

6:47 PM Induction of an Honorary Member to RCM

His Excellency Songkane Luangmunithone
Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary
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- a) Brief introduction of Inductee
b) Formal Induction Ceremony
- AS Rene Policarpio**
Pres. Susing Pineda

6:55 PM President's Time **Pres. Susing Pineda**

7:00 PM Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker **PP Teddy Ocampo**

Address : **Professor Muhammad Yunus**
Nobel Peace Prize Winner
Founder, Grameen Bank
Microcredit/Microfinance Concepts Pioneer
Social Entrepreneur, Banker, Economist,
Civil Society Leader

Public Forum

8:00 PM Response, presentation of plaque of appreciation to Professor Muhammad Yunus & meeting adjournment **Pres. Susing Pineda**



Rotary

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

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GUEST SPEAKER



Prof. MUHAMMAD YUNUS
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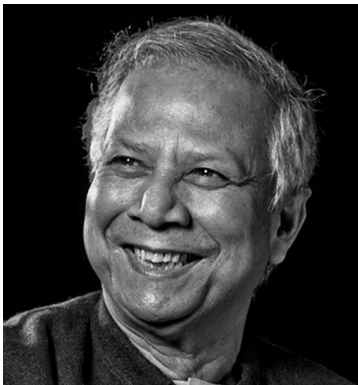
Let the world's Guru of Microcredit and Microfinance showcase his time tested innovative approach of social business as he brings his Nobel Peace Prize winning ways to Asia's First Rotary Club.

Countdown to Centennial

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Professor Muhammad Yunus is a Bangladeshi social entrepreneur, banker, economist and civil society leader.

He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for founding Grameen Bank and pioneering the concepts of microcredit and microfinance.

He has also been an advocate of the innovative approach of social business, a model that combines the best business thinking and modern technology with a core focus on social outcomes, with Fortune magazine (2012) featuring him as one of ‘The 12 Greatest Entrepreneurs of Our Time’.

Professor Yunus has established social businesses partnerships with leading global corporations including Danone, Veolia Water, BASF and Credit Agricole that have generated profits to overcome devastating social issues.

Social businesses with Clinton Global Foundation, Virgin Unite and others are also addressing major socio-economic problems in countries such as the United States, many European countries, India, Brazil, Tunisia, Haiti, Columbia and Uganda. Peter Hartcher is the political editor and international editor of The Sydney Morning Herald.

He is a Gold Walkley award winner, a former foreign correspondent in Tokyo and Washington, and a visiting fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy.



RCM's 33RD for Rotary Centennial Year 2018-2019
Thursday, March 21, 2019, 6PM, New World Makati Hotel Ballroom
Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator : PP Francis Juico

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

5:30 PM	Registration & Cocktails (WINES courtesy of Centennial Dir. "Bobby" Joseph)	
6:25 PM	Bell to be Rung: Members and Guests are requested to be seated	
6:30 PM	Welcome remarks/Formal Turnover of the Program to the OIC/Moderator	DE/BLA Amading Valdez Chairman, Program Committee
	Program Proper	PP Francis Juico OIC/Moderator
	Call to Order	Pres. Susing Pineda, Presiding Officer
	Singing of the Philippine National Anthem	RCM WF Music Chorale
	Invocation	Rtn Ray Davis
	RCM Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	The Four (4) Way Test Credo	All Rotarians led by STAR Rtn. Cons Robertz
6:35 PM	Introduction of Guests/Visiting Rotarians/Personalities Seated at the Presidential Table	
	Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
6:40 PM	Maligayang Bati (RCM Birthday Celebrants)	
	March 22.....PD Conrad Benitez March 26..... Rtn Wolfgang Harle Happy Birthday Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
6:45 PM	Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to RCM for having the most number of delegates during the RI D-3810's District Conference 2019	DG Rudy Bediones, Pres. Susing Pineda

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Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

Last week, Solicitor-General Jose Calida enlightened us on a general scale the functions of his office with a glimpse of famous cases he defended in behalf of the Philippine Government which caught the attention of many of us resulting into a lively and spirited open forum.



