



ZOOM Weekly Membership Luncheon Meeting
RY 2020-2021
Thursday, July 2, 2020, 12:00 PM

Hon. PANFILO M. LACSON
Senator, Republic of the Philippines
Guest of Honor & Speaker
Topic : "Anti-Terrorism"

- 1) Zoom Technical Moderator & Host - RCM Star Rtn. Toby Rast
- 2) Program Moderator - PVP Chito Zaldarriaga
- 3) Call to Order - Pres. Bobby Joseph
- 4) Philippine National Anthem led by RCM World Famous Music Chorale
- 5) Invocation - Sec. Ariel Abriam
- 5.1) A moment of silent prayer for the eternal repose of the soul of former member, Rtn. Mabini "Mabs" Juan, who passed away recently in the grace of the Lord
- 6) Community Singing of the RCM Centennial Hymn - RCM World Famous Music Chorale
- 7) Lead Reciter of 4-Way Test - Rtn. Mon Montaña
- 8) President's Time - Pres. Bobby Joseph
- 9) Introduction of Guest of Honor and Speaker - Rtn. Cris Acosta
- 10) Address: Hon. PANFILO M. LACSON, Senator, Republic of the Philippines
- 11) Open Forum
- 12) Response and Meeting Adjournment-- Pres. Bobby Joseph

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KABALITA

His vigilance on wayward ways of public servants as well as his no non-sense hard-hitting ways which have endeared him to the Filipino people as one of the best PNP Chiefs of his time are the same traits that have made him a crusader for good governance in the Philippine Senate. With the turning of a new leaf in Service Above Self, let his relevant views give Asia's First Rotary Club a fresh perspective in touching lives.

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SENATOR PANFILO M. LACSON
Profile

Ang tama, ipaglaban. Ang mali, labanan. (What is right must be kept right. What is wrong must be set right.)

As his personal credo goes, SENATOR PANFILO “PING” MORENA LACSON has been circumspect in matters of public interest and committed against various forms of corruption in his more than 40 years of public service in the fields of law enforcement, lawmaking, and humanitarian work.

Lacson is an untiring, tenacious watchdog of the national budget, making sure dubious congressional insertions (a.k.a. pork barrel) and useless appropriations are checked and deleted during plenary debates.

His continuous fight against corruption, including pork barrel in all its iterations, earned him the degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, from the *Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila* in March 2019.

Lacson first earned a tough, no-nonsense reputation while serving in the Philippine National Police: solving high-profile crimes including kidnap-for-ransom cases in the 1980s and 1990s; and reviving the PNP’s glory days as Chief, PNP from 1999 to 2001.

During his term as PNP Chief, Lacson led by example as he instituted a no-take policy and a physical fitness program, while cleansing the police force of “scalawags in uniform” (a.k.a. *kotong* cops) – initiatives that earned the PNP the highest public approval ratings in its history.

When he got his first mandate in the Senate in 2001, Lacson went to work on righting another wrong: taking down the multibillion-peso pork barrel system, which has bedeviled the national budget, the lifeblood of the nation. In March 2003, Lacson detailed in a scathing privilege speech, “Living Without Pork”, how public funds were pocketed through Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF). He also had his P200-million-a-year PDAF allocations returned to the National Treasury, saving the government P2.4 billion in 12 years.

When the PDAF or pork barrel scam exploded in 2013, the Supreme Court ruled the program unconstitutional after substantial proof that the said discretionary funds were subjected to grave abuse and misuse.

During the 17th Congress, his tenacity remained strong in abolishing the unconstitutional pork barrel and its many evil incarnates in the national budget. In what appeared to be a sequel of his 2003 speech, he once again detailed in a privilege speech, “Living Without Pork II”, a reinvention of pork barrel allocations in the *pork-ridden, cholesterol-rich* 2019 budget, particularly those lodged in the budget of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

Among the many questionable appropriations exposed by Senator Lacson was the billions of “pork insertions” of Congressmen realigned to fund programs and projects under the then proposed 2019 Budget. The said “pork” was among the P95 billion appropriations vetoed by President Rodrigo Duterte in the Republic Act No. 11260, or the General Appropriations Act of 2019.

Legislative Work

Lacson one of the principal authors of **Senate Joint Resolution 10** which sought to authorize the increase in the base pay of military and other uniformed personnel (MUP) in the government. By increasing the base pay, the retirement benefits have also increased as the monthly retirement pay of the MUP shall be fifty percent of the increased base pay.

Among those who benefit from the increase of the base pay are the retired MUP of the Armed Forces of the Philippines – General Headquarters (AFP-GHQ), Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).

According to the Department of Budget and Management, appropriations have already been released for the legislation: P29.9-B for the AFP-GHQ, P21.7-B for the PNP, P1.9-B for the BFP and at least P731-M for BJMP.

