

RCM's 5th for Rotary Year 2019-2020
Thursday, August 1, 2019, New World Makati Hotel Ballroom
Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator : SAA Dave Reynolds

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

- 11:30 AM Registration & Cocktails (WINES courtesy of Dir. "Bobby" Joseph)
- 12:25 PM Bell to be Rung: Members and Guests are requested to be seated
- 12:30 PM Program Proper
- Call to Order
Singing of the Philippine
National Anthem
Invocator
RCM Hymn
The Four (4) Way Test Credo
- 12:35 PM Introduction of Guests/Visiting Rotarians/
Personalities Seated at the
Presidential Table
Welcome Song
- 12:40 AM Maligayang Bati (RCM Birthday Celebrant)
Aug. 05....Rtn Ray Davis, Rtn Henry Villarica
Aug. 06....Rtn Beniting Legarda
Happy Birthday Song
- 12:45 PM Nomination of the RCM Board of
Directors for RY 2020-2021
- 12:50 PM President's Time
Presentation of donation of Dir. Bobby Joseph, AT Jason Ong,
DSAA Jason Bogovich & PP Romy Nones to Tzu Chi Foundation
Pres. Jackie Rodriguez & Rtn Warren So,
Volunteer, Tzu Chi Foundation
- 12:55 PM Introduction of Guest Speaker
Former Ombudsman of the
Philippines
- 1:00 PM Address : **Rotarian Dante A. Gierran**
Director, National Bureau of Investigation
- Public Forum
- 2:00 PM Response, presentation of replica of bell and
gavel set as a token of appreciation to NBI Director Dante A. Gierran
& meeting adjournment

SAA Dave Reynolds
OIC/Moderator
Pres. Jackie Rodriguez

RCM WF Music Chorale
STAR Rtn Jordan Pizarra
RCM WF Music Chorale
All Rotarians led by
PD Beda Fajardo

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TZU CHI FOUNDATION PHILIPPINES REVEALS SUCCESS OF HELPING



GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



Hon. DANTE A. GIERRAN
Director
National Bureau of Investigation

KABALITA

After having experienced the wonder of helping based on the time honored tenets of Buddhism, the country's foremost Detective brings to fore his case solving ways at his home, Asia's First Rotary Club.

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**PROFILE OF
HON. DANTE A. GIERRAN**
Director
National Bureau of Investigation

PRESENT POSITION : Director, National Bureau of Investigation

WORK EXPERIENCES :

- * Acting Regional Director, NBI – Davao City (2013-2016)
- * Training Director, NBI Academy/Training Division (2011-2013)
- * Chief of Staff, Office of the Director, Atty. NONNATUS CAESAR R. ROJAS (2012-2013)
- * Chief, Internal Affairs Division (2010-2011)
- * Executive Officer, Office of the Assistant Director PEDRO E. BULAONG
- * Chief Investigator, Environmental Law Enforcement Task Force (ELETf), DENR (2009)
- * Executive Officer, NBI – Davao City (1999-2002)
- * Line Agent, NBI – Vigan City (2002-2003)
- * Line Agent, NBI – Davao City (1992-2001)
- * Line Agent, NBI – SOG, Manila (1990-1991)
- * Credit Investigator/Accountant – Manilabank, Davao City (1979-1990)
- * Part Time Professor, Agro-Industrial Foundation of the Philippines College and International Harvadian University – Davao City (1984-1987)
- * Security Guard, Bill Collector, Security Officer and Administrative Officer in Tardal Security Guards Service (1972-1979)

EDUCATION : LLB – University of Mindanao, Davao City and International Harvadian University, Davao City, 1993.

MBA – University of Southern Philippines (USP), Davao City, Earned Few Units, 1987

BSC – Accounting – Rizal Memorial Colleges, Davao City, 1978

RTO – Radio Telephone Operator – Rizal Memorial Colleges, Davao City, 1972

Rotarian Director Dante Gierran has received numerous awards and commendations from various organizations; and has attended trainings and seminars to further enhance/develop his professional skills.

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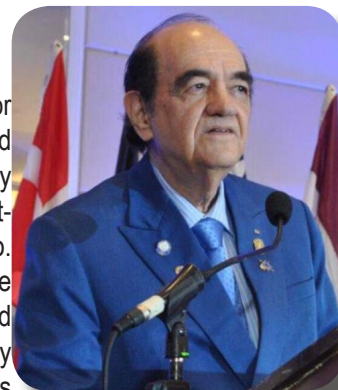
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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is with the pleasure and honor that I welcome today a noble, and great family friend from the tiny village of Tawan Tawan in the foothills of the majestic Mount Apo. Our guest of honor today rose from very humble, but, love-filled beginnings from a family of highly respected and educated parents who brought their children up with strict ideals to be educated, to love their country, to be law-abiding and respectful to all. I had the honor of meeting and knowing the Gierran family well. And I've had nothing but respect, love and admiration for every single one of them. I'm so proud, not only because he is the director of the country's most important crime-fighting unit, but, also because he is a member of our very own club. Welcome home my friend.



