

12:55 PM Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker

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Address : **Hon. Jose C. Calida**
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Public Forum

2:00 PM Response, presentation of plaque of appreciation to SolGen Jose C. Calida & meeting adjournment

Pres. Susing Pineda

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OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

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- 4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO**
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Hon. JOSE C. CALIDA
Solicitor General, Republic of the Philippines
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Solicitor General Jose C. Calida finished AB English in Ateneo de Davao. He received his law degree from the Ateneo Law School and took his lawyer's oath in 1974, before being one of President Duterte's campaign managers during the 2016 National Elections. SolGen Calida served as Justice Undersecretary from 2001 to 2004 under the Arroyo administration and as Executive Director of the Dangerous Drugs Board from January to October 2004. He was also the chair and president of the Vigilant Investigative and Security Agency, and a practicing lawyer at the J. Calida and Associates Law Firm.

SolGen Calida was a scholar since high school. When he was in college, he was awarded the first Gold Medal in Philosophy in Ateneo de Davao University. He also topped his Criminal Law Bar Examination by getting 100% and finished Summa Cum Laude in his class at the FBI Academy for a special invitational course during his term as Undersecretary of the Department of Justice.

Since he became a lawyer, SolGen Calida has advocated for the battle against corruption. He founded the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption (VACC) and the Citizen's Battle Against Corruption (CIBAC). Also, he led the prosecution in the impeachment case against the former President Estrada, revived the Kuratong Baleleng case against Panfilo Lacson, and handled the rebellion case of Nur Misuari and the Abu Sayyaf Cases.

SolGen Calida believes that a strong desire for excellence, preparation, and hard work are his keys to success, anchored on his unwavering faith in God. He remarks, "I am committed to excellence. The Greek word 'arete' or excellence has been my guiding motivation since I was a student. This virtue has served me well in all of my endeavors and I intend to rub off this passion to all the solicitors and employees of OSG."



RCM's 32nd for Rotary Centennial Year 2018-2019
Thursday, March 7, 2019, New World Makati Hotel Glasshouse
Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator : PP Benny Laguesma

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

11:30 AM	Registration & Cocktails (WINES courtesy of Centennial Dir. "Bobby" Joseph)	
12:27 PM	Bell to be Rung: Members and Guests are requested to be seated	
12:29 PM	Welcome remarks/Formal Turnover of the Program to the OIC/Moderator	DE/BLA Amading Valdez Chairman, Program Committee
12:30 PM	Program Proper	PP Benny Laguesma OIC/Moderator
	Call to Order	Pres. Susing Pineda Presiding Officer
	Singing of the Philippine National Anthem	RCM WF Music Chorale
	Doxology	Rtn Caloy Buendia
	RCM Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	The Four (4) Way Test Credo	All Rotarians led by Rtn Bodo Goerlich
12:35 PM	Introduction of Guests/Visiting Rotarians/ Personalities Seated at the Presidential Table	Rtn Vic Garcia III
	Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:40 PM	Maligayang Bati (RCM Birthday Celebrants) March 19.....Dir. Issam Eldebs March 20..... Rtn Rey Vea Happy Birthday Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:45 PM	Presentation of RCM Paul Harris Fellows Rtn Cris Acosta – PHF Pin + 1	Pres. Susing Pineda
12:50 PM	President's Time	Pres. Susing Pineda

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As to his secret to maintaining focus, he shares, "I recall reading one story about a sailor. He wanted to navigate his sailboat. So he asked from a veteran sailor on how to go from here to there. He said, 'Look for a spot there in the horizon, look for that and fix your eyes on that spot. It will help you focus.'"

In his spare time, SolGen Calida plays golf or practices shooting. Being a decorated professional sharpshooter, he explained how the craft of sharpshooting works: "Number one, learn the basic principles how to shoot. You should know how a gun operates, the proper way of holding a gun, all the technical things. After all that, you have to practice. And practice and practice until it becomes muscle memory."

Career Highlights and Advocacies: 1974: Associate, Amoguis & Gumban Law Office, Davao City. 1980: Professor, Ateneo de Davao University College of Law; Partner, Rama, Dureza Calida & Abarquez Law Firm, Davao City. 1982 : Senior Associate, Santiago Vidanes, Jorge Law Firm, Makati City. 1984: AVP for Legal and Head, Litigation Group, Security Bank, Makati City. 1992: Partner, Fabregas, Calida & Remollo Law Firm, Makati City. 1997: Co-Founder and President of Citizen's Battle Against Corruption. 1998: Co-Founder and Secretary General, Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption (VACC) 2000: Member, Prosecution Team of Estrada Impeachment Trial. 2001 to 2004: Department of Justice Undersecretary. Appointed by former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, then Undersecretary Jose Calida was in charge of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Witness Protection, Security and Benefits Program, Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, DOJ National Task Force on Terrorism and Internal Security, and DOJ Task Force on Financial Fraud and Money Laundering. 2004: Executive Director of the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB). In this capacity, Calida conceptualized and implemented the "Barkada Kontra Droga." The DDB's flagship project in drug prevention and control. It was a peer-based anti-drug advocacy program empowering the youth to become change agents in their school and community. He further implemented the "Lakbay Aral Kontra Droga" and "Lakbay Kontra Droga", which were both aimed at heightening public awareness in the government's anti-drug policies and programs. 2005 to 2016: Return to private practice. Calida's stellar career in private law practice spans three decades. Previously, he was the Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Prudential Guarantee and Assurance, Inc. (Coyiuto Group of Companies), Chairman and President of Vigilant Investigative and Security Agency, Inc. and General Counsel of Philippine Association of Detective and Protective Agency Operators, Inc. 2016 to Present: Solicitor General of the Republic of the Philippines. In July 2016, Calida was appointed the 48th Solicitor General by then newly elected President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

Last week, BCD President and CEO Vivenzio "Vince" Dizon gave us a glimpse of the new Clark City and invited many of us to invest. The new urbanized Clark City is set to decongest traffic in Metro Manila. It was definitely a most enlightening to the point that he was willing to host us there so we could witness developments.

