



GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



Hon. RENATO U. SOLIDUM JR., M.Sc., Ph.D.

Undersecretary for Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change and Adaptation
Department of Science and Technology
Republic of the Philippines
Officer-in-Charge, Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology

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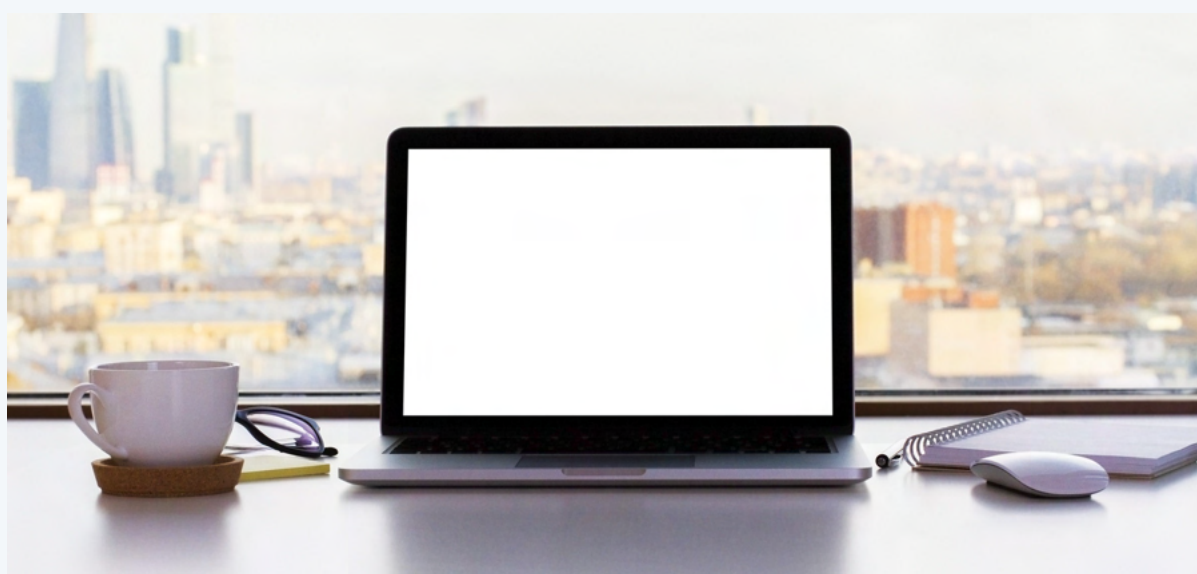
As the Philippines finds itself in the Pacific Ring of Fire, let the Volcano Expert show Asia's First Rotary Club the way to handle recurring volcanic explosions and activities and do the timely pivot of relocating and restructuring community living. The lava flow of information is what the communities need to cope with a volcanic way of life.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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Zoom Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2021-2022
 Thursday, July 15, 2021, 12:30 PM

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

11:00 AM	Registration and Zoom In Program Moderator/Facilitator/ChikaTalk	STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio
12:25 PM	Presentation of Meeting Protocol/Zoom Meeting House Rules	
12:30 PM	Call to Order	Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga
	Invocation and Special Prayers for the healing and speedy recovery of PP Cesar Ubaldo, PVP Lance Masters and Rtn. Butch Tamayo and for the eternal repose of the souls of Benigno S. Ocampo+ (Father of PP Teddy Ocampo) Angel V. Talampas Jr.+ (Father of STAR Rtn. Joel Talampas) Mildred C. Pallasigue+ (Mother of STAR Rtn. JB Pallasigue) Jeci A. Lapus+ (Brother of Former Rtn. Jing Lapus)	STAR Rtn. Joey Garcia
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	RCM Hymn	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Philippine Rotary Hymn	AVP
	The Rotarian Pledge	STAR Rtn. Teng Catalan
	The Four (4) Way Test	STAR Rtn. Jop Esquivias
	Acknowledgment of Visiting Rotarians and Guests	STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio
	RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week	
	July 2 IPAT Marcus Dee	July 14 PDG Rudy Bediones
	July 9 Rtn. Bobby Bhalla	July 15 PAT Aslam Muhammad
	July 13 Rtn. Joel Valdes	
	Maligayang Bati	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Happy Birthday Song	AVP of Birthday Celebrants
	Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus: The Rotary Club of Manila Perspective Performed by: El Gamma Penumbra	AVP
	President's Time	Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga



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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

1:00 PM	Introduction of Guest of Honor and Speaker	PP Jackie Rodriguez
	Address:	Hon. RENATO U. SOLIDUM JR., M.Sc., Ph.D. Undersecretary for Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change and Adaptation Department of Science and Technology Republic of the Philippines Officer-in-Charge, Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology Guest of Honor and Speaker
	Topic :	"Current Taal Volcano Situation and PHILVOLCS' Proposed Long Term Plan for the Local and National Government and Appropriate Disaster Response Program of the Institute"
	Open Forum	
	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation	Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga PVP Hermie Esguerra Programs Committee Chairman
		Attested by: Sec. Reggie Yu
2:30 PM	Meeting Adjournment	VP Henning Karcher



PROFILE OF USEC RENATO U. SOLIDUM JR.



Position: Undersecretary, Department of Science and Technology and
Officer-in-Charge, Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology

Organization: Department of Science and Technology
& Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology

Dr. Renato U. Solidum, Jr. is a geologist having obtained a BS Geology degree from the University of the Philippines. He finished his M.Sc. in Geological Sciences from the University of Illinois at Chicago and his Ph.D. in Earth Sciences from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego. He has worked with the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) since 1984 and became its Director in 2003 up to February 2017. He was appointed Undersecretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change (DRR-CC) and assigned as Officer-In-Charge of PHIVOLCS since March 2017. He was appointed Undersecretary for Scientific and Technical Services of DOST in October 2019. He has been designated as a Commissioner for UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines, Department of Foreign Affairs from 2017- up to present.

In recognition of his contributions to disaster risk reduction in the Philippines, Dr. Solidum has been awarded the Presidential Citation for Public Service, the Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award by the Civil Service Commission, the Professional of the Year in the field of Geology by the Professional Regulation Commission, the Excellence Award for Government Service by the Philippine Federation of Professional Associations and the Presidential Career Executive Service Award by the Career Executive Service Board.

As DOST Undersecretary for Scientific and Technical (S&T) Services, Dr. Solidum assists the Department Secretary in the formulation of policies, planning and programming for S&T development. He supervises Service Institutes attached to the Department that provides necessary S&T services such as science education and communication, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, and S&T programs including S&T planning, capability building and S&T human resource development. He spearheads the Department's disaster risk reduction and climate change related undertakings in local and international setting.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Fellow RCM Members,

Greetings!

As we meet today, July 15, 2021, we are graced by the presence of our distinguished guest with a "hot" topic! We will hopefully all gain new insight as to the volatile dynamics of Taal Volcano which is tightly being monitored by his team from PHILVOLCS.

As if we don't have enough challenges with this pandemic which is showing new fangs of more contagious variants. Hopefully, the acceleration of vaccination schedules will outrun the spread of these variants.

