



ZOOM Weekly Membership Luncheon Meeting
RY 2020-2021
Thursday, July 9, 2020, 12:00 PM

First Club Assembly

PDG VIRGILIO "JUN" G. FARCON, JR.
Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator
Zone 10A, RY 2019-2022

Chairman, Philippine Rotary Magazine Foundation, Inc., RY 2015-2016
Chairman and CEO, Philippine College of Rotary Governors, RY 2014-2015

- 1) Zoom Technical Moderator & Host - Star Rtn. Toby Rast
- 2) Program Co-Moderator - PD Oscar del Rosario / PVP Chito Zalzarriaga
- 3) Call to Order - Pres. Bobby Joseph
- 4) Invocation - AS Reggie Yu
- 4.1) A moment of silent prayer for the eternal repose of the soul of Mrs. Hadja Rasmia Macatoman, mother of Rtn. Gani Macatoman, who passed away recently in the grace of the Lord, and for the speedy recovery of PP Cesar Ubaldo
- 5) Philippine National Anthem led by RCM World Famous Music Chorale
- 6) Community Singing of the RCM Centennial Hymn - RCM World Famous Music Chorale
- 7) Lead Reciter of 4-Way Test - AT Marcus Dee
- 8) Singing of Centennial Hymn and Birthday Song to RCM Birthday Celebrants led by PVP Lance Masters on behalf of the RCM World Famous Music Chorale

July 2 - AT Marcus Dee

3 - PD Armie Aquino

9 - Rtn. Bobby Bhalla

13 - Rtn. Joel Valdes

14 - PDG Rudy Bediones

15 - PSAA Muhammad Aslam

9) President's Time - Pres. Bobby Joseph

10) Strategic Planning

- Report of the Treasurer - Treasurer Karlo Castro

- The Rotary Foundation

Introduction of Guest Speaker on

The Rotary Foundation - Grants and Paul Harris Fellow - VP Thad Liamzon

Address of Guest Speaker - PDG Jun Farcon

Paul Harris Promo - IPP Jackie Rodriguez

11) Acknowledgement - Pres. Bobby Joseph

12) Club Concerns - Pres. Bobby Joseph

13) Open Forum - Pres. Bobby Joseph

14) Meeting Adjournment - Pres. Bobby Joseph

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KABALITA

As Rotary Opens Opportunities at the beginning of a new Rotary year, so too, must our ways be in alignment with its goals for the year. Let us begin together this exciting odyssey with our valuable inputs for the betterment of the club towards Service Above Self with our Guiding Light on how The Rotary Foundation works wonders.

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PROFILE OF PDG VIRGILIO G. FARCON, JR.



Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Zone 10A for RY2019-22, Past Chairman of the Philippine Rotary Magazine Foundation, Inc. for RY 2015-16 and Past Chair and CEO of the Philippine College of Rotary Governors for RY 2014-15 PDG Virgilio Farcon, Jr. or "Jun" as he is fondly called is a dedicated and committed leader and servant of our beloved organization. He proudly calls himself a "Rotary baby" because he spent more than three

fourths of his life pursuing his journey in Rotary service starting as early as 1975 when he was still in high school as an Interactor. He crossed over the Rotaract movement where he served as Charter President of the Rotaract Club of Marikina North in 1976. He served as the District Rotaract Representative in 1982 at the age of 23 in what used to be District 380 whose territory covers from Aparri, Cagayan all the way to Quezon City. He accepted the call of service and became a Rotarian at the young age of 25. He became the President of his club, RC Marikina, during RY 1996-97 at the age of 36 and was adjudged as the Most Outstanding Rotary Club President of District 3800. It was also during the same year where he served as the PETS Chairman of his own batch of presidents and the District Chair for New Generation and Vice Chair for Urban Peace. He was selected as the official delegate of the Philippines in the Urban Peace Conference held in Kobe, Japan whose Convenor was PRID Rafael Hechanova in August, 1996.

