THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA
INDUCTION AND HANDOVER CEREMONIES
FOR RY 2019-2020
July 4, 2019 Thursday, 11:00 AM
Centennial Hall, Manila Hotel
Moderator: EDU MANZANO and KATARINA RODRIGUEZ

11:00 AM	REGISTRATION & COCKTAILS	
12:20 PM	BELL TO BE RANG (Members and Guests are requested to be seated.)	
•	Call to Order	Centennial Inspiring President Susing Pineda
•	Doxology	Rtn. Thad Liamzon
•	National Anthem of the Republic of the Philippines	Rotary Club of Manila MTV
•	Community Singing of the RCM Hymn	Rotary Club of Manila World Famous Music Chorale
•	The Four (4) Way Test	VPE Hermie Esguerra
•	Introduction of Guests, Visiting Rotarians & Personalities seated at the Presidential Table	Club Sec. Alvin Lacaranbacal
•	Welcome Song	Rotary Club of Manila World Famous Music Chorale
12:30 PM	INTRODUCTION OF RCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS FOR RY 2019-2020	
	INDUCTION OF RCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS FOR RY 2019-2020	DG Liza V. Elorde
1:00 PM	HANDOVER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GAVEL OF AUTHORITY AND PRESIDENTIAL PIN TO PRES. JOAQUIN "JACKIE" RODRIGUEZ, SR.	IPP Susing Pineda
	PRESENTATION OF TOKEN OF APPRECIATION AND PAST PRESIDENT'S PIN TO IPP SUSING PINEDA	President Jackie Rodriguez
	UNVEILING OF CENTENNIAL MARKER	President Jackie Rodriguez and Vice President Hermie Esguerra
	INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT JOAQUIN "JACKIE" RODRIGUEZ, SR.	Dir. Raffy Alunan
	INAUGURAL ADDRESS	President Jackie Rodriguez
	INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER	Vice President Hermie Esguerra
	ADDRESS OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER	Hon. Vicente C. Sotto, III Senate President Republic of the Philippines
1:40 PM	RESPONSE AND PRESENTATION OF TOKEN OF APPRECIATION TO SENATE PRESIDENT SOTTO	President Jackie Rodriguez
1:55 PM	RESPONSE AND PRESENTATION OF TOKEN OF APPRECIATION TO RID 3810 GOVERNOR LIZA ELORDE	President Jackie Rodriguez
	Entertainment & Musical Song Numbers	
	Special Song Number by OLIVIA RODRIGUEZ (granddaughter of President Jackie Rodriguez)	
	ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA WORLD FAMOUS MUSIC CHORALE	
2:00 PM	ADJOURNMENT	President Jackie Rodriguez

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Hon. VICENTE C. SOTTO, III
Senate President
Republic of the Philippines

KABALITA

As the curtains fall on an overwhelmingly successful Centennial Year that was, we look back in awe and pay homage to those who endeavored to BE THE INSPIRATION worthy of emulation.

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Date of Birth	: April 27, 1941
Place of Birth	: Barrio Uga-ac, Tuguegarao, Cagayan
Spouse Name	: Sonja Habana Rodriguez
Children	: Joaquin, Jr, Antonio Manuel, Gerard Sean, Armando Charles
Grandchildren	: Anthony, Katja, Nikolo Joaquin, Sofia Gabriel, Danielle Olivia, Joaquin VII, Julia Adriana, Alegra Beatriz, Emilia Alejandra, Olympia

Educational Background

Primary	: San Juan de Letran (1953)
Secondary	: International School (1959) American School
College	: De La Salle University

Position Held

2017 – Present	: Entoria Co. Limited Director
2015 – Present	: Member Rotary Club of Manila
2014 – Present	: Chairman : Philippine-American Chamber of Commerce Florida, U.S.A.
1992 – 2014	: Director Bistro Holdings, Inc.
2010 – Present	: Chairman Lumad Agro Industrial Ventures Corporation
2010 - 2018	: Director PRODEV Corp.
2009 – 2018	: Chairman Talaingod Agro-Industrial Group Corporation
2003 – 2005	: Chairman Pars Pacific Corporation
2002 – 2006	: President Orient Adriatic, Inc.
2004 – Present	: Consul a.h. : Consulate of the Republic of Serbia
1997 – Present	: Director California Pizza Kitchen
2018 – Present	: Director Solar Valley Corporation Tech Energie Corporation

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1996 – 2003 : Director
New Zealand Natural, Inc.
1996 – Present : Chairman
Guidance Management Corporation
1995 – 2014 : Director
Italianni's Restaurant
1995 – Present : Vice-President
News and Entertainment Network Corporation
1995 – 2005 : Vice-President
Unicorn Communication Corporation
1995 – 2002 : Chairman
Philippine-Korean Friendship Society, Inc.
1995 – 1999 : Chairman
Metro Manila Asphalt Corporation
1993 – 2014 : Director
TGI Friday's Restaurant
1993 – 2018 : Chairman of the Board
Optimax International Corporation
1987 – 1994 : Director
Philippine-Japan Friendship Society
1984 - Present : Chairman of the Board
Golondrina Holdings, Inc.
1981 – Present : President/Director
Valley Mountain Mines & Exploration, Inc.
1980 – Present : Member
Manila Polo Club, Inc.
1981 – 1995 : Director and Chairman of Marketing Committee
Mariwasa Manufacturing, Inc.
1993 – 1994 : Director
Philippine Realty & Holdings Corp.
1983 – 1993 : President/Director
European Philippine Textile Corp.
1988 – 1989 : President/Director
Pacific Chrome International Corporation
1985 – 1988 : 33Director
Busk Boake Allen Phils., Inc.
1984 – 1989 : President/Director
Sterling Life Insurance Co.
1984 – 1988 : Director
Precision Cutting Tools, Inc.
1983 – 1989 : Chairman of the Board
MAA Consultants, Inc.
1983 – 1989 : President/Director
Matalvi Oceaneering, Inc.
1983 – 1988 : Director
San Jose Oil, Inc.
1983 – 1988 : Director
Wise & Co., Inc.
1982 – 1987 : Director
Associate Metals, Inc.

1982 – 1988	: Member Baguio Country Club
1979 – 1986	: President/Director Benguet Exploration, Inc.
1979 – 1985	: President FALCON Mines Corp.
1979 – 1979	: Member of the Advisory Board of Director Imperial Trust of the United States of America
1974 – 1978	: President Recrea Sports España S.A.
1971 – 1974	: President Pioneer Minerals, Inc. (Thailand)
1971 – 1974	: President Asian Finance Corp. (Thailand)
1969 – 1971	: Executive Vice President Larutan, Inc. (Phils.)
1966 – 1969	: Vice President for Sale TAM Agency, Inc.
1964 – 1969	: President Rodgers and Cummings Corp.
1964 – 1966	: District Sale Representative American Photocopy Equipment Co.
1962 – 1964	: Underwriter Management Trainee Firemen's Fund Insurance Co.
1962 – 1964	: Merchant Marine American Mail Lines, Inc.