Let us continue to be vigilant and prayerful about all these.

In the recently concluded first Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors last July 13, 2021, we covered vital items regarding membership, committee assignments and confirmed the respective Directors-in-Charge for each Service Cluster.

We encourage everyone to join one (or more) committees where you will be able to contribute and help the various teams move with more power and provide guidance from the rich source of talent, namely, you - the formidable members of RCM.

As we are already feeling the response of our call for membership build up through our battlecry, "Everyone, Bring One!", this should not

be taken literally. We are all encouraged to bring not just one, but as many select eligible and qualified new members as we can!

I would also like to remind everyone who have not yet signed up to be a Paul Harris Fellow to please do so! Our target is to have ALL our RCM members (Old and New) to become a Paul Harris Fellow this year. Let's strive to make this a reality please!

We reiterate the invitation to our RCM members to join the RCManila Foundation, Inc. The presentation we had last week prompted many of our members to express willingness to be part of the foundation!

Finally, if you are reading this issue of the BALITA, I strongly urge you to regularly attend our Zoom meetings! The team headed by Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra is putting a lot of effort behind these meetings where the improvements and enhancements are becoming more evident every week!

Let's all Zoom in folks!

Stay well my RCM Brothers! May God protect and bless us all!

Humbly yours in Rotary,

FSZ

Felix Francisco S. Zaldarriaga
President
RY 2021-2022

THE WEEK THAT WAS



IPAT Marcus Dee, as Program Moderator/ Facilitator, calls the day's sequential order of activities.



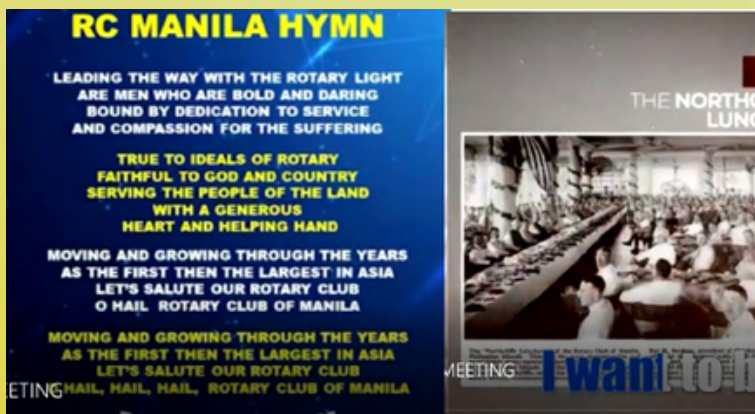
President Chito Zaldarriaga calls the meeting to order.



Rtn. Nando Camus delivers an Invocation and Special Prayer.



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



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



STAR Rtn. Martin Romualdez 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.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



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



President Chito Zaldarriaga delivers his message during the President's Time.



The audiovisual presentation of the **History of the RCManila Foundation, Inc.**



RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Rotary Club of Manila Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra delivers a comprehensive introduction of the RCManila Foundation, Inc.



RCManila Foundation, Inc. Secretary/ Trustee and Rotary Club of Manila Dir. Albert Alday presents the relationship of RCManila Foundation, Inc. and the Rotary Club of Manila to the Rotary Club of Manila Members.

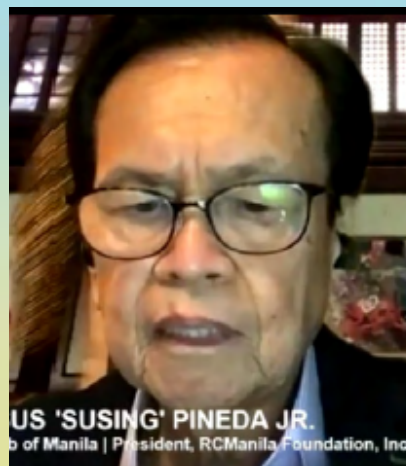


RCManila Foundation, Inc. Assistant Treasurer and Rotary Club of Manila Secretary Reggie Yu presents the RCManila Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees and Executive Officers for RY 2021-2022.

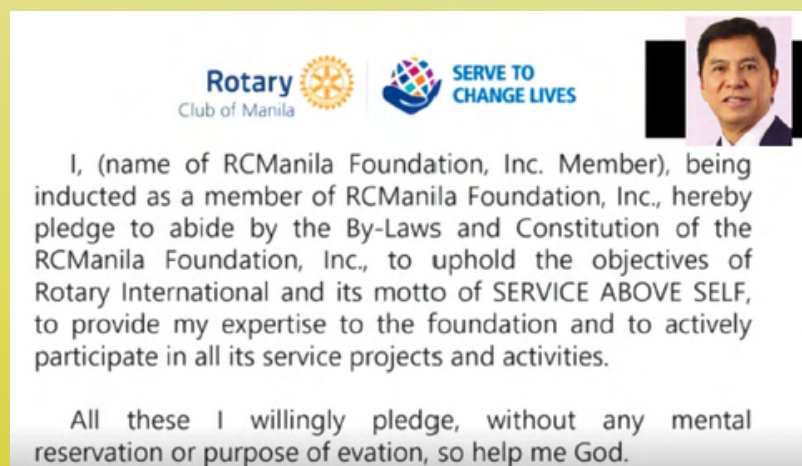
THE WEEK THAT WAS



The **Presentation of Certificates of Membership** signed by **RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman Hermie Esguerra**, **RCManila Foundation, Inc. President Susing Pineda** and **RCManila Foundation, Inc. Secretary Albert Alday** as well as **Crystal Business Card Holder Tokens** from **RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman Hermie Esguerra**



RCManila Foundation, Inc. President Susing Pineda conducts the **Charging of RCManila Foundation, Inc. Members.**



RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Rotary Club of Manila Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra administers the **Oath of Membership to RCManila Foundation, Inc. Members.**

THE WEEK THAT WAS



IPAT Marcus Dee introduces **Resource Speaker STAR Rtn. Teodoro Alejandro “Teddy” Y. Kalaw IV**.



Resource Speaker STAR Rtn. Teodoro Alejandro “Teddy” Y. Kalaw IV delivers a Primer on **“A Foundation for Our Rotary Club: The Governance Perspective”**.



An open forum and panel discussion immediately followed right after the presentation of the **RCManila Foundation, Inc.** and the talk of **Resource Speaker STAR Rtn. Teodoro Alejandro “Teddy” Y. Kalaw IV**. Among those who participated in the open forum and panel discussion were **PP Archit Bartolome, President Chito Zaldarriaga, Rtn. Tony Lopez, PD Beda Fajardo, IPBLA Amading Valdez, Dir. John Michael Cutter, PSAA Gunter Matschuck** and **RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Rotary Club of Manila Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra**.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



President Chito Zaldarriaga and **RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Rotary Club of Manila Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra** present the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by **Secretary Reggie Yu**, to **STAR Rtn. Teodoro Alejandro “Teddy” Y. Kalaw IV**.



