

- 12:50 PM

President's Time

Pres. Susing Pineda
- 12:55 PM

Townhall Meeting 4 (Club Assembly) on Centennial Celebration Updates:

1. RCM Centennial Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

2. RCM Centennial Art Exhibit and Welcome Cocktails

3. RCM Centennial Anniversary Celebration

4. RCM Centennial Gala Night

5. Financial Aspect

Sec.-Gen. Romy Nones

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AT Jason Ong
- Introduction of the Guest Speaker

PD Oscar del Rosario
- Address :

PDG Roberto M. "Obet" Pagdanganan

District Governor, Rotary International District 3810, RY 2015-2016

Former Secretary, Department of Tourism

Former Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform

Former Governor, Province of Bulacan
- Public Forum
- 2:00 PM

Response, presentation of plaque of appreciation to PDG Roberto M. "Obet" Pagdanganan & meeting adjournment

Pres. Susing Pineda

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GUEST SPEAKER



ROBERTO "OBET" M. PAGDANGANAN
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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
UPDATES

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Let our very own Cooperatives Guru and Rotarian Par Excellence present his valuable options on improving the quality of lives of the marginalized sectors of society towards equitable national progress as we get the latest updates on our centennial milestone preparations at Asia's First Rotary Club.

Countdown to Centennial

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PDG ROBERTO "OBET" M. PAGDANGANAN

PDG ROBERTO "OBET" M. PAGDANGANAN was born in Calumpit, Bulacan on July 19, 1946. His parents are former Municipal Councilor Juan T. Pagdanganan, Jr. and Mrs. Rosalina Mamangon-Pagdanganan, a market vendor, who both inspired him to pursue higher education, despite their humble station in life.

Obet was a consistent academic scholar. He graduated as valedictorian from both Calumpit Elementary School in 1959, and at Calumpit Institute in 1963. He finished Bachelor of Chemical Engineering, summa cum laude, at the Manuel L. Quezon University, in 1968, the first and so far the only one to graduate with such honors at the MLQU School of Engineering. He also completed Masters in Business Administration at De La Salle University in 1977, and Bachelor of Laws in 1990 at MLQU. In 1995, Obet was awarded a Doctorate in Education, honoris causa, by the Bulacan State University. He had also been awarded as Most Outstanding Alumnus in all the four schools he attended.

Obet worked at Union Chemicals (Aji-no-Moto) in his senior year as chemical engineering student. Upon graduation, he was hired as a management trainee at Philippine Refining Corporation, now Unilever, Philippines, where he eventually held senior management positions in technical and marketing divisions. While with Unilever, Obet completed an Industrial Marketing course at Ashridge Management College in England and International Management Seminar at Unilever Training Center also in England.

Obet's successful career at Unilever was abruptly ended when he was appointed OIC Governor of the Province of Bulacan after the EDSA Revolution in 1986. In January, 1988, he was elected unopposed as Provincial Governor and reelected twice with overwhelming mandates, serving until February, 1998. He was also elected by his peers as National President for three consecutive terms of the League of Provinces, and as the founding Chairman of the League of Leagues, later renamed as Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines.



RCM's 35th for Rotary Centennial Year 2018-2019
Thursday, April 4, 2019, 12N, New World Makati Hotel Ballroom
Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator : PAT/VPE Hermie Esguerra

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 OIC/Moderator :	PAT/VPE Hermie Esguerra
Call to Order	Pres. Susing Pineda, Presiding Officer
Singing of the Philippine National Anthem Invocation RCM Hymn The Four (4) Way Test Credo	RCM WF Music Chorale Rtn Colin Patterson RCM WF Music Chorale All Rotarians led by Rtn Nando Camus
12:35 PM Introduction of Guests/Visiting Rotarians/Personalities Seated at the Presidential Table	Rtn Warren So
Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:40 PM Maligayang Bati (RCM Birthday Celebrants)	
April 4.....Rtn Ricky Guevara April 7.....DE/Dir. Albert Alday April 9.....Rtn Noy Benedicto & Rtn Willie Peliño Happy Birthday Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:45 PM Presentation of RCM Paul Harris Fellows (PHF)	Pres. Susing Pineda, DG Rudy Bediones
1. Rtn Brix Pujalte – New Paul Harris Fellow 2. PD Ed Lee - PHF Pin + 1 3. PD Oscar del Rosario – PHF Pin + 2	

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An active scouter since his primary school days, Obet was a delegate to the Tenth World Jamboree held at Makiling National Park in July, 1959. He was a two-term National President and presently the Senior Vice President of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

He is Chairman of Medicines Transparency Alliance, (MeTA) Philippines, and Advisory Board Member at HealthCore International, Inc, which both advocate access to quality affordable medicines and healthcare for all Filipinos.

