



GUEST SPEAKER



JOSE ARNULFO "WICK" A. VELOSO

President, Bankers Association of the Philippines
President and CEO, Philippine National Bank

KABALITA

Let the foremost Banker show Asia's First Rotary Club the way to slaying the new normal by transforming banks through digitalization in the wake of the global pandemic.



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**RCM BALITA EDITORIAL TEAM,
RY 2020-2021**



Zoom Weekly Membership Luncheon Meeting

Rotary Year 2020-2021

Thursday, April 29, 2021, 12:30 PM

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

11:30 AM	Registration and Zoom In	
	1. Program Technical Moderators	Rtn. Tobi Rast /
	2. Program Moderator/Facilitator/ChikaTalk	EA Sol Tronizado-Encarnacion
		AT Marcus Dee
12:25 PM	Zoom Meeting House Rules	



Part I

12:30 PM	Call to Order	Pres. Bobby Joseph
	Invocation and Special Prayers for the healing and speedy recovery of Rtn. Butch Tamayo, PVP Mike Guerrero, PVP Lance Masters, Club Sec. Reggie Yu and PD Titong Mendoza and Family	STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	RCM Hymn	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Philippine Rotary Hymn	AVP
	The Rotarian Pledge	STAR Rtn. Brendon Yujuico
	The Four (4) Way Test	STAR Rtn. Teng Catalan
	Acknowledgment of Visiting Rotarians and Guests	AT Marcus Dee
	Welcome Song	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week	
	April 23 PD Jun Hallare	April 27 IPP Jackie Rodriguez
	April 24 Rtn. Warren So	April 28 Dir. Celso Abastillas
	April 25 Rtn. Ani Desierto	
	Maligayang Bati	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Happy Birthday Song	AVP of Birthday Celebrants
	TOWER Awards 2021	STAR Rtn. L.A. Sevilla
	President's Time	Pres. Bobby Joseph



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Part II

1:00 PM	Introduction of Guest Speaker	PT Lito Sibayan
	Address:	JOSE ARNULFO "WICK" A. VELOSO President, Bankers Association of the Philippines President and CEO, Philippine National Bank Guest Speaker
	Topic:	"Banking Transformation Through Digitalization"
	Open Forum	
	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation	Pres. Bobby Joseph IPVP Hermie Esguerra Programs Committee Chairman
		Attested by: Sec. Reggie Yu
1:40 PM	Meeting Adjournment	Pres. Bobby Joseph
	Rotary Club of Manila Centennial Gala Night	AVP

PROFILE OF GUEST SPEAKER

JOSE ARNULFO "WICK" A. VELOSO

President and CEO, Philippine National Bank

Other Current Positions

- Director, Philippine National Bank
- President, Bankers Association of the Philippines
- Director, Allianz PNB Life Insurance, Inc.
- Director, European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines
- Director, Philippine Payments Management, Inc.
- Member, Asian Bankers Association
- Member, CIBI Foundation, Inc.
- Member, Management Association of the Philippines



Past Positions

- President and CEO, HSBC Philippines (2012-18)
- Chairman and Director, HSBC Savings Bank Phils (2013-2018)
- Chairman and Director, HSBC Insurance Brokers (2012-2018)
- Director and Entity Manager, HSBC Electronic Data Processing (Philippines), Inc.
- Director, HSBC Savings Bank Philippines (2004-2013)
- Head of Global Banking and Markets, HSBC Global Markets (2012)
- Managing Director, HSBC Global Markets (2010-12)
- Treasurer and Head of Global Markets, HSBC Treasury (2003-2010)
- Head of Credit Derivatives for Asia Pacific, HSBC Treasury Hong Kong (2000-2003)
- Head of Asian Local Currency, HSBC Treasury Hong Kong (2000-2003)
- Head of Interest Rates Trading, HSBC Treasury Philippines (1994-2000)
- Head of Domestic Treasury, PCI Bank (1993-94)
- Treasurer, PCI Capital (1993-1994)
- Fixed Income Portfolio Manager, Citibank (1989-93)
- Manager, Treasury Department, AsiaTrust (1988-89)
- Management Trainee and Supervisor, Urban Bank, (1986-88)
- Director, Bancnet, Inc. (2019-20)
- Director, Bankers Association of the Philippines (2020-21)
- Director and Treasurer, Bankers Association of the Philippines (2017-18)
- Director, Bankers Association of the Philippines (2015-2017)
- Chairman of the Open Market Committee, Bankers Association of the Philippines
- Board Member, European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines
- Director, Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corporation
- Director, Philippine Securities Settlement Corporation
- President and Member, Money Market Association of the Philippines
- Chairman 2006 World Congress Organizing Committee, Assosacion Cambiste Internationale Philippines
- Board Member, British Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines
- Chairman of the Council of Trustees, British School Manila

PROFILE OF GUEST SPEAKER

JOSE ARNULFO "WICK" A. VELOSO

President and CEO, Philippine National Bank

Education:

BS in Marketing Management, De La Salle University (1982–1986)

Major Awards:

- In 2020, Philippine National Bank was cited by the ASEAN Capital Markets Forum (ACMF) as one of the recipients of the ASEAN Asset Class Award for obtaining a score of 97.5 points and above in the 2019 ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard (ACGS).
- In 2020, Philippine National Bank was recognized for being one of the awardees of the ACGS Golden Arrow for 2019. The Golden Arrow is awarded to Publicly Listed Companies (PLCs) and Insurance Companies (InsCos) that achieved the scores of at least 80 points in the 2019 ACGS Assessment.
- In 2020, Philippine National Bank was recognized by The Asian Banker as Best Managed Bank during COVID-19 and Best CEO Response to COVID-19 in the Philippines. The Asian Banker's awards for 2020 were specifically aimed at evaluating the performance and responses of the banks and their Chairpersons during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the initiatives implemented to help customers and society at large through the crisis.
- In 2020, Philippine National Bank was also awarded by the Asiamoney as Best Bank for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the Philippines for pioneering several initiatives focused on financial literacy, sustainable environment, and employee engagement. In addition to this, Philippine National Bank was likewise recognized in Asiamoney's Leaders for Women Survey 2020 which recognizes the banks that have done the most to encourage women in the workplace across Asia's financial markets.
- In 2019, PNB received an award from The Asset as "Best FIG Bond-Philippines", recognizing its US\$750 million fixed rate notes issued in June 27, 2019. The deal marked the Bank's successful return to the offshore bond market with the largest offering size from the Philippine banking sector.
- In 2018, HSBC Philippines was named by The Asset as 2018's Best Global Bank in the country and garnered various industry recognitions for its successful capital market transactions.
- HSBC Phils. was named the Best Debt House in the Philippines by The Asset for multiple years (2008–12, 2014–17)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Colleagues in RCM,

Time travels fast! This is our 37th Weekly Meeting. We still have eight (8) more meetings then we welcome PE/VP Chito Zaldarriaga, as the 102nd President of the Rotary Club of Manila together with the incoming Board of Directors and Executive Officers for RY 2021-2022.

I had been in contact with Rtn. Dr. Jack Bautista who was involved in the Rotary Club of Manila Outreach Eye Operations for years. I advised him that my personal donation of Php 100,000 on behalf of the Rotary Club of Manila, is ready to have an Eye Saving Project for the poor. He was very enthusiastic as he will get the approval of UST Hospital free use of the operating facilities. He added that his former students who are doctors will volunteer to do the operations in May. They will contact the indigents to come to UST for the operations. Funding on the transportation, food and other logistics requirements will be taken cared of by the Rotary Club of Manila.

