 18, 2016, 12N, Manila Polo Club



Director-General LILIA DE LIMA

Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)

THE WEEK THAT WAS...



STAR Rtn. Caloy Reyes as OIC-Moderator directs the program of activities. Child as the club's token of appreciation for being the guest of honour and speaker.



PD Bebot Pineda delivers an ecumenical prayer.



OIC-Moderator **STAR Rtn. Caloy Reyes** introduces the guests, visiting Rotarians and personalities seated at the presidential table.



Dr./ Rtn. Caloy Buendia does the pleasure of introducing **Hon. Amado S. Bagatsing**, Representative, Fifth (5th) District, Manila, House of Representatives, Congress of the Philippines, as guest of honour & speaker.



Hon. Amado Bagatsing, Representative of the Fifth (5th) District of Manila, presented before Manila Rotarians, Visiting Rotarians and guests, his platform of government for the City of Manila if ever he is elected as Mayor.



An interactive public forum followed suit post the speech of Representative **Amado S. Bagatsing**.



Pres. Ebot Tan presents to Representative **Amado S. Bagatsing** a religious icon of Jesus Christ and Mother and Child as the club's token of appreciation for being the guest of honour and speaker.

RCM WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS



The week's birthday celebrants was led by no less than Pres. Ebot Tan with Rtn. **Cris Acosta** as they prepare for the traditional blowing of candle on the birthday cake amidst the singing by the **RCM World-Famous Chorale** of the happy birthday song.

RID3810 UNITED MANILA WCP MEETING



Meeting of RID 3810 United Manila WCPs - Feb. 09, 2016 — with Cosette Chua, Ramon Jr Ilustre, Wilson Lee Gan, Ronilda Brusas- Reluya, Maricor Malitao, Leo Vedan, Dan Taverner, DGN Rudy Bediones, Pres. Eusebio V. Tan, Flor Placido, Mona Liza T Argana, Susana De Jesus and Elizabeth Rapatan Wu.

DISCON 2016 REGISTRATION UPDATE

	NAME	Date of Payment	AMOUNT
1	DE ALBERT ALDAY	12.3.2015	3,500.00
2	PP ARCHIT BARTOLOME	1.21.2016	3,500.00
3	PT JIM CHUA	1.28.2016	3,500.00
4	DIR. OSCAR DEL ROSARIO	1.28.2016	3,500.00
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7	IPP/AG FRANK EVARISTO	1.12.2016	3,500.00
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9	PD NER LONZAGA	1.28.2016	3,500.00
10	DIR. NING LOPEZ	1.21.2016	3,500.00
11	PS BUTCH MARKING	1.7.2016	3,500.00
12	PVP LANCE MASTERS	1.7.2016	3,500.00
13	PE/VP TEDDY OCAMPO	1.21.2016	3,500.00
14	PD ABE PASCUAL	1.28.2016	3,500.00
15	PD BEBOT PINEDA	1.21.2016	3,500.00
16	PVP FAUSTO PREYSLER	2.9.2016	3,500.00
17	PD JIMMIE POLICARPIO	1.21.2016	3,500.00
18	PP BABES REYES	1.27.2016	3,500.00
19	SAA DAVE REYNOLDS	1.18.2016	3,500.00
20	SEC. GEORGE SALAZAR	1.28.2016	3,500.00
21	PT CHITO TAGAYSAY	1.28.2016	3,500.00
22	PRES. EDOT TAN	1.21.2016	3,500.00
23	PP CESAR UBALDO	2.4.2016	3,500.00
24	DIR. AMADING VALDEZ	1.21.2016	3,500.00
25	TREAS. CHITO ZALDARRIAGA	1.8.2016	3,500.00
26	PP BENNY LAGUESMA	Commitment	
27	PP ED REYES	Commitment	
28	RTN. JUN BELLA	Commitment	
	PD BEDA FAJARDO	Commitment	
	RIN.	Commitment	
		Subtotal	87,500.00
	RC Bagumbayan	Subtotal	126,500.00
	RC Pasay Silangan(Commitment)	Subtotal	35,000.00
	RC Chinatown		35,000.00
	TOTAL		284,000.00

