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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



Hon. IMEE R. MARCOS

Governor, Province of Ilocos Norte

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PROGRAM

RCM'S 26th for Rotary Year 2017-2018

January 18, 2018, Thursday, 12Noon, New World Makati Hotel Ballroom

Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator : AS Rene Policarpio

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

11:30 AM	Registration & Cocktails (WINES courtesy of RCM DE/Dir. Bobby Joseph)	
12:25 PM	Bell to be Rung: Members and Guests are requested to be seated by OIC/Moderator :	AS Rene Policarpio
12:30 PM	Call to Order Singing of the Republic of the Philippines National Anthem Invocation A moment of silent prayer for former RCM member, the fashion czar of Asia, Mr. Jose "Pitoy" Moreno who passed-away recently in the grace of the Lord RCM Hymn The 4-Way Test Credo	Pres. Jimmie Policarpio RCM WF Music Chorale Rtn. Jun Aventura RCM WF Music Chorale All Rotarians led by
12:35 PM	Introduction of - -Guests, Visiting Rotarians & Personalities at the Head Table Welcome Song	STAR Rtn. Bobby Bhalla RCM WF Music Chorale
12:40 PM	Maligayang Bati (RCManila Birthday Celebrants) Jan. 20...Rtn. "Butch" Tamayo, Rtn. "Rocco" Sarmiento; Jan. 23...Rtn. "Butch" Campos; and Jan. 24...PD "Abe" Pascual Happy Birthday Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:45 PM	R.I. Toronto Convention Presentation	Sec. Alvin Lacambacal
12:50 PM	President's Time	Pres. Jimmie Policarpio
12:55 PM	Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker	PVP Roy Golez
1:00 PM	Address: Hon. Imee R. Marcos Governor, Province of Ilocos Norte	
	Public Forum Club fund-raising raffle of cash prize Response, Presentation of tokens of appreciation to Governor Imee R. Marcos	DE/Dir. Bobby Joseph Pres. Jimmie Policarpio
2:00 PM	Adjournment	

PRESIDENTIAL TIMELINE



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- Former Parañaque Representative and Former National Security Adviser PVP Roy Golez was interviewed by TV5 regarding the South China Sea and Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana's proposal to file a diplomatic protest against China.

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- Manila Rotarians led by DE Raffy Alunan (Chairman of the ONE ROTARY ONE PHILIPPINES ONE FOR MARAWI Project), Star Rtn. Juan Montel and Rtn. Tong Payumo joined the ONE ROTARY ONE PHILIPPINES ONE FOR MARAWI Team. The team moved to Iligan for breakfast. Thereafter, a meeting ensued with Task Force Bangon Marawi's Asec. Felix Castro and Director Aniñon at the Office of Civil Defense Iligan at Mahogany Hills. Subsequently, the team moved to Marawi for a windshield tour of the Main Battle Area.

January 15, 2018 - The ONE ROTARY ONE PHILIPPINES ONE FOR MARAWI Team conducted a medical and dental mission at Bgy. Puntod in Cagayan de Oro City which likewise benefited the victims of Typhoon Vinta where flood waters were neck deep from the Cagayan de Oro river that overflowed. The medical mission would not have been a success without the support of Philippine Airlines for free space and passage, Pharex for donated medicines, Rotary District 3870 for providing fourteen (14) nurses, Our Lady of Peace Foundation together with Alejandro Clinic for providing doctors, Gov. Bambi Emano for a truck and a mobile dental clinic, Department of Tourism for a van and hotel arrangements, Task Force Bangon Marawi and 103rd Brigade for the MBA windshield tour, Office of Civil Defense for a van and data, DZRH for media coverage, Team Humanity as well as Zeta Phi Omega for coordination and manpower support.

- A new Rotary Club of Manila Viber Policy was released.
- DGE Rudy Bediones attended the Second Day General Session of the International Assembly at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego in San Diego, California, USA.
- Lady Sharon Bediones attended the Workshop/Discussion of Spouses of District Governors-Elect of the International Assembly at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego in San Diego, California, USA.
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January 17, 2018 - DE Raffy Alunan, Chairman of ONE ROTARY ONE PHILIPPINES ONE FOR MARAWI Project, met with the Board of the Philippine College of Physicians (PCP) led by Dr. Kenneth Hartigan-Go and which included PD/IPS Dr. Ning Lopez at the PCP Office, One San Miguel Avenue Building, Mandaluyong City regarding a partnership with the ONE ROTARY ONE PHILIPPINES ONE FOR MARAWI Project aimed at providing humanitarian assistance to war and natural disaster victims.

