



Zoom Weekly Membership Luncheon Meeting
Rotary Year 2020-2021

Thursday, August 6, 2020, 12:00 PM

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON THE PHILIPPINE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

11:00 AM	Start of Registration/Zoom-in	
	1. Program Technical Moderator —————	STAR Rtn. Toby Rast
	2. Program Moderator / Round Table Facilitator ———	BLA Amading Valdez
12:00 PM	Program Proper	
	Call to Order	Pres. Bobby Joseph
	Invocation	Rtn. Jordan Pizarra
	A moment of silent prayers for the eternal repose of Honorary Member Rtn. Raul Boncan	
	Singing of the Philippine National Anthem	RCM National Anthem AYP
	RCM Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale AYP
	➤ The Rotarian Pledge	PP Ebot Tan
	➤ The Four (4) Way Test Credo	AT Jujot Enriquez
12:20 PM	Maligayang Bat (RCM Birthday Celebrants)	
	August 6.....Rtn. Beniling Legarda	
	August 9.....Rtn. Rommy Nones	
	August 10.....Rtn. Jappy Pascual, Rtn. Nagi Zeitouni	
	August 11.....Rtn. Tito Ortiz, Rtn. Farid Alain Schoucair	
	August 12.....PSAA Ike Strenathan, Rtn. Mathias Hellerbach	
	➤ Happy Birthday Song	RCM WF Music Chorale AYP
12:25 PM	Classification Talk	
		STAR Rtn. Marlon Roño President and CEO Magsaysay People Resources Corporation
		Rtn. Wilfredo "Willie" M. Peliño Chairman of the Board, Osmeña Colleges Chairman of the Board, United Royale Corporation
12:45 PM	Brief Introduction of Inductee by Proposer	PDG Alex Curing
	Formal Induction	Pres. Bobby Joseph
	KENTARO SHIGEI (Japanese)	
	General Manager, Manila Branch	
	SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION	
	Classification: Banking – Bank Branch Office-Japan	
	Proposer: Pres. Bobby Joseph, PDG Alex Curing, Rtn. Hiroki Nakatsuka	
	President's Time	Pres. Bobby Joseph
1:00 PM	Round Table Discussion Facilitator	BLA Amading Valdez
	PDG ROBERTO "OBET" M. PAGDANGANAN	
	Chairman, Council of Governors, Rotary International District 3810	
	National President, Boy Scouts of the Philippines	
	District Governor, Rotary International District 3810, RY 2015-2016	
	Former Chairman and President, Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC)	
	Founding Chairman, PITC Pharma, Inc.	
	Secretary, Department of Tourism (February 26, 2004 - August 31, 2004)	
	Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform	
	(January 20, 2003 - January 20, 2004)	
	Governor, Province of Bulacan	
	(February 1988 - June 30, 1998)	
	TOPIC :The Philippine Healthcare System Assistance	
	Open Forum	
2:00 PM	Response & Meeting Adjournment	Pres. Bobby Joseph

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CLASSIFICATION TALKS



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RTN. WILFREDO "WILLIE" M. PELIÑO

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KABALITA

Let our very own Healthcare Advocate bring his wealth of experience on the pharmaceutical and healthcare industry to the roundtable of Asia's First Rotary Club as our very own Manning Expert and Education Whiz update the statuses of their respective industries in our Classification Talks revival.

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PROFILE OF
PDG ROBERTO "OBET" M. PAGDANGANAN

A staunch advocate of Cooperatives as instrument of inclusive national progress, Roberto "Obet" Pagdanganan served as Presidential Adviser to former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on Cooperatives and concurrent Chairman of Cooperative Development Authority in 2002-2003. Before that, he was Chairman of the Philippine Cooperative Center and the NCM Service Cooperative. He authored the book, "An Urgent Call for Cooperative Revolution" in 2002 which was revised in 2003, and "A Pamphlet on How to Win the War Against Poverty and Attain Food Security-The Cooperative Way" which was published in June, 2020.

Obet served as Provincial Governor of Bulacan from 1986 to 1998, as three-term National President of the League of Provinces, (1988-1998), and as founding Chairman of the League of Leagues, later renamed Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines. He was also Secretary of Agrarian Reform, Secretary of Tourism, Chairman and President of PITC, and founding Chairman of PITC Pharma, Inc., now known as Philippine Pharma Procurement, Inc., which launched the Botica Ng Bayan to make affordable quality generic medicines accessible to the people.