This Friday, I fly to Davao where Chairman Raffy and I will be working with various Rotary Clubs on our national T.R.E.E.S. project. We will be meeting with over a dozen club presidents. We will conduct planning sessions and two press conferences.

On the sixth (6th) of August, I will be speaking in a joint meeting of various Davao-based Rotary clubs, including, the main club, our daughter club, the Rotary Club of Davao. Again, our Ambassador of Goodwill program and our T.R.E.E.S. will be the main subject of my talk.

If anyone of you will be in Davao at that time, I would like to invite you to join us please. I will treat you to harvest as much fruit as you can carry in my farm. It's harvest season in Davao.

We're currently working hard with Past President and Chairman Jimmie to produce our speakers way ahead of time. I'm confident that we shall have fantastic and worthwhile programs. Having said that, I urge you to kindly be a good Rotarian and not only attend our meetings, but, encourage our fellow members who are delinquent in attendance to please attend. We miss them. I'm trying hard to bring up our attendance to at least 50%. Please, please, please help me.

Jackie

RCM Members' Attendance Report, RY 2019-2020

TZU CHI FOUNDATION , CEO Henry Yunez

July 25, 2019

All members present	53
Less: Exempt from attendance	11
Total active members	42
ADD: Make-Up *	7
TOTAL	49
Total # of Members	227
Less: Exempt from attendance	30
On Leave	40
Total Active Members (Total Percentage Base)	157
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	31%

MAKE-UP

1st Fellowship at Big Bad Wolf, July 26, 2019

In Attendance:	
1 Rtn Emyl Eugenio	1 Rtn Cris Acosta
2 Rtn PJ Garcia	2 Sec/Dir Albert Alday
3 Rtn Nando Camus	3 Rtn Jun Aventura
4 Rtn Karlo Castro	4 DSAA Jason Bogovich
5 PD Beda Fajardo	5 PP Archit Bartolome
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23 Rtn Warren So	24 Treas./Dir Nicky Villasenor

ATTENDANCE REPORT

List of Members and Guests in attendance:	7.4.2019	7.11.2019	7.18.2019	7.25.2019
RCM Members	72	64	64	53
Members' guest	29	7	27	4
honorary Members	0	1	0	0
Club Guests	4	0	2	3
Visiting Rotarians	74	30	57	12
Rotary Homes D3830	1			
RC Pasay Maharlika	2			
RC Pasay Marina	1			
RC Pasay Dewey Boulevard	1			
RC Pque Metro South	2			
RID 3800	1			
RC Hiyas ng Maynila	3			
RC Makati Central	1			
RC Pasay	10			
RC Makati Pase de Magallanes	11			
RC Manila Supreme	9			
RC Malate	6			
RC Manila Bay	3			
RC Padre Burgos	3			
RC Murohy QC	4			
RC-various	11			
Inner Wheel Club of Manila			9	
Harvard			5	
Media			14	
Total	179	102	178	72



TZU CHI FOUNDATION PHILIPPINES
REVEALS SUCCESS OF HELPING

by AT Jason L. Ong

NEW WORLD MAKATI HOTEL, MAKATI – For much of our lives, we sought solace in prayers amid anxiety and uncertainty. Such is the work being done by the representatives of our featured speaker last week, the Tzu Chi Foundation, the world's biggest Buddhist humanitarian organization, founded in 1966. Today, this organization has grown with over 10 million volunteers in 52 countries, including the Philippines. Unknown to many, Tzu Chi Foundation has been here for 22 years now, working without fanfare, in disaster-stricken areas as they endeavor to transform lives through its various programs in disaster relief and rehabilitation, education, medicine, and environmental protection. Thus, last week, became a big revelation of the immense help it has done to the people whose lives it has touched.

Tzu Chi Foundation was a recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award for community leadership back in 1991. Its cash prize of \$30,000.00 was donated to the victims of the Mt. Pinatubo eruption. Tzu Chi Foundation Philippines caught the attention of the public in 2013 during its relief operations in Leyte, after Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) devastated the province and left more than 6,000 people dead. The foundation's volunteers arrived in the province seven days after the typhoon struck — being among the first responders in Leyte, as they often are in disaster-stricken areas here in the Philippines.