He has authored three books on Cooperatives and has taught engineering and MBA, MPA subjects at MLQU, PLM, DLSU and PUP. He still teaches at the PUP Open University and hosts a weekly public service radio program at DWIZ. He is presently Chairman of Medicines Transparency Alliance, (Philippines), Inc., which advocates access to affordable, quality medicines and universal healthcare for all Filipinos.

Obet served in 2015-2016 as District Governor of Rotary International District 3810, which covers the cities of Manila and Pasay, and the provinces of Cavite and Mindoro Occidental. He is a past President of the Rotary Club of Manila and a major donor (first level) to The Rotary Foundation.

Obet is married to the former Susana Obefias of Sariaya, Quezon, also a chemical engineer and former professor at MLQU School of Engineering. They have been blessed with two children, Eya and Raymond, and three grandchildren, Roxanne, Mika and Enzo. Eya, an ex-pat Marketing Executive now based in Singapore, is married to businessman Michael Allan E. Sicut, a civil engineer. Raymond, on the other hand, perished in an accident on January 20, 2007, while saving the lives of two young men riding in an unlit tricycle at the fast lane of MacArthur Highway in Malolos, Bulacan.

Obet eventually served in four Cabinet level positions under former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo: as Presidential Adviser on Cooperatives and Chairman of Cooperative Development Authority, Secretary of Agrarian Reforms, Secretary of Tourism, and later, as concurrent Chairman/President of Philippine International Trading Corporation and PITC Pharmaceutical Inc., where he launched the "Botica ng Bayan" program to promote generics and lower the cost of medicines.



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

Last week, we were treated to a literary odyssey by National Artist for Literature F. Sionil Jose with his take on the many of the issues of society as reflected in his writings which the public considers as a treasure worth keeping.

The centennial culminating activities are just around the corner. Hence, sectoral meetings are held frequently to address deliverables on their respective ends. Towards this end, we have entered into media partnerships with both The Philippine Star and Manila Bulletin after we made courtesy calls with top management. We likewise finalized the program of activities from the Welcome Cocktails to “A Legacy of Rotary Service” as well as the Centennial Gala Night. In the same manner, we are likewise constantly updating the status of local and foreign invitations with the immense help of our event organizers. We have likewise focused on finalizing the entertainers for the culminating events and continue to seek the best possible packages for the three events.

“A Legacy of Rotary Service” already has a complete program of activities. Follow up meetings with PICC regarding venue arrangements have become necessary while following the registration trends.

The Centennial Awards Committee, which takes charge of the Rotary Success Stories, will be meeting today for the submission of evaluation by its members who likewise form the Screening Committee.

The Centennial Gala Night Committee is in the process of finalizing the program flow for the evening, the status of invitations with corresponding RSVP, the updated headcount

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for venue preparations as well as the venue and technical requirements of the event. A meeting regarding the Centennial Membership Roster was likewise held.

With respect to the Hospicio de San Jose-Norzagaray Project, which was a subject of a global grant, I wish to invite all of you to its inauguration on April 5, 2019. Our meeting place will be at Starbucks NLEX Petron at 8:45 am of that day before proceeding to the site.

The Centennial Commemorative Stamps are still on sale. Don't miss your chance to get this once in a lifetime memorabilia.

We had a very touching experience in our Meet and Greet with our PUP REAP scholars last Friday. We were honored and lauded by PUP for our efforts towards REAP. With the REAP Sponsors in attendance, the scholars expressed their overwhelming gratitude through thank you letters and moving speeches which truly warmed our hearts. On this note, I wish to convey my earnest appeal for more REAP sponsors so we could turn more dreams of these financially challenged, but, academically equipped students of PLM and PUP into the realities they so desire.