PDG Jun Farcon's passion and love for Rotary did not stop there as he went on to serve in higher positions and important committees at the district level. He practically served all District Governors year in and year out until he was elected to the highest position and served as District Governor during RY 2010-2011. He was one of four district governors around the world who came from Rotaract and the first district governor in the Philippines who came from the ranks of Interact and Rotaract, thus earning him the title as the first New Generation Governor of the Philippines. His major accomplishments as District Governor include among others the organization of the first Eclub in the Philippines, the Rotary eclub of San Juan; record breaking TRF Contributions of his district amounting to \$355,000.00, the highest in Zone 7A; a per capita of \$149, the highest in Zone 7A, thus earning his district the recognition of TRF Foundation Cup champion for garnering the highest per capita in the Philippines and Indonesia. District 3800 was also recognized as the first 100% all clubs giving district in the Philippines by RRFC Roberto Viray and the first district which received 49 EREY Club Awards in a single year with 75% of the active Rotarians in the district giving to the foundation. On membership, his district emerged as the highest growth rate in the Philippines. During the 2011 New Orleans International Convention, Past RI President Ray

Klinginsmith personally requested for the playing of the District 3800 Global Music Video during a jam-packed plenary session on the third day of the convention whose main speaker at that time was Bill Gates of Microsoft. It was a day to remember as Rotarians from the Philippines stood very tall in the eyes of the Rotarian delegates coming from different countries who attended the convention when the District 3800 Global Music Video was played to the delight and warm applause of the more than 20,000 delegates who attended the plenary session.

At present, PDG Jun Farcon is serving as Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 10A Philippines and is currently a Major Donor Level 3. He served as ARRFC from RY 2016 to 2018. He was part of the Rotary Coordinator Team for four consecutive years (RY 2013-16). He was adjudged as the Most Outstanding DGR-PRM in RY 2012-13 where District 3800 was awarded seven out of the eight major PR awards. He also served as Chairman of the Board and Treasurer of the Philippine Rotary Magazine Foundation, Inc., the publisher of the Philippine Rotary magazine. He served as the first Chair of the Philippine Rotary Open, a golf fellowship among the ten districts in the Philippines which was started in 2013. He was the charter president of the Philippine Rotary Friendship and Golfing Fellowship, Inc., a Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees and is now serving as Adviser of the nationwide association of golfing Rotarians from the ten districts of the Philippines. His love for the sport of golf paved the way for his continuous hosting of the annual Jun Farcon Birthday Golf Tournament now on its 26th year. The proceeds of the golf tournament are given to his favorite charities and service projects.

PDG Jun Farcon is happily married to the International Board Director of Inner Wheel International and Past National President of the Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines, Zenaida "Zeny" Farcon. She also served as Chair of the Spouses Participation for five times, under PDGs Arsenio Tanco, Santos Chua, Jose Peralta, Efen De Guzman and her own husband, PDG Jun Farcon. They are blessed with three (3) children, Jayjay, the eldest who is a Certified Public Accountant and graduate of De La Salle College Antipolo. He worked as Senior Auditor at the Sycip Gorres Velayo and Company for four years and presently enrolled as a fourth year student at the FEU College of Law; Jojo, a Juris Doctor graduate of Ateneo School of Law is a Senior Associate Lawyer working with Villaraza and Angangco law Firm. The youngest is Zarah, a Communication Arts graduate of Ateneo de Manila and who is presently into creative writing and a free-lance writer. Zarah is a graduating law student at the Ateneo Law School. While it would seem that PDG Jun Farcon is very busy and preoccupied with the practice of his profession as a CPA-Lawyer, Rotary, Knights of Columbus, Couples for Christ and others, he makes it a point that his family comes first. He makes it a point to continue with the family tradition of sharing Rotary to the family as what his parents, PP Ver Farcon of RC Marikina and PP Ludy Farcon of RC San Juan did to him and his siblings. He also shared Rotary to his eldest son, Jayjay (34 years old), Jojo (32 years old) and youngest daughter, Zarah (29 years old) who are all Paul Harris Fellows and charter members of the Rotary e-Club of Marikina.



July 9, 2020

Dear Fellow RCM Members,

Wishing all of you to have a peaceful, joyful and loving world as I announce my first solo President's Corner in the Balita.

We urge everyone to have faith without negativity for all of us to make our dreams a reality with perseverance, consistency, focus and commitment.

As humans, we need to be reminded to follow up and follow through. We need to organize our thoughts, values, emotions and passion to synchronize with our project or program.

We need to network and seek help to achieve our goals especially in RCM, our district, the ten (10) districts in the country and the 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide!

Let us all share above ourselves to help the needy, the sick and the depressed.

Mabuhay!