During our audit, this project was abandoned by the Rotary Club of Manila and funds for eye operations were transferred to our Foundation. I will be in touch with Rtn. Dr. Jack Bautista and keep you abreast of the developments. I appreciate any suggestions/donations on the matter.

Dualtech Training Center Foundation Inc., located in Carmelray Park, Canlubang is TESDA-accredited. It was founded in 1982 and adapts the German Dual Training System on Electromechanics Technology via online learning, in-campus workshop training and company immersion over the course of 24 months to produce accomplished training. The training equipment was donated by German Companies.

The scholarship program cost is Php 65,000 per student to cover the first six (6) months of training. It will include housing, meals, uniforms, insurance and others. In the next eighteen (18) months, they will be given allowances by the companies who will get them with respect to on-the-job training. Companies who sponsored will end up hiring these young professionals with strong value systems.

Allow me to quote Dualtech's Code of honor, "I will not lie, I will not cheat, I will not steal, I will not not tolerate those who do! I will act gentlemanly at all times, always upholding the name of Dualtech wherever I go, so help me God."

In the name of the Rotary Club of Manila, with my personal donation of Php 185,000, we shall be sponsoring three (3) scholars to be chosen by Dualtech to take their training program for two (2) years. There may be those of you who might be interested to help. I have suggested to the Board to consider getting a spokesman for Dualtech to inform the members in one of our weekly meetings.

I would like to thank Rtn. Kenji Mori of the Rotary Club of Kuzuha who has donated 90,000 face masks to the City of Pasay through the Rotary Club of Manila. He has been donating for the last eight (8) years in the country through the Rotary Club of Manila because of his friendship with PDG Rudy Bediones. Maraming Salamat po, Kenji san.

As of April 24, 2021, we have around four (4) new prospects to be invited to join the Rotary Club of Manila. Our deadline for inviting members will be on May 31, 2021. We have produced thirty-two (32) exceptional leaders from various fields in the business community during this Transformational

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Year! We thank those who went out of their way and still are zealous in their desire to get more STAR Rotarians during our term. This is one way of breaking expectations.

Thanks CCRC Chairman IPP Jackie Rodriguez and members of the Executive Committee for the formal organization of the Circle Of Centennial Rotary Clubs, worldwide. We have now seven (7) clubs and the circle is still growing.

Thanks STAR Rtn. Lance Tan for your activities and support for the Rotary Club of Manila. Thank you for our partnership projects with JCI Makati under your leadership as President.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Manila Board, thank you for the support during this very trying time.

Stay well. Stay safe. Keep smiling. Be grateful and may God have mercy on us. Amen.

Your Servant President,

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



THE WEEK THAT WAS



Rtn. Tobi Rast and EA Sol Troniado-Encarnacion
as **Program Technical Moderators**



Club Secretary Reggie Yu, as Program Moderator/ Facilitator, calls the day's sequential order of activities.



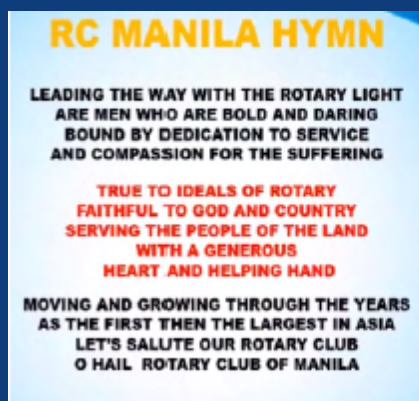
President Bobby Joseph
calls the meeting to order.



STAR Rtn. Jop Esquivias 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**



Club Secretary Reggie Yu gives a short background and introduction before the Rotary Club of Manila Audiovisual Presentation of the **Philippine Rotary Hymn**.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



STAR Rtn L.A. Sevilla 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.



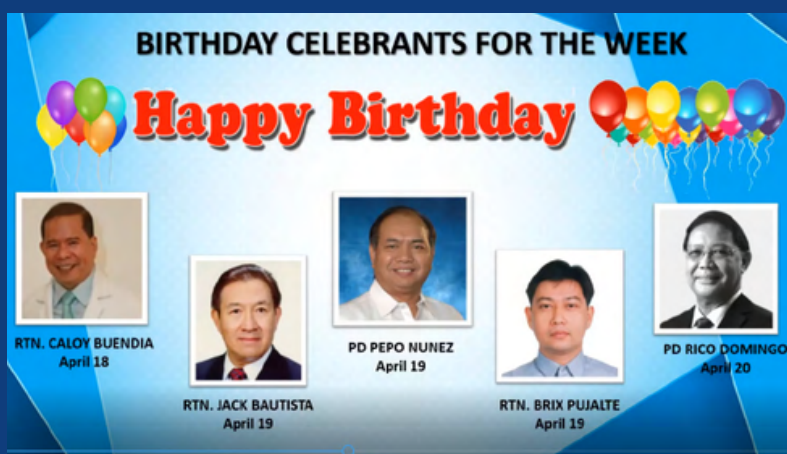
STAR Rtn. Joshua Aragon leads the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test for Manila Rotarians to renew their commitment to the Rotary movement.



Club Secretary Reggie Yu introduces Visiting Rotarians and guests.



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



Club Secretary Reggie Yu, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges the birthday celebrants, namely, **Rtn. Caloy Buendia**, **Rtn. Jack Bautista**, **PD Peo Nuñez**, **Rtn. Brix Pujalte** and **PD Rico Domingo**, 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

THE WEEK THAT WAS



Presentation of the **Rotary Club of Manila and Carlos P. Romulo Foundation for Peace and Development Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo Award for Excellence in Diplomatic Relations** to **His Excellency Harald Fries, Ambassador of Sweden to the Republic of the Philippines** by **President Bobby Joseph, PDG Vince Carlos, IPP Jackie Rodriguez, DE/VP Thad Liamzon** and **Ms. Sandie Romulo-Squillantini**.



Presentation of **check** to the **Rotary Club of Manila Jorge B. Vargas Athlete of the Year Award** to Gymnast **Carlos H. Yulo**, represented by **Usec. Cynthia Carrion-Norton**, by **President Bobby Joseph, PDG Vince Carlos, IPP Jackie Rodriguez** and **DE/VP Thad Liamzon**.



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



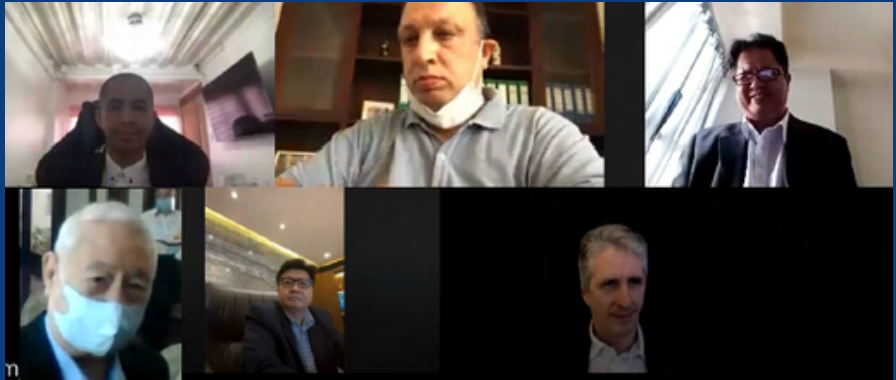
President Bobby Joseph, IPP Jackie Rodriguez and **DE/VP Thad Liamzon** introduce the inductees, namely, **STAR Rtn. Marius Angara, STAR Rtn. Sinan Batur, STAR Rtn. Jack Rodriguez, STAR Rtn. Richard Lim** and **STAR Rtn. Ferdie Talusan**.