In the same way, we were treated to a big surprise last March 14, 2019 as what was billed as a Rotary Club of Manila DISCON Appreciation Night turned out to be a big birthday bash for my good friend, VPE/PAT Hermie Esguerra, which certainly became the fellowship to top all fellowships as our fellow Manila Rotarians would put it. Thank you to those who carefully planned this.

With our centennial celebration culminating activities fast approaching, meetings of our Centennial Steering Committee have become more and more frequent as periodic updates become a fairly accurate measure of how far we have gone in preparations. Courtesy calls to the Department of Tourism have now become an indispensable part of our preparations in defining their role in promoting this event as one that would invite more tourists to our country. Collaborative efforts certainly ensure a better attendance. We have likewise stepped up efforts through our events organizer with respect to drumming up registration through early bird rates and constant monitoring. In the same manner, we have met with District Governor-Elect Liza Elorde to assist us in disseminating information regarding the mass oath-taking for Champion District Governors and Champion Presidents.

Our centennial projects are in full swing. The Centennial Gala Night Committee is now reviewing the status, concerns and deadlines for the Centennial Roster, Invitation, Registration, Physical Arrangement, Program, Historical Presentation and the Ways and Means to ensure a night befitting of celebrating the gains of a hundred years.

Our Sari-Saring Aralan was specifically commended at the Ayala Foundation Partners Night with no less than brothers, Jaime Augusto and Fernando Zobel de Ayala, as well as Ayala Foundation President Ruel Maranan in attendance, giving our club the branding it rightfully deserves and the centennial project, the proper recognition, given its impact to the community.

Our Centennial Commemorative Stamps are still being sold. Please do not miss securing issues of these stamps as they are valuable pieces of memorabilia.

Our Rotary Educational Assistance Program (REAP) continues to attract more donors as we recently received Php 240,000 from an anonymous donor whom we plan to surprise on April 25, 2019. In relation to this, the project still needs more benefactors for us to help more students of PLM and PUP in attaining their dreams of better lives for their families.

Today, Grameen Founder, famed Nobel Peace Prize Winner Prof. Muhammad Yunus, a social entrepreneur, banker, economist and civil society leader, will enlighten us on microfinance and microcredit concepts.

Undoubtedly, 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 make Rotary part of our everyday lives.

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PD Nick Locsin was on a visit to Hongkong last March 2, 2019. He met and discussed with **Rotary Club of Kowloon East PP Albert Poon** (first from right) and **PP David Yau** (not in picture) the activities for their visit in June. **Rotary Ann Anne Lucille** accompanied PD Nick Locsin.



PE/Dir. Jackie Rodriguez hosted a luncheon arranged by PD Nick Locsin for the visiting members of the Rotary Club of Singapore last March 15, 2019 at The Last Chukker, Manila Polo Club, Makati City. Also present were President Susing Pineda, DG Rudy Bediones, Dir. Issam Eldebs and PD Phillip Ong.



Our convenient online system makes registering easy for all Rotary members, Rotaractors, and Rotary club and district employees.

Register today at riconvention.org.

Fees*

	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. Jose C. Calida, Solicitor General

March, Thursday, 2019

All members present	62
Less: Exempt from attendance	11
Total active members	51
ADD: Make-Up *	21
TOTAL	72
Total # of Members	227
Less: Exempt from attendance	33
On Leave	16
1	
2 Alcantara, Butch	
3 Alunan, Raffy	
4 Arnaiz, Mon	
5 Assad, Joe	
6 Bolton, Bollie	
7 Davis, Ray	
8 De Rossi, Andy	
9 Engelbrecht, Francois	
10 Go, Mike	
11 Gonzales, Peter	
12 Hallare, Jun	
13 Matschuck, Gunter	
14 Pelino, Willie	
15 Recto, Philip	
16 Tan, Ebot	

