



GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



Hon. BENJAMIN "BENHUR" C. ABALOS JR.

Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA)

Professor/Lecturer

University of the Philippines National College of Public Administration
and Governance (NCPAG)

Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP)

Local Government Academy (LGA)

Former Mayor, City of Mandaluyong

KABALITA

Let the Czar of the Metropolis show Asia's First Rotary Club the kind of mettle he is made of as the "Tiger City" Molder of Mandaluyong in outlining the overall community development strategies which are, coincidentally, aligned with Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus. Know the latest buzz around the Metro with the Man of the Metropolis himself.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

11:30 AM Registration and Zoom In
Program Moderator/Facilitator/ChikaTalk **STAR Rtn. Teddy Kalaw IV**

12:25 PM Presentation of Meeting Protocol/Zoom Meeting
House Rules

Part I

12:30 PM Call to Order Invocation and Special Prayers for the healing and speedy recovery of PP Cesar Ubaldo, PVP Lance Masters and Rtn. Butch Tamayo Philippine National Anthem RCM Hymn Philippine Rotary Hymn The Rotarian Pledge The Four (4) Way Test Acknowledgment of Visiting Rotarians and Guests Welcome Song RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px; width: 80%;"> <tr> <td>August 7</td> <td>Rtn. Edwin Hernandez</td> <td>August 11</td> <td>Dir. Farid Schoucair</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August 9</td> <td>Rtn. Romy Nones</td> <td>August 12</td> <td>Rtn. Mathias Hallerbach</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August 10</td> <td>Rtn. Jappy Pascual</td> <td></td> <td>PSAA Ike Stranathan</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>STAR Rtn. L.A. Sevilla</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Rtn. Nagi Zeitouni</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> Maligayang Bati Happy Birthday Song President's Time	August 7	Rtn. Edwin Hernandez	August 11	Dir. Farid Schoucair	August 9	Rtn. Romy Nones	August 12	Rtn. Mathias Hallerbach	August 10	Rtn. Jappy Pascual		PSAA Ike Stranathan		STAR Rtn. L.A. Sevilla				Rtn. Nagi Zeitouni			Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga STAR Rtn. Marius Angara AVP AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale AVP STAR Rtn. Stefan Schmitz STAR Rtn. Sean Rodriguez STAR Rtn. Teddy Kalaw IV AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale AVP of Birthday Celebrants Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga
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Zoom Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2021-2022
Thursday, August 5, 2021, 12:30 PM

Part II

1:00 PM	Induction of New Member	
	Introduction of New Member by Proposer	PP Jackie Rodriguez
	FRANCISCO "PACO" D. MAGSAYSAY (Filipino) Chairman and President Carmen's Best Dairy Products Classification: Dairy Products - Ice Cream Proposer: PP Jackie Rodriguez	
	Charging of New Member	PDG Vince Carlos
	Oath of Membership	Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

Part III

1:15 PM	Introduction of Guest of Honor and Speaker	PDG Obet Pagdanganan
	Address: HON. BENJAMIN "BENHUR" C. ABALOS JR. Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Professor/Lecturer University of the Philippines National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG) Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) Local Government Academy (LGA) Former Mayor, City of Mandaluyong	
	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 OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



Hon. BENJAMIN C. ABALOS JR.

**Current Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority
Professor/Lecturer – UP-NCPAG (University of the Philippines,
National College of Public Administration and Governance),
DAP (Development Academy of the Philippines,
LGA (Local Government Academy)
Former Representative, Lone District of Mandaluyong
Former Mayor, City of Mandaluyong**

The transformation of Mandaluyong into the “Tiger City of the Philippines” can be greatly attributed to the kind of governance he instituted as local chief executive.

His name echoes the essence of leadership, service, dedication and compassion.

