

RCM's 9th for Rotary Year 2019-2020

Thursday, September 5, 2019, 12:00 PM, New World Makati Hotel Ballroom
Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator : PP Francis Juico

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

"A Joint Meeting Between the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM),
Rotary Club of Makati Lumina (RCML) and Rotary Club of Murphy QC (RCMP)"

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
PP Francis Juico
RCM Pres. Jackie Rodriguez;
RCML Pres. Pinky Redoble
RCMP Pres. Sonny Almeda

Singing of the Philippine National Anthem RCM WF Music Chorale
Invocator

RCML Rtn. Morena Carla Cabrera

RCM Hymn RCM WF Music Chorale

RCML Hymn RCML Music Chorale

The Four (4) Way Test Credo All Rotarians

12:35 PM Introduction of Guests/Visiting Rotarians/Personalities
Seated at the Presidential Table PVP Fausto Preysler, Jr.
Welcome Song RCM WF Music Chorale

12:40 PM RCM Birthday Celebrants

Sept. 5....Rtn. Roy Zosa, Rtn. Rex Alingog

Sept. 6....Rtn. Emyl Eugenio, Rtn. Jay-Jay Jang

Sept. 9....Rtn. Bollie Bolton

Happy Birthday Song RCM WF Music Chorale

12:45 PM President's Time
RCM Pres. Jackie Rodriguez;
RCML Pres. Pinky Redoble
RCMP Pres. Sonny Almeda

Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for The Rotary Ecological
and Environmental Strategem (TREES) National Tree Planting Program
between Rotary Club of Manila and the Professional Models Association
of the Philippines

RCM Pres. Jackie Rodriguez;
RCML Pres. Pinky Redoble
RCML PE Anne Acuña
RCML CP Morena Carla Cabrera
PD Oscar del Rosario, Chairman,
RCM Trees Committee

12:52 PM Introduction of Guest of Honor
and Speaker PVP Chito Zaldarriaga

1:57 PM Address : Bernardo M. Villegas, Ph.D. (Harvard)
University Professor, University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P)
Public Forum

2:00 PM Response, Presentation of Token of Appreciation to
Dr. Bernardo M. Villegas &
Meeting Adjournment

RCM Pres. Jackie Rodriguez;
RCML Pres. Pinky Redoble and
RCMP Pres. Sonny Almeda

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ROTARY LEGENDS PUT ON A GREAT SHOW



GUEST SPEAKER

BERNARDO M. VILLEGAS, Ph.D. (Harvard)
University Professor
University of Asia & the Pacific



KABALITA

After a technologically savvy topic in an engaging Fireside Chat and an evening pure fun and music with the Rotary Legends putting on a great show, the time has come for Asia's First Rotary Club to look at the economic prospects of our country for 2019 with the nation's Foremost Economic Guru.

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BERNARDO M. VILLEGAS, Ph.D. (Harvard)
University Professor, University of Asia and
the Pacific (UA&P)

Dr. Bernardo Malvar Villegas is a Visiting Professor of IESE Business School in Barcelona, Professor at the University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P) and Research Director of the Center for Research and Communication, Manila. He has a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University (1963) and is a Certified Public Accountant, having been one of the CPA board topnotchers. He obtained Bachelor's degrees in Commerce and the Humanities (both Summa Cum Laude) from De La Salle University where he established a record by obtaining straight A's in the LIACOM course, a five-year program he finished in four years. At Harvard, at the age of 21, he was one of the youngest ever to be a teaching fellow in the College of Arts and Sciences. His special fields of study are development economics, social economics, business economics and strategic management. He is the author of several economics textbooks widely used in Philippine schools and universities. He has also written a number of management best-sellers like The Philippine Advantage, Book of Virtues and Values, Productivity: Path to Global Competitiveness, The Filipino Phenomenon, The Philippines at the Threshold of the Third Millennium, and the Positive Dimensions of Population Growth. He has received several prestigious awards such as the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM), 1972, Fulbright, Johnson Foundation, Asia Foundation and the Instituto de Cultura Hispanica. He is currently a member of the boards of directors or advisory boards of leading national and multinational firms, such as the Benguet

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Today is very special day! This is a day to welcome an old friend to our friendly club, a friend who has been a pillar in the economic world and as such, has helped many people, companies and countries solve their economic problems and create a stable, peaceful and good life. Welcome, professor and doctor, Bernie Villegas. We shared many events last week and prominent among them, was the fireside chat at the Union Bank with the Chairman who is our member, Justo “Tito” Ortiz, Jr. That was an informative and happy meeting. Archib, we should have more of this! Maybe we can think of an interesting topic for the next one in November. We capped the night with a splendid and magnificent singing performance of our World Famous Singing Sensations who made us proud. There was GOOD looking Teddy “Sumatra” Ocampo, Rudy “Louie Armstrong” Bediones, Oscar “Hari Ng Kundiman” del Rosario, Caloy “the singing Doctor” Buendia and Thad “the one and only” Liamzon. They sang their hearts out. They were all terrific! I never thought that these guys were so fantastic and amazing. Even the members of the Elks Club were stunned. They never expected to hear such great voices and witness such a fantastic show. That challenge for repeat is on the table. And we shall not back down.

Next week, we have a very interesting speaker. He is the most renowned Gemologist, Harry Owen, from the Gemological Institute of America. He will speak on the history, the complexities, and all other interesting facets of diamonds, ruby and other important facts of the jewelry trade. This is something interesting and something different. I welcome all our friends from different clubs who are attending our meeting today, most especially, my classmates and townmates, Von Valdepeñas and Walter Buenaventura.