Accordingly, the recently released amounts already include the adjustment of the pension of the retired MUPs as indexed to the base pay scale of MUP in the active service covering the period June to December 2019 based on the available funds as certified by the Bureau of Treasury.

Lacson was likewise the principal sponsor of the **National ID Law (Republic Act 11055)**, which provides for easier transactions with the government and private entities and which helps deter criminality. Lacson had been a perennial author of the measure since his first term as senator in 2001.

He also authored and sponsored **Republic Act 11053, The Anti-Hazing Law of 2018**, which provides heavier penalties that would prevent hazing-related deaths.

Lacson was likewise one of the principal authors of **Republic Act 9485, the Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007**, which brings down the number of steps and days involved in a government transaction, and in turn paves the way for efficient and expeditious public service.

Other key measures authored, sponsored or co-authored by Lacson from the 12th to 17th Congresses include:

- Republic Act 11279: Act Transferring the Training of Police Recruits from the Philippine Public Safety College to the Philippine National Police

- Republic Act 11200: An Act Providing for Rank Classification in the Philippine National Police

- Republic Act 11059: An Act Establishing a Retirement Benefit System in the Office of the Ombudsman

- Republic Act 10973: Restoring the Subpoena Powers of the PNP-CIDG

- Republic Act 10969: The Free Irrigation Law

- Republic Act 10927: Amending the Anti-Money Laundering Act to Include Casinos as ‘Covered Persons’

- Republic Act 10591: An Act Providing for a Comprehensive Law on Firearms, Light Weapons and Ammunition

- Republic Act 10354: the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012

- Republic Act 10351: The Sin Tax Reform Law

- Republic Act 10349: An Act Amending the Armed Forces of the Philippines Modernization Program

- Republic Act 10167: An Act to Further Strengthen the Anti-Money Laundering Law

- Republic Act 9160 (as amended by RA 9194): Anti-Money Laundering Act

- Republic Act 9165: Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002

- Republic Act 9163: National Service Training Program Act of 2001

- Republic Act 9166: An Act Increasing the Base Pay of the Members of the AFP

- Republic Act 9208: Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003

- Republic Act 9416: Anti-Cheating Act of 2007

- Republic Act 9484: The Philippine Dental Act of 2007

Lacson also authored **bills to curb criminality and corruption**; and to streamline the bureaucracy, including:

- the proposed Budget Reform for Village Empowerment Act

- the proposed Expanded Anti-Wiretapping Act

- a bill requiring the registration of prepaid subscriber identity module (SIM) cards to prevent scams and crimes involving identity theft

- a bill imposing heavier penalties on those giving false testimonies

- a bill that offers substantial rewards and better protection to witnesses testifying against government officials or employees involved in corruption

- a bill that strips drug pushers, manufacturers, cultivators, importers and financiers of their rights under the Bank Secrecy Act, so they can no longer hide their ill-gotten money in banks.

Lacson has been unflinching in his fight against corruption and wrongdoings, **exposing – as well as calling for investigations of – anomalous activities** in the government, such as:

- irregularities in the Philippine government’s deal with Argentine firm Industrias Metalurgicas Pescarmona Sociedad Anonima (IMPISA)

- the money-laundering scheme by one “Jose Pidal”

- the continued operations of jueteng in the country

- diversion of P728 million in fertilizer funds engineered by one Jocjoc Bolante

- the “Hello Garci” tapes indicating cheating in the 2004 elections

- alleged overpricing involving the decorative lampposts used in the Asean summit in Cebu City

- plight of Filipino nurses recruited by Sentosa Recruitment Agency

- alleged bribery in the failed impeachment bid against President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

- the botched \$329-million contract between the Philippine government and China’s ZTE for a national broadband network project

- irregularities in the multibillion-peso Quedancor swine program

- the “chopper scam” where secondhand helicopters were sold as brand-new to the Philippine National Police

- a plan by the Social Security System to channel workers’ pension funds into a government economic stimulus program

- alleged irregularities in the purchase of video equipment for the Senate’s Public Relations and Information Bureau

- the “tara list” and payola (payoffs) in the Bureau of Customs

- pork barrel in its various incarnations

In the 18th Congress, Lacson chairs the Senate Committees on *National Defense and Security* and *Accounts*.

The first batch of bills Lacson filed in the current Congress includes the proposed Anti-Terrorism Act of 2019, the Budget Reform for Village Empowerment Act of 2019, and a bill ensuring people’s participation in the budget process.

He also re-filed a bill excluding government officials from the Bank Secrecy Act, the Prepaid SIM Cards Regulations Act of 2019, a bill reinstituting the death penalty for heinous crimes, a bill imposing heavier penalties on lying witnesses, and the proposed Anti-Political Dynasty Act of 2019.

Yolanda (Haiyan) Rehabilitation

Lacson also served as Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery, coordinating efforts to help victims of Super Typhoon Yolanda.

