

RCM's 28th for Rotary Year 2019-2020

Thursday, February 20, 2020, 11:00 AM, Glasshouse, New World Makati Hotel, Makati City
Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator : PP Jimmie Policarpio, Chairman, Program Committee

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

11:00 AM	Registration	
12:15 PM	Bell to be Rung: Members and Guests are requested to be seated	
12:20 PM	Program Proper	OIC/Moderator : PP Jimmie Policarpio
	Call to Order	Pres. Jackie Rodriguez
	Singing of the Philippine National Anthem	RCM WF Music Chorale
	Invocator	IPP Susing Pineda
	RCM Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	➤ The Four (4) Way Test Credo	All Rotarians led by PVP Fausto Preysler
12:25 PM	Introduction of Guests/Visiting Rotarians and Personalities seated at the Presidential Table	Rtn. Lutz Kunack
	➤ Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:30 PM	Maligayang Bati (RCM Birthday Celebrants)	
	Feb. 21..... PD Ning Lopez	Feb. 27..... VPE/Dir. Nicky Villaseñor, Rtn. Dicky Yujuico
	Feb. 22..... Rtn. Dante Gierran	Mar. 01..... DE/Treas. Jason Ong, BLA Raji Mendoza
	Feb. 26..... PSAA Gunter Matschuck	Mar. 02..... PVP Fausto Preysler, Rtn. Ray Rysbergen
	➤ Happy Birthday Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:35 PM	Presentation of Paul Harris Fellows	Pres. Jackie Rodriguez
	AT Karlo Castro – New Paul Harris Fellow	
	PD Nick Locsin – 2 Sapphire Paul Harris Fellow	
12:40 PM	Induction of a new Member to the Rotary Club of Manila	
	Brief Introduction of Inductee by his Proposer	SDG/Club Sec./DE/Dir. Albert Alday
	Mr. Roberto R. Locsin (Filipino) Chief Executive Officer, Philippine Growth Terminals Classification: Shipping Services-Maritime Container Terminal Operations Proposer: SDG/Club Sec./DE/Dir. Albert Alday	
	Charging of New Member	IPDG Rudy Bediones
	Formal Induction Ceremony	Pres. Jackie Rodriguez Inducting Officer
	➤ Welcome Baby Rotarian Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:45 PM	Message	Ambassador Masato Shimamura Rotary Club of Fukui Ajsai, Japan
12:50 PM	President's Time	Pres. Jackie Rodriguez
12:55 PM	Introduction of Guest of Honor and Speaker	PD Art Lopez
	Address : His Excellency Jose Manuel G. Romualdez Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Philippines to the United States of America Past Vice President, Rotary Club of Manila	
	Public Forum	
2:00 PM	Response, Presentation of Token of Appreciation to Ambassador Jose Manuel G. Romualdez & Meeting Adjournment	Pres. Jackie Rodriguez

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His Excellency JOSE MANUEL "BABE" G. ROMUALDEZ
 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
 of the Republic of the Philippines
 to the
 United States of America

KABALITA

After savoring the service and policy reforms for inclusive growth, the time has come for Asia's First Rotary Club to listen to the present state of US-Philippine Bilateral Relations with the pride of our club, our very own country's Main Man in Uncle Sam land.

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JOSE MANUEL ROMUALDEZ y DEL GALLEGO

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME : Jose Manuel del Gallego Romualdez
 DATE OF BIRTH : 08 November 1947
 PLACE OF BIRTH : Manila

II. EDUCATION

Ateneo de Manila University	Grade School	1954-1962
Ateneo de Manila University	High School	1962-1965
Forest Hills High School	New York, USA	1965-1966
De La Salle College	College	1966-1970
B.S.B.A.		

III. CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1970-1979	News Reporter/Newscaster (NEWSWATCH RPN-9)
April 1989	Coordinated Media group for the official visit of Vice-President Salvador H. Laurel in Washington DC, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco
May 1997	Member, Business Delegation of President Ramos to Los Angeles, San Diego & Mexico
November 1997	Member, Business Delegation of President Ramos to APEC Conference in Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco & New York
July 1999	Coordinated official working visit of the former President Joseph Ejercito Estrada to San Francisco, New York and Washington DC
September 2011	Member, Philippines, Inc. delegation during President Noyon Aquino's official visit to China and Japan
October 2012	Member, Philippines, Inc. delegation during Pres. Aquino's official visit to New Zealand

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July 2017	Special Envoy of the President to the United States
2016 January (up to Sept. 2017)	Honorary Consul, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It has been a very happy, hectic and successful week. The trip to Kolkata to join the Centennial Celebration of the Rotary Club of Calcutta was an absolute success highlighted by the signing of the agreement with the Rotary Club of Calcutta and the Rotary Club of Shanghai to include those clubs into the Centennial Circle. The

celebration was highlighted as the birth of Rotary in India and hence, the thousands of Rotary clubs in India participated in the weeklong affair.

The Centennial Circle, headed by the Rotary Club of Manila Ambassador of Goodwill Circle Vice Chair PD Nick Locsin started, founded and is, presently, spearheading this program. The incoming members are the Rotary Club of Seattle and the Rotary Club of Tokyo. The signing ceremonies giving birth to the Centennial Circle was witnessed by Rotary International President Mark Maloney and Rotary International President-Elect Holger Knaack. Once again, WE ARE FIRST!!!!

I would like to thank the Rotary Club of Calcutta for the magnificent hosting they did for the Rotary Club of Manila members (VPE Thad and wife, PDSAA Ferdie Co and wife, Vice Chair PD Nick Locsin, Rtn. Dr. John Michael Cutter and yours truly). The food was amazing, the friendships were outstanding, the programs ran perfectly. Everything was just perfect.

Today, we are so lucky to have the MAN OF THE HOUR, our very own, Ambassador Babe Romualdez. We miss him and his presence is most welcome. I am anxious to see and meet him. Welcome Babe.

I am requesting each member to prepare for the Rotary National Tree Planting Day on June 15, 2020. Prepare your seedlings now. Plant a tree or more on that day. Document it please and submit the picture to me.

Mindoro! Here we come! Thank you PD Rod Valencia for your magnificent schedule. For those going, please register with Anna now.

Best,

Jackie



ORAL HEALTH MONTH

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

The Department of Health declares the month of February as Oral Health Month. Now that the year and a new decade have just started, it's time for us to look into dental and oral health concerns as public health issue.

Why is oral health and dental problem a public issue in the Philippines?

In the Philippines, the prevalence of dental caries on permanent teeth has remained above 90% throughout the years. The latest figures of the Department of Health (DOH) declare that 92.4% of Filipinos have tooth decay (dental caries) and about 78% have gum diseases (periodontal diseases). Moreover, DOH concludes that oral health status of Filipino children is alarming. More than four out of five public school children manifest symptoms of dentinogenic infection.

The Christmas season, New Year celebrations, and Chinese New Year are known time of the year when dental care is easily neglected. But while parties and revelries have past, the fiesta months are just starting in different towns and cities in the Philippines; thus making rice cakes and sweets to be far from over yet. These foods can spell havoc to your teeth and gums. Here are some useful and practical tips you can remember to keep your mouth, gums and teeth healthy and strong.

Practical oral and dental health habits

On sugary treats

I don't mean total avoidance of cakes, chocolates, and the mainstay foods in fiestas. I only want inform you that when you eat sugary foods, your teeth are in constant attack. Whenever possible, try to limit the amount of sweet treats you eat. Just try them during meal times. Don't snack on them. And remember to brush your teeth between meals to help protect your teeth.

On alcohol

Many of us do not know or might have forgotten that alcohol can have a lasting effect on your teeth. Red wine can stain your teeth. Other wines and spirits are acidic. Some have sugar added on them. Therefore, alcoholic drinks can lead to cavities. Rinse your mouth out with water after drinks.

Don't forget oral care routines

This year and throughout this decade, don't forget the time-tested oral hygiene routines. No matter how hectic your schedules might be, with plenty of meetings, parties, get-togethers, and family gatherings, remember to brush, floss, and rinse before going to bed and first thing in the morning. This prevents harmful bacteria from attacking your teeth and leading to cavities and bad breath.