Best,

Jackie

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY THURSDAY 8.29.2019

RCM Members’ Attendance Report, RY 2019-2020							
Fireside Chat / Legend Fellowship							
	All members present					42	
	Less: Exempt from attendance					3	
	Total Active Members					39	
	ADD: Make-Up *					3	
	TOTAL					42	
	Total # of Members					224	
	Less: Exempt from attendance					28	
	On Leave					0	
	Total Active Members (Total Percentage Base)					196	
	TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:					21%	
NCr	Cr	MAKE-UP					
		1 RC Manila South, Aug 15, 2019					
		Rtn Beniting Legarda					
		2 RC Manila South, Aug 22, 2019					
		Rtn Benitng Legarda					
		3 RC Washington DC, Aug 30, 2019					
		DSAA Jason Bogovich					
ATTENDANCE REPORT			8.1.2019	8.8.2019	8.15.2019	8.22.2019	8.29.2019
RCM Members			64	50	52	53	42
Members' Guests			10	3	14	1	3
Honorary Members				0	0	0	0
Club Guests			3	0	3	0	0
Visiting Rotarians				3	31	0	
	RC Manila Sta. Ana	7		0			
	RC Manila Metro	3					
	RC Jose Abad Santos	2					
	RC Chinatown Circle	3					
	RC Chinatown	1					
	RC Manila Supreme 198	1	1				
	RC Pasay Marina	1					
	RC Pasay Cyber City	1					
	RC Lubang Island	1					
	RC Manila South	1					
	RC Makati Triangle	8					
	RC Makati JP Rizal	1					
	RC Parañaque	1					
	RC Makati West	30					30
Media				12	0	0	0
UPSILON SIGMA PHI				9	0	0	0
Total			78	77	100	54	75



DANGERS OF VAPE AND E-CIG

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

Vaping and E-cigarettes have taken America and Europe, like a hurricane or a storm, as it has now become a fad, not only to smokers who are quitting the habit, but also to first-timer adolescents, who are experimenting on some fruit-flavored nicotine.

There is an ongoing debate between public health experts and vape and e-cig companies, with regard to its dangers and hazards v. safety and popular use. The Food and Drug Authority of the United States did not, in the past, or recent and present time, approved vapor and e-cigarettes as modes or methods to kick off the smoking habit.

What is vaping and e-cigarette? Vaping is inhaling vapor that contains nicotine or nicotine-substitute chemicals or agents. It had started in the United States in the 1960s. No patent or trademark was applied for its commercial distribution. It was subsequently when a Chinese pharmacist, by the name of Hon Lik, whose father died of lung cancer secondary to smoking, designed what is now referred to as e-cigarette. E-cigarette became commercially successful in 2003. In the early 2000s e-cigarettes quickly became popular in American and European markets because of the belief that it is a legitimate means to stop smoking. Vaping and e-cigarettes have now grown into the most profitable marketplaces in the world.

Is vaping and e-cigarette safe? And Why? The World Health Organization (WHO) considers vaping and e-cigarette as illegitimate cessation to nicotine replacement therapy. In other words, it is not a method, mode of treatment, or practice to help people quit smoking regular cigarette. Vaping and e-cig contain toxic chemicals that can harm the body, rather than help it in getting rid of the nicotine habit.

Health hazards in vape and e-cigarette habits

1. Vaping lowers the body's natural defense to infections. Compounds used in the liquid to create the vapor lowers the body's immune system;
2. Chemicals used in vape and e-cig are chemicals that can cause permanent and fatal scars in the lungs. Inhalation can result to bronchiolitis (similar to asthma) or "popcorn lungs;"
3. Lithium battery used in vape and e-cig are combustible and can burn the face, tongue, teeth, and hands;
4. Vape cartridges and e-cig might contain more nicotine compared to regular cigarette;
5. Accidental ingestion of the liquid is poisonous;
6. Metal particles found in vape smoke can cause cancer;
7. Formaldehyde that is used to preserve dead bodies for long periods of time is found in chemicals in e-cig. Formaldehyde is carcinogenic or is linked to cancer;
8. Glycerin-based oils in e-cig can cause pneumonia;
9. E-cig users have a higher tendency to develop anxiety and depression;
- and 10. Adolescent e-cig users have a high possibility of experimenting, using and getting addicted to regular cigarettes and even marijuana.

ELECTION ADVISORY

September 2, 2019

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

As provided for in our amended Bylaws, we shall have the election of the Board of Directors for Rotary Year 2020-2021 on September 26, 2018 during our regular Thursday meeting.

To ensure a level playing field, all candidates shall not engage or participate in any partisan activities or campaigning that gives undue advantage to candidates. The votes shall be based on the merits of every candidate so as to maintain and enhance the club's prestige and high standing in the community.

Here are a few guidelines regarding the elections:

1. In order for the elections to be valid, a quorum consisting of "one third of the membership" which is equivalent to 76 members should be present and have voted;
2. To be eligible to vote, a member should have paid at least the 1st semester's membership dues and centennial seed fund by September 24, 2019. On the other hand, candidates should have paid the full year's membership dues and Centennial Seed fund on or before September 24, 2019 in order to be voted upon; The official list of members eligible to vote shall be released by the secretariat on September 25, 2019.
3. Candidates must have at least one year residency in Rotary Club of Manila at the time of nomination, otherwise the nominee will automatically be disqualified;
4. Members are required to vote for no less than 5 candidates. Ballots with less than 5 votes will be automatically nullified;
5. Electors will have to write the Full Name or Rotary Name with Surname of the candidates of choice over the spaces provided for in the Ballot.
6. The results of the elections will be announced immediately after the canvassing of the votes.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

STEP 1: REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE WITH THE SECRETARIAT

STEP 2: MEMBERS IN THE QUALIFIED VOTERS LIST WILL BE ISSUED AN ELECTION STUB

STEP 3: THE ELECTION STUB SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE COMELEC REPRESENTATIVE AT THE DESIGNATED POLLING PLACE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE BALLOT

STEP 4: MEMBER SHOULD FILL-UP THE BALLOTS BY VOTING NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) CANDIDATES

STEP 5: MEMBER WILL DROP HIS BALLOT PERSONALLY INTO THE BALLOT BOX.

