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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

PRESIDENT JIMMIE POLICARPIO SPEAKS AT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

		Short Messages		RI President Ian H.S. Riseley PRIP M.A.T. Caparas PRIP Gary C.K. Huang RIPE Barry Rassin RIPI Mark Daniel Maloney TRF Trustee Chair Paul Netzel
2018 ASIAN BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP Zones 1B, 9 & 10		08:50am Invitation to Centennial Celebration of Rotary in Asia and RC Manila, D3610	RIDE Raffy Garcia III, D3800 Club Pres. Jimmy Policarpio, D3810	
25 June 2018, Monday 07:00am to 09:00am		08:55am Closing Remarks	POG Chi Jea Yao "Koga", D3490 Vice-Chair, Asian Breakfast	
Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel 123 Queen St. West, Toronto, ON, Canada M5H 2M9		09:00am Adjournment	PRID Guiller E. Tumangan, D3830 Convener, Asian Breakfast	
		Masters of Ceremony:		
		DGND Brain Chen, D3490 PP Mabel Esteban, D3830		

PROGRAMME

06:30am Registration

07:00am Breakfast served

07:30am Community Singing/Music

Presentations:

- a. Solo Performance of
PDG NG Kim Poh
"Amko", D3523
- b. Chorus, D3490
- c. Dance With Us, D3830

07:50am Call to Order

PRID Guiller E. Tumangan, D3830
Convener, Asian Breakfast

Invocation

DG Edwin Afzelius, Jr., D3830

Welcome Remarks and
Acknowledgment of Delegation
per country

PDG Lito E. Colona, D3830
Chair, Asian Breakfast

Opening Statement and
Recognition of RI Dignitaries

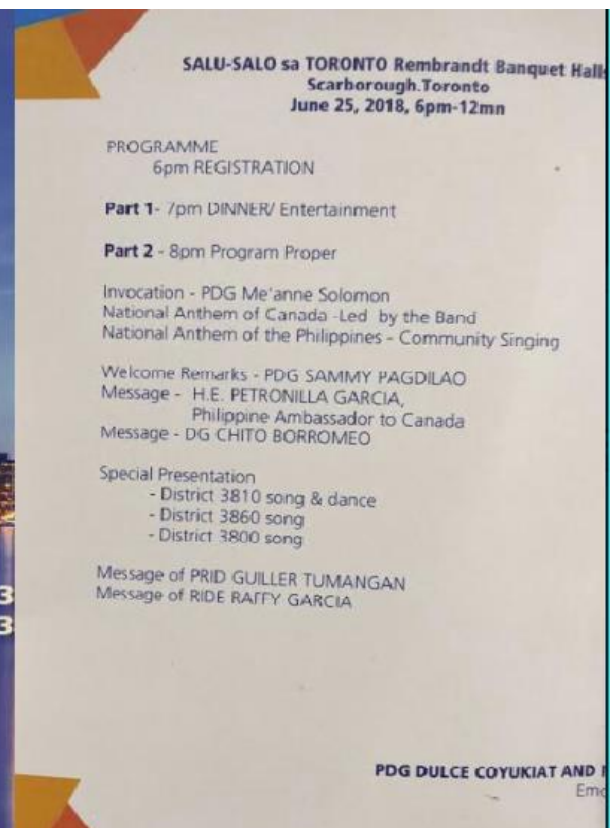
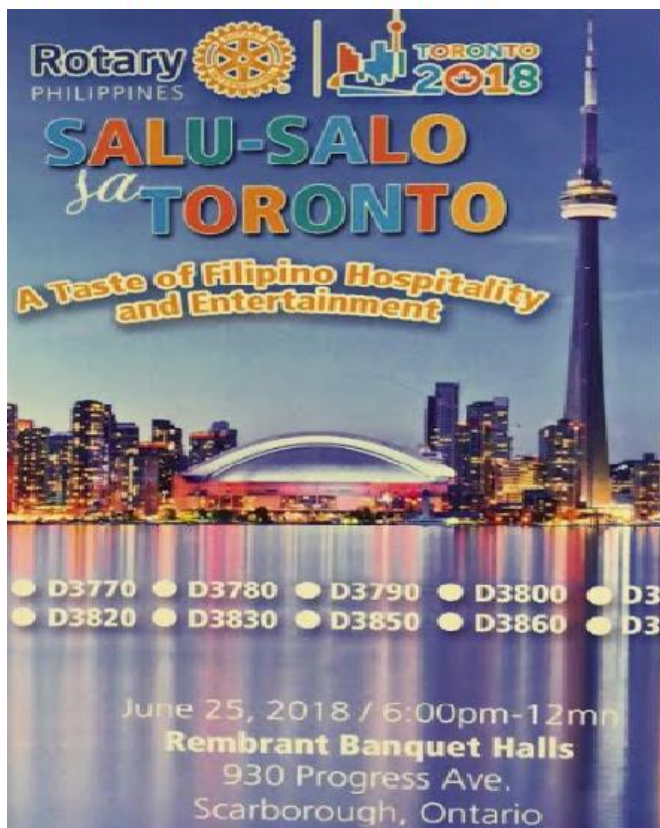
PRID Guiller E. Tumangan, D3830
Convener, Asian Breakfast

Greetings

PRID Frederick Lin, D3520
PRID Saowalak Rattanaovich, D3350



President Jimmie Policarpio makes a pitch for the Centennial Celebration of the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary movement in the Philippines and in Asia at the 2018 Asian Breakfast Fellowship of the Rotary International Convention last June 25, 2018 at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. There were around 2,000 Filipino Rotarians who attended the above breakfast.