January 18, 2018 - Centennial Committee Meeting, 9:30 am, Ballroom, New World Makati Hotel, Makati City

- Welcomes Ilocos Norte Governor Imee Marcos as she speaks on the plans, programs and thrusts of her province.
- World Famous Chorale Rehearsal (after Rotary Club of Manila Luncheon Meeting), Infinity Tower Suites, Salcedo Village, Makati City

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER'S PROFILE

Gov. Imee R. Marcos



- One of the first female graduates from an Ivy League School—Princeton University, graduating with honors thereafter;
- A noted theater, TV and Film Producer responsible for Filipino Film Classics winning Cannes and Special Jury Prizes
 - Director-general of Experimental Cinema of the Philippines for five years (1981–1986) (produced: *Oro, Plata, Mata*; *Himala*; *Misteryo sa Tuwa* and *Soltero*)
 - Produced and wrote animation featuring Nonoy Marcelo's "*Da Real Makoy and Lam-Ang*", among others;
- Former Director General of the famous Experimental Cinema of the Philippines;
- Produced the latest film '*Pintakas*' which won as Best Picture—New Wave Film in 2011 Metro Manila Film Festival;
- Started experience with local governance when she organized a 3-million strong village youth organization which is the predecessor of *Sangguniang Kabataan* (SK)—the *Kabataang Barangay* and served as its chairperson;
- A noted lawmaker being the Congresswoman of the Second District of Ilocos Norte for 12 years;
- **Governor** for over 5 years now of the Province of Ilocos Norte and was elected with an overwhelming majority last 2010.
- One of the Most Outstanding Governor of the Philippines 2015 by Superbrands Marketing Inc

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS GOVERNOR

- I. Ilocos Norte became one of the top ten provinces to achieve **high human development index**;
- II. Ilocos Norte recognized by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) as the first full top-to-bottom ISO-certified province in the Philippines;
- III. Ilocos Norte was cited as one of the ten Galing Pook 2015 awardees for its flagship youth program Sirib Express;
- IV. Ilocos Norte Governor Imee R. Marcos was recognized as one of the **Most Outstanding Governor of the Philippines 2015** by Superbrands Marketing Inc.;
- V. Ilocos Norte's **poverty rate was reduced from 24% in 2010 to 8.4% today**;
- VI. Ilocos Norte achieved a 16.7% economic growth in 2013-2014 compared to the 5.72% regional growth and 6.13% nationally;
- VII. Ilocos Norte has significantly decreased its unemployment rate in the province from 37% in 2010 to 4.2% today;
- VIII. Ilocos Norte is now **one of the few provinces to achieve the Millennium Development goal on halving poverty rate**;
- IX. More than 1.6 million local and foreign tourists visited Ilocos Norte in 2015 compared to the 259,148 recorded in 2012;
- X. Continuously market Ilocos Norte as a tourist destination through its "Paoay Kumakaway" campaign;
- XI. Has tapped world famous Ilocano geniuses from here and abroad to help the province like Dr. Arsenio Balisacan a renowned Economist, Dr. Joven Cuanang, Engr. Fel Agustin and Green Architect Michael Guerrero;
- XII. Launched 'Pasingkedan ti Kinatan-ok ni Ilocano!' last November 12 2010 as the new vision of the province;

- XIII. Established the Media Incentives Desk, an office specializing in providing incentives and other privileges to various media outfits, which paved the way for more media arts activities in the province
- such as on-location shooting for both mainstream and independent films like:
 - the recent Cannes Film Festival entry “Norte: Hangganan ng Kasaysayan” by award-winning director Lav Diaz shot wholly in the province;
 - 2012 Metro Manila Film Festival entry “Si Enteng, Si Agimat at AKO” starring Vic Sotto, Bong Revilla, and Judy Ann Santos;
 - the blockbuster “Suddenly It’s Magic” of Star Cinema starring international sensation Mario Maurer;
 - “World is Bigger Than Love” by Director Joel Ruiz; and
 - other television shows such as “Market to Masters” and “Kabuhayang Swak na Swak” of ABS-CBN, “Jessica Soho Reports” of GMA Network, “Face-to-Face” of TV5 and a number of music videos and magazine photo shoots;
 - Established “Looking for Johnny Moon” Creative Media Arts Festival--to turn Ilocos Norte into a creative media arts smorgasbord offering seminars, forums and interactive learning to highlight the potential of the Ilocano in the arena of creative media;
- XIV. Established the first conservation school in the country at Paoay to revive the classic trades of carpentry, wood-carving, handloom weaving, ceramics, bricks and stone masonry;
- XV. Created the Provincial Education Department and the Provincial Information Technology Department;
- XVI. Is an advocate of equal access to education which is the foundation for all other development goals, focused on basic educational facilities by constructing classrooms in areas experiencing acute classroom shortage;
- XVII. Initiated ‘Iskolar ni Manang Imee’ which provides cash grants to poor but deserving students;
- XVIII. Continues to work on intensifying scholarship programs for college students, provide free transportation means to and from the different schools, and focus more on the National Assessment Test review and preparations of the schools in Ilocos Norte;
- XIX. Addressed growing unemployment rate of nurses by launching the ‘Saguip Nars’ which provided clinical as well as online health care jobs for nurses in the province;
- XX. Established SIRIB Mile project which aims to develop a one-stop learning center for the students in Ilocos Norte, turning school roads into a university belt with learning art installations and sculptures focused on enhancing the educational environment for Ilocanos;
- XXI. Created the Provincial Sports Hub incorporating Rizal Park and Centennial Arena with significant improvement of facilities and services;
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- XXIV. Reacquired neglected properties belonging to the province like the *Malacañan ti Amianan*;
- XXV. Renegotiated the reduction of the interest rate of the provincial debt saving millions for the people of Ilocos Norte;
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- XXVII. Created the Anti-Partisan Armed Groups Committee to intensify peace and order campaign in the province;