Have a trip to your dentist at the least, once a year, to get your oral prophylaxis. More often dental visits are excellent observance of oral health.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

RCM Members' Attendance Report, RY 2019-2020		
Thursday, February 13, 2020		
Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles, Republic of the Philippines		

All Members Present	45
Less: Exempt from Attendance	3
Total Active Members	42
ADD: Make-Up *	10
TOTAL	52
Total # of Members	223
Less: Exempt from Attendance	26
On Leave	28
Total Active Members (Total Percentage Base)	169
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	31%

No Credit for MAKE-UP	Date	EVENT	ON LEAVE	
1 Pres. Jackie Rodriguez	2.14.2020	Centennial Celeb Kolkota	1 Abastillas, Celso	14 Garcia, PJ
2 DE Johnny Chotrani	2.14.2020	Centennial Celeb Kolkota	2 Aboy, Val	15 Masters, Lance
			3 Abriam, Ariel	16 Matschuck, Gunter
CREDITED MAKE UP			4 Bella, Jun	17 Mommaerts, MoMo
1 VPE Thad Liamzon	2.14.2020	Centennial Celeb Kolkota	5 Benedicto, Dong	18 Montecillo, Dennis
2 Rtn John Cutter	2.14.2020	Centennial Celeb Kolkota	6 Bolton. Bollie	19 Montinola, Tony
3 PD Nick Locsin	2.14.2020	Centennial Celeb Kolkota	7 Castro, Karlo	20 Santos, Jun
4 Rtn Ferdie Co	2.14.2020	Centennial Celeb Kolkota	8 Garcia, PJ	21 Sibayan, Lito
5 PD Raffy Alunan	2.10.2020	TREES Committee Meeting	9 Gonzales, Peter	22 Wong, David
6 Rtn Henning Karcher	2.10.2020	TREES Committee Meeting	10 Guevara, Boy	23 Vrana, Ludek
7 Rtn Beniting Legarda	2.6.2020	RC Manila South	11 Lopez, Ning	24 Villegas, Raoul
8 Rtn Beniting Legarda	1.30.2020	RC Manila South	12 Lopez, Tony	25 Zaldarriaga, Chito
9 VP Hermie Esguerra	2.13.2020	Regular Board Meeting	13 Garcia, Vic	26 Zalamea, Rick
10 Dir Amading Valdez	2.13.2020	Regular Board Meeting		

	2.6.2020	2.13.2020
RCM Members (registered)	40	43
RCM members (unregistered)		2
Members' Guests	5	5
Guests of GOHS		3
Press/Media		0
Honorary Members	1	0
RC Taipei	1	1
RC Paris		1
RC Florida		1
RC Manila Midtown	1	
TOTAL	48	56



Speech of Cabinet Secretary KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
at the Rotary Club of Manila Thursday Luncheon Meeting, Manila Polo Club,
February 13, 2020

Thank you Champion President Joaquin C. Rodriguez Sr., Program Committee Chairman Jose C. Policarpio Jr., Board of Directors, Executive Officers and Members of the Rotary International District 3810, more popularly the Rotary Club of Manila! I am most honored to be invited by the organization that began the Rotary movement in the Philippines and in Asia. Magandang Tanghali po sa inyong lahat. Ikinagagalak ko pong makapiling kayo ngayong araw na ito.

The common thread that binds everyone here today is Service. We have all answered the call to Serve. It is indeed humbling to be in the presence of the captains of industry and pillars of society who choose to dedicate your time, talent and resources to reach out and help make a difference in the world the Rotary way.

Like you, I too heeded the call to public service when a little over a decade ago in 2008, I served as Chief-of-Staff to my father, Speaker Boy Nograles. Since then I have had the privilege of serving the people of the 1st District of Davao City, as their representative in Congress for almost nine full years before I was appointed to my current post as Cabinet Secretary. This of course pales in comparison to the RCM who has been serving our country for more than a century.

I have always believed that we are all born into this world for a divine purpose. That regardless of our religion or moral creed, we have all been put on this earth for a purpose. And that purpose is to serve others in whatever capacity that we can. To serve is to help create good in the life of another so that he too may do something good that would in turn change the life of another person for the better and so on.

The President, in his Inaugural Address said, "Love of country, subordination of personal interests to the common good, concern and care for the helpless and the impoverished, these are among the lost and faded values that we seek to recover and revitalize as we commence our journey towards a better Philippines."

It is on this mantra that the President has anchored his term and his Administration's brand of service.

