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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



HON. RAFAEL M. ALUNAN, III
Former Secretary,
Department of Interior and Local Government
Former Secretary, Department of Tourism
Member, Rotary Club of Manila, the First in Asia

KABALITA

Making a pitch for Marawi's welfare is every Filipino's concern. Let our very own Travel Bug and LGU Whiz bring us the real score in Marawi's favor at Asia's First Rotary Club.

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RCM's 2nd for Rotary Year 2017-2018

July 13, 2017, Thursday, 12Noon, New World Makati Hotel Ballroom

OIC/Moderator: Rtn. "Joel" Valdes**P R O G R A M T I M E T A B L E**

11:30 AM	Registration & Cocktails	
12:25 PM	Bell to be Rung: Members and Guests are requested to be seated by OIC/Moderator :	Rtn. "Joel" Valdes
12:30 PM	Call to Order Singing of Republic of the Philippines National Anthem Invocation RCM Hymn The 4-Way Test Credo	Pres. "Jimmie" Policarpio RCM WF Music Chorale Rtn. Marcus Dee RCM WF Music Chorale All Rotarians led by STAR Rtn. "Ray" Rysbergen
12:35 PM	Introduction of - -Guests, Visiting Rotarians & Personalities at the Head Table Welcome Song	PD "Eric" Severino RCM WF Music Chorale
12:40 PM	Happy Birthday (Birthday Celebrants) July 2..... Rtn. "Marcus" Dee; July 3..... PD "Armie" Aquino; July 4..... PD "Eric" Severino; July 13..... Rtn. "Joel" Valdes; July 14..... DGE "Rudy" Bediones; July 15..... PAT "Muhammad" Aslam, PIA "Ric" Roqueza; July 17..... Rtn. "Jack" Branellec; July 19..... PDG "Obet" Pagdanganan Happy Birthday Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:45 PM	President's Time	Pres. "Jimmie" Policarpio
12:50 PM	Introduction of the Guest of Honor & Speaker Address: Hon. Rafael M. Alunan III Former Secretary, Department of Interior and Local Government; Former Secretary, Department of Tourism; Member, Rotary Club of Manila Public Forum Presentation of token of appreciation to Rtn. Rafael M. Alunan III	PD "Jess" Santos Pres. "Jimmie" Policarpio
2:00 PM	Response and Adjournment	Pres. "Jimmie" Policarpio

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



- July 8, 2017 - Attended the Rotary Club of Manila Centennial Committee (RCMCC) Strategic Planning at the Wine Museum of Dir. Bobby Joseph in Pasay City
- The facilitator was Agnes Sarthou, Ph.D.
 - This was attended by many Manila Rotarian Leaders and members aside from myself, namely, RCMCC Chair PDG Obet Pagdanganan, RCMCC Co-Chair DGE Rudy Bediones, RCMCC Coffee Table Book Editorial Chair PP Boy Ampil, RCMCC Commemorative Stamp Chair PP Banit Caasi, IPP Teddy Ocampo, RCMCC PR/Media Chair PP Frank Evaristo, RCMCC Co-Chair PP Ebot Tan, RCMCC Diorama and Photography Subcommittee Chair Dir. Susing Pineda, RCMCC Ways and Means Subcommittee Chair PP Boy Guevara, RCMCC Treasurer IPAT Hermie Esguerra, RCMCC Community Projects Chair Rtn. Romy Nones, RCMCC PR/Media Co-Chair VP Chito Zaldariga, RCMCC Coffee Table Book Member Rtn. Emyl Eugenio and Rtn. Thad Liamzon
 - Proposed Themes were drawn up
 - Activities were laid down for the big celebration
- July 10, 2017 - Made television guesting together with PDG Obet Pagdanganan at Biznews Asia show hosted by Rtn. Tony Lopez and Elizabeth Lee
- This was aired over People's Television 4
 - We discussed the roles of Rotary in the Philippines and Asia's First Rotary Club in the propagation of the Rotary movement in the country as well as the projects we are involved in as we approach our centennial
- July 11, 2017 - DGE Rudy Bediones and IPCoS/PP Cesar Ubaldo attended the 9th Handover and Induction Ceremonies at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila where my classmate, Great President Alicia Panerio, was inducted as President for RY 2017-2018
- July 13, 2017 - Rtn. Raffy Alunan is our Guest of Honor and Speaker. He will speak on the Marawi Joint Project.