President Chito Zaldarriaga delivers his closing remarks and thereafter, adjourns the meeting.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

From the Programs Committee



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

With a stubborn Taal volcano showing ominous signs of activity, posing as threats to an already complicated pandemic situation, it's time to get some valuable insights into the long term plans of PHILVOLCS as Asia's First Rotary Club welcomes Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Undersecretary RENATO SOLIDUM JR., Officer-in-Charge of PHILVOLCS, and his lava flow of information which are vital to public safety.

Be there and be virtually seen, 12:30PM, July 15!

Very truly yours,

PVP HERMINIO "HERMIE" S. ESGUERRA
Programs Committee Chairman
RY 2021-2022

What's Up for Next Week:

CLASSIFICATION TALKS



PP EUSEBIO "EBOT" V. TAN
Of Counsel
Angara Abello Concepcion Regala
& Cruz Law Offices (ACCRALAW)



STAR Rtn. FERDINAND MARTIN "MARTIN" G. ROMUALDEZ
Majority Floor Leader
House of Representatives
Republic of the Philippines
Representative, First District, Leyte

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2021-2022

JULY 2021	July 1, 2021 Induction & Handover Ceremonies with DG Robert Koa & Keynote Speaker Former Defense Secretary Atty. Gilberto Eduardo "Gibo" C. Teodoro Jr.	July 8, 2021 The Foundation of the Rotary Club of Manila's Dreams Primer on "A Foundation for Our Rotary Club: The Governance Perspective" by STAR Rtn. Teddy Kalaw IV
All Members Present	90	74
Make Up	4	0
Less: Exempt from Attendance	7	9
On Leave	0	0
Total Active Members	87	65
Total # of Members	224	220
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	39%	30%
Visiting Rotarians	120	1
ROTARACTORS	1	0
Media	0	0
GOHS	2	0
Guests / guests of RCM MEMBERS	5	0
Total attendees	218	75

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

List of Members Who Have Paid Their Annual Dues for RY 2021-2022

(As of July 14, 2021, 5:00 PM)

	ANNUAL DUES 19-20
33	FULLY PAID
186	UNPAID
1	PARTIALLY PAID
220	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS

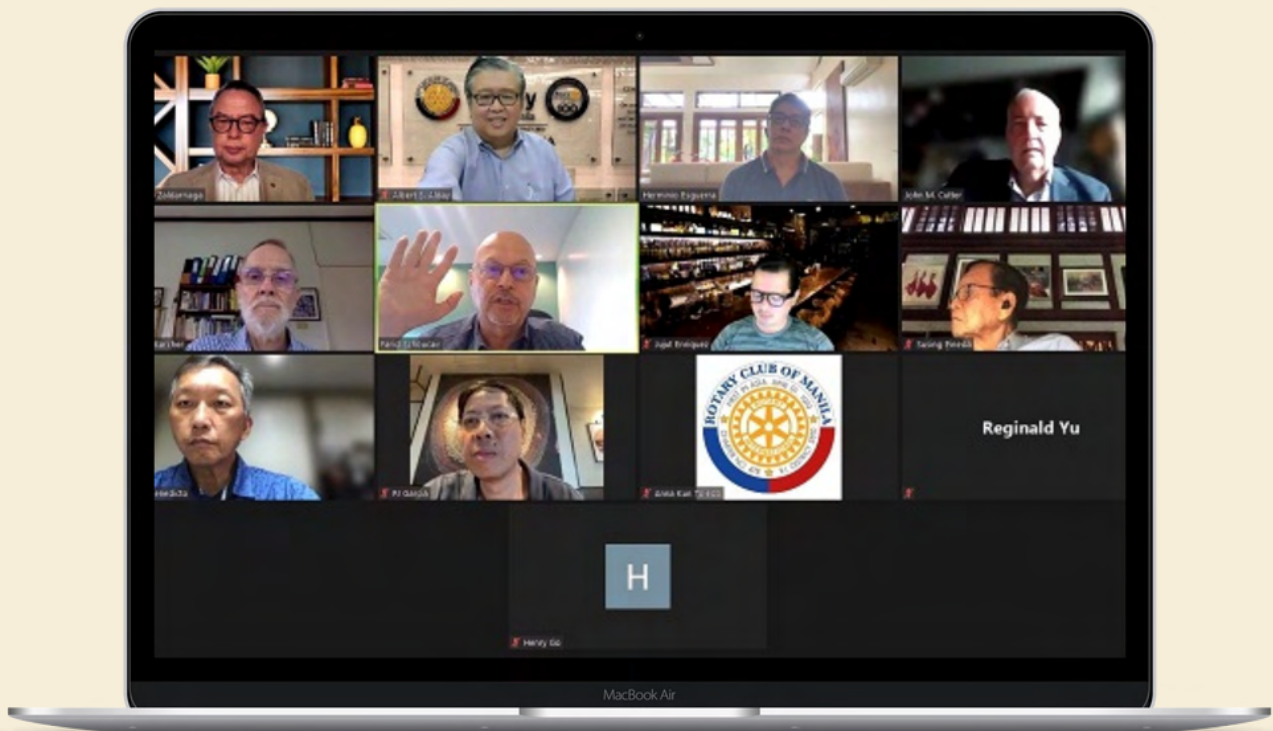
NO.	NAME	OR NUMBER	ANNUAL DUES 20-21	REMARKS
1	Alday, Albert S.	50518	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
2	Bartolome, III, Arsenio "Archit" M.	50535	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
3	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	50526	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
4	Chahwan, Rami	50539	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
5	Chien Liang-Ta, Steve	50531	37,318.00	FULLY PAID
6	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	50542	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
7	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	50527	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
8	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	50538	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
9	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.	50533	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
10	Dayang, Jr., Juan "Jed" E.	50523	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
11	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.	50540	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
12	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	50520	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
13	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	50439	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
14	Enriquez, III, Eduardo "Jujut" V.	50519	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
15	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	50547	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
16	Evaristo, Frank A.	50534	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
17	Fajardo, Beda G.	50546	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
18	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	50509	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
19	Garcia, Victor	50525	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
20	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	50521	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
21	Joseph, Ralph L.	50514	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
22	Joseph, Jr., Robert Lim "Bobby"	50512	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
23	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi"	50510	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.	50515	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
25	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	50524	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
26	Macapagal, Michael	50541	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
27	Masters, Lance A.	50530	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
28	Meloto, Antonio	50511	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
29	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50543	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	Patterson, Colin David	50536	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
31	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	50545	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50537	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	Syjuco, Jr., Jose "Joey" A.	50544	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	50528	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

TOTAL **816,218.00**

Reminder: Please secure OR within 3 days upon payment. Kindly email the copy of deposit at rcmanila@rcmanila.org or send proof of payment in viber. You may also send via fax at #527-1885.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2021-2022 Holds First Regular Meeting



The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2021-2022 held its First Regular Meeting last July 13, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were President Chito Zaldarriaga, Dir. Albert Alday, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra, Dir. John Michael Cutter, VP Henning Karcher, Dir. Farid Schoucair, Treasurer Jujut Enriquez, RCManila Foundation, Inc. President PP Susing Pineda, Dir. Noy Benedicto, AT PJ Garcia, Club Secretary Reggie Yu, AS Henry Go and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Appeal for Paul Harris Fellows



July 1, 2021

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, PVP 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 Global Grants and District Grants. 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 R. LIAMZON
Chairman, The Rotary Foundation
Director
RY 2021-2022

Noted by:

FELIX FRANCISCO S. ZALDARRIAGA
President
RY 2021-2022

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Calling for Proposals for Global Grants for RY 2021-2022



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

This is to announce a call for Global Grant Proposals for Rotary Year 2021-2022. See the fruition of your donations to The Rotary Foundation as you witness sustainable service projects unfold that would define the existence of Asia's First Rotary Club.