Awards Received:

Ulirang Ama Awards 2013
Outstanding Mining Company of the Year 1982
Outstanding Mining Man of the Year 1984
Outstanding Letranite 1983
Most Outstanding Letran Jubilarian 1982
Adopted Son of Oriental Mindoro Province 1983
Adopted Son of Mountain Province 1987
Adopted Son of Kyonggi-do, Korea 1996
Adopted Son of Kalinga 1985
Professional Executive of the Year 1984





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RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2018-2019

Valedictory Meeting

'June 27, 2019

All members present	56
Less: Exempt from attendance	8
Total active members	48
ADD: Make-Up *	10
TOTAL	58
Total # of Members	227
Less: Exempt from attendance	33
On Leave	26

1	Abriam, Ariel	13	Gonzales, Leo Peter
2	Alcantara, Butch	14	Hallare, jun
3	Arnaiz, Mon	15	Laurel, Ricky
4	Bogovich, Jason	16	Lapus, Jing
5	Bolton, Bollie	17	Liamzon, Thad
6	Camus, Nando	18	Go, Mike
7	Co, Ferdie	19	Guevara, Ricky
8	Davis, Ray	20	Guevara, Boy
9	Doval-Santos, Rosel	21	Matschuck, Gunter
10	Engelbrecht, Francois	22	Patterson, Colin
11	Garcia, Vic	23	Pascual, Abe
12	Goerlich, Bodo		

Total Active Members (Total Percentage Base)	168
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	35%

ATTENDANCE REPORT

List of members and guest in attendance:	6.6.2019	6.20-22.2019	6.27.2019
RCM Members	68	105	56
Members' guest	18	30	19
Journalism awardees & guests	48	0	0
Jhonorary Members	2	2	0
Visiting Rotarians	2	488	7
Hosted Rotarians		141	22
Total	138	**766**	**104**

MAKE-UP

1. Rtn Ariel Abriam - RC Phnom Pehn June 14
2. Rtn Beniting Legards- RC Manila South June 20,2019
3. PDG Vince Carlos - District 3810 awards night, June 29, 2019
4. PDG Vince Carlos, District 3810 Handover, July 1, 2019

Necro service for PD Ralf Gonzales

5	Salazar, Jorge	8	Ubaldo, Cesar
6	Garcia, Vic	*9*	Liamzon, Thad
7	Eldebs, Issam	*10*	Zalamea, Rick

24 Pineda, Bebot
25 Tanglao, Noel
26 Villegas, Raul

VISION

A vibrant and stable Rotary club with the capability of undertaking projects of immense proportions while imbued with the resolve of protecting the environment and fostering closer ties amongst Rotary Clubs worldwide through activity and fellowship.

MISSION

To inspire and motivate Manila Rotarians to action through the creation of a fund reservoir from their bequests to augment the club's financial commitment towards activities aimed at fostering environmental protection at a national level and fellowships that enhance connectivity among Rotarians worldwide towards redefining its role as the first Rotary club in Asia.

NATIONAL LEVEL

THE ROTARY ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOLOGICAL STRATEGEM (TREES)

Program objectives are:

1) To recover the pristine ecology and environment of 100 years ago.

2) To bring back the beauty and cleanliness of the Pearl of the Orient.

3) To educate our country, most especially, our children on the importance of ecology and good environment as well as the need for a variety of trees, clean rivers, lakes, estuaries and seashores.

4) To provide livelihood protection, food and medicine to our citizens while fostering healthy tourism for all.

CLUB LEVEL

AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL
ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA

Program objectives are:

1) To enhance the activity, friendship, relationship and fellowship amongst all Rotary Clubs worldwide.

2) To reach out to segments in society who are unaware of the importance of Rotary to their community and the world.

3) To enlarge participation in the various Rotary programs and activ ities and to build friendship and familiarity with Rotary Clubs.

4) To assist execution of our service projects.

The Expected Effects are:

1. The Rotary Club of Manila will appoint from their club to other clubs, cities and countries, relevant Ambassadors who will connect, and enhance inter-club relationship.

2. The recipient Club, in turn, will appoint their Ambassador to the corresponding club, thereby solidifying their connection.

3.The Ambassadors will work together to create inter-club projects, joint meetings, fellowships and club visits.

4.The Ambassadors are expected to visit the clubs to whom they are assigned to and create joint meetings and enhance and exchange ideas with each other. They will arrange for multi joint meetings as well.

5. Clubs will learn from each other and enhance connectivity, fellowship and friendship.

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA BEQUEST PROGRAM

Objective:

To install a club level bequest program to assist the Rotary Club of Manila in creating a strong financial position from the fortunes of its members who voluntarily donate them to the club in their respective wills towards realizing the club's resolve to deliver more efficiently, its services to the people of the community and the country at large.



SCIATICA

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

The sciatic nerve is the longest and widest single nerve in the human body. Its fibers are formed from the spinal nerves of the lower lumbar (L4) and sacral (S3) vertebra. Sciatic nerve starts from the lower back, goes down to the buttocks, the thighs, and the lower limb. Inflammation and swelling of the sciatic nerve, result to pain and some numbness of the affected leg. The clinical condition is called sciatica.

What causes sciatica?

Sciatica starts when the sciatic nerve is compressed by the narrowing of the spine (spinal stenosis) or when there is a sharp bony growth on the spine (spur formation) or after a strain or trauma on the spine resulting to the injury of the connective tissues cushioning the spaces between vertebrae.

What are the signs and symptoms pointing to sciatica?

The hallmark of sciatica is pain that radiates from your lower back, going down to your buttocks and to the back of each leg. Typically, sciatica affects only one side of your body. The pain can vary. You may feel it as just numbness on the affected leg, when the compression is not enough to surpass your pain threshold. Others may experience mild pain, while some may have severe and excruciating pain. Some patients even complain about a jolt or an electric shock. The pain can be aggravated by prolonged sitting or standing; and may become worse when you cough or sneeze.

Risk factors in sciatica

- Age. Bone spurs and herniated disks are common in the elderly.
- Obesity. Being too heavy can put stress to your lower back. Excess body weight can contribute to spinal changes that can trigger sciatica.
- Occupation. Sciatica can be job-related, most especially in workers who lift heavy objects. If your job requires you to twist your back often, you are prone to back injury that can result to sciatic nerve compression. Drivers who drive for long periods of time are prone to have stress and strain on their lower back that can result to sciatica.
- Diabetes increases the risk for nerve damage.

Complications of sciatica

- Loss of feeling in the affected leg
- Weakness in the affected leg
- Loss of bladder or bowel function

When do you need to see your doctor?

Mild sciatica goes away over time. Visit your doctor if: you have had a back injury; you have difficulty controlling your urination or bowel movement; or in case of severe pain and/or numbness on your lower extremity. Otherwise, protect your back through exercise, weight control through balanced diet, and good posture.



BEST OF QUOTES

PP Frank Evaristo
Associate Editor
BALITA

"No Matter What Happens In Life
Be Good To People
Being Good To People Is A Wonderful Legacy To Leave Behind."

"Do Good To Others, It Will Come Back
In Unexpected Ways."

"Spend More Time With People
Who Brings Out The Best In You
And Not The Stress In You."

