

TODAY'S PROGRAM

- 12:30 PM** Call to Order
PRES. ERIC B. TENSUAN (RCMW)
PRES. JACKIE RODRIGUEZ (RCM)
- 12:30 PM** Invocation
RTN. CONS ROBERTZ (RCM)
- RCMW Hymn
RCM Hymn
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest
Introduction of Personalities at the Presidential Table
- BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS (RCMW)**
Rtn. Jacques Dupasquier Jan 16
- BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS (RCM)**
Rtn. Butch Tamayo Jan 20
Rtn. Butch Alcantara, Jr. Jan 21
- WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**
Rtn. Tonito Payumo
Sps. Gina Jan 13
Rtn. Joey Avellana
Sps. Lulu Jan 14
Dir. Dax Carlos
Sps. Sheila Jan 14
PDG Tony Rufino
Sps. Mita Rufino Jan 14
- 12:45 PM** Past President's Time
PP JUNVEE VITAL
- 12:55 PM** President's Time
PRESIDENT ERIC B. TENSUAN (RCMW)
PRES. JACKIE RODRIGUEZ (RCM)
- Introduction of the Guest Speakers
PDG TONY RUFINO (RCMW)
- Speech
SEC. CARLOS "SONNY" DOMINGUEZ III
Secretary, Department of Finance
- Moderator
SEC. FRANCO DEL ROSARIO (RCMW)

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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER PRES. JACKIE RODRIGUEZ DELIVERS MIDYEAR REPORT



Secretary CARLOS G. DOMINGUEZ, III
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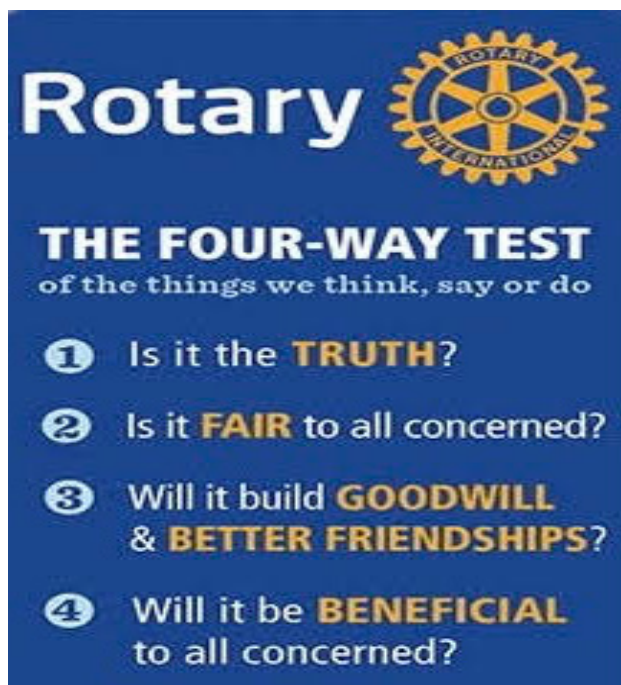
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After savoring the positive economic outlook for our country in 2020 together with a sojourn in Kalibo and Boracay, it's time to appreciate the fearless financial forecast of our very own Finance Czar at Asia's First Rotary Club.

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Hon. Carlos G. Dominguez, Secretary
Department of Finance, Republic of the Philippines
Member, Rotary Club of Manila

He is a respected public servant and leader of industry, with over two decades of experience in the public and private sectors.

He spent the early part of his career in agriculture, managing a large banana plantation, then in banking, even serving as the president of the then-BPI Agricultural Bank. Upon the invitation of President Corazon Aquino, he joined the Philippine Cabinet and headed the Ministry of Natural Resources (1986) and the Department of Agriculture (1987).

He returned to the private sector in 1989, building a career in various industries, including real estate, mining, retail, financial services, energy, and aviation.

Following the election of President Rodrigo Duterte, he once again responded to the call to public service, turning his back on what must have been more relaxing and less hectic days-sometimes, hunting with his sons-in Oregon.