- XXVIII. Strengthened anti-drug and illegal firearms campaigns which made Ilocos Norte the most peaceful province in the north with crime clearance standing at 73% and solution at its highest at 59%;
- XXIX. Created the Provincial Hospital Management Council to improve service in the health sector;
- XXX. Launched the 'Silpo ti Biag 707' (Lifeline 707) to improve the quality and delivery of public health and medical services to Ilocanos especially the poor and indigent;
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- XXXII. Intensively promoted New Agriculture, the cultivation of high value cash crops, in the province and the use of Green Technology in all government projects;
- XXXIII. Launched the 'Paspas Dur-as Biag ti Away,' a flagship agriculture program of the provincial government to enhance the productivity and sustainability of the agriculture sector in Ilocos Norte;
- XXXIV. Came up with the Ilocos Norte Tourism Masterplan with Arch. Jun Palafox and is currently implementing Phase One of the project;
- XXXV. Initiated sports tourism which paved the way to various major sports event being held in the province, e.g., the ARAE-FEARA and International Paoay Regatta, Le Tour de Filipinas, Tri Ilocos Norte;
- XXXVI. Initiated eco-tourism which gave rise to programs which protect the province's unique biodiversity and establishments of 'green energy' projects;
- XXXVII. Partnered with the Energy Development Council (EDC) on building 50 wind turbines in Burgos, Ilocos Norte and Mirae Asi Energy Corporations (MAEC) on putting up the first grid-connected solar power plant in the province to be built in Currimao, Ilocos Norte;
- XXXVIII. Working with world renowned Architect Felino Palafox and currently implementing the Palafox Masterplan for tourism infrastructure and investment in Ilocos Norte, the latest being the SIRIB Mile project which aims to develop a one-stop learning center for the students in Ilocos Norte, to be located along the Laoag university belt;
- XXXIX. Initiated titles to reacquire provincial properties, e.g., Capitol, Heroes Hall, Marcos Hall of Justice, etc.;
- XL. Doing intensive campaign geared towards local and multinational investors for Business Process Outsourcing (BPO's) to enter the province;
- XLI. Created the Provincial Task Force on Land Titling to increase and organize the collection of taxes in the province;
- XLII. Created the Provincial Task Force on Climate Change;
- XLIII. Created the Provincial Resiliency Task Force that integrates disaster preparedness, threats on terrorism and possible outbreak of diseases as part of the action plan;
- XLIV. Created Manang Imee's Capitol Express, a roving one-stop shop that aims to make provincial government frontline services more accessible to all Ilocanos;
- XLV. Launched the provincial newsletter 'Paspas Dur-as' to educate every Ilocano about the programs of the government wherein 100,000 copies are being distributed in all parts of the province;
- XLVI. Created Sirib Express, a youth-gearred organization encouraging volunteerism to bring frontline services closer to all youth aged 14 to 29;
- XLVII. Paid tribute to young Ilocano national and international achievers who made Ilocos Norte proud through the Sirib Youth Awards.
- XLVIII. Most Outstanding Governor in the Philippines by Superbrands Marketing Inc. (awarded thrice - 2015, 2016, 2017)
- XLIX. Made Ilocos Norte the first top-to-bottom ISO-certified province (ISO 9001:2015)
 - L. Served as the main speaker at the March 2017 Asia CEO Forum
 - LI. Awardee of the Golden Globe Annual Awards for Outstanding Public Service

PREVIEW OF FORTHCOMING THURSDAY MEETINGS

January 25, 2018, 12N, New World Makati Hotel



Rafael Ma. C. Vinzon, LL.M.
Head, Tax Services, Reyes Tacandong and Co.