For queries, please get in touch with the Secretariat and/or the undersigned.

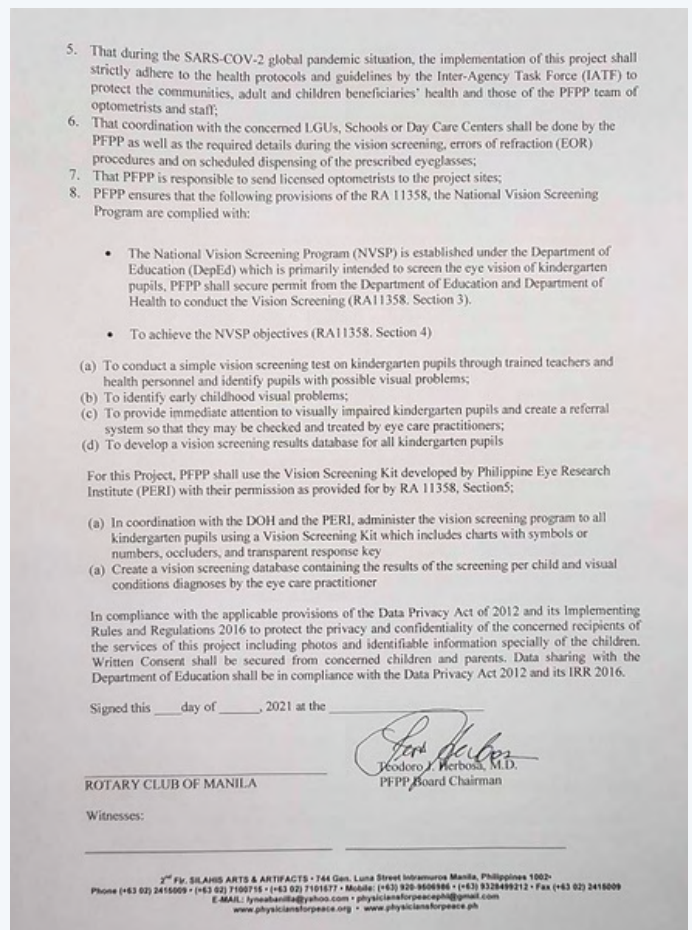
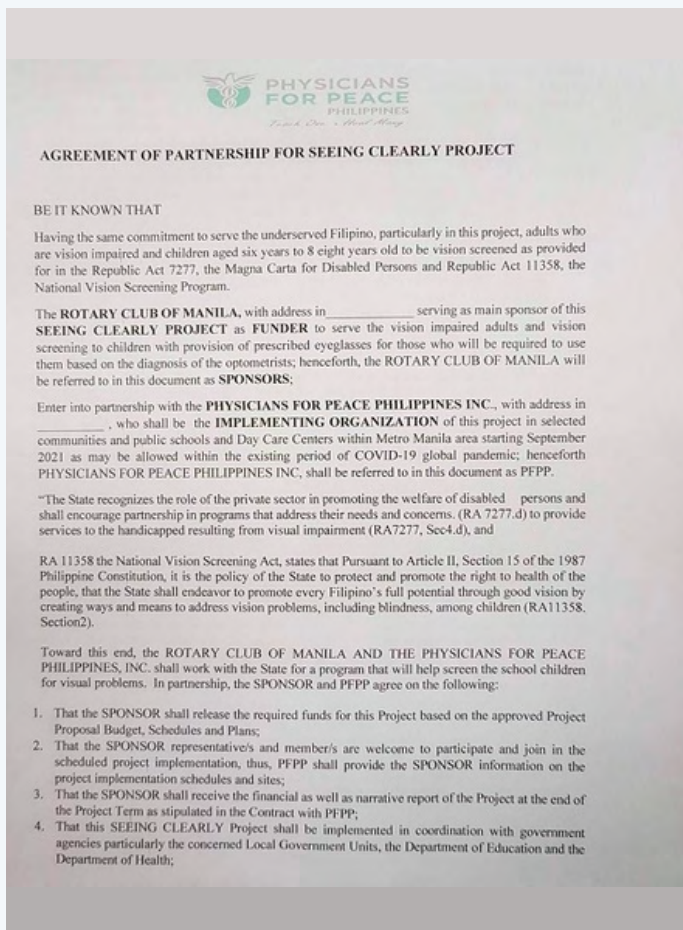
Yours in Rotary service,

ROMEO THADDEUS "THAD" R. LIAMZON
Chairman, The Rotary Foundation Committee
Director
RY 2021-2022

Dir. Thad Liamzon Meets with Global Grant GG2128339 Partner Organization Physicians for Peace



Dir. Thad Liamzon met with the representatives of Physicians for Peace, namely Chairman Teodoro Herbosa, M.D., Chief Operating Officer PDG Lyne Abanilla and Sister Vida last July 13, 2021 at Ilustrado in Intramuros, Manila. Physicians for Peace is the partner organization of the Rotary Club of Manila for Global Grant GG2128339, entitled, "Vision Care". Also present were Rotary Club of Intramuros President Aries Balanay and Rotary Club of Intramuros Club Treasurer Marttrevor Lacson.



VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Manila Rotarians Visit Dualtech for Possible Joint Project of Rotary Club of Manila and Dualtech Adopt a Scholar Program



IPP Bobby Joseph, Dir. Thad Liamzon and STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio met with the management of Dualtech Center last July 13, 2021 in Carmelray Industrial Park I, Canlubang, Calamba City for a possible joint project with the Rotary Club of Manila in supporting their six (6) months skills training, values and moral formation discipline. The club is looking into the possibility of getting global grants to acquire electromechanical equipment for the purpose of making the students globally competitive.

NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE

Dir. Albert Alday Attends “All for the Youth: A Seminar for Youth Service Chairs and Interact Club Advisers”

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All for the YOUTH

A SEMINAR FOR YOUTH SERVICE CHAIRS AND INTERACT CLUB ADVISERS

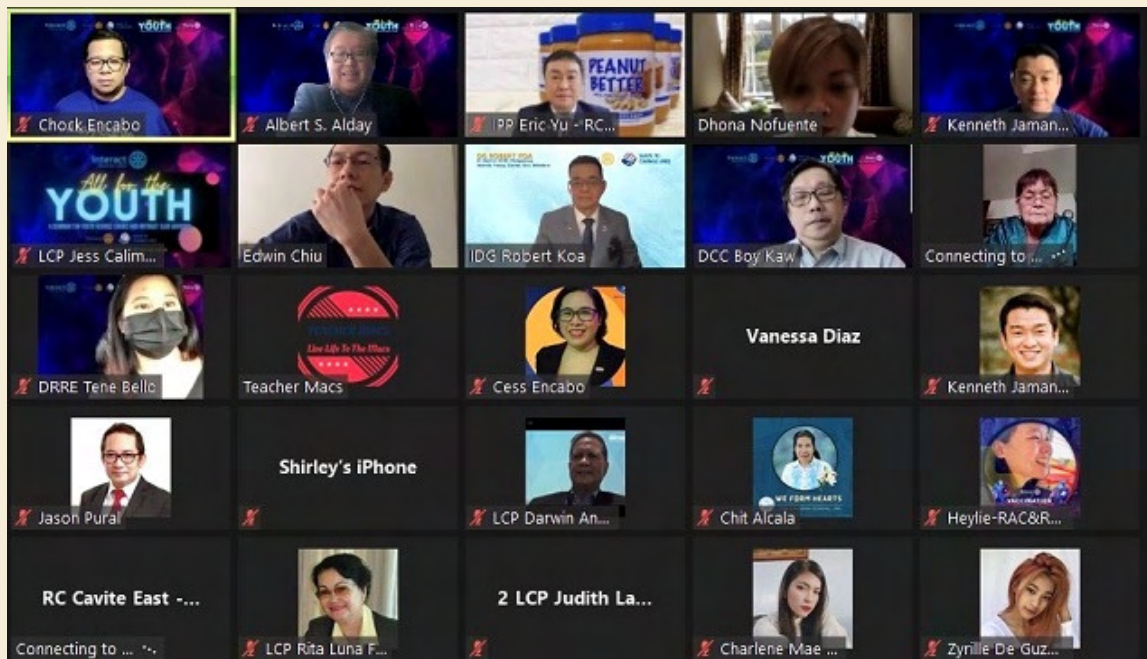
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10 JULY 2021 | 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

Hosted by: **Rotary Club of Metro Escolta**

CO-HOST CLUBS

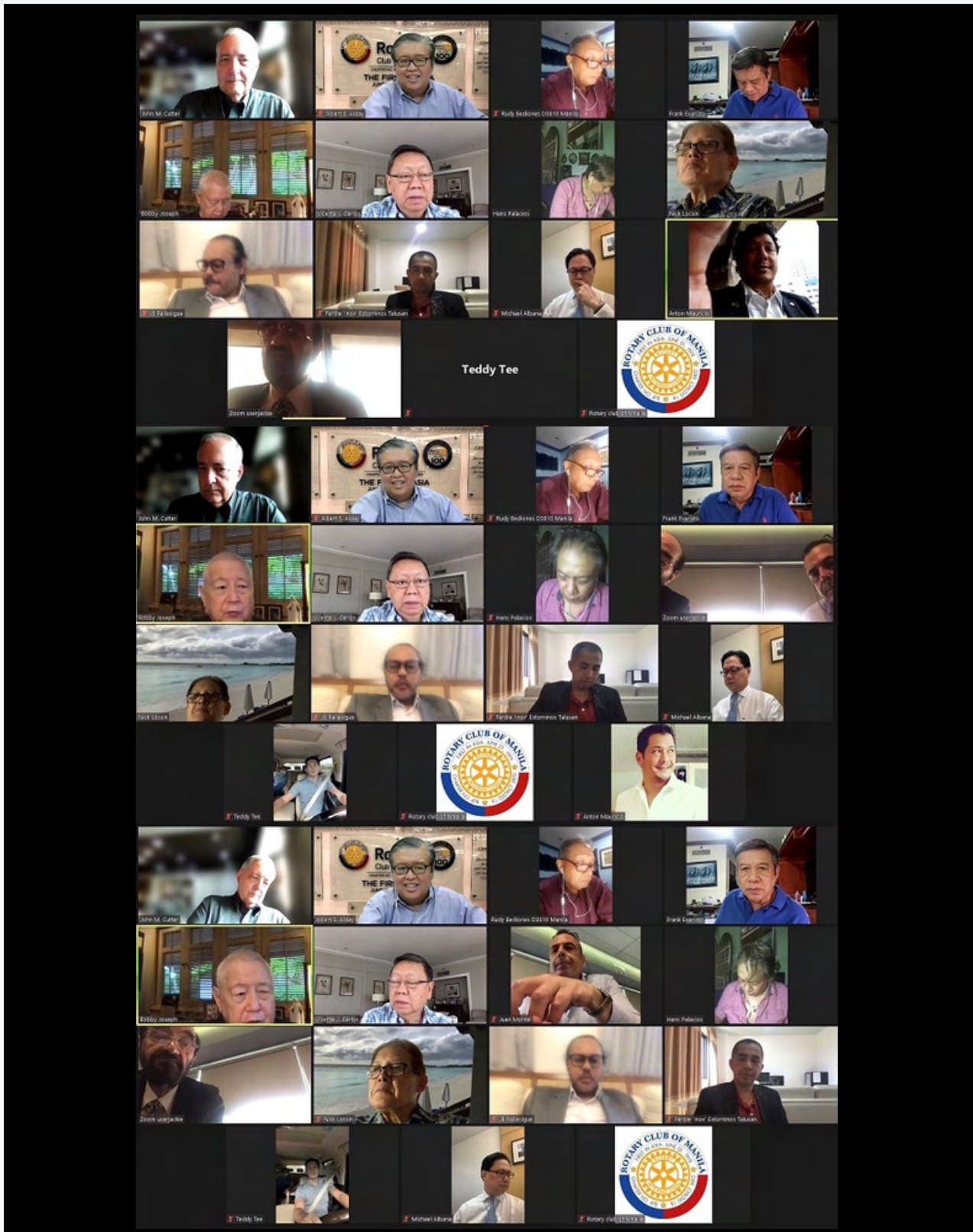
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- ROTARY CLUB OF TONDO METRO
- ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA PREMIER
- ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA SUPREME 198
- ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA BAY
- ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA COSMOPOLITAN
- ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA FORT SANTIAGO
- ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA SOUTH
- ROTARY CLUB OF CARMONA
- ROTARY CLUB OF MALATE PRIME
- ROTARY CLUB OF DASHMARINAS
- ROTARY CLUB OF CAVITE METRO
- ROTARY CLUB OF QUIAPO PLAZA MIRANDA
- ROTARY CLUB OF PANDAY PIRA
- ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA QUIAPO CENTRAL
- ROTARY CLUB OF PANDACAN MANILA
- ROTARY CLUB OF HIYAS NG MAYNILA
- ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA TOURIST BELT
- ROTARY CLUB OF ROSARIO
- ROTARY CLUB OF UNIVERSITY DISTRICT MANILA
- ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA ESPERITU SANTO TAYUMAN
- ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA BINONDO PRIME
- ROTARY CLUB OF DOWNTOWN MANILA
- ROTARY CLUB OF RAHA SULAYMAN MANILA
- ROTARY CLUB OF PASAY WEST
- ROTARY CLUB OF IMUS EAST
- ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA CROWN
- ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA KALAW
- ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA JOSE P. RIZAL
- ROTARY CLUB OF HIYAS NG BACOR
- ROTARY CLUB OF SAN JOSE



