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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



Maj. Gen. RONNIE S. EVANGELISTA AFP

Commander
Civil Relations Service
Armed Forces of the Philippines

KABALITA

With his expertise and wealth of experience, there is no doubt that Marawi will rise again with the AFP Civil Relations Czar in the lead as he updates Asia's First Rotary Club on how it can be done. Be part of history and as we all join and make a difference.

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PROGRAM

RCM's 10th for Rotary Year 2017-2018

September 7, 2017, Thursday, 12Noon,

New World Makati Hotel Glass House

OIC/Moderator: Rtn. "Caloy" Buendia

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

11:30 AM	Registration & Cocktails	
12:25 PM	Bell to be Rung: Members and Guests are requested to be seated by OIC/Moderator :	Rtn. "Caloy" Buendia
12:30 PM	Call to Order Singing of Republic of the Philippines National Anthem Invocation/Doxology RCM Hymn The 4-Way Test Credo	Pres. Jimmie Policarpio
		RCM WF Music Chorale PSAA "Eloy" Adamos RCM WF Music Chorale All Rotarians
12:35 PM	Introduction of - -Guests, Visiting Rotarians & Personalities at the Head Table Welcome Song	Rtn. "Romy" Nones
		RCM WF Music Chorale
12:40 PM	Happy Birthday (RCM Birthday Celebrants) Sept. 9.....DSAA "Bollie" Bolton, Rtn. "Claver" Ramos; Sept.12.....Rtn. "Jing" Lapus, Rtn. "Rody" Antonino; Happy Birthday Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:45 PM	Announcement on a Testimonial Fellowship Activity	PAT "Hermie" Esguerra Chairman, Fellowship Committee
12:50 PM	Announcement of the required quorum in attendance of Members for the election of RCM Centennial Board of Directors, RY 2018-2019 Election Proper COMELEC Chairman	Sec. "Alvin" Lacambacal IPP "Teddy" Ocampo
1:00 PM	President's Time	Pres. Jimmie Policarpio
1:05 PM	Introduction of the Guest of Honor & Speaker Address: Maj. Gen. Ronnie S. Evangelista, AFP Commander, Civil Relations Service Armed Forces of the Philippines Public Forum Club fund-raising campaign — cash raffle draw Response, Presentation of glass plaque as a token of appreciation to Maj. Gen. Ronnie S. Evangelista, AFP Announcement of winners of the RCM Centennial Board of Directors	PVP "Roy" Golez
		Pres. Jimmie Policarpio
		IPP "Teddy" Ocampo RY 2018-2019 COMELEC Chairman
2:00 PM	Adjournment	

***Photo opportunity with the newly-elected
RCM Centennial Board of Directors, RY 2018-2019

PRESIDENTIAL TIMELINE



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- August 31, 2017
- Centennial Committee Meeting took place at the New World Makati Hotel, Makati City where minting of commemorative coins and stamps were discussed among others.
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- September 1, 2017
- DGE Rudy Bediones, Rtn. Raffy Alunan, III, Rtn. Jack Rodriguez and I, together with DG Emmanuel "Loy" Cosico and PDG Lyne Abanilla as well as Rotarians from different clubs and districts, mapped out the humanitarian assistance for the victims of the Marawi Conflict at the Wholesome Table, Infinity Tower Suites, Makati City.
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September 5, 2017

- DGE Rudy Bediones and Rtn. Raffy Alunan, III met with the District Governors-Elect of the other nine (9) districts in the Philippines to discuss the Marawi Project at Terraz, Makati City.

September 7, 2017

- Welcomes Brig. Gen. Ronnie Evagelista, Commander of the AFP Civil Relations Service, to update us on the war-torn Marawi City and the creation of task force "Bangon Marawi".
- Elections for the Board of Directors who will serve during the Rotary Year 2018-2019 will be held.

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER'S PROFILE

MGEN RONNIE S. EVANGELISTA: COMBATANT AND STRATEGIC WARRIOR DIPLOMAT



MGEN RONNIE S. EVANGELISTA is a competent combatant of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and member of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) "Sandiwa" Class 1986. He was a college sophomore when he was accepted at the prestigious Academy in 1982, where his four (4) years of rigorous education and training became the foundation of his colourful and fruitful career. He also holds a Master of Public Administration from the National College of Business Administration that he obtained in 2005.

Early on in his career, he has already projected himself to serve under the elite Special Forces Regiment (Airborne), one of three specialized regiments of the Special Operations Command Special Forces Command (SOCOM) which also includes the Scout Ranger Regiment and the Light Reaction Regiment.