Today, we welcome our very own PDG Obet Pagdanganan as he presents options on how to improve the quality of life of the marginalized sector towards promoting equitable national progress.

Without an iota of doubt, all these are colossal undertakings which need our best efforts 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 I encourage all of you to embrace Rotary in living our everyday lives.



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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

Mr. F. Jose Sionil

March, Thursday, 2019

All members present	51			
Less: Exempt from attendance	11			
Total active members	40			
ADD: Make-Up *	2			
TOTAL	42			
Total # of Members	225			
Less: Exempt from attendance	33			
On Leave	23			
1 Alcantara, Butch	18	Masters, Lance		
2 Alunan, Raffy	19	Pelino, Willie		
3 Arnaiz, Mon	20	Recto, Philip		
4 Assad, Joe	21	Robertz, cons		
5 Benedicto, Dong	22	Tan, Ebot		
6 Bogovich, Jason	23	Tagaysay, Chito		
7 Bolton, Bollie				
8 Egan, Ben				
9 Engelbrecht, Francois				
10 Eldebs, Issam				
11 Evaristo, Frank				
12 Gonzales, Peter				
13 Guevara, Boy				
14 Guevara, Ricky				
15 Hallare, Jun				
16 Ko, Mon				
17 Lonzaga, Ner				
Total Active Members (Total Percentage Base)	169			
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	25%			
ATTENDANCE REPORT				
List of members and guest in attendance:	3.7.2019	3.14.2019	3.21.2019	3.28.2019
RCM Members	50	62	26	51
Members' guest	6	2	27	2
Members' spouse	0	0	0	0
Visiting Rotarians	0	2	0	0
Honorary Members	0	0	0	0
Club Guest- GOHS & guests	4	2	3	2
Club Guest - RAC DLSU/CSB	0	0	0	0
Club Guests- guest of GOHS	5	3	1	0
Media	0	0	0	0
Total	65	71	57	55

MAKE-UP-CREDITED

- 1.Rtn Ariel Abriam, Rc Kalibo
2. Gov Rudy Bediones, Mindoro Visit



ALL THE DAYS OF MARCH, Part 3

(A month-long of dealing with public health concerns)

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

March 1 to 31 is Fire Prevention Month by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 115-A. This year's theme is: "Ligtas Na Pilipinas Ating Kamtin, Bawat pamilya ay Sanayin, Kaalaman sa Sunog ay Palawakin." The responsible governmental agency for the implementation of national policies related to firefighting and fire prevention under the New Fire Code of the Philippines (R.A.9514) is the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP). Inquirer.net on April 3, 2019 emphasized that BFP has a tally on record of 2,571 fires nationwide in just the months January and February of this year. In aforesaid months, 66 people were killed and 173 were injured because of fire. Many, if not all, of the casualties were trapped in the fire. The most vulnerable victims, according to BFP are children and elderly. Deaths and injuries from fire are correlated to poor or no urban planning, most especially in informal settler communities. The most common cause of fire in the Philippines is still "faulty electrical wiring."

Fire Prevention (Source: Fire and Safety Authority, Dublin, Ireland)

1. Get a qualified electrical contractor (or a licensed electrician) to carry out installation and repairs to electrical equipment and fittings.
 2. All electrical equipment and installations should be maintained, used, and protected with the first and foremost idea of preventing danger.
 3. Check electrical equipment and remove defective equipment.
 4. Ensure electrical cords are in good condition.
 5. Plug appliances and lights into separate electrical outlets.
 6. Avoid using extension cords. If you require the use of extension cords, always have it safe and visible – not under carpets or across walking areas.
 7. Use only one device per outlet.
- Always put off open flames in gas stove and oven when not in use.
8. Do not leave stove on open flame when cooking.
 9. Clean cooking surfaces on a regular basis to prevent grease build up.
 10. Properly dispose off cigarette butts.
 11. Identify flammable materials so proper control can be put in place.
 12. Replace highly flammable materials with less flammable ones.
 13. Provide clearly marked and separate storage areas for flammable materials.
 14. Train family members and house helpers in the proper storage, handling, and use of flammable materials.
 15. Rags, cloths, and mops that have been used or applied with flammable materials should be properly disposed off in containers with well-fitting lids.
 16. Do not store flammable or combustible materials in escape routes and fire exits.
 17. Regularly check fire alarm systems.
 18. Educate and orient children and family members on fire safety and escape routes, exits, survival, and provisions in case of fire.