As Secretary of Finance, he heads a formidable economic team instrumental in maintaining, and building on, the strong macroeconomic fundamentals of the Philippines.

He has also been a key figure in the restructuring of our decades-old tax system, which President Duterte signed into law in December 2017. The Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) promises to boost personal consumption, attract more investments, and generate revenue for the government's massive infrastructure program. All this—even as he has remained an avid reader and lover of poetry.

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Dear Fellow Rotarians,



We had a fabulous week starting with the historic speech of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Ben Diokno. Our very own Ben gave an amazing, intelligent and educational speech that he would like us to do all those plans and programs for our country. This was well attended by closer to help people. I just included ten (10) of our foremost financial institutions in the country. Our question and answer session was highlighted by comprehensive service of questions, especially coming from panelists, Tony Lopez, Chito Zalardriaga, Lito Sibayan and two from the Rotary Club of Makati West. I would like to congratulate PP and Chairman Jimmie and Treasurer as well as Fellowship Committee Chair Jason Ong for the terrific program. The program was simply the very best!

The very next day, the Ambassadors' Circle proceeded to Kalibo to meet with the Rotary Clubs in the area in our program to reach out. Our Ambassador to Panay island, AS Ariel Abriam, did a magnificent job of arranging, hosting, feeding and spoiling all our members during our stay. Our hundreds of memories include the surprise joining in our district's midyear report of the members of RCM who supported me and encouraged my performance. They were spectacular. Thank you guys. Then, we ate in a beach front restaurant called NIGI NIGI. Sounded horrible, but, the food was great and so was the music. As if this was not enough, we gatecrashed the district midyear fellowship of our Rotary district much to the surprise and joy of all ninety (90) Champion Presidents. Our group included two (2) Past District Governors, Vince Carlos and Rudy Bediones, five (5) Past Presidents, Vince Carlos, Archit Bartolome, Francis Juico, Rudy Bediones and Frank Evaristo. Others with me were PD Rod Valencia, PE/Dir. Bobby Joseph, Vice President Hermie Esguerra and fifteen (15) heroes, including AS Ariel Abriam, PD John Ceneca, AT Karlo Castro, Champion Dancing King PD Ner Lonzaga, Rtn. Ludek Vrana and PDSAA Ferdie Co. We not only gatecrashed, but, we took over the party with VP Hermie's singing, with everyone dancing and our getting together with the presidents of the ninety (90) clubs and district officers. We simply had a wonderful time. And then, the next day, we proceeded to Ariel's Point, named after the owner, AS Ariel Abriam. This was the most amazing business concept ever conceived by any entrepreneur. People pay AS Ariel Abriam, Php 2800.00, to jump off his cliff. How good is that. We were with sixty (60) other people, mostly foreigners, who all wanted to dance with our dancing king, PD Ner Lonzaga. It was a great trip.

Today, we meet with the Rotary Club of Makati West in a joint meeting to listen to our very own Rotarian, Finance Secretary Sonny Dominguez. We are breaking tradition here in meeting out of our home, but, this one is for Sonny! Sonny is a Davaoño and a childhood friend of Sonja, while his wife, Ball, just like me, is from Tuguegarao and her family had been longtime family friends of mine.

Sonny, we are truly proud of you and wish you continuing success.

Best,

Jackie



BSP GOVERNOR DIOKNO PRESENTS POSITIVE OUTLOOK FOR 2020

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Benjamin “Ben” Diokno emphatically pronounced that the Philippines remains in a position of strength. He added that despite budgetary delays, the Philippines sustains strong growth as unemployment and underemployment are at a historic low. He said that based on grown projections in the ASEAN region and the Goldman Sachs Real Gross Domestic Product Growth, overall prospects for the Philippine economy remain favorable. Likewise, for him, benign inflation environment is expected to further support economic activity. Inflation outlook points to within target inflation environment from 2019-2021. Future BSP policy actions will continue to be data-dependent. Manageable external payments position provides buffer to external headwinds. Current accounts reflect accelerating investments and economic growth. There are also adequate buffers against global headwinds. Favorable external debt profile cushions against external shocks. In addition, the BSP is committed to effectively discharge its mandates. Further, its legislative agenda is to further promote access to quality financial products and to espouse the interests of the general public. Its continuing reform agenda fosters an enabling macroenvironment. The policy thrusts are moving forward, bringing BSP closer to the people. The key take away is that the Philippines stands in a position of strength and resiliency.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