Despite the limitations and difficulties encountered in terms of support from the national government, Lacson and his staff managed to put together the Yolanda Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan (CRRP), which detailed institutional arrangements, including public-private partnerships; and cluster structures for infrastructure, social services, resettlement, livelihood and support.

The CRRP also detailed rehabilitation and recovery plans for local governments, as well as guidelines for engaging with the non-government sector.

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24 June 2020

Dear Rotary Club of Manila,

I congratulate you on your installation as a club officer for 2020-21.

I hope the upcoming year will be challenging, yet fulfilling. Your leadership team will collaborate to build a strong, engaged club dedicated to strengthening your community, both locally and globally. You will use your years of experience as a Rotarian and as a leader to provide inspiration, motivation, and guidance as we work together to achieve our goals for Rotary.

Use this opportunity to grow your membership, to work closely with Rotaractors, and to continue to improve our virtual meeting skills. Now is the time for change in Rotary to meet the world's challenges.

In Rotary, we are not afraid to confront some of the world's most critical and widespread humanitarian issues. When we vaccinate an infant against polio, teach a young adult how to read, or bring water to a village by building a well, we are creating a better world for future generations. We serve the global community, and we're just getting started.

It is honor to work beside you as we guide our fellow Rotarians to another successful year.

I am relying on you as *Rotary Opens Opportunities* in 2020-21.

Regards,

Holger Knaack
President, Rotary International 2020-21



MESSAGE

I wish to greet the esteemed members of Asia's First Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Manila, a Happy New Rotary Year. Yours has been a much daunting task of paving the way for other Rotary clubs to follow your trail. With the wealth of experience from the distinguished leaders of your club, both past and present, truly ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES for Service Above Self. Indeed, under President Bobby Joseph, Jr., your transformation from a glorious past to a bright future will find the light of dawn.

Godspeed as you all continue to become beacons of Rotary our district can genuinely be proud of.

LEODY "ODIE" TARRIELA
District Governor
RY 2020-2021



July 2, 2020

Dear Fellow RCM Members,

Good afternoon! This is my first address as President. It took 20 years for me to be here where I am accepting it despite my condition of living with cancer since 2002. I'm taking this challenge to make a difference with the help of my team and those who voted for me. I'll be counting on your unlimited cooperation to surprise and delight our club, our community, our country and the world.

Today, we are embarking on the second century of the Rotary Club of Manila. Due to the new normal, we find this year challenging, the more our passion to share and serve to those who are in dire need is one of our priorities.

Our strategic plans are:

- Strengthening membership – We shall engage with our members and also to add more members, activate Rotaract and open satellite clubs with a minimum of 8 members.
- Our outreach programs will be aligned with the District and Rotary International plans of action.
- We shall focus on the Save Manila Bay Project I initiated 2 years ago and the TREES Project launched by PP Jack Rodriguez.
- We shall create a Public Image Committee. The public shall be informed on our projects, activities, and goals.
- Encourage members to learn through the trainings and other information by Rotary International at myrotary.org.
- We shall be very transparent and our records will be accessible. The 4 way test and other values will be upheld.
- Monthly meetings will include Financial Reports. We shall mechanize our Accounting System for better decision making.
- We need to support the Rotary Foundation. Our target is to raise \$100,000 within the year. We shall encourage our 78 members to raise \$1,000 to be a Paul Harris Fellow. Today, I'm contributing \$10,000 and \$1,000 for the Polio Program. Our dream is to have 100% Paul Harris Fellows in the first Rotary in Asia.

i. We shall review our Club's budget and we shall have prudent and achievable goals.

j. We shall be active in our district and other districts in the country to promote clean water and Tree Planting Projects all over the country in collaboration with the DENR and other government agencies, national and local.

k. Our awarding events shall be self-funded and if we cannot secure sponsors, the event will be cancelled.

l. We will strive to get the biggest grants with RI for our projects in collaboration with another Rotary Club abroad. The one in charge is our VP Thad Liamzon.

m. We encourage your feedback. You can call me at 0917-512-1249 or through Viber, Messenger, or robertlimjoseph@gmail.com.

This is the initial plan as I embark on this journey with my distinguished Board of Directors and Executive Officers for RY 2020-2021. We will keep you abreast through the Balita, by updating our website and RCM FB page, and press releases.

The image of RCM has to go on a high gear and to be an exemplar among Rotary Clubs in the country.

We cannot be myopic but we need to Rotarize everyone and inspire other clubs that we are a super service organization. No one is a taker but a giver. Service Above Self is why we are Rotarians because ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES, the theme of Rotary International for RY 2020-2021 under Rotary International President Holger Knaack.

Maraming Salamat.