Base)	---	
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	40%	
ATTENDANCE REPORT		
List of members and guest in attendance:	3.7.2019	3.14.2019
RCM Members	50	62
Members' guest	6	2
Members' spouse	0	0
Visiting Rotarians	0	2
Honorary Members	0	0
Club Guest- RAC Manila	4	2
Club Guest - RAC DLSU/CSB	0	0
Club Guests- guest of GOHS	5	3
Media	0	0
Total	65	71

MAKE-UP-CREDITED	MAKEUP-NOT CREDITED	
Rotary Club of Metro Cebu	PDG Vince Carlos	PD Beda Fajardo
1 Dir Bobby Joseph	PP Boy Ampil	PT Jun follosco
RCM Appreciation Dinner	PP Teddy Ocampo	Rtn Coons Robertz
2 PP Cesar Ubaldo	PP Benny Laguesma	PD Nick Locsin
3 PP Frank Evaristo	DG Rudy Bediones	PT Jim Chua
4 PDG Obet Pagdanganan	Dir Issam Eldebs	
5 AT Ner Lonzaga	PE Jack Rodrohiez	
6 PT Lito Sibayan	Pres. Susing Pineda	
7 Rtn Nilo Aventura	Rtn Jujut Enriquez	
8 PD John Cenica	VPE Hermie Esguerra	
9 PD Pepo Nunez	AT Ner Lonzaga	
10 Rtn Deo Villacorta	BLA Amading Valdez	
11 PVP Chito Zalzarriaga	Rtn Nilo Aventura	
12 Rtn Dong Benedicto	PD Oscar del Rosario	
13 Rtn Celso Abastillas	Treas. Nicky Villasenor	
14 Rtn Juan Montel	Rtn Thad Liamzon	
15 Rtn Jerry Agnes	PD Abe Pascual	
16 Rtn Jun Alvarez	Rtn Johnny Chotrani	
17 PP Francis Juico	Rtn Cris acosta	
18 PDSAA Tony Lopa	SG Romy Nones	
19 Rtn Geof Yu	PS Butch Marking	
20 Rtn Warren So	PD Ed Lee	
21 PP Archit Bartolome	Rtn Noy Benedicto	



ALL THE DAYS OF MARCH, first of a series
(A month-long of dealing with public health concerns)

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

March 2019 is a period of observance, tackling, and engaging into issues that impact public health and safety. This month is dedicated not only to women all over the world in observance of the International Women's Month and the International Women's Day that was celebrated on March 8; March 1 to 31 is also the Fire Prevention Month; March 24 is the World TB (Tuberculosis) Day; and March 22 is the United Nations International World Water Day. March has also established this year's season of Lent – Ash Wednesday (March 6). March, my mother and daughter's birth month, gives me the opportunity to write about recent public health issues and concerns. The first of my "March articles" is about water. Before I bore you, let's lighten up on a little trivia.

The Ides of March (source: WIKIPEDIA)

The Ides of March was a day in the Roman calendar that corresponds to 15 March. It was marked by several religious observances and was notable for the Romans as a deadline for settling debts. In 44 BC, it became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar that made the Ides of March a turning point in Roman history.

Water – the most basic of all commodities

Imagine planet earth without water. It could mean the end of civilization because "water is life."

To me the most disturbing and appalling public problem that barangays in east of Manila and parts of Rizal has been experiencing for a considerable number of weeks and up to this press time, is the "water shortage" or the "total lack of it." Whether this maybe is due to some natural phenomenon, such as El Niño, or something that is man-made is not the concern of this article. I simply would like to impress about health problems that might arise due to unsafe water and the lack of potable drinking water.

Issue No. 1 -- Public health hazards due to lack of safe and potable drinking water

Globally, the most commonly occurring diseases transmitted through drinking of unsafe water are infectious hepatitis, cholera, bacillary dysentery, typhoid, intestinal parasitism, skin diseases, and bacterial infections, such as amebiasis and giardiasis. In other words, drinking unsafe water can bring about sickness, including diarrheal diseases, caused by virus, bacteria, fungus, and parasites.