"Life Is Not About Being Rich, Popular, Highly Educated And Being To Perfect
It's About Being Real, Humble and Kind."

"One Day You'll Look Back And Realize That Your Worries Are Too Much About
The Things That Don't Really Matter."

"Heaven Doesn't Value What You Have But What You Give."

"Your Wealth And Status Doesn't Matter
Your Kindness, Character Does."

"One Who Does Not Know How To Forgive Does Not Know How To Love."

"Happiness Is Having Good Relationship In Friendship And Helping Others Reach Their Dreams."

"Loneliness Doesn't Come From Being Alone
It Can Come From Felling That Nobody Cares."

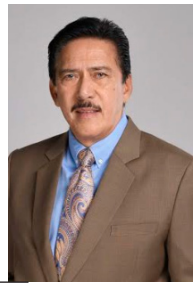
"Sometimes Peace Is Better Than Being Right."

"Life Is Good When Someone Is There
Life Is Better When Someone Shares
But Life Is Best When Someone Cares."

"Life Is Short
Make The Most Of It
Bring Out The Best In You
And Achieve Happiness Daily."

Republic of the Philippines
Senate

VICENTE C. SOTTO III
Senate President



I. GOVERNMENT POSITIONS HELD :

SENATOR, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
(July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2022)

Senate President, Senate of the Philippines
17th Congress (May 21, 2018 – up to present)

Majority Leader, Senate of the Philippines
17th Congress (July 25, 2016 – May 20, 2018)

Assistant Minority Leader, Senate of the Philippines
16th Congress (August 25, 2015 – July 20, 2016)

Acting Minority Leader, Senate of the Philippines
16th Congress (August 4, 2014-August 23, 2015)

Majority Leader, Senate of the Philippines
15th Congress (July 26, 2010 to June 30, 2013)

Chairman, Dangerous Drugs Board, Office of the Presi dent (2008 July to 2009 November)

Senator, Republic of the Philippines
(1992 to 1998)
(1998 to 2004)

Majority Floor Leader, Senate of the Philippines
12th Congress (2002 – 2004)

Minority Floor Leader, Senate of the Philippines
12th Congress (2002)

Asst. Minority Floor Leader, Senate of the Philippines
12th Congress (2002)

Majority Floor Leader, Commission on Appointments
(1998 - 2002)

Assistant Majority Floor Leader, Senate of the Philip pines (1992 to 1998)

Chairman, Senate Committee on Public Services
(1998 - 2001)

Chairman, Senate Committee on Science and Technology
(1999 - 2001)

Chairman, Senate Committee on Local Government
(1992 to 1998)

Chairman, Senate Committee on Tourism
(1992 to 1998)

Chairman, Senate Committee on Illegal Drugs
(1996 to 1997)

Chairman, Joint Oversight Committee on Local Government Code
(1996 to 1998)

Chairman, Senate Committee on Youth and Sports Development
(1995 - 1996)

Chairman, Senate Committee on Rural Development
(1995 - 1996)

Vice-Mayor, Quezon City
(1988 to 1992)

Presiding Officer, Quezon City Council
(1988 – 1992)

Chairman, Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Council
(1988 – 1992)

II. AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS :

International Award of Honor
International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association
(INEOA)
(Sept. 2, 1991 - Fort Lauderdale, Florida, U. S. A.)

2nd International Award of Honor (Hall of Fame)
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(Nov. 18, 1996 - Bahia Hotel, San Diego, Calif., U. S. A.)

Catholic Mass Media Radio Award
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For composing the song "Magkaisa"

International Gold Medalist
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Philippine Bowling Congress






D-2 MANILA BULLETIN THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER Sunday, June 30, 2019

FOR MOTHER EARTH Senator Cynthia Villar, Rotary Club Manila awardee for Sustainable Tourism with RCM president Jesus Pineda and awards committee chairman Robert L. Joseph.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



PDG Alex Cureg and President Jackie Rodriguez at the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany

2 Time World Cupper
Ten Pin Bowling (1978 and 1984)

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(1998 - 2001)

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III. MEMBERSHIP IN CIVIC / PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

President Emeritus Vice-Mayors' League of the Philippines
Founder / 1st Elected President

Member Int'l. Narcotic Enforcement Officers Assoc.

Member International Association of Chiefs of Police

Vice Chairman Philippines Citizens' Drugwatch Foundation

Vice President Vicor Music Corporation

Former Board Member Araullo University, Nueva Ecija

Former President Ham Radio Philippines

IV. PUBLICATIONS / DISSERTATIONS / SCHOLARLY WORKS :

• A Vision for A Drug-Free Philippines, April 1994
• Drug Free Philippines, A Film Documentary, February 1996
• The Filipino: Values and Visions, January 1997

V. EDUCATION / TRAININGS :

• Elementary Colegio de San Juan de Letran Manila
• Secondary Colegio de San Juan de Letran Manila
• College A.B. English Colegio de San Juan de Letran, Mla.
•Special Training, Seminars, Conferences

High Level Segment and March 2009
52nd Commission on Narcotics (CND)
United Nations Office
Vienna, Austria

Executive Program for Leaders in Development June 2000
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

doro), to join him and the Rotary Club of Manila in a program that would ensure the planting and nurturing of trees. The program is called TREES, or The Rotary Economic and Ecological Stratagem. Herself an environmental advocate, Champion District 3810 Governor Liza Elorde has thrown her strong support for Jack's project.

TREES envisions, Jack said, not only the planting of trees by Filipinos, whether young or old, male or female, in every opportunity that is given to them to plant trees. They are also tasked to ensure that the trees they have planted would be cared for and would in fact thrive. One development in the country today that Jack attributes to TREES is the passage of the law that now requires each and every school children to plant and care for trees every year.

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RP LACKS 3.6 BILLION TREES: As explained by Rotary Club of Manila Champion President Joaquin "Jack" Rodriguez when we talked on June 28, 2019, his brainchild known as TREES, or The Rotary Economic and Ecological Stratagem, started last June 15, 2019 yet. On that day, some 231 Rotary Clubs from the different parts of the Philippines and other socio-civic groups joined hands and participated in the planting of trees across the archipelago.

TREES, by all means, is a very ambitious program, especially so because it aims to fill up the country's deficit on trees, which, Jack said, is about 3.6 billion as of today. What is important, however, Jack told me, is that Rotarians and their "partners in service" have already taken the requisite first step to realize their collective dream. All of them are fired up by the thought that TREES is poised to gush forth more relevant benefits to the world, with cleaner environment resulting from new trees, and reversing global warming and climate change in the process.

If the "polio plus" campaign greatly helped countless children in the world, the TREES program being spearheaded by Jack Rodriguez and other Rotarians is expected to work out the miracle of a dying world rising again, as if in resurrection, owing to a cleaner environment, cleaner water, and more tolerable temperature ranges because of more trees. Long live, Champion President Joaquin "Jack" Rodriguez and the Rotary Club of Manila.

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REACTIONS? Call 0977 805 9058, 0918 574 0193, 0933 8251308, or my Messenger account in Facebook, Melanio Lazo Mauricio Jr. Or you could email me at batasmauricio@yahoo.com, mmauriciojr111@gmail.com, or send your comments or queries at www.facebook.com/attybatas.