Our centennial culminating activities are fast approaching. To this end, the various committees have been holding frequent meetings to ensure the success of these activities. Personnel of the event organizer have been meeting with the different committees to address their needs.

A vigorous campaign for attendance at "A Legacy of Rotary Service" will take place through roadshows at the various DISCON's happening within a few days. Likewise, the Centennial Awards Committee is now in the process of evaluating and pre-qualifying the 28 entries submitted as the committee has set a deadline during the first week of April of this year.

With respect to Save Manila Bay, DE/Dir. Bobby Joseph and I just had a meeting with US Embassy officials last March 11, 2019 at the Manila Yacht Club in Manila where we discussed the project.

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The TOWER Awards Committee has now received a total of 19 nominations (13 from Luzon; 4 from NCR; 1 from Visayas and 1 from Mindanao) from our partner PMAP. The pre-screening process which will include onsite visits and interviews begin on March 26, 2019 up to the first week of May 2019. The Awarding Ceremonies has been set on June 13, 2019 during the regular luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila.

The Centennial Commemorative Stamps are still on sale. Please secure this once in a life-time souvenir as I am sure its value will appreciate as time goes by.

The Rotary Club of Manila Educational Assistance Program (REAP) needs more benefactors so that we can help more students from PLM and PUP realize their dreams of a better life.

Today, we welcome Solicitor General Jose Calida as he gives us a glimpse into the policies, plans and programs of his office, being the law office of the Philippine government.

Without any doubt, all these are colossal undertakings which need efforts beyond our limits in furtherance of Service Above Self. Indeed, great things in Rotary are never done by a single individual, but, by a team of Rotarians, moving together towards a common goal. Under ONE CENTURY, towards ONE MISSION and in furtherance of ONE ROTARY, the best is yet to come. Let us all BE THE INSPIRATION as we experience Rotary in our everyday lives.



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	Rotarians	Rotaractors
Now through 15 December	\$395	\$120
16 December 2018 to 31 March 2019	\$495	\$170
1 April 2019 until the convention closes	\$595	\$220

*All prices include a 19 percent value-added tax (VAT)



RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2018-2019

Hon. Vivencio B. Dizon, Chairman President & CEO - BCDA

Thursday, 7 March 2019

All members present	50
Less: Exempt from attendance	7
Total active members	43
ADD: Make-Up *	7
TOTAL	50
Total # of Members	227
Less: Exempt from attendance	33
On Leave	28
1 Acosta, Cris	23 Pelino, Willie
2 Alcantara, Butch	24 Policarpio, Rene
3 Alunan, Raffy	25 Recto, Philip
4 Arnaiz, Mon	26 Robertz, Cons
5 Assad, Joe	27 Tan, Ebot
6 Benedicto, Noy	28 Tanglao, Noel
7 Bolton, Bollie	
8 Chotrani, JOHNNY	MAKE-UP:
9 Davis, Ray	Organizational Meeting RCMFI
10 De Rossi, Andy	1 Sears, Rob
11 Engelbrecht, Francois	Elks Fellowship March 12, 2019
12 Esguerra, Hermie	2 Marking, Butch
13 Go, Mike	3 Ubaldo, Cesar
14 Goerlich, Bodo	4 Aquino, Armie
15 Gonzales, Peter	5 Dee, Marcus
16 Guevara, Boy	6 Montel, Juan
17 Hallare, Jun	7 Nunez, Pepo
18 Marking, Butch	
19 Masters, Lance	
20 Matschuck, Gunter	
21 Montecillo, Dennis	
22 Pascual, Abe	

Total Active Members (Total Percentage Base)	166			
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	30%			
ATTENDANCE REPORT				
List of members and guest in attendance:	2.07.2019	2.14.2019	2.21.2019	3.7.2019
RCM Members	61	58	42	50
Members' guest	19	10	5	6
Members' spouse	0	6	0	0
Visiting Rotarians	9	1	9	0
Honorary Members	0	0	0	0
Club Guest- RAC Manila	0	0	0	4
Club Guest - RAC DLSU/CSB	0	0	0	0
Club Guests- guest of GOHS	1	2	1	5
Media		0	0	0
Total	90	77	57	65



TEEN DEPRESSION, Conclusion (Alleviation and Prevention)

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

Family environment and friendships play a very important role in preventing teen depression. In scenarios that teen depression are already established, positive environments in both the home and peers are vital in easing-up or preventing teen depression to get worse.

Dr. Anne-Laura van Harmelen, of the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Cambridge studied almost 800 teenagers. Results of the study showed that difficult family or problems inside the family of teens at age 14, that include corporal punishments, sibling rivalry, lack of communication and emotional support, resulting from poor parenting skills, and grade school bullying, have resulted to symptoms of depression at age 17. She concludes that lowering stress levels in teenagers can prevent the development of teen depression.