Teenagers and Alcohol, Part 2

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

Why you should not drink alcohol (The dangerous effects of alcohol)

- **Memory impairment.** Your brain is still developing and it continues to develop up to your twenties. Teenagers who don't drink alcohol have sharper memory compared to those who take alcohol. With alcohol, your brain can become smaller in certain parts.
- **Poor concentration.** Teenagers who are into alcohol have higher risks of focusing on schoolwork and activities. If you're in your teens and are into alcohol, you have a higher risk of dropping out from school.
- **Poor decision-making.** The influence of alcohol impairs not only your concentration, balance, and reflexes. It affects the pre-frontal cortex of the brain or the brain's manager (part of the brain that manages your actions as a person), thus increasing your animal behaviors leading to poor decision-making.
- **Rape, sexual assault, unwanted pregnancy, robbery.** Alcohol puts you in higher risk of being rape, engaging in casual sex that might result to unwanted pregnancy, physical fight and brawl, of being a victim of sexual assault, and being robbed.
- **Imprisonment or incarceration.** Many teenagers commit crimes because they are under the influence of alcohol. Many conspiracies to commit a crime or infraction are agreed upon by teenagers who are under the influence of alcohol. Drunk driving is now punishable by imprisonment.
- **Drugs and other dangerous substances.** The use of alcohol, most especially with peer pressure, exposes you to the possibility of using marijuana, methamphetamine (shabu), cocaine, heroin, and designer drugs. Alcohol increases the possibility of not only alcoholism but also poly-substance abuse disorder.
- **Anxiety, depression, suicide.** Alcohol is not a solution to a problem. It can mask problems in the family, school, friends, gender identity, and including boy-girl relationship. Alcohol complicates and compounds a problem by masking it. Too much alcohol amidst a problem can result to depression and even self-harm. Alcohol intoxication is a form of attempted suicide.

Symptoms of alcoholism

Alcoholism is a substance-use (abuse) disorder. It is therefore a clinical diagnosis. Symptoms include: craving for alcohol, prolonged use of alcohol, withdrawal symptoms, and family issues and school issues in teenagers. Teenagers with alcoholism also have issues pertaining to social mores, rules and laws.

Treatment

Alcoholism treatment depends on the stage of the addiction, ranging from management of risk factors and education to intensive residential treatment followed by long-term outpatient care and support.

In Tacloban, Leyte, the Tzu Chi volunteers immediately launched a 19-day program, spurring the survivors to clean up their communities through a cash-for-work system where each participant earned Php 500 for a day's work. To hasten the clean-up effort, the foundation brought in 54 units of heavy equipment to haul tons of debris out of the city.

Tzu Chi Philippines emphasizes the spiritual transformation of its volunteers as a core value and is dedicated to five missions: charity, medicine, education, environmental protection, and the promotion of humanistic values. Truly, its success is the hope of a nation in need.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



The Membership Committee of the Rotary Club of Manila held a meeting last July 25, 2019 at the Ballroom of the New World Makati Hotel in Makati City. Present were: Chairman PVP Fausto Preysler, President Jackie Rodriguez and PT Jun Folloso. Co-Chair PT Lito Sibayan sent his approval for the new membership nominee through advanced communications.



Champion Pres. Jackie Rodriguez with Dir. Bobby Joseph, IPDG Rudy Bediones, PDG Karen Tamayo and guest, during the pre-luncheon meeting program fellowship.



PDG Karen Tamayo, PD Oscar del Rosario, together with other visiting Rotarians from the RI District 3810.



VP Hermie Esguerra with PP Frank Evaristo as RCM Ambassador, with Ms. Grace Tolentino, placing the Ambassador's Pin.

ROTARY TRIVIA:

From the archives
of Rtn. Manny Blanco

Taken from GML, August 1997 issue



Why are **ROTARY WIVES** **CALLED "ROTARY ANNS"?**

In many Rotary Clubs throughout the world, wives of males members are affectionately called "*Rotary Anns*". This designation was never one of disparagement, but rather grew out of an interesting historical occasion.