RCM Members' Attendance Report, RY 2019-2020				
January, Thursday, 2020				
BSP Gov. Benjamin E. Diokno				
All Members Present			55	
Less: Exempt from Attendance			6	
Total Active Members			49	
ADD: Make-Up *			6	
TOTAL			55	
Total # of Members			222	
Less: Exempt from Attendance			27	
On Leave			18	
Total Active Members (Total Percentage Base)			177	
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:			31%	
No Credit for MAKE-UP		Date	EVENT	
1	Pres Jackie Rodriguez	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
2	IPDG Rudy Bediones	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
3	PDG Vince Carlos	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
4	PP Archibart Bartolome	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
5	PP Frank Evaristo	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
6	PD Beda Fajardo	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
7	PD Rod Valencia	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
8	Rtn Ariel Abriam	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
9	Rtn Ludek Vrana	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
10	AT Karlo Castro	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
CREDITED MAKE UP				
1	VP Hermie Esguerra	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
2	PP Francis Juico	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
3	PD Ner Lonzaga	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
4	PD Abe Pascual	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
5	PDSAA Ferdie Co	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
6	Rtn Willie Pelino	1.10.2020	Joint Fellowship with Panay RCs	
		12.5.2019	12.10.2019	1.9.2020
RCM Members		52	70	55
Members' Guests		3	13	8
Club Guests		2	0	3
RID 3810				5
Visiting Rotarian				1
BSP				23
PNB				8
Security Bank				3
Robinson Bank				8
Palawan Pawnshop				8
Union Bank				8
BPI				8
East West Bank				4
Bankers Ass. of the Phils.				5
Press				4
RAC DLSU		2	0	
RAC Manila		1	0	
Dance Instructors			7	
TOTAL		60	90	151

WARNING AGAINST VOLCANIC ASH

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.



In the early afternoon of Sunday, January 12, 2020, Taal volcano started to spew out smoke and later on volcanic chemicals and materials from its many craters. The eruption had fast-escalated to level 4, the highest being level 5. Earthquakes numbering to hundreds were recorded and ash fall in the form of rains that carried acidic chemicals and mud churned out by the volcano had resulted to zero visibility, mud-covered streets – destroying property and livestock, not to mention pets – acutely transforming the municipalities of Agoncillo, Laurel, Talisay, Lemery, San Nicolas, Taal, and other nearby Batangas municipalities, in terms of proximity to Taal volcano, into “ghost towns.” The whole of Batangas province was declared in a state of calamity. Meanwhile our Department of Health (DOH) issued warning against the hazardous effects of ash fall.

Ash fall

Ash fall is a term referred to when a volcano erupts and starts to emit – in the form of a blast – hazardous blast materials, chemicals, and compounds, into the atmosphere. With the toxic fumes and gases, eruption carry microscopic materials, powder-size, sand-size hazardous objects, stones, rocks, and boulders, thus making the natural event, an imminent danger to persons and property.

Health effects of ash fall

1. Nose and throat irritation, allergy, and infection.
2. Respiratory condition that can result to coughing, bronchitis, asthma, tuberculosis, bacteria and fungus lung infection, asbestosis, and pneumonia.
3. Difficulty and discomfort in breathing.
4. Eye irritation and infection (like conjunctivitis or sore eyes).
5. Skin irritation, skin allergies, and other skin problems including infections coming from microscopic cuts and wounds and trauma from hazardous chemicals in volcanic dust.
6. Injuries from falling debris and collapsed roofs and houses, slippery roads, and poor visibility.