Since the President took the helm in 2016, the country's medium-term growth outlook remains positive. This 2020, our growth is expected to reach 6.5 percent. Our economy is currently growing at its higher potential, with our government making consistent productive investments in both physical and human capital to sustain this growth trajectory.

We began our year with good prospects – the fourth quarter 2019 GDP up 6.4 percent, the proportion of our poor families to the total population was estimated at 12.1 percent, we recorded more than 8 million tourists in 2019, we kept inflation down to 2.5 percent and same with self-rated poverty at 8.8 % and subsistence incidence at 3.4 percent.

But with recent developments in January: the threat of an Iran-US war; the Taal Volcano eruption; the ongoing 2019 Novel Corona Virus emergency; and African Swine Fever now reaching Mindanao; some sectors are now beginning to worry.

Let me assure you that with the appropriate government response and contingencies in place, together with the support of the private sector, Philippine growth and development remains on track.

Amidst unrest in the Middle East, we have been working to attain energy independence by implementing power market reforms as an ongoing priority of this Administration. The President has directed the Department of Energy to promote an energy mix to include sustainable renewable, alternative and cheaper energy from local sources to make us less import-dependent.

As of February 12, while Alert Level 3 remains over Taal Volcano, the DOST-PHIVOLCS continues to remind the public that sudden steam-driven and even weak phreatomagmatic explosions, volcanic earthquakes, ashfall, and volcanic gas expulsions can still occur.

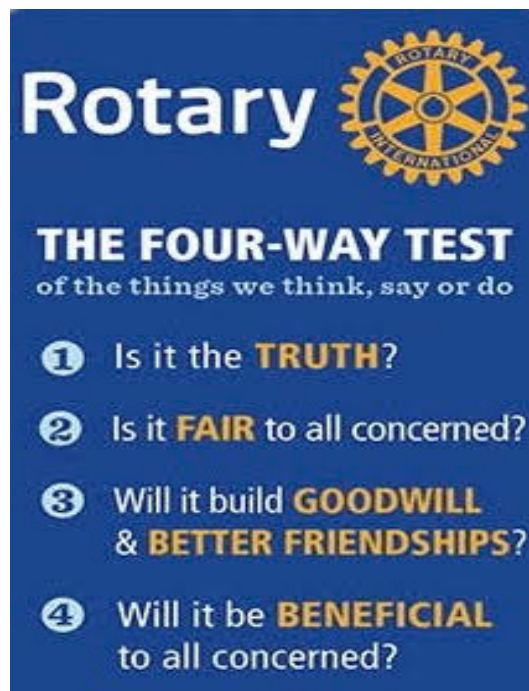
While entry into the Taal Volcano Island as well as areas over Taal Lake and communities west of the island within a seven km radius from the Main Crater remains strictly prohibited, we have identified housing units in Batangas, Laguna, Cavite and Quezon, to be given for free as a grant to the displaced families who still remain in relocation sites including about 2,000 families from the Taal Volcano Island itself.

Rest assured, we have intensified disaster risk response, as well as the recovery and rehabilitation plans, especially for the areas directly affected by the eruption last month.

For the long term, government is committed to further increase investments in climate and disaster-resilient farm technologies and practices, and the adoption of such among all our farmers and fisher folks.



SDG/Club Secretary/DE/Dir. Albert Alday attended the **Rotary District 3810 DISCON 2020** meeting last February 17, 2020 at the Mayfair Room of the Midas Hotel and Casino in Pasay City.





President Jackie Rodriguez with RI Director Raffy and Lady Minda Garcia at the centennial celebration of the Rotary Club of Calcutta in India.



PDSAA Ferdie Co, PD Nick Locsin, RI Dir. Raffy Garcia, President Jackie Rodriguez, VPE Thad Liamzon and Rtn. John Michael Cutter in Calcutta, India

We are also fast-tracking the implementation of interventions under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) to improve the productivity of our farmers, alongside our other mitigation measures (e.g. Rice Farmers Financial Assistance, Program Quick Response Fund, Survival and Recovery loan) to fully assist our rice farmers' successful transition amid the tariffication of rice.

On the 2019 nCoV, as of February 12, the DOH reported that there are 238 persons under investigation currently admitted in the different health facilities.