The year was 1914 when San Francisco Rotarians boarded a special train to attend the Rotary convention being held in Houston. In those days few wives attended Rotary events, and until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard was the wife of Rotarians Bru Brunnier. As the train picked up addition convention-bound delegates, Mrs. Ann Brunnier was introduced as the Rotarian's Ann. This title soon became "*Rotary Ann*." Since the clubs of the West were inviting the Rotarians to hold their next convention in San Francisco, a number of songs and stunts were organized which would be performed in Houston. One of the Rotarians wrote a "*Rotary Ann*" chant. On the train's arrival at the Houston depot, a

delegation greeted the West Coast Rotarians. One of the greeters was Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, whose wife was also named Ann. During the rousing demonstration, someone started the Rotary Ann chant. The two petite ladies, Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker, were hoisted to the men's shoulders and paraded about the hall. The group loved the title given to the two women named Ann. Immediately the same term of endearment was used for all of the wives in attendance, and the name "*Rotary Ann*" was here to stay.

Guy Gundaker became president of Rotary International in 1923 and Bru Brunnier was elected president in 1952. Thus each of the two original Rotary Anns became the "*first lady of International*".

*Contributed by Caring President Linda Josol
Rotary Club of Las Piñas West*



IPP Susing Pineda, VP Hermie Esguerra and PDG Alex Cureg present to RC Makati Dasmariñas Pres. Philip Nazareno, a check, for garnering the 1st place of the RCM Centennial Awards Nationwide Contest for the Most Outstanding Service Project to Rotary Homes, D-3830.



ROTARY TOURISM AWARDEES The Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) annual Tourism Awards event was held at the New World Makati Hotel during their luncheon meeting recently. Now on its 14th year, the RCM Committee on Tourism Awards selected leaders from the different sectors in the industry, including the government, who help promote and develop tourism spots in their localities. Shown in photo RCM Committee members with awardees from left RCM PP Francis Juico, RCM VP Chito Zalardriaga, Infinite Travel & Tours president Rene Lazaro (Travel and Tourism Category Awardee), Lumad Agro Industrial Ventures chairman and director-elect Jackie Rodriguez (Condotel Category Awardee), Ayala Hotels & Resorts president Michael Alexis Legaspi (Hotel Development Awardee), Tourism Awards chairman Bobby Joseph, New World Makati Hotel general manager Farid Shoucair, PAL Holdings president and COO Jaime Bautista (Hall Of Fame Awardee), Manila Bulletin columnist Jullie Yap Daza (Media Category Awardee); RCM former VP Roy Golez (Philippine Tourism Advocacy Category Awardee), RCM president Jimmie Policarpio, Holy Angels University president Luis Marla Calingo (Tourism Education Category Awardee), Ilocos Norte Governor Imee Marcos (Cultural & Community Tourism Category Awardee), Diamond Hotel general manager Vanessa Suatengco (Hotel Management Tourism Category Awardee), Chef Pablo "Boy" Logro (Filipino Culinary Tourism Category Awardee), Manila Hotel EVP Enrique "Rickle" Yap Jr. represented by resident manager Cris Orta (Heritage Hotel Tourism Category Awardee), and RCM Club secretary Alvin Lacambacal.



Commissioner Peggy Jiang, Volunteer Training Program Guide for Youth Volunteers, presents a historical dateline, plans and programs of Tzu Chi Foundation.



Commissioner Olga Vendivel, Lead Volunteer, Livelihood and Vocational Training Program, presents the various livelihood and vocational training programs of the Tzu Chi Foundation.



Mr. Henry Yunez, Chief Executive Officer, **Tzu Chi Foundation** conducts the public forum, addressing the many questions and pronouncements from Rotarians to be part of the Foundation for its humanitarian assistance missions.



Champion Pres. Jackie Rodriguez presents to **Mr. Henry Yunez**, Chief Executive Officer, a replica of the bell and gavel set, as a token of appreciation



VP Hermie Esguerra presents **Rtn. Johnny Chotrani**, as a birthday celebrant, the birthday cake, amidst the singing by the RCM World Famous Music Chorale of the happy birthday song.

NON- SURGICAL Aesthetic:

CO2 Laser Resurfacing,
PRP Treatment (Platelet Rich Plasma)
HIFU (High Intensity Focus Ultrasound)
Threadlift
Wrinkle Correction
Varicose Vein Treatment
Skin Peeling,
Skin Whitening,
Laser Hair Removal (IPL),
Body Contouring (Radio Frequency),
Ultrasonic Lipo Cavitation,
Cyst & Warts Removal, Vacontour,
Acne Treatment,
Scar Revision.

FACIAL SKIN CARE: Rejuvenating Facial,
Jancen Signature Facial,

Tea Tree Acne Clearing Facial, Cucumber Refreshing
Facial, Luxurious 24k Gold Facial, Galvanic Facial,
Diamond Beauty Peel, Hydroxyjet Facial,
Oral and IV Skin Whitening

With the leadership of the new political and idealistic head of the city. There is no doubt that Manila will rise again and be an icon as the medical tourism hub of the world.