Issue No. 2 – Sanitation and improper waste disposal

I really hope that the "Manila Bay Clean Up" program, that has now become a multi-sector venture, is not just some "ningas kugon" or "only good at the start." Slums and other dense informal urban neighborhoods pose challenges for improving sanitation provision insofar as sewer systems are required. Waste and refuse of informal settlers pollute small water passageways that add up to contamination of our bigger bodies of water, including Pasig River, Laguna de Bay and Manila Bay. (To be continued)



ON ROTARY LEADERSHIP

By: PDG Alex Cureg

ONCE BITTEN

PART II

Club Presidents enjoy a certain amount of authority. They may act freely within reason and no Rotarian should impose on their presidents' certain actions which the president is not willing to do. In case of an impasse on club issues, there are avenues available to solve crises.

Club assemblies and board meetings are designed to help the clubs manage crises. If properly conducted, they can help both the club and the president immensely. A club assembly is held for the purpose of making sure that there will be cooperation among members for the smooth implementation of a project or any club affair like governor's visits, inductions, anniversaries and so forth. It is recommended that at least six club assemblies are held in a year. The club assembly is attended by club officers, committee chairs and members alike for various activities like hostings in the district events and similar concerns.

The Board of Directors on the other hand, is the sole governing body of the club. Board meetings are held once a month or if the situation demands it, a special board meeting is called. These meetings are attended by the Board of Directors and officers or other member/s invited by the President for any particular issue needed by the Board.

Everyone is encouraged to live by Rotary's timeless and immutable principles in their professional and personal endeavors. As Past RI President Bill Boyd said, "(it is) my belief that Rotarians have a responsibility to bring about a better future by living according

to these long-held Rotary values. True leaders lead by example, and we must all be unfailing examples of Rotary ideals in our professions, our clubs and our daily lives." I echo Bill Boyd's call to reinvigorate Rotary's exemplary service when he said that, "our responsibilities as Rotarians go beyond our weekly meetings, rather, it is our responsibility to make our communities -- our world -- a better place."

Among these principles, I make special mention of the high ethical standards expected of each of us. Rotary prides itself not only of its exemplary work in civic service but it also prides itself to be an organization of high ethical standards. In 1989, the Council of Legislation adopted the Declaration in Business and Professions to provide for more specific guidelines and urge every Rotarian to adhere to the respective honor codes of their professions and employ fairness in their business dealings. Honorable practices in our respective businesses and professions are part and parcel of who we are as Rotarians and are indelible marks of Rotary's ideals in our persons.

Before I end this message, let me share with you what first impelled me to pursue Rotary service when I joined Rotary in 1998 and what continually drives me to the task even today. Beyond my passion to serve others and my genuine desire to share the many blessings in my life, I believe that Rotary's mission and ideals bring forth the best of what is in every man and every year, I could count on Rotary to make one man's life a little bit better and a little bit brighter!

Over and beyond my desire to see even greater successes in Rotary, it is my sincerest wish that each one of you enjoy the best which Rotary has to offer, not only in the form of untold blessings which come our way because of our good deeds but also in the enjoyment of the warmth of friendships cultivated in these our gatherings.

[END]



DE/Dir. Bobby Joseph was Speaker at the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu last March 20, 2019 at the Casino Español in Cebu. He spoke on Cebu Environment Protection and Sustainability.



CENTENNIAL PROJECTS



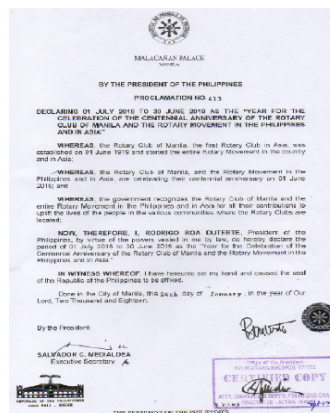
Monty Python's SPAMALOT is a Rotary Club of Manila-sponsored musical comedy adapted from the 1975 film Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Like the motion picture, it is a highly irreverent parody of the Arthurian legend, but it differs from the film in many ways. This show is a fund-raising endeavor of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

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.