THE WEEK THAT WAS



PDG Alex Cureg conducts the charging of new members.



President Bobby Joseph administers the Oath of Honorary Membership.



Dir. Hans Palacios introduces the Guest Speaker, **Mr. Luis Buenaventura**, Book Author and Co-Founder, BloomX.



Guest Speaker **Mr. Luis Buenaventura** speaks on **"Is Bitcoin the Future of Money?"**



An open forum immediately followed right after the talk of Guest Speaker **Mr. Luis Buenaventura**. Among those who participated in the open forum were **PE/PVP Chito Zaldarriaga**, **STAR Rtn. Alvin Ampil**, **AT/Dir. Jujut Enriquez**, **DE Noy Benedicto**, **Dir. Celso Abastillas**, **STAR Rtn. Marius Angara**, **PD Nick Locsin**, **BLA Amading Valdez**, **Dir. Hans Palacios**, **IPVP Hermie Esguerra**, **Rtn. Tony Lopez**, **PD Abe Pascual** and guests, **Col. Jun Quilicot**, **Mr. Gil Ramos** and **Mr. Jamal Ashley Abbas**.



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

From the Programs Committee



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

The global pandemic continues to wreak havoc on our way of life, much more, our earnings, with many industries severely affected by the lockdowns, causing the ordinary Filipino to dig into his hard-earned savings. Thus, banking, takes a new face in the new normal as our Bankers Association of the Philippines President Wick Veloso briefs us on "Banking Transformation through Digitalization" today.

It's time to cash in and be fine today, 12:30 pm, April 29!

See you!

Very truly yours,

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



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Attendance

RCM Members' Attendance Report, RY 2020-2021

April 2021	April 8, 2021 Concerned Doctors and Citizens of the Philippines (CDC PH) Dr. Allan Landrito, Dr. Iggy Agbayani, Dr. Randy Nicolas, Dr. Homer Lim	April 15, 2021 Classification Talk STAR Rtn. Teddy Tee, Jr.	April 22, 2021 Mr. Luis Buenaventura, Book Author & Co-Founder, BloomX
All Members Present	79	68	78
Make Up	0	2	0
Less: Exempt from Attendance	8	6	5
On Leave	6	6	6
Total Active Members	71	64	73
Total # of Members	211	220	225
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	34%	29%	38%
Visiting Rotarians	193	1	0
Rotaract Club of Manila/Rotaract Club of DLSU-Manila	0	0	0
Media	0	0	0
Guest Speaker/Guest of Honor and Speaker	4	0	1
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	12	0	14
Total Attendees	288	69	93



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of April 28, 2021, 10:00 AM)

	ANNUAL DUES 19-20
201	FULLY PAID
24	UNPAID
0	PARTIALLY PAID
225	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	Albaña, Mike	50461	22,938.00	FULLY PAID
6	Alberto, Raymond Arnold S.	50275	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
7	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"	50075	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
8	Alday, Albert S.	50035	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
9	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.	50271	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
10	Alvarez, Servando Jr.	50272	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
11	Ampil, Alvin	50480	22,938.00	FULLY PAID
12	Ang, Richard T.	50318	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
13	Angara, Marius	50477	22,938.00	FULLY PAID
14	Antunez, Jose Mari "Mari" M.	50277	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
15	Aragon, Joshua	50473	22,938.00	FULLY PAID
16	Aventura, Avenilo "Nilo" P.	50263	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
17	Aventura, Jr., Avenilo "Jun" L.	50263	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
18	Bartolome III, Arsenio "Archit" M.	50047	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
19	Bautista, Jacinto "Jack" S.	50390	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
20	Bautista, John	50474	22,938.00	FULLY PAID
21	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.	50108	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
22	Bella Jr., Geronimo "Jun" Dela Paz	50069	24,553.57	FULLY PAID
23	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.	50237	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"	50395	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
25	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	50078	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
26	Bogovich, Jason M.	50102	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
27	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"	50258	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
28	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	50083	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
29	Buendia, Carlos "Caloy" C.	50650	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	Cabuñag, Rogelio "Roger" R.	50279	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
31	Campos Jr., Joselito "Butch" D.	50148	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Camus, Fernando	50068	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	Capistrano Jr., Jose "Jun-Jun" A.	50245/50412	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.	50124	23,800.00	FULLY PAID
35	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	50025	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
36	Catalan, Rodillo	50452	22,938.00	FULLY PAID
37	Chahwan, Rami	50450	22,938.00	FULLY PAID
38	Chiogioji, Matthew	50393	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
39	Chotrani, Johnny N.	50106	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
40	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.	50255	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
41	Coyuto Jr., Robert "Jun" G.	50059	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
42	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	50336	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
43	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	50041	23,800.00	FULLY PAID
44	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	50118	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
45	David, Virgilio "Vee"	50126	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
46	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.	50089	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
47	Dayang, Juan E.	50049	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
48	Dee, Marcus L.	50252	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
49	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.	50149	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
50	Del Rosario, Oscar	50265	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
51	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"	50147	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
52	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.	50043	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
53	Domingo, Rico V.	50387	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
54	Dominguez III, Carlos "Sonny" G.	50065	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

55	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	50050	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
56	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.	50230	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
57	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	50021	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
58	Engelbrecht, Francois	50121	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
59	Enriquez III, Eduardo "Jujut" V.	50051	24,553.57	FULLY PAID
60	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	50062	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
61	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.	50254	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
62	Esquivias, Jop	50471	22,938.00	FULLY PAID
63	Evaristo, Frank	50079	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
64	Fajardo, Beda G.	50138	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
65	Follosco Jr., Ceferino "Jun" G.	50027	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
66	Garcia, Joey	50406	28,938.00	FULLY PAID
67	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	50150/50289	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
68	Garcia, Victor	50052	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
69	Gaspar, Fernando "Nando" L.	50392	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
70	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	50242	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
71	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.	50070	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
72	Go, Henry Sy	50048	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
73	Go, Michael	50241	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
74	Guerrero, Miguel Ma. "Mike"	50300	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
75	Guevara Jr., Domingo "Boy" S.	50250	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
76	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	50236	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
77	Hallare Jr., Delfin "Jun" T.	50114	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
78	Hallerbach, Mathias	50094	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
79	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt	50122	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
80	Henkelmann, Martin	50097	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
81	Hernandez, Edwin	50044	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
82	Hesse, Uwe	50283	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
83	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.	50284	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
84	Joseph Jr., Robert Lim "Bobby"	50038	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
85	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi"	50354	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
86	Juico, Francis E.	50481	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
87	Kalaw, Teddy	50446	22,938.00	FULLY PAID
88	Karcher, Henning	50091	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
89	Ko, Solomon "Mon"	50037	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
90	Kunack, Lutz	50216	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
91	Lacambacal, Alvin D.	50259	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
92	Laurel, Ricardo "Ricky" P.	50355	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
93	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.	50389	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
94	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	50074	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
95	Leung, Karl A.	50635	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
96	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" T.	50028	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
97	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	50111	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
98	Lim, Richard	50411	28,938.00	FULLY PAID
99	Lim, William "Willy" C.	50267	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
100	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.	50092	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
101	Locsin, Roberto R.	50036	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
102	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	50099	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
103	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.	50302	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
104	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50034	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
105	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"	50286	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
106	Macapagal, Michael	50285	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
107	Magbanua, Gerry	50306	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
108	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citios"	50233	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of April 28, 2021, 10:00 AM)