Dir. Albert Alday, as Director-in-Charge of Community Service B (Youth Concerns), attended “All for the Youth: A Seminar for Youth Service Chairs and Interact Club Advisers” last July 10, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Ambassador of Goodwill Committee Holds Meeting



The Ambassador of Goodwill Committee held a meeting last July 13, 2021 via Zoom platform. Present were Dir. John Michael Cutter, Dir. Albert Alday, PDG Rudy Bediones, PP Frank Evaristo, IPP Bobby Joseph, PDG Vince Carlos, Rtn. Juan Montel, IPD Hans Palacios, PP Jackie Rodriguez, PD Nick Locsin, STAR Rtn. JB Pallasigue, STAR Rtn. Inov Talusan, STAR Rtn. Teddy Tee, STAR Rtn. Mike Albaña, STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

RCM Diplomacy and Fellowship Event



Rotary
Club of Manila
First in Asia
Charter No. 478 June 1, 1919 RID 3810



An Invitation to the
RCM DIPLOMACY & FELLOWSHIP Event
(initiated by the RCM Ambassador of Goodwill Committee)

Date : Thursday, July 29, 2021

Time : 5:00 PM Venue :

Heritage Hotel – Ballroom

Cocktail Dinner Registration Fee: Php 1,200.00

Wines compliment of Ralph's Wines and Spirits

(Each paying member is entitled to one guest compliments of the Ambassador of Goodwill Committee)

Attire: Coat over white undershirt & dark pants

(proceeds from the Registration Fee will benefit the Pediatric Cancer Patient)

Please confirm your availability to 09175774958

PAST PRESIDENT JACKIE RODRIGUEZ
Chairman, Ambassador of Goodwill Committee

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

Manila Rotarians Attend Area Meeting for the Month of July



President Chito Zaldarriaga, DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph and EA Maricon Bigcas attended the Area Meeting of Rotary District 3810 last July 12, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform.

IPP Bobby Joseph Donates Sixty (60) Sacks of Rice to Pasay Fire Victims



IPP Bobby Joseph donated sixty (60) sacks of rice of two (2) kilos each worth Php 5,000 to sixty (60) families, who were fire victims and who are housed at the Juan Sumulong Elementary School in Pasay City which serves as evacuation center, last July 10, 2021 as part of the Rotary Club of Pasay Business District Disaster Response Outreach Program.

By Rhea Vitto Tabora

STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan



A Mechanical Engineer Turned Restaurateur Shares His Story

Who would have thought that the man who is now busy expanding the Popeyes brand in the Philippines is a mechanical engineer in love with skeet and trap shooting, racing and Formula 1?

STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan, who hails from Lebanon, has been traveling to the Philippines for business since 2012. On the same year, he met the woman of her dreams, giving him a good reason to stay in the country for good in 2017.

At present, he is the CEO of Popeyes (PLK Philippines). It is amazing how Popeyes — despite the harsh effects of the pandemic in the food industry — managed to, not just survive, but thrive and even expand its operations! Turning every obstacle into an opportunity, Popeyes now has 15 branches throughout the metropolis, five of which opened during the community lockdowns.

Here, he shares his story — how a former engineer, a skeet and trap shooter, and a racer behind the wheels now cooks up a successful restaurant business, and how Popeyes stays competitive during these challenging times. On a lighter note, he also shares his appetite for Filipino food and the exotic dishes that he has tried.

And it's charming to know the things he does when he is not at work.

In above photo: STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan (left) together with celebrity Jericho Rosales (middle) and Popeyes Group CFO Francis C. Reyes (right) during the opening of Popeyes branch in SM San Lazaro.

STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan: A Mechanical Engineer Turned Restaurateur Shares His Story

Rhea Vitto Tabora (RVT): Please share something about yourself that your fellow Rotarians might not readily know.

Rami Chahwan (RC): I am a very big fan of Competition (Skeet and Trap) Shooting. As a matter of fact, I made it to the Canadian team of Under-21 International Juniors Competition in Germany in 2001.

I am also a very avid fan of racing and Formula 1. I have my racing license from Club La Licorne in Canada as well.



From left to right: STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan with his coach and training buddies for International Skeet Shooting; During a shooting tournament in Montreal in 2006 where he finished second; His racing car

RVT: When you were younger, what did you want to be?

RC: As young as six years old, my parents asked me what I would like to be and my answer was, I would like to own my personal gas stations. I guess I was attracted to cars so much. Hehe.

As I grew older, I started to zone more and more on the restaurant industry.

RVT: I read that you are a mechanical engineer by education. How did you end up in the restaurant industry?

RC: To pay my studies, I had to work during nighttime and weekends, and the most flexible work was in the restaurant industry.

By the time I graduated, I was already promoted from Cashier to Assistant Restaurant Manager. When I finished my studies, I was offered a General Manager role that frankly paid much better than engineering. I never looked back since that day.

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RVT: What made you come and work in the Philippines?

RC: I initially worked for recruitment trips, then I met the most wonderful woman in the world who became my wife later.

While I was travelling for work, she remained in Manila and raised our two kids, until I came back and stay here permanently in 2017.



STAR Rtn. Rami and his lovely family

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RVT: We all know that the F&B business has been heavily hit by the pandemic, yet Popeyes has been opening branches even with this pandemic. This is amazing! How did you do that?

RC: During each crisis, there are always opportunities.

Because we are new and have a smaller store base than the major and bigger restaurants, we are more nimble and able to react quicker. While others are vacating prime locations, we found those fantastic opportunities for Popeyes.

I have to also mention that I have the full support of the board and the shareholders because without them and the funding, I would not have been able to do so. I had to turn around and present an 18-month plan to our board and display that we would remain in a positive position from an operation standpoint, and all capital investment will still enjoy less than four years payback period. This was done by negotiating with many suppliers, landlords and partners for their support.

So far, since the pandemic, I was able to meet their expectations by remaining positive on our financial statement, and our balance sheet was solid enough pre-pandemic to be able to survive the storm.



During the opening of several Popeyes branches in the metropolis

STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan: A Mechanical Engineer Turned Restaurateur Shares His Story

RVT: How do you stay competitive during these challenging times?

RC: The only way to remain competitive is by being on the ground, by listening to our employees (I call them the heroes of our restaurants), and most importantly, by providing guests what they need.

We have commissioned many researches and they all came back to the fact that guests want value during these times. It does not necessarily mean they are not willing to pay more; it just means they want to get their money's worth.

RVT: What do you usually do when you are not working?

RC: I usually attend to the house chores—cleaning, gardening, etc. And once every two to three months, I like to take the family to a new place in the Philippines they have not discovered yet. Like Iba in Zambales, Baler in Aurora, Calatagan and Nasugbu in Batangas, and La Union. It's a new place each time.