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As of Feb 9, 2016

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16 DT Roxa Lim	Half Page	5,000.00				
17 RC Chinatown	Inside Full Page	10,000.00				
18 KID 3810 United Manila Team	Inside Full Page	10,000.00				
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		190,000.00				
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						10,000.00

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



PDG VINCE CARLOS

Mobile phone etiquette

After a tiring day, a commuter settled down in his seat and closed his eyes. As the train rolled out of the station, a woman sitting next to him pulled out her mobile phone. She started talking in a loud voice: "Hi sweetheart. It's Sue. I'm on the train".

"Yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting. No, honey, not with that Kevin from the accounting office. It was with the boss. No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life. Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart!" Fifteen minutes later, she was still talking loudly. When the man sitting next to her had enough, he leaned over and said into the phone, "Sue, hang up the phone and come back to bed."

Sue doesn't use her mobile phone in public any longer.

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The Confession

Hi Bob, This is Alan next door. I am sorry buddy, but I have a confession to make to you. I've been riddled with guilt these past few months and have been trying to pluck up the courage to tell you to your face, but I am at least now telling in text as I can't live with myself a moment longer without you knowing. The truth is, I have been sharing your wife, day and night when you're not around. In fact, probably more than you. I haven't been getting it at home recently, but that's no excuse I know. The temptation was just too much....I can no longer live with the guilt and I hope you will accept my sincerest apologies and forgive me. I promise that it won't happen again. Please come up with a fee for usage, and I'll pay you.

Regards, Alan.

THE ACTIONS

Bob, feeling insulted and betrayed, grabbed his gun, and shot his neighbour dead. He returned home where he poured himself a stiff drink and sat down on the sofa. He took out his phone where he saw he had a subsequent message from his neighbour.

THE SECOND MESSAGE:

Hi Bob, this is Alan next door again. Sorry about the slight typo on my last text. I expect you worked it out anyway, but as I'm sure you noticed that my Autocorrect changed "Wi-Fi" to Wife". Technology hey?!? Hope you saw the funny side of that.

Regards, Alan.

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Mother of all Jihadist jokes

Two Middle East mothers are sitting in a cafe chatting over a plate of tabouli and a pint of goat's milk. The older of the two pulls a small folder out of her handbag and starts flipping through photos. They start reminiscing. "This is my oldest son, Mujibar. He would have been 24 years old now." "Yes, I remember him as a baby." says the other mother cheerfully. "He's a martyr now though." the mother confides. "Oh, so sad dear..." says the other. "And this is my second son, Khalid. He would have been 21." "Oh, I remember him," says the other happily, "he had such curly hair when he was born." "He's a martyr too..." says the mother quietly. "Oh, gracious me..." says the other. "And this is my third son. My baby. My beautiful Ahmed. He would have been 18", she whispers. "Yes," says the friend enthusiastically, "I remember when he first started school..." "He's a martyr also," says the

mother, with tears in her eyes. After a pause and a deep sigh, the second Muslim mother looks wistfully at the photographs and, searching for the right words, says... "They blow up so fast, don't they?"

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Two Coffees in Heaven!

Having died and unexpectedly arrived at the Gates of Heaven, Barrack Hussein Obama meets a man with a beard. 'Are you Mohamed?' he asks.

'No my son, I am Saint Peter; Mohamed is higher up.' Peter then points to a ladder that rises into the clouds. Delighted that Mohamed should be higher than St. Peter, Obama climbs the ladder in great strides, climbs up through the clouds and comes into a room where he meets another bearded man. He asks again, 'Are you Mohamed?' 'Why no,' the bearded man answers, 'I am Moses; Mohamed is higher still.' Exhausted, but with a heart full of joy, Obama climbs the ladder yet again. He discovers a larger room where he meets an angelic, a divine looking man with a beard. Full of hope, he asks again, 'Are you Mohamed?' 'No, I am Jesus, the Christ, the Nazarene; you will find Mohamed higher up.' Mohamed higher than Jesus! Man, oh man! Obama can hardly contain his delight and climbs and climbs ever higher.