Manila: The future Medical tourism hub of the world

By PD Dr. John Cenica

Filipino Doctors are one of the most admired and respected healthcare professional around the world. It is now time that they'll be given a venue to share and practice their skills and passion to heal and care.

With the emergence of the entertainment city, a place where the future will converge, where both transient and non transients are the targeted markets, it is inevitable that a specialized, excellent service will be offered.

The wellness tourism market includes primary and secondary wellness tourists. Primary wellness tourists travel entirely for wellness purposes while secondary wellness tourists engage in wellness-related activities as part of a trip.

Families or individuals be either foreigners or local will be assured of a holistic happy living of wellness and emergency services are just a step away, Our teams of physicians, nurses and clinicians have unrivaled expertise in preventive medicine, integrative medicine, Cosmetic Surgery and healthy lifestyle change. Their use of advanced diagnostics and exhaustive patient assessment is leading-edge, and they are uniquely experienced in working with experts in other healing disciplines to design personalized healthy living plans. Our physicians have the time to get to know clients' health histories and concerns in detail and to work with them collaboratively, as active participants in their own healthcare.

The following Wellness services that will be offered are :

Medical Weight loss	Eye Bag Removal,
Alternative Medicine	Nose Lifting,
Integrative Medicine	Face Lifting,
Chelation Therapy	Liposuction,
Stress Management	Breast Augmentation,
Immune booster therapy	Butt Augmentation,
IV vitamin infusion	Lip Augmentation,
Yoga program	Chin Augmentation,
Dietary management	Dimple Creation,
Cosmetic Surgery services	Ear Lobe Repair,
Stem Cell Treatment,	Hair Transplant,
Eyelid Surgery,	Buccal Fat Reshaping,

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PVP Fausto Preysler, Treasurer/Dir. Nicky Villaseñor, PP Archibartolome, PT Jun Follosco, Rtn. Cris Acosta, PDG Vince Carlos enjoying each other's company.



Rtn. Neil Paras, PT Lito Sibayan, Rtn. Collin Patterson, Rtn. Nando Camus, Rtn. PJ Garcia, Rtn. Jujut Enriquez and DSAA Jason Bogovich in a light conversation.



Rtn. Hans Palacios, Rtn. Warren So, PD Ner Lonzaga, SAA Dave Reynolds and Rtn. Johnny Chotrani strike a pose.



VP Hermie Esguerra, Treasurer/Dir. Nicky Villaseñor, PT Jun Follosco, Rtn. Cris Acosta and Fellowship Chairman AT Jason Ong in a relaxing mood.



SDG/Club Secretary/Dir. Albert Alday, PP Aries Balanay (Rotary Club of Intramuros), Rtn. Jun Aventura, Rtn. Karlo Castro, PD Oscar del Rosario and PD John Cenica strike a pose.

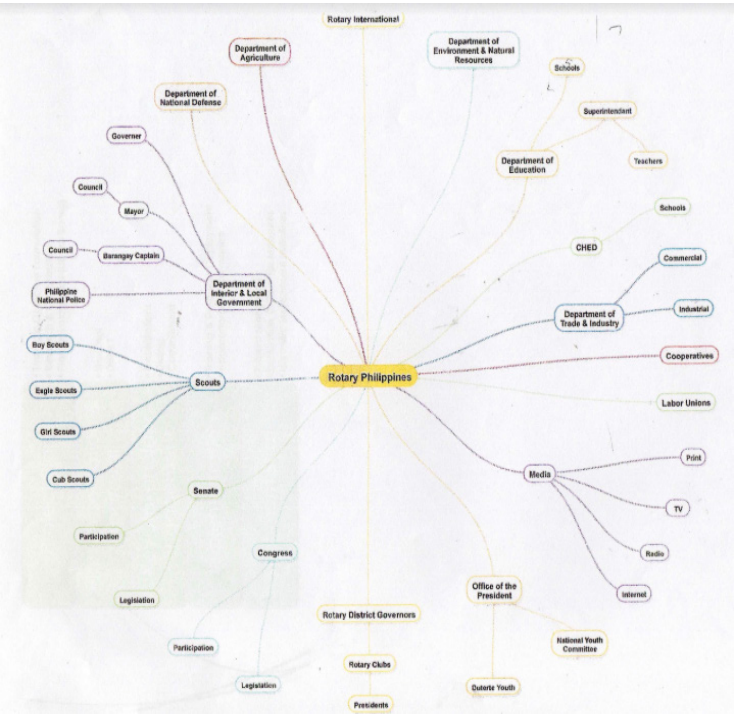


Enjoying bonding with members - Pres. Jackie Rodriguez and PD Oscar del Rosario.