RVT: What is your favorite Filipino dish?

RC: I like many of them. But on top of my list would be any type of *sisig*, beef pares, seafood, and of course, crispy *pata*.

RVT: Have you tried any exotic dishes?

RC: I did try crocodile in the hot air balloon show in Clark. I also tried *balut*. I also love *isaw*.

RVT: What is one thing you miss most in your home country that you cannot find here in the Philippines?

RC: My mother and father.



During his family's trip to Bangkong Kahoy Valley, a breathtaking place in Dolores, Quezon province

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RVT: What inspired you to join the Rotary Club of Manila?

RC: SERVICE ABOVE SELF. I got to where I am today, and I want to give a hand to others who would like to reach such goals like some did for me when I was younger. I am inspired by the caliber of people I meet, and it energizes me to do more every time.

RVT: How would you describe your experience with the Club so far?

RC: Amazing. I always talk about it to my friends and circle of people, and I invite them to join. I might not always be available because we are in a very aggressive expansion mode, and sometimes, I tell myself that I should try to schedule RCM time in my weekly calendar to be able to attend, but not always possible.

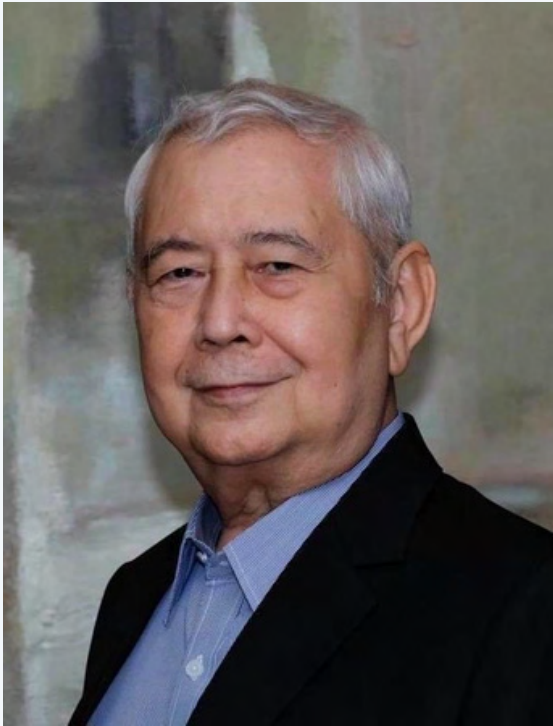


STAR Rtn. Rami and his family visited and helped an Aeta community in Iba, Zambales.



During an outreach program to help the Aeta community in Baler — an annual activity which he organizes together with his family and friends.

Manila Rotarians Appointed as District Officers



IPP Bobby Joseph has been appointed as Deputy District Coordinating Chairman for the Saving the Environment Committee for RY 2021-2022.



PP Jackie Rodriguez has been appointed as District Arch Klumph Society Chairman under The Rotary Foundation team of the district as well as Deputy District Coordinating Co-Chairman for the Saving the Environment Committee for RY 2021-2022.

IPP Bobby Joseph Receives Leadership Award Plaque from District 3810



IPP Bobby Joseph received the Leadership Award Plaque with the summary of awards from Rotary District 3810 during the District 3810 Manila Area A - Awards and Appreciation Night last July 8, 2021 at the Ballroom of The Heritage Hotel Manila in Pasay City. This was virtually awarded during the Awards Night 2021 last June 26, 2021.

PD Rico Domingo Delivers Opening Remarks at “Answering the Call of the Sea”

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SPEAKER
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Former Supreme
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SPEAKER
Sec. Teodoro Locsin, Jr.
Department
of Foreign Affairs

CLOSING REMARKS
Atty. Joey Lina
Former Senator & Convenor
of CALL of the SEA

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PD Rico Domingo delivered the Opening Remarks during the “Answering the Call of the Sea” held last July 12, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform.

STAR Rtn. Sean Rodriguez is US-China Symposium Speaker of the Osgood Center for International Studies



USA-CHINA SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

JULY 14 (WEDNESDAY)

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	Sean Rodríguez, Iridium Asia Holdings, "5G and Me: The Philippines and China"
9:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.	B R E A K
11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.	Zack Cooper, American Enterprise Institute, "Japan and China"

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SEAN RODRIGUEZ

Sean Rodríguez is the president and CEO of Iridium Asia Holdings. He has also held leadership positions at Hartford Healthcare, BJC Healthcare, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, SGR Entertainment, and Mariwasa Manufacturing. He is a recognized thought leader in Organizational Development and Consumer Engagement and has been invited to speak at numerous international conferences. He served on the executive boards of the Beryl Institute and the University of Central Florida's Academy for Creativity and Leadership. He is a founding member of the Philippines-US Business RoundTable.

Sean Rodríguez has advanced degrees in business administration, applied economics from the University of Asia and the Pacific, and clinical biomedical informatics from Stanford University.



STAR Rtn. Sean Rodriguez was a Speaker at the US-China Symposium Program of the Osgood Center for International Studies on "5G and Me: The Philippines and China" last July 14, 2021.

Rotary Club of Manila Rewarded for its Service Projects

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Rotary Club of Manila rewarded for its service projects

ROTARY International District 3810 Gov. Oddie Tarriela presented prestigious awards to Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) Transformational President Robert "Bobby" Lim Joseph Jr. during the District Awards Night recently.

Joseph was awarded "Most Outstanding Club President - Overall," and RCM was recognized as the "Most Outstanding Club - Overall" out of the 117 clubs in District 3810.

These awards were in recognition of the many club projects implemented during Rotary Year 2020-2021.

Among the awards received by RCM were "Best in Livelihood

Project," "Best in Promoting Peace Project," "Best in Fighting Disease Project," "Best in Providing Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Project," "Best in Saving Mothers and Children Project," "Best in Growing Local Economies Project," "Best in Protecting Environment Project," "Best in Medical and Dental Mission," "Best Early Act Program," "Best Interact Program," "Participation in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards," "Best in Twin Club Project (Local and Foreign Sister Clubs)," "Best in Polio Plus," "Highest in The Rotary Foundation Contribution



■ Rotary International District 3810 Gov. Oddie Tarriela (right) and Rotary Club of Manila Transformational President Robert "Bobby" Lim Joseph Jr. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

(Absolute)," "Highest in Membership Increase (Absolute)," "Best in Global Grant Project," "Best Club Bulletin," "Best Rotary in Humanity

in Motion," "Best Rotary Club in Media Coverage" and "Outstanding in Humanitarian Service Award (Covid-related project)." *



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Angel V. Talampas Jr., Father of STAR Rtn. Joel Talampas, Passes Away



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Let us all pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

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Mildred C. Pallasigue, Mother of STAR Rtn. JB Pallasigue, Passes Away



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Mother of STAR Rtn. John Bryan "JB" Pallasigue

who passed away peacefully in the grace of the Lord last July 9, 2021.

Let us all pray for the eternal repose of her soul.