109	Marking, Amado "Butch" M.	50110	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
110	Masters, Lance A.	90/50292/50	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
111	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	50046	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
112	Mauricio, Antonillo	50472	22,938.00	FULLY PAID
113	Meloto, Antonio	50402	28,938.00	FULLY PAID
114	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50060	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
115	Mendoza, Raymond Joseph Ian "Raji" C.	50244	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
116	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"	50253	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
117	Montecillo, Daniel Gabriel "Dennis"	50119	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
118	Montel, Juan Manuel C.	50369	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
119	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	50042	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
120	Mueller, Klaus	50278	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
121	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	50120	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
122	Nolito, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.	50273	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
123	Nunez Jr., Jose "Pepo" A.	50260	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
124	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.	50117	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
125	Ong, Jovee K.	50143	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
126	Okajima, Hiroyuki	50297/50298	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
127	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	50082	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
128	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L.	50136	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
129	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.	50064	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
130	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.	50141/50413	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
131	Pallasigue, Brian	50135	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
132	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.	50098	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
133	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"	50098	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
134	Patterson, Colin David	50276	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
135	Payumo, Felicitio "Tong" C.	50240	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
136	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	50180	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
137	Pineda Jr., Jesus "Susang" M.	50093	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
138	Pineda Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50030	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
139	Pizarra, Jordan M.	50151	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
140	Policarpio, Renato "Rene" R.	50088	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
141	Preysler Jr., Fausto R.	50087	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
142	Pujalte Jr., Jose "Brix" S.	50274	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
143	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.	50095	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
144	Ramos, Ricardo "Ric"	50301	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
145	Rast, Tobias	50033	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
146	Recto, Philip H.	50101	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
147	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.	50247	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
148	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	50235	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
149	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50029	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
150	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie"	50127	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
151	Rodriguez, Joaquin H.	50460	22,938.00	FULLY PAID
152	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean	50307	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
153	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.	50282	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
154	Romualdez, Martin	50317	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
155	Rono, Marlon	50140	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
156	Santos, Jesus "Jess" I.	50347	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
157	Sarmiento, Ricardo	50045	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
158	Schoucair, Farid Alain	50109	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
159	Schneider, Bernd	50104	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
160	Sevilla, L.A.	50409	28,938.00	FULLY PAID

161	Shigei, Kentaro	50269	36,395.34	FULLY PAID
162	Shimoda, Shigeru	50385	36,395.34	FULLY PAID
163	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	50100	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
164	Skinner, Brian	50410	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
165	So, Warren	50123	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
166	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.	50407	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
167	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya	50405	23,938.00	FULLY PAID
168	Stranathan, Ike	50055	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
169	Syluco Jr., Jose "Joey" A.	50086	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
170	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"	50125	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
171	Talampas, Joel	50415	28,938.00	FULLY PAID
172	Tamano, Shalimar Hofer "Shah"	50234	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
173	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.	50199	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
174	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.	50131	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
175	Tan, Lawrence Li	50388	28,938.00	FULLY PAID
176	Tang, Jimmy T.	50264	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
177	Tanglao, Noel V.	50195	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
178	Tankiang, Francisco "Paquito" V.	50139	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
179	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin	50115	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
180	Tee, Teddy	50404	28,938.00	FULLY PAID
181	Tillman, Hansel	50116	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
182	Ubaldo, Cesar C.	32/50146/50	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
183	Valdes, Joel C.	48310	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
184	Valdez, Amado "Amadine" D.	50081	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
185	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.	50376	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
186	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.	50281	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
187	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.	50128	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
188	Villacorta, Daniel Deo B.	50142	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
189	Villarica, Henry R.	50227	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
190	Villegas, Raoul A.	50133	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
191	Vrana, Ludek	50058	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
192	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.	50261	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
193	Yu, Reginald	50103	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
194	Yujico, Benedicto "Dicky" V.	50266	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
195	Yujico, Brendon	50458	22,938.00	FULLY PAID
196	Yujico, Joselito "Joey" Z.	50169	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
197	Zalamea Jr., Enrique "Rick" M.	50107	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
198	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	50112	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
199	Zeitouni, Nagi	50134	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
200	Zialcita, Xavier	50403	28,938.00	FULLY PAID
201	Zosa, Rolando "Roy" M.	50303	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

TOTAL **5,146,299.82**

Payments from former members

1	9 Members	203,850.00	PAID
		5,350,149.82	

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Know Your Club Constitution, By-Laws and Policies

Q: How is "Protocol" defined in the Code of Policies?



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

"6.1.2.1 What is Protocol?"

"Protocol" is a word of diplomatic usage, from the Medieval Latin "protocollum", meaning, "the first (document) glued into" a book of records, as such presumably setting the form for others to follow in the same register. Thus it came to mean a set formulary for the drafting of official correspondence and other documents dealing with the conduct of foreign affairs.

In the evolution of modern diplomacy, these forms came to be used bilaterally and multilaterally, and the word acquired a wide variety of meanings according to the context in which it was employed, but generally signified a statement agreed upon between two or more plenipotentiaries. More loosely, the word is used, even in diplomatic parlance, to indicate the arrangement and etiquette of diplomatic intercourse and ceremonial, such matters of procedure and the precedence of diplomatic representatives in official meetings and ceremonies, even the places of their seating and that of their wives at dinners and entertainments, public and private.

One may even say that protocol glues nations together. Plainly, protocol is common courtesy and consideration, and anything that is proper and in good taste."

Q: How is "Order of Precedence" defined in the Code of Policies?



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

"6.1.2.2 Order of Precedence"

Foremost among the rules of protocol is the adherence at all functions where officials are present. The rank or order of precedence of an official must at all times be properly recognized, it is in his seating or introduction at banquet and other gatherings.