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Rtn. Rafael M. “Raffy” Alunan III

Former Secretary, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)

Former Secretary, Department of Tourism (DOT)

I am a Filipino. Also a Negrense, Ilonggo and Kapampangan; partly Spanish, French and Chinese; and, anecdotally, part Yemeni via Borneo. In other words, a genuine *“askal.”*

Here’s my fact sheet:

Grew up in Bacolod and spent my vacations in Baguio. From my college years till now, I’ve lived mostly in Quezon City.

Worked mainly for large corporations in an executive capacity; in non-profit organizations; and for myself as an entrepreneur.

Served in the cabinets of two presidents, Cory Aquino and Fidel Ramos, to head the Department of Tourism and the Department of Interior and Local Government, respectively.

Experienced life-threatening emergencies on land, in the air and at sea, and survived powerful natural phenomena that shaped my mindset for risk reduction and crisis management.

Worked for peace that brought me to comprehend our history of exclusion, deprivation, entitlement, impunity, injustice and conflict.

Been to rebel territory to bring the message of peace and, at times, to danger zones.

Tackled crime and corruption with legal offensives; and came to grips with foreign terrorists to help save lives.

Seen poverty up close – Metro Manila’s slums; the rural, coastal and upland poor of ARMM, Samar, Negros and the Cordilleras.

Tackled poverty through peace and order campaigns in consonance with the principle that peace precedes sustained development.

Fought the dictatorship to seek justice for its victims of repression; reclaim the future; restore freedom; and, later, defended it when it was threatened.

In time I got to understand geopolitical issues; the importance of interdependence; and what it takes to build a nation.

In 67 years of existence, I've been tried by fire and tested by time. My mission is to serve, to matter and, hopefully, make a real difference in people's lives.

Public service came at a great cost. During those years, I endured virtual separation from my family. Much of my time was spent at work including weekends and holidays.

The family hardly felt my presence. My wife was alone to rear our children. Thank God, my mother, a widow, helped us selflessly. It was a tough time.

Government's compensation was modest and not enough to meet my family's needs. I left it poorer than before I began. My peers were far better off upon my return to private life.

Giving back to society in gratitude for all the help received is what I do today - sharing lessons learned; investing in education; and assisting disaster victims, youth at risk and poor communities.

I serve freely; don't count the hours; and strive to walk my talk by living up to the values I've learned.

I'm a Catholic with an ecumenical outlook; a centrist that moves from left to right of center depending on the issue and circumstances; and a democrat with a firm hand.

I deeply value my acceptance by indigenous tribes in the Cordillera and Sierra Madre, and conferment as a datu and sultan in Mindanao.

I belong as well to the military community - PMA Class of 1974, PNP-Special Action Force, and the Special Forces Regiment (Airborne) and First Scout Ranger Regiment of the Philippine Army

I hold the rank of Colonel in the Armed Forces and commanded two (2) Army Infantry Reserve Divisions.

Through their veins run the DNA and saga of the Filipino nation, and I'm both proud and humbled to be brought into their circles.

National security, ranging from human and ecological security to civil and national defense, is close to my heart. Today it is at risk.

Duty calls us to run to Inang Laya's defense, but we also welcome the help of our economic partners and security allies as we patiently build credible deterrence.

If we are to win the future, we must first strive together to place "country above self" to have a peaceful, prosperous and progressive nation with no one left behind.

We mustn't be deflated by our continuing failure to make things right, when we've already shown in the past that we can. Instead, we must demand results.

We should overcome our apathy; the lack of vision, purpose, discipline and foresight; garbage; traffic; street crime, drugs, poverty, systemic corruption; and the lack of critical thinking.