While being the chief executive of Mandaluyong, his leadership even transcended the boundaries of the Tiger City as he served, in concurrent capacity as President (2007-2010) of the:

- **League of Cities of the Philippines**, comprising of the 143 cities in the Philippines
- **And, of the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines**, an umbrella organization of some 1.7 million elective and appointive officials of the country that traditionally has been headed by a governor.

With his continuous pioneering efforts, Mandaluyong received numerous awards including, but not limited to:

- The prestigious **2015 United Nations Public Service Award** in recognition of his excellent performance as a public servant in initiating Project TEACH during the United Nations Public Service Day and Awards held in Medellin, Colombia in June.
- **Local Government Leadership Awardee-Most Outstanding City Mayor** awarded by the Senate and Congress of the Philippines and leading universities in the country - University of the Philippines, Ateneo School of Government – Ateneo de Manila, La Salle Institute of Governance – DLSU, Center for Governance Development Academy of the Philippines, San Carlos University, Mindanao State University and Kalayaan College.

PROFILE OF GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



- **Presidential Award for Most Child Friendly City** in the Philippines in 2011 and was conferred the **Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance** as top regional awardee in January 2016 both by the Council for the Welfare of Children
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- **Two of the top 10 prestigious Galing Pook Awards 2013** for its life-changing programs: **Garden of Life Park** and the **Project TEACH**
- **Most Business-Friendly City in the Philippines.** Also, the city **ranked No. 2 in Top Performing Cities Based on Locally Generated Revenues** in the 2010-2011 Comparative Report of the Department of Finance-Bureau of Local Government Finance
- In July 2015, he led the city in achieving the **Guinness World Records** for the largest Zumba class in one location, an endeavour initiated with City First Lady Menchie Abalos in promoting healthy lifestyle
- In 2014 - 2015, the city was conferred the **Seal of Good Local Governance** by the Department of the Interior and Local Government 2015 for passing all criterion the Core and Essential Components: Good Financial Housekeeping; Social Protection; Disaster Preparedness; Business friendliness and Competitiveness; Environmental Management; and Peace and Order.
- The outstanding and innovative nutrition programs of the city have also consistently gained awards. **Green Banner Award for three consecutive years (2010-2012)**, **CROWN Award** (2013), the **1st Year CROWN Maintenance Award** (2014) as well as the **2nd Year CROWN Maintenance Award** (2015) up to achieving the highest award in nutrition, the **Nutrition Honor Award** (2016) as conferred by the National Nutrition Council.
- Pioneering Leader in Green Building Program given by International Finance Corporation World Bank and adopted by the Department of Public Works and Highways. 2017.

He also pioneered innovative ordinances in the city:

- **The Code of Parental Responsibility and**
- **Riding and Tandem Ordinance**

Not only is he the guiding force of the city, he is likewise the source of inspiration to serve for every Mandaleño. The man behind the slogan: **DEEDS NOT WORDS** (GAWA, HINDI SALITA).

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings of goodwill my Fellow Rotarians of Manila!

Today, we are coasting through the first full week of ECQ as we monitor the continuously alarming rates of contamination. Our meeting with His Excellency Bishop David was quite an interesting one, an eye opener for our roles as responsible citizens in view of the upcoming critical Presidential Elections in 2022. We should all be actively seeking the right candidate who will help get our country back on track. As Rotarians, we are supposed to be apolitical, true – but we do have the potential to influence our entire country through our Rotary network. At the very least, we use the FOUR WAY TEST as the acid test in choosing the right candidate. When the obvious candidate arises, his (or her) character will organically blend with our standards. Ours is to educate our spheres of influence to abide by the Four Way Test in choosing the right leader for our beloved country. At the risk of generating thought balloons that say, “How naive can this President be..?”, I will really and sincerely admonish us all to do exactly this.

Last week, there was a call made by our own Rtn. Ray Davis to help finish the housing facility of Hospicio de San Jose in Norzagaray, Bulacan. Thank you to the generous members who have rapidly expressed support to this noble and worthy endeavor.

