



GUEST SPEAKER



His Excellency Most Rev. PABLO VIRGILIO S. DAVID, D.D.

Bishop of the Diocese of Kalookan
President-Elect

Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP)



NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA FOR RY 2022-2023

KABALITA

In the midst of pandemic variants on the loose, it's time Asia's First Rotary Club answers the call to modern discipleship in walking the faith as the foremost Bishop inspires us to hold on to Divine Providence as we navigate difficult times while we nominate the deserving Manila Rotarians as candidates for the forthcoming election for Board of Directors who will sit in RY 2022-2023.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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Zoom Weekly Membership Meeting Rotary Year 2021-2022

Thursday, August 5, 2021, 12:30 PM

Part III

1:00 PM Introduction of Guest Speaker **Rtn. Joel Valdes**

Address:

HIS EXCELLENCY MOST REV. PABLO VIRGILIO S. DAVID, D.D.

Bishop of the Diocese of Kalookan
President-Elect, Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP)

Topic:

"THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES (CBCP)
IN GUIDING THE FLOCK OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON HOW WE CAN BECOME
LIVING MODERN DAY DISCIPLES IN TODAY'S CHALLENGES"

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

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga



PROFILE OF GUEST SPEAKER: BISHOP DAVID



His Excellency

Most Rev. PABLO VIRGILIO SIONGCO DAVID, D.D.

PERSONAL

Birthday: March 2, 1959
Birthplace: Betis, Guagua, Pampanga
Sacerdotal Ordination: March 12, 1983
Episcopal Ordination: July 10, 2006

EDUCATIONAL

College: Ateneo de Manila University (1974–1978)
A.B. Pre-Divinity

Graduate Studies: Loyola School of Theology (1978–1984)
Master's Degree in Theology

Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.): Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium, specialized in biblical studies (1988)

Élève Titulaire: École Biblique et Archéologique Française de Jérusalem in Israel (1989)

Doctorate in Sacred Theology (S.T.D.): Catholic University of Louvain specialized in biblical studies (December 1991)

OTHER MINISTRIES

Current:

- President, AMANU (Archdiocesan Media Apostolate Unlimited), Incorporated
- Host of Men of Light, a weekly talk show on the Sunday Gospel
- Guest Professor of Scriptures, Mother of Good Counsel Seminary School of Theology, San Fernando, Pampanga
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Loyola School of Theology, Loyola Heights, Quezon City
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Bible Society, UN Avenue, Manila
- Chairman of the Episcopal Commission on the Cultural Heritage of the Church
- Bishop, Diocese of Kalookan
- CBCP, Vice President

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings my Fellow Rotarians of Manila!

As we face another ECQ mode this coming weekend, let us hope that this mandated move will prove useful in curbing the alarming rate of infection among our citizens. For those who have not yet been fully vaccinated, please take heed and be more vigilant and careful. And for those who have already been vaccinated – continue to observe caution please.

It seems timely that our guest speaker in today's regular meeting is no less than His Excellency Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio S. David, DD, Bishop of the Diocese of Kalookan and President-Elect of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP). We really do need Divine intervention in this case.

We recently had a joint district meeting with other clubs and were told of this free grant from the Microsoft Team (Philippines) which will allow all members of Rotary to avail of this Project DEAR digital system. In essence, this will allow all Rotary members to have their own accounts using the latest Microsoft Applications. We will have a separate briefing for more details on the advantages of this club wide system that they are giving us. The estimated costs of this program comes up to the millions of dollars.

Essentially, this project/program will allow us all to interface with each other in REAL TIME using the latest technology at no cost to the clubs or the individual members.

Abangan!

We have an additional two (2) members who have committed to put in their US\$1,000.00 for the TRF last week, Rtn. Tony Lopez and Rtn. Marvin Taylor-Dormond. As of this writing, we are already looking at the exchange rate of Php 50.00: US\$1.00 as anticipated. Nonetheless, we are looking at additional TRF donations based on the Rotary exchange rate of Php 49.00:US\$ 1.00 so please act now before our peso further devaluates.

Finally, I would like to appeal to one and all to please participate in our Weekly Membership Meetings. Consider it a privilege when the Programs Committee calls on you to participate by sharing a bit of your time to do this (Invocation, The Four Way Test, The Rotarian Pledge, and other parts of the program). It is not easy to compose a team every single week to arrive at a complete program with optimum participation on the part of all of us. Volunteer if you have not yet been asked to participate!

See you all soon! And please stay safe everyone!

Humbly yours in Rotary,

FSZ

Felix Francisco S. Zaldarriaga
President
RY 2021-2022

THE WEEK THAT WAS



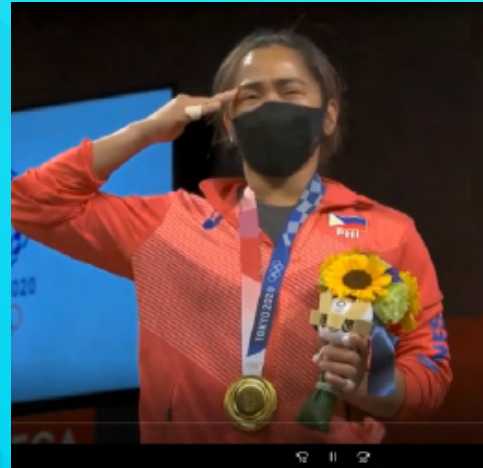
STAR Rtn. Mike Albaña, as Program Moderator/
Facilitator, calls the day's sequential order of activities.