There are solutions for those problems that ache to be implemented. There's no need to reinvent the wheel.

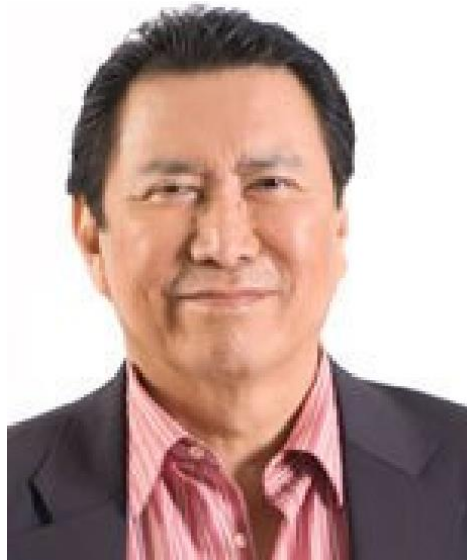
To lay the groundwork for change and conclude unfinished business, we need to: regain our moral moorings and reinvent the way we think and behave, generate new wealth while spending wisely, adequately secure ourselves from internal and external threats, amend the constitution to grow a balanced economy, reduce poverty and reverse the diaspora, right-size, professionalize and modernize the bureaucracy, defeat crime, injustice and corruption in high and low places, fortify peacemaking with good governance, firm law enforcement and human development, restore national pride.

***Rafael M. Alunan III**, who has actually retired from government service to return to private sector, has come back from retirement to do national service. During the last few years, the country has experienced real danger to its existence as the Republic, the Filipino people, the nation's institutions and the country's territorial integrity have been under assault internally and externally. Without a shadow of doubt, Alunan, a most fearless critic of the corrupt and the inept in government, a tireless advocate for good governance across the board, has now emerged as the strongest champion of national cohesion for the Philippine Republic. The country needs Alunan!*

~~ FORMA - Friends of Rafael Alunan III

PREVIEW OF FORTHCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

JULY 20, 2017, 12N, New World Makati Hotel



Mr. RAMON TULFO
Columnist,
Philippine Daily Inquirer
RCM Journalism Investigative
Columnist of the Year Awardee

JULY 27, 2017, 12N, New World Makati Hotel



Director DANTE GIERRAN
Nationa Bureau of Investigation

THE WEEK THAT WAS...



Pres. "Teddy" Ocampo calls the Rotary Club of Manila's Inaugural and Handover Ceremonies Program to order.



PP "Benny" Laguesma as OIC/Moderator directs the program of activities.



PP "Boy" Guevara delivers an ecumenical invocation.



PP "Francis" Juico leads fellow Rotarians in renewing its commitment to the Rotary Credo by reciting the four (4) Way Test.



PP "Ebot" Tan introduces the guests, visiting Rotarians and personalities seated at the presidential table.



OIC/Moderator PP "Benny" Laguesma, announces the Raffle, 1st of 2 parts: 10 Camel Electric Stand Fans compliments of PVP "Manny" Dy, drawn winners were: Dir. "Caloy" Reyes, PP "Boy" Ampil, PP "Boy" Guevara, PP "Francis" Juico, PT "Lito" Sibayan, Rtn. "Noy" Benedicto, Rtn. "Mike" Ozaeta, Rtn. "Thad" Liamzon, Rtn. "Warren"

So & Rtn. "Rick" Zalamea. Red wines compliments of Dir. "Bobby" Joseph, drawn winners were: SAA "Dave" Reynolds, PT "Chito" Tagaysay, PAT "Hermie" Esguerra, PD "Rod" Valencia, Rtn. "Manny" Blanco, Rtn. "Bodo" Goerlich and Rtn. "Vee" David.