Health tips in coping with ash fall

1. Avoid or minimize exposure to volcanic ash. Stay indoors whenever possible.
2. Keep doors and windows closed.
3. Use damp curtains, blankets, and curtains to avoid infiltration of volcanic dust.
4. Cover your nose and mouth with face mask (DOH recommends N95 mask. If not available, use ordinary surgical mask or wet face towel (commonly referred to as “bimpo” to serve the purpose).
5. Wear goggles or eyeglasses to protect your eyes from irritation.
6. Keep pets in close shelter.
7. Clear your roof of ash. Ash easily turns to mud. Mud on the roof can be heavy resulting to roof collapse.
8. Observe traffic rules, notifications, and advisory for road safety. Bring flashlight.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**January 23**

12N, New World Makati Hotel - “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 Most Outstanding Sports Personality
Award



The Board of Directors and Executive Officers for RY 2020-2021 held a meeting last January 9, 2020 at the Manila Yacht Club in Manila. The meeting was hosted by PE/Dir. Bobby Joseph.



Manila Rotarians in a dinner fellowship at AS Ariel Abriam's Boracay Beach Club last January 10, 2020 in Boracay, Malay, Aklan.



Manila Rotarians in a day fellowship last January 11, 2020 at Boracay Beach Club, Boracay, Malay, Aklan. (Seated L-R) IPDG Rudy Bediones, Rtn. Ludek Vrana, AS Ariel Abriam, PD Rod Valencia, VP Hermie Esguerra, PD Beda Fajardo, PDG Vince Carlos and President Jackie Rodriguez. (Standing L-R) PP Frank Evaristo, AT Karlo Castro and Lady Sharon Bediones.



PP Frank Evaristo, PP Francis Juico and IPDG Rudy Bediones at the Water and Sanitation Project of the Rotary Club of Kalibo



A visit to the Rotary Club of Kalibo's Global Grant Project



Manila Rotarians on the way to Boracay



District Governor Liza Elorde with her district officers, Chief Governor's Aide SDG Bernie Sagsagat, SDG George Ng, SDG Melanio "Batas" Mauricio and DAD Alex Santiago, conducted a **Governor's Visit** on the Rotary Club of Manila represented by its Board of Directors and Executive Officers for RY 2019-2020 and RY 2020-2021 last January 9, 2020 at the Acacia Room of the Manila Hotel in Manila. Also present were FG Rtn. Johnny Elorde and ES Anna Toledo.



PDG Alex Cureg and SDG/Club Sec./DE/Dir. Albert Alday conducted a Rotary Briefing on Mr. Juan "Jed" Dayang last January 9, 2020 at the Acacia Room of the Manila Hotel in Manila.

DISTRICT 3810 MIDYEAR REPORTING



President Jackie Rodriguez delivered his Midyear Report last January 11, 2020 at Boracay Tropics, Boracay, Malay, Aklan.



PD Beda Fajardo, PDG Vince Carlos, VP Hermie Esguerra and IPDG Rudy Bediones lent moral support to **President Jackie Rodriguez** during his Midyear Report last January 11, 2020 at Boracay Tropics, Boracay, Malay, Aklan.



Group picture of Manila Rotarians with the Rotary Club of Kalibo and the Rotary Club of Kalibo Metro



Manila Rotarians with Kalibo Rotarians at the Bakhawan Mangrove.

MANILA ROTARIANS VISIT ROTARY CLUBS OF AKLAN



Manila Rotarians received a warm welcome from the representatives of the Rotary Club of Kalibo and the Rotary Club of Kalibo Metro last January 10, 2020 at the Kalibo Airport in Kalibo, Aklan.



President Jackie Rodriguez addressed the Rotary Club of Kalibo last January 10, 2020 in Kalibo, Aklan.



President Jackie Rodriguez showing the sisterhood agreement he just signed with the **Rotary Club of Kalibo** during the Joint Luncheon Meeting of the **Rotary Club of Kalibo** and the **Rotary Club of Kalibo Metro** last January 10, 2020 in Kalibo, Aklan.