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ROTARIAN DIGNITARIES RECEIVE CENTENNIAL PINS AND WATCHES



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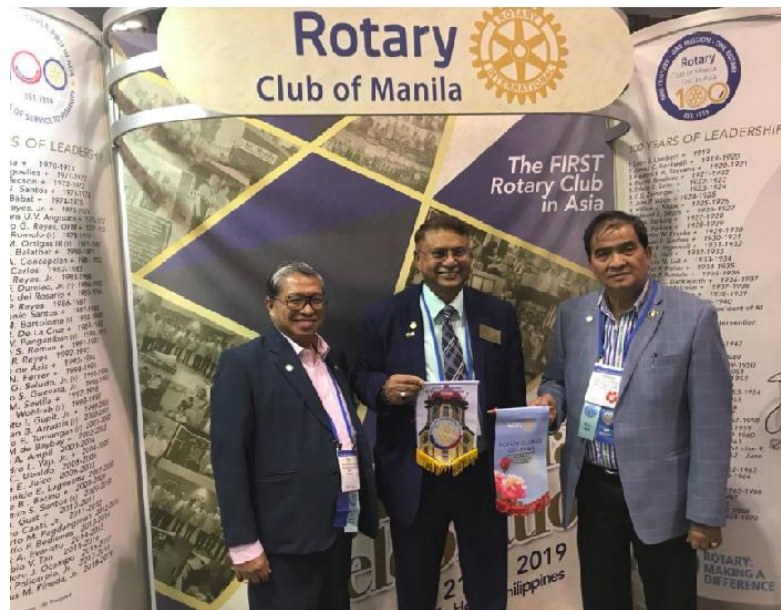
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President Jimmie Policarpio presented the Rotary Club of Manila Commemorative Centennial Watch to **District Governor Emmanuel “Loy” Cosico** last June 23, 2018 at the Rotary Club of Manila Booth in Toronto, Canada.



MANILA ROTARIANS EXCHANGE BANNERETTES AND TOKENS WITH CLUBS AROUND THE WORLD





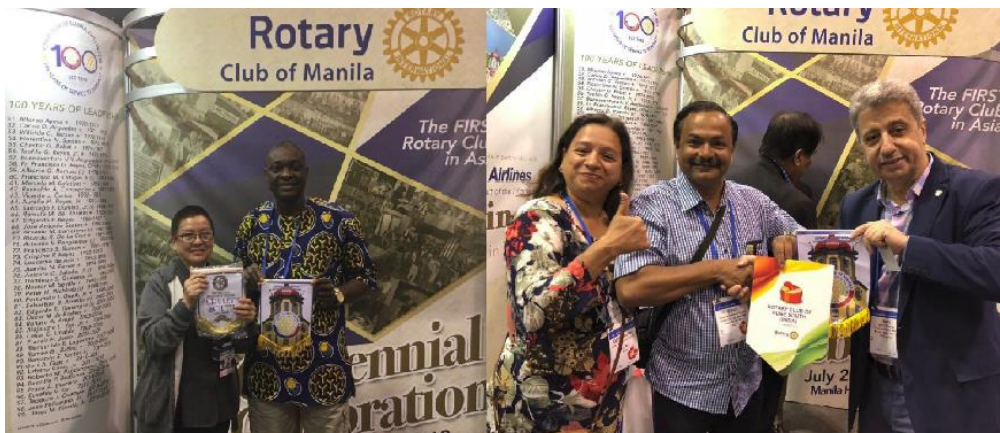
Exchange of bannerettes with President Rokonuddawla of the Rotary Club of Gulshan, Dhaka



Exchange of bannerettes and Presentation of Centennial Bell & Gavel Set to Rotary Club of Fiji.



Presentation of Centennial Bell and Gavel Set to DGN Cathy Gibson of the Rotary Club of Seattle, the mother club of the Rotary Club of Manila last June 26, 2018 at the Rotary Club of Manila Booth, Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Canada.



Exchange of bannerettes with the Rotary Club of Surulere South last June 26, 2018 at the Rotary Club of Manila Booth, Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Canada

Exchange of bannerettes with the Rotary Club of Pune South (India) last June 26, 2018 at the Rotary Club of Manila Booth, Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Canada



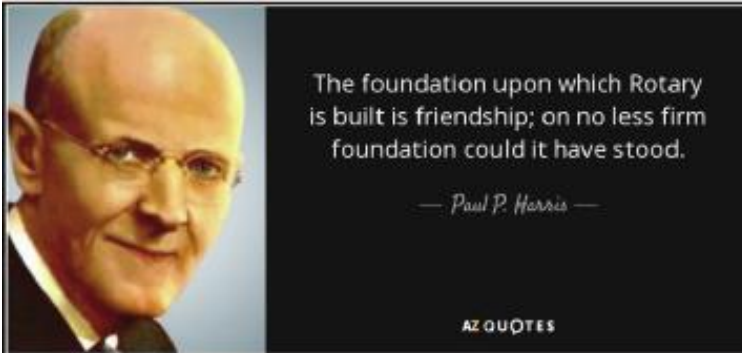
Exchange of bannerettes with the Rotary Club of Marikina Heights last June 26, 2018 at the Rotary Club of Manila Booth, Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Canada



