

RCM's 23rd for Rotary Year 2019-2020

Thursday, January 9, 2020, 11:00 AM, Centennial Hall, Manila Hotel, Manila
Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator : PP "Archit" Bartolome, III

"A Joint Meeting between the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) and Rotary Club of Makati West (RCMW)"

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

- 11:00 AM** Registration
11:55 AM Bell to be rung: Members and Guests are requested to be seated
12:00 PM Program Proper
- Call to Order
- Singing of the Philippine National Anthem
 Invocator
 A moment of silent prayer for the eternal repose of the soul of **Mr. Reynaldo "Rey" S. Guevara** (Brother of PP "Boy" & Rtn. "Ricky" Guevara)
 RCM Hymn and Rotary Hymn
 The Four (4) Way Test Credo
- 12:10 PM** Introduction of Guests/Visiting Rotarians and Personalities seated at the Presidential Table
 Welcome Song
- 12:15 PM** Maligayang Bati (RCM Birthday Celebrants)
 Jan. 5... **PD "Titong" Mendoza** Jan. 8... **PA "Jimmy" Laya**
 Jan. 7... **Rtn. "David" Lim** Jan. 12... **Rtn. "Monch" Cruz**
 Maligayang Bati (RCMW Birthday Celebrants)
 Jan. 5... **PP Fern Pena, Rtn. Karel Holub & Rtn. Ariel Miranda**
 Jan. 11... **Sps. Julianne Vital**
 Jan. 12... **Sps. Joji Bautista**
 Happy Birthday Song
- 12:20 PM** Joint Induction of New Members to the Rotary Club of Manila
 1. Charging Ceremony
 2. Formal Induction Ceremony
- Mr. Matthew "Matt" Chiogioji** (American)
 Vice President, Akamai Investments, Inc.
 Classification: Finance and Investments – Venture Capital
 Proposer : Pres. "Jackie" Rodriguez
- Mr. Marlon R. Roño** (Filipino)
 Executive Chairman, Magsaysay Maritime Corporation
 Classification: Business Services-Manpower Development
 Proposer: Dir. Amading Valdez
 Welcome Baby Rotarian Song
- 12:25 PM** Message
- 12:30 PM** Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Rotary Club of Manila and Bankers Association of the Philippines
- 12:32 PM** Introduction of Guest of Honor and Speaker
 Address : **Hon. Benjamin E. Diokno, Ph.D.**
 Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)
 Chairman, Monetary Board
 RCM Vice President, RY 2010-2011
- 2:00 PM** Public Forum with Panelists from **RCM & RCMW**
 Response, Presentation of Token of Appreciation to **BSP Governor Benjamin E. Diokno, Ph.D.**
 & Meeting Adjournment
- PP "Archit" Bartolome, III**
 OIC/Moderator
RCM Pres. "Jackie" Rodriguez
RCMW Pres. "Eric" Tensuan
- RCM WF Music Chorale**
PP "Jimmie" Policarpio
- RCM WF Music Chorale**
 All Rotarians led by **RCMW PP A.P. Bartolome**
- Rtn. "Jujut" Enriquez**
RCM WF Music Chorale
- RCM WF Music Chorale**
IPDG "Rudy" Bediones
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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



Hon. BENJAMIN E. DIOKNO, Ph.D.

Governor
 Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
 Chairman, Monetary Board
 Vice President, Rotary Club of Manila
 RY 2010-2011



RCM ATTENDS RCKE'S 50th

KABALITA

After a corruption perspective had been narrated and after the joys of the Yuletide holidays have gathered dust, it's time to ring the cash registers of good tidings as our very own foremost Money Czar gives the most awaited fearless economic forecast for a clearer vision of 2020 as Asia's First Rotary Club writes the first page of the yearbook.

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BENJAMIN E. DIOKNO, Ph.D.
Governor
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

Dr. Diokno is the current Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). He finished his Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from the University of the Philippines (1968), and earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration (1970) and Economics (1974) from the same university. He also holds a Master of Arts in Political Economy (1976) from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, USA and a Ph.D. in Economics (1981) from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York, USA.

Prior to his appointment as BSP Governor, he served as Budget Secretary from 2016 to 2019. On his third tour of duty at the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), he pursued an expansionary fiscal policy to finance investments in human capital development and public infrastructure.