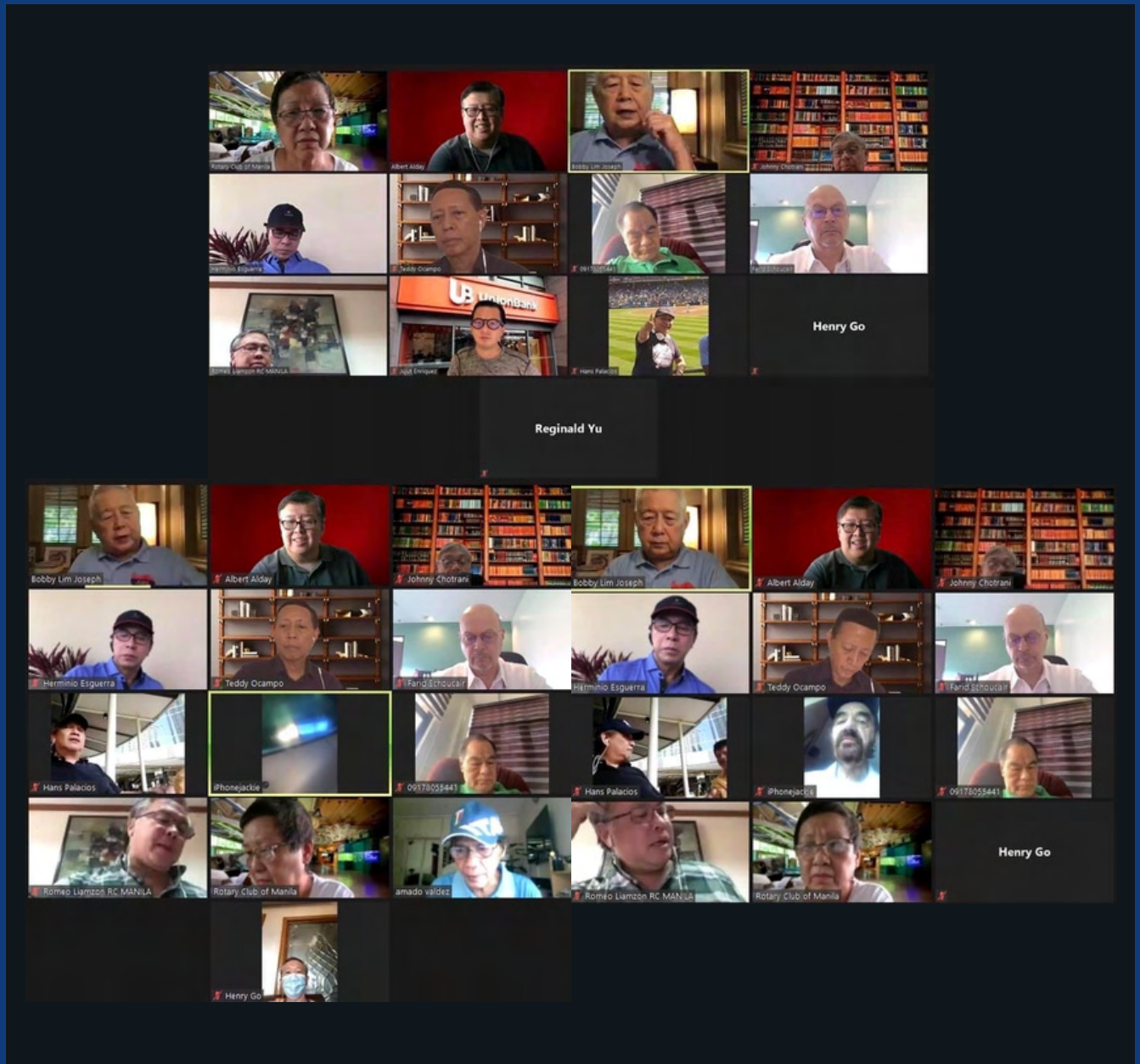
Part one; Section 3 of the Manual of Procedure of Rotary International sets forth the rules on Rotary International Protocol. In accordance therewith, the following Order of Precedence is to be used at Rotary International meetings or functions involving current, past and future officers of Rotary International and its Foundation and all respective spouses:

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| 1. President (or the President's Representatives) | 10. Past Directors (in order of seniority) |
| 2. President-Elect | 11. Past Trustees (in order of seniority) |
| 3. Vice-President | 12. Past General Secretaries (in order of seniority) |
| 4. Treasurer | 13. Directors-Elect |
| 5. Other Directors | 14. Governors (and other RI Officers) |
| 6. Past Presidents (in order of seniority) | 15. Directors Nominee |
| 7. Trustees (led by their Chairman) | 16. Past Governors (in order of Seniority) |
| 8. General Secretary | 17. Incoming Trustees |
| 9. President Nominee | 18. Incoming Governors |

In general, the current position takes precedence over past position, past position takes precedence over future position, individuals holding more than one position shall be marked by the highest office, accompanying spouses have the same rank. Officers at formal functions should be addressed according to protocol only once."

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 April 23, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were President Bobby Joseph, ASAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, DE/Dir. Johnny Chotrani, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman IPVP Hermie Esquerro, Board Adviser PP Teddy Ocampo, DE/Dir. Farid Schoucair, Dir. Hans Palacios, AT/Dir. Jujut Enriquez, IPP Jackie Rodriguez, Dir. Celso Abastillas, DE/VP Thad Liamzon, BLA Amading Valdez, Club Secretary Reggie Yu, AS Henry Go and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

PDG Romy M. Del Rosario Rotary Information Committee Conducts Briefing on Mr. Rafael Dionisio



The PDG Romy M. del Rosario Rotary Information Committee conducting a Rotary Briefing Session last April 27, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform for proposed new member, Mr. Rafael Dionisio, President, AVD Sustainable Construction Materials, President, Global Building Materials Construction, Board of Directors, Sound Proof Acoustics, Consultant, Mount Purro Nature Reserve Foundation, Co-Founder/Consultant, Make A Difference-Travel, Consultant, Make A Difference Market Online Farm to Table Platform 2020, Consultant, Make A Difference Courses-Online Education on Social Enterprise and Design Thinking and Director, The Circle Hostel. He was proposed by President Bobby Joseph. Present were Chairman PDG Alex Cureg, PP Romy Nones, Rtn. Manny Blanco, ASAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, AS Henry Go and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

Sinag-Aralan EduAKSYON



JCI Makati and the Rotary Club of Manila will undertake a joint project, entitled, Sinag-Aralan EduAksyon. It aims to produce bamboo libraries powered by solar panels for readers of the chosen communities. The books that these libraries will house are from different genres. These will be available for reading in order to cater to the needs of the community and to widen one's perspective. This project likewise aims to promote healthy reading and research through books as these are already declining in patronage nowadays due to the availability of internet.

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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Appeal to Help Pediatric Heart Patient



Rotary International District 3810
ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA
Charter No. 478, June 1, 1919
First in Asia
543 Arquiza cor. Grey Street, Ermita Manila
Tel.# 8-5271886; Tel/Fax: 8-5271885;
Email: rmanila@rcmanila.org Website: www.rcmanila.org



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

We received an appeal for Baby Neal Javen Maniego, 1 year and 10 months old pediatric heart patient, in need of heart surgery.

Baby Maniego is verified by the Department of Social Welfare as being indigent and has been approved by Philippine Heart Center to qualify for Z Benefit that will significantly reduce the surgical cost to Php 345,000.00.

This fundraising was approved by the Board.

To prepare Baby Neal for the surgery, we need to raise the amount needed. We appeal to your generosity to consider this as one of your projects that will benefit your support.

A financial donation can be sent to the project account of the club, details are as follows:

Bank: Metrobank Anda Circle Branch
Payee: Rotary Club of Manila
Acct # 151-7-15151486-0

Please send a copy of the bank transaction by email or Viber as we don't have a special payment arrangement with our bank to allow us to quickly identify transactions that are received by our club account.

Thank you for your support. Stay safe and warm regards.