THE MANY FACETS OF THE TORONTO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FROM JUNE 23-27, 2018



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Dinner with RI President Barry Rassin and Spouse Esther

Hosted by: Rotary Club of Manila

July 19, 2018 | Registration 5PM; Program 6PM

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Ticket Price: P3,000

Bank: MBTC-Anda Circle

Account Name: Rotary Club of Manila

Account # 151-7-15151485-1

Okada Hotel Grand Ballroom, Coral Wing Lobby | Attire: Dark Suit/ Long Gown

Rotary
DISTRICT 3810



Dinner with Rotary International President Barry Rassin and Spouse Esther

July 19, 2018 | Registration 5PM; Program 6PM

Okada Manila Grand Ballroom, Coral Wing Lobby

Hosted by: Rotary Club of Manila

Attire: Dark Suit/ Long Gown

Ticket Price: Php 3,000.00

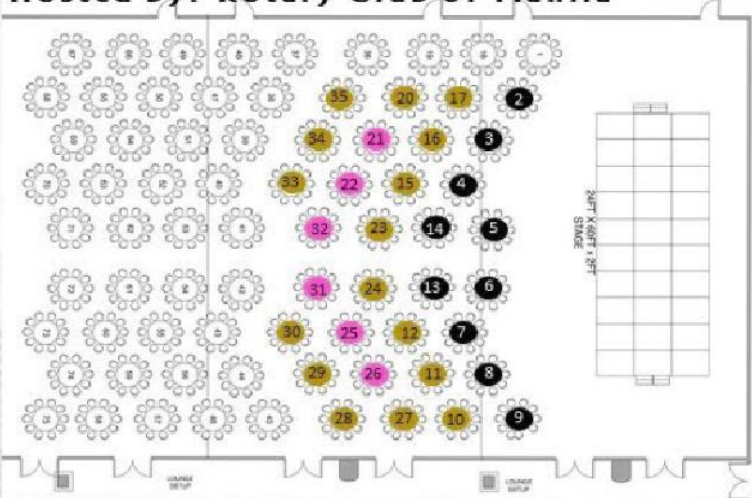



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LEGEND:

- For guests and PDGs.
- May be purchased on a PER TABLE basis (10 persons).
- May be purchased on a PER SEAT basis (one or more seats).
- Open.



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The “An Evening with Rotary International President Barry and Lady Esther Rassin” Committee met with officials of Okada Manila where the event will be held last June 22, 2018 at the Medley Buffet of Okada Manila in Parañaque City. Present were DGE Rudy Bediones, PE/Dir. Susing Pineda, IPSDG/IPDCoS/DE/IPD Albert Alday and Rtn. Romy Nones.

INTERCLUB ACTIVITIES




An Invitation to

THE DISTRICT HANDOVER AND INDUCTION CEREMONIES

MANILA • PASAY • CAVITE • OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

Hosted By: Rotary Club of Hiyas ng Bacoors

July 14, 2018
The Manila Hotel, Fiesta Pavilion

TIME: Registration - 2:30 P.M. ; Program - 4:00 P.M. | ATTIRE: Men - Barong; Women - Filipiniana




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MANILA • PASAY • CAVITE • OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

Hosted By: Rotary Club of Hiyas ng Bacoors

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Registration Fee: ₱2,150
Bank: Metrobank
C/A # 007195515421
Acct. Name: Rotary Club of Hiyas ng Bacoors
Email: district3810handover@gmail.com

For more information, contact: Chair Jeanine Pollicarpio (09176271277)



DGE Rudy and Lady Sharon Bediones attended the District 3810 Pasay Area Team Building last June 23, 2018 at the Copacabana Apartment Hotel in Pasay City.





DGE Rudy and Lady Sharon Bediones attended the Handover 2018 Performance Practice of Inspiring Presidents and Execom last June 25, 2018 at the Copacabana Apartment Hotel in Pasay City.

CENTENNIAL NEWS

CENTENNIAL INITIATIVES FOR RY 2018-2019



SARI-SARING ARALAN: 3K para sa 3K (Kabataan, Kababaihan, Kalalakihan para sa Karunungan, Kaugalian, Kagitingan) is based on the concept of the iconic Filipino sari-sari store, a well-known place in the community, that can be a venue for learning. It is based on the premise that learning does not and should not only take place inside schools and colleges, but in communities, workplaces, and families, as well. Sari-Saring Aralan aims to become a Learning Hub for OSY to help in increasing their capacity, sociability, change of values, and mind set in life.



The Rotary Club of Manila Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

(aka Adopt-a-Student program) is an initiative to support graduating students from the Pamantasan ng Maynila and the Polytechnic University of the Philippines by providing financial aid for their everyday expenses. In line with celebrating 100 years of service, the initial goal is to provide support to 100 graduating students who will be needing financial support the most but at the same time providing better opportunities to improve their current state.



Centennial Commemorative Stamp is an initiative to commemorate the 100 years of the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary movement in the Philippines and in Asia through the issuance of limited edition stamps.



Rotary's Heart for Little Angels is an initiative to provide financial assistance to young children with congenital heart defects for purposes of their operation.