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



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. Bobby Joseph calls the meeting to order.



Sec. Ariel Abriam delivers an ecumenical prayer.



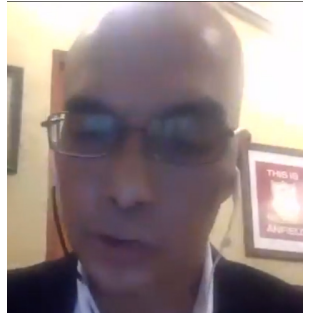
Manila Rotarians undertake the group community singing of the RCM Centennial Hymn led by the RCM World Famous Music Chorale.



VVP Chito Zaldarriaga leads fellow Manila Rotarians in the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test to renew their commitment to the Rotary movement.



Pres. Bobby Joseph speaks during his President's Time.



Rtn. Cris Acosta does the honor and pleasure of introducing **Hon. Panfilo M. Lacson**, Senator, Republic of the Philippines, as Guest of Honor and Speaker.



Senator Panfilo M. Lacson, as the principal sponsor and as one of the authors of the anti-terrorism bill, shed light on the legislative intent and merit of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020. He further related the ideals and virtues of the Anti-Terrorism Act to Rotary's guiding principles and moral code, The Rotary Four-Way Test.



An open forum immediately followed right after the speech of **Senator Panfilo M. Lacson**. Among the Manila Rotarians who participated in the open forum were **IPD/BLA Amading Valdez**, **PP Frank Evaristo**, **Rtn. Henning Karcher**, **Rtn. Martin Henkelmann**, **PD Sam Eldebs**, **PDG Obet Pagdanganan**, **PD Oscar del Rosario** and **IPP Jackie Rodriguez**.



Pres. Bobby Joseph 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 to endorse to the General Membership the proposed recommended reforms in our electoral process, denominated as Proposed Special Electoral Guidelines during the CoVid-19 Pandemic, in the light of a foreseen prohibition of in-person mass gatherings.

The Board created a committee headed by Chairman PDG Alex Cureg who submitted the recommendations to the Board and which the Board, forthwith, approved for the above stated endorsement.

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 fifteen (15) days from transmission of this notice. In the absence of the above stated reply, the Proposed Special Electoral Guidelines during the CoVid-19 Pandemic shall be deemed approved.

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

[] Approved
[] Disapproved
[] Comments : _____

*For comments and suggestions, please email rcmanila@rcmanila.org

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
RY 2019-2020



Rotary International District 3810
ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA
Charter No. 478, June 1, 1919
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PROPOSED SPECIAL ELECTORAL GUIDELINES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

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.

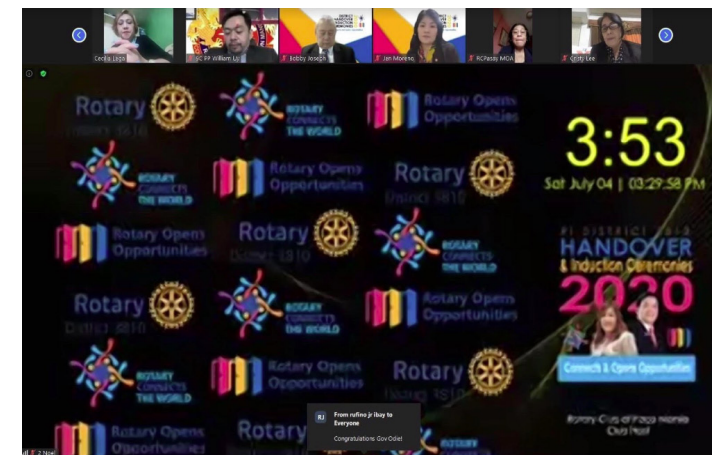
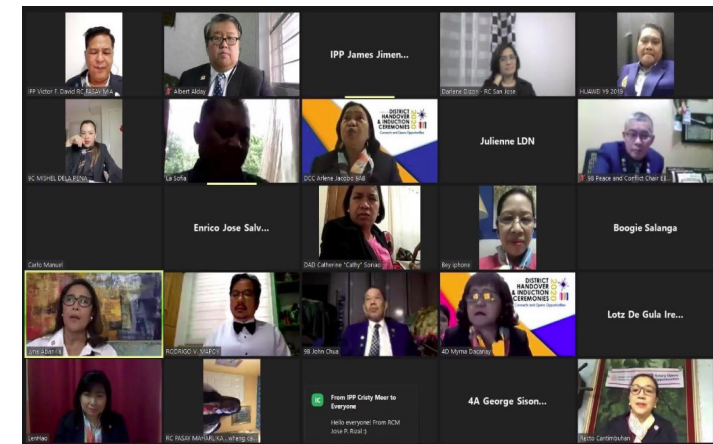
9.3 If no protest is filed within the reglementary period of Fifteen (15) calendar days, the ballots and the Election Tabulation Form can be shredded and destroyed.