Robert Lim Joseph, Jr.
President
RY 2020-2021
(101st President)



There comes a time in life when one gets the feeling of having to move on and leave those people he cares so much about behind. Such were the thoughts I had last night. So sad. And yet I realize that I will still be around in one capacity or another, or hopefully as a simple member of the club. When I was selected to be your President, I had many hopes and dreams for all of you. They were idealistic. One of them was to improve our club situation and relationships with other clubs as well. To build pathways and highways with clubs all around the world. Many plans, but, I started late because we were all busy with the Centennial Celebration and I certainly did not want to be a stumbling block to the success of our Centennial Celebration. But, I tried my very best to work double time and catch the needed time to complete my plans, programs and ideas. In many areas, we succeeded. In others, we barely made it.

The coronavirus stopped us dead on our tracks. We had to dramatically change gears. That we did. We immediately tested for two weeks the application we call Zoom. Soon we felt we were ready for the whole club’s participation and we launched ourselves into the new normal of life. We had great meetings on Zoom. We also had many more videos and committee meetings on Zoom. Immediately, our RCM Disaster Task Force, headed by PP Jimmie led the way with the programs supporting protective materials where needed and food where it was necessary. I felt I had much more to do, but, on government’s curfew and protective orders, we could not. That is life.

I have promised the new leadership headed by President Bobby Joseph to help them and to continue some of my programs, most especially, programs that meant so much to me, T.R.E.E.S. and PDG Vince’s Ambassadors of Goodwill program.

I truly hope that time and the environment will allow us to have more fellowships together. This is an important element of the Rotary club. I extend a hand of friendship to all members who have in one way or another helped me and the club during the sheer difficult times of the year. To those of you who contributed your money, your time, your ideas or even your presence, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. For those of you who felt that I was short in the delivery of my friendship and services, all I can say to you is I tried my best to be an excellent president, Leading the way, the President of the club should be an example. Following our many rules and trying to please 225 members of the club, I’ve learned that this was not a difficult task but an impossible one. I call upon all of you to illuminate the club with affection for each other. It is ok to have cliques within the club provided we respect, love and honor the club and each other.

I can smile as I say goodbye knowing fully well that the Rotary club of Manila will move forward in the coming years to greater heights with the leadership of President Bobby Joseph and the upcoming young star Rotarians who have recently joined us. As I always told my sons, “I can only pave the way, you have to walk the talk.”

Thank you for the great year you’ve given me.

JACKIE C. RODRIGUEZ
President
RY 2019-2020



STAR Rtn. Toby Rast as Technical Moderator of the weekly Zoom membership meeting.



PVP Chito Zaldarriaga, Program Moderator, calls the day’s program of activities.



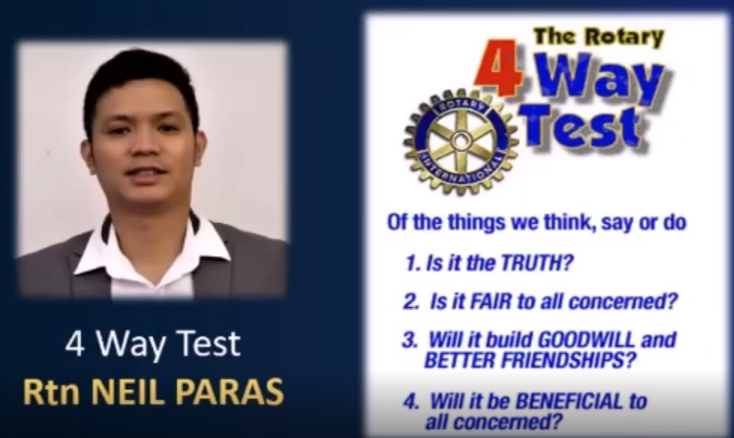
Pres. Jackie Rodriguez calls the meeting to order.



VPE Thad Liamzon delivers a doxology.



Manila Rotarians undertake the group community singing of the RCM Centennial Hymn led by **PP Teddy Ocampo**.



STAR Rtn. Neil Paras leads fellow Manila Rotarians in the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test to renew their commitment to the Rotary movement.

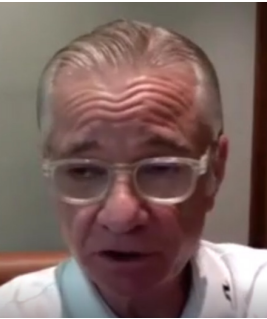


PP Jimmie Policarpio, Chairman, RCM Task Force Covid-19, delivers an update.





Pres. Jackie Rodriguez and PVP Fausto Preysler as Proposers, introduce the new members for induction to the Rotary Club of Manila.



Rtn. Ray Davis does the honor and pleasure of introducing Mr. David Pomeranz, Multi-Platinum Award Winning Recording Artist, Songwriter and Concert Performer, as Guest Speaker.



Mr. David Pomeranz treats the audience with his singing of a medley of his favorite compositions.



Mr. David Pomeranz speaks on his advocacy for the plight of the OFWs in the United States and other countries.