EARLY VOTING starts at 11:00 A.M. and will be closed by 1:00 P.M.

We therefore reiterate our appeal to those who have not paid their membership dues to please settle this on or before Sept. 24, 2019 to qualify you to vote in the scheduled elections.

Further, we encourage everyone to be present on Sept. 26, 2019 and allow your voices to be heard in so far as electing the leaders of our club is concerned.

Should you need any clarification on the above, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

CP/ IPP SUSING PINEDA
Election Committee Chair

PP TEDDY OCAMPO
Co-Chair - Election Committee

PP FRANCIS JUICO
Co-Chair – Election Committee

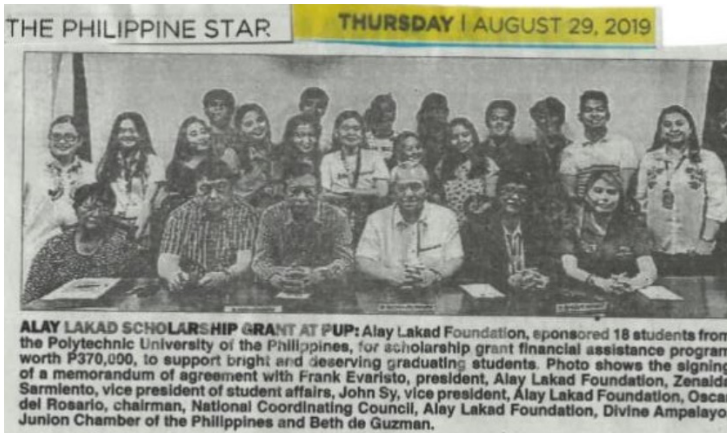
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formal education so their son, prompted by big dreams, struck it out on his own in Manila. He worked his way through school as a bus station "aguador", cleaning buses and carrying water around. It was while doing this, as a working student, that he finished his law studies. He was soon lawyering for the poor folks. After a few years of pro bono legal work, his breaks came, thanks to lawyer Norie Poblador, who saw something special in the determined young Bulakeno and helped him professionally. Santos' most prominent pro bono case was to represent the victims of the Angat Dam flooding, thanks to NAPOCOR's release of massive amounts of water. After many years, Santos' pleading in behalf of the victims made it to the Supreme Court, and justices led by Justice Vicente Abad Santos noted that had the opening of all the three spillways been made earlier and gradually, there would have been no need to open all of them without warning. "What made the situation worse was that the spillways were opened at the unholy hours when residents were asleep. The Plaintiffs all testified that they were never given any warning."

The Supreme Court decision on the case became a landmark ruling as it ruled the government could be sued if it engaged in business.

The victory was bitter-sweet for the affected families but they are forever grateful to lawyer Jesus Santos and his volunteer lawyers who persuaded their case doggedly, free of charge. He attributes his successful career and lifelong advocacies to a "deep faith in God, clean conscience, clear mind, and prayers, prayers, and more prayers." His law office Jesus I Santos Law Offices, is now run by his granddaughter Tricia who shares her grandfather's passion for helping the poor. Christmas to Santos is special as this is the time he shares his blessings with over a thousand of his poor neighbors in his hometown. It's a tradition the Santos family has kept, sharing throughout the year, "whether we have excess or just enough. The Lord repays the givers."

Trust and a good reputation are precious, Santos mused, so he guards the trust given to him by clients, big or poor, with his life. One of the big breaks he got early on in life was winning the trust of an elderly woman in Navotas, who had a very big estate. She needed his legal advice, so he worked for her who turned out to be a generous benefactor to him. Before she died, she made him manager of the entire estate and that brought up his professional standing as a lawyer. He also became the personal lawyer of journalist Teodoro Valencia, the late Mayor Nemesio Yabut, and other prominent Personalities. But this crusading lawyer like to remember a deaf mute victim he once helped. She was a house helper of an engineer who raped her. He refused to recognize the baby that was conceived because of the rape. Santos lawyered for the poor woman pro bono and with the help of DNA test paid for by him, she was able to get financial support from her rapist.

Santos credit former DENR secretaries Sonny Dominguez and Jun Factoran for doing more than their share in trying to preserve the watershed from illegal loggers. What about other secretaries and governors, we asked him, Santos made a face and we understood. Promises, promises, and more promises. Even NAPOCOR at one time tried to cut several thousands of trees for their electric posts but that was against the law. Santos' group filed a case and the cutting was stopped.

Many others have tried chopping trees in the Angat watershed over the years. Some succeeded in bringing out prime hardwood, other were stopped by the NPAs and by the filing of injunctions by Santos' group. Recently, Bulacan Governor Willie Sy-Alvarado assured Santos that he has asked DENR provincial director to stop the cutting of trees in the watershed. It's a vindication for Santos' group as the illegal cutting has been going on, despite their many protestations.