PP "Benny" Laguesma presents the *RCM Board of Directors and Officers for the Rotary Year 2017-2018* :RCM Executive Officers : Assistant Treasurer Reineiro C. "Ner" Lonzaga, Assistant Secretary Renato R. "Rene" Policarpio, Board Legal Adviser Amado D. "Amading" Valdez, Sergeant-at-Arms David J. "Dave" Reynolds, Treasurer Nicanor S. "Nicky" Villaseñor III, Secretary Alvin D. "Alvin" Lacambacal. RCM Board of Directors : Director Jesus M. "Susing" Pineda, Jr., Director Hermenegildo Carlos L. "Caloy" Reyes, Director Lance A. Masters, Director Issam Eldebs, Director Robert Lim "Bobby" Joseph, Jr., Vice President Felix Francisco S. "Chito" Zaldarriaga, Vice President Jose Manuel D. "Babe" Romualdez, Immediate Past President Teodoro J. "Teddy" Ocampo, and Great President Jose Jaime C. "Jimmie" Policarpio, Jr.



DG Emmanuel A. "Loy" Cosico, R.I. District 3810 Governor, Rotary Year 2017-2018, administers the oath of office to the ***RCM Board of Directors and Officers for the Rotary Year 2017-2018*** led by ***Great President Jose Jaime C. "Jimmie" Policarpio, Jr.***



The changing of the guards at Asia's First Rotary Club ushers in Rotary: MakingA Difference. **Immediate Past President "Teddy" Ocampo** hands over to **Great President "Jimmie" Policarpio** the presidential gavel of authority and the Rotary presidential pin.



Great President "Jimmie" Policarpio presents to **Immediate Past President "Teddy" Ocampo** a plaque of appreciation and past president's Rotary pin.



DGE “Rudy” Bediones does the honour, privilege and pleasure of introducing **DG Emmanuel A. “Loy” Cosico**, R.I. District 3810 Governor, Rotary Year 2017-2018, as guest of honor and inducting officer.



District Governor Emmanuel A. “Loy” Cosico delivers his inspirational message.



Great President "Jimmie" Policarpio presents a Rotary Bell and Gavel symbolizing the Rotary Club of Manila to **RID 3810 District Governor Loy Cosico** as a token of appreciation.

PD "Art" Lopez does the honour, privilege and pleasure of introducing **Great President "Jimmie" Policarpio**.





Great President "Jimmie" Policarpio delivers his inaugural speech and announces the commitment of Paul Harris Fellows.



A **"Mabuhay Toast"** tendered/led by **Great President "Jimmie" Policarpio** for the outgoing RCM board of directors/officers for a job well done and the incoming board of directors/officers to steer the club to greater height of achievements for the Rotary Year 2017-2018.



The **RCM World Famous Chorale** led by **Chairman PP “Babes” Reyes** and **Co-Chairman PP “Benny” Laguesma** serenade/dedicate special songs numbers to **Great President “Jimmie” Polcarpio** together with family members.



OIC/Moderator PP "Benny" Laguesma, announces the final Raffle, 5 Comforters compliments of PAT "Muhammad" Aslam, winners drawn were : Sec. "Alvin" Lacambacal, PD "Ning" Lopez, PD "Abe" Pascual, Rtn. "Edwin" Seña and STAR Rtn. "Zdenek" Jankovsky. 2 Certificates Overnight stay for two (2) at Infinity Tower Suites compliments of Rtn. "Jackie" Rodriguez, winners drawn were : Rtn. "Romy" Nones and Rtn. "Roy" Zosa. 1 Cozy Gree airconditioning unit 1 horse power compliments of Dir. "Susing" Pineda, winner drawn was PP "Ebot" Tan.





Great President "Jimmie" Polcarpio delivers his response and meeting adjournment.



In a posterity photo. from Left to Right: **PVP Roy Golez**, **Great President "Jimmie" Polcarpio**, **Rtn. Philip Recto**, **PSAA Gunter Matschuck**, **Rtn. Joe Assad** and **PDG Alex Cureg**.