ON ROTARY LEADERSHIP
By: PDG Alex Cureg

FORE!
(Part I)

They say that the beauty of golf lies in the quest for perfection, and more often than not, this is quite unattainable. Yet, once in while when the Goddess of Fortune decides to give the poor golfer a glimpse of much-desired Nirvana, she would allow the golfer such a perfect swing and in that moment, a moment long-etched in the golfer's memory, he would have witnessed his ball flung over the green and right smack into the hole, his goal.

In March 2001, I have accomplished such a feat, combining luck, strategy, concentration and will power, I drove a hole-in-one at hole #13, 193 yards using a Callaway 3 Iron Steel in the former old Capitol Golf and Country Club, Quezon City. That moment gave me such intense pleasure that since then, I have looked at the game in a much different light. The game gave me the hope of a million possibilities and more than that, the belief in the attainment of something close to perfection.

My friends, we may find that Rotary is in many ways similar to a game of golf. Teeing off early in the morning is similar to being inducted to Rotary. All throughout the course, you may find yourself stuck in a bunker or putting with such form and ease that you feel like you can take on Tiger Woods himself. Yes, as in golf, Rotary will have its highs and lows. In all likelihood, you may find yourself caught between a rock and a hard place, racking your brains, on how you can best serve your community without departing from our Rotary ideals, at the same time balancing the interests of your club and the interests of your members and the attention needed by your family. I can guarantee to you now that the course will indeed be peppered with obstacles.

However, I can also assure you that with careful planning, unflinching determination and close coordination with your mentors, your members, and your club leaders, you can do no wrong.

They also say that in a game of golf, your worst competitor is yourself. You alone determine the level of perfection that you can attain and even that depends on how dedicated you are to the game. So let your experience in Rotary be like a game of golf. Each day, you try to improve your performance and each day, you will find that your confidence to do more is increased. At the end of the game, only you can assess whether or not your performance is merely satisfactory or quite exemplary. But nothing, except maybe your own doubt, stops you from aiming for perfection.

The game of golf is a gentlemen's game, and it is meant to be enjoyed. It is not a violent struggle of brute strength, rather it is a game of finesse and extreme poise. In any endeavor, please remember never to lose perspective of your composure, otherwise, that may cost you your game.

Truth to tell, like any man in my position, there are times when doubts besieged me, when I almost lost composure due to many pressures. Many times, I was driven to the limits of my patience. It is in those times that I remember to recover my poise and like in a game of golf, to just concentrate on the task at hand.

This year, we have much to accomplish. Perhaps it is not news to you that this year, our beloved Rotary Club of Manila will be celebrating its much-awaited 100th Year Anniversary. RCM members are invited to attend, participate, contribute and help make memorable this cherished event.

This three-day celebration will be held on June 20th until the 22nd and we shall have in attendance of no less than Rotary International President-Elect Mark Maloney. And as if the celebration is not yet special enough, the President of the Philippines, His Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has also been invited to grace this momentous occasion.

[to be continued.....]



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ISDG/IS/DE/Dir. Albert Alday attended the RY 2019-2020 District 3810 EXECOM Meeting last April 1, 2019 at the Midas Hotel and Casino in Pasay City.



The Rotary Information Committee composed of **PDG Alex Cureg**, **PD Bebot Pineda** and **Sec.Gen. Romy Nones** conducted the Rotary Information and Rotary Club of Manila Orientation on **Mr. Paul Joseph M. Garcia**, Chief Executive Officer of Leechiu Property Consultants last March 28, 2019 at the Gallery 2 of the New World Makati Hotel in Makati City as a requisite to induction as an active member.



Registration Fee is Php 2,500 per person. Deadline for registration is June 15, 2019.