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,

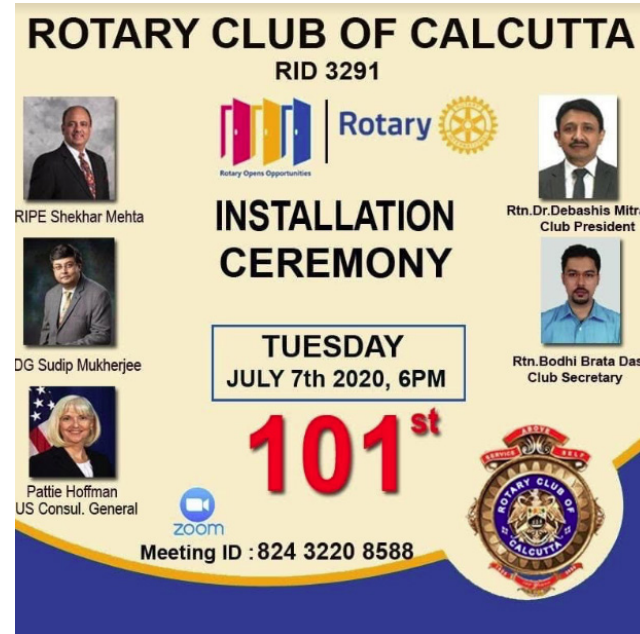
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Chairman, Electoral Reform Committee



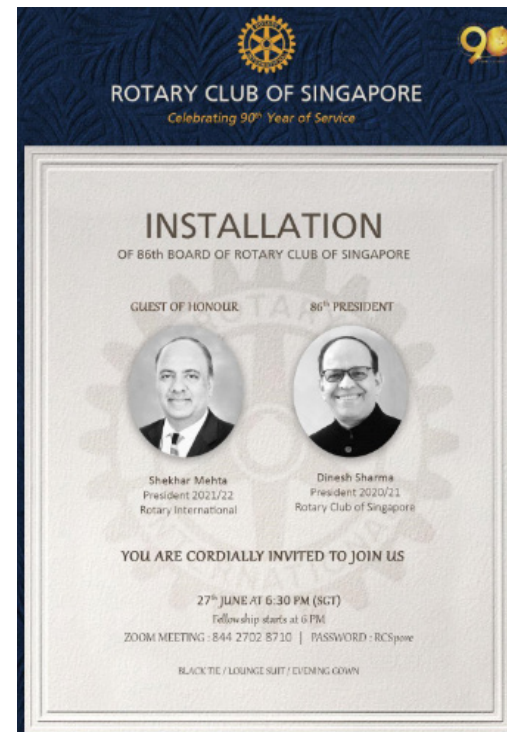
Manila Rotarians led by President Bobby Joseph, Jr. attended the **Virtual Handover and Induction Ceremonies** of Rotary International District 3810 last July 4, 2020 via Zoom.



PDG Rudy and Lady Sharon Bediones led the Inspiring Team Zoom Meeting and Fellowship last July 6, 2020 which was graced by the presence of **District Governor Odie Tarriela**.



Manila Rotarians attended the 101st Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Calcutta via Zoom last July 7, 2020.



Manila Rotarians attended the Virtual Installation of the 86th Board of the Rotary Club of Singapore last June 27, 2020 via Zoom.