February 1, 2018, 12N, New World Makati Hotel



Hon. Antonio T. Carpio

Senior Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines

Guest Speaker;

A Testimonial Luncheon in Honor of PP

Francisco V. "Toting" del Rosario;

and R.I. D-3810 Governor Emmanuel "Loy"

Consico's Official Visit to RCM

THE WEEK THAT WAS



PD "Rod" Valencia as OIC/Moderator, calls the program of activities.



Pres. "Jimmie" Policarpio calls the 25th meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila.



DE "Raffy" Alunan III delivers an ecumenical prayer.



PVP "Roy" Golez leads fellow Rotarians in renewing its commitment to the Rotary Credo by reciting the four (4) Way Test.



STAR Rtn. "Juan" Montel introduces the visiting Rotarians, Guests and Personalities seated at the presidential table.



VPE/Dir. "Lance" Masters reports on The Rotary Foundation encouraging fellow **RCMers'** to subscribe as Paul Harris Fellows.



Pres. "Jimmie" Policarpio during the President's Time.



Rtn. "Gani" Macatoman does the honor, pleasure and privilege of introducing Secretary **Eduardo D. Del Rosario**, Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), as guest of honor and speaker.



HUDCC Secretary Eduardo del Rosario gave Manila Rotarians, Visiting Rotarians and guests, the government's plans on rebuilding Marawi.



An open forum immediately followed right after the speech of Secretary **Eduardo D. Del Rosario** with RCMers' raising questions:



DE/Dir. **"Bobby" Joseph** conducts the club's fund-raising cash raffle with PP **"Frank" Evaristo's** attendance slip being drawn as winner from the glass tambol.



Pres. **"Jimmie" Policarpio** for the response, presentation of token bell and gavel to Secretary **Eduardo D. Del Rosario**, as a token of appreciation and meeting adjournment.



The personalities at the presidential table for a posterity photo with HUDCC Secretary Eduardo del Rosario, with Rtn. "Gani" Macatoman, PVP "Roy" Golez, PD "Rod" Valencia, DE "Jackie" Rodriguez, Chairman, Program Committee, FCPRelly Fajardo, DE "Raffy" Alunan, VPE/Dir. "Lance" Masters, VPE/Dir. "Lance" Masters, FCP Jage Estipona AND Star Rtn. Juan Montel.



HUDCC Secretary Eduardo del Rosario (4th from right), with from right: DE "Jackie" Rodriguez, DGE "Rudy" Bediones, VPE/Dir. "Lance" Masters, DE "Raffy" Alunan, STAR Rtn. "Juan" Montel, Rtn. "Cris" Acosta, PD "Rod" Valencia.



Another posterity photo of RCMers' with DE "Raffy" Alunan and Rtn. "Joe" de Venecia, seated from left. Standing: PD "Rod" Valencia, DGE "Rudy" Bediones, PP "Frank" Evaristo, Rtn. "Gani" Macatoman, DE "Jackie" Rodriguez, VPE/Dir. "Lance" Masters.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



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INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY



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The view from the room of **DGE Rudy** and **Lady Sharon Bediones** in the morning of January 14, 2018 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego in San Diego, California, USA.

JANUARY 14, 2018 REGISTRATION



DGE Rudy Bediones and Lady Sharon Bediones during the Registration of delegates at the International Assembly last January 14, 2018, Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, San Diego, California, USA.

JANUARY 14, 2018

TOUR OF OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO STATE HISTORIC PARK WITH PHILIPPINE DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND THEIR SPOUSES:





DGE Rudy Bediones and **Lady Sharon Bediones** joined the other Philippine District Governors and their respective Spouses in a tour of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, San Diego, California, USA, last January 14, 2018 which formed part of the program of the International Assembly.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION



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JANUARY 15 2018
SECOND DAY GENERAL SESSION

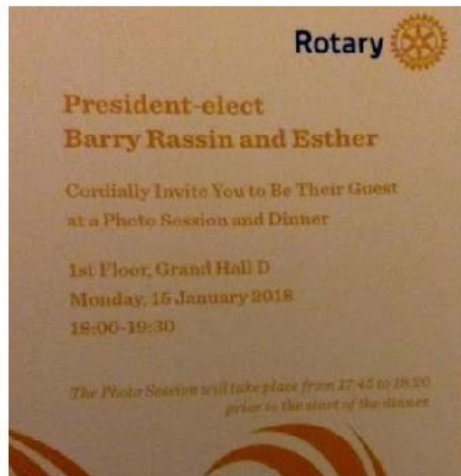


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DGE Rudy Bediones with Past Rotary International President Mateo Armando "Mat" T. Caparas, the first and only Filipino Rotary International President who was a member of the Rotary Club of Manila during his incumbency, last January 14, 2018 at the Opening General Session of the International Assembly at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego in San Diego, California, USA.