Last February 5, the DOH confirmed the third case of the coronavirus in the Philippines in a 60-year-old woman from Wuhan. Later samples taken from her, reveal that she has recovered from the disease and was allowed to return to China. The first case of a Filipino infected by the disease was also recorded. He remains in Japan as the cruise ship he works on is quarantined there. The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in a statement on February 10, reported that there are now six confirmed cases and they are being treated in hospitals in Japan. A total of 538 Filipinos are onboard the ship and the rest remain under quarantine.

Also last week, the DFA said that there are two overseas Filipino workers in Hong Kong now under quarantine there following exposure to employers who tested positive for 2019-nCoV.

Our DOH is undertaking these actions to stem the spread of the virus: A taskforce on the 2019-nCoV was established. Interim guidelines have also been issued. Border screening through thermal screening and health declaration checklist had been heightened and so has laboratory and hospital preparedness. Decision tables for sick passenger evaluation are being used. Sick passengers are triaged at the arrival area. Daily nCoV surveillance update are being released. Risk communications are observed in all communication venues.

We strongly request all Filipinos to heed the DOH advisory to help contain the spread of this virus:

- a) Practice frequent and proper handwashing
- b) Practice proper cough etiquette.
- c) Maintain distance at least one meter away from individual/s manifesting flu-like symptoms.
- d) Avoid unprotected contact with farm or wild animals (alive or dead), animal markets, and products that come from animals (such as uncooked meat).
- e) Ensure that food is well-cooked.
- f) Maintain a healthy lifestyle.
- g) Avoid crowds and public gatherings as much as possible.

Following these simple practices will go a long way in the prevention of onward spreading of the virus, reducing human infection, and preventing secondary transmission and international spread.

Know that we are prepared and equipped for the containment of

cases, active surveillance and monitoring; early detection; isolation or quarantine; contact tracing or finding the people confirmed cases have interacted with.

We ask everyone to do their part, be properly informed, cooperate, keep ourselves healthy and please let us confirm our information sources and stop the spread of fake news, which in this case I believe is more harmful than the actual virus.

On the African Swine Fever, Davao Occidental declared a state of calamity due to an ASF outbreak last week. All 13,000 pigs in San Marcelino town, ground zero of the disease in Mindanao, are being culled. An indemnification fund of P 5,000 per pig is being funded by the Department of Agriculture, with the provincial government also providing a counterpart fund. The provincial government is also strictly complying with control measures put in place, such as the temporary ban on the entry and exit of domestic or wild live pigs and pork-related products.

Alternative livelihood projects for affected pig owners are also underway. Government will file cases against those who do not cooperate in the anti-ASF efforts.

Meanwhile, guided by the Food Safety Act of 2019, Meat Inspection Code of 2003, and the National Zoning Plan, biosecurity and border control measures are being strengthened and the regulation on the movement of pork products are strictly enforced around the country.

Government remains vigilant on these recent unexpected events. We abide by our economic managers' caution that "despite the relatively stable inflation outlook, we cannot be complacent, as the balance of risks remains on the upside for 2020 due to the earlier mentioned challenges."

In the remaining years of the Duterte Presidency, amidst global uncertainty and inflationary pressures, we stand firm in our commitment to deliver on the President's promise of Real Change.

This Real Change is the articulation of the President's Inclusive Growth Agenda aligned with AmBisyon Natin 2040 and the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022. "AmBisyon Natin 2040" is our collective 25 year vision for Filipinos to attain a "matatag, maginhawa at panatag na buhay".

Three years into this administration, ordinary Filipinos are already enjoying economic growth, with surveys showing a lower number of people identifying themselves as poor. The full year 2018 poverty incidence among our population, was estimated at 16.6 percent. This is lower than the 23.5 percent posted in 2015. Consequently, the proportion of poor families in 2018 was estimated at 12.1 percent.

This is much lower than the 17.9 percent in 2015. In real numbers, this means from 4.1 million Filipino families living below poverty, we have been able to reduce this number to 3 million.



President Jackie Rodriguez signed a Memorandum of Agreement with **Rotary Club of Calcutta President Pumenda Roychowdhury** with respect to the latter's membership into the Rotary Centennial Circle founded by the Rotary Club of Manila last February 14, 2020 at the Biswa-Bangla Convention Center in India. Witnessing the same were Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney and other Rotarian dignitaries.