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.



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.



Birthday Celebrant VPE Hermie Esguerra in a conversation with Atty. Gliberto Teodoro, Mr. Peter Favila and Mr. Jeck Lagonera.



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.



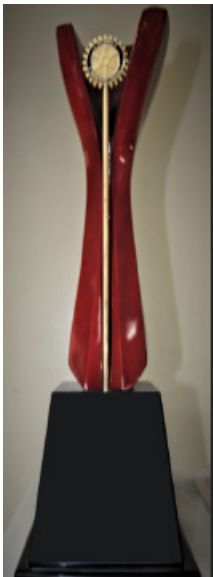
Centennial Hymn is an initiative towards composing a song that will embody the 100 years of the Rotary Club of Manila.

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.



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.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR VPE/PAT HERMIE ESGUERRA DISGUISED AS A ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA DISCON APPRECIATION NIGHT



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.

UPDATE ON THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



The Steering Committee for the Centennial Celebration held a luncheon meeting last March 18, 2019 at the Sports Lounge of the Manila Polo Club in Makati City where updates on the Centennial Celebration culminating activities were discussed. Present were President Susing Pineda, DE/BLA Amading Valdez, Club Secretary Alvin Lacambacal, DE/Club Treasurer Nicky Villaseñor, PP Francis Juico and Former DOT Asec Mr. Frederick "Ricky" Alegre.

RCM WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT/S



Pres. Susing Pineda presents the lone weekly birthday celebrant in attendance, Dir. Issam Eldebs for the traditional blowing of candle on the birthday cake amidst the singing by the RCM World Famous Chorale of the happy birthday song.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY IN DISGUISE

Everybody was ecstatic to say the least. Rotary Club of Manila members came in full force to celebrate the gains of a successful DISCON 2019 that was, ready to party in style at the posh COVE MANILA of OKADA MANILA in Parañaque City after an otherwise busy Rotary day replete with meetings on the evening of March 14, 2019. Fellowships are commonplace in Rotary Club of Manila, but, never in their wildest dreams did they expect a surprise birthday party of this magnitude in the works as the collaboration of DG Rudy and Lady Sharon Bediones, PP Teddy Ocampo, ISDG/PP Joyce Ambray and with the immense help of OKADA MANILA Director for Sales Cielo Ortega-Reboredo clandestinely pulled this event off without an iota of information leaking to any of the Rotary Club of Manila members. With clinking glasses and congeniality being commonplace amid a sea of Manila Rotarians set in the most exclusive of party venues this side of the metropolis, it certainly was the fellowship of all fellowships for which those who missed the occasion could only marvel in awe. What a party it was with Manila Rotarians showcasing their dance moves which brought back fond memories of the glory days of Asia's First Rotary Club. Definitely, it was an affair to remember for club on the heels of 100 years of Service Above Self. Certainly, the man of the hour, Birthday Boy VPE/PAT Hermie Esguerra, the dashing debonair par excellence, made this event one for the books with an ace DJ and foreign performers completing a one of a kind show.





Pres. Susing Pineda for his response, presentation of the centennial plate to Solicitor General Jose C. Calida, as a token of appreciation and meeting adjournment.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (Paul Harris Fellow Awardees)



Pres. Susing Pineda with D-3810 Governor Rudy Bediones award the RCM Paul Harris Fellows (FHP) to Rtn Cris Acosta – PHF Pin + 1 and Rtn Bren Egan, a new PHF.



The Steering Committee for the Centennial Celebrations held a meeting last March 19, 2019 at the Department of Tourism in Makati City regarding the participation of the department in the Centennial Celebration culminating activities. Present on the part of the department were Tourism Promotions Board COO Venus Tan, Usec. Art Bongcato, Usec Bong Bengzon and other officials of the department. On the part of the Rotary Club of Manila, present were DE/Club Treasurer Nicky Vilaseñor, Club Secretary Alvin Lacambacal, PP Teddy Ocampo, PDG Obet Pagdanganan, PDG Vince Carlos, President Susing Pineda, Centennial Celebrations Sec.Gen. Romy Nones and PP Francis Juico. Also present was Former DOT Asec Mr. Frederick "Ricky" Alegre.