2ND DAY

PRESIDENT-ELECT BARRY RASSIN AND ESTHER PHOTO SESSION AND DINNER



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PHOTO SESSION AND DINNER**



DGE Rudy Bediones and Lady Sharon Bediones with the banner bearing the Rotary Theme Logo for RY 2018-2019 "BE THE INSPIRATION" during the Photo Session of the International Assembly last January 15, 2018 at the 1st Floor, Grand Hall D of the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego in San Diego, California, USA.



The District Governors-Elect of the Philippines and their respective spouses during the Photo Session of the International Assembly last January 15, 2018 at the 1st Floor, Grand Hall D of the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego in San Diego, California, USA.



The District Governors-Elect of the Philippines during the Photo Session of the International Assembly last January 15, 2018 at the 1st Floor, Grand Hall D of the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego in San Diego, California, USA.



The Spouses of the District Governors-Elect of the Philippines during the Photo Session of the International Assembly last January 15, 2018 at the 1st Floor, Grand Hall D of the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego in San Diego, California, USA.

**THIRD DAY
ROTARY CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND NETWORKING NIGHT.**



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS



2018-19 RI President Barry Rassin wants Rotary members to *Be the Inspiration*

By Hank Sartin Photos by Monika Lozinska

Rotary International President-elect Barry Rassin laid out his vision for the future of the organization on Sunday, calling on leaders to work for a sustainable future and to inspire Rotarians and the community at large.

Rassin, a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, unveiled the 2018-19 presidential theme, *Be the Inspiration*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "I want you to inspire in your clubs, your Rotarians, that desire for something greater. The drive to do more, to be more, to create something that will live beyond each of us."

Rassin stressed the power of Rotary's new vision statement, "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." This describes the Rotary that leaders must help build, he said.

To achieve this vision, the president-elect said, Rotarians must take care of the organization: "We are a membership organization first. And if we want to be able to serve, if we want to succeed in our goals — we have to take care of our members first."

Rassin asked the incoming district governors to "inspire the club presidents, and the Rotarians in your districts, to want to change. To want to do more. To want to reach their own potential. It's your job to motivate them — and help them find their own way forward."



Progress on polio

Rassin noted that one source of inspiration has been Rotary's work to eradicate polio. He described the incredible progress made over the past three decades. In 1988, an estimated 350,000 people were paralyzed by the wild poliovirus; just 20 cases were reported in 2017 as of 27 December. "We are at an incredibly exciting time for polio eradication," he said, "a point at which each new case of polio could very well be the last."

He emphasized that even when that last case of polio is recorded, the work won't be finished. "Polio won't be over, until the certifying commission says it's over—when not one poliovirus has been found, in a river, in a sewer, or in a paralyzed child, for at least three years," he said. "Until then, we have to keep doing everything we're doing now." He urged continued dedication to immunization and disease surveillance programs.

Sustaining the environment

Rotary has focused heavily on sustainability in its humanitarian work in recent years. Now, Rassin said, Rotarians must acknowledge some hard realities about pollution, environmental degradation, and climate change. He noted that 80 percent of his own country is within one meter of sea level. With sea levels projected to rise two meters by 2100, he said, "my country is going to be gone in 50 years, along with most of the islands in the Caribbean and coastal cities and low-lying areas all over the world."

Rassin urged leaders to look at all of Rotary's service as part of a larger global system. He said that this means the incoming district governors must be an inspiration not only to clubs, but also to their communities. "We want the good we do to last. We want to make the world a better place. Not just here, not just for us, but everywhere, for everyone, for generations."



BE THE INSPIRATION

ONE ROTARY ONE PHILIPPINES ONE FOR MARAWI



Manila Rotarians led by **DE Raffy Alunan** (Chairman of the **ONE ROTARY ONE PHILIPPINES ONE FOR MARAWI Project**), **Star Rtn. Juan Montel** and **Rtn. Tong Payumo** joined the ONE ROTARY ONE PHILIPPINES ONE FOR MARAWI Team last January 14, 2018. The team moved to Iligan for breakfast. Thereafter, a meeting ensued with Task Force Bangon Marawi's Asec. Felix Castro and Director Aniñon at the Office of Civil Defense Iligan at Mahogany Hills. Subsequently, the team moved to Marawi for a windshield tour of the Main Battle Area.