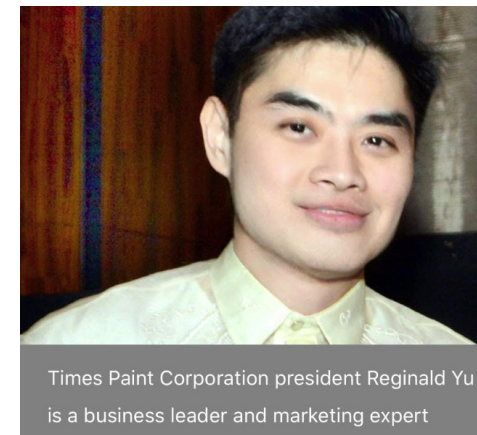
Of love, faith and family

By Johnny Litton(Philstar.com) - June 20, 2020 - 12:00am

As someone who has always treasured personal interactions, I felt the adjustment that we all had to go through in the past few months. But while social distancing became the new normal and our lives may have been upended due to the pandemic, I believe that our love, friendships and relationships have not been canceled. More importantly, it became an opportunity for many of us to strengthen our faith, and to put it into action through being of service to others.

I recently had the chance to speak to some of my friends Jeweler EVP and deputy CEO Jacques Christophe Branellec, DMARK Beauty Corporation CEO Nikki Tang, Madison Galleries owner Joy Rustia and Times Paint Corporation president Reginald Yu about how they celebrated important milestones in their families and personal lives in the past three months. They also shared some of the biggest lessons they have learned. These stories show that indeed, while our public events may be postponed, what's truly important remain: love, family, and finding joy in the simplest things.

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Reggie Yu: The current crisis has once again reminded me of the brief and fragile nature of our lives, and the primacy of our well-being and that of our family, above all else. I have since stumbled upon some hard truths at the heart of my silver lining outlook towards the pandemic. First of all, apart from doing my part by staying at home to slow the spread of the virus, I realized that, with plenty of time to kill, I've learned to love myself more. I found myself taking more adequate rest now, as compared to my pre-lockdown schedule, when sleep seemed like a luxury at that time, when I had so many social commitments that would last till the wee hours of the evening. Secondly, I noticed that the family was eating healthier meals because fast food was no longer an option. Another is the fact that, being locked with my family, I had more opportunity to spend quality time with them, oftentimes having taken for granted back when my time was devoted to leading another volunteer endeavor, or attending another social function with friends. Finally, this period allowed me to be more forgiving of myself and others in terms of what we accomplish, knowing that we're all going through something that none of us has ever had to deal with. At the end of the day, we're all doing what we can to get through this period, and it's important to give ourselves the time to step back and breathe and relax if we hope to keep going.

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"We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help."

- Holger Knaack
President
Rotary International
RY 2020-2021



NUTS N' BALLS

by PP Boy Guevara, Jr.

Ducks Quack, Eagles Soar

I was waiting in line for a ride at the airport in Dubai. When a cab pulled up, the first thing I noticed was that the taxi was polished to a bright shine. Smartl y dressed in a white shirt, black tie, and freshly pressed black slacks, the cab driver jumped out and rounded the car to open the back passenger door for me.

He handed me a laminated card and said: 'I'm Abdul, your driver. While I'm loading your bags in the trunk I'd like you to read my mission statement.'

Taken aback, I read the card. It said: Abdul's Mission Statement: To get my customers to their destination in the quickest, safest and cheap-est way possible in a friendly environment.

This blew me away. Especially when I noticed that the inside of the cab matched the outside. Spotlessly clean!

As he slid behind the wheel, Abdul said, 'Would you like a cup of coffee? I have a thermos of regular and one of decaf.'

I said jokingly, 'No, I'd prefer a soft drink.'

Abdul smiled and said, 'No problem. I have a cooler up front with regular and Diet Coke, lassi, water and orange juice.'

Almost stuttering, I said, 'I'll take a Lassi.'

Handing me my drink, Abdul said, 'If you'd like something to read, I have The NST , Star and Sun Today.'

As they were pulling away, Abdul handed me another laminated card, 'These are the stations I get and the music they play, if you'd like to listen to the radio.'

And as if that weren't enough, Abdul told me that he had the air condition- ing on and asked if the temperature was comfortable for me.



Then he advised me of the best route to my des- tination for that time of day. He also let me know that he'd be happy to chat and tell me about some of the sights or, if I preferred, to leave me with my own thoughts.

'Tell me, Abdul ,' I was amazed and asked him, 'have you always served customers like this?'

Abdul smiled into the rear view mirror. "No, not always. In fact, it's only been in the last two years. My first five years driving, I spent most of my time complaining like all the rest of the cabbies do. Then I heard about POWER OF CHOICE one day."