His policy expertise and research contribution extend to various areas of public economics, such as the structure and scope of government, tax policies and reforms, public expenditure management analysis, fiscal decentralization, national budget and public debt among other topics. He has extensive experience in implementing reforms at the public sector, having also served as Budget Undersecretary from 1986 to 1991 and Budget Secretary from 1998 to 2001.

He is Professor Emeritus of the University of the Philippines-Diliman. Over more than 40 years, he taught the following courses: Public Sector Economics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Development Economics and Special Topics (e.g., Public Enterprises Investment and Pricing Policies; Public Sector Reforms; Local Government Finance, etc.). He was also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (City University of Manila).

He served as Fiscal Adviser to the Philippine Senate. He also served as Chairman and CEO of the Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC) and Chairman of the Local Water Utilities Administration.

Some of the major policy reform contributions of Dr. Diokno include: providing technical assistance to the 1986 Tax Reform Program to simplify the income tax system and introduce the value-added tax, helping design the 1991 Local Government Code of the Philippines, initiating a What-You-See-Is-What-You-Get policy to streamline the release of funds, sponsoring the internationally-lauded Government Procurement Reform Act to modernize, regulate, and standardize government procurement activities in the Philippines.

He served as an adviser and consultant to various multilateral agencies like the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Commission, and USAID for work in the Philippines, China and transitioning economies like Vietnam, Cambodia, and Mongolia.

He has also participated in numerous international conferences hosted by the IMF, ADB, World Bank, APEC, UN among other international organizations. Beyond this, he has authored numerous publications and discussion papers regarding his research interests that have been published in academic journals and policy reports.

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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Welcome everybody to a new year! After a fabulous 2019, your club is looking forward to an even greater year. There was a lot of excitement, many achievements, and a great amount of successes. But, that did not come without sweat and tears. However, there was also a lot of joy and happiness in serving our little children at the Hospicio de San Jose, the Christmas Party for the Cancer-Stricken Children at the Philippine General Hospital and at the Asilo de San Vicente de Paul. There were likewise the visits of our ambassadors to Palawan, Bangkok, Cebu, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Orlando, Davao, Singapore, Scandinavia and other countries.



Many clubs enjoyed our National Tree Planting Day last June 15, 2019. This will be repeated on June 15, 2020 when we would expect over 200 clubs to join us. The laws that we are requesting are moving with satisfaction according to the Office of the Senate President. I hope and pray that these laws are passed as they will benefit our environment and our country.

We had a great celebration and fellowship at our Christmas party. Thank you very much to the Program Committee Chair. Jimmie and his members as well as the Fellowship Committee Chair Jason and his members who made everything possible. That was a great night. In the next few days about twenty (20) RCM ambassadors are visiting Boracay under the leadership of Assistant Secretary and Ambassador Ariel Abriam where they will be connecting and working with the various Rotary clubs in the island of Panay. This promises to be productive. A group led by Knud, Butch and Jun went earlier to pave the way and ensure the success of the main forces. There will likewise be trips to Batangas and to Kolkata. Also being formed by the Rotary Club of Manila is the worldwide Centennial Circle. So far, there are indications that Shanghai, Kolkata and Seattle are joining the Centennial Circle. Today, we welcome the Governor of the government's most respected and prestigious institution, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. Welcome Gov. Ben Diokno. We are all anxious to hear the very first page of the year from our fellow member in our club. We are proud of him. Welcome home Ben.

Best,

Jackie



SEN. PING LACSON EXPOSES A CORRUPTION PERSPECTIVE

Ping Lacson has always been a hard hitting public servant. His ways have always been towards the welfare of the citizens of the Philippines. He could not have chosen better words to describe corruption in the country by quoting American journalist James Fallows, that “practically, everything that is public in the Philippines is neglected from view.” For him, the extremes of wealth and poverty in the country reflect contempt for the public. Many times, he has blown the lid off at many a senate inquiry. According to him, while our country is experiencing a momentous transformation in terms of legislation with landmark laws where he was one of the principal authors, such as the Philippine Identification System (PHILSYS), the Universal Healthcare Law and the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education, the budget implementation was another story altogether. The statutory budget for these laws were seriously cut in favor of many line insertions and according to him, this stands to be a big disfavor to the Filipino people. Indeed, his quote, could not have been more timely, when he uttered, “show me your budget and I will tell you what you value.” Towards the end of his talk, he urged Manila Rotarians to help in curbing these corrupt practices that seriously impede the foremost tenets of public service.