Rotary Club of Manila Centennial Friendship Trees is an initiative to plant 100,000 narra seedlings in commemoration of the 100 years of the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary movement in the Philippines and in Asia.



Centennial Hymn is an initiative towards composing a song that will embody the 100 years of the Rotary Club of Manila.



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A Centennial Legacy Projects Meeting took place last June 25, 2018 at Chef Jessie in Rockwell Club, Makati City. Present were: **IPSDG/IPDCoS/DE/IPD Albert Alday**, **ISDG/IPSDG/PAG/PP Frank Evaristo**, **Rtn. Celso Abastillas**, **PDG Obet Pagdanganan**, **BLA/PD Amading Valdez**, **PE/Dir. Susing Pineda** and **AS Rene Policarpio**.



Rotary Club of Manila Presidents Book Meeting where **DGE Rudy Bediones** met with the team working on the book project at the Rotary Club of Manila office. Team is composed of (clockwise) Rotary Club of Manila South **PE Carlo Goño** (the professional photographer), Rotary Club of Pasay Ilustrado **PE Eric Florentino** (the researcher and writer), **Ms Beatriz Decena** (DGE Executive Assistant), **DGE Rudy Bediones** and **IDT Jardine Bautista** (Rotary Club of Downtown Manila).

FELLOWSHIP



The World Famous Chorale held a choir practice last June 21, 2018 at Ralph's Wine and Liquor, Pasay Road, Makati City for the purpose of rehearsing the songs to be sang during the Handover 2018 and for "An Evening with Rotary International President Barry and Lady Esther Rassin".



Manila Rotarians ISDG/IPSDG/PAG/PP Frank Evaristo, IPSDG/IPDCoS/DE/IPD Albert Alday and IAT Jason Ong, who all happened to be JCI Senators, attended the JCI Senate Philippines Midyear Fellowship last June 22, 2018 at the Architectural Center Club Inc. in Rockwell, Makati City. Evaristo and Ong are both Manila Jaycee Senators while Alday is a Makati Jaycee Senator.

ROTATING ROTARIANS

PD BEDA FAJARDO ATTENDS MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI



PD Beda Fajardo attended the Weekly Luncheon Meeting of the Rotary Club of Makati last June 26, 2018 at The Peninsula Manila Hotel in Makati City where the club's Guest of Honor and Speaker was the **Hon. Maria Leonor "Leni" Gerona-Robredo**, Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines.

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT



DE Raffy Alunan, Chair of **ONE ROTARY ONE PHILIPPINES ONE FOR MARAWI Project**, paid a courtesy call on **Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte** together with project partner **Team Humanity's Bong Año** last June 23, 2018 at the Davao City Hall in Davao City where he briefed her on **ONE ROTARY ONE PHILIPPINES ONE FOR MARAWI**.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH



PDG Obet Pagdanganan, PE/Dir. Susing Pineda and ISDG/VPE/Dir. Lance Masters led the Rotary's Heart for Little Angels Committee of the Rotary Club of Manila in signing a Memorandum of Agreement with Healthcore led by Ms Joyce Alumno and Gift of Life led by Rob Raylman last June 21, 2018 at the Ballroom of the New World Makati Hotel in Makati City.



PDG Obet Pagdanganan, ISDG/VPE/Dir. Lance Masters, Rtn. Jun Aventura together with Gift of Life CEO Rob Raylman and Healthcore's Joyce Alumno met with Philippine Heart Center Associate Director Dr. Manzo last June 21, 2018 at the Philippine Heart Center in Quezon City to discuss cooperative plans on surgeries around the country with respect to Rotary's Heart for Little Angels project.



The Rotary's Heart for Little Angels Committee held a meeting last June 21, 2018 at the Wine Museum in Pasay City. Dinner was hosted by DE/Dir. Bobby Joseph and present were DGE Rudy Bediones, PDG Obet Pagdanganan, ISDG/VPE/Dir. Lance Masters, Rtn. Johnny Chotrani and institutional partners Healthcore and Gift of Life.

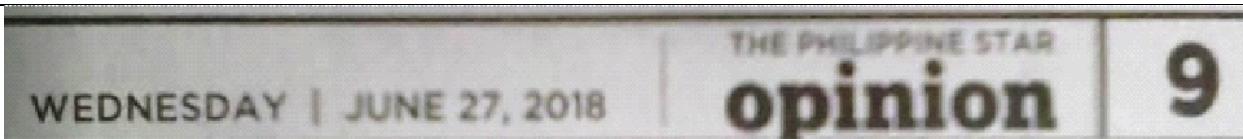
NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE

15TH APRRC COMMITTEE WEEKLY MEETING



DGE Rudy Bediones attended the monthly meeting of the 15th Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference Committee at the Asia Taste Seafood Restaurant last June 20, 2018 at Asian Taste Seafood Restaurant in Seascape Village, Pasay City.

NEWS RELEASE



A LITMUS TEST FOR THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE

BY:

Dean AMADO D. VALDEZ

Former Chairman, Social Security Commission

Former President, Philippine Association of Law Schools

The Sereno ouster by her own peers has stirred debates on the fairness of the Supreme Court justices, the President and the members of Congress. It puts in question in the minds of our people on the way we play the rules.

In general, when a person is appointed to a public office he is entitled to a security of tenure. What is required of him is to be faithful to his oath and his loyalty is to the people. He should not fear ouster at the assumption of a new administration regardless of divergent opinion on politics, policy and governance issues.