Positive Parenting

1. Replace shame and punishment with positive reinforcement for good behavior. Notice a good behavior instead of magnifying the bad. Reward him for a job well done. Negativity can make an adolescent feel little and worthless.
2. Allow him to make mistakes. Overprotecting them by not allowing them to make their own decisions can be perceived as lack of faith in their abilities. This can make them feel less confident.
3. Don't expect them to do exactly as you say all the time. Give them some space and breathing room.
4. Take time to listen to his concerns. Even if you think that the problem is "of no real bearing," have a listening ear for it may feel something as very real to somebody who is growing up.
5. Always keep avenues of communication open even if your teen seems to want to hold back and withdraw. Have a meaningful walk in the park or the mall. Talk to each other at the dinner table. Do some sports with them. Jog and run with them.
6. Don't be pushy. Avoid telling your teen what to do. Instead, listen closely to him for you may discover about the issues that might result to problems later on.
7. If your teen has close friends, invite them over to your house or let them join the family at the mall and for dinner. Make them feel comfortable so they may speak about their concerns.
8. If you feel overwhelmed and beaten-up, don't give up on your teen. Seek qualified professional advice.

Momo challenge

Recent news on this form of cyber-bullying has been causing alarm worldwide. Whether a hoax or reality, always supervise and interact with your teens as regards use of technology. Encourage "technology breaks" for them to explore, play and socialize.



ON ROTARY LEADERSHIP

By: PDG Alex Cureg

ONCE BITTEN PART I

Isn't amazing that despite all your busy schedules and the horrible traffic in the city, not to mention the unpredictable weather conditions, we are all gathered here weekly? Yes, because all of us were bitten at one point in our lives – yes, my friends, bitten by the Rotary Bug – and sadly, for that, there is no cure. Once bitten, you are hooked forever...bound to a lifelong pursuit of the lofty goals that make Rotary what it is today.

Many of you before today had foregone sleep and rest – had foregone rhyme and reason even – and kept coming to every Rotary meeting, to every Rotary fellowship and every Rotary project, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. Before today, many of you have pursued with unflinching determination an idea, a cause, a worthy pursuit to aid the homeless, to find a loving home to the orphan, to feed the hungry.

Did you then realize that your efforts contributed to something more immense and beyond what you can imagine? Yes, all your efforts were worth every blood, sweat and tear for they are all part of the global force that is Rotary, today's leading non-political, non-sectarian, non-governmental service-oriented organization.

Even Paul Harris could not believe this happening. Paul Harris remarked shortly before his death that in 1905 when they started as a small group of friends, aiming to help one another in their business concerns, he did not foresee a worldwide movement coming.

Though I have written this article mostly for the benefit of RCM Star and Baby Rotarians, perhaps it is not presumptuous for me to say that all of us here could do well by learning more about this organization that we belong to. Perhaps none of us here could boast that he knows everything there is to know about Rotary.

Today, more than a century after it was born, Rotary is lauded as a tremendous global force of business and professional leaders who volunteer their time and talents in order to provide a better future for the coming generations. In 1905, lawyer Paul Percy B. Harris invited three other Chicago businessmen to a friendly meeting. He suggested for them to form a group which would kindle fellowship among the members of the business community. They came up with an agreement that their members will be composed of businessmen and their meetings to be held in the place of business of each member on a "rotating scheme", hence the name "Rotary" was coined.

Members proudly called themselves “Rotarians” and they formed a basic unit, the Rotary club. Each club, in turn, belongs to the global association Rotary International which to date forms hundreds of districts, thousands of clubs and more than a million members in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world.

Realizing earlier on that fellowship and sharing knowledge and practices in each member’s businesses are not enough to keep a club of busy professionals meeting each week, Rotary’s early members shifted their attention to the more altruistic pursuit of reaching out to the less fortunate individuals of the community and this proved to be a much more powerful motivation.

In 1907, RC Chicago donated a horse to a preacher to help him make the rounds of his churches and parishioners. A few weeks later, RC Chicago constructed Chicago’s first public lavatory. This inaugural project launched Rotary Club’s commitment to service and humanitarian efforts.

The club, being the cornerstone of Rotary, is where the substantial service-related work is done. It therefore carries the following basic responsibilities: sustaining or increasing membership base, participating in service projects that benefit their own community and those in other countries, supporting The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International whether financially or through program participation, and developing leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.

Attendance of weekly club meetings is a primary responsibility of each and every Rotarian. These meetings are designed for the Rotarian’s full enjoyment of the Rotary experience on top of his enriching his or her professional, business and personal knowledge through fellowship with other professionals. A missed meeting may be compensated by attending make-up meetings at any Rotary Club in the world – a practice that guarantees Rotarians a warm welcome in communities around the globe.

As regards to the basic duties or responsibilities of the club, the Rotary International Code of Policies provides for the following minimum requirements which each club must fulfill in order to be considered as a fully-functioning club:

1. A club must pay its per capita dues to the Rotary International.
2. It must meet regularly.
3. It must ensure that all its members subscribe to the Rotary World Magazine, the Rotarian or the Philippine Rotary Magazine.
4. It must be a club that implements service projects which address the needs of the local community or the needs of communities in other countries.
5. It must be one that receives the visit of the Governor, a District Officer, or any officer of Rotary International.

[to be continued...]