Very truly yours,

Rtn. JUN AVENTURA
Chairman
Save A Heart / Rotary Little Heart Committee

Noted by:

ROBERT "BOBBY" L. JOSEPH, JR.
President
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Syrian Consul to Filipinos: Pray for Syria

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Syrian consul to Filipinos: Pray for Syria

“There is an economic sanction against Syria by the European Union (EU) and by the United States, so Syria is living at a time that is very critical. The people in Syria are suffering this time not only of Covid, but also of food and medicine,” said Syrian Consul General to the Philippines Issam El-Debs.



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By Care Balleras @tribunephil_care



OVERSEAS Filipino workers wave Syrian and Philippine flags after coming home due to conflicts in Syria. / PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF AP/BULLITMARQUEZ



Syrian Consul General to the Philippines Issam El-Debs urged Filipinos to pray for the current state of his country and its citizens, who are currently grappling not only with the Covid-19 pandemic, but also the economic sanction imposed by the European Union (EU) and the United States (US).

In a conversation with Daily Tribune, Hon. Con. Gen. Issam discussed the economic crisis confronting Syria, apart from its more than 31,000 Covid-19 cases.

“There is an economic sanction against Syria by the EU and by the US, so Syria is living at a time that is very critical. The people in Syria are suffering this time not only of Covid, but also of food and medicine,” said Hon. Con. Gen. Issam.

The sanction, signed in 2011, blocks the Syrian government from having new investments, exports and imports from and to the US. This is backed by the EU.

A statement from the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) last August 2020 said the sanctions have plunged Syria into deeper poverty.



DFA secretary Albert Del Rosario meets Syrian Presidential Adviser Dr. Bouthaina Shaaban to secure Filipinos in Syria in 2012. / PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF DFA

“We therefore urge a reconsideration of UK priorities so that foreign policy initiatives do not prolong the suffering of the Syrian people,” said the OCHA.

“We hope that Filipinos pray for us and request the United Nations to ease the sanction against Syria. That’s the only hope we could wish from Filipinos who are our friends,” Hon. Con. Gen. Issam told *Daily Tribune*.

Syrian Consul to Filipinos: Pray for Syria

He also recounted that in 2012 and 2013, Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert del Rosario visited Syria, and Philippine churches lit a candle for his country during the conflict. “They stood by Syria and we will never forget this,” he added.

Hon. Con. Gen. Issam said that he trusts the Filipino community to support Syria in this dire situation, as proven by strong bilateral relations that will turn 75 years this coming July. Syria may have technically celebrated its Evacuation or Independence Day last 17 April, but the Hon. Con. Gen. admitted that the massive parades for the celebration were discontinued since the war broke out in 2011.



SYRIA'S Consul General to the Philippines Issam El-Debs.
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Life Savers

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LIFE SAVERS. The Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) led by President Bobby Joseph (3rd from left), Immediate Past President Jackie Rodriguez and Vice President Thad Liamzon, recently turned over 90,000 face masks donated by Rotarian Kenji Mori of Rotary Club of Kuzuha, Japan to Pasay City Mayor Emy Calixto-Rubiano (center) in support of her project 'Life Savers' recently at the Philippine School for the Deaf. Mori has supported RCM for seven years now. Also present were Pasay City Chairman of the Committee on Health Councilor Joey Calixto, Star Rotarian and JCI Makati President Lawrence Tan, members of JCI Makati who provided logistical support, and Vener Catacutan, general manager of Coltrans Logistics.

STAR Rtn. Che Soler: His Message is Crystal Clear

By Rhea Vitto Tabora



Getting started with entrepreneurship at a young age gives you a big advantage later in life. STAR Rtn. Che Soler exemplifies this statement.

He was a high school student in California—away from his parents and had to oversee the household and his two siblings—when he found himself engaging in a few small businesses, just because their budget was not sufficient. He was a teenager when he learned important skills such as finance management, problem-solving, creativity, self-discipline and networking, among others.

Here is a success story of an entrepreneur who built his business from scratch. He's now on top of the water industry, and his accomplishments say a lot about how his perseverance has paid off. His message is clear: persistence is key.

In this interview, STAR Rtn. Che shares his milestones and proud moments in his water businesses. On a lighter note, he also talks about his interests and hobbies, and the things he is most grateful for in life.

Read on and get to know more about this former competitive swimmer and ex-Philippine swimming team member.

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Rhea Vitto Tabora (RVT): Please share something about yourself that people around you might not readily know.

Che Soler (CS): I come from a large family and I was number 7 of 9 children. In my younger years, I was a competitive swimmer and swam for the Philippine team. Not so obvious nowadays, hahaha.

RVT: When you were younger, what did you want to be? Was it your dream to become an entrepreneur?

CS: I have always been business minded. I guess, growing up in a large family, you needed to be resourceful and competitive. I was sent to California to finish my high school studies, and I believe it was there where I learned how to fend for myself. My parents made me in charge of managing the household and my two siblings as they were based in Manila. The budget given to us was barely enough for the upkeep of the house and my younger siblings. Because of this, I had to be creative and had a few sidelines, from selling food to clothing, etc. These businesses were very successful and were making much more than the allowance being sent to us. I believe it was this experience that started my entrepreneurial drive.

RVT: What motivated you to venture into water business?

CS: My water exposure began while I was a senior student in California. Our family lived in Antipolo and our water supply was from a deep well (during those days, there was no Manila Water yet). During summer, the water levels would go down and the well would pump up mud. My father asked me to look for equipment we could use from the States.

As I looked around, I realized how expensive they were and so, I decided to just buy the filter media and develop and build the housing back in the Philippines. The unit worked so well that I had relatives asking about it and eventually ordered a few units. The rest is history.

RVT: What was the path you took to get to where you are today?

CS: The initial part, I would guess, was organic, meaning, selling one unit to finance the next units, so on and so forth. There wasn't enough planning in the beginning. But I liked that path as I saw every stage of the development of my former company—from selling the units to the fabrication of the products, to learning accounting and finance, human resources and customer service, etc. This was my so-called on-the-job training. It was blood, sweat and tears and I will not have it any other way.

Today, of course, it is much different. With the new company, we know exactly what to do and how to do it, so things are running at a much faster velocity.



STAR Rtn. Che Soler: His Message is Crystal Clear

RVT: What are you most proud of regarding your company?

CS: I have many proud events that I can recall.

One would be when we got into the bottled water industry and there were no regulations yet with the BFAD (now the FDA). So, I cold-called and offered my services to draft one for them. Mind you, I was only 21! They agreed and I am proud to say that the initial Bottled Water Regulations of the Bureau of Food and Drugs was by yours truly. Very hard to believe, and even my former staff would give me the look of “our boss is a bullshxxt!” Until I brought them to FDA, and the officials told them about my significant contribution.

Another proud moment was installing the largest (at that time) desalination plant in the Philippines for Amanpulo Island when they opened. Eventually, we were already supplying desalination services to most of the beach and island resorts. This was in the early '90s.

At the dawn of the new century, we had converted our bottled water brand into the largest water station franchise in the country. Crystal Clear has grown and had stores in Indonesia, Malaysia and Sierra Leone.

Fast forward to today, I am also confident to share that we had built the second largest bulk water project in the Philippines (at that time) for the City of Iloilo in 2010-2011. Because of my limited resources, I partnered with Iloilo local Roger Florete of Bombo Radio, and I invited then Senator Manny Villar to go out of his subdivisions and do this bulk water project with my company Solerex Water Technology (this gave birth to Villar’s Prime Water). I have the privilege to say I was able to sell Solerex to Manny Villar in 2013, and I was allowed to continue my commercial, industrial and municipal business after the sale.