The T.R.E.E.S. Committee of the Rotary Club of Manila held a meeting last July 25, 2019 at the Ballroom of the New World Makati Hotel in Makati City. The committee met to define the strategy on how to achieve the 100 million trees net of mortality and identified partners who could provide the data of denuded forests, watersheds, mangroves and convertible spaces into tree parks in the urban area. Present during the meeting (clockwise): Rtn. Warren So, Rtn. Johnny Chotrani, National Chair Dir. Raffy Alunan, Rtn. Juan Montel, PP Teddy Ocampo, Rtn. Marcus Dee and Rotary Club of Manila T.R.E.E.S. Committee Chair PD Oscar del Rosario, Sr. Also present was Executive Secretary Anna Kun Toledo.

T.R.E.E.S. Road Map



For all government agencies, Duterte's order is "simplify". Clearances and permits from LGUs must be out in three days, preferably one day, as Manila has promised. Davao City already issues business permits in just one hour. "Slap the idiot. Make a scene," Duterte advises victims of bureaucrats.

For national government agencies, permits must be released within 30 days, says Department of Interior and Local Government Secretary Eduardo Año, a retired general.

Año is the new de facto traffic czar. By September this year, the LGUs or mayors and governors must have retrieved all public roads being used for private ends. That means roads converted into parking spaces by barangays must be roads, not parking lots. Gated private subdivisions in traffic hubs must be opened for vehicular traffic. Traffic congestion in Metro Manila, the President estimates, costs P3.5 billion in economic losses, daily.

On climate change, the President wants a Department of Disaster Resilience (DDR) to "focus on natural hazards and climate change." Boracay has been restored to its pristine origin. "Squatters will be removed and relocated from Manila Bay. Buildings sitting on waterways "I am going to dismantle or just burn them down." Sources of renewable energy will be fast-tracked.

On human capital, Duterte gushed that 27 million are enrolled in basic education, kinder to high school. Another 823,000 who are out of school have non-formal education. For health of body, there will be a National Academy of Sports for High School, maybe to train future Pacquiao and Lydias de Vega. Malasakit Centers will be established, a pet measure of Sen. Bong Go, upgraded from a campaign gimmick.

A Department of Overseas Filipinos will be established, a bill authored by Albay Rep. Joey Salceda, also author of the proposed DDR.

For business capital, the Department of Trade and Industry has given away P3 billion loans to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). Big Business will get bigger perks. Corporate income tax is to be reduced, from 30 percent (the highest in ASEAN) to 20 percent. However, factories in more than 300 export zones will lose tax perks (valued at P300 billion a year). PEZA's preferential 5 percent gross income earned (GIE) will now be time-bound and performance-based.

One good thing. Duterte has no cronies. "I have no rich friends," he declared.

Finally, Duterte will not fight China. "I will fish," China President Xi Jinping told Duterte in a recent summit. "I allowed (them)," Duterte revealed in his SONA. "Confrontation will lead to violence," the President explained. China's guided missiles can reach the Philippines in seven minutes.

"We are not in control in the property (the West Philippine Sea)," Duterte admitted to Congress. "China also claims the property and he is in possession."

Duterte assured: "Let me assure you, that national honor and territorial integrity shall not --- shall be foremost in our mind, and when we may take the next steps in this smoldering controversy over the lines of arbitral ruling, the West Philippine Sea is ours."

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Manila Rotarians attended the **24th Handover and 25th Induction Ceremonies** of the Rotary Club of Manila Metro last July 30, 2019 at the Hotel Benilde, Manila. Present were **IPDG Rudy Bediones, President Jackie Rodriguez, IPP Susing Pineda (Centennial President), DCC/PP Cesar Ubaldo, PD Oscar del Rosario, AT Jason Ong and Rtn. Marcus Dee.**



AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING

The Ambassador of Goodwill Committee held a meeting at the office of Chairman Emeritus Rtn. Joe de Venecia last July 24, 2019 at the Grand Tower Condominium, Salcedo Village, Makati City. Present during the luncheon meeting were: President Jackie Rodriguez, Chairman Emeritus and luncheon host Rtn. Joe de Venecia, Chairman PDG Vince Carlos, Vice Chairman PD Nick Locsin and PP Frank Evaristo. Chair Emeritus Rtn. Jor de Venecia hosted a sumptuous luncheon replete with Dagupan City's dishes. During the meeting, President Jackie Rodriguez presented the following ambassadors of RCM :