ISDG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday was inducted as the **2019 President of the Metro Manila Jaycee Senate** last March 10, 2019 at the Alabang Country Club, Ayala Alabang Village, Alabang, Muntinlupa City. **AT Jason Ong** was likewise inducted as Director. Other Manila Rotarians present that evening were **President Susing Pineda, PP Archit Bartolome, SDG/PP Frank Evaristo and Rtn. Tong Payumo.**

important artists of our time. Our simple yet elegant ceremony was officiated by three priests — Rev. Frs. Dennis Paras, Gerard de Vesa and Jess Malit — all of whom have been part of our family's journey, and who have been taking care of our physical and spiritual well-being for many years now.

The highlight of our simple rites was the renewal of vows between me and Susing. We both thanked the Lord for the gift of 50 years, which have been happy despite the challenges we faced along the way. Recognizing what a blessing we've been given is what prompted us to celebrate this special occasion with a Thanksgiving Mass with our entire family and the friends who have been a part of our journey over the past 50 years. To make it even more meaningful, we requested our guests to help support the Jesus M. Pineda Scholarship Fund for a perpetual scholarship for a deserving student. Thanks to their generous support, we were able to gain the funds to start sending a deserving child to school.

Susing and I agree that our marriage would not have weathered through five decades without the constant presence of the Lord in our lives. Prayer has always been part of our daily life, and through it we have been able to see God's hands in our life as a couple. Indeed, it does take three to stay married — ourselves, and the Lord. It is only our unconditional love for each other that has kept us going. Love, patience, forgiveness, and perseverance are the ingredients for a strong and united family. Love and respect for each other is the greatest legacy we can give our children. There is nothing more important in life than a happy and united family rooted in God. In fact, it was our devotion to St. Therese of the Child Jesus and to our Blessed Mother that helped me choose the right partner before we got married.

At the end of our lives, we all know that we will be judged by the love we have given and how we became a blessing to others — and it is a really great feeling to be so blessed with such a strong and happy family, with good health, and — best of all — the ability to become a model and a blessing for those around us.



Standing: Patty Pineda, Carlo Pineda, Ria Pineda, Sammy Pineda-Barrera, Ernesto Barrera
Seated: Paolo Pineda, Malou Pineda, Maritess Pineda, Jesus Pineda, Maiqui Pineda



PE/Dir. Jackie Rodriguez held a meeting with the Council of Past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Manila last March 12, 2019 at the Manila Elks Club in Makati City where he discussed his flagship programs for his term.



The RCManila Foundation held a meeting last March 7, 2019 outside the Glasshouse of the New World Makati Hotel in Makati City where the election of officers took place. Elected for 2019 were the following:

Chairman: PD Rob Sears
President: Dir. Issam Eldebs
Secretary: Club Secretary Alvin Lacambacal
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CENTENNIAL PROJECTS



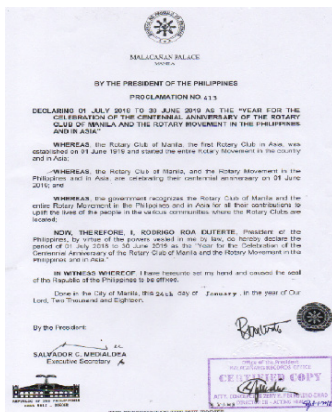
Rotary Club of Manila Centennial Watch is a limited edition watch (100 pieces) made by Ibarra bearing the new logo of the Rotary Club of Manila which will be sold as part of a fund-raising endeavor.

HOSPICIO DE SAN JOSE-NORZAGARAY PROJECT

This project aims to provide shelter for street families from the City of Manila within the hospice site located in Norzagaray, Bulacan and to equip parents from these families with the livelihood skills training to be conducted within the hospice site to adequately prepare them for independent living.



Presidential Proclamation No. 413 is a proclamation signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte "declaring 01 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 in Asia'". This was obtained through the help of IPP Jimmie Policarpio and his Board of Directors and Executive Officers.



Monty Python's SPAMALOT is a Rotary Club of Manila-sponsored musical comedy adapted from the 1975 film Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Like the motion picture, it is a highly irreverent parody of the Arthurian legend, but it differs from the film in many ways. This show is a fund-raising endeavor of the club.



how they have grown up to become smart and lovely women we are all proud of!

Susing and I got married 50 years ago following a seven-year courtship. We actually met in New York, rather than here in the Philippines, as we were both studying overseas at the time: he was in graduate school in the United States and I was on Christmas vacation from the finishing school I attended in Ciudad Ducal in Ávila, Spain. I was spending the holidays with my cousins in the Big Apple at the time, and I met him at a party held in our honor. But since I had to go back to Spain for school, our paths did not cross again for the next three years. It was only some time later, after we ran into each other again at the Assumption Fair, that we began to get to know each other better. It took a while, and we each pursued our careers. We weren't exactly sure if our relationship was going to work out or even if we were truly meant for each other. My devotion to St. Therese of the Child Jesus, observed regularly at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel where I went to daily Mass, helped and we decided to marry.

Our wedding was held at the Santuario de San Jose in Greenhills East on Dec. 4, 1968; my parents celebrated their own silver wedding anniversary on the same day. I was fortunate that the famed Ramon Valera, the first and only National Artist for fashion, made my gown, as he was a good friend of my parents'; he was also the one who made the dress I wore at my debut a few years earlier.