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez inducts into the RCM Membership, Mr. Henry Sy Go (Filipino), HISYNG Business and Financial Consultancy HEG Corporation/4 HE Trading/Swift Go Trading Corporation whose classification is Business Services-Business Assistance Service; and Mr. Edwin Hernandez (Filipino), President, Jardine Distribution, Inc. whose classification is Building Materials/Products Construction Materials Distributing.



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez speaks during his President's Time.



An open forum immediately followed right after the speech of Mr. David Pomeranz.



Pres. Jackie Rodriguez delivers his response and thereafter, adjourns the meeting.

June 29, 2020

Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

The Board of Directors for RY 2019-2020 during the Special Board Meeting held last June 26,2020 (Friday) approved the recommended reforms of our electoral process in the light of a foreseen prohibition of in-person mass gatherings .

The Board created the Electoral Reforms Committee headed by Chairman PDG Alex Cureg who submitted the recommendations to the Board and which the Board, forthwith, approved.

In view of this development, the Board is submitting the attached recommendations for ratification by the membership in time for its implementation in the September 2020 Elections.

Deadline to send reply shall be seven (7) days from transmission of this notice. In the absence of the above stated reply, the new electoral guidelines shall be deemed approved.

Please check on the appropriate box below to allow us to count your vote:

[]. Approved.

[]. Comments : _____

By:

(Printed Name of Rotarian)

Date: _____

The Board trusts that you would give this matter your utmost preferential attention in our collective desire to adapt to the new normal.

The Board of Directors

RY 2019-2020

By:

Sec./Dir. ALBERT ALDAY
Rotary Club of Manila



ELECTORAL REFORMS:

Indeed, the Covid 19 pandemic has altered the way we live our life not only in our country but worldwide. The suggestion of PSSA Gunther based on his letter dated April 15, 2020 regarding the casting of votes during this lockdown and pandemic is a valid issue that has to be addressed. In the same letter, he raised concern on how to protect our votes. Hence, the Electoral Review Committee should come up with certain rules to make sure that the sanctity of the ballots including the identity of the voter shall not be compromised .

To address the issues at hand, I suggest that the following rules be discussed and reviewed thoroughly by all members of this committee in order for us to come up with a bright ideas to allow us to vote during this uncertain times. Our goal here is that we hope that our election shall be free from any challenge or questions by any one from the general membership to prevent chaos and discord among our ranks when presented in plenary meeting for approval since the general membership are very sensitive in so far as changing of the rules of RCM is concerned.

In view of the premise mentioned above, the following rules shall be adopted subject to discussion, review and other inputs from the committee members and the RCM Board of Directors;

1. ELECTION DAY - SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
2. QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS - members "in good standing" and who has paid his first semester club dues for the current Rotary Year not later than SEPTEMBER 9, 2020, this to give time for the reconciliation of payments by the secretariat and Treasurer.
3. METHOD OF VOTING - The following are hereby recommended.

3.1 For members who doesn't want his votes to be identified, he shall choose to vote using the "Ballot by Mail" system as medium for voting under the new normal with the help of "Technology" by using "QR CODES" to be printed in the ballots.

3.2 Those members who elect to cast their vote on site at the polling/ canvassing site may do so following the method of Voting under our old rule except that the ballots should bear the " QR CODES". They should bring their "QR CODED BALLOT" with them and fill up the ballot and then drop their ballot to the ballot box for on site voting.

3.3 Those members who are not concerned that their votes are identified may opt to vote openly by emailing his choice of candidates using the ballots with "QR CODES" but he has to call in to Ms. Anna between 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon to satisfy the requirement of being present on election day, otherwise their vote shall be voided. After the voter called in to register his presence, the emailed copy of his ballot shall be dropped inside the ballot box for on site voting.

4. SANCTITY OF THE BALLOTS - the protection of the sanctity of the ballots and or the votes are the primordial concern and considered the most critical in any election. Hence, the committee thought the use of technology available to address this problem by using the "QR CODES".

4.1 The use of "QR CODES" printed in the ballots shall eliminate the putting of the voter's name in the ballot, thereby protecting the voter's identity.

4.2 The use of "QR CODES" shall also ensure that only genuine ballots are counted thereby eliminating doubts of any election fraud.

5. DETERMINATION OF QOURUM - the required "Quorum" is 1/3 of the total members who are " in good standing" and has paid his club dues as of SEPTEMBER 09, 2020. To attain the required "Quorum", the following should be satisfied.

5.1 The ballot by mail voter shall use "Zoom app" to participate in the RCM LUNCHEON MEETING on the day of the election so that the his attendance shall be considered present and be counted as part in the determination of the quorum required.

5.2 The votes of those members who shall not be able to join the luncheon meeting via "ZOOM APP" on election day due to some valid reasons like members who traveled abroad, difference in time zone, weak wifi , in cases of emergency, or other technical issues can do so by opting to vote openly by sending the pdf/scanned copy of the ballot with "QR Code" thru email to Ms. Anna on the day of the election between 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon so that their Votes shall be counted and be part of the determination of "Quorum". The voter is still required to call in on election day between 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon to register his presence to satisfy our rule on quorum determination and required presence during the election.