MGEN EVANGELISTA operated in the different regional units and in various capacities at the Special Forces Regiment (Airborne) - from being a Department Head as a young lieutenant to being a Battalion Commander, until he became its Regiment Commander from November 2013 to January 2016. The stint as Commander earned him an assignment as Deputy Commander of the Eastern Mindanao Command (EASTMINCOM) from January 25, 2016, until he took the helm at the Civil Relations Service (CRS), AFP on November 25, 2016 - a post that he holds until the present.

One of his very significant assignments is at the 6th Special Forces Battalion (SFBN) where, as Commander, he was able to lead his men to calculated campaigns against insurgency in Bohol. With his competent leadership, the province was liberated from agitations and attacks by the New People's Army (NPA) rebels.

While it is true that his being the Commander of CRSAFP is a far cry from his being an experienced war fighter in the battlefield, MGEN EVANGELISTA has been nothing but greatly effective and efficient as a strategic "warrior diplomat." He capably steers the Command to fulfilling its mission of organizing, training, equipping, sustaining and providing Information Support and Civil Affairs units, as well as conducting Strategic and Operational Civil Military Operations and CMO-Related Trainings in support to the overall AFP mission.

As CRSAFP Commander, he emphasizes that warrior diplomats cannot literally kill the enemies through civil-military operations, but they CAN destroy their will to fight. His priority is attaining measure of effect rather than measure of performance. He deems that no matter how much effort is put into an endeavour if the public does not benefit from it, then, it becomes a wasted effort.

MGEN EVANGELISTA also believes that the limit of what an individual can achieve is his imagination. For this reason, he did not allow himself to be restricted in pursuing higher educational and training goals that further honed him into being a well-rounded officer. His military and civilian schoolings include those taken locally and abroad. Apart from his master's degree, he finished his Command and General Staff Course at the AFP Command and General Staff College in 2004. He also obtained the Special Forces Detachment Officer Qualification Course at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School in Fort Bragg, USA and the Joint Transition Course and Joint Professional Military Education Phase II at the National Defense University, also in the USA.

As could be expected, MGEN EVANGELISTA is a passionate marksman. And this fervour led him to create three marksman systems that were given patents by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHIL) through the

endorsement of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST). These are the Simultaneous Moving Automated Random Target System (SMART); Field Marksmanship Training System (FMTS) and Pneumatic Marksmanship Training System (PMTS).

His integrity and work performance are distinguished by the various awards and recognition he was bestowed which are highlighted by the AFP Master Parachutist Badge, a number of Military Merit Medals, Bronze Cross Medal, Silver Wing Medal, Distinguished Service Stars, and numerous badges and letters of commendation.

Typical of a war fighter, MGEN EVANGELISTA is a self-professed shy and silent type of an individual whose verbal acumen is heard only when required, and would rather stay out of the limelight. But as Commander of the CRSAFP for nine (9) months now, his exposure to the print, broadcast and social media has been as often as the battles he used to do in the field.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



Pres. “Jimmie” Policarpio calls the 9th meeting of the **Rotary Club of Manila** to order.



PP “Cesar” Ubaldo as OIC/ Moderator directs the program of activities.



Rtn. “Emyl” Eugenio delivers an ecumenical prayer.



PD "Knud" Headeager leads fellow Rotarians in renewing its commitment to Rotary movement by reciting the Rotary credo — 4-Way Test.



Rtn. "Momo" Mommaerts introduces the guests, visiting Rotarians and personalities seated at the presidential table.



IPP "Teddy" Ocampo, Chairman, COMELEC reminds fellow RCMers' for the forthcoming election of the Centennial Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 2018-2019 on Sept. 7, 2017.

Rtn. “Andy” De Rossi does the honour, privilege and pleasure of introducing a fellow member, **Rtn. Jose “Brix” S. Pujalte, Jr., MD, MHA, CESE, FPOA FPCS FACS**, Orthopedic Surgeon, Medical Center Chief II, Philippine Orthopedic Center, Department of Health, as guest speaker.



Fellow **Manila Rtn. Jose “Brix” Pujalte, Jr., Director of the Philippine Orthopedic Center**, gave Manila Rotarians, Visiting Rotarians and guests, a glimpse into the problems plaguing the elderly and how these could be prevented or cured.



A proactive public forum followed suit after the speech of Rtn. Jose “Brix” Pujalte, Jr., with RCMers’ raising questions:



Pres. “Jimmie” Policarpio delivers response and meeting adjournment.