Once again, he reaches an even larger room where he meets this truly magnificent looking man with a silver white beard and once again repeats his question: 'Are you Mohamed?' he gasps as he is by now, totally out of breath from all his climbing. 'No, my son, I am Almighty God, the Alpha and the Omega, but you look exhausted. Would you like a cup of coffee?' Obama says, 'Yes, please!' As God looks behind him, he claps his hands and yells out: 'Hey, Mohamed, two coffees!'

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Stop or Slow Down

A lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by a Sheriff's Deputy. He thinks that he is smarter than the Deputy because he is sure that he has a better education. He decides to prove this to himself and have some fun at the deputy's expense. Deputy says, "License and registration, please."

Lawyer says, "What for?" Deputy says, "You didn't come to a complete stop at the stop sign."

Lawyer says, "I slowed down, and no one was coming." Deputy says, "You still didn't come to a complete stop. License and registration, please."

Lawyer says, "What's the difference?" Deputy says, "The difference is, you have to come to a complete stop, that's the law. License and registration, please!"

Lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration and you give me the ticket, if not you let me go and no tickets." Deputy says, "Exit your vehicle, sir."

At this point, the Deputy takes out his nightstick and starts beating the ever-loving crap out of the Lawyer and says: "DO YOU WANT ME TO STOP OR JUST SLOW DOWN?"

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Nurses (usually) don't laugh

"Of course I won't laugh", said the nurse to the patient, "I'm a professional. In over twenty years I've never laughed at a patient. "Okay then," said Bob, and he proceeded to drop his trousers, revealing the smallest adult male organ the nurse had ever seen in her life. In length and width it was almost identical to AAA battery. Unable to control herself, the nurse tried to stop a giggle, but it just came out. And then she started laughing at the fact that she, was laughing. Feeling very badly that she had laughed at the man's private part, she composed herself as well as she could. "I am so sorry," she said, "I don't know what came over me. On my honor as a nurse and a lady, I promise that it won't happen again. Now, tell me, what seems to be the problem?" "It's swollen," Bob replied. She ran out of the room.

PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION AND CHILD CARE



LOVE, KINDNESS, CARING AND RESPECT FOR WOMEN (Valentine's Day 2016)

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

"To call woman the weaker sex is libel; it is man's injustice to woman. If by strength is meant brute strength, then, indeed, is woman less brute than man. If by strength is meant moral power, then woman is immeasurably man's superior. Has she not greater intuition, is she not more self-sacrificing, has she not greater powers of endurance, has she not greater courage? Without her, man could not be. If nonviolence is the law of our being, the future is with woman. Who can make a more effective appeal to the heart than woman?" **Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948), Leader of the Indian independence movement in British-ruled India, through nonviolence**

It's just a few days before February 14. This is my Valentine's Day article and it has a little story to it. There are many times during the year when I drive myself through the stretch of South Luzon Expressway and in several of those numerous occasions, I always get a chance to read a poster inside the men's room in one of the gas stations along the highway. The poster, I suppose, is addressed to women; but maybe it was posted inside the male restroom to remind men about love, kindness, respect, and caring for women. In the latter part of last year, I brought my camera with me and took a picture of the poster. I purposely saved the picture in my camera to serve as my guide for this year's "Love Day" article. The poster is simple but it sends out an important impact and reminder for all of us – men, women, boys and girls. Let's all have a fun and memorable Valentine's Day.

EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT

1. To good and quality education.
2. To comprehensive health services, including family planning.
3. To access loans and other financial credit.
4. To join leisure, sports, and cultural activities.
5. To decide on the number of children and on the number of years between pregnancies.
6. To shared parenting responsibilities.
7. To have equal access to jobs, benefits, and social security.
8. To be paid equally based on the work she does.
9. To be free from all forms of violence: physical, sexual, emotional, verbal, mental, and economic.
10. To be free from all forms of slavery and prostitution.
11. To vote, run for election, and hold public office.
12. To represent the country internationally.
13. To acquire, change or retain nationality and citizenship.

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