PP Francis Juico, PP Frank Evaristo, AS Ariel Abriam, AT Karlo Castro and Rtn. Ludek Vrana lent moral support to **President Jackie Rodriguez** during his Midyear Report last January 11, 2020 at Boracay Tropics, Boracay, Malay, Aklan.



AT Karlo Castro, Rtn. Ludek Vrana, PD Abe Pascual and PP Archit Bartolome watched **President Jackie Rodriguez** during his Midyear Report last January 11, 2020 at Boracay Tropics, Boracay, Malay, Aklan.



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez, for the Rotary Club of Manila and **Pres. Eric Tensuan**, for the Rotary Club of Makati West, call the joint meeting, to order.



PP Archit Bartolome, as Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator, calls the sequence of activities.



PP Jimmie Policarpio delivers an ecumenical prayer.



PP A.P. Bartolome leads in the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test, as a renewal of the Rotary credo for all Rotarians.



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



The group photo taken after the farewell lunch hosted by **Rotary Club of Kowloon East** last December 17, 2019 at the port town of Sai Kung in Hongkong.

MANILA ROTARIANS ATTEND GOLDEN JUBILEE FUNDRAISING BALL OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST



PDG Vince Carlos presented the donation of the Rotary Club of Manila to the Rotary Club of Kowloon East on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Fundraising Ball of the Rotary Club of Kowloon East held last December 16, 2019 at the Intercontinental Hongkong, Kowloon, Hongkong. The donation was received by PE Luke Tsang of the Rotary Club of Kowloon East. With him was PD Nick Locsin, PE/Dir. Bobby Joseph and Rotary Club of Kowloon East PP Albert Poon. The Rotary Club of Kowloon East is a sister club of the Rotary Club of Manila.



The Rotary Club of Manila delegation at the Golden Jubilee Fundraising Ball of the Rotary Club of Kowloon East, namely, PD Nick Locsin, PE/Dir. Bobby Joseph, PDG Vince Carlos, PP Frank Evaristo and VPE Thad Liamzon.



D-3810 Gov. Liza Elorde delivers a brief message relative to her official visit to the Rotary Club of Manila.



Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) and the Bankers Association of the Philippines (BAP) as partners in holding the first Thursday meeting of the New Year with the Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas as Guest of Honor and Speaker. Photo shows Pres. Jackie Rodriguez, PE/Dir. Bobby Joseph, BAP's 1st VP Antonio Moncupa, Jr. (Past President of the Rotary Club of Manila Bay) and Managing Dir. Benjamin Castillo as signatories to the MOU.

PP Benny Laguesma does the honor, pleasure and privilege of introducing Hon. Benjamin "Ben" E. Diokno, Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Past Vice President, Rotary Club of Manila, as Guest of Honor and Speaker.





BSP Governor Benjamin "Ben" E. Diokno presented before Manila Rotarians, Makati West Rotarians and their respective guests, his fearless projections on the state of the Philippine Economy.



A public forum with **BSP Governor Benjamin "Ben" E. Diokno** followed suit where a panel asked the questions.



RCM Pres. Jackie Rodriguez and **RCMW Pres. Eric Tensuan** during their respective responses, presentations of tokens of appreciation to **BSP Governor Benjamin "Ben" E. Diokno** and meeting adjournment.

MEMBERSHIP/CLASSIFICATIONS COMMITTEE



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez administers the oath of membership pledge to **Mr. Matthew "Matt" Chiojioji** (American), Vice President, Akamai Investments, Inc., Classification: Finance and Investments – Venture Capital; and **Mr. Marlon R. Roño** (Filipino), Executive Chairman, Magsaysay Maritime Corporation, Classification: Business Services-Manpower Development. Proposers were **PP Jimmie Policarpio** and **Dir. Amading Valdez**.

RCM WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS



RCM Pres. Jackie Rodriguez and **RCMW Pres. Eric Tensuan** present **Rtn. Jimmy Bautista**, Member, RC Makati West, as a birthday celebrant for the traditional blowing of candle on the birthday cake amidst the singing by the RCM World Famous Music Chorale of the happy birthday song.