HEALTH TIPS FOR THE NEW DECADE

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Here are some healthy tips that you might want to consider to maintain a happy and healthy life in the new decade.

1. Be happy. Being optimistic is equated to having a long life. Optimism results to longer lifespan. Studies have shown that people who look at the bright side of life to be 85 and even older. Commit to positive change. Bounce back from stress. People who believe that good things will happen in the future are able to regulate emotions and behavior.
2. Enjoy being with young people and children. Studies in the U.K. have demonstrated that seniors who are accepting and amenable to change and further emotional growth are able to mingle and enjoy “quality” time with children and young adults. These people live longer and find meaning in the twilight years of their lives.
3. Stay away from processed foods. A study conducted by the British Medical Association points out that processed snacks and package meals are linked to higher sugar, fat, and salt content no matter how good-tasting they may be. Processed foods increased your risks of getting heart disease and early death.
4. Don't believe in detox pills and teas. Teas and pills that are considered “weight loss miracles” are hyped. Lose weight gradually. Embrace long-term dietary changes and lifestyle changes to ensure a healthy turnaround.
5. Maintain high fiber diet. Always have your daily fiber foods: oats, wheat bread, whole wheat pasta, potatoes, brown rice, fruits and nuts.
6. Eat much less meat. Experts say that just one bite of sausage would use up your daily meat allowance if you want to live longer.
7. Get plenty of night sleep. Sleeping in a dark and comfortable room gives your body a chance to gain its natural healing powers. Sleep naturally repairs damaged cells of the body and increases your immune system to fight infection and diseases. Aim for 8 hours of good night sleep.
8. Avoid long daytime naps. A Chinese study has proven that people who take long afternoon naps have a greater risk of stroke. Nappers who slept for more than 90 minutes are 25% more likely later to have a stroke compared to those who take “power naps” for less than one hour. In a Switzerland study, it has been found that short naps cut the risk for heart attack and stroke by more than half in people aged 35 to 75.
9. Go for nuts. Nuts are lifesaving. A study at the Harvard Medical School concluded that replacing unhealthy snack with a serving of nuts can reduce obesity and slows down weight gain.
10. Be an earlybird. Waking up at a reasonable hour, “fully recharged” and “ready to go” improves your wellbeing, confidence, and outlook in life. It results to a longer and happier life.
11. Go for a weekly jog. Jogging and running increases lifespan. It decreases the risks for cancer and cardiovascular disease. Jog at your own pace.

RCM BRINGS CHRISTMAS CHEERS TO ASILO DE SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

Asilo de San Vicente de Paul, Manila
December 17, 2019



VPE/Dir. Nicky Villaseñor, Rt. Marcus Dee and PD Phillip Ong cut the ribbons on the inauguration of the Aquaponics Farm.



PD Phillip Ong cuts the ceremonial ribbon during the inauguration of the playground.

The Aquaponics Farm and the playground.



Distribution of Disaster Preparedness Kits. Manila Rotarians receiving certificates of appreciation.



President Jackie Rodriguez administered the oath of office of a new director to Dir. Issam Eldebs. He succeeded PD Raffy Alunan who submitted his resignation due to pressing family matters he needs to attend to. This took place last December 19, 2019 on the occasion of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors at the Library Room of the Manila Elks Club in Makati City.



The Board of Directors for RY 2019-2020 held a Special Meeting last December 19, 2019 at the Library Room of the Manila Elks Club in Makati City. Agenda centered on membership concerns and the length of time before an aspirant becomes a member.