Power of choice is that you can be a duck or an eagle.

'If you get up in the morning expecting to have a bad day, you'll rarely disappoint yourself. Stop complaining!'

'Don't be a duck. Be an eagle. Ducks quack and complain. Eagles soar above the crowd.'

'That hit me. really hard' said Abdul.

'It is about me. I was always quacking and complaining, so I decid- ed to change my attitude and become an eagle. I looked around at the other cabs and their drivers. The cabs were dirty, the drivers were unfriendly, and the customers were unhappy. So I decided to make some changes, slowly ... a few at a time. When my custom- ers responded well, I did more.'

'I take it that it has paid off for you,' I said.

'It sure has,' Abdul replied. 'My first year as an eagle, I doubled my income from the previous year. This year I'll probably quadruple it. My customers call me for appointments on my cell phone or leave a message on it.'

Abdul made a different choice. He decided to stop quacking like a duck and start soaring like an eagle.

Start becoming an eagle today ... one small step every week..next week... And next...And....

A great Thought..

"You don't die if you fall in water, you die only if you don't swim. Be an eagle. .not a Duck.



The Four Way Test

Rotary



1. Is it the TRUTH?

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do is a test used by Rotarians world- wide as a moral code for personal and busi- ness relationships. The test can be applied to almost any aspect of life. The test was scripted by Herbert J. Taylor an American from Chicago as he set out to save the Club Aluminum Products Distribution Company from bankruptcy. It was later adopted by Ro- tary International, the global federation of Rotary service clubs.

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA				ANNUAL DUES 19-20
ANNUAL DUES, RY 2020-21			39	FULLY PAID
As of July 8, 2020			177	UNPAID
			1	PARTIALLY PAID
			217	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS
NO.	NAME	OR NUMBER	ANNUAL DUES 20-21	REMARKS
1	Abastillas, Celso E.	50061	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
2	Aboy, Valentino "Val" G.	50049	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
3	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"	50075	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
4	Alday, Albert S.	50035	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
5	Bartolome III, Arsenio "Archit" M.	50047	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
6	Bella Jr., Geronimo "Jun" Dela Paz	50069	24,553.57	FULLY PAID
7	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	50078	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
8	Camus, Fernando	50068	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
9	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	50025	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
10	Coyiuto Jr., Robert "Jun" G.	50059	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
11	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	50041	23,800.00	FULLY PAID
12	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.	50043	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
13	Dominguez III, Carlos "Sonny" G.	50065	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
14	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	50021	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
15	Enriquez III, Eduardo "Jujut" V.	50051	24,553.57	FULLY PAID
16	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	50062	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
17	Evaristo, Frank	50079	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
18	Follosco Jr., Ceferino "Jun" G.	50027	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
19	Garcia, Victor	50052	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
20	Go, Henry Sy	50048	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
21	Hernandez, Edwin	50044	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
22	Joseph Jr., Robert Lim "Bobby"	50057	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
23	Ko, Solomon "Mon"	50037	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	50074	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
25	Legarda Jr., Benito "Beniting" J.	50063	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
26	Liamzon Jr., Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" T	50032	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
27	Lim, Alfredo "Fred" S.	50071	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
28	Locsin, Roberto R.	50032	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
29	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50034	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	50046	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
31	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50060	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	50042	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.	50064	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Pineda Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50030	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
35	Rast, Tobias	50033	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
36	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50029	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
37	Sarmiento, Ricardo	50045	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
38	Stranathan, Ike	50055	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
39	Valdes, Joel C.	48310	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
40	Vrana, Ludek	50058	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

RCM Members' Attendance Report, RY 2020-2021

Thursday, July 2, 2020

				Hon. Panfilo Lacson, Senator, Philippine Senate	%incl exem pt
Press Secretary HARRY ROQUE					
All Members Present				65	65
Less: Exempt from Attendance				5	
	On Leave				
Total Active Members				60	65
ADD: Make-Up *				0	0
TOTAL				<u>60</u>	<u>65</u>
Total # of Members				217	217
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:				28%	30%
	No Credit for MAKE- UP	Date	EVENT		
1					
2					
RCM Members (registered)				65	
Guest of Honor and Speaker				1	
Guest of GOHS				3	
Unknown - IPAD, IPHONE				2	
Visiting Rotarians					
Rotaractors					
Guests					
	TOTAL			71	



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