To those unfamiliar with the antecedents of this event, Lourdes Sereno was the Supreme Court Chief Justice and her ouster was made by her own peers in the high court through the unprecedented *quo warranto* proceedings instead of the prescribed impeachment proceedings.

The Sereno affair is a sequel to the ouster by impeachment of the late Chief Justice Renato Corona. These two successive events had come to pass without a national consensus on the lessons learned from them.

With the brouhaha created by the Corona and Sereno ousters, it would seem that the appointing powers had unwittingly taken the Supreme Court on the road to hell.

In Corona, the moral basis of the ban against midnight appointments was “legally” violated. Legally, because there was a Supreme Court decision that validated the appointment despite the ban against midnight appointments.

In Sereno, it took an arduous road of the Corona impeachment process that paved her appointment. It was reported that public disbursements were made prior to the vote of Corona’s conviction. The conviction created the vacancy of the position of Chief Justice to which Sereno was appointed to succeed him. She was a junior justice of the Supreme Court without any substantial trial practice and management experience.

In the aftermath of their ouster, the Supreme Court as an institution weakened, the stability of our rules to ensure a level playing field was shaken. Surely, ignoring the constitution and fair play will have fatal consequences.

It is, thus, incumbent for the people in the streets to reflect on the Corona and Sereno affair as well as to understand the dynamics of appointing a new chief justice. Definitely, there are lessons to learn here. We should find a national consensus on what to expect from President Rodrigo Duterte when he appoints a new Supreme Court Chief Justice.

The President must not just rely on the legal requirements and qualifications of his appointee. He must take into consideration not only formal laws, which is just a basic requirement, but the indispensable dynamics of management and human relations. The appointment must not only be valid but the new Chief Justice must have the gravitas to be effective.

Considering a complex judicial set-up, management expertise and the ability to engineer human relations of a new chief justice are customary elements constantly and uniformly practiced in the social and business community.

Adherence to customs and conventions are not based on a legal vacuum. By analogy to a Judge deciding an issue in the absence of a law, the President can apply custom, and in default thereof the general principles of law and justice.

The people expect that the new chief justice can effectively manage and exercise moral leadership and ascendancy on the Supreme Court and the entire judiciary. It is the moral duty of the president to give fruition to that expectation.

A new chief justice must be guided by a philosophy and mission is to establish the Supreme Court as the conscience of the nation and keep the people united when it settles through its decisions critical controversies. A Supreme Court must be above the perception of partisanship and capture by vested interest. This is a litmus test.

We need a national consensus that the people's faith in government and hope for the future are anchored on the principles of justice, fairness and the rule of law, freedom and respect of rights, order and equal opportunity for all. The role of the Supreme Court is to shape this national consensus.

The President has the courage and moral will to turn a new page that augurs new hope in the judiciary with his choice of a new chief justice.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

DE RAFFY ALUNAN SPEAKS BEFORE FRATERNAL ORDER OF PHILIPPINE EAGLES ANNUAL GATHERING



DE Raffy Alunan was speaker at the Annual Gathering of the Fraternal Order of Philippine Eagles last June 26, 2018 at the Acero Hall, Philippine Marines Barracks, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKERS' PROFILE



KABALITA

Let the AFP Top Brass show Asia's First Rotary Club his perspectives on military modernization in the wake of impending threats to our national sovereignty.

AFP Vision 2028:

A World-class Armed Forces, Source of National Pride
AFP Core Values: Honor, Service, Patriotism

GENERAL CARLITO G. GALVEZ JR, AFP is currently the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

GEN GALVEZ JR is a graduate of the Philippine Military Academy "SANDIWA" Class of 1985. He has been with the military service for more than 36 years with all his command billets spent in conflict-affected areas of mainland Mindanao, Basilan and Sulu. He is an Airborne, Intelligence and Scout Ranger qualified. His fields of specialty include the following: Combat and Intelligence Operations; Leadership Development, Counter-terrorism, Humanitarian Assistance, Strategic Management, Systems Dynamics Modeling, and Peace-building, Negotiation and Mediation ("Rido" Settlement).

He completed his Masters in Project Management at the University of New South Wales, Australia in 2004. He also participated and finished Executive Education at Harvard University, Massachusetts; Asian Institute of Management Center for Bridging Leadership; Infantry Officer Advance Course in Fort Benning, Georgia, Military Operation Research Symposium in Singapore; Crisis Management Course in Hawaii, Counter-terrorism Conference, NDU, Washington D.C. and Rules of Engagement in San Remo, Italy.

GEN GALVEZ JR graduated from the AFP Command and Staff College Class 47 as the Class President and Valedictorian (CSAFP and CGPA Awards).

His notable achievements include the following: Recipient of the most prestigious United States Eisenhower Fellowships in 2006. In 2007, he was adjudged as one of the "The Outstanding Philippine Soldier (TOPS)". Additionally, during his stint as Commander of the First Scout Ranger Battalion, which operated against the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu and Basilan, the said unit was adjudged as the Best Scout Ranger Battalion for two consecutive years in 2000 and 2001 and was chosen as the Philippine Army Best Battalion

for Combat Operations in 2002. In 2013, during the height of the Zamboanga Siege, he led the successful defense of Lamitan City, during the onslaught of combined forces of Abu Sayyaf Group and Lawless Elements from September 12 to 14, 2013.