The team conducted a medical and dental mission at Bgy. Puntod in Cagayan de Oro City last January 15, 2018 which likewise benefited the victims of Typhoon Vinta where flood waters were neck deep from the Cagayan de Oro river that overflowed. The medical mission would not have been a success without the support of Philippine Airlines for free space and passage, Pharex for donated medicines, Rotary District 3870 for providing fourteen (14) nurses, Our Lady of Peace Foundation together with Alejandro Clinic for providing doctors, Gov. Bambi Emano for a truck and a mobile dental clinic, Department of Tourism for a van and hotel arrangements, Task Force Bangon Marawi and 103rd Brigade for the MBA windshield tour, Office of Civil Defense for a van and data, DZRH for media coverage, Team Humanity as well as Zeta Phi Omega for coordination and manpower support.



Rotary Club of Manila medical mission to assist Typhoon Vinta victims in Cagayan de Oro.

By Dir/VPE Lance Masters

Once again, our stalwart heroes of our RCM project “One Rotary, One Philippines, One for Marawi” braved the gauntlet of travel to the disaster-stricken south, this time putting on a medical and dental mission for victims of Typhoon Vinta in Cagayan de Oro. Flood waters from the swollen river were neck deep, causing much devastation and medical problems. They were able to serve almost 500 patients, collaborating with several organizations and government agencies, as well as dedicated individuals. Joining RCMer’s Project Chairman DE Raffy Alunan, was Co-chair DE Jackie Rodriguez, Rtn. Tong Payumo (who donated 100,000 pesos cash to defray the trip costs and add to the project fund), Star Rotarian Juan Montel. We also received similar donations from Rtn. Joe de Venecia and Dir Bobby Joseph. Thank you.

Our partners in these missions include RI District 3870, which supplied fourteen nurses, and Our Lady of Peace Foundation (Dra Sister Eva) and Alejandro Clinic (Rtn. Sharon Reyes), who provided the team of doctors. The Department of Health provided a fully-equipped dental van and personnel, through Gov. Bambi Emano, who also provided a truck. The Department of Tourism helped with accommodations. Pharmaceuticals were provided free or at cost through the goodness of Rtn. Abe Pascual and Rtn. Juan Montel. The Department of Transportation provided a van and a truck (and drivers). The Office of Civil Defense provided a van and very helpful data. Past District Governor Lynne Abanilla (Physicians for Peace), Team Humanity and Zeta Phi Omega (a service fraternity and sorority from Zamboanga) provided extensive manpower and coordination support. We are very happy that DZRH provided media coverage, some of which was carried on its affiliates nationwide.



DE Raffy Alunan, Chairman of ONE ROTARY ONE PHILIPPINES ONE FOR MARAWI Project, met with the Board of the Philippine College of Physicians (PCP) led by Dr. Kenneth Hartigan-Go and which included PD/IPS Dr. Ning Lopez last January 17, 2018 at the PCP Office, One San Miguel Avenue Building, Mandaluyong City regarding a partnership with the ONE ROTARY ONE PHILIPPINES ONE FOR MARAWI Project aimed at providing humanitarian assistance to war and natural disaster victims.

In Memoriam



PDG Aurelio "Relly" H. Reyes, Jr

who died in the grace of our Lord

last Thursday, January 12, 2018, 2:00am

Inurnment of ashes followed after Cremation.

Let us pray for the eternal repose of the soul of

Past District Gov. Aurelio "Relly" H. Reyes, Jr.

CENTENNIAL NEWS



NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES

2nd Indorsement
22 November 2017

Respectfully returned to **Acting Deputy Executive Secretary Ryan Alvin R. Acosta**, Legal Affairs Office, Office of the President of the Philippines, Malacañang, Manila, the attached letter of Mr. Jose Policarpio, Jr., President, Rotary Club of Manila, requesting the issuance of a presidential proclamation declaring 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 as the "Year for the Celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary Movement in the Philippines and Asia," with the comment that records show that the Rotary Movement in the Philippines began with the first meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila on 29 January 1919. This event preceded the establishment of other Rotary Clubs in Asia, marking the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary movement in the Philippines the pioneer of the movement in Asia. In view of this, favorable action is recommended.