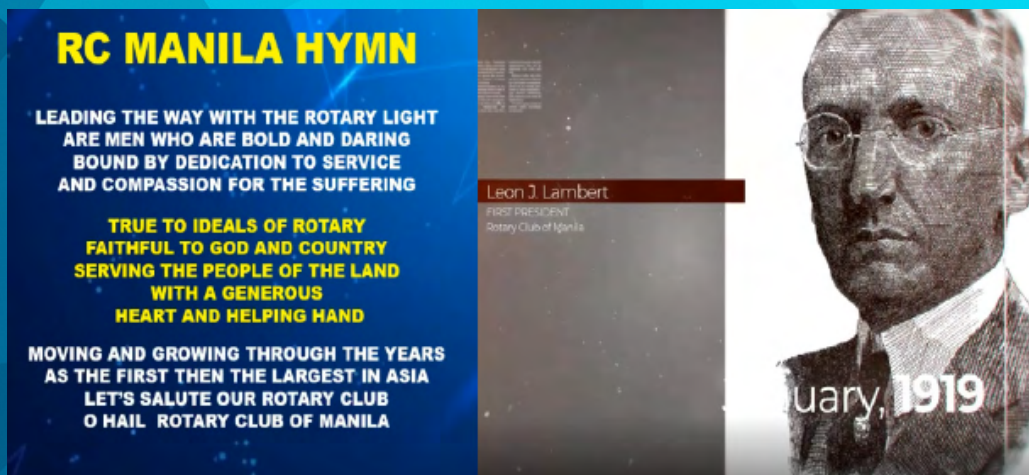
President Chito Zaldarriaga
calls the meeting to order.



Rtn. Vic Garcia 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**

THE WEEK THAT WAS



Rtn. Nico Valencia 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.



PDSAA Ferdie Co leads the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test for Manila Rotarians to renew their commitment to the Rotary movement.



STAR Rtn. Mike Albaña, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges Visiting Rotarians and guests.



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



STAR Rtn. Mike Albaña, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges the week's birthday celebrants, namely, **Rtn. Philip Recto**, **PS Ivan Uy**, **STAR Rtn. Stefan Schmitz** and **Rtn. Nando Camus**, which was followed by an audiovisual presentation of the World Famous Music Chorale singing the happy birthday song.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



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



RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra presents the accomplishment report on the recently-conducted **Relief Operations for Flood Victims in Cavite**, a joint community service project of the **Rotary Club of Manila** and **RCManila Foundation, Inc.**, followed by testimonies of three (3) STAR Rotarians, namely: **STAR Rtn. Mike Albaña**, **STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio** and **STAR Rtn. Teddy Tee Jr. PP Jackie Rodriguez** likewise gave a brief message on the **Relief Operations for Flood Victims in Cavite**.



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

THE WEEK THAT WAS



STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio, as Proposer of New Members, introduces inductees, **Atty. Carlos Serapio** and **Mr. JJ Fernandez**.



PDG Alex Cureg conducts the charging of new members.



President Chito Zaldarriaga administers the Oath of Membership.



STAR Rtn. Ralph Joseph and **Rtn. Tong Payumo** deliver their respective Classification Talks.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



An open forum immediately followed right after the Classification Talks of **STAR Rtn. Ralph Joseph** and **Rtn. Tong Payumo**. Among those who participated in the open forum were **PP Archit Bartolome**, **VP Henning Karcher**, **PD Beda Fajardo**, **President Chito Zaldarriaga**, **IPD Hans Palacios**, **STAR Rtn. Mike Albaña**, **PSAA Gunter Matschuck** and **Rtn. Vic Garcia**.



President Chito Zaldarriaga and **Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra** present the Certificates of Appreciation, attested by **Secretary Reggie Yu**, to **STAR Rtn. Ralph Joseph** and **Rtn. Tong Payumo**.



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

From the Programs Committee



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

Divine intervention makes its presence felt in the midst of a stubborn variant bringing a new twist to an already dangerous global pandemic as the Almighty calls us to be modern day disciples in walking His way through the words of wisdom of His Excellency Most Rev. PABLO VIRGILIO S. DAVID, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Kalookan and President-Elect of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), as we seek the Divine Providence for guidance in undertaking the nominations for the candidates for the Board of Directors of Asia's First Rotary Club for RY 2022-2023.

Let us thank the One Above for being alive, so be with us today, 12:30 PM, August 5.

Very truly yours,

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

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	July 15, 2021 Usec. Renato Solidum Jr., Undersecretary, DOST, OIC, Philvolcs	July 22, 2021 Classification Talks PP Ebot Tan, STAR Rtn. Jet Ledda and STAR Rtn. Martin Romualdez	July 29, 2021 Classification Talks Rtn. Tong Payumo and STAR Rtn. Ralph Joseph
All Members Present	90	74	83	81	79
Make Up	4	0	0	0	0
Less: Exempt from Attendance	7	9	5	4	9
On Leave	0	0	0	0	0
Total Active Members	87	65	78	77	70
Total # of Members	224	220	220	220	222
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	39%	30%	35%	35%	32%
Visiting Rotarians	120	1	122	1	0
Rotaract Club of Manila/Rotaract Club fo DLSU-Manila	1	0	0	0	0
Media	0	0	0	0	0
Guest Speaker/Guest of Honor and Speaker	2	0	1	0	0
Guests/Guests of RCM MEMBERS	5	0	3	5	0
Total Attendees	218	75	209	87	79