Fast-forward to 25 years later on Dec. 4, 1993: as Susing and I celebrated our silver wedding, my parents celebrated the milestone of their golden anniversary at the original church where they made their vows: the Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in San Marcelino. A grand reception followed at the Fiesta Pavilion of the Manila Hotel, where our guests were friends from our generation as well as my parents' friends. It was both heartwarming and delightful to see a much younger generation dancing with the older folks. On this occasion, my mother and I wore gowns by another family friend, designer R.T. Paras.

Who would have thought that Susing and I would celebrate our own golden anniversary last Dec. 4, 2018? This time, my gown was made by Patis Tesoro using a material that was embroidered with pearls kept by my mother. In addition, Patis also gave my terno a tribal touch by collaborating with the Bagobo-Tagabawa artisan Bae Arlyn Salazar (though Zarah Juan), on the beadwork. We chose to work with them because the Bagobo-Tagabawa people are an indigenous community who are a beneficiary of our ArteFino development program, whose main goal is to help preserve our culture through sustainability by giving local tribes a platform where they can market the unique crafts they produce. We try to help them level-up in terms of designs and production, so they can develop products that they can sell to a highly discerning market.

Twenty-five years since the last celebration, and joined by a new generation, we renewed our vows at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel in BGC — a very modern church with a magnificent contemporary silver crucifix crafted by the sculptor Daniel de la Cruz, who is one of the most



PDG Jess Nicdao, RID Raffy Garcia, PDG Rea Abalos, PRIP DK Lee, PDG Josie Ang, PDG Alex Cureg, PRID/PTRF Trustee Kazuhiko Ozawa, PDG Boyet Limon and PRIP Sakuji Tanaka (seated) held a luncheon fellowship last February 15, 2019 at the Soga Miga Korean Restaurant in Filinvest City, Alabang, Muntinlupa City.



THE SECRET TO 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE? UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, PATIENCE & FORGIVENESS

by Maritess Pineda

MANILA, Philippines — To be able to celebrate golden weddings through three generations is a gift that our family has received from the Lord, and it is a gift for which we are grateful.



Jesus "Susing" and Maritess Pineda: Golden love

My grandparents Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Sr. and Juana Santiago; my parents Rizalino Mendoza and Adelaida Rodriguez; and now, my husband Jesus "Susing" Pineda and I, have celebrated our own golden wedding anniversary. I am humbled at receiving such a blessing and a privilege — one that I would also wish for my children when their time comes. Of four children — two daughters and two sons — only one has married: our son Paolo M. Pineda married Malou Lacson, and they have given us a pair of beautiful twin granddaughters. One of them, Sammy Pineda, recently tied the knot with Ernesto Barrera in San Sebastian, Spain. My two beautiful apos are my jewels —



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.

Philippine Booth of the Rotary Club of Manila at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada was an initiative in cooperation with the Department of Tourism and Philippine Airlines to promote the centennial of the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary movement in the Philippines and in Asia. The booth was designed by Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Manila, one of our sponsored clubs.



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.



One Rotary One Philippines One for Marawi is an initiative that aims to provide medical, psychological and palliative care to wounded soldiers who have fought for the liberation of Marawi from the shackles of terrorism as well as civilians who have been displaced as a result of the armed conflict.



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.



Seeds of Change by Rotary Club of Manila is an initiative to plant 100,000 gmelina and seedlings in commemoration of the 100 years of the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary movement in the Philippines and in Asia.



The World Famous Music Chorale held a Fellowship last March 12, 2019 at the Manila Elks Club in Makati City. In picture are **PE/Dir. Jackie Rodriguez**, **PD Nick Locsin**, **PCoS/PSDG/PP Cesar Ubaldo**, **PD Beda Fajardo**, **PD Oscar del Rosario**, **PD Armie Aquino**, **DG Rudy Bediones** and **PP Benny Laguesma**.



Rtn. Marcus Dee, **PD Armie Aquino**, **PP Benny Laguesma**, **PD Oscar del Rosario**, **Rtn. Rajie Mendoza**, **DG Rudy Bediones** and **PP Cesar Ubaldo** belting out songs.

RCM WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS



Pres. Susing Pineda presents the weekly birthday celebrants : **Rtn Jun Alvarez**, **Rtn Bren Egan**, **Rtn Mon Montañó** for the traditional blowing of candle on the birthday cake amidst the singing by the RCM World Famous Chorale of the happy birthday song.

GOLF FELLOWSHIP



Pili of Rotary Club of San Pedro, **PRID/TRF Trustee Kazuhiko Ozawa of Japan**, **PDG Jess Nicdao**, **PRIP DK Lee**, **PRID Guiller Tumangan**, **PRIP Sakuji Tanaka of Japan**, **PDG Boyet Limon** and **PDG Alex Cureg** played a round of golf last February 15, 2019 at the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club in Carmona, Cavite.



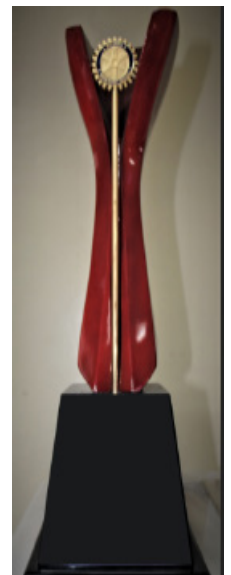
Centennial Hymn is an initiative towards composing a song that will embody the 100 years of the Rotary Club of Manila.