Prior to joining the government in 1986, Obet was a senior executive at Unilever PRC and Chairman of the Chemical Engineering Department at Manuel L. Quezon University where he graduated with the degree of BS in Chemical Engineering, summa cum laude, in 1968. He also obtained an MBA at De La Salle University in 1980 and a Doctorate in Education Management (honoris causa) at the Bulacan State University in 1995.

Obet is currently serving his fourth term as National President of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, of which he is particularly proud to be a member for more than six decades and to which he attributes much of his values formation. He attended the Tenth (10th) World Scouts Jamboree in Mt. Makiling in 1959. He presently teaches MPA subjects at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines Open University System and is Chairman of POEMS Agro-Industrial Corporation.

Obet was Charter President of the Rotary Club of Calumpit. He was likewise President of Rotary Club of Manila in RY 2012-2013 and District Governor of Rotary International District 3810 in RY 2015-2016.

He is presently the Chairman of the Council of Governors of Rotary International District 3810, Health Tourism and Retirement Alliance, Inc., Medicines Transparency Alliance, Philippines, Inc., and Movement for Water Security.



Dear Colleagues in RCM,

Last Thursday, July 30, 2020, IPP Jackie Rodriguez and I were invited to the Inaugural and Blessing of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) led by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu and Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chairman Danilo Lim. This solar powered 2-million liter capacity treatment plant is now fully operational in front of the Manila Yacht Club (MYC) and connects three major drainage outflows between the US Embassy and the MYC.

We owe much to our former Manila Rotarian Atty. Tony Oposa and Past Director Atty. Beda Fajardo for filing a case in 1998 against the Republic of the Philippines to take full responsibility for cleaning Manila Bay and bringing it to its past glory. In 1999, I was asked by Tony to host a lunch at MYC because there would be a hearing concerning Manila Bay. We showed the Judge that MYC is a victim of injustice because the outflow of waste coming from the city was directly entering the club. Ten years later, in 2008, they won in the Supreme Court - a first in the Philippines and the world on Environment. Since then, nothing has happened.

During my Commodorship on November 17, 2018, I called Tony to say that I would like to take the cudgels in making it our advocacy to revive the clean up. I appealed to my newspaper friends led by Bobit Avila of Philippine Star and DeeDee Siytangco of Manila Bulletin to write about the Supreme Court Mandamus of 2008, ordering the 13 National Government Agencies to comply with the clean up of Manila Bay.

MYC was the second yacht club in Asia and in 1935, it was the first airport hosting the Pan American China Clipper, a 40-seater seaplane traveling to San Francisco. The yacht club was a reflection of the progressive economic status of our country. However, Manila Bay started to become a garbage dump ever since the 1960's. By 1990, the water quality started to deteriorate and in the year 2000 onwards, it became worse with the pungent smell becoming unacceptable. Eventually, many foreign yacht owners abroad avoided Manila because of the deterioration of the water quality due to the sewage outflow directly entering MYC. All the waste of informal settlers, residents, restaurants, Manila Zoo, Malls, Ospital ng Maynila, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and other buildings were entering MYC.

Unexpectedly, my prayers were answered on December 15, 2018 when Secretary Roy Cimatu was on television taking the challenge to start the clean up of Manila Bay. By January 11, 2019, the first strategic meeting was held at MYC. This was my first meeting with the Secretary. The following day, I invited him together with four television networks to cruise around Manila Bay in order to check the outflows coming out of the city to the Bay.

We also had a marine contingent following us, taking samples of the sewage outflow for testing at the DENR laboratory. On January 17, 2019, then President-Elect/Director Jackie Rodriguez and I joined the DENR Strategic Planning involving 13 government agencies and Mayors of Metro Manila, including the Department of Tourism and the Corregidor Foundation. On January 27, 2019, the launching of the Battle of Manila Bay for the Clean Up was witnessed by 6,000 government employees and the private sectors were represented by the Manila Yacht Club, the Rotary Club of Manila, Manila InterAirline Club, Network of Independent Travel Agencies, Tourism Educators and Movers, Atty. Tony Oposa and Atty. Beda Fajardo. The walk started at the Quirino Grandstand and ended at MYC. The dredging started immediately from the US Embassy and MYC. A total of 27,000 metric tons of sewage and plastics were hauled within 11 months with the cooperation of DENR, MMDA, and DPWH. The coliform level was 1,100,000,000 in 2018. Today, it is at 700 and the pungent smell is gone. The target is to achieve a coliform level below 100 to allow swimming and for fish to thrive.