Alvarado also promised to summon NAPOCOR, MAYNILAD, MWSS for an explanation why he wasn't consulted on the illegal cutting of the trees in his province. He will ask the IBP Bulacan chapter and NALJP to find out what other legal moves can save the watershed. The NALJP lawyers are still voluntary legal watchdogs for the Angat Watershed. Santos does not tire of reminding DENR, the Bulacan officials, and even Malacanang just how important the area is or millions of Filipinos.

Lawyering for the rich has made Santos life comfort now but, as he says, "I reach out to the little ones who can't afford my fees. God finds a way. Always." Santos and his volunteer lawyers have shown that the poor and marginalized can have their day in court too!

AN RCM MEMBER'S TESTIMONIAL TOWARDS A MEMBERSHIP PITCH

Rotary Club of Manila is in need of young, vibrant and distinguished individuals to join our club. Sometimes, we do not need to look much farther than our own home, company and church. This how the Rotary Club of Tokyo has grown. Below is the testimonial of one of our seasoned members who has been with the club for such a long period of time that his story is worth reading.

HOW I JOINED RCM by Rtn. Manny Blanco



My late father, Atty. Jaime R. Blanco was a member of the Rotary Club of Manila. He was a prominent corporate and litigation lawyer and was a flamboyant and fiery character of contrasting values: you either loved him or hated him. His mantra was: "I may not always be right, but I am never wrong".

At the age of 29, he "ordered" me to join the Rotary Club of Manila since according to him it was THE Club and no other. Fortunately at that time, I was already the Executive Vice President and Treasurer of Adamson and Adamson Inc. a manufacturer of surgical dressings. The President of the company Dr. Lucas "Doc" Adamson was also an RCM member. He proposed me for membership and I was accepted as an Additional Active member under his classification.

I was inducted 42 years ago and not for a single moment have I ever regretted my late Dad's "order" to join RCM!

APPEAL FOR PAYMENT OF CENTENNIAL ASSESSMENT

Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

This is a last minute appeal to those who have not sent their CENTENNIAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENT of TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (Php 20,000.00) to please do so as this would go a long way in furtherance of being beacons of cooperation through the sacrifices you are willing to make as members of our club, the prestigious Rotary Club of Manila, the First in Asia. It might be of interest for you to note that the assessment was approved by the Board of Directors of RY 2016-2017 in preparation for the centennial celebrations and became due during the RY 2018-2019.

Your full cooperation on this matter is highly appreciated.

Yours in Rotary,

The Board of Directors
RY 2019-2020



FIRESIDE CHAT REVIVAL, AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS

by

Rtn. Eduardo "Jujut" V. Enriquez, III

We had our Fireside Chat last August 29, 2019. This Fireside Chat is, actually, a revival spearheaded by PP Archit Bartolome. We invited the Rotary Club of Makati West who sent a delegation of about 25 Rotarians. Together with Rotary Club of Manila, we were about 50 Rotarians.

This format is different for a few reasons: it is more casual as we dispense with the usual Rotary meeting formalities, it was held in a different venue from where we have our regular meetings and our topic was very much attuned to the present day happenings...if not the future.

This version of Fireside Chat was held at The Ark by UnionBank, its first digital branch where our Rotarians experienced how banking will be tomorrow...transacting via iPads, the experience of a 360 virtual teller where you can do most banking transactions, the first ever virtual currency machine where you can buy and sell virtual currency, opening a bank account using a banking app from your phone, to name some.

Our speaker was no less than our very own Manila Rotarian, Dr. Justo 'Tito' Ortiz. UnionBank's Chairman and visionary.

Today, he is bringing the bank to the forefront of innovation, transforming into "a technology company, also a bank."

He has been an advocate for inclusive prosperity through innovation and chairs numerous industry associations that make this possible, namely, the Fintech Philippines Association, Blockchain Association of the Philippines and the Philippine Payments Management Inc.

He is likewise a Board member of the Global Fintech Alliances Advisory Board composed of fintech and innovation luminaries from across the globe and which was launched in Copenhagen, Denmark earlier this year.

A ROTARIAN AND A LAWYER'S CRUSADE

By: DEEDEE M. SIYTANGCO

Lawyering for the rich has made the life of Jesus Santos comfortable but, as he says, 'I reach out to the little ones who can't afford my fees. God finds a way. Always.' His lifelong pursuit has been against the denudation of the Angat Watershed.

It's rare these days to meet a group of committed lawyers who cling to a bible verse, "The little things you do to the least of my brethren, you do it for me."

Many lawyers appear only to bask in their power over clients, their astronomical fees, political influence, and their fame. So when I met a different breed of lawyers, I had to take a long look at who they really were and where they got their convictions.

The National Association of Lawyers for Justice and Peace (NALJP) was founded 36 years ago by lawyer Jesus I. Santos from Marilao, Bulacan. He is happy being in the shadow seeing how his law firm, now 47 years old, is firmly established after decades of hard work and commitment to help the marginalized. And the NALJP, still rally to their sworn oath – to help the poor and marginalized find justice, their founder and now chairman's guide in life. Santos is still friends with tycoons like Ricky Razon, whom he helped in his ICTSI but he wants to be remembered more for his grassroots advocacies, as with his lawyer members.

The roll of honor of the Lawyers for Justice and Peace include Charlie Tumaro of Quezon City, Vincent Jariol of Iligan City, Tito Gastardo of Cebu City, Camilo Cabero, counsel of the Chinese General Hospital Dennis Timajo of Makati City, Michael Gabriel of Quezon City, and Tricia S. Santos of Jesus I. Santos Law Office, secretary general of the association. Although he can boast of his long-time acquaintance with big-time prominent business and influential personalities, Santos does not. He takes more satisfaction from and pride in talking about his pro bono cases, such as the one filed by members of the COGEO, a confederation of government employees who sued the GSIS management not so long ago for not making public the firm's billion-peso investments. What happened to these funds, he wants to know. They are the hard-earned contributions of the members, he stressed.