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS.SYNDICATED, ENGLISH. 28 JUNE 2019

Filipino Rotarians push worldwide ecology campaign

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...So I said, `Wisdom is better than strength'..." (Ecclesiastes 9:16, the Holy Bible).

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FILIPINOS PUSHING A WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN ON ECOLOGY AND ENVIROMENT RESTITUTION: In the history of Rotary International since it was first put up in 1905 in the United States, Filipino Rotarians have come to be acclaimed and accorded the honor and recognition of being the progenitor of what has come to be known as Rotary's "polio plus campaign". Polio plus was a project that Filipinos started in the Philippines way back in 1979 and which Rotary International and its more or less two million Rotarians worldwide have come to embrace with gusto.

Because of this fierce war against polio led by Filipino Rotarians, 99.99 percent of the world's countries today no longer have any polio cases. Indeed, it can be claimed without any serious contradiction from anyone that the world in general, and Rotary International in particular, owe this victory against polio (an ailment that caused the death of many children and adults in the past) to the pioneering socio-civic and charitable spirit of Filipino Rotarians.

But, time is coming when recognition of Filipino Rotarians will no longer be confined only to the success in the fight against polio. Under the able leadership of a 90-year old veteran and well-loved businessman, Joaquin "Jack" Rodriguez, the president of the Rotary Club of Manila for Rotary Year 2019-2020, Filipino Rotarians are bound to shine once again because of their campaign to plant more trees around the world and stamp out global warming and climate change, and to balance the ecology and promote environment restitution.

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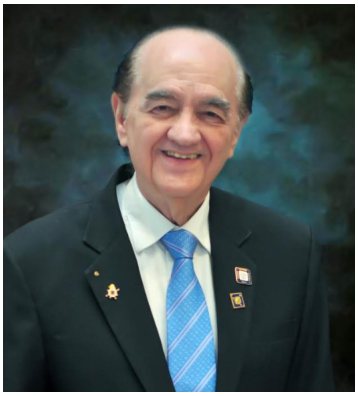
"TREES: STRATEGY FOR A CLEAN AND GREEN ENVIRONMENT": What Champion President Joaquin "Jack" Rodriguez wants to successfully accomplish during his one-year term (Rotary Year 2019-2020) as the leader of the 100-year old Rotary Club of Manila (the first in the whole of Asia) is the institutionalization and eager pursuit of the fight against environment degradation which, in the Philippines, is known to be the result of our country having some 3.6 billion deficit on trees. We lack around 3.6 billion trees, Jack told me.

This is the reason why Jack worked all his might to persuade the 10 Rotary International Districts in the Philippines (including District 3810 which covers Manila, Pasay City, Cavite, and Occidental Min

Microsoft Government Leaders' Conference Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.	April 2000
International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association (INEOA) Conference New York, USA	October 1994
International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association (INEOA) Conference San Diego, California	November 1996
Implementing Decentralization with the Aim of Strengthening Local Self Administration Berlin, Germany	June - July 1994

VI. Personal Information

Date of Birth	:	August 24, 1948
Place of Birth	:	Manila
Spouse	:	Helen Gamboa Sotto
Children	:	Romina Frances Diorella Maria Gian Carlo Ciara Anna
Languages and dialects spoken	:	English, Filipino
Father	:	Marcelino O. Sotto
Mother	:	Herminia Castelo Sotto, M. D. U.P. College of Medicine Class 1935
Religion	:	Catholic



Dear friends in Rotary

Today we will attend and witness the beginning of a new Rotary year and the continuance of our celebration highlighted by legacy projects our club intends to undertake. Projects that will give true meaning to the word "Rotary" and give us a highway of "Service Above Self".

We will have many challenges and many projects, but, let us not forget that in the midst of all this is our camaraderie and friendship. Let us enjoy in whole as we bring our club to the level of what it is meant to be. I would love to see the participation of all of you in our committees, and our projects and in our activities. Let's join hands in making this a successful year.

Thank you very much.

Jackie



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DISTRICT AWARDS 2019



Manila Rotarians at the District Awards 2019 last June 29, 2019 at the Manila Hotel Tent in Manila. In photo, seated, **Rtn. Zdenek Jankovsky, IPVP Lance Masters, PD Oscar del Rosario.** Standing are **PD John Cenica, PP Frank Evaristo, IPDG Rudy Bediones, PDG Vince Carlos** and **Dir./IPT Nicky Villaseñor.**



IPDG Rudy Bediones pinning the Royce Abbey Award Pin on **Rtn. Zdenek Jankovsky**, the first from our club



The Royce Abbey Certificate of Recognition



The Royce Abbey Award Pin



Manila Rotarians pose with the Governor's Citation Award Plaque



The Certificate of Recognition of PD Oscar del Rosario as New Multiple Paul Harris Fellow





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Rotary Club of Manila

CHARTER NO. 478 R.I. DISTRICT 3810

THE FIRST IN ASIA

JUNE 1919 - JUNE 2019

THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MEMBERSHIP AND STAFF OF ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA

condole with the family of

RAFAEL "Ralf" A. GONZALES



Inducted March 14, 1986; Paul Harris Fellow 1997; Director, 1997-1998, Journalism Awards Chairman RY 1996-1997, Foreign Affairs Distinguish Medal Awardee Sikatuna Lakan Class Awardee by Pres Benigno Aquino III

passed away peacefully in the grace of the Lord last Saturday, June 28,2019, 9:44 PM

His remains lie at Chapel of Christ the King Church, Greenmeadows, Quezon City

RCM Necrological Services will be held on TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019 after the 7:00 PM MASS.

Interment will be on Thursday July 4, 2019 after the 9:00 AM Requiem Mass at the Loyola Memorial Park Marikina.

LET US OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF PAST DIRECTOR RALF GONZALES



Rotary International District 3810 Awards
for Rotary Club of Manila
Rotary Year 2018-2019

I. R.I. D- 3810 Award Pin – Be The Inspiration
Inspiring President Jesus M. Pineda, Jr.

II. Outstanding Award International Service

III. Arch Klumph Society
Champion President Joaquin C. Rodriguez, Sr.

IV. The Rotary Foundation Major Donor
PDG Alexander and Spouse Anna Cureg

V. New Multiple Paul Harris Fellow
PD Oscar del Rosario

VI. Royce Abbey Award
Rtn. Zdenek Jankovsky

VII. Award of Excellence --- Category 3 – Platinum

1. International Service
2. Education and Literacy
3. Material and Child Care

VIII. Award of Excellence --- Category 3 – Gold

1. The Rotary Foundation
2. Club Administration
3. Economic and Community Development Project
4. Peace and Conflict Resolution
5. Public Relations

IX. Special Award

1. Six Areas of Focus Service Projects
2. All Four (4) Types of Media Coverage
3. Hosting District Event
4. Club Centennial Project
5. Clubs with District Grant Project
6. Clubs with Governor's Visit
7. Clubs with Global Grant Project
8. Clubs with Mid-Year Report (Oral and Written)
9. Flagship Project
10. Rotary International Convention 2019
11. 100% Per Capita
12. 100% On Time Submission of Reports
13. 100% Subscription to the Philippine Rotary Magazine



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OPINION

100 years of 'Service Above Self'

WITH DUE RESPECT

ARTEMIO V. PANGANIBAN

Hail to the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) for publicly showcasing its century of charitable and socio-civic activities during this month of June. Chartered on June 1, 1919, as the "First in Asia" and led by its founding president Leon Lambert and 37 other charter members, the RCM rapidly spread the gospel of "Service Above Self" by organizing "daughter clubs" in the Philippines and in Asia. In turn, the daughter clubs gave birth to more clubs, now totaling about 800 in our country alone.