Our Guest of Honor and Speaker today has drawn a lot of attendance, not just from our own club, but from other Rotary Clubs as well. We are all eager to hear our MMDA Chairman Abalos share with us his updates and plans for the metropolis amidst this Mega Metrocentric pandemic.

Last Saturday, the district held the vital PR Seminar which presented to the attendees the very important aspect of branding disciplines for Rotary. My thanks to Dir. Albert Alday who ably represented us during the seminar. We look forward to the cascade session to our members at the appropriate time.

Once again, gentlemen, before I end this note, I would like to remind one and all of our tasks:

1. Everyone, Bring One. Draw up your short lists, give them a call, get a feel for their appetite to join and serve with our club.
2. If not already one, please be a Paul Harris Fellow. I am made to understand we are able to still avail of the easy exchange rate of Php 49.00 : US \$1.00.

Have a pleasant and safe weekend ahead, my dear fellow members of RCM!

Humbly yours in Rotary,

FSZ

Felix Francisco S. Zaldarriaga
President
RY 2021-2022

THE WEEK THAT WAS



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



President Chito Zaldarriaga
calls the meeting to order.



STAR Rtn. Caloy Serapio 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



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



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



STAR Rtn. Joel Talampas, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges Visiting Rotarians and guests.



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



STAR Rtn. Joel Talampas, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges the week's birthday celebrants, namely, **Rtn. Mike Sicat**, **Dir. Johnny Chotrani**, **VP Henning Karcher**, **Rtn. Henry Villarica**, **Rtn. Ray Davis** and **ES Anna Kun Toledo**, which was followed by an audiovisual presentation of the World Famous Music Chorale singing the happy birthday song.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



Rotary Club of Manila Committee on Election Chairman IPP Bobby Joseph presents his Committee on Election Members for RY 2021-2022, officially opens and presides over the Nomination of Candidates for the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2022-2023.



Rtn. Ray Davis, Chairman of the Special Children Committee, makes an appeal to the members for the homeless families at Hospicio de San Jose, Norzagaray, Bulacan.



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

THE WEEK THAT WAS



PAS Joel Valdes introduces **Guest Speaker His Excellency Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio S. David, D.D., Bishop of Kalookan and President-Elect of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP).**



His Excellency Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio S. David, D.D., Bishop of Kalookan and President-Elect of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), delivers his talk on "The Involvement of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines in Guiding the Flock of the Catholic Church on How We Can Become Living Modern Day Disciples in Today's Challenges."



An open forum immediately followed right after the talk of **His Excellency Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio S. David, D.D., Bishop of Kalookan and President-Elect of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP).** Among those who participated in the open forum were **PAS Joel Valdes, IPBLA/PD Amado Valdez, President Chito Zalzarriaga, STAR Rtn. Raf Dionisio, PP Frank Evaristo and VP Henning Karcher.**

THE WEEK THAT WAS



President Chito Zaldarriaga and **Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra** present the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by **Secretary Reggie Yu**, to **His Excellency Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio S. David, D.D., Bishop of Kalookan** and **President-Elect of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines**.



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

From the Programs Committee



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

Community development strategies are integral to ensure optimum management of local government units, especially, within the confines of Metro Manila. Noteworthy on these strategies drawn up by the Metro Manila Development Authority are their alignments with four of the seven Areas of Focus of Rotary, namely, Community Economic Development; Disease Prevention and Treatment; Water Sanitation and Hygiene and Supporting the Environment. Thus, it is, but timely, in the wake of a prevailing Enhanced Community Quarantine in the Metro Manila area and elsewhere in the country, that we have invited Hon. BENJAMIN "BENHUR" C. ABALOS JR., Chairman, Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), to enlighten us on these overall community development strategies.

Be there, today, for on this topic of interest, we shall delve, 12:30 PM, August 12.