Rotary Club of Manila Coffee Table Book is an initiative to set forth the strides of Asia's First Rotary Club and the Rotary movement in the Philippines and in Asia in its 100 years of existence.



Rotary Activities with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines is an initiative to showcase the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, a creation of the Rotary Club of Manila, as they take part in centennial activities of our club.

The Search for The Outstanding Workers of the Republic (TOWER) Awards was founded in 1975 by the Rotary Club of Manila as an annual search for outstanding "blue collar" workers of the country. Subsequently, it included in its coverage "white collar" (non-supervisory) workers. It aims to recognize the contributions to economic development of the legions of skilled workers who constitute the backbone of our country's manpower capacity. The awards program transcended the confines of a Club's concern because of its nationwide reach and significance in uplifting the Filipino workers' morale and social status leading to greater prestige at the workplace – to the entrepreneur / employer and the colleagues, to the family and the community while enhancing individual career opportunities and promoting industrial peace.



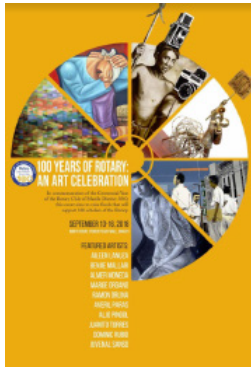


JOURNALISM AWARDS

The Journalism Awards revolutionized the image of the press in the eyes of the public whose undying vigilance became a continuing inspiration for many a journalist to make the tri-media a medium to discuss issues of national significance. It has become a yardstick of prestige for any media outfit as they often mention this triumph in identifying themselves to the public in many a radio broadcast, television program or newspaper.

TOURISM AWARDS

The objective of the Tourism Awards is to recognize outstanding personalities in the Tourism industry.



100 Years of Rotary: An Art Celebration

This is a fund-raising project of the club where paintings of well known artists will be displayed at the lobby of the Powerplant Mall, Rockwell, Makati City and the proceeds of the sale will go to our centennial fund.

ROTARY NATIONAL CENTENNIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This is a golf tournament spearheaded by our club in coordination with our daughter clubs in the various districts in the Philippines that will take charge of the leg in their respective areas. Our club will spearhead that of District 3810 and will likewise take charge of the championship round during the centennial week to be held at the Sta. Elena Golf Club which will feature the winners of the different legs.

CENTENNIAL LAUNCH

This activity aims to announce the different projects and activities for the Centennial of the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary movement in the Philippines and in Asia through a press conference launch where cocktails will be served and with Rotarians from different clubs and districts in attendance.



The Rotary Foundation (Paul Harris Fellow Awardees)
Pres. Susing Pineda with **D-3810 Governor Rudy Bediones** award the RCM Paul Harris Fellows **PD Art Lopez** – New PHF, **AT Ner Longzaga** - PHF Pin + 5 and **PD Ed Lee** – Major Donor + 1.



Among the participants to the public forum were: **BLA Amading Valdez**, Rtn. **Zdenek Jankovski**, PD **Oscar del Rosario**, IPP **Jimmie Policarpio**, PE **Jackie Rodriguez**, PD **Beda Fajardo**, PP **Frank Evaristo** and Rtn. **Mon Montaño**.

A LEGACY OF ROTARY SERVICE

This activity aims to recognize Rotarians and clubs from all over the Philippines for their noteworthy projects. The highlight of the evening would be the induction of the District Governors-Elect and the Presidents-Elect by the Rotary International President-Elect.

CENTENNIAL GALA NIGHT

This is the culminating activity of the centennial of the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary movement in the Philippines and in Asia in an evening of nostalgia and congeniality uniting Rotarians from different parts of the archipelago which will be graced by the presence of Rotary International President-Elect Mark Maloney.

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA CENTENNIAL CHORALE COMPETITION

This concept of BLA Amading Valdez targets the youth who will be called upon to serve in the next 100 years. The resulting musical composition from this competition may trigger a national consciousness for service and sacrifice for country and humanity. It will be the lasting legacy of our club. It is just appropriate albeit a necessity that this musical competition be the centerpiece of the culminating centennial celebration to be held on June 21, 2019. This competition will be open to all high school students in cooperation with DepEd and qualified out-of-school youth in cooperation with DILG.



Pres. Susing Pineda for his response, presentation of the centennial plate to **President/CEO Vivencio B. Dizon**, as a token of appreciation and meeting adjournment.





SAVE MANILA BAY is a centennial project made in consultation with former Manila Rtn. Atty. Antonio "Tony" Oposa, Rtn. Bobit Avila of the Rotary Club of Cebu and Manila Yacht Club Commodore/Dir. Bobby Joseph where a persuasive follow up on the Local Government Units with respect to waste management by way of waste segregation and facilitation of sewerage treatment will be undertaken. The treatment will be undertaken for free by Maynilad and Manila Water, which both receive direct payments from homeowners and business owners' water bills for the purpose of sewerage treatment.

CENTENNIAL AWARDS



The much coveted awards given to the most deserving clubs from the ten Rotary districts in the Philippines as their "Rotary Success Stories" take centerstage.



Pres. Susing Pineda during his president's time thanked fellow RC-Mers' who attended the recently held Club-hosted District Conference last March 1 and 2 at Okada Manila Hotel; the ongoing preparation for the Club's Centennial Celebration gearing-up on its various centennial projects, which will culminate in June, among other club activities.

Rtn Celso Abastillas does the honor, pleasure and privilege of introducing President/CEO Vivencio B. Dizon, Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), as guest of honor and speaker.