During these 100 years of selfless voluntary service, RCM members raised funds from private sources, mostly from their own pockets, devoted an enormous amount of their precious time, and undertook countless humanitarian projects and programs to help the impoverished, the disabled, the sick, the helpless and the disaster-stricken.

These programs included medical and surgical missions, sight and hearing preservation, drug abuse prevention, health and hygiene education, energy conservation, teacher development, environment protection, legal aid for the helpless, scholarships for the needy, disaster relief and rehabilitation, and public order and safety.

In fact, RCM and its members institutionalized some of these programs into separate autonomous organizations like the Boy Scouts, Community Chest, Philippine Band of Mercy, Philippine Cancer Society, Sagip-Kabataan (Save the Children) Foundation, RCM Eyebank Foundation, Philippine Rotary Pacemaker Bank Foundation, RCM Medico-Surgical Missions Foundation, Safety Organization of the Philippines, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Gatches Village, and many others.

At present, RCM has 226 members, but when I was still a member, it had over 400, making it not only the first but also the largest club in Asia. Over the years, its storied membership included business leaders (like Henry Sy Sr., John Gokongwei Jr., Andrew Gotianun, Alfonso Yuchengco and Ramon V. Del Rosario), labor icons (like Roberto Oca Jr., Blas Ople and Bienvenido Laguesma), prominent professionals (too many to list down samples of them), government officials (like Douglas MacArthur, Carlos P. Romulo, Fidel V. Ramos, legislators and Cabinet members), and Rotary VIPs (like Mateo Armando Tengco "Mat" Caparas, the only Filipino to be elected president of Rotary International).

RCM presidents usually took a yearlong leave of absence from their businesses or professions to devote full time to their many responsibilities. Among them were Arsenio Luz (first Filipino president, 1933-1934), Gil J. Puyat (1940-41 and 1945-46), Hans G. Menzi (1952-53), Eduardo Z. Romualdez (1953-54), Eugenio J. Puyat (1954-55), Francisco Delgado (1957-58), Antonio Roxas-Chua (1969-70), Fr. Francisco G. Reyes (1977-78), Alberto G. Romulo (1978-79), Vicente J. Carlos (1982-83), Edgardo P. Reyes (1986-87) and Arsenio M. Bartolome III (1988-89).

I will never forget my RCM presidency in 1990-91. Like the others, I was elected a year ahead of my actual incumbency to give me time to prepare my program of activities. The psychic fulfillment of a job well done more than made up for my loss of professional and business income for one year.

I retired from RCM when I became chief justice. However, after my retirement from both the judiciary and the RCM, I moved on to other philanthropic endeavors as board chairman of the Foundation for Liberty and Prosperity, president of the Manila Cathedral-Basilica Foundation, chairman of the board of advisers of the Metrobank Foundation, and trustee of the Tan Yan Kee Foundation, Claudio Teehankee Foundation, Asean Law Foundation and a few more.

My move to these benevolent ventures was made with the same spirit of "Service Above Self," fully confident that even without me, the RCM—now led by its centennial president Jesus Pineda Jr., president-elect Jack Rodriquez and vice president-elect Hermie Esguerra—would zoom ever faster in pursuing its avowed humanitarian mission.

In closing, I thank my Rotarian brethren for giving me an award at the Philippine International Convention Center on June 21 "for invaluable visionary guidance, outstanding professionalism and exemplary leadership," and for being the only Rotary president to be chief justice of our country.

Comments to chiefjusticepanganiban@hotmail.com



PDG Alex Cureg and PD Ed Lee hosted a golf game for PRIP D.K. Lee and Lady Young Ja Lee last June 23, 2019 at the Manila Golf Club in Makati City.



PD Ed Lee hosted lunch for the Rotary Club of Manila Secretariat last July 1, 2019 at the Yue Lai Seafood and Hotpot Restaurant in Manila.

X. Governor's Citation Award
1. Increase in my Rotary Account Status
2. Club Bulletin
3. PRM Subscription
4. Attendance in District Events
5. Attendance in District Programs
6. Co-Hosting of District Events
7. Co-Hosting of District Programs
8. Maintaining Club Charter Strength
9. Public Imaging: Television
10. Public Imaging: Radio
11. Public Imaging: Print
12. Public Imaging: Social Media
13. Peace and Conflict Resolution Project
14. Disease Prevention and Treatment Project
15. Water and Sanitation Project
16. Maternal and Child Healthcare Project
17. Education and Literacy Project
18. Economic and Community Development Project
19. Interact Service Project
20. International Service Project
21. Rotary International Convention Participation
22. EREY Contribution
23. Polio Plus Contribution
24. TRF Sustaining Contribution
25. Paul Harris Fellow Contribution
26. Major Donor Contribution
27. District Grant Service Project

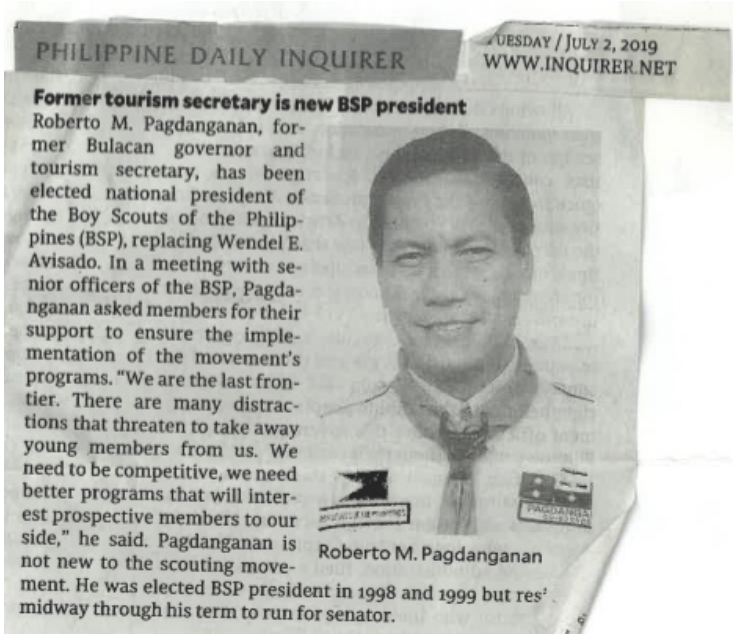
XI. District Officer Award Medallions
1. VP Lance Masters
2. PE/Dir. Jackie Rodriguez, Sr.
3. DE/Dir. Albert Alday
4. DE/Dir. Raffy Alunan, III
5. Sec. Alvin Lacambacal
6. PP Frank Evaristo
7. PP Benny Laguesma
8. PD Oscar del Rosario, Sr.
9. PD Pepo Nuñez, Jr.
10. PP Jimmie Policarpio, Jr.
11. PT Chito Tagaysay
12. PP Ebot Tan

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DISTRICT 3810 HANDOVER AND INDUCTION CEREMONIES 2019





Rtn. Romy Nones inducted UP graduates into the UP Alumni Association last June 30, 2019 during the Commencement Exercises in Diliman, Quezon City.