NOMINEES FOR RCM CENTENNIAL BOARD RY 2018 – 2019



Alday, Albert S. Inducted 2005, Paul Harris Fellow 2015
Balita Chairman – 2017-2018; New Generation Chairman
– 2010-2018; Chairman, RCM Alay Lakad Committee RY
2014-2018; Director- RY 16-17; 12-14; Club Secretary
RY 14-15, 11-12; Asst. Secretary RY 2010-11; District
3810- Sr Deputy Governor-District Publications;
Governor's Monthly Letter Managing Editor, Editor-in-
Chief; Deputy Chief of Staff to the District Governor.



Fajardo, Beda G. Inducted 1996, Paul Harris Fellow
1996; Director – RY 2002-2004; Assistant Secretary
RY 2001-2002; Program Chairman RY 2010-2011;
Chairman- Justice Committee RY 2017-2018



Masters, Lance A. Inducted 2009, Paul Harris Fellow
2013, 2015; Director – RY 2017-2018; Vice President-
RY 2010-2011; Sergeant at Arms – RY 2016-2017 ;
Chairman – Save the Little Hearts; RID 3810 – District
Speaker's Bureau Chair for Manila Area RY 2016-
2017.



Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C. Inducted 2003, Paul
Harris Fellow 2006, 2013, 2016*; Director – RY 2012-
2013, Assistant Treasurer – RY 2017-2018, 2010-
2011, 2006-2010; Sergeant at Arms – RY 2005-2006;
Deputy Sergeant at Arms- RY 2004-2005; Chairman,
Sanitation Committee



Pineda, Jesus "Susing" M., Jr. Inducted 1993,
Paul Harris Fellow 1996
Director 2009-2011; 2013-2018



Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" Inducted 2016
Chairman, Program Committee RY 2017-2018



Joseph, Robert "Bobby" L, Jr. Inducted 1999
Major Gift Donor 2013; Paul Harris Fellow
2000,02,04,05,07,11,12; Director – 2013-2018;
2004-2005; Chairman, Tourism Awards Committee
RY 2004 to present



Eldebs, Issam , Inducted 2008, Paul Harris Fellow
2012 , 2016 ; Director RY 2010-2011; 2015-2018
Program Committee Chairman, RY 2014-2015



Reyes, Hermenegildo Carlos "Caloy" L.
 Inducted 2014, Paul Harris Fellow 2014
 Director RY 2017-2018; Assistant Secretary
 RY 2016-2017



Eugenio, John Emyl G.
 Inducted 2014 Paul Harris Fellow 2017
 Chairman, Basic Education & Literacy Committee RY
 2017-2018



Lopez, Mariano "Ning" B Inducted 2011 Paul Harris
 Fellow 2013; Director RY 2014-2016; Secretary RY 2016-
 2017, 2013-2014; Assistant Secretary 2012-2013;
 Chairman – Medico Surgical Mission Committee RY 2015-
 2016; 2017-2018



Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani" Inducted 2016
 Chairman, Emergency & Disaster Relief Committee



Santos, Jesus "Jess" I. Inducted 1995
 Paul Harris Fellow 1996, 2005
 Director RY 1996, 2004



Assad, Joseph “Joe” Inducted 2010



Alunan, Rafael “Raffy” M. Inducted 2016

CENTENNIAL NEWS

THE ROTARY ROAD TO 100.





Dir. Susing Pineda presented a sample of a commemorative centennial coin for the Centennial Celebration of the Rotary Club of Manila and that of the Rotary movement in the Philippines during the meeting of the Centennial Committee last August 31, 2017. There will likewise be a commemorative stamp to be issued on the occasion of the same centennial and with respect to this, the representative from Philippine Post Office will meet with the Commemorative Stamps Committee chaired by **PP Banit Caasi** and co-chaired by **IPCoS/PP Cesar Ubaldo** on September 14, 2017 to finalize the design for the stamp to be issued.





RCM WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS





Pres. “Jimmie” Policarpio presents the week’s birthday celebrants: **Amb. PD “Ralf” Gonzales, Rtn. “Roy” Zosa** and **Rtn. “Emyl” Eugenio** for the traditional blowing of candles on the birthday cake amidst the singing by the **RCM World-Famous Chorale** of the Happy Birthday song and presentation of personalized bed pillows courtesy of **PAT Muhammad Aslam**.