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of August 4, 2021, 11:00 AM)

	ANNUAL DUES 19-20
71	FULLY PAID
149	UNPAID
1	PARTIALLY PAID
221	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS

NO.	NAME	OR NUMBER	AMOUNT	REMARKS
1	Abastillas, Celso E.	50579	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
2	Alday, Albert S.	50518	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
3	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.	50568	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
4	Ampil, Alvin	50557	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
5	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.	50535	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
6	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.	50569	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
7	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.	50570	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
8	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	50586	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
9	Bogovich, Jason M.	50583	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
10	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	50577	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
11	Camus, Fernando	50552	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
12	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	50526	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
13	Chahwan, Rami	50539	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
14	Chien, Liang-Ta "Steve"	50531	37,318.00	FULLY PAID
15	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	50542	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
16	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	50527	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
17	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	50538	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
18	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.	50533	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
19	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.	50523	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
20	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.	50555	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
21	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.	50540	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
22	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	50520	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
23	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	50439	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.	50519	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
25	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	50547	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
26	Evaristo, Frank A.	50534	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
27	Fajardo, Beda G.	50546	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
28	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	50509	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
29	Garcia, Victor	50525	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	50521	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
31	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.	50572	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	50573	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt	50563	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Hernandez, Edwin	50551	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
35	Hesse, Uwe	50581	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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36	Joseph, Ralph L.	50514	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
37	Joseph, Robert, Jr. "Bobby" L.	50512	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
38	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.	50510	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
39	Karcher, Henning	50558	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
40	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	50554	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
41	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.	50515	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
42	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	50567	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
43	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	50524	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
44	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50548	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
45	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"	50541	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
46	Magbanua, Gerry	50562	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
47	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.	50593	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
48	Masters, Lance A.	50530	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
49	Meloto, Antonio "Tony"	50511	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
50	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50543	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
51	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.		25,001.00	FULLY PAID
52	Okajima, Hiroyuki	50588	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
53	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	50550	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
54	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"	50580	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
55	Patterson, Colin David	50536	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
56	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	50545	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
57	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50537	26,200.00	FULLY PAID
58	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.	50556	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
59	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	50561	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
60	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50565	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
61	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.	50574	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
62	Rono, Marlon	50592	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
63	Sarmiento, Ricardo	50587	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
64	Shigei, Kentaro	50591	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
65	Shimoda, Shigeru	50590	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
66	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	50564	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
67	Stranathan, Ike	50566	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
68	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.	50544	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
69	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin	50549	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
70	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"	50532/5058	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
71	Yujuico, Brendon	50571	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
72	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	50528	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

TOTAL **1,769,795.00**

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 Special Meeting



The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2021-2022 held a Special Meeting last July 29, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were President Chito Zaldarriaga, DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, Dir. Johnny Chotrani, Dir. Farid Schoucair, VP Henning Karcher, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra, Dir. John Michael Cutter, Dir. Albert Alday and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

RCManila Foundation, Inc. Trustees Hold Pre-Planning Session



Trustees of the RCManila Foundation, Inc. held a Pre-Planning Session last August 1, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Secretary/Trustee Dir. Albert Alday, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Trustee PP Teddy Ocampo, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Legal Counsel STAR Rtn. Teddy Kalaw IV, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Treasurer/Trustee PD Pepo Nuñez, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Trustee IPBLA/PD Amading Valdez, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Assistant Treasurer Club Secretary Reggie Yu and ES Anna Kun Toledo. RCManila Foundation, Inc. Legal Counsel STAR Rtn. Teddy Kalaw IV facilitated the Pre-Planning Session.

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. Albert Alday Named to Rotary District 3810 Training Team for RY 2022-2023



Having completed the "Train the Trainers" Program of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), Dir. Albert Alday was named to the distinguished District 3810 Training Team for RY 2022-2023 last August 2, 2021.

By Rhea Vitto Tabora

STAR Rotarian Rafael Dionisio: MAD on Sustainability and Tourism, Reforestation and Waste Management

No, I don't mean he's gone MAD. STAR Rtn. Rafael "Raf" Dionisio is Making A Difference – a huge one!

In 2014, he co-founded MAD (Make A Difference) Travel, a social enterprise that organizes inspiring and authentic travel experiences in partnership with marginalized communities across the country. These meaningful experiences prove that adventure tourism and sustainable tourism can go hand in hand.

STAR Rtn. Raf knows his mission in life. When the pandemic hit the tourism industry badly and put the travel sector to a halt, he launched MAD Market, an online delivery service that sources fresh fruits, vegetables and baked goods from farmers and communities in Benguet, Mountain Province and Rizal. He's helping the local communities nonstop.

Get to know STAR Rtn. Raf as he discloses the power of being MAD. He also has a message to those who love traveling.



By Rhea Vitto Tabora

STAR Rotarian Rafael Dionisio: MAD on Sustainability and Tourism, Reforestation and Waste Management

Rhea Vitto Tabora (RVT): What's the story of MAD (Make A Difference) Travel? How did it start and what inspired you to launch it?

Rafael Dionisio (RD): How could I create value for myself and others? Me getting rich would not help the world as we had enough billionaires. These were the realizations that struck me as I worked as a volunteer in Angat, Bulacan.

My business partner, Tom Graham, and I were inspired by **GK Enchanted Farm** – that we had to become the change we wanted to see on the ground by promoting and building a movement of social enterprise in the Philippines.