Club turns masks to bricks



- The Rotaract Club of Dhaka Orchid has been collecting and cleaning used masks and gloves to mix with cement and create new products from the waste.

By Abdullah Al Fahad, Rotaract Club of Dhaka Orchid, Bangladesh

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented us with a new environmental challenge. Every month, **more than 120 billion disposable masks** and gloves are being thrown out, with some of them polluting our land and water.

Our Rotaract club, like many, is concerned about the environment. Emboldened by Rotary's newest cause, **protecting the environment**, we decided to do something about this problem. We began a recycling effort which we called our Clean Earth project to collect masks that were littering our streets, parking lots, and other common areas and find a way to reuse them.

Medical experts have said that the virus can survive up to three days on an object. We place the masks that we pick up in a locked room for three days. Then we bleach them and wash them with detergent over a period of 24 hours. We dry them in sunlight, then tear them into smaller pieces and mix them with cement. We use this mixture to create planting containers filled with soil, which we plant trees inside.

We have also made bricks with the mixture and find it stronger than regular bricks. We are planning to use the bricks to build toilets in rural areas. We are working with other clubs to expand our effort, perhaps creating a recycling center where people could bring their used masks, and we could employ other people to help us turn them into bricks and other products.



- A member of the club collects discarded masks.

Source: www.rotary.org

Club Turns Masks to Bricks

As much as 13 million tons of plastic makes it way into our oceans every year. Masks often contain plastics such as polypropylene with a lifespan of hundreds of years. Rotary members are creative and innovative, and we are sure that with some thought, other clubs could join us in finding ways to convert glove and mask waste into usable commodities. Let's protect this planet of ours while we embrace Rotary's newest cause.

Learn more about how Rotary is [protecting the environment](#).

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Lessons of Life by IPP Bobby Joseph



"THE HARVEST IS ABUNDANT BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW..." (Mt. 9:32-38)

A demoniac who could not speak was brought to Jesus, and when the demon was driven out the mute man spoke. The crowds were amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He drives out demons by the prince of demons. Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. At the sight of the crowds, His heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborer's are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest."

"Unlike the Pharisees (proud leaders) who exhausted the flock, Jesus (humble leader) gives refreshment to people. Do you lead with pride or humility? How?" It is given and understood that we are easily affected and we easily react on issues and adverse criticism. And if we want to be a follower of Jesus, He wants us to follow Him and imitate His ways and virtues. So that like Jesus we pity those who criticize us and those who are hard on us, instead of taking revenge. We should be like Jesus, we should understand them and be more kind to them. And we should be happy that they find time to check on us and scrutinize us in order to help us become better persons. But if we take their criticisms negatively, it only worsen the problem. So let us be more tolerant with them yet do our best to do only what is right and to always understand them and be kind to them no matter

what, and sooner or later they will come to realize and see only the truth and we can also evangelize them not by word but by deed, for the critics usually see better than those who are not. Difficult people are there for a particular mission in our life and that is to polish us to become better persons in the eyes of God. Because without them we can be too complacent and relax for it may be too late for us to realize our mistakes. And if we still don't have the grace to look with kindness, understanding and compassion on them, who has wasted their lifetime dwelling on our faults and the faults of others, watching over us 24/7. And so instead of being angry at them, be thankful instead for they have a mission waiting to be accomplished. And so let us pray to God for conversion, witnessing and imitation of the works, virtues and values of Jesus and Mother Mary. And so as not to place harsh judgement on them, let us always remember that Prayer will help us get there and arrive to that conversion and transformation we have been looking forward to. "For prayer is our strength and the weakness of God." And so whatever we ask our Lord in prayer, believe and it will be given unto you. And let us never forget to pray for all the priest and the religious so that they will never tire serving, guiding and shepherding His flock. So that God will continue to inspire them and bless them. Pray always and never cease praying so that we too may persevere and endure in this trying times. God will bless us and even in the midst of trials and difficulties He is there with us. Remain trusting and be favored.

Straight from the Horse's Mouth

By Club Secretary Reginald "Reggie" T. Yu
Managing Editor, BALITA, RY 2021-2022



RUMINATIONS OF AN (EX-) SENATE PRESIDENT. "There can be no permanent cure for graft and corruption with power-politics still a primary concern of our political parties." – Claro M. Recto

What was intended to be a quick, unscheduled courtesy call to a long-time friend and former "boss" turned out to be an extended, delightfully engaging conversation on sacrifice and statesmanship, advancement and advocacies, as well as on the "sui generis" and volatile nature of the Senate leadership.

"It's a good thing you decided to drop by before I finally transfer rooms," the youthful PDP Laban Party Head smiled as he waved for me to come in. "I won't be holding office here anymore by the time our next session starts in July." For Senator Koko Pimentel, surrendering the privileged trappings that once accompanied his position – the lofty confines of an ornate and spacious chamber, coffered by decorative moldings and punctuated by a heavy Narra-constructed, double pedestal partners' desk where a number of landmark bills were passed under his watch for two years – was bittersweet.

But having seen him only a day after stepping down from the Presidency of the Senate of the Philippines, the good Senator was, curiously, in high spirits. While he had wanted to extend his term for a few more months to carry forward the momentum of improving the quality of life through education and tax reform – having recently passed the "Free Tuition Law" and the "Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law" under his leadership – he genuinely looks forward to the opportunity of doing what he loves best: crafting legislation.

"I'm excited to go back to the business of authoring laws that will help make our country a better place to live in," he excitedly declared. This early, he has re-assumed the Chairmanships of the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship, as well as the Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation.

And with presumably more time on his hands, the good Senator vowed to advance the cause of federalism nationwide. Like his father before him, he is also an untiring advocate for the adoption of a Federal System of Government in the Philippines. "My grandfather, Lolo Aquio, began the concept of bringing Cooperative Development in our hometown in Cagayan de Oro; this is a concept that later gave birth to the cause of federalism in Europe," he declared. Our discussion then shifted into a healthy exchange of ideas of how a Federal System of Government can help bring to make government services more efficient to its local constituents.

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Had it not been for a Senate session that afternoon, we would have spent an entire day in an engaging dialogue about the subject.

Senator Koko – for all his musings of still unfinished business as a Senator – has already reached for a place in the Upper Chamber's history. His election to the Senate Presidency not only marked the first time in the Philippine Senate's hundred-year history that a son has followed the footsteps of his father as Senate President; his dramatic ascent to the public consciousness as one of the youngest legislators ever to assume its leadership in just five years since his contentious passage into this deliberative assembly is also noteworthy for its historic significance.

As a former colleague in JCI Manila (where he served as Director for Local Organization Management), as well as having served as his erstwhile speechwriter and communications consultant, I am supremely honored to be called his friend who has paid silent witness to the rise of this extraordinary leader, constantly seeking to empower every Filipino to be the productive citizen and positive force for change that will ultimately lead the country towards a progressive Philippine society.

Certainly, Senator Koko Pimentel's life story shall continue to spark a chronic, yearning noise, which could only be silenced by a more blaring clamor of a new generation of young leaders who are willing to take the same enormous risks he did and triumph again – all in the name of "Service to Humanity."





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