Whatever time is left for him in this world, Santos sincerely wants to devote it to helping others who can't help themselves legally. Helping the poor and marginalized find justice may sound trite today when there are many issues dividing society and most every do-gooder wants to be a champion of the oppressed. But Santos is spending every waking hour ("Who can tell how much time He will give me?" he asks) on a cause he passionately believes in- the preservation of the 62,000 hectares of Angat Watershed Reservation that spans several provinces, such as Bulacan, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, and parts of Sierra Madre.

To say he is obsessed with preventing the denudation of the watershed by unscrupulous corporations or individuals who have managed to get "logging clearances" from the DENR, the local government or some political bigwigs is an understatement. To this day the issue still riles up to the soft-spoken Santos because, as he pointed out, the trees being cut in the name of commercialization and greed means less water supply for Metro Manila and more danger to the barangays that will be flooded in the event of strong typhoons. Just one big tree cut and careening down the rushing waters is enough to flood the barangays, he notes. The watershed was once a time lush with huge trees, such as narra, apitong, and kamagong. Angat Dam is Vital, supplying 90 percent of raw water for Metro Manila through the facilities of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System. A concrete water reservoir embankment, it irrigates more than 28,000 hectares of farmland in Bulacan and Pampanga. The Angat Watershed must be protected and Preserved without question, Santos stressed. It's everybody's responsibility! Angat Dam in Barangay San Lorenzo took several years to build at a cost of P315.344 million in 1967. The watershed has been eyed by greedy loggers ever since, although cutting trees in the area is strictly prohibited by law. The law has not prevented illegal logging in the watershed, causing disastrous impact on hundreds of families, such as what happened in 1978 during typhoon Kading, when three gates were opened simultaneously without warning and the rampaging waters flooded the barangays around the dam.

Civil suits were filed against NAPOCOR in the Regional Trial Court of Malolos. Foremost was the one filed by the NALJP's Jesus Santos, a former "aguador", who rose from poverty to be a leading legal luminary committed to justice for the marginalized. I found out that his parents did not receive any



The Rotary Club of Manila Hospicio de San Jose Committee Members, namely, Chairman PD Phillip Ong, Rtn. Ray Davis and Rtn. Warren So inspected the facilities and site of the Cerebral Palsy Ward, which will undergo construction soon, last September 3, 2019 at the Hospicio de San Jose premises in Manila.

ROTATING ROTARIAN



DSAA Jason Bogovich attended the luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Washington D.C. last August 30, 2019 at Washington, D.C., USA where he presented the club bannerette and centennial book to President Lynn Holec. The guest speaker was Bob Levey, a longtime and highly respected Washington Post Columnist and Journalist for over 37 years. He focused on politics and just recently published a book and gave an autographed copy addressed to the Rotary Club of Manila. DSAA Jason Bogovich also had the opportunity to discuss the T.R.E.E.S. Project with one of their international committee members and with a fellow Rotarian who has been involved with international development work that focused on forestation in South America.

Further, he is a Co-founder and chairman of Tech Up Pilipinas – a movement launched during the Singapore Fintech Festival in November 2018 that pushes for inclusive prosperity by helping small and medium enterprises (SMEs), individuals, and large corporates benefit from technological advancements.

Part of the one-hour talk were the motivations behind the digital transformation of UnionBank, as well as the ways on how these efforts would stay relevant and sustainable in the long run. The Blockchain Institute, and the most recent success of i2i, were some of the products and programs introduced as part of the bank's financial inclusion efforts. On top of that, the collaborative efforts of UnionBank with partner associations, regulators, customers, demand side stimulators and other supply side drivers, were also given highlight as an essential tool in the success of the transformation journey.

"Banking will be invisible" were the words uttered by Tito. He explains that when you make transactions using Grab, Lazada, Amazon, Lalamove and the like, you don't feel like it's a banking transaction because that transaction is embedded. It just happens. A payment is made or a loan is automatically created.

"Today, I saw tomorrow". These were the remarkable words of President Jackie Rodriguez towards the closing of the event.

Rtn. Tito Ortiz's commitment to elevate people's lives through extensive financial inclusion empowered by technology was successfully conveyed to these Rotarians who were very keen and genuinely curious on the "why's" and "how's" of going digital, not only on a customer perspective, but also as influential and significant individuals who drive the business sector.



The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2019-2020 held a Special Board Meeting last August 29, 2019 at the Tower Club in Makati City where the agenda focused on Membership Concerns.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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September ▾

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RCM Club Mtg Guest: Villegas
11 AM–2 PM at New World Makati Hotel, Es

Global Grant Meeting TREES
12–1 PM at New World Makati Hotel, Esper

Information Membership Briefing
2–3 PM at New World Makati Hotel, Espera

WEEK 37, SEPTEMBER 8 – 14

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12

Club Mtg: Guest Henry OWEN
11 AM–2 PM

Caloocan charter
6–7 PM

WEEK 38, SEPTEMBER 15 – 21

THU

19

Club meeting Guest: Mayor Joy Belmont's
11 AM–12 PM

WEEK 39, SEPTEMBER 22 – 28

THU

26

Club meeting & ELECTION
11 AM–12 PM

FRI

27

Ambassador fellowship (Day 1/3)
3 PM at Palawan



SUMMARY OF CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR RY 2020-2021:

1. Rtn. Zdenek Jankovsky
2. Rtn. Hans Palacios
3. Dir. Raffy Alunan
4. Dir Bobby Joseph
5. Rtn. Ariel Abriam
6. Rtn. Johnny Chotrani
7. Treasurer/Dir. Nicky Villaseñor
8. Club Secretary/Dir. Albert Alday
9. Dir. Caloy Reyes
10. DSAA Jason Bogovich
11. AS Rene Policarpio
12. ATJason Ong
13. Rtn. Thad Liamzon

Above rate including breakfast per Occupant
3 Above rate is subject to 15% service charge & government tax
4 Reservation is allowed to cancel without penalty by 12pm 7 days prior.
5 Booking window is available till 30 days advance to arrival date. If your participant intends to book within 30 days, we can re-evaluate when it approaches.