5.3 The official list of qualified voters should be sent to all members via email by the Secretariat in coordination with the COMELEC after payment has been reconciled by the Secretariat and Treasurer not later than September 22, 2020.

6. TRANSMISSION and FILLING OUT OF BALLOTS - The following steps are:

- 6.1 Sending of notices, instructions and ballots with "QR CODE" to all RCM members who are of good standing shall be sent via courier by the RCM Secretariat. The Secretariat shall enclose two envelopes, one legal size envelope with a return address and the other envelope (2nd envelope) shall be blank or have no marking at all as this is where the filled ballot shall be put by the voter.
- 6.2 In order to have additional safeguard of the election using "Ballot by Mail", the printed ballots with "QR CODE" should be mix , then juggled and then send randomly to members without following the sequence of the alphabetical order of members name so that nobody will know to whom the ballot is assigned.

6.3 The voter shall fill out the QR Coded ballot from the list of candidates for directors prequalified by the "COMELEC" and then send back the filled ballot via courier to the RCM secretariat not later than SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 using the envelope with return address.

6.4 The filled out ballot form with "QR CODE" should contain a minimum of five (5) names to a maximum of eight (8) names of candidates of his choice. There should be no other markings on the ballot to be put by the voter, otherwise, the ballot shall be considered marked and becomes invalid. This Ballot shall be put in the unmarked envelope provided by RCM and sealed by the voter, then put the unmarked envelope inside the envelope with return address and send to RCM Secretariat via courier, not later than SEPTEMBER 10, 2020.

6.5 Executive Secretary of RCM shall receive the package from the courier the envelope with return address sent by the voter and drop it to the sealed ballot box assigned for "Ballot by Mail". This sealed ballot box shall be brought and submitted to the COMELEC in the presence of its members and the Auditor at the polling/canvassing place on the day of the election.

7. CANVASSING and APPRECIATION of VOTES - the following steps are:

7.1 Once the required quorum is satisfied, the COMELEC together with the Auditor may now proceed by opening the two sealed ballot boxes (1 ballot box for "Ballot by Mail" and the other ballot box for the on-site voting) which contains "Ballot by Mail" and that of the actual votes casted at the polling place including the ballots sent through email under rule 3.2 above.

7.2 Upon opening of the ballot boxes, the COMELEC together with the Auditor shall count the number of envelopes from the two ballot boxes for record purposes. After that, they shall remove and extract from the envelope with return address, throw in the plastic garbage bag and then return the unmarked envelope to the ballot box assigned under " Ballot by Mail".

7.3 All unmarked envelopes that contains the official ballots from " Ballot by Mail" shall be verified by the COMELEC and Auditor if the ballots are genuine by using a mobile phone verifier. The ballots casted on site and the emailed ballots that contains " QR CODES" shall also be verified.

7.4 All ballots that are found to have fake "QR CODES" and or has markings shall be segregated and marked as invalid votes. Those ballots with "QR CODES" sent through email but has not called in between 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon to register his presence shall be voided.

7.5 After verification of "QR CODES" the canvassing of Votes shall proceed to be done by the members of the COMELEC led by its Chairman, Vice Chairman and its members and Auditor in the presence of the RCM Board and the general membership present at the polling place and those members who are viewing the proceedings virtually via Zoom. The ballot should be shown via Zoom so that all concerned shall be able to view it for transparency purposes. After showing on Zoom and captured on camera the verified ballot, the corresponding votes shall be entered and posted in the Election Tabulation Form.

7.6 The counting of valid votes shall begin by showing the entire ballot on screen, camera and properly recorded for transparency purposes so that the general membership can see and appreciate the votes itself before posting the votes on the Election Tabulation Form. In this way, the general membership may opt to do their own tabulation form and compare their entries with the results made by COMELEC later on.

7.7 The counting of invalid votes and posting in the Election Tabulation Form shall be done based on the same process mentioned in 6.4 above.

7.8 After all valid votes and invalid votes are posted in the Election Tabulation Form, the COMELEC Chairman shall make the rankings based on votes garnered by all candidates and show the results in the screen/camera so that the general membership can see it.

7.9 In cases where the tally of any member does not tally with the COMELEC, the said member can ask question for clarification before the COMELEC Chairman.

7.10 The Election Auditor should make his own Election Tabulation Return for every ballot and votes counted so that he can compare with the COMELEC'S result prior to signing the Election Tabulation Return Form. The Auditor also has to examine every ballot being opened before it is being counted and posted in the Election Tabulation Return Form by the COMELEC.

7.11 The COMELEC Chairman should resolve any question/s ask by any member before proceeding to rule 7.12 below.

7.12 The Election Tabulation form shall be signed by all COMELEC members and Auditor prior to the transmission of the Election Tabulation Form to the RCM Board for proper announcement of winners.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS;

8.1 The filled, audited and signed Election Tabulation Form shall be submitted by the COMELEC to the RCM Board to announce the first eight (8) candidates who garnered the highest votes as the winners in the presence of the COMELEC and the general membership. In cases of a tie vote, the COMELEC Chairman shall break the tie via toss coin method.

8.2 After the announcement of winners, all ballots both valid and voided including the Election Tabulation Form shall be put in a sealed metal ballot box to preserve the integrity of the Election. The metal ballot box shall be padlocked and sealed by COMELEC MEMBERS to ensure the safety and integrity of the ballot box.

9. PROTECTION OF VOTES AND POST ELECTION RULES;

9.1 The sealed and padlocked metal ballot box that contain the election results (Election Tabulation Return and Ballots) shall be turned over to the RCM Board for safekeeping for a period of Thirty (30) calendar days. This ballot box should not be opened without the authority of the RCM Board.

9.2 Any candidate/s has the right to raise question/s or file a formal complaint in the form of formal letter via email to be addressed to the Chairman of the COMELEC within fifteen (15) calendar days after the election. The COMELEC Chairman and its members shall convene with the presence of the protesting member/s or candidate/s and show the contesting party that the sealed ballot box that contains the Election results are not tampered in case the complainant require the opening of the ballots. The complaints or question raised should be resolve with ten (10) calendar days upon receipt of the formal letter.

9.3 If no protest is filed within the reglementary period of Fifteen (15) calendar days, the ballots and the Election Tabulation Form can be shredded and destroyed.

10. OTHER PROVISIONS - other provisions of RCM existing Election rules shall be used whenever applicable as long as it does not conflict with the COVID 19 new rules. In case of conflict between the two rules, the COVID 19 new rules shall prevail.

I hope that the above recommended COVID 19 Election rules satisfies all the issues raised by PSSA Gunter, some members of the RCM Board and the Electoral Reform Committee members are concerned.

Yours in Rotary,

PDG Alex Cureg
Chairman, Electoral Reform Committee

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA				ANNUAL DUES	
ANNUAL DUES 20-21				FULLY PAID	
As of June 30, 2020				UNPAID	
				PARTIALLY PAID	
				TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS	
				217	

NO.	NAME	OR NO.	ANNUAL DUES 20-21	REMARKS
1	ABASTILLAS, CELSO E.	27,Jun	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
2	ABOY, VALENTINO "VAL" G.	50049	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
3	ALDAY, ALBERT S.	50035	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
4	BARTOLOME III, ARSENIO "ARCHIT" M.	50047	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
5	BELLA JR. GERONIMO "JUN" DELA PAZ	26,Jun	24,553.57	FULLY PAID
6	CAMUS, FERNANDO	27,Jun	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
7	CASTRO, KARLO EUGENE JOSEF	50025	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
8	COYIUTO JR. ROBERT "JUN" G.	50059	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
9	CUREG, ALEXANDER "ALEX" P.	50041	23,800.00	FULLY PAID
10	DIOKNO, BENJAMIN "BEN" E.	40043	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
11	DOMINGUEZ III, CARLOS "SONNY" G.	29,Jun	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
12	ELDEBS, ISSAM "SAM"	50021	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
13	ENRIQUEZ III, EDUARDO "JUJUT" V.	50051	24,553.57	FULLY PAID
14	ESGUERRA, HERMINIO "HERMIE" S.	50062	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
15	FOLLOSCO JR. CEFERINO "JUN" G.	50027	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
16	GARCIA, VICTOR	50052	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
17	GO, HENRY SY	50048	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
18	HERNANDEZ, EDWIN	50044	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
19	JOSEPH JR. ROBERT LIM "BOBBY"	50057	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
20	KO, SOLOMON "MON"	50037	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
21	LIAMZON JR. ROMEO THADDEUS	50032	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
22	LOCSIN, ROBERTO R.	50032	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
23	LOPEZ, ARTHUR "ART" M.	50034	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	MATTSCHUCK, GUENTER "GUNTHER" G.	50046	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
25	MENDOZA, ESTELITO "TITONG" P.	50060	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
26	MONTINOLA, ANTONIO "TONY" J.	50042	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
27	PINEDA JR. PATRICIO "BEBOT" F.	50030	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
28	RAST, TOBIAS	50033	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
29	REYNOLDS, DAVID JOHN "DAVE"	50029	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	SARMIENTO, RICARDO	50045	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
31	STRANATHAN, IKE	50055	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	VALDES, JOEL C.	48310	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
TOTAL			821,683.14	