Rotary Club of Manila Induction held at New World Makati Hotel with RC Bangkok Rotarians. From L-R: **PDG Alex Cureg, PE Whichai Chivakanit, RC Bangkok** and son **Aekthada Chivakanit, PP Frank Evaristo.**



Rotary Club of Manila Induction held at New World Makati Hotel. From L-R (seated) **PD Bebot Pineda, PSAA Fred Lim, Rtn. Celso Abastillas, Rtn. Willie Peliño, IPT Chito Tagaysay.**(standing) **IPSDG/IPDCos/IPD Albert Alday, PT Muhammad Aslam, Rtn. Romy Nones, Treas. Nicky Villaseñor, Rtn. Zdenek Jankovsky, PP Ebot Tan, PAT Raoul Villegas** and **Rtn. Edwin Sena.**



In a posterity photo during the RCM Induction at New World Makati Hotel. Seen in photo are: Rtn. Vee David, PP Frank Evaristo, Past R.I. Director Paeng Hechanova, PDG Alex Cureg, PDG Karen Tamayo, PDG Obet Pagdanganan and R.I. Director Raffy Garcia, Zone 7A RY 2018-2020.

JOURNALISM AWARDEE



Pres. "Jimmie" Policarpio presents to Atty. Ellie Espinosa, DYCM, Cebu, chosen as Regional Broadcaster of the Year in the Radio Category, the Journalism Award Trophy.

THANKSGIVING MASS



Fr. Steve Villanueva officiates a "Thanksgiving Mass" prior to the Inaugural and Handover Ceremonies attended by **RCMers'** led by Pres. "Jimmie" Policarpio, **Board of Directors, Officers, Members and Guests**, held at the New World Makati Hotel Ballroom.

BRIEFING ON MARAWI



Briefing on Marawi led by **Rtn. Raffy Alunan** after the Inaugural and Handover Ceremonies attended by **RCM Great Pres. "Jimmie" Policarpio**, **DGE Rudy Bediones**, **DG Loy Cosico** with officers and members held at the New World Makati Hotel Ballroom.

RCM CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE



PP Boy Guevara doing the Invocation during the Strategic Planning of the Rotary Club of Manila Centennial Committee.

RCMCC Strategic Planning Facilitator Agnes Sarthou, Ph.D. during the Strategic Planning for the Rotary Club of Manila Centennial Celebration.





RCMCC Members participating in laying out the activities for the Rotary Club of Manila Centennial Celebration at the Strategic Planning Session.

RCM CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE



After a rigorous session to identify the activities of the RCM Centennial Celebration, the committee chair and cochair in a posterity post. Standing L to R: Rtn Thad Liamzon, RCMCC Cochair DGE Rudy Bediones, RCMCC Coffeetablebook member Rtn Emyl Eugenio, IPP Teddy Ocampo, RCMCC Commemorative Stamp chair PP Banit Caasi: Pres Jimmie Policarpio, RCMCC Cochair PP Ebot Tan, RCMCC PR/Media Chair PP Frank Evaristo and cochair VP Chito Zaldarriaga, Diorama and Photography Subcommittee chair Dir Susing Pineda, RCMCC PDG Obet Pagdanganan, RCMCC Coffeetablebook Editorial Chair PP Boy Ampil, RCMCC Treas Hermie Esguerra, RCMCC Community Projects Chair Rtn Romy Nones, RCMCC Ways and Means Subcommittee Chair PP Boy Guevara

RC PASAY SOUTHEAST INDUCTION



MANILA ROTARIANS AT RC PASAY SOUTHEAST INDUCTION. DGE Rudy Bediones and IPCoS/PP Cesar Ubaldo attended the 9th Handover and Induction Ceremonies of the Rotary Club of Pasay Southeast last July 11, 2017 at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila in Pasay City.

RC DAVAO INDUCTION

July 1 @ Rotary Club of Davao

With Incoming and Outgoing RCD Officers and Board of Directors



Rtn. Raffy Alunan was Guest of Honor and Speaker at the 79th Induction of Officers and Turnover Ceremonies at the Grand Regal Hotel in Davao City last July 1, 2017 where **Rtn. Jackie Rodriguez** was Inducting Officer for Incoming Officers and Directors.