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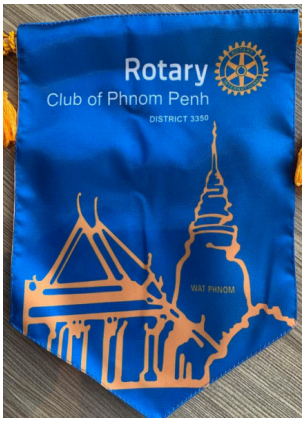
Former tourism secretary is new BSP president

Roberto M. Pagdanganan, former Bulacan governor and tourism secretary, has been elected national president of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP), replacing Wendel E. Avisado. In a meeting with senior officers of the BSP, Pagdanganan asked members for their support to ensure the implementation of the movement's programs. "We are the last frontier. There are many distractions that threaten to take away young members from us. We need to be competitive, we need better programs that will interest prospective members to our side," he said. Pagdanganan is not new to the scouting movement. He was elected BSP president in 1998 and 1999 but res[illegible] midway through his term to run for senator.

Roberto M. Pagdanganan



Rtn. Ariel Abriam attended the meeting of the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh in Cambodia last June 14, 2019 where he exchanged banners with them





Dir. Bobby Joseph and President Jackie Rodriguez attended the 87th Charter Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Cebu last June 29, 2019 at the Waterfront Hotel and Casino in Lahug, Cebu City.





MEMBERSHIP/CLASSIFICATIONS COMMITTEE



PT Lito Sibayan, proposer, introduces Atty. Jordan M. Pizarras, Partner and Founder, Pizarras Gainza & Associate Law Offices.



Centennial Pres. Susing Pineda administers the oath of membership pledge to Atty. Jordan M. Pizarras with proposer PT Lito Sibayan.

RCM WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT/S



Centennial Pres. Susing Pineda presents PP Archit Bartolome as a birthday celebrant for the traditional blowing of candle on the birthday cake amidst the singing by the RCM World Famous Music Chorale of the happy birthday song.



Centennial Pres. Susing Pineda presents tokens of appreciation to RCMers' in the various working committees who have contributed to the success of the 3-day Centennial Celebration. Among the present recipients were from the Steering Committee & Centennial Celebration Committee, Rtns Emyl Eugenio, Chair, Centennial Chronicles, Willie Peliño, Chair, Physical Arrangements & Transportation, PD Oscar del Rosario, Chair, Liaison Committee, PP Frank Evaristo, Chair, Centennial Commemorative Stamps, PP Boy Ampil, Chair, Centennial Coffee Table Book-Editorial Board, PP Benny Laguesma, Chair, TOWER Centennial Awards, PP Teddy Ocampo, Chair, Centennial Chorale Competition, PP Francis Juico, Chair, Invitation Committee, PDG Vince Carlos, Chair, Centennial Coffee Table Book-Logistics, PDG Alex Cureg, Chair, Protocol Committee, Sec. Gen. Romy Nones, AT Ner Lonzaga and IPP Jimmie Policarpio; Three (3) Day Centennial Chairmen, DE/BLA Amading Valdez, Chair, June 21 Centennial Celebration at PICC, PAT/VPE Hermie Esguerra, Chair, June 22 Centennial Gala Celebration at Okada Hotel; present Centennial Board of Directors and Officers: IPP Jimmie Policarpio, VP Lance Masters, DE/Dir. Albert Alday, DE/Dir. Caloy Reyes, DE/Dir. Bobby Joseph, Dir./PE Jackie Rodriguez, Sec. Alvin Lacambacal, Treas. Nicky Villaseñor, AT Ner Lonzaga, SAA Dave Reynolds; present Hosts/Emcees Pres.-elect Michelle Casio, Past Pres. Benny Laguesma, Club Secretariat led by Exec. Sec. Anna Kun Toledo; Special awards to PDG Vince Carlos, DG Rudy Bedi-ones; Coffee Table Book PP Boy Ampil, Chair, Rtn Manny Blanco, Co-Chair, PT Jun Follosco, DE/Dir. Caloy Reyes, Sec. Gen. Romy Nones, Rtn Tong Payumo, PSAA Tony Lopa, Members; Special award to Ann Femy Lonzaga; RCM World-Famous Music Chorale PP Babes Reyes, Chairman Emeritus, PP Benny Laguesma, Chair and DE/Dir. Albert Alday, Special Award.





Finally, I wish to thank as always, my spouse Maritess, for her love and unconditional support in organizing the art exhibits which contributed to the revenues of our club.

Good afternoon and a pleasant day to you all! Mabuhay!
Let us now move forward and present the Plaques of Appreciation to the corresponding awardees.



I now appeal to you, fellow Rotarians –that we must keep our momentum going and be vigilant against complacency and a weakening of the very values that have allowed us to endure for as long as we have.

I am reminded of the Rotary International theme when I first entered the club in 1993: “Believe in what you do, do what you believe in.”If we continue to staunchly believe in what we do, then we can face any challenges that the century ahead has in store for us. The attitude with which we face the century ahead will be the cornerstone of the Rotary Club of Manila - a 100 years from now.

Simply being a member of this heritage club and knowing what we can accomplish is a source of pride. Thus, upholding the high quality of its membership is the challenge that the Club leadership faces as the Rotary Club of Manila steps into its next century. Among our ranks are highly esteemed individuals who refuse to be simply content with their impressive roster of accomplishments. Rather, they continue to seek meaning and purpose in a life already well lived. A membership in the Rotary Club of Manila is undeniably a badge of honor.

Now more than ever, we must continue to lead by example to pave the way forward and uphold the reputation which precedes our prestigious club, the first in Asia. As I stand before you today for the last time, as your Centennial President, I wish to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve you all. With this end comes a new beginning, and I will continue to be with you to actively support our future endeavours.

Lastly, I would like to give due recognition to the deserving Rotarians who have poured their time and effort into ensuring the success and completion of our Centennial Celebration and our Centennial Projects. If there are any special Rotarians whose names I have failed to mention in my speech to thank, I hope that the awards can compensate for this oversight and express my gratitude.





With that said, I would like to graciously express my gratitude to all of you, my fellow Rotarians- for your trust, support and above all, your valued friendship. The successes we've enjoyed together have been the result of our mutual cooperation and collaboration under ONE MISSION, under ONE ROTARY of SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

I wish to thank the hardworking and dedicated secretariat staff led by Ms. Anna Toledo.In appreciation of their tireless service over this historic and crucial period, this afternoon, I will be submitting to the Board of Directors a resolution to graciously reward and compensate them for the valiant efforts they have extended with an equitable honorarium.