The online booking code has been created with details as below. Please visit our website, www.millenniumhotels.com, and put promotion/offer code RCSPK. O let me know if you have any further concern.

III REGISTRATION FEE: TO FOLLOW

IV. PROC VISA: It takes 5 days to process the travel visa to China. Please plan your travel itinerary with our Past Director Alvin D. Lacambacal (my suggestion – lets have a travel agency consolidate the flight of RCM members)

The undersign will be your contact person for activities pertaining to the Centennial Celebration of Rotary Club of Shanghai. Please feel free to contact me either by return email to adpdesign03@yahoo.com or mobile no. 0917 8316862.

Thank you

RTN WARREN SO
Coordinator for RC Shanghai Centennial Celebration

RSVP PARTICIPATION RC SHANGHAI CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OCT 18-20, 2019

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Attending alone . Will make personal flight arrangements. My flight details

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Attending with and making personal flight arrangements. Our flight details

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Accommodation details (Name of Hotel)

Name of Member:

Date:



ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

I. OVERVIEW OF THREE DAY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Pls note the schedule of 3 days program as follows:

- 1. Oct 18 Golf fellowship event : Estimated cost RMB 1500 per person includes green fee/ golf cart , meal and coach fee from Millennium Hong Qiao Hotel to Golf course .
- 2. Oct 19 Centennial gala dinner @ RMB 680 per person
- 3. Oct 20 Historical walk and Brunch : Estimated cost RMB @ RMB 500 per person

The price on Oct 18 and 20 are estimation as it will depend on the number of attendees.

II ACCOMMODATION:

While waiting for the negotiated accommodation rate that is being arranged by CP/IPP Susing Pineda with the owner of Grand Millennium Shanghai Hongquiao Hotel, his business partner, hereunder are the referred rates of RC Shanghai.

1 Room rate

Date	Single Occupant	Double Occupant	Triple Occupant
Oct. 17	900	1050	1400
Oct. 18	680	830	1180
Oct. 19	680	830	1180
Oct. 20	680	830	1180
Oct. 21	900	1050	1400



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Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting BALITA and WEBSITE advertisements. The packages are as follows:

- Php 5,000 for Whole Page Ad/Issue
- Php 3,000 for Half Page Ad/Issue
- Php 2,000 for 1/3 Page Ad/Issue

Placement of ads will be at the discretion of both the BALITA and WEBSITE committees and will run for a maximum of four (4) consecutive issues.

Certain exceptions to the above may be made by special arrangement.

For particulars, please get in touch with our Secretariat at (02) 5271885 up to 87.

Yours in the service of Rotary,

SDG/Club Secretary/Dir. ALBERT S. ALDAY
BALITA Editor-in-Chief
RY 2019-2020

AS RENE POLICARPIO
BALITA Managing Editor/WEBSITE Committee Chairman
RY 2019-2020

FROM THE TREASURER:



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

If you are interested in receiving a hard copy of the accounting report of the Centennial Fund presented during our Club Assembly and Second Fellowship last August 22, 2019, please email our Secretariat, rcmanila@rcmanila.org, or request your copy through our RCM General Info viber group.

Yours in the service of Rotary,

NICANOR "Nicky" S. VILLASEÑOR, III
Treasurer
RY 2019-2020

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA		
ANNUAL DUES 19-20		
As of September 4, 2019		
NO.	NAME	AMOUNT
1	Abastillas, Celso E.	25,000.00
2	Aboy, Valentino "Val" G.	25,000.00
3	Abriam, Ariel	25,000.00
4	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.	25,000.00
4	Alday, Albert S.	25,000.00
5	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.	25,000.00
6	Alunan, Rafael "Raffy" M.	25,000.00
7	Alvarez, Servando Jr.	25,000.00
8	Antunez, Jose Mari "Mari" M.	25,000.00
9	Aquino, Armando "Armie" A.	25,000.00
10	Arcilla, Carmelo "Teyng"	25,000.00
11	Assad, Joseph	25,000.00
12	Aventura, Avenilo "Nilo" P.	25,000.00
13	Aventura, Jr., Avenilo "Jun" L.	25,000.00
14	Bartolome III, Arsenio "Archit" M.	25,000.00
15	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.	25,000.00
16	Bella Jr., Geronimo "Jun" Dela Paz	24,553.57
17	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.	25,000.00
18	Benitez II, Conrado "Conrad" L.	20,000.00
19	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	25,000.00
20	Bogovich, Jason M.	25,000.00
21	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	25,000.00
22	Campos Jr., Joselito "Butch" D.	25,000.00
23	Camus, Fernando	25,000.00
24	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.	23,800.00
25	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	25,000.00
26	Cenica, John T.	25,000.00
27	Chua, Domingo "Doming" T.	25,000.00
28	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.	25,000.00
29	Coyiuto Jr., Robert "Jun" G.	25,000.00
30	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	25,000.00
31	Cruz, Ramon Jose "Monch" A.	25,000.00
32	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	25,000.00
33	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	25,000.00
34	David, Virgilio "Vee"	25,000.00
35	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.	25,000.00
36	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.	25,000.00
37	Del Rosario, Francisco "Toting" V.	25,000.00
38	Del Rosario, Oscar	25,000.00
39	Desierto, Aniano "Ani" A.	25,000.00
40	Dominguez III, Carlos "Sonny" G.	25,000.00
41	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	25,000.00
42	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.	25,000.00
43	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	25,000.00
44	Engelbrecht, Francois	25,000.00
45	Enriquez III, Eduardo "Jujut" V.	24,553.57
46	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	25,000.00