PE/Dir. Jackie Rodriguez held a meeting with the Rotary Club of Manila Secretariat last April 2, 2019 at the Rotary Club of Manila Office in Ermita, Manila. Also present were **IAS/AT Jason Ong** and **Rtn. Hans Palacios**.

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.



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.



The Seamanship Committee of the Rotary Club of Manila led by **SAA Dave Reynolds** presented the Rotary Club of Manila Scholarship Awardees during the graduation of Batch #21 of the Propeller Club last March 23, 2019 at the Salvation Army Hall in Ermita, Manila.

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

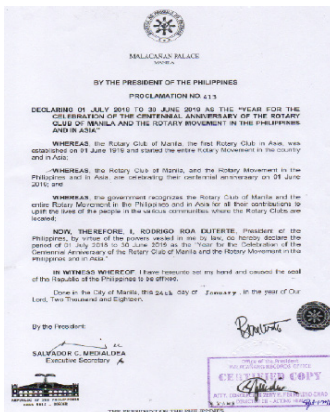


The Rotary Club of Manila Secretariat received the shipment of intravenous (IV) polls from the Rotary Club of New Orleans and Cheer Up Missions last April 3, 2019 at the Rotary Club of Manila Office in Ermita, Manila.

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY



The Rotary Club of Manila Secretariat received the shipment of books from the Rotary Club of New Orleans and Cheer Up Missions last April 3, 2019 at the Rotary Club of Manila Office in Ermita, Manila.



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.



An interactive public forum followed suit right after his speech. Among the participants to the public forum were: **PE Jackie Rodriguez**, **PVP Chito Zaldarriaga**, **Rtn. Tong Payumo**, **Rtn. Henning Karcher**, **Rtn. Michael Cutter**, **BLA Amading Valdez**, **Rtn. Ramby Nolido** and **Rtn. Tony Lopez**.



Pres. Susing Pineda for his response, presentation of the centennial plate to **F. SIONIL JOSE**, as a token of appreciation and meeting adjournment.

RCM WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT/S



Pres. Susing Pineda with **Rtn. Hans Palacios** and **Rtn. Ramby Nolido** as Birthday Celebrants, for the traditional blowing of candle on the birthday cake amidst the singing by the **RCM WF Music Chorale** of the happy birthday song.



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.



DG Rudy Bediones presents to **Pres. Susing Pineda** a Certificate of Recognition to RCM for having the most number of delegates during the RI D-3810's District Conference 2019.



Pres. Susing Pineda during his president's time announces on the REAP Benefactors to meet the Scholars at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines on Friday, March 29, at PUP. He also announced the Townhall Meeting on Thursday, April 4, for updates on the Club's Centennial Celebration in June activities.



Rtn Tony Lopez does the honor, pleasure and privilege of introducing **F. SIONIL JOSE**, National Artist of the Philippines, Literature, 2001, as guest of honor and speaker.



F. SIONIL JOSE, National Artist of the Philippines, Literature, 2001, shared with Rotarians and Guests, his outstanding works and contributions to Philippine Literature.



Pres. Susing Pineda calls the 34th weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila, to order.



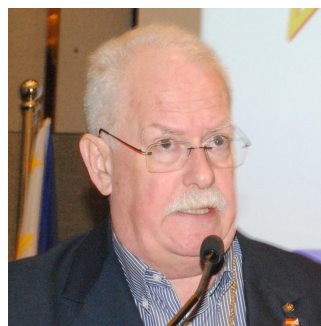
PD Abe Pascual as Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator, directs the program of activities.



Rtn. Ray Davis delivers an ecumenical prayer.



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



Rtn. Bodo Goerlich 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.



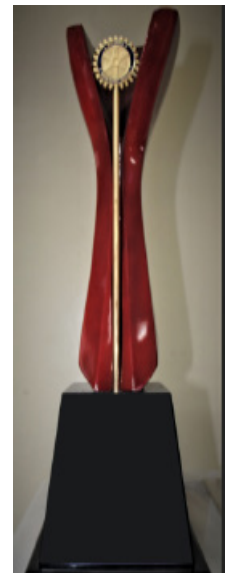
Centennial Hymn is an initiative towards composing a song that will embody the 100 years of the Rotary Club of Manila.