Naturally, I am also grateful for the support of the Board of Directors and Executive Officers namely : Immediate Past President Jaime C. Policarpio, Jr., Board Legal Adviser Amado D. Valdez, Vice President Lance A. Masters, Director Robert L. Joseph Jr., Director Rafael M. Alunan III, Director Hermenegildo Carlos. L Reyes, Director Albert S. Alday, Director Joaquin C. Rodriguez Sr., Director Issam Elders, Assistant Secretary Renato R. Policarpio, Assistant Treasurer Jason L. Ong, Sergeant at Arms David J. Reynolds, Treasurer Nicanor S. Villasenor III, Secretary Alvin D. Lacambacal, Assistant Treasurer Reinerio C. Lonzaga.

And lastly, I wish to thank each and every Rotarian in our Rotary Club. I appreciate everything which all of you have done during my term and I want to thank you for your commitment to Rotary.

With so much to be grateful for –I am saddened to step aside from the honored position I've held where I could watch it all unfold. But admittedly, I am also happy to have selflessly shared one year of my life in serving the Rotary Club of Manila. However, I believe that the future of the Rotary Club of Manila is in President Elect Jack C. Rodriguez's good and capable hands. I have absolute faith that in your hands, PE Jack, the Rotary Club of Manila can continue to soar and reach new heights as we embark upon this new century ahead of us.

All told, through the collective effort, knowledge, talent, sheer selflessness, unending generosity, and tireless dedication of the different committees and our secretariat staff – everything successfully came together although it may not be perfect, we have poured our hearts and minds into the preparations leading up to our Centennial Week of Celebrations. No colossal undertaking of this scale is ever truly perfect – they are perfectly imperfect. It is up to us to put our differences aside in order to create a historic event that all Manila Rotarians can be proud of.

It is imperative that we recognize, respect, and appreciate all the achievements and even shortcomings that we've faced over the course of the past year in order to GROW and IMPROVE. Being at the helm of a prestigious organization like the Rotary Club of Manila, I have learned at times to lead, follow, and more often than not, compromise.

The Rotary Club of Manila is after all, an organization with a diverse group of people, with varying perspectives - however believe that our differences have been bridged together by our singular commitment to our mission of SERVICE ABOVE SELF. Whether or not we've seen eye to eye, I have, without doubt, learned a lot from each of you and hopefully, you have learned something from metoo.

In any case, together we have accomplished a multitude of outstanding projects over the course of the past year which we would not have been able to do without one another. Rotary is indeed a great platform of touching lives and being united in service above self.

As I have said and will continue to reiterate, "Great things that happen in Rotary are never done by one person, but they are done by a team of Rotarians."

PREVIEW OF GUEST SPEAKERS



Hon. Mar-len Abigail "Abby" Binay-Campos
Mayor, City of Makati
July 11, 2019, 12N
New World Makati Hotel



Hon. Francisco "Isko" Moreno Domagoso
Mayor, City of Manila
July 18, 2019, 12N
New World Makati Hotel

TZU CHI FOUNDATION

Ms. Peggy Jiang &
Ms. Olga Vendivel
Tzu Chi Foundation
July 25, 2019, 12N
New World Makati Hotel

Established in 1993, Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation (Singapore) is an accredited Institution of Public Character (IPC). For the past over two decades, the Foundation has been actively contributing to society in the areas of charity, medical aid, education, humanistic culture, and environmental protection.

PP Jose C. Policarpio,Jr.
Chairman, Program Committee
Rotary Year 2019-2020

VP Herminio S. Esguerra
Rotarian-in-Charge in inviting Guest Speakers
for the month of July



President Jackie Rodriguez, AT Jason Ong and SDG/Club Secretary/ Dir. Albert Alday met with Manila Hotel President and Makati Rtn. Joey Lina last June 28, 2019 after the food tasting for the Induction and Turnover Ceremonies of the club and discussed the place where the centennial marker will be placed at the Manila Hotel.



President Jackie Rodriguez looks at the historic Rotary Club of Manila marker.

he Rotary Club of Manila Marker at the Manila Hotel

A special commendation should also be given to Director Albert Alday, without his literary prowess, keen attention to detail and unfailing dedication to the documentation of our achievements – the creation of our weekly Balita bulletin together would not be successful.

It is no secret that one of the most challenging hurdles I faced during my term, was raising the funds necessary for the Centennial Celebrations which had to be befitting of a 100 years of our legacy. I wish to acknowledge Director Bobby Joseph and PDG Alex Cureg who initiated the Centennial Seed Fund with their generous contributions 3 years ago. Followed by the contributions of Past President Boy Guevarra, PDG Obet Pagdanganan, PD Ed Lee, AT Ner Lonzaga, Rtn Jimmy Tang, Rtn Henry Villarica, Rtn Ed Angara, Rtn Hermie Esguerra, Rtn Henry Sy, Rtn Manny Dy, Rtn Joe de Venecia, Rtn Roger Cabunyag, Rtn Sixto Benedicto, Rtn David Wong, PD Patricio Pineda Jr. and Rtn Jason Bogovich – through their generosity, we were able to further bolster our Centennial Seed Fund, who exceeded their mandated assessment. I wish to thank the Rotarians who have paid their centennial assessment as mandated by a board resolution approved by the Board of Directors in 2016.

In addition, let me thank PP Boy Guevarra for soliciting a sponsorship with Toyota Manufacturing Corporation. Modesty aside, I have also been able to solicit sponsorships from the Department of Tourism with the assistance of former Secretary Vince Carlos and Gov. Obet Pagdanganan, PAGCOR, Coco Life, RCBC Bankard,the Leon Lambert fellows and obtained a considerable concession from PICC through the kindness of the BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno. To Chairman Amading Valdez for his relentless effort to solicit funds and donations to our Centennial Celebrations.To all those Rotarians who directly or indirectly contributed to the coffers of the Centennial Fund, I thank all of you for your generosity and love of Rotary.

And of course, lest we forget, our Centennial Anniversary celebrations which commenced last July 2018, graciously attended by RI President Barry Rassin and the conclusion of our centennial festivities just last week, graciously attended by our special guest of honor RI President Elect Mark Daniel Maloney – which comprised of the Salubong Fiesta and Angels in Rendu art exhibit which would not have been possible without Past Director Phillip Ong's dedication and commitment, A Legacy of Rotary Service and our Centennial Chorale Competition in partnership with the Department of Education, the mass induction of incoming District Governors-Elect and Presidents-Elect initiated by BLA Amading Valdez , PP Teddy Ocampo, and PP Francis Juico and members of their Committee and lastly, the Centennial Gala night, an evening of nostalgia and congeniality which united Rotarians from different parts of the Rotary movement all over Asiain celebration of our 100 years' worth of achievements, led by Chairman Hermie Esguerra together with the members of his organizing Committee who we have to thank for an unforgettable night. Only someone with his skill, organization and flair could have made it possible. Of course, I also wish to thank the generous donors who have personally contributed to the success of our historic Gala Night festivities. Likewise, I wish to thank Treasurer and Director Elect Nicky Villasenor for his frugality and his budget conscious approach to this historic endeavor.

Similarly, I wish to thank the Sergeant at Arms headed by PP Philip Lee for ensuring security the safety of our esteemed guests during our 3 day celebration.