Specifically, we saw how tourism could create positive impact on the economy, community and planet. Later on, **Hineleban Foundation** mentored me on doing agroforestry business and also played a role in showing us how to work with the environment.

I was a volunteer at GK Enchanted Farm for two years. My business partner, Tom, was then writing the book "The Genius of the Poor, A Journey with Gawad Kalinga" (<https://www.amazon.com/Genius-Poor-Englishmans-Life-changing-Philippines-ebook/dp/B01M0TB2RN>; <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/25247410-the-genius-of-the-poor-a-journey-with-gawad-kalinga>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-JxeTd8kAw>).

With MAD, I was able to connect my interests in education, sustainability and tourism, and advocacies such as reforestation and waste management, together.



By Rhea Vitto Tabora

STAR Rotarian Rafael Dionisio: MAD on Sustainability and Tourism, Reforestation and Waste Management

RVT: You also recently introduced MAD Market. What is the concept behind it and how did you go about making the project a reality?

RD: We really just wanted to help our employees and community. Our travel business plunged to zero in days. Pivoting from a travel service to a product-based business is a huge change, but it helped several families get through the first 18 months of the pandemic.

Working with farms was really insightful for me. I'm learning a lot from the experience.



RVT: What's next for MAD?

RD: We are currently focusing resources on developing online programs for education – still working with the community – and we see it connecting to on the ground tours later on.

Additionally, we are working with an NGO, **For the Future**, a company called **Bioten**, and **Nadine Lustre** to reforest 88 hectares in San Felipe, Zambales.

RVT: What to you makes tourism sustainable?

RD: The community and its market partners need to earn well from it, the waste impact should be low, it should be fun/entertaining, and there should be a strong sense of care for people and the planet. This includes culture, the animals, local language and food, among others.

It must also include several sectors, such as the private, government, local and international.

RVT: What realizations or insights did your advocacies reveal to you?

RD: That the best way to do business is to have people and planet as stakeholders. I also saw how action on the ground with visible results is worth so much – and that people are hungry for good news.

I also realized how I am in becoming a steward as intended in the Bible. I keep reminding myself to be humble and to stay the course no matter how difficult.

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

By Rhea Vitto Tabora

STAR Rotarian Rafael Dionisio: MAD on Sustainability and Tourism, Reforestation and Waste Management

Putting your time, money and talent on the line for an advocacy – I believe we can get others to commit if we make it simple and fun. Everyone wants to have fun. That is the power of being MAD.

Finally, I also saw a culture of disconnection – vividly. When I was a volunteer at GK, they kept saying that I was disconnected from the land and people, and thus, disconnected from the opportunity.

After spending years working with the community, I now see that we need to create more meaningful relationships with communities so that we can build a better society through social business.



STAR Rtn. Raf teaching technology to the Aeta children



STAR Rtn. Raf teaching the Aeta community



Having fun with the Aeta community in Zambales



By Rhea Vitto Tabora

STAR Rotarian Rafael Dionisio: MAD on Sustainability and Tourism, Reforestation and Waste Management

RVT: What excites you everyday about your advocacies?

RD: I can see the forest grow, I can see trees bearing fruit, I see the community learning how to produce and be more responsible, and I see customers shift paradigm from one that is ME-centric to one that is WE-centric.

I know that we can change the Philippines and the world through green business. I plan to connect my construction business to sustainable materials as well.

RVT: What has been the most satisfying moment in your life?

RD: That I repeatedly get the chance to serve nature and people. The opportunities keep coming – and despite my own shortcomings, people are helpful, especially, in a trying time like 2020–2021.

People believe in what we want to do – especially, the youth and the communities. As was shared to me in my 20s – the country is ready for leadership – are you ready to lead? It's a lot harder than it sounds.

RVT: What message would you like to send to those who love traveling?

"Take care of the places you go to. If you can afford it, please reduce waste and spread your purchases among small businesses in your area. Demand your accommodation and transport partners to move into more sustainable energy and practices."

RVT: What do you do in your spare time?

RD: Watch anime, exercise, meet friends, explore new places and study environmental science and green industries/economies.