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.



PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE RCM CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Centennial Pres. Susing Pineda, Over-all Chairman, RCM Centennial Celebration, Dir.-elect/BLA Amading Valdez, Chairman, Centennial Anniversary Celebration and DE/Treas. Nicky Villaseñor meet the press for the Club's Centennial Celebration promotion of its various program of activities, in collaboration with the The Philippine STAR as the official media partner, held prior to the Club luncheon meeting last Thursday, at the New World Makati Hotel. Mr. Ricky Alegre, former assistant secretary of the Department of Tourism was on hand as program moderator. A question and answer followed suit after the presentation by the Club officers.

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:

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.





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.

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA ANNUAL DUES 18-19/CENTENNIAL DONATION AND SEED FUND As of April 3, 2019

	ANNUAL DUES 18-19
216	PAID
8	UNPAID
1	PARTIALLY PAID
225	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS
	CENTENNIAL DONATION & SEED FUND
137	PAID
79	UNPAID
9	PARTIALLY PAID
225	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 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

A Meet and Greet between REAP Sponsors and REAP Scholars took place last March 29, 2019 at the Board Room, 2nd Floor, NALLRC Building, Polytechnic University of the Philippines, Sta. Mesa, Manila

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

REAP Commitments as of April 3, 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.	7,000.00
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, Felicitio "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
32	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	48,000.00
33	Art Exhibit Fund	100,000.00
34	JMP Centennial	450,000.00
35	Sta. Elena Construction & Dev't Corp.	240,000.00
		2,486,000.00
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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.

UPDATES ON THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Latest Update:

MEDIA PARTNERSHIP WITH MANILA BULLETIN



RCM 100 – The Manila Bulletin and the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) have officially partnered once again for the forthcoming RCM 100 Centennial celebration of the rotary movement on June 21 this year with the theme: 'One Century. One Mission. One Rotary.' RCM President Jesus Pineda paid a courtesy call on Manila Bulletin President and Vice Chairman Dr. Emilio C. Yap III to further solidify the strong partnership of RCM and Manila Bulletin for the past 100 years. Also present during the meeting were former SSS Chairman and Rotary Centennial Day Chairman Dean Amado Valdez, RCM Treasurer and Director-elect Nicky Villaseñor, and former DOT Assistant Secretary Ricky Alegre.

CENTENNIAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



The Centennial Steering Committee held a meeting last April 2, 2019 at the Sports Cafe of the Manila Polo Club in Makati City. Discussions focused on the June 20 Welcome Cocktails, an Update on the Status of Local and Foreign Invitations, the finalization of the June 21 Program, the June 21 Entertainers and the PICC Cost Package Negotiation. Present were President Susing Pineda, PP Teddy Ocampo, DE/BLA Amading Valdez, PP Francis Juico, PD Phillip Ong, Ms. Irene Lloren, Ms. Tinette Capistrano and Ms. Janelle Guinto.

UPDATES ON THE CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

CENTENNIAL GALA NIGHT

Latest Update:



*cordially invites you
to their*

CENTENNIAL GALA

*CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA
AND THE ROTARY MOVEMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES AND ASIA*

*The 22nd of June 2019
Six o'clock in the evening
Grand Ballroom, Okada Manila*

*with performances from award-winning world-class Filipino singer **Jed Madela**
and internationally acclaimed shadow play group **El Gamma Penumbra**
and the much-awaited unveiling of the **Rotary Club of Manila's Centennial Roster***

ATTIRE

For RCM Members - Barong
For Non-RCM Members - Black Tie
For Ladies - Long Gown

RSVP

Manuel
0998 576 9817
manueldelpilar@jayelles.com

FOOD PREFERENCE (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE):

_____ Meat _____ Fish

*This is an exclusive invitation
Please send your RSVP on or before May 17, 2019*



The Centennial Gala Night Committee held a meeting last March 28, 2019 at the Gallery 1 of the New World Makati Hotel in Makati City. Discussions focused on the status of the June 22 invitations and RSVP, Program Flow as well as Venue and technical requirements. Present were Chairman/VPE/PAT Hermie Esguerra, PP Francis Juico, PP Teddy Ocampo, PP Boy Ampil, President Susing Pineda, DE/BLA Amading Valdez, PVP Chito Zalzarriaga, PD Pepo Nuñez and AT Jason Ong.