In order to not overburden the Sewage Treatment Plant, the Mayor of Manila, Isko Moreno, promised to install STPs in Manila Zoo and Ospital ng Maynila. Other establishments would also have to comply with the order.

In addition, the President earmarked 43 Billion Pesos for the relocation of informal settlers in areas of waterways to permanently prevent waste, including human waste, to be disposed to the Bay.

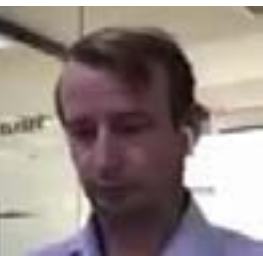
The above is a brief summary. Today, we are supporting the Clean Up that would take 6 years in the making because Manila Bay is connected with Metro Manila, Cavite, Zambales, Laguna, Pampanga, and Bulacan. By urging Rotary Clubs to help support the Clean Up, we have started meetings with the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu and the Rotary Club of Cebu. Our program is to encourage Rotary Clubs in the country to conduct seminars on waste management in every barangay with the support of DENR and DILG. We can reduce waste through segregation and compost. We shall adopt the training program for barangays with the DENR and Atty. Tony Oposa, who is now a well-renowned environmentalist.

This month, we have invited Secretary Roy Cimatu to share more updates on the Clean Up of Manila Bay, Clean Up of Boracay, and the Corona Virus status in Cebu. Secretary Roy Cimatu is always relied upon by the President who has supported him all the way to get things fixed ASAP! Thank you so much Secretary Roy for your amazing swift no nonsense action. Maraming Salamat.

We Rotarians are Catalysts of Change and we strive for a better Philippines through education and networking with local and national government agencies.

Your Servant President,

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



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



IPD Issam Eldebs, Program Moderator, calls the day's sequential order of activities.



Pres. Bobby Joseph calls the meeting to order.



PDG Vince Carlos delivers an ecumenical prayer.



The RCM Audiovisual Presentation of the Philippine National Anthem.



The World Famous Music Chorale Audiovisual Presentation of the RCM Hymn.

IPVP Hermie Esguerra, Chairman, Programs Committee, RY 2020-2021, introduces and recites The Rotarian Pledge as a perfect prelude in fostering and strengthening ties amongst fellow Rotarians by way of reinforcing its resolve in furtherance of Service Above Self.



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



IPD Issam Eldebs, Program Moderator, acknowledges the week's birthday celebrants, namely, **Rtn. Mike Sicat, Dir. Johnny Chotrani, Rtn. Henning Karcher, Rtn. Henry Villarica, Rtn. Ray Davis and Rtn. Edwin Seña** which was followed by an audiovisual presentation of the World Famous Music Chorale singing the happy birthday song.



Rtn. Farid Alain Schoucair, General Manager, The Heritage Hotel Manila, presents a comprehensive and informative report on Surviving a Wild Cash Flow Crisis: Reflections, Observations and Views by Giovanni Angelini as well as Travel and Tourism in a COVID-19 World during his classification talk.



Pres. Bobby Joseph presents the thrust of the RCM Board of Directors and Executive Officers for Rotary Year 2020-2021 during his President's Time.



An open forum immediately followed right after the presentation of **Pres. Bobby Joseph**. Among those who participated in the open forum were **Rtn. John Cutter, PD Abe Pascual, Treas. Karlo Castro, PDSAA Jason Bogovich, AT Marcus Dee and PD Oscar del Rosario**.



Pres. Bobby Joseph delivers his response and thereafter, adjourns the meeting.



FROM THE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:

Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

In furtherance of our aim to synergize our collective efforts as a club in helping our marginalized brothers and sisters in the community we serve through our respective expertise, today, we shall have the exciting Classification Talks of Star Rtn. Marlon R. Roño, President and CEO of Magsaysay People Resources Corporation, who will focus on the Repatriation of Overseas Filipino Workers and Rtn. Wilfredo "Willie" M. Peliño, President of Osmeña Colleges, who will dwell on the Enrollment Statistics in the Wake of the Global Pandemic. This shall be followed by a timely Roundtable Discussion on the Philippine Healthcare System Assistance with PDG Roberto "Obet" Pagdanganan, former Provincial Governor of Bulacan, former Secretary of the Department of Agrarian Reform, former Secretary of the Department of Tourism, former Chairman and President of Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC) and Founding Chairman of PITC Pharma, Inc. which will be moderated by BLA Amading Valdez and everyone is encouraged to participate and share their thoughts on the matter.

Further, in our desire to focus our efforts on service projects and to avail of the benefits of obtaining global grants for our worthwhile projects, we have invited speakers whose expertise dwell on writing the said grants and updating us on our partnerships with charitable institutions. Hence, for the next two weeks, we have lined up guest speakers who are set to bring out the Rotarian spirit in each of us.

Below, is a preview of our upcoming Guest Speakers for your reference:



Hence, I solicit your utmost cooperation in ensuring the success of our novel endeavors designed at rekindling the Rotarian spirit by way of joining our meetings as Rotary Opens Opportunities for all of us.

Yours in the service of Rotary,

IPVP HERMINIO "HERMIE" S. ESGUERRA
Chairman, Programs Committee
RY 2020-2021

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA		
ANNUAL DUES FOR RY 2020-2021	89	FULLY PAID
As of August 5, 2020	126	UNPAID
	2	PARTIALLY PAID
	217	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBER

NO.	NAME	OR NUMBER	ANNUAL DUES 20-21	REMARKS
1	Abastillas, Celso E.	50061	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
2	Abay, Valentin "Val" G.	50049	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
3	Abraham, And	50205	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
4	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.	50133	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
5	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"	50075	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
6	Alday, Albert S.	50055	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
7	Bartolome II, Arsenio "Archie" M.	50047	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
8	Bedones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.	50106	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
9	Bella Jr., Gerónimo "Jun" Dela Paz	50069	24,553.57	FULLY PAID
10	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	50078	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
11	Bogovich, Jason M.	50202	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
12	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	50083	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
13	Camat, Fernando	50068	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
14	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.	50124	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
15	Castro, Carlo Eugene Josef "Carlo"	50025	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
16	Chotrani, Johnny N.	50206	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
17	Coyula Jr., Robert "Bub" G.	50059	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
18	Cung, Alexander "Alex" P.	50041	23,800.00	FULLY PAID
19	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	50118	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
20	David, Virgilio "Vee"	50126	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
21	Davis, Raymond "Ray" N.	50089	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
22	Dayang, Juan E.	50049	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
23	Diano, Benjamin "Ben" E.	50043	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Dominguez II, Carlos "Sonny" G.	50065	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
25	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	50085	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
26	Eldabe, Isam "Sam"	50021	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
27	Engelhardt, Francis	50121	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
28	Enriquez III, Eduardo "Tito" Y.	50051	24,553.57	FULLY PAID
29	Eugena, Hermilio "Hermie" S.	50062	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	Evaristo, Frank	50079	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
31	Follusco Jr., Ceforino "Jun" G.	50027	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Garcia, Victor	50052	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.	50070	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Gio, Henry Sy	50048	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
35	Hallare Jr., Delfin "Jun" T.	50114	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
36	Hallarsach, Mathias	50094	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
37	Harte, Wolfgang Kurt	50122	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
38	Hendelmann, Martin	50097	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
39	Hernandez, Edwin	50044	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
40	Joseph Jr., Robert Lim "Bobby"	50057	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
41	Karlson, Harding	50091	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
42	Ko, Solomon "Mon"	50017	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
43	Laguasma, Bienvenido "Benji"	50056	23,800.00	FULLY PAID
44	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	50024	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
45	Legarda Jr., Benito "Benito" J.	50063	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
46	Llanston, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" T.	50012	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
47	Liu, Alfredo "Fred" S.	50071	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
48	Liu, David Eduardo Ty	50111	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
49	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.	50092	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
50	Locsin, Roberto R.	50032	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
51	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Her" C.	50099	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
52	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50014	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
53	Making, Amado "Butch" M.	50120	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
54	Masters, Lance A.	50090	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
55	Mitschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	50046	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
56	Mendoza, Estalio "Tito" P.	50060	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
57	Montecillo, Daniel Gabriel "Dennis"	50119	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
58	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	50012	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
59	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	50120	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
60	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" E.	50117	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
61	Ong, Jason L.	50064	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

62	Ong, Philip "Phil" L.	50082	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
63	Paglanganan, Roberto "Ober" M.	50064	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
64	Panas, Neil	50084	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
65	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.	50098	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
66	Patruel, Jose Augusto "Jepoy"	50098	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
67	Pineda Jr., Jesus "Tosing" M.	50093	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
68	Pineda Jr., Fabrice "Bobot" E.	50050	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
69	Polanco, Renato "René" R.	50088	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
70	Prezler Jr., Fausto R.	50087	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
71	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" A.	50095	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
72	Rast, Tobias	50033	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
73	Reck, Philip H.	50101	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
74	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50029	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
75	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie"	50127	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
76	Sarmiento, Ricardo	50045	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
77	Schwarz, David Alan	40109	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
78	Schneider, Bernd	50104	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
79	Silayan, Jonellito "Joni" H.	50100	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
80	So, Warren	50123	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
81	Stranberry, Ben	50055	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
82	Sydney Jr., Jose "Joey" A.	50086	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
83	Tagepaya, Hector "Chito"	50125	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
84	Thompson, Taylor, Marlin	50115	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
85	Tillman, Harrel	50116	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
86	Valdez, Joel C.	48310	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
87	Valdez, Amado "Amador" D.	50081	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
88	Wana, Isak	50058	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
89	Yu, Reginald	50103	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
90	Zalameda Jr., Enrique "Rick" M.	50107	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
91	Zaldaraga, Felix Francisco "Chito"	50112	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
TOTAL			3,294,781.54	

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ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

RCM Members' Attendance Report, RY 2020-2021

	Thursday, July 2, 2020	Thursday, July 9, 2020	Thursday, July 16, 2020	Thursday, July 23, 2020	Thursday, July 30, 2020
	Att. Active Leave, Inactive Pilgrims Leave	Att. Active Leave, Inactive Pilgrims Leave	Att. Active Leave, Inactive Pilgrims Leave	Att. Active Leave, Inactive Pilgrims Leave	Att. Active Leave, Inactive Pilgrims Leave
All Members Present	65	65	65	65	65
Less: Excused from Attendance	1	7	6	7	4
OR Users					
Total Active Members	64	58	59	58	61
ADD Value-Up	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	64	58	59	58	62
Total of Members	217	217	217	217	217
100% ATTENDANCE	29%	27%	27%	27%	28%
No Credit for MAG					
OR					
1 RCM Members 7:00-8:00 AC Bangkok Meeting					
2					
RCM Members registered	65	65	59	60	62
Guest of Honor	0	0	0	0	0
Guest of GPH	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown - (NO) PHONE	2	1	0	0	0
Visiting Rotarians	0	0	0	0	0
Rotaract	0	0	0	0	0
Guests	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	71	67	60	60	62



The last time I was in Manila was in January 2019 during the official launching of the Manila Bay Rehabilitation program. This is due to the fact that I dared then Manila Yacht Club Commodore Robert "Bobby" Joseph to come up with a plan to make his being commodore an unforgettable thing. So he asked me to be in Manila to join him with practically all the Cabinet secretaries of the Duterte administration for the official launching of this very noble program.

So now, more than a year after the Manila Bay rehabilitation was launched, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) unveiled last Thursday, July 30th, a solar-powered sewage treatment plant (STP) adjacent to the Manila Yacht Club along Roxas Boulevard in Manila.

The solar-powered STP, which aims to address the problem with household wastewater discharge that contributes to the pollution in Manila Bay, is capable of treating 500,000 liters of waste water per day from three major drainage outfalls along Roxas Boulevard, according to DENR.

They installed a 1.5-kilometer-long rubber pipe from the US embassy to the Manila Yacht Club to divert untreated wastewater from outfalls in Padre Faura, Rajah Soliman/Remedios across Aristocrat Restaurant and Manila Yacht Club. This newly inaugurated STP will then process and treat the domestic waste water before it will be discharged to Manila Bay.

It was great to see via Facebook DENR chief Roy Cimatu and Metro Manila Development Authority chair Danilo Lim and Commodore Bobby Joseph at the ribbon-cutting as part of the three-phased rehabilitation program dubbed "Battle for Manila Bay." Like what I've always said, the cleaning up of Manila Bay is at least a 10-year process!



July 14, 2020

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

An Opportunity has now opened doors for our club to be a 100% Paul Harris Club. With only US\$ 500.00 as a beginning contribution, you can now become a Paul Harris Fellow.

We have members who have risen to donor levels that have earned them significant point values. Our fellow members led by IPP Jackie Rodriguez, PDG Alex Cureg, IPVP Hermie Esguerra, PDG Rudy Be-diones and PDG Obet Pagdanganan have indicated their willingness to share the points they have earned to allow Rotarians to be enrolled in the Roster of Paul Harris Fellows for only an initial contribution of US\$ 500.00 instead of the regular US\$ 1,000.00.

Contributions can easily be made by enrolling in www.rotary.org using your R.I. Identification Number. Once enrolled, you are allowed to learn Rotary, increase your circle of friendship and contribute conveniently using the website.

We, Rotarians, belong to a global family of service-oriented people who believe that our congregation is a means to share our blessings to the less fortunate communities globally. The Rotary Foundation is the funding arm of global humanitarian undertakings of Rotary International. It was formally named in 1917 and the first trustees were appointed after Rotary International President Arch Klumph proposed for the establishment of an endowment for the purpose of doing good in the world. The first grant of US\$ 500 benefitted the International Society for Crippled Children (Easter Seals). History marks the milestone projects of The Rotary Foundation such a scholarship

for international graduate study, the elimination of Polio worldwide, the initiation of a World Peace Forum, among others. Under the Rotary's 7 Areas of Service Focus, namely, Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Economic and Community Development and lastly, Supporting the Environment, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation have made themselves relevant to developing communities globally.

All these services would not have been made possible if not for the generosity of Rotarians, who voluntarily enlisted themselves to become members of The Rotary Foundation through a minimal contribution of US\$ 1,000.00.

We are currently working on a Global Grants for Covid-19 and other community-related projects. Your contribution will significantly improve the community living of our target beneficiaries.

For any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in the service of Rotary,

ROMEO THADDEUS LIAMZON
Vice President,
Chairman, The Rotary Foundation
RY 2020-2021

Noted by:

ROBERT L. JOSEPH, JR.
President
RY 2020-2021



The Board of Directors,
Executive Officers, General Membership
and Staff of the Rotary Club of Manila

condole with the family
of the late





BONCAN, RAUL A.
Sponsor: Rtn. Tony Chuidian +
1976 Filipino, Paul Harris Fellow 1990
Government - Trade and Industry
RI Service Above Self Awardee
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Married to
Rizalina Bautista
"Selling" (May 24)

Rtn. RAUL A. BONCAN
Honorary Member, 2017-present
Active Member, 1976-2017
Former Member, Monterary Board,
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

who passed away last August 2, 2020. Cremation took place at Arlington Memorial Chapels and Crematory in Quezon City last August 4, 2020 after the 1:00 pm mass.

In lieu of flowers, the bereaved family requests donations to school children who will need laptops for online classes. These donations may be deposited to BPI St Lukes SA#3899097431. The bereaved family shall consolidate all donations and make sure they are given to the proper agencies. Please viber or text 09209125715 if donation has been deposited for purposes of accountability and acknowledgment.



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Rotary International District 3810 will hold the Seamless Seminar 2020 on August 8, 2020 via Zoom platform. Registration may be done through the district website. The Seamless Seminar will tackle Membership Development, The Rotary Foundation and Public Im-age.

July 24, 2020

IPP Jackie Rodriguez
Rotary Club of Manila

Dear IPP Jackie,

Please note below the accomplishments of the International Relations Committee for RY 2019-2020. The undersigned was the Chairman of the committee with VP Thad Liamzon as Vice-Chairman. The IRC was composed of all international ambassadors appointed by your administration.

1) As a prelude, the centennial celebration with the participation (attendance) of seven sister-clubs was the culmination of nearly two years of an initiative to bring our international brothers to this special occasion. We sent out emails a few months before the event. But, as it turned out I had done sufficient groundwork to attract 70+ international rotarians and wives.

It was gratifying to hear from many of our visitors that they enjoyed their visit to Manila. We closely interacted and bonded with our brothers.

2) During the year, we paid visits to RC Singapore (attended their 89th anniversary), RC Kowloon East (attended their 50th anniversary), RC Osaka East, RC Tokyo and RC Bangkok (twice).

3) Additionally, we attended the centennial celebrations of RC Shanghai and RC Calcutta.

4) The visit to Shanghai led to the formation of the Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs (CCRC). The CCRC further expanded our reach into the international network of Rotary Clubs. At the CCRC, we have reconnected with our mother club, RC Seattle 4 and RC Tokyo (the upcoming Centennial club in Asia). The CCRC is also in discussions with several clubs in the UK for them to participate in our efforts even prior to their 100th anniversary.

5) Our interaction with our sister clubs lays the foundation for a stronger friendship and cooperation with them. This year we have commenced discussions on doing a Global Grant project with RC Singapore. There is an opportunity to do other projects with RC Kowloon East and RC Bangkok. We are continuously supported by RC Osaka East, our partner in the Global Grant of the Hospicio de San Jose project.

6) The CCRC will provide us a greater opportunity to connect with faraway clubs. The current CCRC triumvirate of RCM, RC Calcutta and RC Shanghai have agreed in principle to put up a booth in the next Rotary International Convention expected to be held in Taiwan in 2021. The CCRC, while currently formulating its operating policies, is already in talks with at least six other international clubs for worldwide cooperation.



My only major concern is that the IRC needs the support and participation of more members. As of the end of RY 2019-2020, we had seven international ambassadors (including myself) working with 8 sister clubs, our mother club and the CCRC. Considering that we continue to intensify and strengthen our ties with our sister clubs, we will, this year, be initiating cooperative projects and that we will expand our network. It is obvious that we need more support from our members.

Last year (and up to this moment), the IRC members are Rtn. Steve “Momo” Mommaerts, Rtn. Warren So, Rtn. Mike Ozaeta, VP Thad Liamzon, Rtn. Jae Jung, Rtn. John Michael Cutter and myself. More communication, more travel/online meetings and new relationships will require more people if the IRC were to expand based on our motto of “Rotary Connects the World”.

On the Ambassadors Committee, I was there to support Chairman Vince. An active chairman for this year will be a key factor to continue working with your vision. After making connections, we have to move forward and work on cooperative projects. I just read that we have twenty daughter clubs and we have not connected with at least half of this twenty.

I committed to President Bobby to continue work for the IRC and the CCRC. For the Ambassador of Goodwill Committee, I will be happy to play a supporting role.

Thank you for giving me and the other IRC members the privilege of participating in RCM’s efforts to connect the world.

Yours in Rotary,

PD Nick Locsin



Rtn. Steve “Momo” Mommaerts attended the meeting of the Rotary Club of Bangkok last July 30, 2020 in Bangkok, Thailand. He is shown in the picture with Transformational President Abdullah Alawadi and Immediate Past President Khun Pornchai Wessatada.



President Bobby Joseph and **ASAG/Dir. Albert Alday**, Chairman, New Generations Committee, attended the **20th Handover and 21st Induction Ceremonies** of the **Rotaract Club of Manila**, a club sponsored and chartered by the **Rotary Club of Manila**, last August 1, 2020. **President Bobby Joseph** undertook the Charging of Officers and exhorted the officers and members to actively participate as our partners in service. He likewise made a personal donation to them for the projects the club will be undertaking for RY 2020-2021. **Rotaractor Casimir “Mei” Acuin** was inducted as President for RY 2020-2021.

Rotarian Code of Conduct

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Here is the updated Rotarian Code of Conduct; the last aspect has been included since Jan 2019.

As a Rotarian, I will:

- Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people’s quality of life in my community and in the world
- Avoid behaviour that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.
- Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment (January 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 119).