Rotary Club of Calcutta President Pumenda Roychowdhury, **Convention Head/Director Saumen**, **President Jackie Rodriguez** and **PD Nick Locsin** strike a pose.

MEMBERSHIP/CLASSIFICATIONS COMMITTEE



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez, as proposer, delivers a brief introduction on the inductee, **Mr. Van Mierlo** (Dutch), Regional Vice President & General Manager, New World Makati Hotel who carries the classification, Hotels – Tourist Hotel.



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez administers the oath of membership pledge to **Mr. Van Mierlo** as the newest “**STAR Rotarian**” in the **Rotary Club of Manila**. The formal presentation of the Rotary Badge and Rotary Pins followed suit after the induction ceremony.

RCM WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT/S



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez presents the week's celebrant, **Rtn. Klaus Mueller**, 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.

We attribute this largely to the President's social reform programs, which include among others, free college tuition, higher pensions, conditional cash transfers, and universal health care.

Concurrently, the Administration's flagship infrastructure program 'Build, Build, Build' is transforming the country's landscape enhancing mobility, connectivity and accessibility nationwide. From 2016 to 2019, investments and actual disbursements for the most ambitious infra program of the government remains unparalleled. This is up by more than 180 percent in public works and highways alone, from 715 billion (2012-2015) to more than two trillion pesos. More than 6,000 flood mitigation structures, 14,600 kilometers of roads, 4,500 bridges, 129,400 classrooms and 110 evacuation centers have been completed. As a result, the construction industry grew by 10.7 percent in the fourth quarter of 2019. This expansion was attributed to faster growth in Public Construction. Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GFCE) grew by 18.7 percent in the same quarter, higher compared with the 12.6 percent growth in the same period in 2018.

While we passed landmark reform measures such as the Rice Tariffication Law, the BSP Act, the National ID, and the Bangsamoro Basic Law, a simplified, more efficient and fair tax system, and the Ease of Doing Business Act, the President continues to call on Congress to prioritize and enact new policies to help him deliver his commitment of a comfortable life for all Filipinos.

Among these priorities is the creation of the Department of Water Resources and the Water Regulatory Commission to be the primary national agency responsible for the comprehensive and integrated planning, policy formulation, and management of water resources in the country.

The President also reiterated his appeal to enact the remaining tax reform packages of the Comprehensive Tax Reform Program, among which is the Corporate Income Tax and Incentive Rationalization Act or CITIRA; bills to raise the tobacco and alcohol excise taxes and reform the property valuation system of LGUs.

Vital amendments to the Foreign Investments Act (FIA); Public Service Act (PSA) Retail Trade Liberalization Act (RTLA) and Contractors' License Law have also been filed.

It is full steam ahead in the next two years as we continue to engage and foster the participation and support of all sectors for more bold initiatives for inclusive growth and real change. In the remainder of the President's term, our work continues to lift more poor Filipinos out of poverty, empowering them to live better lives and institutionalizing government services to ensure they will never be poor again.

But...government cannot do this alone. At this point, may I appeal for your support for an urgent and most important initiative.

Last month, the President issued Executive Order 101 creating the Inter-Agency Task Force on Zero Hunger which I have both the honor and challenge to Chair. This task force will formulate a national food policy to ensure the attainment of zero hunger and poverty eradication, consistent with the 2017-2022 PDP.

Under this task force is the Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty Program or EPAHP. A convergence program that aims to increase farm productivity and income of farmers, ensure food and nutrition security, and mitigate hunger and malnutrition in the urban and rural communities.

We are linking community-based farmers organizations to the institutional feeding programs of the government to ensure that they have ready buyers for their produce. EPAHP adopts the same whole-of-government approach that has proven effective in other government initiatives and applies it in efforts to address hunger.

Basically, our goal is to ensure that all these anti-hunger programs are linked directly with our local farmer groups. Under EPAHP, government feeding programs under DepEd, DSWD, DOH and DILG will be supplied directly from the produce of local farmers without passing through middlemen. We also included support programs and services of the partner agencies including TESDA, NIA, DOST, DTI, DA and Landbank.