BCDA President/CEO Vivencio B. Dizon spoke on the development and sustainable urban communities to uplift the lives of the Filipino people.



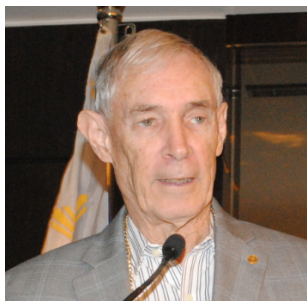
Pres. Susing Pineda calls the 31st weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila to order.



PVP Chito Zaldarriaga as Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator, directs the program of activities.



Rtn. Art dela Cruz delivers an ecumenical prayer.



Rtn. Nando Camus as lead reciter of the Four (4) Way Test, renews fellow Rotarians' commitment to the Rotary Movement.



Rtn Jeric Jucaban introduces the personalities seated at the presidential table. While for the guests and visiting Rotarians list were acknowledged/flushed over the wide screen in the interest of time.

UPDATE ON THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



The Centennial Road Show Committee held a meeting last March 7, 2019 at the Glasshouse of the New World Makati Hotel in Makati City.

This is an initiative to promote the Centennial Celebration of the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary Movement in the Philippines and in Asia through personal visitations sent out to various Rotary Clubs and/or District Events.

Present were DG Rudy Bediones, Chair PP Francis Juico, PP Archit Bartolome and PD Oscar Del Rosario.

Schedule of DISCON for the Centennial Road Show:

D3770: April 5-6, 2019 at Camp John Hay, Baguio

D3780: March 28-30, 2019, CAP Trade & Cultural Center, Camp John Hay, Baguio City;

D3790: April 5-6, 2019 at Thunderbird Resort Hotel, San Fernando, La Union

D3800: Mar 29-30, 2019, EDSA Shangrila Hotel, Mandaluyong City

D3820: Mar 15-16, 2019 at Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay City

D3830: Mar 15-16, 2019 at Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila, Pasay City

D3850: Apr 4-6, 2019 at Dakak Beach Resort, Barangay Taguilon, Dapitan City

D3860: Mar 7-9, 2019 at KCC Mall and Convention Center, General Santos City

D3870: April 26-28, 2019 at Go Hotel Robinsons Place, Iligan City

UPDATES ON CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

A LEGACY OF ROTARY SERVICE CENTENNIAL AWARDS

Latest Update:



The Centennial Awards Committee held a meeting last March 7, 2019 at the Glasshouse of the New World Makati Hotel in Makati City. During this meeting, the process of evaluation and pre-qualification of the 28 entries were discussed and evaluation sheets as well as the folders and avp presentations were distributed to the committee members for them to evaluate. The deadline for submission of evaluations would be from April 2-3, 2019.

SAVE MANILA BAY

Latest Update:



Manila Yacht Club Commodore and Save Manila Bay Chair DE/Dir. Bobby Joseph and President Susing Pineda held a meeting with US Embassy Commercial Specialist Bebe Montesines and Professional Associate Alma Green last March 11, 2019 at the Manila Yacht Club in Manila regarding the Save Manila Bay project.

Centennial Projects

Please put a "check" ✓ mark over your preferred Centennial project/ committee:

On-Going Projects:

1. Hospicio de San Jose ; Chairman: Rtn Phillip Ong
2. One Rotary, One Philippines, One for Marawi ; Chairman: Dir Raffy Alunan
3. RCM Hearts for Little Angels ; Chairman: Rtn Zdenek Jankovsky
4. Sight Conservation ; Chairman: Rtn Jack Bautista

Awards:

1. TOWER Awards; Chairman: PP Benny Laguesma
2. Journalism Awards; Chairman: IPP Jimmie Policarpio
3. Tourism Awards; Chairman: Dir Bobby Joseph

Centennial Year Projects:

1. Commemorative Stamp; Chairman: PP Frank Evaristo
2. Coffee Table Book (LOGISTICS) ; Chairman: PDG Vince Carlos
3. Coffee Table Book (EDITORIAL BOARD) ; Chairman: PP Boy Ampil
4. Tree Planting ; Chairman: TBA
5. Sari-Saring Aralan; Chairman: President Susing Pineda
6. Rotary Educational Assistance Program (REAP) ; Chairman: SecGen Romy Nones
7. Rotary Centennial Golf Tournament; Chairman: TBA
8. Boy Scouts of the Philippines ; Chairman: PDG Obet Pagdanganan
9. Elsie Gaches Village
10. Community Chest of the Philippines
11. Philippine Cancer Society
12. Baseco Project
13. Rotary Club of Manila Centennial Choral Competition; Chairmen: PP Teddy Ocampo and BLA Amading Valdez
14. Save Manila Bay; Chairman: DE/Dir. Bobby Joseph

Other Projects:

1. Centennial Week
2. Centennial Launch; Chairman: IPP Jimmie Policarpio
3. A Legacy Project of Rotary Service (June 21, 2019) ; Chairman: DE/ BLA Amading Valdez
4. Centennial Gala Night (June 22, 2019) ; Chairman: VPE/PAT Hermie Esguerra
5. Centennial Awards Committee; Chairman: PDG Alex Cureg

Other Committees:

1. Invitations Committee ; Chairman: PP Francis Juico
2. Protocol Committee; Chairman: PDG Alex Cureg
3. Ways & Means Committee ; Chairman: PP Boy Guevara
4. Recognition & Awards Committee ; Chairmen: PP Boy Guevara, PP Boy Ampil & Rtn Romy Nones