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Chairman

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VIBER

It is imperative for the efficient operation of our club to have quick and reliable methods of communication. In recent years, exchanges of messages among members and with the secretariat have increasingly been made through the Viber mobile app. Accompanying this development have been requests by members to reorganize existing Viber groups and to formulate guidelines for each. To avoid further confusion, please be advised accordingly:

RCM OFFICIAL VIBER GROUPS



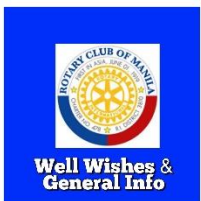
1. Attendance

This is strictly to confirm or decline attendance to luncheon meetings and other RCM events. This is created ONLY to get an advanced headcount, to more or less determine the minimum reservation at the venue, so that shortage of tables and food would be avoided. NO other matters to be posted.



2. Announcements

Weekly Program, including Guest of Honor and Speaker, club projects, district events, Rotary International events, website developments, etc.



3. Well Wishes & General Info

Birthdays, CLEAN Jokes, inspirational messages, get well soon, non-political news, general info like weather warnings, etc.



4. Sympathies

Messages of condolences.

FOR ALL GROUPS:

1. All members are encouraged to join the official RCM Viber groups as this is the fastest means now to post and exchange club announcements and messages. New members will be automatically added by the Secretariat to these groups. If you do not like to have frequent notifications, you may set that group to mute and just check messages when you want to.
2. If you want to clear your phone memory of all or multiple Viber messages, the only way right now is to leave the group temporarily. You may notify the chat admins to add you back.
3. NO posts that may be interpreted as offensive to the personality or the political or religious views of other members.
4. You may NOT add non-RCM members.

5. Your Viber profile should state your full name. Nickname together with last name will do, as long as it is familiar to RCM members. No unfamiliar aliases please. Chat admins should not add RCM members who have no or unfamiliar Viber names, even though they know the number belongs to an RCM member.

6. Viber accounts that have been hacked or deemed hacked will be removed immediately by the chat admins. The persons affected will be contacted via other means by the admin. Only after the removed member's account security issues have been resolved will he be allowed back to the group.

7. Disagreements that arose among the group members should be resolved privately, not in the Viber group.

8. Please be a responsible group message user. Remember that everybody in the group receives each of your messages. Do not clog the chat with unnecessary posts. Go through first your unread messages before posting, to check if your query or subject of interest has been previously discussed already.

9. Viber messages deemed inappropriate may be deleted by the admins.

10. Exchange of ideas with regard to club matters is welcome in RCM Viber groups. Please bear in mind though that no club decision may be made through Viber messages. The RCM constitution states that the Board of Directors is the governing body of the club. Therefore, club decisions will only be made through proper board resolutions. If an RCMer uses Viber to bring up an item for board decision, he should make sure that this is properly acknowledged by any director, executive officer or the secretariat so that it would be included in the agenda of the next board meeting.

VIBER GROUPS OF COMMITTEES

The head or the secretariat of club committees may create a Viber group if they deem it necessary. Examples: RCManila Foundation, Centennial Committee, etc. If a committee member would like to unsubscribe from a particular committee Viber group, he may do so and just request to be informed via text or email.

VIBER VS EMAIL

Although the Viber app is a quick means of communication, it does have its limitations. One is that it is not easily recorded as an official communication of the club. For this reason, official club announcements and records will still be sent primarily by email. The same may be sent via Viber but only as an advanced copy. Besides, not all RCM members are currently subscribed to Viber.

Final Note:

We do not need to officially create a Viber group that is free for all messages like “green” jokes. Members can create them on their own and only involve those whose sensibilities will not be offended. Anyway, “Fun Group”, which is like that, already exists. If you want to be part of that group, you may ask any of the chat admins Albert Alday, Joe Assad or Mon Ko.

SPEAKERS BUREAU



Former Parañaque Representative and Former National Security Adviser PVP Roy Golez was interviewed last January 11, 2018 by RMN-DZXL regarding China's reported militarization of their artificial islands in the South China Sea and that the Philippines should file a diplomatic protest against China.

Former Parañaque Representative and Former National Security Adviser PVP Roy Golez was interviewed last January 11, 2018 by TV5 regarding the South China Sea and Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana's proposal to file a diplomatic protest against China.



Former Speaker Rtn. Joe de Venecia was interviewed last January 12, 2018 on ANC Early Edition regarding his take on Charter Change (CHA-CHA).

NEWS RELEASE

THE PHILIPPINE STAR

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BIR COMMISSIONER DULAY AT MANILA ROTARY CLUB: Bureau of Internal Revenue Commissioner Caesar Dulay (4th from left) was recently guest of honor and speaker in a joint meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila, First in Asia, with its daughter Rotary Club of Tondo, Manila. He spoke on the agency's thrusts, plans and programs such as the implementation of the Run After Tax Evaders (RATE) and the 'Oplan Kandado' programs, as well as on the comprehensive taxpayer profiling. Photo shows (from left) past president Benny Laguesma, past president Frank Evaristo, president Jimmie Policarpio, Dulay and past president Babes Reyes.

Megawide, SSS to bid for NAIA rehabilitation

By: Doris Dumlao-Abadilla - Reporter / @philbizwatcher 04:02 PM January 12, 2018



(L-R) Megawide's Louie Ferrer, Edgar Saavedra, SSS' Amado Valdez, Jose Gabriel La Vina commemorate entry of SSS as an institutional investor in Megawide

Construction and infrastructure conglomerate Megawide Corp. is teaming up with the state-owned Social Security System (SSS) to bid for the right to rehabilitate and operate the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA), the highly-congested main gateway to Metro Manila.

The proposed "mega-consortium" to be formed by Megawide and SSS is seen as a formidable rival to the "super-consortium" recently created by six of the country's largest conglomerates who also seek to rehabilitate NAIA. The rival "super-consortium" consists of the Ayala, Aboitiz, Andrew Tan, Lucio Tan, Gokongwei, Metro Pacific and Gotianun groups.

SSS chair Amado Valdez announced the potential partnership with Megawide to rehabilitate NAIA on Friday during the ceremonial signing of the SSS' entry as a 5.17-percent stockholder of Megawide.

Valdez said SSS and Megawide had formed a technical working group for NAIA redevelopment, citing potential synergy with its redevelopment of the Mactan-Cebu International Airport.

Before the Christmas break, Saavedra's holding company Megacore Holdings Inc. sold 73.826 million shares or around 3.5 percent of Megawide shares to SSS at P17.88 percent per share. Prior to this block sale, the SSS had accumulated Megawide shares from the open market throughout 2017 for a total of 1.67 percent stake.

"It is encouraging that the SSS, the country's biggest pension fund, is willing to invest in Megawide. It is an outstanding vote of confidence in the company's vision, and we are motivated to work even harder to that we can deliver positive returns for all our shareholders," Saavedra said.

Megawide, in partnership with GMR group of India, won the contract to rehabilitate and operate the Cebu airport in 2013. Recently, it also submitted the best bid for the engineering, procurement and construction contract to upgrade Clark International Airport and is interested to likewise bid for the operation and maintenance contract in the future.

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BEAT ARTHRITIS WITHOUT MEDICATION

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

Arthritis is a painful condition. It can interfere with your daily activities. If you're suffering from such painful circumstance, you can take steps to manage the pain brought about by arthritis by protecting your joints, reducing pain, and improving mobility. Live with it. Things can still be enjoyable. You can beat arthritis even without taking any medicine.

5 simple things you can do for yourself if you have arthritis (*Harvard Health Newsletter HEALTHbeat, December 23, 2017*)

1. **Keep moving.** Avoid holding one position for too long. When working at a desk, for example, get up and stretch every 15 minutes. Do the same while sitting at home reading or watching television.
2. Discover your strength. **Put your strongest joints and muscles to work.** To protect finger and wrist joints, push open heavy doors with the side of your arm or shoulder. To reduce hip or knee stress on stairs, let the strong leg lead going up and the weaker leg lead going down.
3. Plan ahead. **Simplify and organize your routines so you minimize movements that are difficult or painful.** Keep items you need for cooking, cleaning, or hobbies near where they are needed (even if that means multiple sets of cleaning supplies, one for your kitchen and each bathroom, for example).
4. **Take advantage of laborsaving devices and adaptive aids.** Simple gadgets and devices can make it easier to perform daily activities such as cooking, gardening, or even getting dressed. Long-handled grippers, for example, are designed to grasp and retrieve out-of-reach objects. Rubber grips can help you get a better handle on faucets, pens, toothbrushes, and silverware. Pharmacies, medical supply stores, and online vendors stock a variety of aids for people with arthritis.
5. Ask for help. People with arthritis often worry about the possibility of growing dependent on others. But only a very small percentage of people with arthritis become severely disabled. Still, the emotional burdens of managing arthritis can be considerable. **Educate family members and friends about how arthritis affects you, and don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it.**

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION recommends the following activities to help you beat the pain without medication: Golf, biking, hiking, lap swimming, running, tennis, walking, martial arts, aerobics, ballroom dancing, pilates, tai chi, and yoga.

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