Group photo of REAP Sponsors and REAP Scholars. In photo are REAP Chairman Sec.Gen. Romy Nones, VPE/PAT Hermie Esguerra, President Susing Pineda, Engr. Florinda Oquindo, IAS/AT Jason Ong, DE/BLA Amading Valdez, Ms. Devann Abayon and SDG Ricky Ongchan.



REAP Scholars giving their letters of gratitude to the REAP Sponsors.



REAP Chair Sec.Gen. Romy Nones delivering his Acknowledgement Speech.



VPE/PAT Hermie Esguerra delivering his Acknowledgement Speech.



The Centennial Membership Roster Committee held a meeting last March 28, 2019 at the Ballroom of the New World Makati Hotel in Makati City. In photo (clockwise): Centennial Gala Night Chair VPE/PAT Hermie Esguerra, Centennial Membership Roster Chair PVP Fausto Preysler, Rtn. Jujut Enriquez, PDG Vince Carlos and DE/Dir. Caloy Reyes.

HOSPICIO DE SAN JOSE-NORZAGARAY PROJECT

Latest Update:

The inauguration of the livelihood center at Hospicio de San Jose - Norzagaray, the site of Global Grant (GG) 1871987, a project made possible in cooperation with our sister club, the Rotary Club of Osaka East, RID 2660, RID 3810 and The Rotary Foundation, will be on April 5, 2019. Meeting place is at Starbucks NLEX Petron at 8:45am on April 5, 2019 before proceeding in convoy to Hospicio - Norzagaray by 9:00am sharp.

A LEGACY OF ROTARY SERVICE

Latest Update:

Registration for the event has steadily increased with the immense help of event organizer, Primetrade Asia. With respect to the invitation of District Governors-Elect and Presidents-Elect, Invitations Committee Chair PP Francis Juico will coordinate.

MEETING WITH PICC OFFICIAL



President Susing Pineda and DE/BLA Amading Valdez held a meeting with Ms. Leonor Gertes of PICC last April 3, 2019 at the Amorsolo Restaurant of PICC in Pasay City. The meeting centered on the negotiation regarding the use only of the Reception Hall for the day and evening program of "A Legacy of Rotary Service" as well as the reduction of the minimum guarantee for the banquet.

Rotary Club of Manila Centennial Celebration
June 21, 2019
PICC, Manila, Philippines

TENTATIVE PROGRAM
(as of 04/01/19)

PART 1: CONVENTION (PLENARY HALL)

TIME	ACTIVITIES
8:00 AM	Ecumenical Service
8:30 AM	Start of Program
	Voice Over Spiels
8:45 AM	Processional: Welcome Ceremony of RIPE Mark Maloney with RCM Board (Banda Kawayan will provide processional music)
	Call to Order Protocol by Pres. Susing Pineda
8:55 AM	Doxology by RCM World Famous Chorale
9:00 AM	Parade of Flags: United States, Philippines and Rotary Club of Manila
9:05 AM	National Anthem of the United States of America: Video
9:10 AM	National Anthem of the Philippines: Video
9:15 AM	Hymn of Rotary Club of Manila: Video
9:20 AM	4 Way Test Credo by Amading Valdez, Centennial Day Chairman
9:25 AM	Acknowledgement of Dignitaries (Governors and Foreign Clubs) by Past Governor Obet Pagdanganan
	Voice Over Introduces Host
9:30 AM	Host introduces Pres. Susing Pineda
	Welcome Message of Centennial President Jesus "Susing" M. Pineda Jr.
10:00 AM	Host introduces Chorale Competition with Video Presentation
	Host introduces Chorale 1
10:10 AM	Performance of Chorale 1
	Host introduces Chorale 2
10:20 AM	Performance of Chorale 2
	Host introduces Chorale 3
10:30 AM	Performance of Chorale 3
	Intermission Number by Hiraya Contemporary Dance Company
	Host introduces Chorale 4
10:45 AM	Performance of Chorale 4
	Host introduces Chorale 5
10:55 AM	Performance of Chorale 5
11:05 AM	Intermission Number by Hiraya Contemporary Dance Company
11:10 AM	Announcement of Chorale Competition Winners
	Host introduces Roundtable Discussion
11:15 AM	Roundtable Discussion
12:15 PM	Lunch with Entertainment: Banda Kawayan
	Host introduces Past District Governor Alex Cureg
1:15 PM	Past District Governor Alex Cureg introduces Centennial Service Projects
	Video Presentation of Centennial Service Projects – A Legacy of Rotary Service of the Rotary Movement in the Philippines
	Host introduces Oath-taking of Incoming Governors and Presidents
2:15 PM	Oath-taking of Incoming Governors (with Powerpoint/Video Support)
	Group Photo
	Oath-taking of Incoming Presidents (with Powerpoint/Video Support)
	Group Photo
2:25 PM	Response by Incoming District Governor Lisa Elorde
2:30 PM	Photo Op by District with RIPE Mark Maloney
3:25 PM	Recess by Pres. Susing Pineda
3:30 PM	End of Program