During the Marawi Siege, he provided strategic direction and inspiration and deployed forces to successfully rescue the 2,000 civilian hostages, neutralize IsnilonHapilon, all the Maute Brothers and terrorists, and clear Marawi during the five months of continuous battle.

As WestMinCom Commander, he was able to lead his six Joint Task Forces with resounding success, with the neutralization of 436 Abu Sayyaf members including AlhabshyMisaya and NurhassanJamiri, 276 communist terrorists, 311 BIFF members, and 1,065 Maute members.

In line with the pronouncement of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, the campaign against loose firearms was launched by the troops to implement the Security, Governance and Development Strategies of Martial Law in Mindanao. Through the diplomatic mentoring strategy of Gen Galvez, a total of 1,343 loose firearms were surrendered to and recovered by the Joint Task Forces, 345 of which were from Central Mindanao, 195 from ZamPeLan, 229 from Zamboanga City, and 574 from Sulu.

He is also a bemedalled officer with two Philippine Legion of Honors, three Distinguished Service Stars, two Outstanding Achievement Medals, six Gold Cross Medals, eight Bronze Cross Medals, 40 Military Merit and Commendation Medals and lastly the Wounded Personnel Medal. GEN GALVEZ is also a recipient of the DSWD "Salamat Po" Humanitarian Award and the Outstanding Citizen of Taguig City Award. Just recently, he was awarded by President Rodrigo RoaDuterte with the Order of Lapu-lapu, Level of Kamagi, for his outstanding performance as the Unified Commander during the Liberation of Marawi City.

GEN GALVEZ JR. is happily married to the former Marissa M Pascua, an International Flight Purser of Philippine Airlines and their marriage is blessed with a daughter, Mary Frances Therese.

AFP Core Values: Honor, Service, Patriotism

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER



SECRETARY CARLOS G. DOMINGUEZ, III
Department of Finance

- July 5, 2018

As we usher in a new Rotary year, it's time to get onboard the TRAIN and appreciate the Philippine economic landscape for the remainder of 2018. See you and don't fail to hear the choo choo...

THE WEEK THAT WAS



Centennial Director/Current Director Bobby Joseph, Director-in-Charge, Vocational Service, as presiding officer, calls the 46th meeting, of the *Rotary Club of Manila, being the TOWER Awards Launching, with Feature Speaker Mr. Rob Raylman, CEO, Gift of Life International*, to order.



PP Benny Laguesma, Chairman, TOWER Awards Committee, as OIC/Moderator, calls the program of activities.



PS Butch Marking delivers an ecumenical prayer.



PD Knud Hedeager lead fellow Rotarians, in the recitation of the four (4) way test, to renew its commitment to the Rotary movement.



Centennial Director Albert Alday, introduces the guests, visiting Rotarians and personalities seated at the presidential table.



PP Benny Laguesma on the forthcoming international competition that the internationally acclaimed **UP Singing Ambassadors** will participate in, thus as a gesture of goodwill and better friendship, request for any voluntary financial donation from fellow Manila Rotarians, for the group as pocket money, the **UP Singing Ambassadors** performs its 1st set of favourite songs to the delight of the audience.

Centennial Vice President/ Director **Lance Masters** does the honor and pleasure of introducing **Mr. Rob Raylman, CEO, Gift of Life International**, as feature speaker.



Gift of Life Chair & CEO Rob Raylman gave Manila Rotarians, Visiting Rotarians and guests, his perspectives on his advocacy.



PP Benny Laguesma, Chairman, TOWER Awards Committee, on a brief introduction of the TOWER Awards Project and Introduction of its Project Partners, for the formal launching.

The focal point of the TOWER Awards Formal Launching is the Memorandum of Agreement Signing of the **Rotary Club of Manila and its Project Partners, Petron Foundation, Inc., People Management Association of the Philippines and the Department of Labor and Employment.**



Labor Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III signs a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Rotary Club of Manila; the People Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP); and with the Petron Foundation Inc. (PFI) to mount The Outstanding Workers of the Republic (TOWER) Awards. Standing from left-right **Past Club President and former DOLE Secretary Benny Laguesma**, Chairman, Tower Awards Committee, **Past District Governor Obet Pagdanganan**, **Centennial President/Director Susing Pineda**, **District 3810 Governor-Elect Rudy Bediones**. Seated from left-right **Ms. Charmaine Canillas**, Vice President for Corporate Affairs, Petron Foundation, Inc., **Secretary Bello**, **Past President Grace Abella Zata**, People Management Association of the Philippines and **Presiding Officer, Centennial Director/Current Director Bobby Joseph**.



Post signing of the TOWER Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), the respective messages, **Ms. Charmaine Canillas, Vice President for Corporate Affairs, Petron Foundation, Inc., Past President Grace Abella Zata, People Management Association of the Philippines** and last but not the least, **Labor Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III.**



Rotary's Heart for Little Angels signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, with Feature Speaker **Mr. Rob Raylman**, CEO, Gift of Life International. From left-right seated: **PDG Obet Pagdanganan, Centennial President/Current Director Susing Pineda, Ms. Joyce Socao-Alumno**, President and CEO, Healthcore, Inc., as project partner-cooperator, **Mr. Rob Raylman** and **Centennial Vice President/Current Director Lance Masters**, Chairman, Rotary's Heart for Little Angels Committee. Not in photo is **PD Rob Sears**, Chairman, RCManila Foundation, Inc. who later was approached by **Centennial Vice President/Current Director Lance Masters**, for him to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.