Chairman Emeritus and Ambassador to China: Rtn. Joe de Venecia
 Chairman: PDG Vince Carlos
 Vice Chairman: PD Nick Locsin (Ambassador to Osaka, Japan)
 PD Ner Lonzaga (Kowloon, HK)
 Rtn. Warren So (Taipei, Taiwan)
 Rtn. Thad Liamzon (Singapore)
 Rtn. Ludek Virata (Czech Republic)
 PP Boy Guevara (Las Vegas and London)
 Rtn. Steve Mommaerts (USA- Northwest)

Duterte's 6 Cs of his SONA 2019

by Rtn. Tony Lopez



A comfortable life for everybody, all Filipinos. In three years.

That is the audacious promise of Rodrigo Roa Duterte in his 93-minute, 9,490-word State of the Nation Address (SONA) Monday, July 22, 2019, delivered before a joint session of Congress in his trademark Davao English of incomplete sentences and mispronounced words.

The President, who openly admits he is now a lameduck, in effect, wants to telescope in three years, what his own NEDA wants to accomplish in 20 years.

"In 2040, we will all enjoy a stable and comfortable lifestyle, secure in the knowledge that we have enough for our daily needs and unexpected expenses, that we can plan and prepare for our own and our children's future. Our family lives together in a place of our own, and we have the freedom to go where we desire, protected and enabled by a clean, efficient, and fair government," proclaims NEDA at its website.

Still, Duterte warned "believe me, I will end my term fighting." That means the President will wield all the power and political will in his command to get things done over the next three years. Duterte is fond of employing generals who have the discipline of command and obedience ("If you tell them 'no corruption', then no corruption, unless the top is corrupt.")

To deliver a comfortable life for all, Duterte must rescue six million Filipinos from poverty, a tall order given that previous administrations from 1986 failed to dent gnawing poverty. Poverty incidence is to be reduced from 21.6 percent (or 21.8 million of the 101-million population) in 2015 to 14 percent (or 15.7 million of 112.8 million) in 2022.

To do that, the chief executive tackled what I call the six Cs—crime, corruption, climate change or cleanup of the environment, capital (human and business capital), China, and congestion in Metro Manila or traffic.

"The illegal drugs problem persists," Duterte winced. The Marawi siege of May 2017, he related, was a case of illegal drugs aided by local radicalism. Tons of shabu worth millions were found. Drug money killed 175 and wounded 2,000 soldiers and policemen.

"The drugs (problem) will not be crushed unless we eliminate corruption that allows this social menace to survive," the President declared. He wants death penalty for illegal drugs and plunder (corruption involving at least P50 million).

Why the persistent corruption? Said Duterte: "We cannot distinguish our need from our greed, our principles from our prejudices, the real from the fake, and the truth from a lie. (For) many of us, what matters above all is the 'self'... selfishness [at] its worst for no purpose other than personal aggrandizement."

In the President's 8888 hotline, the most complained about are: the LTO, SSS, BIR, LRA, and Pag-IBIG, "the top five agencies that need drastically to improve their service." Expect firings in these agencies.

The anti-corruption campaign also covers the courts, ironically the weakest link in the administration of justice.

The 63 Customs officials facing corruption charges are no longer allowed at the bureau. Instead, they will report daily to Congress and help in the paper work. That is not saying though that the culprits will move from one house of thieves to another.



BEST OF QUOTES

PP Frank Evaristo
Associate Editor, Balita

1. Judge me if you want but at the end of my life I choose to have memories, not regrets.
2. Live life with no regrets, work hard despite mistakes.
3. Be grateful for today and never later, don't take anything for granted, life is a blessing.
4. Prayer is the best answer against all trials.
5. There is no limit to the amount of good, you can do it if you don't care who gets the credit.
6. People always remember your mistakes, but no one remember the good things that you have done to them.
7. If you see a person's true colors, then you are no longer beneficial to his life.
8. The worst person to be around with is someone who complains about everything and appreciate nothing.
9. Integrity is the most valuable and respected quality of leadership, always keep your word.
10. People may destroy your image starts with your personality, but they can't take away your good deeds because no matter how they describe you, you will be admired by those who really knows you better.