On a special note, I also wish to thank and congratulate our very own world famous chorale headed by Chairman Emeritus and PP Babes Reyes and actively led by PP Benny Leguesma, for their moving performances throughout the Centennial Week, most particularly touching was their Gala night performance.



The Board of Directors and Executive Officers for RY 2018-2019 held their last meeting for the Rotary Year last June 27, 2019 at the Library of the Manila Elks Club in Makati City.







The Board of Directors for RY 2019-2020 held a meeting last June 27, 2019 at the Library of the Manila Elks Club in Makati City.



Centennial Pres. Susing Pineda calls the 46th weekly meeting, being the Valedictory and Presidential Awards Presentation, of the Rotary Club of Manila, to order.



DE/BLA Amading Valdez as Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator, directs the program of activities.



PP Francis Juico delivers an ecumenical prayer.



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



PD Oscar del Rosario introduces the guests, visiting Rotarians and personalities seated at the presidential table.

These are both legacy projects that embody the 6 pillars of Rotary, and I believe they could qualify for a global grant as long as we continue improving the program components and striving to widen their reach. After my term, I intend to continue these 2 legacy projects with personal funds and solicit sponsorships from Rotarians, institutions and individuals who share our vision and see the value of education.

I wish to thank the generous Rotarians and personal friends who have thus far shared my vision in championing education and for donating personal funds to these projects. Likewise, I would particularly like to express my gratitude to Secretary General Romy Nones for going above and beyond what was asked of him in pursuing our objectives for these projects.

It is of course, impossible to speak of global grants, without mentioning yet another one of our key achievements this year- being awarded with our 1st ever global grant for the Hospicio de San Jose-Norzagaray Training and Livelihood Project which has been a work in progress for over 3 years which would not have been possible without Past Director Phillip Ong's incredible persistence, commitment and dedication.

Among our other Centennial Projects are the Hearts for Little Angels program where we provided financial assistance to many children with congenital heart defects led by Gov. Obet Pagdanganan, VP Lance Masters and Rtn. Zdenek and members of their Committee, Seeds of Change where we planted gmelina trees and seedlings in commemoration of our Centennial Anniversary led by Rtn. Celso Abastillas and PD Oca Del Rosario, and Save Manila Bay, in cooperation with the Manila Yacht Club led by our Active Director Bobby Joseph, which focused on waste management and segregation in an effort to restore our historic Manila Bay. Similarly, One Rotary, One Philippines, One for Marawi which provided aid and assistance to wounded soldiers and displaced civilians led by PE Jack Rodriguez and Director Raffy Alunan.

That being said, it gives me great satisfaction to look back at everything we have accomplished TOGETHER over the past Centennial Rotary Year of 2018-2019 – a tremendously significant and enriching year. Chief among them of course, is Presidential Proclamation No. 413, signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, and obtained through the help of IPP Jimmie Policarpio and his Board of Directors and Executive Officers. This led to the support, partnerships and cooperative endeavors with government institutions and local government units in our diverse advocacies in service to the Filipino people.

Second, are our centennial projects which I have championed to be particularly geared towards education. As I have said, I am a fervent believer that: “Education is the future of any generation, hence, the need to prepare our youth for tomorrow,” Among these projects are the Rotary Club of Manila’s Educational Assistance Program (or The Adopt a Student Project) and Sari-Saring Aralan.

Through the Adopt a Student Project, we were able to provide 100 graduating students in Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila and the Polytechnic University of the Philippines with a monthly allowance for their day to day expenses. Sari-saring Aralan, an out-of-school-youth project with our partners, the Ayala Foundation headed by its President Ruel Maranan who personally saw to the completion of the project together with his team, Grameen Australia Philippines, Rotaract, and the City of Manila, has successfully provided life skills training and new career opportunities to 18 out of school youths.

Of the endless array of centennial projects that have defined our centennial year, the aforementioned projects truly define the gains of the Rotary Club of Manila in reprising its role as the Mother of Philippine Rotary in nurturing and ensuring the future of our youth.





VPE/PAT Hermie Esguerra, Chairman, RCM Centennial Gala Celebration, presents tokens of appreciation to RCMers' in the various working committees under his wing, who have contributed to the success of the Centennial Gala Celebration. Among the present recipients of the tokens were PDG Alex Cureg, Chair, Invitation, Registration and Protocol, PP Francis Juico; PVP Fausto Preysler, Chair, Marker of Centennial Members; PDG Vince Carlos, Rtn Jujut Enriquez, Members; PP Boy Ampil, Chair, History, PP Archit Bartolome, PP Benny Laguesma, Members; PP Teddy Ocampo, Chair, Program and Physical Arrangement; AT Jason Ong, Chair, National Anthem Video; DE/Dir. Caloy Reyes, Chair, Heritage Exhibit. Among present donors were: Rtn Ludek Vrana, PT Lito Sibayan, DE/Dir. Bobby Joseph, IPP Jimmie Policarpio, DG Rudy Bediones, PP Frank Evaristo, AT Ner Lonzaga, Dir./PE Jackie Rodriguez, Rtn Warren So, PT Jun Follosco, PS Butch Marking and PSAA Tony Lopa. Special awards to RCM Honorary Member, Retire Chief Justice, RCM Past Pres. Art Panganiban and DE/Dir. Albert Alday; and Sergeant-at-Arms led by Past Pres. Philip Lee, with Rtns John Sy, Ismael Mahipus, Ram Varandmal, Jessica Lugtu, Fatima Caye, Irene Jane Duka, Natalie Flores, Analisa Sanchez, Niceflora Morco, Maria Ana Ciriaco and Mary Arica Yeung; RCM Secretariat led by Exec. Sec. Anna Kun Toledo.



Dir./Pres.-elect Jackie Rodriguez introduces Centennial Pres. Susing Pineda for his valedictory speech.



Centennial Pres. Susing Pineda delivers his valedictory speech.

Farewell/Turnover Address for June 27, 2019 (Thursday)

A very good afternoon to all of you, my esteemed fellow Rotarians. It feels bittersweet to stand before you as your Centennial President for the last time.

Now that the hectic whirlwind of Centennial Celebrations has come to an end, I had time to reflect and look back over the course of the past year of my personal journey as your Centennial President and I was reminded of how very fortunate I have been.

Since I first entered the ranks of The Rotary Club of Manila in 1993, the Club has always meant so much to me. By virtue of being an organization of businessmen, tradesmen and professionals engaged in fellowship and community service, I have been constantly surrounded by people of action, problem-solvers, opportunity-creators, and community-builders. The experience of being rotarized has had a lifelong impact on me – it has opened my eyes to the joys of serving people who have less in life.The lifelong friendships that I've gained and most importantly, the humanitarian work we've accomplished together has instilled so much meaning into the past 26 years of my life in Rotary.

Back then, I could not have possibly imagined being privileged with the great responsibility of being the Rotary Club of Manila's Centennial President. As such, leading a heritage club of more or less 230 driven movers and shakers of industry and the professions, is truly a once in a life time privilege. I will always be proud, honored and grateful for the opportunity to have served the Rotary Club of Manila.