The UP Singing Ambassadors with Maestro ED MANGUIAT, performs its 2nd and last set of favourite songs which elicited great appreciation from the audience and request for an encore number which the group accommodated. PP Benny Laguesma announce the collection of P58,500 for the group, thanking fellow Rotarians who have voluntarily donated for the purpose.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS



Centennial Director/Current Director Bobby Joseph presents club bannerettes and receive a RI brass token, to first-time Visiting Rotarians: Mr. Rob Raylman, RC Manhasset, Long Island, NY, and Rtn. Stuart Chester, RC Exeralby, England.

RCM WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT/S



Centennial Director/Current Director Bobby Joseph presents the birthday celebrants of the week: Dir. Caloy Reyes, PP Boy Ampil, PT Chito Tagaysay, Rtn. Jo Assad, for the traditional blowing of candles on the birthday cake, amidst the singing by the RCM WF Chorale of the happy birthday song.

PRESIDENTIAL TIMELINE



June 20, 2018 - DGE Rudy Bediones attended the monthly meeting of the 15th Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference Committee at the Asia Taste Seafood Restaurant at Asian Taste Seafood Restaurant in Seascape Village, Pasay City.

June 21, 2018 - The World Famous Chorale held a choir practice at Ralph's Wine and Liquor, Pasay Road, Makati City for the purpose of rehearsing the songs to be sang during the Handover 2018 and for "An Evening with Rotary International President Barry and Lady Esther Rassin".

- PDG Obet Pagdanganan, PE/Dir. Susing Pineda and ISDG/VPE/Dir. Lance Masters led the Rotary's Heart for Little Angels Committee of the Rotary Club of Manila in signing a Memorandum of Agreement with Healthcore led by Ms Joyce Alumno and Gift of Life led by Rob Raylman at the Ballroom of the New World Makati Hotel in Makati City.

- PDG Obet Pagdanganan, ISDG/VPE/Dir. Lance Masters, Rtn. Jun Aventura together with Gift of Life CEO Rob Raylman and Healthcore's Joyce Alumno met with Philippine Heart Center Associate Director Dr. Manzo at the Philippine Heart Center in Quezon City to discuss cooperative plans on surgeries around the country with respect to Rotary's Heart for Little Angels project.

- The Rotary's Heart for Little Angels Committee held a meeting last June 21, 2018 at the Wine Museum in Pasay City. Dinner was hosted by DE/Dir. Bobby Joseph and present were DGE Rudy Bediones, PDG Obet Pagdanganan, ISDG/VPE/Dir. Lance Masters, Rtn. Johnny Chotrani and institutional partners Healthcore and Gift of Life.

June 22, 2018 - The "An Evening with Rotary International President Barry and Lady Esther Rassin" Committee met with officials of Okada Manila where the event will be held, at the Medley Buffet of Okada Manila in Parañaque City. Present were DGE Rudy Bediones, PE/Dir. Susing Pineda, IPSDG/IPDCoS/DE/IPD Albert Alday and Rtn. Romy Nones.

- Manila Rotarians ISDG/IPSDG/PAG/PP Frank Evaristo, IPSDG/IPDCoS/DE/IPD Albert Alday and IAT Jason Ong, who all happened to be JCI Senators, attended the JCI Senate Philippines Midyear Fellowship at the Architectural Center Club Inc. in Rockwell, Makati City. Evaristo and Ong are both Manila Jaycee Senators while Alday is a Makati Jaycee Senator.

- Rotary Club of Manila Presidents Book Meeting where DGE Rudy Bediones met with the team working on the book project at the Rotary Club of Manila office. Team is composed of (clockwise) Rotary Club of Manila South PE Carlo Goño (the professional photographer), Rotary Club of Pasay Ilustrado PE Eric Florentino (the researcher and writer), Ms Beatriz Decena (DGE Executive Assistant), DGE Rudy Bediones and IDT Jardine Bautista (Rotary Club of Downtown Manila).

June 23, 2018 - DGE Rudy and Lady Sharon Bediones attended the District 3810 Pasay Area Team Building at the Copacabana Apartment Hotel in Pasay City.

- DE Raffy Alunan, Chair of ONE ROTARY ONE PHILIPPINES ONE FOR MARAWI Project, paid a courtesy call on Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte together with project partner Team Humanity's Bong Año at the Davao City Hall in Davao City where he briefed her on ONE ROTARY ONE PHILIPPINES ONE FOR MARAWI.

- Several Manila Rotarians attended the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada.

June 24, 2018 - Several Manila Rotarians attended the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada.

June 25, 2018 - A Centennial Legacy Projects Meeting took place at Chef Jessie in Rockwell Club, Makati City. Present were IPSDG/IPDCoS/DE/IPD Albert Alday, ISDG/IPSDG/PAG/PP Frank Evaristo, Rtn. Celso Abastillas, PDG Obet Pagdanganan, BLA/PD Amading Valdez, PE/Dir. Susing Pineda and AS Rene Policarpio.

- DGE Rudy and Lady Sharon Bediones attended the Handover 2018 Performance Practice of Inspiring Presidents and Execom at the Copacabana Apartment Hotel in Pasay City.