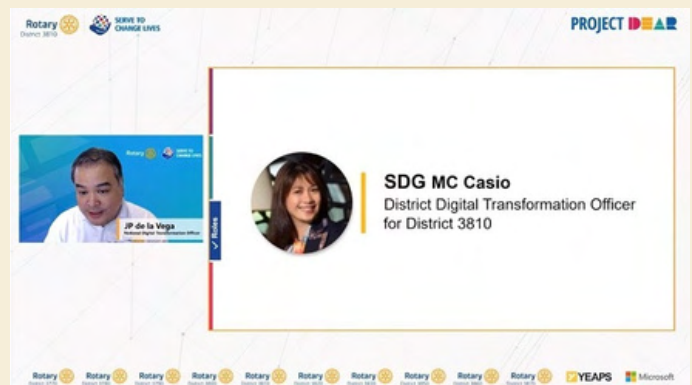
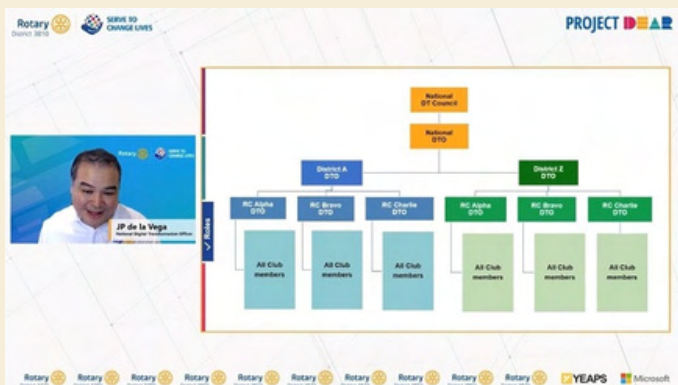
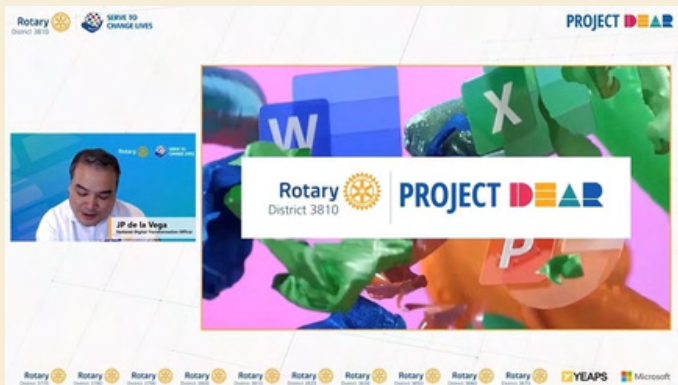
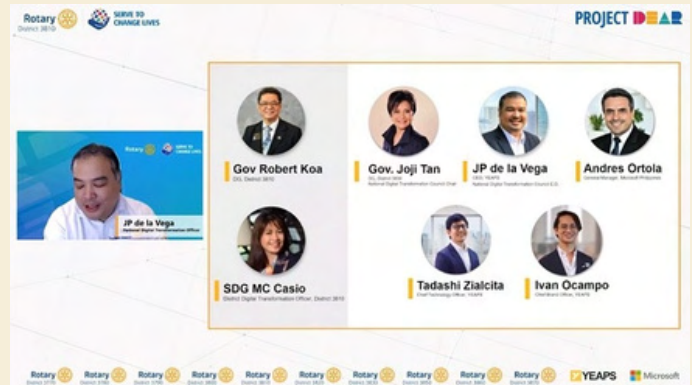
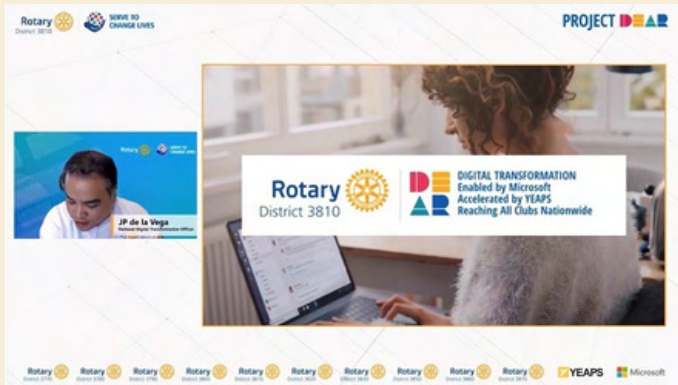
Surfing in Siargao

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

RD: I wanted to connect with more like-minded people to create lasting change. I saw how President Bobby Joseph initiated this and I was very motivated to join. By joining, I might be able to learn and increase the impact through collaboration and exposure to people who have more experience.

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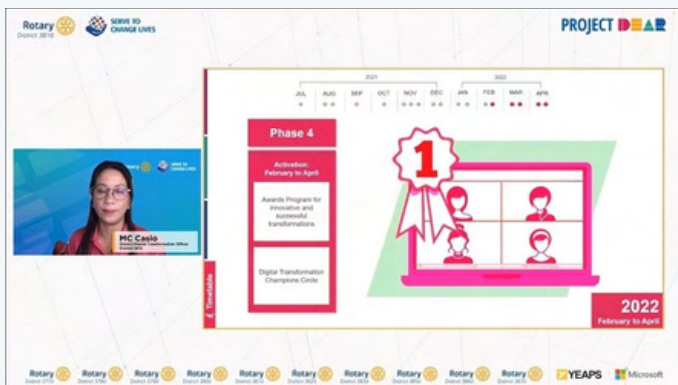
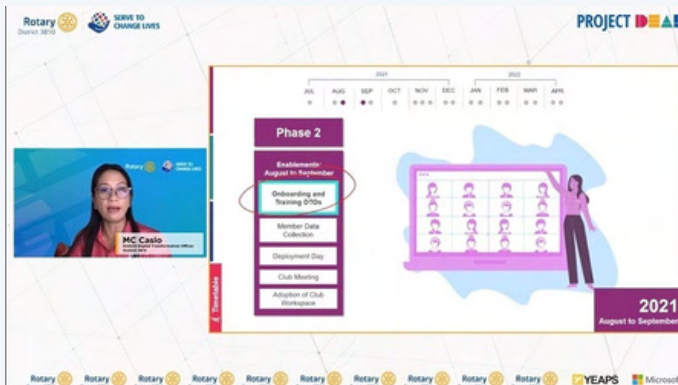
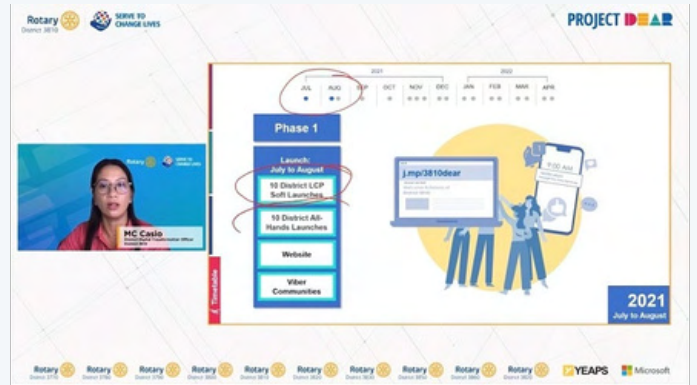
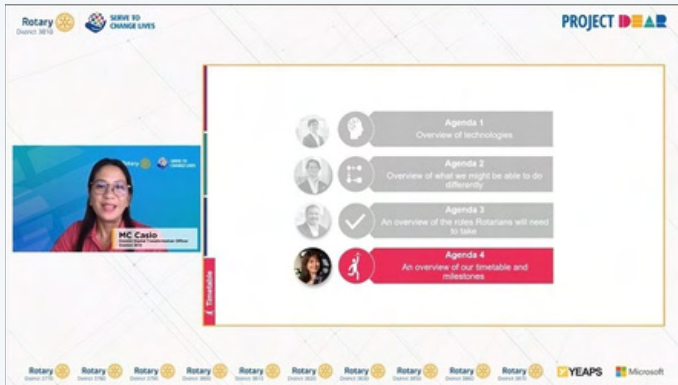
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Participation of the Rotaract Clubs in the International Youth Day Celebration Program