**Grateful acknowledgement for the Christmas gifts
given to our Secretariat :**

1. PP Frank Evaristo
2. PDG Alex and Anna Cureg
3. PVP Manny Dy
4. Sec. Albert Alday
5. DSAA Jason Bogovich
6. Rtn Celso Abastillas
7. PP Benny Laguema
8. Dir. Amading and Nellie Valdez
9. Pres Jackie Rodriguez
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18. Dir. Nicky Villasenor
19. IPP Susing Pineda
20. AT Ariel Abriam
21. PD Bebot and Ann Sylvia
22. Rtn Jimmy Tang
23. PE Bobby Joseph
24. Rtn Jack Bautista
25. PSAA Guenter Matschuck
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34. PD Abe Pascual
35. Rtn David Wong
36. PD Raffy Alunan
37. PD Oscar Del Rosario



**MANILA ROTARIANS BRING CHRISTMAS SPIRIT TO
UP-PGH CHILDREN'S CANCER WARD**

Ground Floor, Nurses' Home
University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital, Manila
December 15, 2019



President Jackie Rodriguez addressing the beneficiaries.



PD Oscar del Rosario helping in the distribution of gifts.



Rtn. John Michael Cutter distributing pastries to the children.



Rtn. Marcus Dee taking the microphone.



PSAA Gunter Matschuck, Lady Sharon Bediones, PD Oscar del Rosario, IPDG Rudy Bediones helping President Jackie Rodriguez in the distribution of gifts.



President Jackie Rodriguez, PSAA Gunter Matschuck, PAT Muhammad Aslam, PD Oscar del Rosario and Rtn. Bernd Schneider.



SDG/Club Sec./DE/Dir. Albert Alday attended the **Rotary District 3810 Executive Committee Meeting and Area Meeting** last January 6, 2020 at the Grand Ballroom of the Elorde Sports Center in Parañaque City.



Sagip Kabataan Foundation held its Annual Meeting last January 7, 2020 at the **Lodge Room of Manila Elks Club** in Makati City. Thereafter, a meeting was held to elect the officers of the foundation.

COGS IN THE WHEEL



Star Rtn. Reggie Yu was conferred the prestigious **UP Cesar E.A. Virata School of Business Distinguished Alumni Award** last December 7, 2019 during the Alumni Homecoming of the University of the Philippines Cesar E.A. Virata School of Business at the UP Diliman Campus, Diliman, Quezon City.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

January 16, 2020

12N, Tower Club Makati, 33Flr.
RCM Rotarian, Finance Secretary **Carlos G. Dominguez III**
"A Joint Meeting between RCManila and RC Makati West"

January 23

12N, Manila Polo Club --- "Rotary Anns Day"
Hon. **Maria Leonor "Leni" Gerona Robredo**
Vice President, Republic of the Philippines

January 30

12N, Manila Polo Club
Rep. **Ferdinand Martin Romualdez**
– Subject to Confirmation

February 6

12N, Manila Polo Club
RCM's Most Outstanding Sports Personality Award

December 5, 2019, Thursday Luncheon Meeting with Senator Panfilo M. Lacson, Guest of Honor and Speaker



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez calls the 21st meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila to order.



Rtn. Tony Lopez, as Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator, calls the sequence of activities.



Rtn. Dante Gierran delivers an ecumenical prayer.



PD Rod Valencia leads in the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test as a renewal of the Rotary credo for all Rotarians.



DE/IPAS Rene Policarpio introduces the guests, visiting Rotarians and personalities seated at the presidential table.



IPDG Rudy and Lady Sharon Bediones attended the 28th Induction Ceremonies and 27th Handover of the Rotary Club of Imus last December 11, 2019 at the Bali Garden, Bacoor, Cavite.



ISDG/PD Alvin Lacambacal, PE/Dir. Bobby Joseph and DGE Odie Tarriela of the Rotary Club of Lubang Island at the Presidents-Elect Fellowship 4.0 of Rotary District 3810 last January 6, 2020 at the Manila Yacht Club in Manila



70th BIRTHDAY OF PE/DIR. BOBBY JOSEPH

Ballroom, New World Makati Hotel, Makati City
December 11, 2019



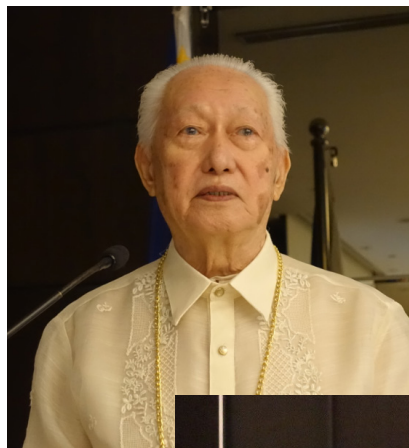
VPE Thad Liamzon, Dir. Issam Eldebs and PE/Dir. Bobby Joseph.