INTERCLUB FORA AND ACTIVITIES







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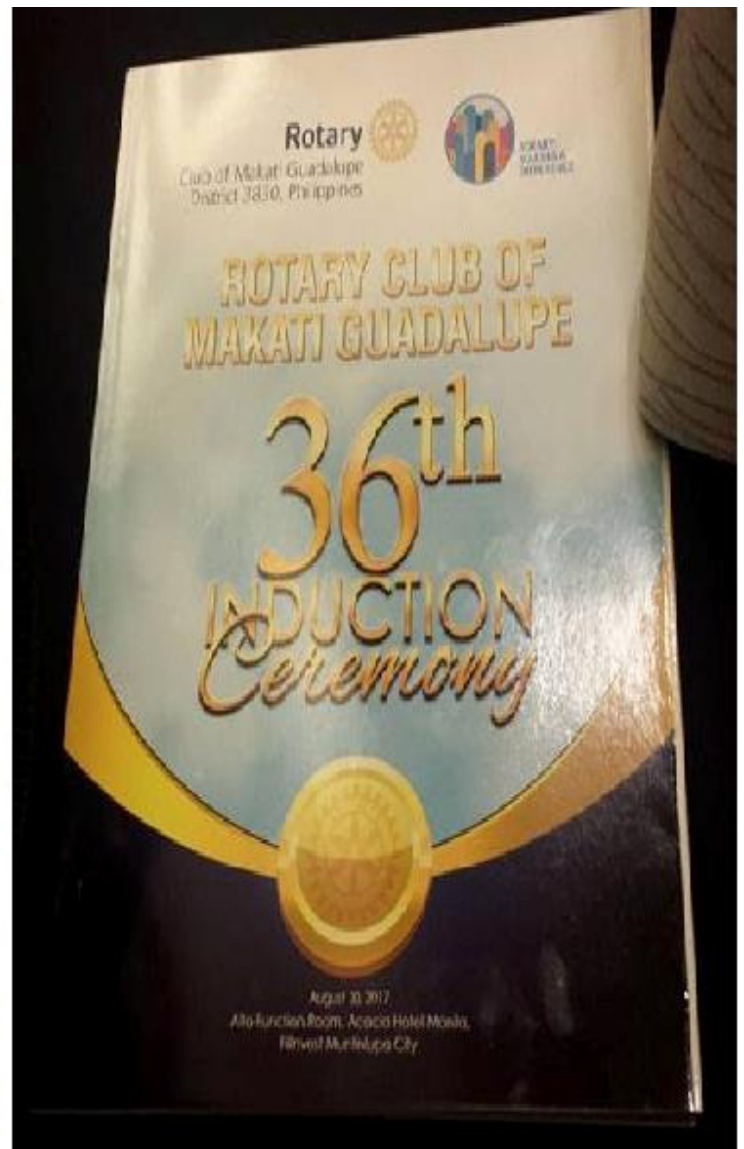


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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ELECT MEETING



DGE Rudy Bediones and Rtn. Raffy Alunan, III met with the District Governors-Elect of the other nine (9) districts in the Philippines last September 5, 2017 at Terraz, Makati City.

August 23, 2017

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

RE: INVITATION OF ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST

The International Relations Committee invites you to participate in the **48th Anniversary Fund Raising Ball, Rotary Club of Kowloon East**, in honor of club members and family members who be attending the Annual Ball - -

28th November 2017 (Tuesday), Farewell Lunch (venue to be announced)

27th November 2017 (Monday) at the Ballroom of the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong Hotel (1 Harbour Road, Hong Kong)

26th November 2017 (Sunday) Welcome Dinner a(venue to be announced)

The Grand Hyatt Hotel extends special room date for reservations made from 26-28 November 2017, as follows:

- a) Grand Deluxe Room:
 - HK\$ 2,950.00 net per room/night (room only)
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 - HK\$ 3,450.00 net per room/night (includes 2 breakfasts)
- b) Grand Deluxe Harbour Room:
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 - HK\$ 3,700.00 net per room/night (includes 1 breakfast)
 - HK\$ 3,950.00 net per room/night (includes 2 breakfasts)
 - FREE IN ROOM INTERNET ACCESS

Enclosed is the reservation form for accommodation at Grand Hyatt Hotel. Please return the RSVP Form for guidance of the committee. Thank you,

Yours in Rotary,
International Relations Committee

PD ED L. LEE	PD NICK LOCSIN	Rtn DAVID WONG	Dir SUSING PINEDA
Chairman	CoChairman	CoChairman	CoChairman