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CLUB AWARDS COMMITTEE



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The Club Awards Committee, in its meetings held during the RY 2016-2017, has resolved to present Loyalty Awards to members of the Rotary Club of Manila who have shared their time, talent and treasure in exact milestones of 25, 40, 50 and 60 years, respectively. However, our committee has realized that there exists Rotarians whose services to our club have breached the prescribed milestones but whose earnest efforts are worthy of recognition. As such, our committee has deemed it fit to recognize their services by likewise presenting them loyalty awards through a resolution creating ranges which include years above the milestone but less than the next higher milestone in the following manner:

- (1) 26 to 29 years of membership – Silver
- (2) 30 to 39 years of membership – Pearl
- (3) 41 to 49 years of membership – Ruby
- (4) 51 to 59 years of membership – Gold
- (5) 61 to 69 years of membership – Diamond

Hence, Rotarians who fall within the ranges above stated shall receive their respective awards on July 20, 2017 during the weekly luncheon meeting of our club at the New World Makati Hotel in Makati City.

Thank you for your kind indulgence regarding this matter as we begin our odyssey towards the centennial of our club and that of the Rotary movement in the Philippines on point by recognizing the ceaseless efforts of our members who have since defined our existence as the First Rotary Club in Asia.

Yours in the service of Rotary,

IPAT Herminio S. Esguerra

Chairman, Club Awards Committee Rotary Year 2016-17

FELLOWSHIP



Rotary Global Fellowships

By Dir Lance Masters

What's a Global Fellowship? Rotary Fellowships are groups that share a common passion. Being part of a way to make friends around the world. There are about 65

Rotary



Rotary Global
History Fellowship



Welcome to the largest fellowship in Rotary

independent, social fellowship is a fun global fellowships.



The largest is the Rotary Global History Fellowship, and another large one is the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians, with more than 2,100 members in 29 countries and 17 geographical chapters. Surprisingly, the International Golfing Fellowship doesn't seem to have a chapter here. Shouldn't some of our members establish one soon and host a tournament during our Centennial?



popular Rotary Global Fellowships in the International Yachting Federation of course, there is one for Flyers, too. One for Chess, and even one for Checkers. It is an International Fellowship that could



One of the more Philippines is the Rotarians. Of Fishing, one for seems that there is appeal to almost

everyone of our members, such as Rotarian Doctors Fellowship of Honorary Consuls! Filipinos are known many of our people should already be in the

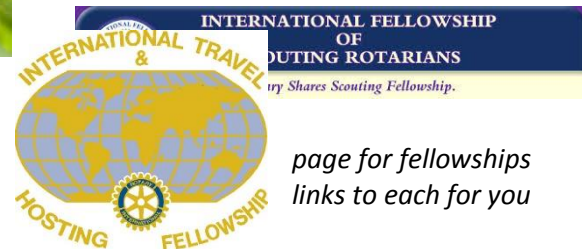


or Rotarian Lawyers. There's even an International as one of the most hospitable people on earth, so International Travel and Hosting Fellowship.



Rotary wine
Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship

Beer, wine, whisky? Yes, one each, of course! Scout's honor!



Here is an alphabetical list of current fellowships, and if you visit Rotary's web at <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>, there are hot to explore:

- 4x4 vehicles
- Amateur Radio
- Antique Automobiles
- Authors and Writers
- Beer
- Bird Watching
- Bowling
- Canoeing
- Caravanning
- Chess
- Computer Users

page for fellowships links to each for you

- Cooking
- Convention Goers
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Cricket
- Cruising
- Curling
- Cycling
- Doll Lovers
- Draughts (Checkers)
- E-Clubs
- Editors and Publishers
- Educators
- Environment
- Ethics
- Esperanto
- Fishing
- Flying
- Genealogists
- Go
- Golf
- Health Professionals
- Home Exchange
- Honorary Consuls
- Horseback Riding
- Internet
- Italian Culture
- Jazz
- Latin Culture
- Lawyers
- Magicians
- Magna Graecia
- Marathon Running
- Military Veterans
- Motorcycling
- Music
- Old and Rare Books
- Past District Governors
- Photographers
- Police and Law Enforcement
- Quilters and Fiber Artists
- Railroads
- Recreational Vehicles
- Rotary Global History
- Rotary Heritage and History
- Rotary Means Business
- Rotary on Pins
- Rotary on Stamps
- Rowing
- Russian Culture
- Scouting
- Scuba Diving
- Shooting Sports