Right after the sale of the company, I set up my new company, SUMMA Water Resources Inc., and immediately won five bulk water projects. Because of this, I became more visible in the industry as many big companies came knocking at my door. After a few years, I partnered with Lucio Tan’s Macroasia and I’m proud to say that we are now part of the LT group.

But all in all, I am most proud of my team who helped me on this wild ride.

Another proud moment was when I bought GoodAh in 2005 and I was able to bring the store network from 0 to 33. I eventually sold it in 2009 after a healthy profit. I regret though that, maybe, if I held on a bit, I could have sold it instead to Jollibee. I spoke with Tony Tan Caktiong and he acknowledged that Goodah is a very good brand.

The brands STAR Rtn. Che Soler is (or used to be, in the case of GoodAh) associated with.



MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rtn. Che Soler: His Message is Crystal Clear



These are some of the projects implemented nationwide by STAR Rtn. Che Soler's company, SUMMA Water Resources Inc.

STAR Rtn. Che Soler: His Message is Crystal Clear

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RVT: What do you believe is your mission in life?

CS: I know for a fact that my mission in life has changed many times in the course of my business. In the beginning—being naive and all—it was to be successful and, of course, success meant being the biggest, the richest, etc.

Today, it is more of making an impact and making a difference in our lives and the lives of others.

RVT: What in your life do you feel most grateful about?

CS: There are a lot of things I am grateful for. I am most grateful for all the blessings from God, as I cannot explain the successes I have had except from something Divine.

After that, I am most grateful to my wife and my children as they keep me grounded and keep me going everyday.

RVT: What are your interests and hobbies?

CS: It used to be swimming when I was younger, but now, my hobbies have evolved to more intellectual pursuits. Today, I like to read and study history (not on a professional level though, just for curiosity).

RVT: What do you do when you are not at work?

CS: Spend time with my family and friends, especially now. I cannot wait to see friends face-to-face again.

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RVT: If you could give one piece of advice to an aspiring entrepreneur, what would it be?

CS: Haha, don't do it! Get a job, it's easier!!!

Seriously, you will always hear the term persevere! Perseverance is the main key to being an entrepreneur. This goes without saying though that the business model you plan must also be workable.

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RVT: As a new Rotarian, how would you describe your experience so far? How has it changed your outlook in life?

CS: I am actually a returning Rotarian as I was a member of New Manila East. Being a member is really such a learning experience. It is great to meet like-minded people where you can discuss, share and exchange ideas.

I feel that being a Rotarian has really helped me to be better in what I do and how I deal with people.

Message from the Carlos P. Romulo Foundation for Peace and Development on the Occasion of the Awarding of the Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo Award for Excellence in Diplomatic Relations



The Awarding of the Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo Award for Excellence in Diplomatic Relations.

Left photo: In picture were DE/VP Thad Liamzon, IPP Jackie Rodriguez, His Excellency Harald Fries, Ambassador of Sweden to the Republic of the Philippines, President Bobby Joseph, PDG Vince Carlos and Usec. Cynthia Carrion-Norton.

Message from the Carlos P. Romulo Foundation for Peace and Development delivered by Ms. Sandie Romulo-Squillantini

"Good afternoon.

"If ever there was an Ambassador who has gone above and beyond his call of duty, it's Ambassador Fries. In addition to his tireless efforts to enhance trade relations between Sweden and the Philippines, which have already been outlined, I would like to call attention to the excellent work he has done in the area of gender equality.

He not only sheds light on Sweden's Gender Equality; he is dedicated to strengthening it in the Philippines.

"Don't tell me how to dress" Donttellmehowtodress is a movement against gender-based violence founded by UN Women Asia and the Pacific Goodwill Ambassador, Cindy Sirinya Bishop. When it launched in the Philippines, Ambassador Fries spoke in support of survivors of gender-based violence at Ateneo, Enderun College, BDO, Naga, and Dumaguete City.



Ambassador Harald Fries is a friend and a true diplomat who has perceived the commonalities between Swedish and Filipino culture and has sought to deepen the relationship. It is my great pleasure to present him today with the Carlos P. Romulo Award for Outstanding Ambassador."

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

PD Nick Locsin and IPP Jackie Rodriguez Attend the Meeting of the Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy, Scotland, a Club Applying as Member of CCRC



PD Nick Locsin and IPP Jackie Rodriguez attended the Meeting of the Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy, Scotland last April 21, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. The club will be turning 100 years this May and is applying to be a member of the Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs (CCRC). Others in attendance were Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy President Swapan Mukherjee, Rotary Club of Calcutta PP Saumen Ray, Rotary Club of Calcutta Centenary President Purnendu Roychowdhury, Rotary Club of Calcutta VP/PE Sujata Pine. This was a CCRC activity.

Intercountry Committees Opening Opportunities for Peace

Rotary ICC Preconvention event - Registration is now available See in your browser

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Dear Friends / Chers amis

Registration is now available for the 2021 Rotary Virtual Convention and for the ICC Preconvention. Take advantage of a special rate if you register for the convention before 7th May 2021 at <https://on.rotary.org/2PmJPQy>

We look forward to an outstanding program at the virtual Intercountry Committee preconvention event: Opening Opportunities for Peace.

Join me along with friends around the world to connect and open new opportunities for the ICCs.

Les inscriptions sont désormais ouvertes pour la Convention virtuelle du Rotary international et pour la pré-convention sur les CIP. Profitez d'un tarif spécial si vous vous inscrivez à la convention avant le 7 mai 2021 sur <https://on.rotary.org/2PmJPQy>.

Nous vous préparons un programme et des intervenants de haut niveau pour cette préconvention sur les CIP : Ouvrir des opportunités pour la paix.

Rejoignez-nous pour découvrir de nouvelles opportunités pour les CIP.

Best Regards,

Cyril NOIRTIN
Chairman, Rotary ICC Executive Council 2020/2022



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An Invitation to Join the Roster of Paul Harris 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
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The Rotary Foundation (TRF) A Year of Transformation