UPDATES ON CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

CENTENNIAL GALA NIGHT

Latest Update:



The Centennial Gala Night Committee held a meeting last March 14, 2019 at the Gallery 1, New World Makati Hotel in Makati City. The meeting delved on discussions regarding the status, concerns and deadlines for the Centennial Roster, Invitation, Registration, Physical Arrangement Committee, Program Committee, Historical Presentation Committee and the Ways and Means Committee. Present were **Chair VPE/PAT Hermie Esguerra**, **PDG Alex Cureg**, **PP Boy Guevera**, **PP Boy Ampil**, **PP Benny Laguesma**, **PP Teddy Ocampo**, **PP Francis Juico**, **PVP Chito Zaldarriaga**, **PD Pepo Nunez**, **Ms. Roselle Rebano**, **Ms. Ina Bugayong** and **Mr. Manuel Del Pilar**.

DE/BLA Amading Valdez does the honor, pleasure and privilege of introducing Hon. Jose C. Calida, Solicitor General, Republic of the Philippines, as guest of honor and speaker.



Solicitor General Jose C. Calida spoke on the policies, plans and programs of his office, and cited some of its past cases, being the law office of the Philippine Government. An interactive public forum followed suit right after his speech.



Among the participants to the public forum were: **VP Lance Masters**, **Dir. Isssam Eldebs**, **Rtn. Zdenek Jankovsky**, **Rtn. Johnny Chotrani**, **PD Oscar del Rosario**, **PVP Chito Zaldarriaga**, **PD Beda Fajardo** and **PE Jackie Rodriguez**.



Pres. Susing Pineda presents a club bannerette to a first-time visiting Rotarian, President Ed Bullecer, from RCM daughter Rotary Club of Davao.

Rotaractor Al Francis Gaw updates the Rotarians on the various activities dubbed "Philippine Round Trip" of the club-sponsored Rotaract Club of Manila.



Pres. Susing Pineda during his president's time announced a P240,000 benefactor to the REAP, a close friend of his. He also reminded fellow RCMers' on the scheduled "Appreciation Dinner" at the Okada Manila Resorts Hotel where a big number of participants have enlisted attendance in viber. An announcement and reminder to fellow RCMers' of the forthcoming dinner meeting with Professor Muhammad Yunus on March 21st.

SARI-SARING ARALAN

Latest Update:



President Susing Pineda and Centennial Celebrations Steering Committee Sec.Gen. Romy Nones attended the Ayala Foundation Partners Night last March 18, 2019 at the Ayala Museum. Both Mr. Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala and Mr. Fernando Zobel de Ayala graced the event. The Rotary Club of Manila was invited as it is a partner of Ayala Foundation in the club's centennial project, "Sari-saring Aralan" which converted sari-sari stores into alternative learning hubs. Mr. Ruel Maranan, President of The Ayala Foundation was likewise present that evening. The Rotary Club of Manila was mentioned several times and received all praises for the outstanding project.

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



Pres. Susing Pineda calls the 32nd weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila to order.



PP Benny Laguesma as Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator, directs the program of activities.



PD Oscar del Rosario delivers an ecumenical prayer.



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



Rtn Vic Garcia III 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.

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:

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 20, 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 Rollo "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	Policarpio Jr., Jose "Jimmie"	24,000.00
25	Policarpio, 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.

A LEGACY OF ROTARY SERVICE

Latest Update:



President Susing Pineda held a meeting with DGE Liza Elorde last March 20, 2019 at the Tapenade of the Discovery Primea in Makati City. Discussion delved on the mass oath taking of Champion District Governors and Champion Presidents and their attendance at "A Legacy of Rotary Service".

**ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA
ANNUAL DUES 18-19/CENTENNIAL
DONATION AND SEED FUND
As of March 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

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