PP Frank Evaristo, Rtn. Hans Palacios, PVP Chito Zalzarriaga, VPE Thad Liamzon and PP Benny Laguesma.



PD Nick Locsin, PP Francis Juico, PE/Dir. Bobby Joseph, VPE Thad Liamzon together with RCMW Rtn. Jaime Bautista.



PSAA Fred Lim does the honor, pleasure and privilege of introducing **Hon. Panfilo M. Lacson, Senator, Republic of the Philippines**, as Guest of Honor and Speaker.



Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson presented before Manila Rotarians and their guests, his legislative agenda and current issues hugging the limelight.



A public forum followed suit with **VP Hermie Esguerra, PD Rod Valencia, Rtn. Hans Palacios, PD Beda Fajardo, PVP Chito Zalzarriaga and PP Frank Evaristo** raising their respective questions to **Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson**.



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez during his response, presentation of the replica of the bell and gavel set as a token of appreciation to **Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson** and meeting adjournment.



PP Jimmie Policarpio, as proposer, briefly introduces **Mr. Hansen Joseph Michael L. Tillmann** (Filipino), Partner, Tillmann and Marquez Law Offices, Classification: Law Practice – Insurance Law, Proposer : **PP Jimmie Policarpio**, **IPP Sus-ing Pineda**, **Dir. Albert Alday**, prior to the formal induction ceremony.



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez administers the oath of membership pledge to **Mr. Hansen Joseph Michael L. Tillmann**, together with **PP Jimmie Policarpio** as proposer.



The fun "PERA O BAYONG" Game.



PP Jimmie Policarpio wins the grand prize at the raffle.



President Jackie Rodriguez leads the Christmas toast.



SDG/Club Sec./DE/Dir. Albert Alday, PP Cesar Ubaldo, IPDG Rudy Bediones, PD Nick Locsin, Rtn. Momo Momae-arts, Rtn. Hans Palacios and DE/Dir. Caloy Reyes.



Treasurer Jason Ong and VPE/Dir. Nicky Villaseñor as hosts.



President Jackie Rodriguez calling the Christmas Fellowship to order.

RCM WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez presents the December-born Birthday Celebrants: PP Teddy Ocampo, PD Alvin Lacambacal, Rtn. Jujut Enriquez, Rtn. Manny Blanco, PE/Dir. Bobby Joseph, DE/PAS Rene Policarpio, PDG Alex Cureg, PP Frank Evaristo, Rtn. Momo Mommaerts, PSAA Fred Lim, PD Rod Valencia, PP Boy Guevara and SAA Dave Reynolds.

FELLOWSHIP

PAPAS - PASKO & PAMASKO 2019: A FESTIVE FELLOWSHIP

December 10, 2019, Hotel Fairmont Makati, Makati City



The World Famous Music Chorale led by Chairman PP Babes Reyes rendering Christmas Carols while generating funds.



The World Famous Music Chorale rehearsing at the Raffles Board Room of the Hotel Fairmont Makati in Makati City just before the festivities



PS Butch Marking, PD Pepo Nuñez and PP Jimmie Policarpio in a huddle.

Rtn. Marcus Dee and Rtn. Neil Paras sharing a light moment.



The registration area to claim the free RCM red shirts and the tickets.

ISDG/PD Alvin Lacambacal, DE/IPAS Rene Policarpio and AT Karlo Castro.



PD Oscar del Rosario, PP Benny Laguesma, PE/Dir. Bobby Joseph, PVP/BSP Governor Ben Diokno, CP/IPP Susing Pineda, President Jackie Rodriguez and Rtn. Ludek Vrana.



The Manila Rotarians present at the party.



Seated: PD Oscar del Rosario, PD Abe Pascual, President Jackie Rodriguez. Standing: PD John Cenica, PP Francis Juico, PP Frank Evaristo, Rtn. Jordan Pizarra, Rtn. Geoffrey Yu, VPE Thad Liamzon and PD Nick Locsin.



The exchange gifts and raffle prizes.