PVP Lance Masters (USA-Southwest)
PVP Chito Zalzarriaga (South America)
PD Ed Lee (Guam)
Rtn. David Wong (Australia)
SAA Dave Reynolds (Great Britain)
Rtn. Juan Montel (Spain)
Rtn. Vic Garcia (Russia)
PAT Muhammad Aslam (Pakistan)
Rtn. Johnny Chotrani (China)
Dir. Bobby Joseph (Cebu)

AS Rene Policarpio (Batangas)
IPDG Rudy Bediones (RID 3810)
AT Jason Ong (RID 3800)
Rtn. Hans Palacios (RID 3780)
Rtn. Celso Abastillas (Zamboanga)
Rtn. Ariel Abriam (Panay Island)
SDG/Club Sec./Dir. Albert Alday (Makati City and RC Pasay Southeast)
Rtn. Karlo Castro (Palawan)
PP Frank Evaristo (Baguio)
Dir. Raffy Alunan (Kuala Lumpur & City of Manila)

Other ambassadors for formal presentation of credentials:

Rtn. Jae J Jang (Korea)
Rtn. Karl Leung (Palau)
Rtn. Thierry Tea (Cambodia)
Rtn. Klaus Mueller (Germany)
PS Butch Marking (USA-Northeast)
Rtn. Ray Davis (USA-Southeast)
PVP Chito Zalzarriaga (South America)
Rtn. Lutz Kunack (France and Luxembourg)
Rtn. Gani Macatoman (Iligan, Marawi and CDO)

He likewise reported that Rtn. Ariel Abriam has visited 6 clubs in Panay island. Rtn. Karlo Castro is preparing for fellowship trip to Palawan, and a courtesy call on Mayor Hagedorn.

The duties of the Ambassador are as follows:

- 1- attend and/or meet with club/s within appointed area;
- 2- meet and plan with club counterpart;
- 3- invite corresponding clubs to joint meetings and events;
- 4- connect the clubs and members;
- 5- help and support Rotary projects;
- 6- enhance speakers bureau;
- 7- advice and help the corresponding club;
- 8- create fellowships;
- 9- improve and resurrect our club image;
- 10- speak of the good work of Rotary, and
- 11- spread allegiance to the 4 Way Test;
- 12- promote The Rotary Foundation through Paul Harris Membership, Arch Klump Society Membership, End Polio
- 13- promote the missions of Rotary International.

Vice Chair PD Nick Locsin added that the club has active eight (8) international sister clubs. He added that it is important to assign an ambassador to RC Seattle, WA (mother club of RCM), RC Seoul, and RC Tokyo. Hence, occasional meetings are set before a renewal of sisterhood agreement can be made.

President Jackie Rodriguez added that Rotary International President Mark Maloney is strongly considering the Ambassadorial Program of connecting with clubs since the objective of RCM Ambassadors of Goodwill closely relates with RI Theme's Rotary Connects the World.

Chairman PDG Vince Carlos will call on all the RCM Ambassadors to a meeting to strategize on how to become effective ambassadors of RCM connecting with all the Rotary Districts, globally.



August 8, 2019

PD/ATTY. ESTELITO "TITONG" MENDOZA

Former Solicitor-General
Former Minister of Justice



August 15, 2019

Hon. ROY A. CIMATU

Secretary
Department of Environment
and Natural Resources

August 22, 2019

TOWNHALL/FELLOWSHIP MEETING, 5:00 PM

Manila Elk's Club, Makati City
(In lieu of Weekly Luncheon Meeting)

NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE



President Jackie Rodriguez inducted the officers of the **Rota-ract Club of Manila** during its Induction and Handover Ceremonies last July 27, 2019 at the Top Shelf, 5th Floor, Fully Booked, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig.



Boy Scouts of the Philippines National President PDG Obet Pagdanganan delivered the welcome speech and exchanged tokens with heads of contingents from all over the world at the 24th World Scout Jamboree last July 22, 2019 in West Virginia, USA.



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NOTICE OF CONFERMENT AS PSCS HONORARY FELLOW

July 25, 2019

Dear Dr. John T. Cenica,

Warm greetings from PSCS!

The Philippine Society for Cosmetic Surgery (PSCS), recognizes cosmetic surgeons for their efforts and accomplishments in the field of cosmetic surgery. Throughout its forty-seven years of history, a number of impressive surgeons have been invited to become our *honorary fellows*.

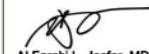
Honorary membership is granted to dedicated surgeons who are active in furthering the cause of cosmetic surgery and who have contributed to the local, national, or international advancement and the pursuit of excellence of the specialty.

Because of your dedication and for being one of the catalyst of the growth of the cosmetic surgery industry, we would like to present this honorary fellow award on our upcoming induction ceremony in August 11, 2019, Sunday, 12:00nn in Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay City.

Your acceptance will be highly appreciated.

Congratulations!

Most sincerely,


Al Farabi L. Jaafar, MD
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