Dir ISSAM ELDEBS	cc: Pres. Jimmie Policarpio, Sec. Alvin Lacambacal
Director in Charge	AS Rene Policarpio

ALAY LAKAD 2017 WALK FOR A CAUSE

*“Kabataan Para sa Pagbabago”
for the benefit of out-of-school youth*



Date : September 24, 2017, Sunday

Meeting Time : 5:30AM SHARP

Venue: Planetarium, National Museum

Padre Burgos Avenue, Luneta, Manila

**For those interested to participate, please fill-up the reply form
attention to:**

IPD ALBERT S. ALDAY, Chairman, Alay Lakad Committee;

Rtn. DONG T. BENEDICTO, Co-Chairman, Alay Lakad Committee

August 24, 2017

Circular to all **RCM Members:**
Subject: Alay Lakad 2017

Dear **Fellow Rotarians:**

The **Alay Lakad Foundation, Inc.**, our partner in service to the youth sector of society will be marking its **45th Anniversary this 2017**. 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 24, 2017, Sunday, 8:00AM**, at the **Quirino Grandstand, Luneta, Rizal Park, Manila**. The objective of the walk is to raise funds for the out-of-school and marginalized youth. This year's theme is ***"Kabataan Para sa Pagbabago."***

This year's Chairman of the National Coordinating Committee is Lion's Club International led by Mr. John Siy and Mr. Anson Ong and the Vice Chairman is Rotary International District 3810 led by Governor Emmanuel "Loy" Cosico.

The Alay Lakad is dedicated to assist the government in enabling and empowering the youth especially the youth especially out-of-school youth (OSY) to become productive and responsible citizens by raising funds through ***"walking"*** which was conceptualized by the late DSWD Secretary Dr. Estefania Aldaba Lim, to enable the OSYs to go to school thru scholarship programs, educational assistance, 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, The Rotary Clubs' International 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 already provided more than 70,000 educational grants, assistance and livelihood opportunities to the out-of-school youth to improve 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 Club of Manila, Rotaract Club of De La Salle University Manila and Rotaract Club of De La Salle-College of St. Benilde** will again take an active part in this worthwhile endeavor.

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

MARAWI PROJECT





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PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION AND CHILD CARE

JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS SCARE

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.



I was surprised when I reported for work on the first working day of September at the San Beda College Health Office in Manila. Some members of the faculty and non-teaching personnel visited me to ask for the availability of Japanese encephalitis vaccine. When I asked them what they were worried about, their answers were the same – The spread of the disease that they read about on social media.

Meanwhile, *Manila Times Online* reported sometime in February 2017, “Japanese encephalitis, a mosquito-borne illness endemic to the Philippines and which is fatal in nearly 3 out of 10 severe cases, may be one the rise, a World Health Organization (WHO) report said, after the discovery last year by Chinese researchers that the current vaccine may not be effective against a re-emerging strain of the virus.”

My clinical opinion

According to WHO, the Philippines is not among the countries in Southeast Asia where the disease is found to be prevalent. In other words, our country is not one where a “red warning sign” is placed on. Therefore, there is nothing to be scared about Japanese encephalitis. A “certified” or “DOH-identified outbreak” has yet to come out. And thus, the uncertified information spreading via social media propagated a *Japanese encephalitis scare*.

What is Japanese encephalitis?

Japanese encephalitis is a swelling or inflammation of the brain caused by a virus (*Japanese B encephalitis virus*).

How do you get the disease?

The impending virus infection is **transmitted by the bite of infected mosquitoes**. In the Philippines, the disease is carried by a mosquito called, *Culex tritaeniorhynchus* (Never mind. Such a simple name that I can’t even pronounce it.). To simplify matters: Mosquitoes carry the disease (clinically referred to as *vectors* of the disease). The *reservoir* of the virus are domestic pigs and wild birds (This gives us chance to go back again to hot public health issues on agricultural and farm animals. Ooh la la!).

Signs and symptoms

If you live in the province or if you plan to travel in a rural area or to stay in a farm and you get bitten by *Culex*, the virus starts to multiple inside you, to cause the disease between the periods of 2 to 15 days. Symptoms include rigors or chills, headache, body weakness, nausea, vomiting, fever, and other symptoms that may last between 1 and 6 days. In severe cases, paralysis and neurological damage may lead to coma or death.

Prevention

Use mosquito repellent; Use long-sleeved shirts and long trousers; sleep or rest in screened or air-conditioned rooms; and if needed, use mosquito nets.

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