Manila Rotarians held a golf fellowship last August 23, 2019 at the Manila Golf and Country Club in Makati City.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS



SDG/Club Secretary/Dir. Albert Alday attended the 9th District 3810 EXECOM Meeting last September 2, 2019 at the Elorde Sports Center in Sucat, Parañaque City.



PD John Cenica, PP Teddy Ocampo, CP/IPP Susing Pineda, Dir. Amading Valdez, Lady Sharon Bediones, IPDG Rudy Bediones, PP Francis Juico and VP Hermie Esguerra attended the OKADA MANILA Icon Awards last August 30, 2019 at the Grand Ballroom of OKADA MANILA in Parañaque City.



PP Jimmie Policarpio, Treasurer/Dir. Nicky Villaseñor, IPS/PD Alvin Lacambacal, President Jackie Rodriguez and IPDG Rudy Bediones attended the 38th Founding Anniversary and 29th Tourism Personality Awards of SKAL International Makati where Dir. Bobby Joseph plays a key role. This took place last August 22, 2019 at the Ballroom of the New World Makati Hotel in Makati City.

47	Evaristo, Frank	25,000.00
48	Fajardo, Beda G.	25,000.00
49	Follosco Jr., Ceferino "Jun" G.	25,000.00
50	Garcia, Victor	25,000.00
51	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	25,000.00
52	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.	25,000.00
53	Go, Michael	25,000.00
54	Goerlich, Bodo	25,000.00
55	Gonzales, Leo Peter Paul K.	25,000.00
56	Guevara Jr., Domingo "Boy" S.	25,000.00
57	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	25,000.00
58	Hallare Jr., Delfin "Jun" T.	25,000.00
59	Hedeager, Knud	25,000.00
60	Hesse, Uwe	25,000.00
61	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.	25,000.00
62	Jankovsky, Zdenek	25,000.00
63	Joseph Jr., Robert Lim "Bobby"	25,000.00
64	Jucaban, Jeric J.	25,000.00
65	Karcher, Henning	25,000.00
66	Ko, Solomon "Mon"	25,000.00
67	Kuwabara, Atsushi	25,000.00
68	Laguesma, Bienvenido "Benny"	23,800.00
69	Lapus, Jesli "Jing" A.	25,000.00
70	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.	25,000.00
71	Lee, Edgar "Ed" L.	25,000.00
72	Legarda Jr., Benito "Beniting" J.	12,500.00
73	Liamzon Jr., Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" T.	25,000.00
74	Lim, Alfredo "Fred" S.	25,000.00
75	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	25,000.00
76	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.	25,000.00
77	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	25,000.00
78	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.	25,000.00
79	Lopez, Antonio "Tony" S.	25,000.00
80	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	25,000.00
81	Manalaysay, Cesar "Citos" P.	25,000.00
82	Marking, Amado "Butch" M.	25,000.00
83	Masters, Lance A.	12,500.00
84	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	25,000.00
85	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	25,000.00
86	Montecillo, Daniel Gabriel "Dennis"	25,000.00
87	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	24,500.00
88	Mueller, Klaus	25,000.00
89	Nakatsuka, Hiroki	24,500.00
90	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	25,000.00
91	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.	25,000.00
92	Nunez Jr., Jose "Pepo" A.	25,000.00
93	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.	25,000.00
94	Ong, Jason L.	25,000.00
95	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	25,000.00
96	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.	25,000.00
97	Paras, Neil	25,000.00

98	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.	25,000.00
99	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"	25,000.00
100	Patterson, Colin David	25,000.00
101	Payumo, Felicito "Tong" C.	25,000.00
102	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	25,000.00
103	Pineda Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	25,000.00
104	Pineda Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	25,000.00
105	Pizarra, Jordan M.	25,000.00
106	Polcarpio Jr., Jose "Jimmie"	25,000.00
107	Polcarpio, Renato "Rene" R.	25,000.00
108	Preysler Jr., Fausto R.	25,000.00
109	Recto, Philip H.	25,000.00
110	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.	25,000.00
111	Reyes, Hermenegildo Carlos "Caloy" L.	25,000.00
112	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	25,000.00
113	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	25,000.00
114	Rodriguez, Jose "Pepe" R.	12,500.00
115	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie"	25,000.00
116	Rysbergen, Raymond "Ray" K.	25,000.00
117	Schoucair, Farid Alain	25,000.00
118	Sears, Robert "Rob" M.	25,000.00
119	Seña, Edwin P.	25,000.00
120	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	25,000.00
121	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.	25,000.00
122	Syjuco Jr., Jose "Joey" A.	25,000.00
123	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.	25,000.00
124	Tang, Jimmy T.	25,000.00
125	Tanglao, Noel V.	25,000.00
126	Tea, Thierry Yung Hong	25,000.00
127	Ubaldo, Cesar C.	25,000.00
128	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.	25,000.00
129	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.	25,000.00
130	Villarica, Henry R.	25,000.00
131	Villaseñor III, Nicanor "Nicky" S.	25,000.00
132	Vrana, Ludek	25,000.00
133	Wong, David Y.C.	25,000.00
134	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.	25,000.00
135	Yujuico, Benedicto "Dicky" V.	25,000.00
136	Yujuico, Joselito "Joey" Z.	25,000.00
137	Zalamea Jr., Enrique "Rick" M.	24,500.00
138	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	24,500.00
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TOTAL MEMBERS:		224
TOTAL FULL PAID		135
TOTAL PARTIALLY PAID		4
NET PAID		139
TOTAL UNPAID MEMBERS		85
Paid Annual Dues as of:		09,04,2019