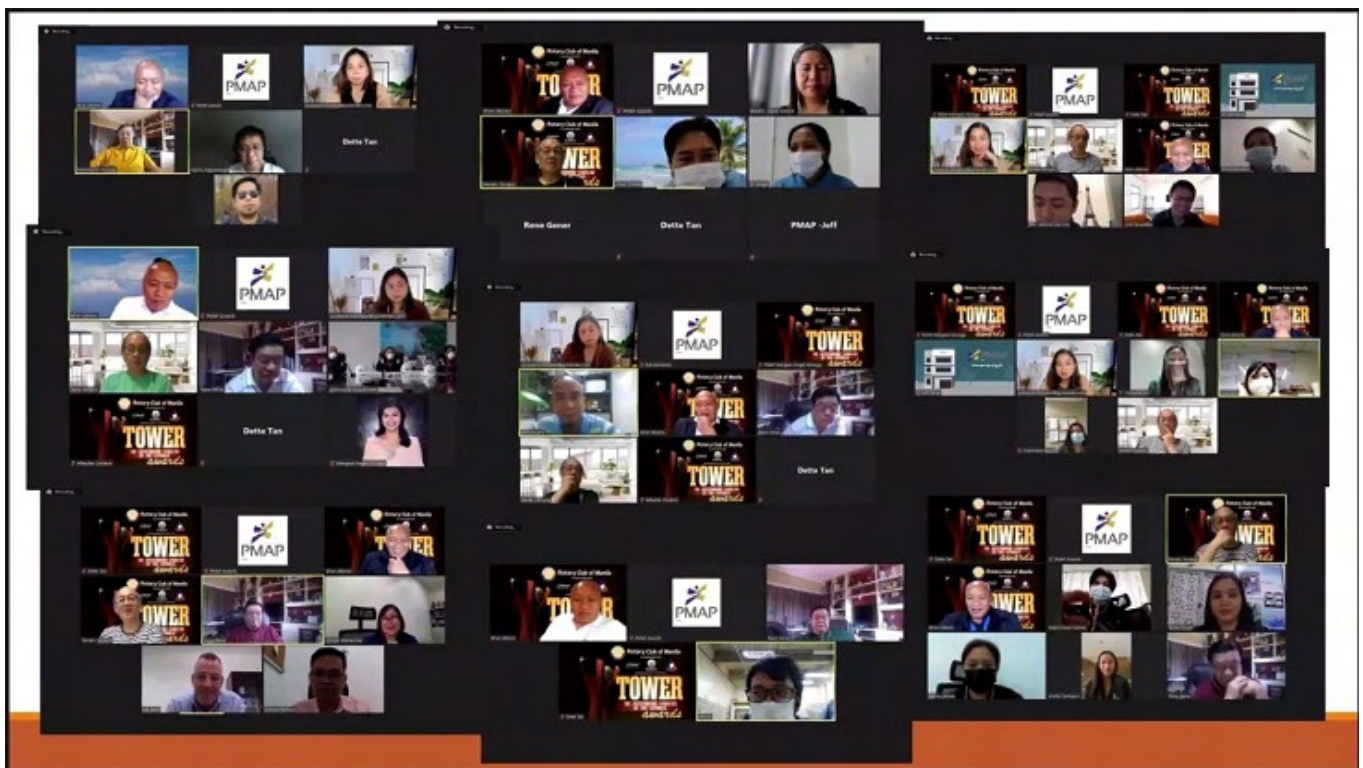
VOCATIONAL SERVICE

TOWER Awards Committee Holds Update Meeting with PMAP



The TOWER Awards Committee held an Update Meeting with the People Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP) last April 28, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present on the part of the PMAP were Executive Director Rene Gener, Outgoing EA Kat Geronimo and Incoming EA Bernadette Tan. Present on the part of the Rotary Club of Manila were RCManila Foundation, Inc. President/Board Adviser and TOWER Awards Committee Meeting Chairman PP Susing Pineda, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Meeting IPVP Hermie Esguerra, ASAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, DE/Dir. Farid Schoucair, Board Adviser PP Teddy Ocampo, Treasurer Karlo Castro, STAR Rtn. L.A. Sevilla and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

PMAP Conducts Screening for TOWER Awards



Screening of the TOWER AWARDS entries by the People Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP) from April 3, 2021 to April 20, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform.

TOWER Awards Committee Holds Meeting



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DISCON 2021

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1 MAY 2021 | ZOOM MEETING ID TO BE ANNOUNCED

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Rotary District 3810

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RECOGNITION OF

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1 MAY 2021, SATURDAY VIA ZOOM

DISCON 2021 WILL BE PRESENTED BY ROTARY CLUB OF LUBANG ISLAND

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION RECOGNITION WILL BE PRESENTED BY ROTARY CLUB OF HINAYAG BACOD

BACK TO THE 80S

THE AREA CHALLENGE

Manila | Pasay | Cavite | Occidental Mindoro

TikTok

MECHANICS | 2min video landscape mode | minimum 5 participants per Area | Song and Dance

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING
CREATIVITY 50% EXECUTION 30%
PEOPLE'S CHOICE 20% | TOTAL 100%

Submit to Adsec Joy Gadon on or before April 26

Inside the United Nations

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..... Thomas V. McConnon, Editor

Rotary's Role in the Formation of the United Nations 1943-1959



Photo: June 12, 1959 - Dag Hammarskjöld, the second Secretary-General of the United Nations, addressed the closing session of the 50th Rotary International Convention in Madison Square Garden in New York City. He thanked Rotary for helping the "less fortunate" countries.

The Rotary Club of New York, as many other Rotary clubs, played an essential role in building support during the formative years of The United Nations, and in selecting New York City for the **Permanent Headquarters** of the United Nations. As such, more than 60 years later, Rotary

International still maintains the highest consultative status with the United Nations of any non-governmental organization. In this capacity, Rotary International and the United Nations has built a strong and productive partnership in achieving the Millennium Development Goals of 2000, including the global eradication of Polio, cultural exchanges, literacy, education, water/sanitation projects, and promotion of peace conferences around the world.

By the late 1940's, Rotary International was one of the largest "international" organizations in the world. There were more that 6,800 clubs in more than 81 countries. More importantly, Rotary was already working on projects around the world to diminish the causes of war and aggression. In fact, during a 1943 Rotary conference, held in London, an outline of the development of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was established in 1946 and Rotarians helped write its constitution. Additionally, many of the delegates at the San Fransisco Conference that were representing their respective governments, were also members of their own Rotary clubs and utilized their clubs to develop support for the soon to be established United Nations Organization (UN).

Source: <http://nyrotaryunitednations.blogspot.com/2008/05/test.html>

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OTHER MATTERS



QUOTES ON LIFE

by PP Frank Evaristo

1. "If I cannot have the cooperation of the armed forces, then there's no point working for the government."
- Rodrigo R. Duterte, 16th President of the Republic of the Philippines
2. "The best vaccine is the one that is available now."
- Anthony Stephen Fauci, M.D., Director, US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
3. "We are in war and the virus is our enemy. We are not at war with each other."
- Teodoro J. Herbosa, M.D., Former Executive Vice President of the University of the Philippines
4. "The military is no longer gullible to any destabilization efforts coming from any camp, they have learned their lesson well." - Hon. Ronald M. de la Rosa, Ph.D., Senator, Republic of the Philippines
5. "A country cannot just fold up and give up because the other side is stubborn, this is a childish mentality."
- Associate Justice Antonio Carpio (Ret.), Supreme Court of the Philippines
6. "Having a smart brain is not enough. We also need a warm heart." - Dalai Lama
7. "Don't be ashamed of what you have been through. Be proud of what you have become." - Sun Dar Lee
8. "We are kinder to criminals than violators of this so-called mask-wearing thing. Let's deal with the real criminals, not violators of some illogical imposition." - Hon. Gwendolyn Garcia, Governor, Province of Cebu
9. "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." - Mother Teresa
10. "The story is told about a little boy who asked his father, 'Dad, what is a weapon?' The father answered, 'A weapon is something you fight with.' The boy thought for a while and said, 'so Mom is your weapon'."
- Rev. Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD
11. "Learn from yesterday, live for today, keep one hand in your wallet and don't worry about tomorrow."
- Bob Hope
12. "The less you respond to rude, critical, argumentative people, the more peaceful your life becomes."
- Mandy Hale
13. "You learn nothing from life if you think you're right all the time."
14. "Every pain gives a lesson, and every lesson changes a person." - Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
15. "Life humbles you as you age. You realize how much time you wasted on nonsense."



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