- Several Manila Rotarians attended the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada.

June 26, 2018 - PD Beda Fajardo attended the Weekly Luncheon Meeting of the Rotary Club of Makati at The Peninsula Manila Hotel in Makati City where the club's Guest of Honor and Speaker was the Hon. Maria Leonor "Leni" Gerona-Robredo, Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines.

- DE Raffy Alunan was speaker at the Annual Gathering of the Fraternal Order of Philippine Eagles at the Acero Hall, Philippine Marines Barracks, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

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June 27, 2018 - Several Manila Rotarians attended the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada.

June 28, 2018 - Welcomes Gen. Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines, who will speak on "Philippine Military Modernization Program, Amidst a Rising Threat from China on the West Philippine Seas and National Security"

- World Famous Choral Choir Practice, 2:00 pm, New World Makati Hotel, Makati City

- "An Evening with Rotary International President Barry and Lady Esther Rassin" Committee Meeting, 2:00 pm, New World Makati Hotel, Makati City

- Homeside Fellowship, 5:45 pm, hosted by PP Archit Bartolome, Amber Place, Bayani Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City

PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION AND CHILD CARE



NATIONAL NO-SMOKING MONTH

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

May 31 is World No Tobacco Day. In the Philippines, the month of June is National No-Smoking Month pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 183, s. 1993. The Department of Health is this year's lead agency in the observance of the no-smoking month that seeks to heighten public awareness on the ill effects of smoking. DOH encourages smokers to quit the habit.

The World Health Organization (WHO) in its 2015 report claims that more than one fourth of Filipinos smoke. Of the total number of smokers, 11% are minors.

Tobacco smoke can cause death, illness, and disability

Well established in scientific studies is the fact that consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke can cause death, illnesses that affect all organs of the body, and disability. Because of its devastating effects, the health issues on tobacco smoke has now become a social, economic, and environmental problem that burdens not only individuals or victims of smoking, but families, as well.

Smoke-Free environment

Because of the alarming and disturbing problems on smoking, On May 16, 2017, President Rodrigo R. Duterte signed Executive Order (EO) No. 26 *"Providing for the Establishment of Smoke-Free Environments in Public and Enclosed Places."*

The EO declares the following as unlawful and prohibited: smoking within enclosed public places and public conveyances, except in designated smoking areas (DSAs) fully compliant with the requirements prescribed; for any person to sell, distribute, or purchase tobacco products to and from minors; for a minor to smoke, sell, or buy cigarettes or any other tobacco products; ordering or compelling a minor to use, light up, buy, sell, distribute, deliver, advertise, or promote tobacco products; selling or distributing tobacco products in a school, public playground, youth hostels, and recreational facilities for minors, including those frequented by minors or within 100 meters from any point of the perimeter of these places; and placing, posting, displaying, or distributing advertisement and promotional materials of tobacco products within 100 meters from the perimeter of a school, public playground, and/or facilities frequented particularly by minors, hostel and recreational facilities for minors, including those frequented by them.

Deadly tobacco-related diseases that can cause acute and chronic illnesses, disability and death include the following: lung cancer, emphysema, stroke, heart disease, various cancers, and nicotine addiction. These conditions are acquired from direct smoking (by the smoker), second-hand smoke (nicotine and dangerous chemicals from exhaled smoke by the smoker in a room), and third-hand smoke (residual and other chemicals left on a variety of indoor surfaces by tobacco smoke.)

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PROGRAM

RCM's 47th for Rotary Year 2017-2018

THURSDAY JUNE 28, 2018 New World Makati Hotel

Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator Centennial Director Jackie Rodriguez

P R O G R A M TIMETABLE

11:30 AM	Registration & Cocktails (WINES courtesy of RCMDir.-elect/Dir. "Bobby" Joseph)	
12:25 PM	Bell to be Rung: Members and Guests are requested to be seated by OIC/Moderator :	Centennial Director Jackie Rodriguez
12:30 PM	Call to Order	Dir. Art Lopez Presiding Officer
	Singing of the Republic of the Philippines National Anthem Invocation RCM Hymn The Four (4) Way Test Credo	RCM WF Music Chorale Rtn. Caloy Buendia RCM WF Music Chorale All Rotarians
12:40 PM	Introduction of - -Guests, Visiting Rotarians & Personalities at the Head Table Welcome Song	Star Rtn. Hans Palacios RCM WF Music Chorale
12:45 PM	Maligayang Bati (RCM Birthday Celebrants) June 28..... PVP Manny Dy, Rtn Nando Gaspar June 29..... Rtn Leo Peter Gonzales June 30..... PP Archit Bartolome III, Rtn Rene Banzon July 2..... Rtn Marcus Dee and July 3..... PD Armie Aquino Happy Birthday Song	WF Music Chorale RCM WF Music Chorale
	Special Raffle of 12 Ang Paos' courtesy of PVP Manny Dy	
12:50 PM	Introduction of Guest of Honor and Speaker	Cent. Dir. Raffy Alunan III
	Address: General Carlito G. Galvez, AFP Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines	
	Public Forum	
2:00 PM	Response, Presentation of a token of appreciation to Gen. Carlito G. Galvez, AFP and Meeting Adjournment	Dir. Art Lopez Presiding Officer