May I count on your support for our Task Force Goodbye Gutom. It is my hope that the Rotary Club of Manila will become one of our staunchest supporters for our anti hunger initiatives.

It is only with the strong support from communities and non government organizations such as Rotary that we will be able to sustain economic growth and improve government services.

In these challenging times, may we continue to be strong partners, working together to serve our country, to serve our fellow Filipinos.

Daghang salamat! Mabuhay tayong lahat!

*There are many ways of going forward,
but only one way of standing still.*

Franklin D. Roosevelt



The Manila Rotarians who participated in the open forum were **PE/Dir. Bobby Joseph**, **PD Beda Fajardo**, **Star Rtn. Martin Henkelmann**, **PD Rod Valencia** and **PP Jimmie Policarpio**.



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez during his response, presentation of token of appreciation to **Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles** of the club's commemorative bell and gavel set and meeting adjournment.



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez presents **Rtn. Nando Camus** as New Paul Harris Fellow and **IPDG Rudy Bediones** as 2-Sapphire Multiple Paul Harris Fellow where he awarded their certificates, medallions and pins.



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez, during his President's Time, reported on the eight (8) member RCM delegation attending the Centennial Celebration of the **Rotary Club of Calcutta** in India where R.I. Pres. Mark Daniel Maloney will be attending and which will be highlighted by the signing of Centenary Relations between the two (2) Rotary clubs.



PP Benny Laguesma does the honor, pleasure and privilege of introducing **Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles**, Cabinet Secretariat, Republic of the Philippines.



Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles presented before Manila Rotarians and their guests, the topic on **"Service And Policy Reforms For Inclusive Growth."**

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA

Program Committee for RY 2019-2020 Calendar of Guest Speakers

FEBRUARY 2020	GUEST SPEAKERS
27 - New World Makati Hotel Ballroom	TOURISM AWARDS LUNCHEON PRESENTATION Chaired by PE/Dir. "Bobby" Joseph, Jr. CONFIRMED
MARCH	GUEST SPEAKERS
5 - New World Makati Hotel	DILG Usec. Bernardo C. Florece, Jr. CONFIRMED
12 -	Mr. Joaquin "Quinito" M. Henson Sports Analyst/Host RCM Sports Award CONFIRMED
19 -	DND Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana CONFIRMED
26 -	His Excellency KOJI HANEDA Japanese Ambassador & RCM Honorary Member Theme : "Japan -Philippines Friendship Day" CONFIRMED
APRIL 2020	GUEST SPEAKERS
2 -	Mr. Ramon "RJ" P. Jacinto "Mr Rock & Roll" C/O Pres. "Jackie" Rodriguez CONFIRMED
9 - MAUNDY THURSDAY	NO LUNCHEON MEETING
16 -	OPEN
23 -	OPEN
30 -	OPEN
MAY	GUEST SPEAKERS
7 -	PE/Dir. "Bobby" Joseph's Plans & Programs RY 2020-2021 CONFIRMED
14 -	TOWER Awards Presentation (Pencilled)
21 -	OPEN
28 -	Journalism Awards Presentation (Pencilled)
JUNE (Awards' Month)	GUEST SPEAKER S
4 -	Rotary Environment Awards
11 -	Year-end RCM Awards
18 -	Ambassadorial Awards
25 -	VALEDICTORY MEETING, RY 2019-2020



The RY 2019-2020 Board of Directors and Executive Officers held its 8th Regular Board Meeting last February 13, 2020 at the Committee Room of the Manila Polo Club in Makati City.



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez calls the 27th meeting to order.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



RCM HELPS PIONEER RIDERS CLUB IN FIRST CHARITY MISSION FOR 2020

PP Frank Evaristo and PD-SAA Ferdie Co donated a wheel chair for the Pioneer Riders Club in its First Charity Mission for 2020.



DE/IPAS Rene Policarpio, as Officer-In-Charge/ Program Moderator, calls the sequence of activities.



Rtn. Cons Robertz delivers an ecumenical prayer.



STAR Rtn. Dr. Martin Henkelmann leads in the recitation of the Four (4) Way test to renew with fellow Rotarians their commitment to the Rotary movement.



PP Frank Evaristo introduces the personalities seated at the presidential table, visiting Rotarians and guests.