- Singles
- Skiing
- Social Networks
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Total Quality Management
- Travel and Hosting
- Wellness and Fitness
- Whisk(e)y
- Wine
- Yachting

How can you join a fellowship?

Fellowships are open to Rotarians, family members, and program participants and alumni. You can contact a fellowship directly by using the information listed in the Rotary Fellowships directory.

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

by: Rtn. Zdenek Jankovsky

I have always believed that education is crucial for good life for all kids. It's not only about the knowledge gained, but also about the way of life. Kids learn to interact with each other, deal with authority, while they learn to work and study to reach their goals. I was growing in a communist world, and thus I know that it is not so easy to study if you have an empty stomach. There are so many

kids around us that are malnourished and still wanting to go to school despite their hunger just so they can have a chance to a better future. Often times, it is really hard for their parents to cover for their food, 500 PHP per month per kid may be a lot of money for some families.



Since I joined RCM I was very much inspired by the generosity of my fellow Rotarians, especially the programs for the special kids. I was supporting some feeding programs in Eastern Europe and in Malawi in the past. Being inspired by the special kids programs, I started looking for a school that takes care of disabled kids. With the help of my girlfriend and members of my team in Home Credit, we found Padre Mariano Gomez school. When we visited the school, we saw how systematic and well organized the different special programs are. We learnt about their needs for support of special kids and malnourished children.

I have decided to start some support for their feeding program. Teachers selected 30 kids with nutrition issues and we are going to monitor their health improvements during this school year. The Program is under my name with a highlight that I am member of Rotary club of Manila.



Together with my colleagues from management of Home Credit we are looking into other needs of the school with special focus on kids with special needs. We will get more involved but as of the meantime, we are not able to cover all needs of the special kids – they need hearing aids, computerized Braille typing machines and of course donations for their feeding program. Should someone want to join me in supporting either feeding program or purchasing some aids for special kids, please let me know.



ROTARY ALAY LAKAD TURNOVER



ROTARY ALAY LAKAD CHAIRMANSHIP TURNOVER. Rotary Year 2016-2017 District 3810 Alay Lakad Chair PP Ricky Valdez (RC Manila South) turned over the mantle of leadership to Rotary Year 2017-2018 District 3810 Alay Lakad Chair CP Harry Angping (RC Quiapo Plaza Miranda) in the presence of Alay Lakad Foundation President, PP Frank Evaristo (RC Manila) as RC Chinatown Past Presidents Cora de la Rosa and Mylene Co look on.

COGS IN THE WHEEL



VP Babe Romualdez was reappointed by President Rodrigo Duterte as Special Envoy to the United States of America. (Photo on page 1 of The Philippine Star, July 10, 2017)

COGS IN THE WHEEL



PD Beda Fajardo, President of the Philippine Bar Association (2013-2014), was guest at the DZMM program of Gerry Baja last July 9, 2017 to answer queries on whether the show cause order of the House of Representatives to the three Court of Appeals Justices for ordering the release of the “Ilocos Six” from House detention is a violation of the sacrosanct constitutional principles of separation of powers and independence of the judiciary.



PVP Roy Golez spoke at the Tapatán sa Aristocrat Media Forum last July 10, 2017 on the Hague Ruling on the South China Sea.