Signed by:



Dear Fellow RCMers,

As you well know, our Centennial Year is upon us. In the past few years leading up to the present, your club leadership has planned and prepared several projects and events befitting this milestone in the history of our prestigious club. During the Town Hall Meeting last August 9, 2018, these activities were presented and broadly discussed. The responses of our members afterwards were inspiring. They want to do their share in making our centennial celebrations truly memorable, not only for RCMers but also to all Rotarians of the Philippines and of Asia. Indeed, in various district functions recently, other Rotarians from all over the country have also expressed their enthusiasm in joining us in the celebration of 100 years of the Rotary movement in this part of the world. They are just waiting, in their own words, for the Rotary Club of Manila to lead them.

It is it time therefore, for us to take the challenge of leading our fellow Rotarians. And for us to do this effectively, the participation of each RCM member is needed. Attached is the list of our centennial committees and their projects. Also provided is the Program of Activities for the Centennial Week. I urge you to volunteer your participation in any of the activities. Together, we can attain greater achievements for our club!

Please indicate the committee(s) / event(s) that you are joining.

Yours in Rotary,

Pres. Susing Pineda

TOWER AWARDS

Latest Update:

A total of 19 nominations (13 from Luzon; 4 from NCR; 1 from Visayas and 1 from Mindanao) were received by our partner PMAP. The pre-screening process which will include onsite visits and interviews will start on March 26, 2019 up to the first week of May 2019. The Awarding Ceremonies has been set on June 13, 2019 during the regular luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila at the Ballroom of the New World Makati Hotel in Makati City.

CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

Latest Update:

By virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 413, signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, "declaring 01 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 in Asia, the Rotary Club of Manila, First in Asia, will celebrate this milestone achievement of 100 Years of Rotary Service to the Community, a once-in-a-lifetime occasion, during its Centennial Rotary Year 2018-2019, its centennial birth anniversary being this June 1, 2019.

One of the Centennial Projects of the Rotary Club of Manila is the issuance of a limited edition Centennial Commemorative Stamp in collaboration with the Philippine Postal Corporation. This is a once-in-a-lifetime memorabilia which is guaranteed to last generations such that it becomes collector's item.

Below is the Rotary Club of Manila Centennial Stamps Package (3 Sets) for your selection, reservation and payment. All payments shall be made through Ms. Devann Abayon, RCM Centennial Committee Project Coordinator, the proceeds of which shall go to the Club's Centennial Funds:



PHP 1,500

Commemorative Stamp (40 pcs)

Souvenir Sheet (2pcs)

Official First Day Cover (OFDC)*single stamp design (2 pcs)

Official First Day Cover (OFDC)*souvenir sheet (2 pcs)

PHP 4,000

Presentation Frame, (11' x 14') and

8 pcs. stamps and 1 OFDC S/S and 1 OFDC

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (REAP)

Latest Update:

President Susing Pineda conveys his earnest appeal for more benefactors for the project.

REAP Commitments as of March 14, 2019

NO.	NAME	AMOUNT
1	Source of fund: Inaugural Fund 18-19 (JMP)	100,000.00
2	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	48,000.00
3	Rotary Club of Quirino Manila Central	60,000.00
4	Golez, Jose Roilo "Roy" S.	11,000.00
5	Rtn. Isidro Alcantara/ Marcventures Mining & Development Corp.	192,000.00
6	Pineda Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	48,000.00
7	Alday, Albert S.	2,000.00
8	Bartolome III, Arsenio "Archit" M.	24,000.00
9	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	100,000.00
10	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G./Filminera Resources Corp.	24,000.00
11	Fajardo, Beda G./Fajardo Law Offices	24,000.00
12	Camus, Jose Fernando	24,000.00
13	Del Rosario, Oscar	24,000.00
14	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.	15,000.00
15	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	48,000.00
16	Bondoc, Ramon	24,000.00
17	Evaristo, Frank	24,000.00
18	Joseph Jr., Robert Lim "Bobby"	340,000.00
19	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	24,000.00
20	Payumo, Felicito "Tong" C.	24,000.00
21	Ong, Jason	96,000.00
22	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	24,000.00
23	So, Warren	24,000.00
24	Polcarpio Jr., Jose "Jimmie"	24,000.00
25	Polcarpio, Renato "Rene" R.	24,000.00
26	Lao, Edwin	120,000.00
27	Pascual, Abraham	25,000.00
28	Bondoc, Antonio	25,000.00
29	RY 18-19 Rotary District 3810	27,000.00
30	Tagaysay, Chito	24,000.00
31	Alberto, Raymund	50,000.00
		1,643,000.00

Reminder: Please secure OR within 3 days upon payment. Kindly email the copy of deposit at rcmanila@rcmanila.org or send via fax at #527-1885.



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Early Bird Rate:	Regular Rate:
Php 5,000 USD 150	Php 5,250 USD 175
until March 15, 2019	March 16, 2019 onwards

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ANNUAL DUES 18-19/CENTENNIAL
DONATION AND SEED FUND
As of February 20, 2019**

ANNUAL DUES 18-19	
218	PAID
11	UNPAID
0	PARTIALLY PAID
229	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS
CENTENNIAL DONATION & SEED FUND	
138	PAID
82	UNPAID
9	PARTIALLY PAID
229	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS