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Zoom Weekly Membership Luncheon Meeting
Rotary Year 2020-2021
 Thursday, February 18, 2021, 12:00 PM

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

11:00 AM	Registration and Zoom In	
	1. Program Technical Moderators	STAR Rtn. Tobi Rast /
	2. Program Moderator/Facilitator/ChikaTalk	EA Sol Troniado-Encarnacion
		STAR Rtn. Sean Rodriguez
11:55 AM	Zoom Meeting House Rules	
12:00 PM	Call to Order	Pres. Bobby Joseph
	Invocation and Special prayers for the healing and speedy recovery of PP Cesar Ubaldo, Rtn. Butch Tamayo, PVP Mike Guerrero, and PVP Lance Masters	Rtn. Geof Yu
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	RCM Hymn	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Philippine Rotary Hymn	AVP
	The Rotarian Pledge	DE Noy Benedicto
	The Four (4) Way Test	Rtn. Mike Guarin
	Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests	STAR Rtn. Sean Rodriguez
	Welcome Song	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week	
	February 15 Rtn. Jordan Pizarra	February 22 Rtn. Dante Gierran
	February 16 Rtn. Klaus Mueller	February 26 PSAA Gunter Matschuck
	February 17 Rtn. Jun Aventura	February 27 Rtn. Dicky Yujuico
	Maligayang Bati	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Happy Birthday Song	AVP of Birthday Celebrants
	President's Time	Pres. Bobby Joseph



Zoom Weekly Membership Luncheon Meeting
Rotary Year 2020-2021

Thursday, February 18, 2021, 12:00 PM

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

12:30 PM Classification Talks

Rtn. Raymund Arnold S. Alberto

Proprietor/Principal Geodetic Engineer
RASA Surveying

Classification: Real Estate Professional
Services – Land Surveying

STAR Rtn. Tobias Rast

Owner and CEO

Pegotec Pte., Ltd.

Classification: Information Technology
– Consulting

Open Forum

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation

Pres. Bobby Joseph

IPVP Hermie Esguerra

Programs Committee Chairman

Attested by:

Sec. Reggie Yu

2:00 PM Meeting Adjournment

Pres. Bobby Joseph



RAYMUND ARNOLD "MON" S. ALBERTO

Proprietor/Principal Engineer
RASA Surveying

For 26 years in surveying industry, our vision is to be a globally recognized technical firm. RASA Surveying aims to seek broader horizons on a more holistic and innovative way of applying surveying and geomatics in the industry. In this fast-paced and growing technological era, our company has learned the ability to anticipate and effectively respond to change. Our goal is to set the highest quality standards in the field of surveying industry.

RASA Surveying has continued to strive in providing the best surveying services in the Philippines by investing on top-of-the-line equipment, providing our engineers and technical staff with vigorous trainings locally and internationally, and venturing with international partners. We are equipped with high-grade instruments which can deliver accurate results in performing survey works. Our team is composed of passionate and experienced individuals aiming to achieve the goals of the company.

RASA Surveying has established its unparalleled presence in the Philippine surveying industry throughout the years. As of today, it has expanded its services by providing Geographic Information System (GIS) Solutions, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Mapping, High Definition Surveying Services, and LiDAR Mapping Services. We aspire to continue our legacy of traversing the path of surveying technology.

RASA Surveying has extensive experience from the volumes of projects we have completed on-time, within budget and with the utmost quality. As of today, we have accomplished various surveys and activities on approximately: 10,000 kilometers of roads, 200 bridges, 80 seaports, 20 airports, a number of Transmission Lines – interconnection, 15 Mining claims totaling 30,000 hectares, 40 communications tower, 50 drainage facilities, 30 water systems and pipeline projects, 40 boat landing, 4 dam projects, 1ST-4TH Order Geodetic Control Points NAMRIA, Satellite Imagery provision and processing, and Digital Transformation of NAMRIA maps. These projects are spread throughout the whole Philippines from Tuguegarao in Cagayan Province to Bongao in Tawi-Tawi.

Education and Recognitions:

University of the Philippines – Diliman, Quezon City – 1993
B.S. Geodetic Engineering

4th Placer, Board Examinations in Geodetic Engineering
MS in Remote Sensing – Units Earned
University of the Phils., Diliman

MS in Urban Planning – Units Earned
University of the Phils., Diliman

Geodetic Engineer – Reg. No. 4048

Real Estate Broker – Lic. No. 11616

Continuing Industry Partner Awards 2018 (March 9, 2018)

Feati Engineering Industry Partner Award (March 7, 2017)
Golden Bay, Pasay City, Manila

2016 UPAE Professional Degree Award for Geodetic
Engineering

Manila Polo Club, McKinley Road, Makati City
(November 12, 2016)

Partner Excellence Award

APAC Engage (May 12, 2015)

PRC Most Outstanding Geodetic Engineer (2013)

Most Outstanding Geodetic Engineer (2013)

Most Outstanding G.E Alumni

"75th Anniv. – Tracing the Past, Scaling the Present,
Charting the Future"

(August 18, 2012 Most Outstanding Geodetic Engineer
in the Philippines)

Most Outstanding G.E Alumni

"75th Anniv. – Tracing the Past, Scaling the Present,
Charting the Future" (August 18, 2012)

Most Outstanding Geodetic Engineer in the Private
Sector (2010-2011)

Who's Who – GivENGG BACK in the field of Geomatics
and Surveying (2010)

Most Outstanding Regional President (2010)

(4th Placer) Geodetic Engineering Board Examination –
2004

Most Outstanding Rotarian

Consistent Honor Student (Elem. To H.S)

PROFILE OF RTN. RAYMUND ARNOLD "MON" S. ALBERTO



Memberships in professional, civic and other organizations:

Unmanned Aerial Systems Mapping Association of the Philippines (UMAP)
ASEAN Engineer
Rotary Club Manila
Makati Business Club
Geological Society of the Phils.
Philippine Constructors Association, Inc.
Asean Federation of Land Surveying and Geomatics
Real Estate Brokers Association of the Phils.
Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Association, Inc.
UP Alumni Engineers (UPAE)
UP Alumni of Geodetic Engineers

Professional Affiliations:

Vice President: Unmanned Aerial Systems Mapping Association of the Philippines (UMAP)-2019
2. Director: UP Alumni Engineers Assoc., Inc. - 2015
3. Organizing Chairman: 12th South East Asian Survey Congress - 2013
4. Governor: Geodetic Engineers of the Philippines-National -2011-201
5. Director: Geodetic Engineering and Geomatics Society - 2011
6. Lecturer UP. Diliman and FEATI University - 2011-2012
7. Treasurer: GEODEV Foundation, Inc. -2011
8. Exec. Director: New Zealand Aerial Mapping Phils. -2020
9. Director: MYSCAD Phils. - 2009
10. Director: Geodetic Engineers of the Philippines NCR-2002-2009

Speaking Engagements/Conventions and Seminars:

- speaker and resource person on different conventions and institutions here and abroad 1998 up to present
- Attended International, local conventions and seminars from 1998 up to present



PROFILE OF STAR RTN. TOBIAS "TOBI" RAST



TOBIAS "TOBI" RAST

Owner & CEO
Pegotec Pte., Ltd.

Personal information

Name	Tobias Rast
Nationality	German
Place of residence	Makati, Metro Manila, Philippines
Date of birth	14 February 1981
E-Mail	rast.tobias@gmail.com
Mobile / WhatsApp / Viber	+63 936 950 8441

Work experience

Dates	December 2015 - Onwards
Occupation or position held	Owner & CEO of Pegotec - Singapore, Kathmandu and Phnom Penh Software Development
Dates	December 2016 - Onwards
Occupation or position held	Co-Founder & CEO of Digital Bakery - Singapore Outsourcing Company
Dates	July 2009 - December 2016
Occupation or position held	IT Consultant in Asia for Software implementation
Dates	August 2006 - July 2009
Occupation or position held	IT Consultant in Germany for Web-based Projects
Dates	August 2007 - July 2009
Occupation or position held	Project Manager for Black&Decker and DeWALT - London, UK
Dates	June 2004 - July 2007
Occupation or position held	Web and Application Developer braintransfer AG - Nuremberg, Germany

Education and training

Dates	October 2000 - September 2004
	Studies, Germany - Informatics - Diplom Informatiker
Dates	July 1999 - September 2000
	German Army - Braunschweig, Germany
Dates	1987 - June 1999
	School in Germany

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Colleagues in RCM,

Congratulations Dir. Celso Abastillas and Rtn. Karl Leung for a very informative and interesting presentation last February 11, 2021 during our weekly meeting. All of our speakers who are RCM members are leaders in their own rights and will always have more to share.

Our meetings are getting interesting as more will be tapped in the weeks to come. Feel free to volunteer and suggest. Let us all participate. In fact, we urge everyone to encourage one member to join the Zoom meetings.

We just turned over Php 253,008.11 to PVP Lance Masters for his surgery. Thank you to all the members who participated in the fundraising. The operation was a great success. Thank you PDG Rudy Bediones for initiating the fund drive and PDG Vince Carlos for the blood donation.

Php 16,000,000.00 is the retail price of the CoVid-19 Test Kits that were donated by Medicare Plus which were delivered to Pasay, Parañaque and Taytay and on Wednesday, PGH, will get one more box from the rest. This incredible effort has been coordinated by Rtn. Juan Montel and STAR Rtn. Sean Rodriguez. They are arranging for the second donation. Let us pray for them to succeed. We thank IPP Jackie Rodriguez for expediting the delivery of the donation.

Aside from the Php 16,000,000.00 donation, we have another good news, as today, February 18, 2021, the "Mushroom to Classroom" is being held at the

Elementary School in Pasay City. 200 Barangay Chairmen will undergo this seminar in cooperation with the Pasay City Government as well as the "*Baryanihan: Barya Mo, Tulong sa Kapwa Mo*" where cans will be distributed along Metro Manila to raise funds for the hungry and the sick. Both projects are RCM and JCI Makati Partnership Outreach Projects for one year.

Thank you to 2021 JCI Makati LO President Lawrence "Lance" Tan, our current Star Rotarian. Both of us are signing a Memorandum of Agreement approved by our Board to be executed today, February 18, 2021, 5:00 pm, among Manila Rotarians and Makati Jaycees at The Heritage Hotel Manila in Pasay City. Food and wine are complimentary. More Jaycees from Manila and Makati will be joining RCM. We have Rotarians among us who came from the Jaycees. We have revived the recruitment campaign to increase membership until June 2021 and beyond.

Thank you Lord and Mama Mary for all the blessings that is happening to RCM. We thank our Board of Directors, Advisers, Officers and Members for their 100% support for the Club. We are working to exceed our expectations and the Star Rotarians we have recruited are beyond par.

All the best !

Your Servant Leader,

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

THE WEEK THAT WAS



STAR Rtn Tobi Rast, assisted by **EA Sol Troniado-Encarnacion**, as **Program Technical Moderator**



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



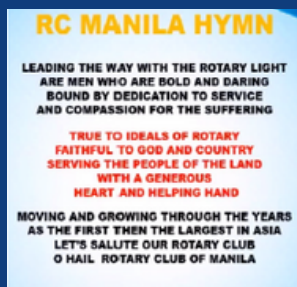
President Bobby Joseph calls the meeting to order.



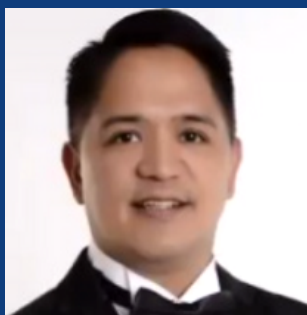
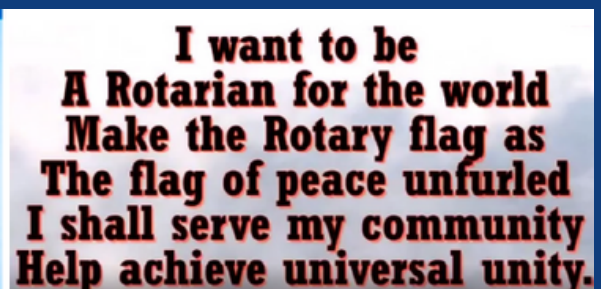
PT Chito Tagaysay delivers an Invocation and Special Prayer.



The **Rotary Club of Manila** Audiovisual Presentation of the **Philippine National Anthem**



The **World Famous Music Chorale Audiovisual Presentation** of the **RCM Hymn** and the singing of the **Philippine Rotary Hymn**

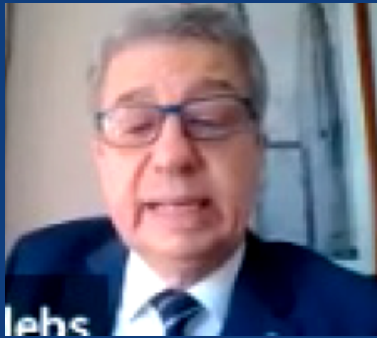


IPBLA Raji Mendoza recites the Rotarian Pledge as a perfect prelude in fostering and strengthening ties amongst fellow Rotarians by way of reinforcing their resolve in furtherance of Service Above Self.



AS Henry Go leads the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test for Manila Rotarians to renew their commitment to the Rotary movement.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



Program Moderator/Facilitator IPD Issam Eldebs introduces guests and Visiting Rotarians.



The **World Famous Music Chorale** singing the Welcome Song



IPD Issam Eldebs, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges the week's birthday celebrants, namely, **Rtn. Cris Acosta**, **Rtn. Dong Benedicto**, **PE/PVP Chito Zaldarriaga**, **PAT Willy Lim** and **STAR Rtn. Tobi Rast**, which was followed by an audiovisual presentation of the World Famous Music Chorale singing the happy birthday song.



The **World Famous Music Chorale** singing the happy birthday song



President Bobby Joseph delivers his message during the President's Time.

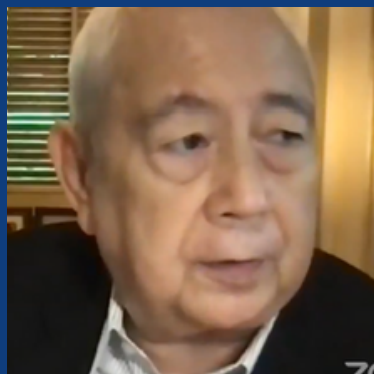
THE WEEK THAT WAS



Dir. Celso Abastillas and **Rtn. Karl Leung** deliver their Classification Talks.



An open forum immediately followed right after the Classification Talks of **Dir. Celso Abastillas** and **Rtn. Karl Leung**. Among those who participated in the open forum were **Programs Committee Chairman IPVP Hermie Esguerra**, **PD Nick Locsin**, **VPE Henning Karcher**, **President Bobby Joseph**, **Rtn. PJ Garcia**, **PE/PVP Chito Zaldarriaga**, **BLA Amado Valdez**, **PD Oscar del Rosario**, **PP Frank Evaristo**, **IPP Jackie Rodriguez** and **PSAA Gunter Matschuck**.



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

From the Programs Committee



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

Land Surveying and Information Technology Consulting mix and match in Classification Talks set to make our economy take off from the rubbles of a global pandemic. Witness our fine gentlemen Rtn. RAYMUND ALBERTO and STAR Rtn. TOBI RAST bring their expertise to fore only at Asia's First Rotary Club, today, February 18, 2021, 12:00 PM! It's a Vocational Service Thursday as we're sure to bring you beyond metes and bounds.

Very truly yours,

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



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Attendance

RCM Members' Attendance Report, RY 2020-2021

February 2021	February 4, 2021 Classification Talks Rtn. Ramby Nolido & STAR Rtn Edwin Hernandez	February 11, 2021 Classification Talks Dir. Celso Abastillas & Rtn. Karl Leung
All Members Present	51	44
Make Up	5	1
Less: Exempt from Attendance	6	5
On Leave	6	6
Total Active Members	50	40
Total # of Members	204	204
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	25%	20%
Visiting Rotarians	0	0
Rotaract Club of Manila/Rotaract Club of DLSU-Manila	0	0
Media	0	0
Guest Speaker/Guest of Honor and Speaker	0	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	0	4
Total Attendees	51	48



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

List of Members Who Have Paid Their Annual Dues for RY 2020-2021

(as of February 17, 2021, 10:00 AM)

	ANNUAL DUES 19-20
175	FULLY PAID
27	UNPAID
2	PARTIALLY PAID
204	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	Abriam, Ariel	50105	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
4	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.	50113	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
5	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.	50275	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
6	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"	50075	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
7	Alday, Albert S.	50035	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
8	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.	50271	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
9	Alvarez, Servando Jr.	50272	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
10	Ang, Richard T.	50318	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
11	Antunez, Jose Mari "Mari" M.	50277	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
12	Aventura, Avenilo "Nilo" P.	50263	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
13	Aventura, Jr., Avenilo "Jun" L.	50263	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
14	Bartolome III, Arsenio "Archit" M.	50047	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
15	Bautista, Jacinto "Jack" S.	50390	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
16	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.	50108	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
17	Bella Jr., Geronimo "Jun" Dela Paz	50069	24,553.57	FULLY PAID
18	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.	50237	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
19	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"	50395	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
20	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	50078	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
21	Bogovich, Jason M.	50102	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
22	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"	50258	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
23	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	50083	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Cabunag, Rogelio "Roger" R.	50279	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
25	Campos Jr., Joselito "Butch" D.	50148	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
26	Camus, Fernando	50068	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
27	Capistrano Jr., Jose "Jun-Jun" A.	50245	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
28	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.	50124	23,800.00	FULLY PAID
29	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	50025	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	Chigioji, Matthew	50393	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
31	Chotrani, Johnny N.	50106	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.	50255	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	Coyiuto Jr., Robert "Jun" G.	50059	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	50336	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
35	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	50041	23,800.00	FULLY PAID
36	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	50118	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
37	David, Virgilio "Vee"	50126	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
38	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.	50089	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
39	Dayang, Juan E.	50049	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
40	Dee, Marcus L.	50252	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
41	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.	50149	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
42	Del Rosario, Oscar	50265	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
43	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"	50147	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
44	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.	50043	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
45	Domingo, Rico V.	50387	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
46	Dominguez III, Carlos "Sonny" G.	50065	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
47	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	50050	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
48	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.	50230	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
49	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	50021	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
50	Engelbrecht, Francois	50121	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
51	Enriquez III, Eduardo "Jujut" V.	50051	24,553.57	FULLY PAID
52	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	50062	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
53	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.	50254	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
54	Evaristo, Frank	50079	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

55	Fajardo, Beda G.	50138	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
56	Follosco Jr., Ceferino "Jun" G.	50027	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
57	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	50150/50285	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
58	Garcia, Victor	50052	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
59	Gaspar, Fernando "Nando" L.	50392	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
60	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	50242	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
61	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.	50070	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
62	Go, Henry Sy	50048	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
63	Go, Michael	50241	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
64	Guerrero, Miguel Ma. "Mike"	50300	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
65	Guevara Jr., Domingo "Boy" S.	50250	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
66	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	50236	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
67	Hallare Jr., Delfin "Jun" T.	50114	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
68	Hallerbach, Mathias	50094	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
69	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt	50122	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
70	Henkelmann, Martin	50097	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
71	Hernandez, Edwin	50044	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
72	Hesse, Uwe	50283	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
73	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.	50284	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
74	Joseph Jr., Robert Lim "Bobby"	50038	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
75	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi"	50354	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
76	Karcher, Henning	50091	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
77	Ko, Solomon "Mon"	50037	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
78	Kunack, Lutz	50216	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
79	Lacambacal, Alvin D.	50259	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
80	Laurel, Ricardo "Ricky" P.	50355	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
81	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.	50389	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
82	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	50074	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
83	Leung, Karl A.	50635	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
84	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" T.	50028	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
85	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	50111	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
86	Lim, William "Willy" C.	50267	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
87	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.	50092	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
88	Locsin, Roberto R.	50036	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
89	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	50099	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
90	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.	50302	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
91	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50034	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
92	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"	50286	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
93	Macapagal, Michael	50285	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
94	Magbanua, Gerry	50306	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
95	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"	50233	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
96	Marking, Amado "Butch" M.	50110	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
97	Masters, Lance A.	50292/50293	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
98	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	50046	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
99	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50060	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
100	Mendoza, Raymond Joseph Ian "Raji"	50244	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
101	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"	50253	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
102	Montecillo, Daniel Gabriel "Dennis"	50119	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
103	Montel, Juan Manuel C.	50369	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
104	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	50042	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
105	Mueller, Klaus	50278	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
106	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	50120	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
107	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.	50273	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
108	Nunez Jr., Jose "Pepo" A.	50260	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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(as of February 17, 2021, 10:00 AM)

109	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.	50117	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
110	Ong, Jovee K.	50143	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
111	Okajima, Hiroyuki	50297/50298	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
112	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	50082	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
113	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L.	50136	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
114	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.	50064	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
115	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.	50141	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
116	Pallasigue, Brian	50135	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
117	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.	50098	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
118	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"	50098	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
119	Patterson, Colin David	50276	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
120	Payumo, Felicitio "Tong" C.	50240	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
121	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	50180	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
122	Pineda Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	50093	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
123	Pineda Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50030	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
124	Pizaras, Jordan M.	50151	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
125	Polcarpio, Renato "Rene" R.	50088	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
126	Preysler Jr., Fausto R.	50087	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
127	Pujalte Jr., Jose "Brix" S.	50274	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
128	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.	50095	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
129	Ramos, Ricardo "Ric"	50301	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
130	Rast, Tobias	50033	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
131	Recto, Philip H.	50101	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
132	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.	50247	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
133	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	50235	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
134	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50029	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
135	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie"	50127	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
136	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean	50307	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
137	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.	50282	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
138	Romualdez, Martin	50317	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
139	Rono, Marlon	50140	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
140	Santos, Jesus "Jess" I.	50347	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
141	Sarmiento, Ricardo	50045	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
142	Schoucair, Farid Alain	50109	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
143	Schneider, Bernd	50104	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
144	Shigei, Kentaro	50269	36,395.34	FULLY PAID
145	Shimoda, Shigeru	50385	36,395.34	FULLY PAID
146	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	50100	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

147	So, Warren	50123	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
148	Stranathan, Ike	50055	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
149	Syjuco Jr., Jose "Joey" A.	50086	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
150	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"	50125	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
151	Tamano, Shalimar Hofer "Shah"	50234	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
152	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.	50199	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
153	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.	50131	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
154	Tan, Lawrence Li	50388	28,938.00	FULLY PAID
155	Tang, Jimmy T.	50264	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
156	Tanglao, Noel V.	50195	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
157	Tankiang, Francisco "Paquito" V.	50139	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
158	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin	50115	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
159	Tillman, Hansel	50116	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
160	Ubaldo, Cesar C.	50146/50147	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
161	Valdes, Joel C.	48310	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
162	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.	50081	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
163	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.	50376	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
164	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.	50281	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
165	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.	50128	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
166	Villacorta, Daniel Deo B.	50142	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
167	Villarica, Henry R.	50227	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
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169	Vrana, Ludek	50058	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
170	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.	50261	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
171	Yu, Reginald	50103	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
172	Yujuico, Benedicto "Dicky" V.	50266	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
173	Yujuico, Joselito "Joey" Z.	50169	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
174	Zalamea Jr., Enrique "Rick" M.	50107	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
175	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	50112	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
176	Zeitouni, Nagi	50134	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
177	Zosa, Rolando "Roy" M.	50303	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
TOTAL			4,519,539.82	
Payments from former members				
1	8 Members		185,100.00	PAID
			4,704,639.82	

Know Your Club Constitution, By-laws and Policies

Q: What is the role of the Membership Committee?



A: The following item in the Code of Policies is authoritative:

"4.2.1.7 Membership Committee

The principal thrust of this committee is to address any and all matters related to the recruitment, development and retention of members, dissemination of Rotary information among members and any other ancillary services."



Q: What is the role of the Classification Sub-Committee?



A: The following item in the Code of Policies is authoritative:

"4.2.1.7.3 Classification

Ensures that the membership of RCM reflects the diversity of the community. A member's classification covers the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company or institution to which he belongs, or a member's own principal and recognized business or professional activity. This function undertakes an annual survey to ascertain, catalog and update the classifications of members within the RCM community."



Q: What is the role of the Sunshine Sub-Committee?



A: The following item in the Code of Policies is authoritative:

"4.2.1.7.2. Sunshine

The sub-committee conducts scheduled visits to ailing Members confined in hospitals due to certain illness in order to uplift their spirits and pray for their speedy recovery; and to condole with the families of deceased Members by scheduled visitations and sending of Mass Cards and Wreaths."

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Rotary Club of Manila Board of Directors for RY 2020-2021 Holds Special Meeting



The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2020-2021 held a Special Meeting last February 12, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were President Bobby Joseph, IPP Jackie Rodriguez, ASAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, DE/Dir. Farid Schoucair, DE/Dir. Johnny Chotrani, Club Secretary Reggie Yu, AS Henry Go, Board Adviser PP Susing Pineda and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

PDG Romy M. Del Rosario Rotary Information Committee Holds Briefing



The PDG Romy M. del Rosario Rotary Information Committee held a briefing last February 15, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were Chairman PDG Alex Cureg, President Bobby Joseph, PP Romy Nones, ASAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, Club Secretary Reggie Yu, Rtn. Manny Blanco, Rtn. Juan Montel and ES Anna Kun Toledo. Prospective members present upon whom the briefing was conducted were Xavier Zialcita, Jose Antonio Soler, Teddy Tee, Jr., Luis Angelo Sevilla and Herbert Joey Garcia.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Council of Past Presidents Holds Meeting



The Council of Past Presidents held a meeting last February 16, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were President Bobby Joseph, PE/PVP Chito Zaldarriaga, PDG Vince Carlos, PDG Rudy Bediones, PDG Obet Pagdanganan, PP Susing Pineda, PP Teddy Ocampo, PP Ebot Tan, PP Frank Evaristo, PP Archit Bartolome and PP Cesar Ubaldo. From the staff, present were ES Anna Kun Toledo and EA Maricon Bigcas.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Tower Awards Committee Holds Meetings



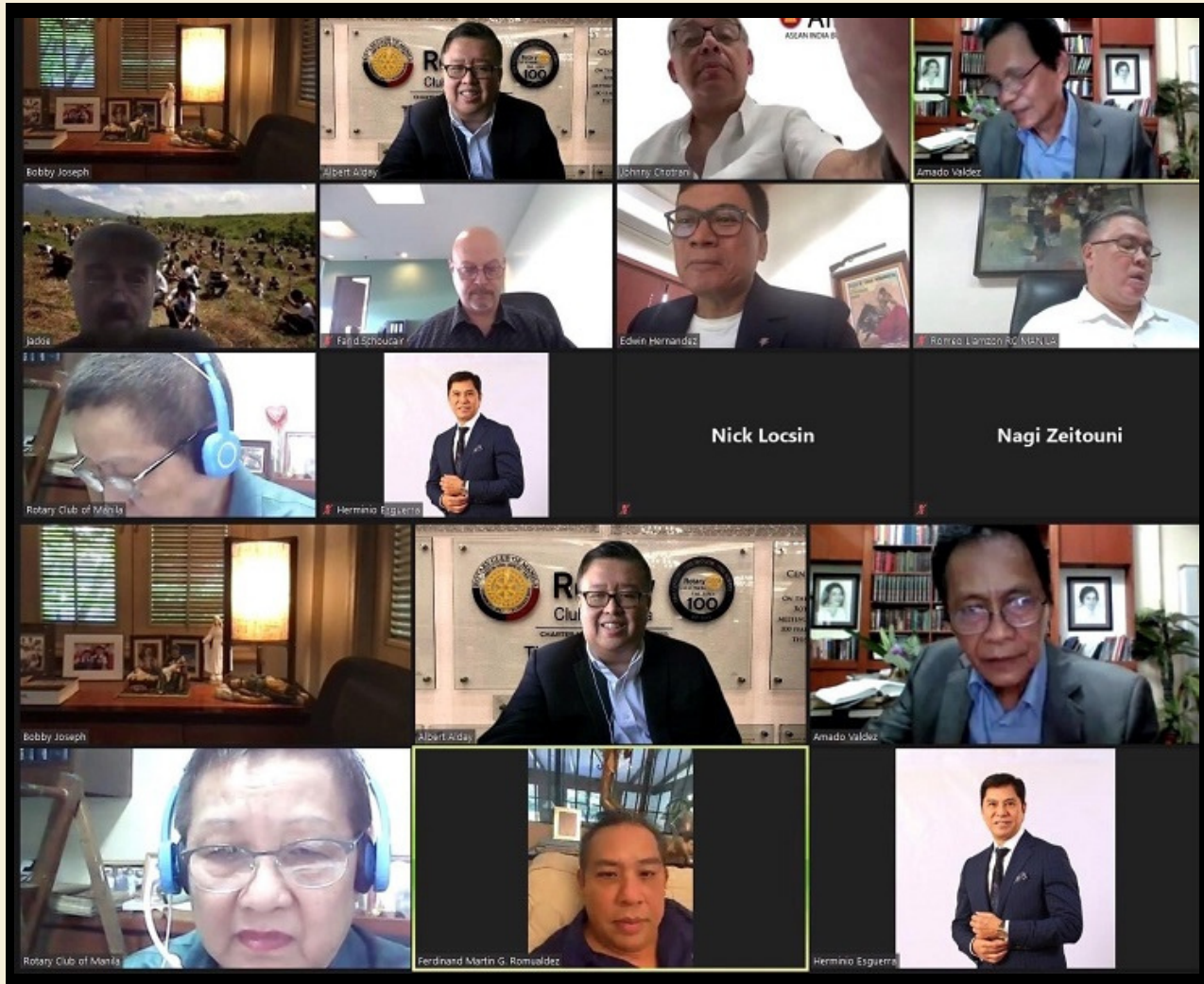
The TOWER Awards Committee held a meeting with the People Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP) officers last February 12, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present on the part of PMAP were IPP Ma. Louisa Mila Echevarria, Efrén Alberto, Executive Director René Gener and Kat Geronimo. Present on the part of the committee were Chairman PP Susing Pineda, Co-Chairman IPVP Hermie Esguerra, ASAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, Club Secretary Reggie Yu and ES Anna Kun Toledo.



The TOWER Awards Committee held a meeting last February 17, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were President Bobby Joseph, DE/VP Thad Liamzon, ASAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, DE/Dir. Farid Schoucair, Club Secretary Reggie Yu, Treasurer Karlo Castro, BLA Amading Valdez, PP Teddy Ocampo, Committee Chairman PP Susing Pineda, Co-Chairman IPVP Hermie Esguerra, PP Frank Evaristo, Rtn. John Emyl Eugenio and STAR Rtn. Edwin Hernandez.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Journalism Awards Committee Holds Meeting



The Journalism Awards Committee held a meeting last February 11, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform.

Present were Chairman BLA Amading Valdez, President Bobby Joseph, IPP Jackie Rodriguez, ASAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, DE/VP Thad Liamzon, DE/Dir. Johnny Chotrani, DE/Dir. Farid Schoucair, IPVP Hermie Esguerra, STAR Rtn. Martin Romualdez and STAR Rtn. Edwin Hernandez.

IPBLA Raji Mendoza: More Than A Lawyer Story

by Rhea Vitto Tabora

Having assumed varied roles with multinational companies for six years after college—trying out stints in sales, marketing, human resource management, and information systems—IPBLA Raji Mendoza never thought he would end up a lawyer. More interestingly, he took the law school entrance examinations at the San Beda College of Law after facing several charges of crimes resulting from a personal fight.

IPBLA Raji's journey is an inspiring story. He learned to fend for himself when he moved to Manila to study. He finished his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree at the De La Salle University as an athletic scholar.

Passionate about a career in law, he and his partners established Mendoza, Calnea, Mangundayao & Associates in 2007. He's been a Managing Partner with over 14 years of active legal practice. He has also been the Chief Legal Counsel for Global ComRCI since 2017.

Get to know more about IPBLA Raji as he shares a glimpse of his youth to his rough college years and early working days, and his journey from arguing with elders to courtroom battles. On a lighter note, IPBLA Raji reveals his favorite weekend activity.



Rhea Vitto Tabora (RVT): Was it your dream to become a lawyer?

Raji Mendoza (RM): At a very young age, I always argued with elders, at a time when such response was considered unthinkable within the average Filipino patriarchal family, as my cousins and I were constantly reminded. I was always the representative of our little gang of cousins, facing the elders and arguing for and on behalf of our group, I would frequently be branded a "*pilosopo*", or philosopher, in the vernacular by family and friends. I thought to myself it was endearing, and this encouraged me to informally delve my interest into logic, deduction, spatial skills and the arts in general. Being inquisitive became a main characteristic in the boy Raji, as he would not stop until all queries and variants thereof remained unresolved, thus earning another moniker in Tagalog as "*makulit*", or importunate.

In hindsight, I did not immediately identify myself as a future lawyer. During my high school days, my late father and other relatives would always comment that I should become a "lawyer" or at least some professional like an accountant or engineer, something every teenager from the province would be encouraged to undertake and consequently, become the pride of the family. I did not really resent this career shoving and pressure, but I wanted to rebel against the idea that my future was being dictated. Thus, before my late mother was struck with a lifelong illness, I was fortunate to have confided my predicament with her. Naturally, my mom took my side in a more bohemian approach. She told me that I could be anything I wanted to be as long as it would make me happy. My mom's perspective was a stark contrast from the rigid upbringing of the "you should be this..." or "be like that..." outdated and egotistic motivation.

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When I was 14 years of age and halfway into freshman year of high school, I pleaded with my family to allow me to stay in Manila alone and finish the remaining semester. My mother just survived death, miraculously waking from a 3-month comatose state in the intensive care unit of St. Luke's hospital. My father was physically and financially exhausted from the ordeal and was facing the charge of taking care of mom who never recovered her speech and was left partially incapacitated, and my then baby brother of 2 years of age. My reasoning prevailed and was told to tighten my belt, fend for myself and not to expect too much support from them. We had a covenant and I started to live on my own.

The semester passed and years went by as I found myself applying for an athletic scholarship in De La Salle University. I literally fought my way into the DLSU Taekwondo varsity program, allowing me to afford a subsidized but excellent college education.

RVT: What motivated you to go into law practice?

RM: College life became rough; it was nothing new to me as I grew up with friends from the streets and considered myself as such. I always justified a good fight as having to defend either the honor or dignity of friends who were bullied or abused. Unfortunately, this became more common as circumstances escalated where the fights became more frequent and violent. Unwittingly, this problem spilled over beyond college life. Even when I was already working, before deciding to go to law school, the cycle of violence was always lurking around and would pop up every so often. Six years past college, several jobs with multinational companies trying out stints with sales, marketing, human resource management, and information systems, I was not happy. Always tempting the fates, I found myself cursed with several charges of crimes resulting from a personal fight that ended extremely in my favor. My adversary was a grand nephew of a senator and found myself being hunted down by law enforcers and his kin who sought vengeance.

It was one of the darkest points in my life. I knew what was wrong and I wanted to make things right by getting out of that cycle. With the help of friends and family, I took on the services of one of the shrewdest criminal law practitioners Manila had to offer. He was also our lawyer in our college skirmishes with the law. My lawyer calmly gave me his card and told me to look for a way to reach out to the family of the aggrieved person and arrange for a sit down with the decision maker. I was reluctant because agents from the National Bureau of Investigation had recently swooped down on our ancestral house in Quezon City, my friend's house in Pampanga and our farmhouse in Mindanao looking for me. My lawyer advised me not to entertain these agents. I was dumbfounded. He said, "make sure you are always in a public place and once accosted, give them my calling card."

I was emboldened and reassured by this gesture. I wanted to know more, understand why I was charged with this and that crime. Why couldn't I be arrested and could refuse an invitation by law enforcers.

Subsequently, like divine intervention, a good friend asked me to try a fresh perspective and join him in taking the law school entrance examinations at the San Beda College of Law, now a University. Without hesitation, we took the test first chance we could and became batchmates. This was my life changing decision; I felt elated at this new prospect. I was not in the clear yet as there were pending cases before the city Prosecutor of Pasig. I was able to manage a sit down, just like how the mafia does it in the movies, with the family of my accuser with his father representing them, huge in stature and a low but commanding voice before me. I sincerely apologized and sought forgiveness. I asked what I could do to settle the matter and he told me I should pay for the actual damages of the vehicle because it was his car. He only gave me 24 hours. I reverted, "What about your son? His hospital bills and other expenses incurred due to the incident, or damages of any sort." He replied that he will never profit from the misfortune of his son and that we were old enough to know, without saying who was right or who was

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wrong, why this had happened. With much respect and admiration, I thanked the man. He said he was informed that I recently enrolled in law school, so part of the condition for absolute forgiveness was that I become a lawyer. I would never forget this condition and made it part of my arsenal of perseverance.

RVT: What do you wish you had known about practicing law before you started?

RM: On one end, had I known that it would be a fulfilling journey and my true calling, I would have started earlier. I have no regrets though, because on the other end, however, by working for several years before law school, I gained enough experience in business operations, client relations and everything in between the practice and business to move forward and establish our firm earlier than that of our contemporaries.

RVT: What is your favorite part of practicing law?

RM: The opportunity to cross boundary lines and offer a meaningful settlement to the controversy.

It is common experience that there is no absolute justice in this world. What is available and what we have command of is the understanding to approximate justice. When parties come to terms with their own conscience, they are sincerely coming across and desire to put an end to the issues and avail of the chance to move forward with their lives. In my experience, everyone sleeps better and can look forward to better years.

RVT: Do you enjoy arguing in court?

RM: Definitely. I have enjoyed arguing with elders when I was a child, enjoyed it through my academic and personal life, and also enjoying it on print, electronic format or other modes of communication.

In collegiate bodies before a panel of justices, it is very fulfilling.



IPBLA Raji Mendoza with
Supreme Court Justice
Gaerlan



With Supreme Court Justice
Mendoza



In the London Gaming Convention,
with PAGCOR Chair Andrea Domingo

IPBLA Raji Mendoza: More than A Lawyer Story

RVT: What kind of professional and personal skills does it take to succeed in practicing law?

RM: One must be a good communicator. The better storyteller is the one that gets the message through. He must be logical and analytical in his manner of thinking. Hard working and willing to work long hours with enough patience with his clients, judges and court personnel.

RVT: What do you see as the major issues/trends in the field of law?

RM: An issue on the horizon is the unbridled use of social media by lawyers who willingly or unwittingly promote or market themselves or their law practice. Ethical issues may be raised on such use of social media. Our Supreme Court has always taken a very conservative stand in reminding lawyers that the law profession is an honorable profession and not a business. Several jurists, lawyers and firms have had

marketing innovations in the past declared by the High Tribunal as unethical and that these lawyers are unworthy of being members of the bench or the bar. The technological advances in social media have disrupted the ethical boundaries in the practice of law. The predominant lawyering trend these days would be working remotely. The concept of physically being present at brick and mortar law firms is being challenged by more lawyers comfortably adapting to technology and business tools for them to efficiently work remotely or even on the go. With the current health issues, clients have accepted these trends as the normal way of doing things.

Because of technology, we now also see the demand for paperless workflow. Actual work and the review thereof are kept in servers or on the cloud and reduced the need to use paper drastically. With more tech savvy lawyers, dependence on cyber security will also become a common concern in the legal profession.



Taken when they won the Supreme Court case for former World Boxing Champion Luisito Espinosa



With some of the country's VIPs

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RVT: What inspired you to join the Rotary Club of Manila? How did the experience change your outlook in life?

RM: My first influence was my late father. He was a Rotarian and active in our province for several years. My second influence was my sponsor, IPP Jack Rodriguez. We had the privilege of joining Jack in facing some legal obstacles in business a couple of years back. As the legal adversity subsided and came under control, our friendship remained and grew over the years.

When I was introduced to RC Manila, I met people who are highly regarded in their fields of endeavor, public servants, captains of industry, leaders, movers, influencers, technocrats and even fraternity brothers.

Rotary keeps us grounded with what's going on outside our professional or business lives. It is a venue for people from different disciplines and expertise to band together and serve our communities, our country and the rest of the world through meaningful projects.



RVT: How do you keep a healthy work/life balance?

RM: Since I am no longer in the competitive sphere, I have several hobbies and activities to choose from. They are usually outdoor activities that entail travelling outside the metro where we get a lot of sun, green, fresh air, sand, sea or fresh water.

RVT: What is your favorite weekend activity?

RM: I enjoy life with my family. Even if I have several hobbies which the family members cannot participate in, I make it a point to have family activities close by so I could join them when I'm done with my "me time."



One of IPBLA Raji's hobbies is motorbike racing, something that his sons Marcus (far right) and Lucio (near left) have started to embrace.

RVT: What is the most important thing that people should know about you?

RM: My word is my bond.



Networking for You

by PD Nick Locsin

When Rotary International declared that ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD, Champion President Jackie Rodriguez put into motion a plan to connect RCM to the world.

By establishing an Ambassador of Goodwill Committee, he paved the way for RCM to effectively connect to Rotary clubs in our country and in our region. RCM has benefitted from the pioneering idea of President Jackie. We have moved farther and connected ourselves to clubs in the Indian subcontinent, in Europe, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

His initiatives led to the establishment of the Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs.

This year Rotary International President Holger Knaack declared that ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES. Indeed, the CCRC, with RCM as a founding member and currently the leader of the organization, is an open door to opportunities. The CCRC provides RCM and its members an avenue to better friendships, to opportunities to achieve cooperative work in the spirit of Rotary and to a personal/business network for the benefit of every RCM member.

While the CCRC currently has three members, the Rotary Clubs of Manila, Shanghai and Calcutta, we will soon admit three new centennial clubs into our fold, the Rotary Clubs of Seattle 4, Madrid and Washington DC.

Following them are more hundred years old and near hundred years old clubs desirous of joining the CCRC. This portends growth for the CCRC. It augurs well for more opportunities for us.

At this time, RCM also has seven active sister club relationships in Asia. These are the Rotary Clubs of Bangkok, Kowloon East, Guam, Osaka East, Seoul Muak, Singapore and Taipei.

Altogether, we now have twelve international Rotary Clubs with whom we communicate with regularly and maintain strong friendship bonds with. All of these clubs present us with opportunities for friendship that seem nearly boundless.

Your club's International Relations Committee (IRC) and the Ambassador of Goodwill Committee are tasked by our Board of Directors to maintain and strengthen our inter-club relationships. We are here to facilitate any connections/communications you may want to initiate with the clubs above-mentioned.

To further extend our international network of friends and co-Rotarians, we have asked our sister clubs (including the CCRC members) to share with us, and we will reciprocate by sharing with them, the list of clubs that we/they have relationships with. We feel confident that through our sister clubs, we can further expand our international network of friends. Any of our sister clubs will be more than glad to connect us to clubs in their own network.

On a final note, I wish to reiterate that your club's International Relations Committee and our Ambassadors are here to serve our club and all individual members.

If there is any assistance we can provide you with in connecting with our network of sister clubs, please do not hesitate to contact President Bobby, IPP Jackie, yours truly, or any of our Ambassadors (Director Johnny Chotrani, Rtn. Steve "Momo" Mommaerts, VP Thad Liamzon, Rtn. Warren So, DE John Cutter, STAR Rtn. Sean Rodriguez and several others). We remain active in regular meetings and club activities, as well as on club sponsored viber threads. Additionally, our secretariat has all our contact details.

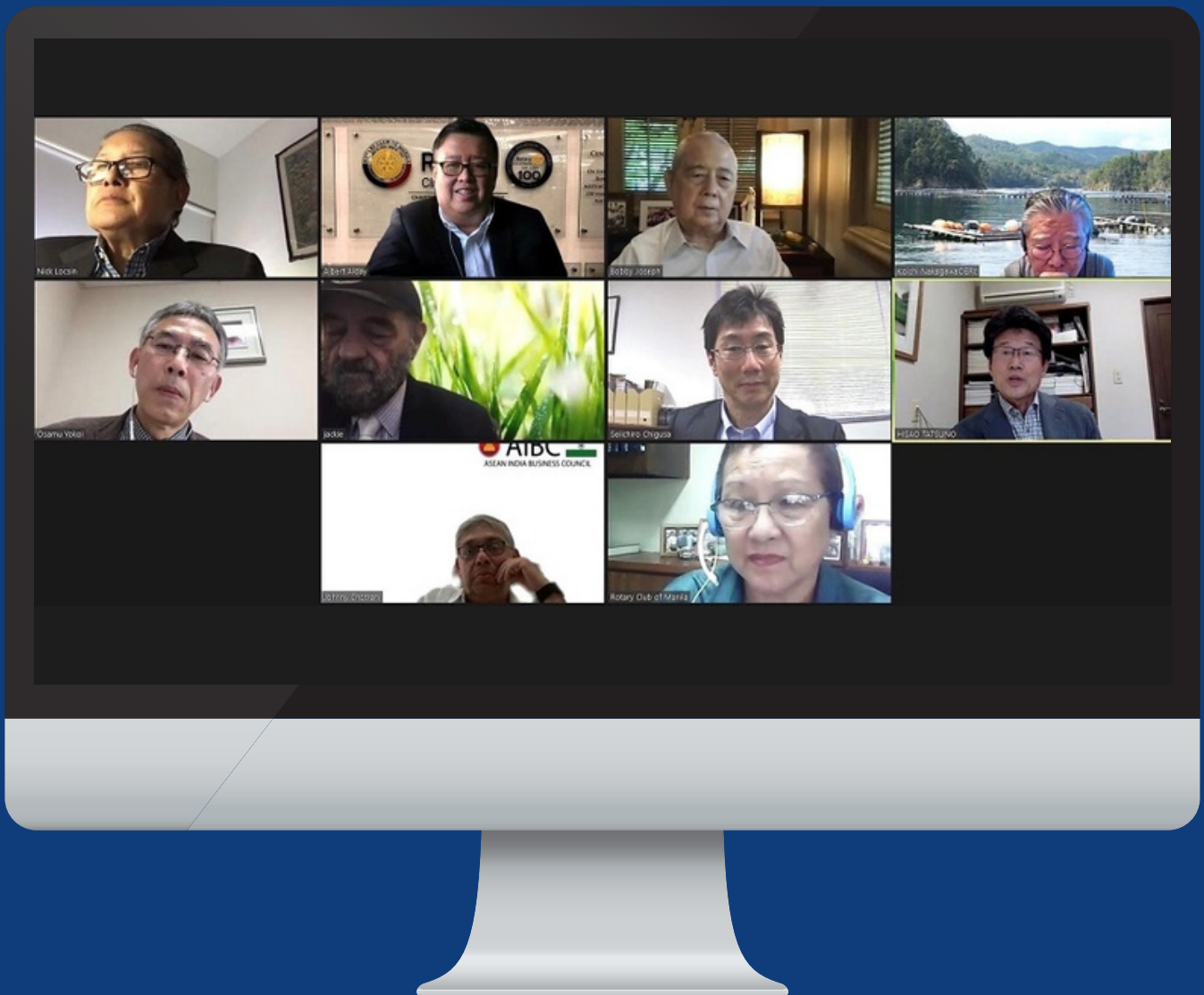
The best of the Year of the Ox to all.

Wishing all more fun and camaraderie in RCM.

Thank you.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Rotary Club of Manila and Rotary Club of Osaka East Hold Meeting



The Rotary Club of Manila and its sister club, the Rotary Club of Osaka East held a meeting last February 11, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present on the side of the Rotary Club of Manila were President Bobby Joseph, IPP Jackie Rodriguez, ASAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, DE/Dir. Johnny Chotrani, Ambassador of Goodwill Committee PD Nick Locsin and ES Anna Kun Toledo. Present on the side of the Rotary Club of Osaka East were President Koichi Nakagawa, Secretary Osamu Yokoi, Chairman of International Relations Seiichiro Chigusa and PE Hisao Tatsuno. The Rotary Club of Osaka East will be donating to the Rotary Club of Manila.

An Invitation to Join the Roster of Paul Harries Fellows

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 Bediones 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.

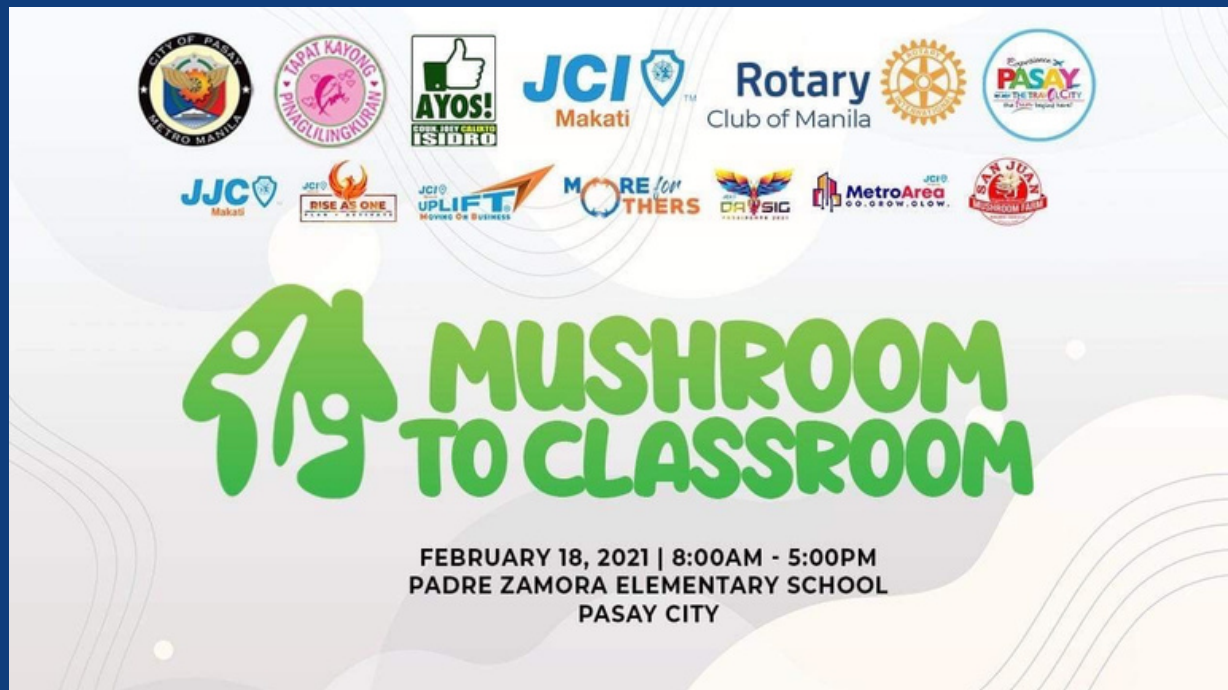
Yours in the service of Rotary,

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

Noted by:

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

Mushroom to Classroom



STAR Rtn. Lance Tan checking out the mushrooms to be distributed and planted.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Baryanihan: Barya Mo, Tulong sa Kapwa Mo



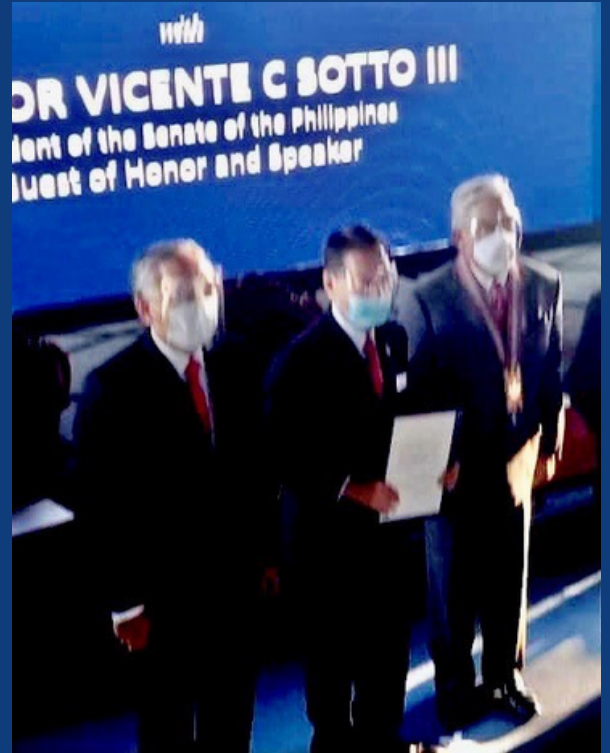
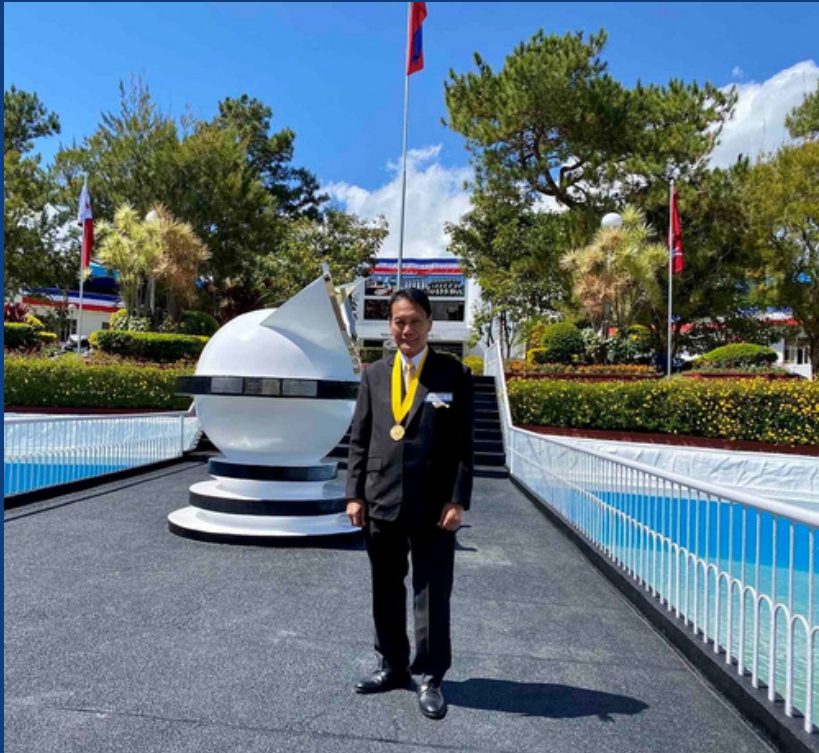
President Bobby Joseph dropped his contribution to the "Baryanihan: Barya Mo, Tulong sa Kapwa Mo", joint project of the Rotary Club of Manila and JCI Makati last February 17, 2021 at the Ralph's Wines and Spirits along Pasay Road in Makati City.



STAR Rtn. Lance Tan, the 2021 LO President of JCI Makati, and President Bobby Joseph show the "Baryanihan" cans.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

PDG Obet Pagdanganan Takes Oath as Honorary Member of PMA Alumni Association Inc.



PDG Obet Pagdanganan took his oath as Honorary Member of the PMA Alumni Association Inc. (PMAAI) before PMAAI Chairman Ret. Gen. Edgar Aglipay, Former PNP Chief, last February 13, 2021 at Fort del Pilar, Baguio City. He is an honorary member of PMA Matatag Class of 1971 of which Gen. Aglipay is his "mistah". The Guest of Honor and Speaker during this occasion was the Hon. Vicente C. Sotto, III, Senate President of the Republic of the Philippines, who witnessed the oath taking.

Passion for Country

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Philanthropist and 'Tourism Business Innovator'
Lance Li Tan is 2021 JCI Makati president

The Junior Chamber International (JCI) Makati celebrated its 57th induction and turnover ceremony with philanthropist **Lance Li Tan** (seated center) inducted as the 2021 president early this month at the Intramuros.

Leading the ceremonies was Rotary Club of Manila president and honorary consul general of the Republic of Latvia **Bobby Joseph**, who believes that Tan will successfully lead JCI Makati in continuously implementing programs and projects that create positive changes in targeted communities across the country.

Lance's biggest project so far was the Positive Impact on Nation's Change (PINC) Week in November last year,

which was composed of 19 initiatives all done in a span of one week. It culminated with a PINC Congress, with more than 5,000 youths from different colleges and universities in Metro Manila in attendance. It is now the mission of JCI Makati to reach more youths and address their immediate issues in the society.

At the height of the pandemic last year, Lance chaired the JCIdeas, where established businessmen and personalities were invited as speakers to encourage Filipino entrepreneurs and workers to pivot on the new normal.

Lance's passion for helping the underprivileged sector is now on a per barangay or community level. His major projects focus on the 17 goals of United Nation's Sustainable

Development Group. His life revolves around his love for country, which he expresses by doing his own initiatives in promoting the Philippines. For doing so, he was hailed as Tourism Business Innovator last year.

His main business, Lakbay Museo at S Maison Mall in MOA Complex, Pasay City, is one of the most frequented attractions at the mall. It showcases key destinations of the Philippines, as well as its regional festivals, ethnic costumes and indigenous fabrics, regional cuisines and culture, all in just 1,000 steps.

Lance ended 2020 with a three-peat Asia Leader Award at a ceremony held at Makati Shangri-La. He brought home not only this award, but also the Tourism Excel-



BOYS TO MEN JCI inducted members with the new president, Lance Li Tan, seated at the center

lence and Innovative Businessman of the Year awards.

Other officers inducted at JCI Makati were **Joey A. Moyan** (secretary), **Herbert Joey Garcia** (immediate past president), **Francisco V. Cresencio** (executive vice president), **Sidney A. Cuesta** (vice president-external), **Ken Oliver E. Okuya** (vice president-internal), **Mark Dennis V. Uyaco** (vice president-

membership), **Jose Karlo B. Hain** (vice president-community), **Bryan Dayao** (executive treasurer), **Reynard Francisco** (local executive director), **Elmar M. Nabisa** (director for community development), **Nicanor C. Satur Jr.** (local training director), **Hoselito O. Fines** (director for membership and recruitment), **Wenfred T. De Guzman** (director for PR and media affairs).

Manila Bulletin, Lifestyle Section, February 12, 2021, page B-11 where STAR Rtn. Lance Tan is featured

Consular Fellowship in the Time of COVID



Philippine Daily Inquirer, Diplomatic Relations Section, February 16, 2021

A Tribute to the Rotary Club



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A tribute to the Rotary Club; our 'Rock of Gibraltar'

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PEACE-MAKER



Jose de Venecia Jr.
Former Speaker of the House

The "Four Way Test," of what we Rotarians think, say, or do in the Rotary Creed include the following:

First: "Is it the Truth?" Second: "Is it Fair to All Concerned?" Third: "Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendship?" Fourth: "Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?"

In our country today there are 931 Rotary clubs and 26,275 members, who are occasional sources of support for community service projects throughout the Philippines.

Throughout the world there are some 35,000 Rotary clubs and 1,177,137 members, advancing one basic ideal, the "Ideal of Service." To us, Manila Rotary Club's (RCM) most valuable declaration made in earlier days was:

"I shall value success in my vocation as a worthy ambition only when achieved as a result of service to society and as it helps others to be successful; to accept no profit or distinction which arises from unfair advantage, abuse of privilege, or betrayal of trust...."

The founders of Manila Rotary at the time – American Leon J. Lambert, president; Alfonso Sycip, vice president; E. E. Elser, secretary; and Walter Beam, treasurer – were the first Rotary officers in January 1919, following Manila Rotary's launching by American Rotarian Roger D. Pinneo, then a

member of the Rotary Club of Seattle. He sailed to Manila with a commission to assist in the organization of Rotary clubs in the Far East. The first Rotary Club of Manila had a membership of 38, with an office located in the office of the Benguet Consolidated Mining Co. where further meetings were held.

In 1939, through the invitation of then Rotary International Vice President Carlos P. "Romy" Romulo, who later became the first Asian president of the UN General Assembly, the Rotary Club of Guam was organized as RCM's first overseas daughter, a Filipino initiative. However during World War II, under Japanese occupation, all the clubs in the Philippines stopped all formal meetings.

The last memorable emergency gathering of RCM was held on the embattled island of Corregidor on May 6, 1942, to induct Gen. Douglas MacArthur, World War II's greatest general, as honorary member, on the eve of the fall of Bataan.

We remember as a young 19-year-old correspondent in Asia's Asia-owned first news agency, Pan-Asia Newspaper Alliance, and as weekly columnist then on Asian affairs of the Philippines Herald, we used to ferry outstanding public speakers from Manila, like great journalists Ambassador to Germany Melchor Aquino and Washington-based media adviser Al Valencia via the old Ferrocarril de Manila trains to address Dagupan City's Rotary Club, then headed by Pantranco bus transport co-founder Rafael Gonzalez, followed by the subsequent Secretary of Health Francisco Duque.

Oh, what we used to do as a young man in the service of Rotary for this went on almost every week for a year on the now defunct Manila-Dagupan railways run. As a prize for their task as guest speakers, and on their return to Manila, we would gift them tokens of Pangasinan's priceless Dagupan bangus to take home, since at the time up to now, there are no honorariums for Rotary guest speakers.

Knowledge network: Using member expertise and connections to grow



OUR CLUBS

Knowledge network: Using member expertise and connections to grow

This club develops presentations on a particular subject - conflict, migration, and refugees - to help other clubs improve their projects

by Vanessa Glavinskas



Members of the Rotary Club of Washington Global, from left: Rose Cardarelli, Lara Bersano, Quentin Wodon, and Manuela Mot.

Credit: Kyna Uwaeme

Quentin Wodon, an economist at the [World Bank](#), joined Rotary to share his expertise, to network, and to help others. He has remained a member because he enjoys it. "I have been a Rotarian for 10 years," says Wodon. "My father was a Rotarian, and I was a Rotaractor in Belgium. I also did Rotary [Youth Exchange](#), so I've known Rotary for a long time."

Wodon, who was a member of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill (Washington, D.C.) and before that the Rotary Club of Washington, had been thinking about starting a club unlike any he had been a part of before. "I wanted to make it a knowledge club," he explains. "In Rotary, we have a lot of goodwill. But, by nature, it's extremely decentralized." That decentralization, he says, makes it hard to share best practices and evaluate effectiveness. He thought that if a club could focus on collecting information and disseminating reports, it would not only help other clubs improve their projects, but also enhance Rotary's authority among other international development organizations.

With this vision in mind, Wodon formed the [Rotary Club of Washington Global](#) a year ago with 38 members. "We accept both local members and members all over the world who join us online," he says.

Knowledge network: Using member expertise and connections to grow

The first meeting was held in person for members in the Washington area, with others joining via videoconference, but when the coronavirus pandemic prompted stay-at-home orders, the club switched to all-virtual meetings. That hasn't stopped its growth. "We're already at more than 50 members," says Manuela Mot, who serves as the club's membership chair and who, like a number of other members, works at the World Bank. "I think we actually got many members because of COVID-19. People want to feel that they belong somewhere right now."

The club recently hosted a series of events on conflict, migration, and refugees, highlighting the expertise and connections of its members, many of whom work in international development. Those connections paved the way for the club to co-host, with the Organization of American States (OAS), an [online conference](#) on migration and refugees in June 2020. "We are trying to bring together the strength of Rotary with the strength of the institutions that we work for," says member Lara Bersano, who works for the Trust for the Americas, which is affiliated with the OAS.

While most Rotary clubs bring in a diverse roster of speakers to their meetings, the Washington Global club spends months developing a series of presentations that delve into a particular subject. Members solicit expert speakers, host webinars, and then put together a detailed report on the topic. Their first report focused on migration and refugees; the second examined education. "We aim to serve as a knowledge club or small think tank for Rotarians," Wodon says.

This model has proved attractive to younger professionals. "Many of our charter members are people under 40," Mot notes, and many are Rotary alumni. Mot, who is originally from Romania, is a former [Rotary Peace Fellow](#). Bersano grew up in Argentina, where she participated in Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Rotary. "Many of our members are people who have benefited from Rotary in the past," Mot says. "They now want to give back to the community and help Rotary."

Low dues and flexible attendance options have also helped bring in younger members. Dues are set at \$250 per year, with a \$50 discount for members under age 35. The current membership rolls include people based in countries including the United States, Canada, France, and Uganda who work at organizations that include the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, OAS, and USAID.

Knowledge network: Using member expertise and connections to grow

The club sponsors a small community-based satellite club in Maryland where members can take part in local projects. Members are also working on the new **Rotary Action Group** for Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Migration – which was approved in November 2020 – and on a fellowship being formed for Rotary members interested in global development.

“Refugees are of interest to our members because they need support in every one of the seven **areas of focus**,” Wodon explains. “It’s also an issue that’s going to get worse and worse.”

Initial interest in the action group has been strong, and Wodon hopes the group will eventually serve as a kind of consultancy for clubs organizing projects that help refugees. “Knowledge is as important as funding,” he says. “That’s why the action groups are so important. They are Rotary’s way to provide expertise.” The new fellowship will provide a networking opportunity for members who work in global development, as well as a way to share information.

The swift growth of the Washington Global club is a testament to the commitment of members like Rose Cardarelli, who is new to Rotary but has already recruited three other members. “I think we

have a responsibility to reach out, because people are interested but don’t know how to approach the organization,” she says. Cardarelli, who runs a nonprofit that focuses on education, is also Rotary International’s new representative to UNICEF in New York City.

“Starting a new Rotary club is not like riding a bike. The people and the issues are different every time,” says Bersano, who has previously helped to charter a Rotaract and a Rotary club. “But what’s the same is the vision of Paul Harris. We are friends and help each other, and then we go out and help our community.”

• This story originally appeared in the February 2021 issue of **Rotary** magazine.

In 2019, Manuela Mot spent a month evaluating World Bank investments on the Philippine island of Mindanao, an area that has experienced conflict since the late 1960s. “Development is possible even in conflict-affected areas,” she says. “The main target of the program was not only to build roads, but to have the factions make decisions together.”

Mot observed how bank-funded infrastructure projects brought to the table Muslim and Christian stakeholders who in other circumstances might have been at war with each other. By working together on projects that would benefit everyone, the groups began to see one another in a new light and to build trust.

Mot gained the peacebuilding skills she puts into practice working for the World Bank through a 2009-11 Rotary Peace Fellowship at Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; she was the first Romanian to take part in the program. She’s a member of the recently chartered Rotary Club of Washington Global, D.C.

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QUOTES ON LIFE

by PP Frank Evaristo

- 1.) "Obviously, it's a choice of getting vaccinated or risking infection and even death. Worse, you could become a prisoner in your home for a year or even years because of according to BioNTech CEO Dr. Ugur Sahin, the corona virus could be around for years." - His Excellency Jose Manuel "Babe" G. Romualdez, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the United States of America
- 2.) "The prolonged pandemic has made Filipinos creative and persevering. The lockdown has brought stronger family ties with a more positive attitude to never giving up."
- Rotary Club of Manila President Bobby Joseph
- 3.) "I learned from my parents the value of hard work, of humility, and sticking to one's reason for being."
- Mariana Zobel de Ayala
- 4.) "Happiness is not the mere possession of money, it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort." - Franklin D. Roosevelt. 32nd President of the United States of America
- 5.) "Sometimes, you just need to have the right people around you to push and help you know your worth."
- Alden Richards, Actor/Host
- 6.) "Politics is not only crazy - it is cruel, it's deceitful, it's deceptive, it defies humanity, it defies ethics, it is dirty." - Baguio Mayor Benjamin Magalong
- 7.) "I pray tomorrow will be a day of peace for all Americans. A day of love, not hatred. A day of acceptance, not fear. A day for dreaming of our future joy as a country. A dream that is non-violent, a dream that provides safety for our souls." - Lady Gaga, Singer
- 8.) "Do not allow yourselves to be disheartened by any failure as long as you have done your best."
- Mother Teresa
- 9.) "No matter how hard it gets... I got mouths to feed and a life I envision. Make it happen."
- Gerald Anderson, Actor
- 10.) "Haters don't hate you... The reality is, they fear that they will never be able to get to where you are now." - Leah Remillet
- 11.) "Most of the problems in life are because of two reasons we act without thinking or we keep thinking without acting."
- 12.) "Don't be so quick to believe what you hear, because lies spread quicker than the truth."
- 13.) "When you're wrong, admit it. When you're right, be quiet."
- 14.) "You can tell the greatness of a man by what makes him angry."
- Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States of America
- 15.) "Apologize when you're wrong. Don't allow pride to make you lose someone you cannot replace."



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