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Dear Rotarians,

This has reference to the trailing email and
the subject line.

I sincerely look forward to your response and
a participation confirmation in the Webinar on
the 12th of August at 6:00pm (IST).

While I look forward to having you all
participate , I will request you to select one
Rotaract Club from your Rotary District who
could make a brief presentation on their
thoughts and actions related to the theme on
***Role of Rotaract : Peace and Resilience in
the Post Pandemic Era.***

I look forward to your facilitation and
participation for sure.

I have received confirmation from the Rotary
District 5030.

A prompt response is solicited since we just
have about a week to freeze the list of
participants as well as the Rotaract Clubs
who would be making a brief presentation.

Wishing you the best

Rtn. Dr. Chandreyee Das

Chairperson , Youth Service and New
Generation Committee, Rotary Club and
Calcutta

Participation of the Rotaract Clubs in the International Youth Day Celebration Program

Concept Note on the topic

Role of Rotaract: Peace and Resilience in the Post Pandemic Era

Peace has been one of Rotary's top goals almost since the day Paul Harris founded it in 1905. In 1914, the convention adopted a resolution proposed by the Rotary Club of Hamilton, Ontario, that the International Association of Rotary Clubs lend its influence to the maintenance of peace among the nations of the world. In 1921, with memories of World War I fresh in their minds, delegates to the Rotary International Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, incorporated into Rotary's constitution the goal to aid in the advancement of international peace and goodwill through a fellowship of business and professional men of all nations united in the Rotary ideal of service. (Ref: Wiki)

The Rotaract Club - a global movement of young leaders under the folds of Rotary - comprise youth in the age category of 18-30 yrs who are passionate about service for the society. However they need to be mentored and oriented on meaningful humanitarian goals so that their energy could be channelized towards specific development objectives. They need to be triggered to ideate, preach and advocate for peace and to initiate actions for raising community resilience through networks for cross context sharing and learning. CONNECT IS THE KEY WORD.

With this in the backdrop, Rotary Club of Calcutta intends to have a cross country interactive session with Rotaract Clubs to have a sharing on country specific challenges - with reference to peace and resilience and how Rotaractors can bounce in ideas for building the optimal conditions for peaceful and resilient societies through Club specific initiatives or by partnering with parent Rotary Clubs. The role of an eminent professional from the development sector is imperative in exposing them to the context and the different perspectives of global peace and resilience.

Programme Schedule

Date: 12th August 2021

Time 6:00 PM (IST)

Platform: Virtual (Zoom Link will be shared from the Club)

Tentative Schedule:

- Message by RI President & District Governor: 7 mins
- Brief Address by Club President: 3 mins
- Setting the context by Chair, Youth Service and New Generation Committee: 4 mins
- Keynote Address by *Director and UNESCO Representative Mr Eric Falt and /or Head of the UNESCO Youth Programme for South Asia, Ramirez-Miranda Juan Pablo*: 30 mins
- Rotaract Club Presentations: 45 mins (9 clubs @ 5 mins each)
- Q & A Session: 15 mins
Rotaract Club Presentations and Q & A Sessions to be moderated by Rtn Debasish Biswas
- Vote of Thanks: Youth Service Committee Member

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES HAVE CHANGED!

Posted by Peggy Halderman (Golden)
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Did you know that Rotary International decided to update the monthly themes to reflect the areas of focus? Here is a chart of the old and new monthly themes during the Rotary Year (July – June). They give you more flexibility if you use this structure to develop your schedule of programs.