Source: COL 89-148; Amended by May 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 204; September 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 87; October 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 31; January 2014 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 88; October 2014 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 60; January 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 119

First club in Philippines opens door to Rotary in Asia

In early 1919, Rotarian Roger Pinneo of Seattle, Washington, USA, traveled to the Philippines to try to organize a Rotary club in Manila. Leon J. Lambert, a Manila business leader helped Pinneo establish the club. Several months later, on 1 June 1919, the Rotary Club of Manila was chartered and became the first Rotary club in Asia.

The club would be the only one in the country for more than 12 years. Eventually, Manila club members organized Rotary clubs in the Philippine cities of Cebu (1932) and Iloilo (1933). Iloilo club members then started a club in Bacolod (1937), and Rotary continued to expand across the country.



Eight clubs were leading service efforts in the Philippines by the end of 1941. Iloilo Rotary members raised funds to build a hospital dormitory in Iloilo for patients with leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease. Farther south, on the island of Mindanao, Davao club members organized a tree planting project to beautify their city.

Sometime during World War II, the Philippine clubs, like many Rotary clubs around the globe, ceased operations. All clubs in the Philippines were formally closed by the end of 1943.

Rotary was re-established in the country when the Dagupan club officially reopened in June 1945. The Manila club followed in October. By April 1948, all pre-WWII Rotary clubs had reopened and five new clubs had been chartered.

Service projects, including supplying books and furniture for a new library in Dumaguete, continued throughout the 1950s. In 1979, Rotary International began its historic fight to end polio with its [first polio immunization project](#) in Makati, a city outside of Manila.

Today, members of nearly 900 Rotary clubs in the Philippines continue to take action to improve lives in their communities. Find out how to [get involved](#).



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Date: June 18, 2019



NUTS N' BALLS by PP Boy Guevara, Jr.

A beautiful message to be shared

A man, who regularly attended meetings with his friends, suddenly without any notice stopped participating.

After a few weeks, one very cold night the leader of that group decided to visit him.

He found the man at home, alone, sitting in front of a fireplace where a bright and cozy fire burned. The man welcomed the leader. There was a great silence.

The two men only watched the dancing flames around the logs that crackled in the fireplace.

After a few minutes the leader, without saying a word, examined the embers that formed and selected one of them, glowing most brightly of all, removing it to the side with a pair of tongs. Then he sat down again.

The host was paying attention to everything, fascinated. Before long, the lone ember flame subsided, until there was only a momentary glow & the fire soon went out.

In a short time what was previously bright light and heat had become nothing more than a black & dead piece of coal.

Very few words had been spoken since the greeting.

Before preparing to leave, the leader with the tongs picked up the useless coal & placed it again in the middle of the fire. Immediately, the ember was rekindled, fueled by the light & heat of the burning coals around him.

When the leader reached the door to leave, the host said: Thank you for your visit and for your beautiful lesson. I'll return to the group soon.

Why is the group extinguished.....?

Very simple:
Because each member that withdraws takes fire & heat from the rest.

It's worth reminding group members that they are a part of the flame.

It's also good to remind us that we are all responsible for keeping each other's flame burning & we must promote the union among us so that the fire is really strong, effective and lasting.

THE *GROUP* *IS* *ALSO* *A* *FAMILY*

It doesn't matter if sometimes we are bothered by so many messages that reach the chat. What matters is to be connected. We are here to meet, learn, exchange ideas or simply to know that we are not alone.

Let's keep the flame alive.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR FIRE

Life is beautiful with friends...





Quotes on Life

by PP Frank Evaristo

1. "You should not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities."
2. "You should not be fearful, for most of the things we fear never come to pass."
3. "You should not cross bridges before one comes to them, for no one yet has succeeded in accomplishing this."
4. "You should face each problem as it comes. One can only handle one at a time anyway."
5. "You should not take problems to bed with you, for they make very poor bedfellows."
6. "You should not borrow other people's problems. They can better care for them than you can."
7. "You should not try to relive yesterday for good or ill, it is forever gone. Concentrate on what is happening in your life and be happy now!"
8. "You should be a good listener, for only when you listen do you hear ideas different from your own. It is hard to learn something new when you are talking, and some people do know more than you do."
9. "You should not become 'bogged down' by frustration, for 90% of it is rooted in self-pity and will only interfere with positive action."
10. "You should count your blessings, never overlooking the small ones, for a lot of small blessings add up to make big ones."



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