RCM CENTENNIAL



MANILA ROTARIANS GUEST AT BIZNEWSASIA, PTV 4. Rtn. Tony Lopez together with Ms. Elizabeth Lee interviewed PDG Obet Pagdanganan and President Jimmie Policarpio last July 10, 2017 about the Rotary Club of Manila, its undertakings, projects and preparations for the 100 years of Rotary in the Philippines which coincides with the club's centennial.

NEWS RELEASE

JULY 3, 2017, MONDAY



Rotary names tourism awardees

The 13th Rotary Club Manila (RCM) Tourism Awards was held recently at the New World Hotel Makati with Tourism Sec Wanda Tulfo Teo (seated 4th from left) as guest speaker and an awardee.

In photo are Robert Lim Joseph (standing center, 1st row) RCM director and chairman of the Tourism awards committee with (seated, from left): awardees Reggie Aspiras (for family of posthumous awardee Minister Jose Aspiras), Madame He Xianqi (Chinese embassy, category: Chinese traffic); Joanne Rae Ramirez (media), Sec Wanda Tulfo-Teo, Dr. Mina Gabor (sustainable tourism), Asst. Sec. Virginia Gaetos (Trade and Investment Promotion Group, tourism and trade events), Theresa Busmente (Grab Philippines, transport), Kimberly Singsob (for former Gov Chavit Singson), 1st standing left: awardees Farid Schoucair (New World Makati Hotel, hotel); RCM director Art Lopez, awardee Gov Roberto Pagdanganan (tourism personality), awardee USA Consul Gen Russel Brown (American traffic), RCM president Teodoro Ocampo, Joseph, awardee Geof Andes (City of Dreams Manila, integrated resort), Jin Woo Jung (Rakso Travel & Tours, foreign tour operator); awardee Salvador Britannico Jr. (PAL, airlines, representing PAL president and COO Jaime Bautista); past district gov Vicente Carlos (former tourism secretary); (last row standing left) RCM Manila past president Francis Juico, past vice president Manny Dy, Rtn Thad Liamzon and Rtn Sha Tamano.

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BEING A 'SUPER BOSS'

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It was perhaps several years ago when I encountered a book entitled "Jesus in Blue Jeans." The book is about living the life of Christ in ordinary life situations. It is being Christ-like in the streets. The book is all about positive attitude. To *Winston Churchill*, "**Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.**" Motivational and leadership guru, *John Maxwell*, refers to attitude as an inward feeling that is expressed in behavior. Attitude is seen beyond spoken language and words. It is not what you wear. It is what you are. Like in a song from the musical *Annie*, "*It's not what you're wearing from Main Street or Saville Row; it's what you wear from ear to ear and not from head to toe, that matters.*"

So much is written about positive attitude. So many 'how to be good' books are in the shelves in many booksellers and libraries. Hearing mass this Sunday, I was once again reminded of the "Sermon on the Mount." The 8 Beatitudes and how one should apply them at the office and in the home.

The Eight Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

1. **Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Being a super boss in the office is equivalent to being humble. Exercise humility. The heaven belongs to you if are humble and sincere enough to say: "*I have nothing without You. God, I am nothing without You.*"
2. **Blessed are they who mourn: for they shall be comforted.** Be softhearted. Realize your own weaknesses and sins and do something about them. Only the stonehearted may see injustice, greed, bloodshed, wickedness, and hatred and not be moved by it all.
3. **Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.** For the executive and the gentleman, meekness is power under control. It means the right action, at the right moment, for the right amount of time. It involves an attitude of trust and subservience to God.
4. **Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be filled.** Being at the top makes you crave for temporary things, like, righteousness and fame, or righteousness and sex. But Jesus refers to the desire and craving for righteousness alone. He said, that to the few, who are righteous, what the world gives to them would last forever.
5. **Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.** It is about forgiving. It is about second chances. It is about bringing out the best in people.
6. **Blessed are the pure at heart: for they shall see God.** Be simple!
7. **Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.** Be at peace with yourself and with God. This does not mean the absence of conflict but the working to make peace in it.
8. **Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Sometimes or in many times than one, doing something good requires you to swim against the current. God will lead the way.

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