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY									
RCM Members' Attendance Report, RY 2019-2020									
		Thursday June 4, 2020		Thursday, June 11, 2020		Thursday, June 18, 2020		Thursday June 25, 2020	
		Josy Concepcion & Chel Solley-Glin	Yand exempt	DOLE Sec. Silvestre Bellos III	Yand exempt	Yand exempt	Yand exempt	David Pomeranz	Yand exempt
All Members Present		61		72		55		57	
Less: Exempt from Attendance		5		7		6		7	
Total Active Members		56		65		49		50	
ADD: Make-Up *									
TOTAL		56	61	65	72	49	55	50	57
Total # of Members		222	222	220	220	220	220	217	217
Less: Exempt from Attendance									
On Leave									
Total Active Members (Total Percentage Base)		222	222	220	220	220	220	217	217
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %		25%	27%	30%	33%	22%	25%	23%	26%
No Credit for MAKE-UP		Date	EVENT						
1									
2									
RCM Members (registered)		61		72		55		57	
Guest of Honor		2		1		1		1	
Visiting Rotarians		10		4		6		10	
Rotaractors		2		0				0	
Guests		14		4		28		6	
TOTAL		89		81		90		74	



IPSDG/Dir. Albert Alday and IPP Jackie Rodriguez attended the Virtual Countdown to end the Champion Rotary Year last June 30, 2020 via Zoom application.

VIA ZOOM MEETING

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

June 27, 2020
9am-12nn, (GMT +8)
Saturday

Meeting Link to Follow

VIRTUAL DISTAS 2020

Register Now

RRFC Jun Farcon

RC Eva Kurniaty

ARPC Mon Dacayo

Rotary District 3810

Rotary Opens Opportunities



Fourteen (14) Manila Rotarians, mostly members of the Board of Directors and Executive Officers for RY 2020-2021, attended the **Virtual District Training Assembly (DISTAS) 2020** last June 27, 2020 via Zoom application.



The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus.

More information about this new cause will be announced soon.

(source: www.rotary.org)

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE



PP Cesar Ubaldo wishes to thank all Manila Rotarians who have helped him. He is currently undergoing a second wave of chemotherapy for acute myeloid leukemia while confined at UP-PGH Medical Center in Manila.

NUTS N' BALLS

by PP Boy Guevara



Everyone should share this useful information on saving lives! It's a way to do good! Please pass this on, as it is not only teach other people, but could save yourself too!

Ways to save a life:

1. Choking - Just lift up your arms. In New Jersey, US, a 5 years old boy, cleverly saved his grandmother's life, with a very simple method, by raising the arms! His 56 years old grandma Dilihua was at home watching TV while eating fruits. When she turned her head, a piece of fruit got stuck in her throat. She tried to press on her chest to dislodge it, but it doesn't help. When the boy asked: "Grandma, are you choking?", she could not answer. "I think you are choking Grandma, raise your hands, raise your hands." The Grandma did as he said, and really managed to spit out the fruit! Her grandson was very calm, and said it was something he learned in school.



2. Body aches upon waking. Do you wake up in the morning and find yourself experiencing body aches? Does your neck feel sore and painful? What should you do if you experience these symptoms? Just lift your feet up! Pull your big toes outwards, and slowly massage and rotate in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction!

3 Foot cramps. When you have a cramp in your left foot, raise your right arm as high as possible. When you have a cramp in your right foot, raise your left arm. This will soothe immediately.

4. Feet numbness. If your left foot becomes numb, swing your right hand out forcefully. If your right foot is numb, then swing your left hand.

Three rescue methods

1. Half body paralysis (regardless due to brain hemorrhage or clogged blood vessels), half side face drooping. Immediately take a sewing needle and puncture the patient's earlobes at the lowest point, then squeeze out a drop of blood on each side. The sufferer will be immediately cured, and will not have any lasting symptoms.

2. Heart stop due to heart attack. Immediately take off the patient socks, and with a sewing needle puncture each one of the person's ten toes, squeezing a drop of blood out. The patient will then wake up.

3. When the patient has difficulty breathing, regardless whether due to asthma or acute laryngitis, etc., until they start to turn red, quickly puncture the tip of the nose with a needle and squeeze out two drops of black blood.

The above three methods are not dangerous at all, and can be performed within 10 seconds. Do a good deed and share it with friends! I did! Not only can you share knowledge, but you could also save a life!





D3810 KICKS OFF ROTARY YEAR WITH MOBILITY PROJECT

Rotary District 3810 led by Transformational District Governor Odie Tarriela together with Physicians for Peace, the Transformational Presidents headed by the Pasay Area and the Rotary Club of Intramuros jointly undertook "Operation Tulong MOBILITY PROJECT", a kick-off project last July 1, 2020 to begin the Transformational Rotary Year. Wheelchairs, prosthetics, mattresses, pillows, vitamins and medicines were distributed to the Missionaries of the Poor, an international Roman Catholic monastic religious institute of brothers and sisters dedicated to joyful service with Christ on the Cross to serve the poorest of the poor, in San Andres, Manila.

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