REAP Sponsors, SDG Ricky Ongchan, IAS/AT Jason Ong, REAP Chairman Sec.Gen. Romy Nones and VPE/PAT Hermie Esguerra in a photo opportunity with President Susing Pineda and Engr. Florinda Oquindo.



President Susing Pineda delivers Acknowledgement Speech.



REAP Scholars expressing their gratitude.



The Doxology



Engr. Florinda Oquindo, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, delivers the Welcome Remarks.



The REAP Sponsors seated at the Presidential Table.



Engr. Florinda Oquindo, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, awards a Certificate of Appreciation to **Rotary Club of Manila President Susing Pineda**.

PART 2: DINNER RECEPTION (RECEPTION HALL)

6:00 PM	Voice Over Welcome Spiels
	Voice Over introduces Host
	Host introduces Opening Number: 3D Video Mapping of Rotary Centennial with a Dance Number
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6:15 PM	Host introduces Pres. Susing Pineda
	Welcome Speech by Pres. Susing Pineda
6:25 PM	Dinner with Entertainment: 1. Orchestra 2. The Ryan Cayabyab Singers 3. Chorale Competition Winners
7:25 PM	Ambassador Sung Kim introduces Awarding of Success Stories Grand Winners
	Awarding of Success Stories Grand Winners with Video Presentation of RCM Projects
7:35 PM	Host introduces Centennial Tourism Awards
	Announcement/Awarding of Centennial Tourism Awards – PRRD, ABS-CBN, Ace Durango and late Sec. Jose Aspiras
	Photo Op per Awardee
7:40 PM	Host introduces RIPE Maloney for the Resolution of the Round Table Discussion
	Resolution of the Round Table Discussion by RIPE Maloney
7:55 PM	Host invites Sec. Sonny Dominguez to introduce Guest of Honor
	Sec. Sonny Dominguez introduces Guest of Honor: Pres. Rodrigo Duterte
8:00 PM	Keynote Speech of Pres. Rodrigo Duterte
8:15 PM	Symbolic Lighting of 100 Candles and Lighting of the RCM Centennial Logo with Special Effects (with RIPE Maloney, DG Rudy Bediones, Pres. Susing Pineda and Pres. Rodrigo Duterte) together with RCM World Famous Chorale for the RCM Centennial Song
	Group Photo
8:30 PM	Host announces Photo Op
	Photo Op with RIPE Maloney and Pres. Duterte (for confirmation) by District
8:45 PM	Host introduces Closing Number
	Closing Number: Lara Maigüe
9:15 PM	Host introduces RI Director Raffy Garcia
	Closing Remarks by RI Director Raffy Garcia
9:20 PM	Closing Spiel of Host
9:25 PM	Dance Party (music provided by the Orchestra)
10:00 PM	End

CENTENNIAL AWARDS

Latest Update:

The evaluations of the Screening Committee are due today, April 4, 2019.

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 (2 pcs)

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:

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REAP MEET AND GREET AT PUP



The REAP sponsors and the PUP REAP scholars waiting for the program to begin.