MONTH	OLD THEME	NEW THEME
July	Changeover Month	<i>Transition Month</i>
August	Membership & Extension	<i>Membership & Extension</i>
September	New Generations	<i>Basic Education and Literacy</i>
October	Vocational Service	<i>Economic and Community Development</i>
November	The Rotary Foundation	<i>The Rotary Foundation</i>
December	Family of Rotary	<i>Disease Prevention and Treatment</i>
January	Rotary Awareness	<i>Vocational Service</i>
February	World Understanding	<i>Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution</i>
March	Literacy	<i>Water and Sanitation</i>
April	The Rotarian Magazine	<i>Maternal and Child Health</i>
May	Education	<i>Youth Service</i>
June	Rotary Fellowships	<i>Rotary Fellowships</i>

Source: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50085/stories/rotary-monthly-themes-have-changed>

Straight from the Horse's Mouth

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



REMEMBERING RVR @ 103. "Great people stand out from others by their visions and not much by their intelligence." — Amit Ray

It has been said that visionaries are possessed creatures. They are beings in the thrall of belief so powerful that they ignore all else, even reason, to ensure that reality catches up with their dreams. The visions of a glory-driven daring idealist — who led a new organization of young men committed to herald positive change in a devastated nation almost forsaken of hope; and later, built one of the most successful conglomerates the country has ever known — had invariably been hallmarks of a man whose ideas have always become actions; and had a perpetually passionate sense of what is eternal in human nature, of what is coming but as yet unseen, just over the horizon.

Manila Rotarian Ramon del Rosario was one such visionary.

In an era dominated by an alarming epidemic of youthful despair — "Monching" to his contemporaries and "RVR" to his younger colleagues — did not only live his 90 years in making a positive difference in this earth, he

also successfully carried a message of hope to young men and women to far continents; having represented his vision to the world as no one else could.

RVR was born on July 25, 1918 in Sta. Ana, Manila, being the sixth of nine children. Fatherless at nine, he was introduced early to the nuances of hard work, helping his mother survive on a meager teacher's salary during the Depression. During his schooldays at La Salle High School, he had to contend with missed lunches and often dispensed with the luxuries of motorized transport simply to meet the costs of quality education. But it was through these unpleasant experiences that seem to have molded him to what he was in his later years. It was when he finished high school in 1935 that he discovered and developed his gift of speech, as he romped off with several academic awards for elocution, academic achievement and leadership. He later graduated from La Salle College (now, De La Salle University) in 1938 with a degree in Commerce, which took him only three years to complete, and passed the licensure board examinations for Certified Public Accountants after a few months.

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Monching was employed almost as fast as the ink from his graduation diploma had begun to dry. He signed up as the first Filipino employee of a growing American company called International Business Machines (now, IBM), whose off-shore office in the Philippines, Watson Business Machines, opened only a year earlier. Serving the company with such commitment, focus and competence, he became the first Filipino General Manager of IBM Philippines in 1946 at the tender age of 29.

Apart from his work at IBM, he was active in civic and professional associations, including the PICPA-Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He was also elected President of the De La Salle Alumni Association, and thrust to a stalwart role in the Rotary Club of Manila and the Knights of Columbus.

Fate, however, seems to have something far greater in store for him. He received an invitation from an old college buddy, Artemio "Temiong" Vergel de Dios, in September 1947, asking him for help in forming a new group for young businessmen and professionals. Temiong showed him a magazine article about young American men working on projects for their communities as members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, better known now as "Junior Chamber International (JCI)." He and a small band of like-minded buddies wanted to hatch a similar organization in Manila. More than this, he wanted this young achiever's help to make it happen. Despite his initial reservations about

this new organization — having initially declined the invitation to be part of the group — Monching was, nevertheless, elected as JCI Manila's Charter President, and true to form, the organization lived up to Junior Chamber's original vision of mobilizing youthful dynamism for community service under his leadership. A month after their election, this intrepid group of young men launched their first project — a week-long "Clean Up the City Campaign." This saw RVR and other executives removing mountains of debris and trash that had accumulated since war's end in various parts of Manila.

This ambitious undertaking drew tremendous favorable publicity in the newspapers. Soon, young men from provincial capitals were rushing to join the JCI movement and formed their own city chapters. In a year's time, twenty-two provincial chapters were born; they held their very first National Convention from February 11 to 13, 1949 in Manila, where the national assemblage formed what is then JUNIOR CHAMBER OF THE Philippines, now known as JCI Philippines.

Once more, Monching del Rosario was elected its first National President. Audacity and imagination distinguished the JCI movement under his leadership. They demonstrated it in so many projects which were done that year, but it was most especially seen in their bid to host the 1950 JCI World Congress in Manila — the first in Asian soil.

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It was this highly successful World Congress in Manila that would lead to his election to the World Presidency of Junior Chamber International — the first for a Filipino and an Asian; certainly, a position of great prestige at that time. Under his administration as JCI President, Junior Chamber embarked on an aggressive membership expansion program, where the JCI movement spread like wildfire through the length and breadth of the Philippines and spilled over Asia, as far north as Japan, to countries in Southeast Asia going as far as India.

During this time, a lot of changes were happening to RVR's life. In 1951, he decided to join The Philippine American Life and General Insurance Company as Executive Vice-President, but events in the Philippines were ushering in a new era of industrialization. In 1953, he got his first taste of genuine entrepreneurial venture by helping his siblings set up the Del Rosario Brothers, Inc. — a company that manufactured and distributed household appliances to customers on an installment basis.

But Monching wanted to pursue a higher calling — he envisioned a company that would assemble a high-powered consulting group that will initiate and manage industrial ventures badly needed by the country. So, in 1956, he incorporated the Philippine Investment and Management Consultants (PHINMA). From his ventures in PHINMA, RVR quickly secured for himself a premier position among young Filipino business entrepreneurs. In 1959, just a few years after PHINMA was formed, the company audaciously built the first Filipino-owned oil company, Fil-Oil Refinery Corporation (now, Philippine National Oil Company). Until that time, it was the biggest Filipino company to come into being.