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Note: If your name does not appear on this list you will not be eligible to vote. Please contact our secretariat for further clarification.



The Rotary Club of Manila World Famous Chorale Singers were PP Teddy Ocampo belting out popular songs by Frank Sinatra; IPDG Rudy Bediones showcasing favorites songs by Louis Armstrong; PD Oscar del Rosario for some original pilipino music (OPM) nostalgic songs, Rtn. Caloy Buendia for a medley of Simon and Garfunkel songs; and Rtn. Thad Liamzon, for operatic song numbers.



The ELKS Legends Singers were Mr. Douglas Masuda belting out favorite Elvis Prestley song numbers; Mr. Macoy Mendoza, for some R&B hit songs; Ms. Lae Franzani for powerful original pilipino music songs; Ms. Myralyn Clemeno, for international song medley; Ms. Icee Nicdao, for top hits songs.

ROTARY LEGENDS PUT ON A GREAT SHOW

by

AS Rene Policarpio

The battle of the Legends turned out to be an exciting night of songs, comedy and pleasantries between two Centenarians, Manila Elks Club (119 years old) and the Rotary Club of Manila (100 years old). Despite these clubs existing for a century beside each other, this is the first get together of both clubs.

RCM and Elks Club were represented by 5 singers who rendered two to three songs each of old favorites from ballads to rock and roll. The quality of vocalists were falsetto to operatic, Frank Sinatra mellow to Elvis rock.

Although the original intent was to declare a winner at the end of the contest just for bragging rights purposes, it was agreed that due to the camaraderie developed during the occasion, it was more appropriate to call the get together a great fellowship of centenarians. The quality of singers was par excellent.

The benefactors of the event paying Php 1000 for entrance fee per person benefitted the RCM World Famous Chorale from the 125 tickets share of RCM. All other expenses were paid for by Manila Elks Club.

RCM Champion President Jackie Rodriguez, a member of both clubs, has expressed extreme gratitude to all who have supported and patronized the event.

RCM was ably represented by World Famous notables, namely, IPDG Rudy Bediones, PP Teddy Ocampo, PD Oscar del Rosario, Rtn. Thad Llamzon and Rtn. Caloy Buendia.



I. Revival of the RCM Fireside Chat Jointly with RC Makati West
Aug. 29, 4:00PM, The Ark, Union Bank Digital Office, Paseo de Roxas Avenue, Makati City

Rtn. Jujut Enriquez, Officer-in-Charge, welcomes fellow RCMers and RC Makati West (RCMW) members for the joint revival of the Fireside Chat, with Rtn Justo "Tito" A. Ortiz, Jr., Chairman, Union Bank of the Philippines, as resource speaker, on the topic of "Digital Banking."



RCM Champion Pres. Jackie Rodriguez delivers opening remarks and acknowledging with thanks and appreciation for fellow RCMers who were in attendance, as well as fellow Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Makati West.

RCMW Champion Pres. Eric Tansuan acknowledges with thanks for the invitation by the Rotary Club of Manila for the revival of the Fireside Chat.





RCM Champion Pres. Jackie Rodriguez, VP Hermie Esguerra, PP Archit Bartolome, and Rtn. Joe de Venecia, Chairman Emeritus, RCM Ambassador of Goodwill Committee, present to PD Abe Pascual, the ambassadorial pin.



RCM Rtn. Justo "Tito" A. Ortiz, Jr., Chairman, Union Bank of the Philippines; Founder and Chairman, Blockchain Association of the Philippines; Chairman, Fintech Association of the Philippines, spoke on the topic of "Digital Banking", a part of the broader context for the move to online banking, where banking services are delivered over the internet. The shift from traditional to digital banking has been gradual and remains ongoing, and is constituted by differing degrees of banking service digitization. Digital banking involves high levels of process automation and web-based services and may include APIs enabling cross-institutional service composition to deliver banking products and provide transactions. It provides the ability for users to access financial data through desktop, mobile and ATM services.



An open forum immediately followed right after the presentation of RCM Rtn. Justo "Tito" A. Ortiz, Jr. from L-R: Rtn. Nando Camus, PD Abe Pascual and Pres. Jackie Rodriguez.



RCM Champion Pres. Jackie Rodriguez and RCMW Champion Pres. Eric Tansuan delivered their respective responses and presented to Rtn. Justo "Tito" A. Ortiz, Jr. tokens of appreciation for being the resource speaker and gracious host of the 1st Fireside Chat.

II. Music Fellowship with Elks Legends and Rotary Legends (RCM World-Famous Chorale Singers), Elks Club, Corinthian Plaza, Paseo de Roxas Avenue, Makati City



RCM Champion Pres. Jackie Rodriguez gamely serving as program moderator for the Musical Fellowship featuring the Elks Legends and Rotary Legends (RCM World-Famous Chorale Singers), showcasing their singing talents.