It is with this inner strength, tenaciously rooted in self-discipline and matchless determination, that Monching made himself the unchallenged voice of the young upstarts of his generation — and, sometimes, the disquieting conscience of the old traditionalists. That voice, in turn, infused his young colleagues themselves with the fiber that gave their revolution its true stature. The mark of excellence he displayed in the organizations which he led, as well as in his countless business ventures, attested to the triumph of his far-reaching vision and leadership style. With neither land nor trading gains to underwrite his plans, he raised capital from various investors and joint venture partners, convincing them to put their money on carefully crafted projects, a competent management group, and his unsullied personal integrity.

Because of his unblemished reputation for uncompromising honesty and almost an unceasing mission to epitomize credibility, it was only a matter of time before he was called to government service. In 1978, Foreign Affairs Minister Carlos P. Romulo invited him to serve as Ambassador to Canada. In 1984, he was appointed Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. And in 1986, President Corazon Cojuangco Aquino appointed him Ambassador to Japan.

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Monching was not only instrumental in establishing business empires but also educational institutions. Together with his friends from JCI Manila, Monching helped establish the Asian Institute of Management (A.I.M.), the "Harvard Business School of Asia," which is widely considered as one of the top graduate business schools in Asia, having produced many of the top executives in the Philippines and in Asia. Today, A.I.M. is credited with playing a major role in nation-building.

It was his heeding to his inner, immutable core of values of honesty and loyalty that endeared RVR with the same set of illustrious personalities who seem to share his beneficence; his long time associations with business luminaries as Washington SyCip, industrialists Vicente Madrigal II and Ernesto Escaler, former Central Bank of the Philippines Governor Jose "Jobo" Fernandez, Seiko Corporation's Honorary Chairman Reiji Hattori, former Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso, former AIG Chairman Maurice Greenberg, Gulf Oil Founder and former President William Larimer Mellon, as well as IBM Founder and Chairman Thomas Watson, only serve to solidify Monching's gravitas and affinity with people possessed with unimpeachable integrity and a passion for excellence.

His advancing age did not deter him from doing what he loves best — helping people. He was known as a man in near-perpetual motion. Foremost among the conduits of his generosity was as Vice-Chairman of Caritas Manila, Inc., a Catholic relief agency, where he spearheaded

projects to benefit indigent prisoners — many of whom were languishing in jail without yet being convicted — for minor offenses and their families. As a member of the Board of Trustees of the A.I.M., he constantly assisted in the development of courses geared towards ethical management, specifically, the private sector's responsibility towards nation building — the school's Center for Corporate Responsibility, as well as De La Salle University's new Business School, his alma mater — are both named in his honor. Finally, to promote a science-oriented curriculum from elementary school to college, he funded the construction of a building in the DLSU Canlubang campus in Canlubang, Laguna, Philippines.

For his efforts to alleviate the conditions of the poor and the unprivileged, as well as for his service to the Catholic Church, Jaime Cardinal Sin conferred on him the Pontifical Orders of Knighthood of St. Gregory in 1994 and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem in 2002.

In 2009 — on his 90th birth anniversary — JCI Manila, with the support of the Asian Institute of Management, formally launched "Ramon V. del Rosario Award for Nation Building" designed, not only to honor RVR as JCI Manila's charter President, but also to keep alive in the current and future leaders of Philippine business the spirit of nation-building through responsible entrepreneurship that was the hallmark of his career. I was fortunate to have been part of this award's first organizing committee as its adviser, ceremony program host and consultant.

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On the 25th of July 2019 — which would have been RVR's 101st birthday — we continue his legacy through this award, now running on its 10th year. While RVR is no longer with us physically, his vision, the values he stood for, his commitment to nation-building — all these — live on, particularly in this significant institutional legacy.

There are many, many more tales I could write about this great man that inspires me to be what I am today. Yet, to characterize the man behind the myth could not be possible without getting to know the man personally. Through this modest tribute, I wish to perpetuate his memory, having had the supreme honor of knowing him on a personal level.

Having been formally introduced to him for the first time during the 50th Anniversary Celebration of JCI Manila held at The Manila Hotel in 1998, I had the opportunity to work closely with "Tito Monching" when we established the "Beyond Prison Walls" project for indigent inmates in my capacity as National Secretary-General of JCI Philippines in 2002. His incorrigible professionalism, disarming humor and visionary leadership were traits that clearly set him apart from many other diplomats I have known. From having connected with RVR until his passing on September 7, 2008, we never stopped communicating, exchanging small notes and greeting cards from time-to-time; and, when I was really lucky, receiving an invite from "The Grand Old Man of Philippine Industry" every now and then to catch up on my goings-on, despite his very busy schedule — and seemingly "unreachable" stature — for lunch or coffee at his swanky office in Phinma Plaza nestled in Rockwell Makati.

Indeed, to the world at large, Monching del Rosario gave Filipinos what politicians of his time could not provide: a sense of pride in themselves. That sense is at the core of his unwavering belief in the Filipino people. If the elusive question of peace goes begging in a nation besieged by political tension and wracked by religious strife, business — he surmised — could perhaps be the great healer.

For the good Ambassador, ideas about what can be accomplished differ from those of most mortals. They are far grander, informed by a vision as vast as the human determination to bring them into being. Indubitably, by bringing the spirit of entrepreneurship and industrial peace to a new conformation with the nation and salving the wounds that have torn its people for decades, RVR has left a secure legacy of helping vastly to recapture the real essence of economic justice.



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