Very truly yours,

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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report *RY 2021-2022*

AUGUST 2021	August 5, 2021 His Excellency Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio S. David, D.D. Bishop of Kalookan President-Elect, CBCP
All Members Present	67
Make Up	2
Less: Exempt from Attendance	6
On Leave	0
Total Active Members	63
Total # of Members	222
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	28%
<i>Visiting Rotarians</i>	0
<i>Rotaract Club of Manila/Rotaract Club of DLSU-Manila</i>	0
<i>Media</i>	0
<i>Guest of Honor and Speaker/Guest Speaker</i>	1
<i>Guests/Guests of RCM MEMBERS</i>	7
Total Attendees	75

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of August 11, 2021, 12:00 PM)

	ANNUAL DUES 19-20
73	FULLY PAID
148	UNPAID
1	PARTIALLY PAID
222	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	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.	50597	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
45	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50548	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
46	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"	50541	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
47	Magbanua, Gerry	50562	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
48	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.	50593	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
49	Masters, Lance A.	50530	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
50	Meloto, Antonio "Tony"	50511	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
51	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50543	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
52	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	50596	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
53	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	2021-07-16	25,001.00	FULLY PAID
54	Okajima, Hiroyuki	50588	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
55	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	50550	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
56	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"	50580	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
57	Patterson, Colin David	50536	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
58	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	50545	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
59	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50537	26,200.00	FULLY PAID
60	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.	50556	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
61	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	50561	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
62	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50565	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
63	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.	50574	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
64	Rono, Marlon	50592	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
65	Sarmiento, Ricardo	50587	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
66	Shigei, Kentaro	50591	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
67	Shimoda, Shigeru	50590	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
68	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	50564	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
69	Stranathan, Ike	50566	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
70	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.	50544	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
71	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin	50549	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
72	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"	50532/50582	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
73	Yujuico, Brendon	50571	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
74	Zalzarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	50528	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

TOTAL **1,819,795.00**

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CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Jeff Lord is New Executive Assistant of the Rotary Club of Manila



Joselito "Jeff" Lustre Lord is the new Executive Assistant of the Rotary Club of Manila, effective August 4, 2021. He replaces Ms. Remedios Constanca "Maricon" Bigcas who recently tendered her resignation due to health reasons.

Below is his Curriculum Vitae:

JOSELITO LUSTRE LORD

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Training and Resource Person in the areas of drug abuse prevention, leadership, trainers training, and other developmental trainings.
- Developing necessary training materials, as well as of work / personnel policies in Human Relation Development.
- Managing of business operations as well as handling project works.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2013 – present **SALES and DEVELOPMENTAL TRAINER/TRAINING OFFICER**, Cathay Land, Inc.

- Conducts monthly training and motivational topics (lecture type) for the sales agents
- Analyze and conducts special training skills, necessary for the development of sales agents
- Developed and implemented weekly performance report, both for sales agents / managers
- Developed and regularly implement salesmanship training course topics for newly-hired sales agents
- Develops and conduct necessary training(s) as requested by the Department Head (e.g., Business communication letters, basic English writing, and otherwise)
- Handles and conduct activities (team building, and otherwise) during annual sales rally
- Conducts team building activities for each sales team as necessary and requested
- Handles sales agents' daily reports and directly submits it to the president of the company
- Conducts sales process training for newly hired agents
- Handles initial job interview for new applicants
- Handles other works as tasked by the Department Head for continuous development of the sales force

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Jeff Lord is New Executive Assistant of the Rotary Club of Manila

2011 – 2013 **OFFICE MANAGER**, Blas F. Ople Policy Center and Training Institute

- Managed daily operations of the Foundation and managed its staff
- Handled and oversee projects
- Acted as Training Manager
- Handled internal and external affairs of the foundation related to OFW matters
- Acted as representative to the president of the Foundation on its external affairs

2006 – 2009 **CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE / MENTOR**, Sykes Asia

- Handled and provided solutions to customers for inbound calls
- Assisted (as assigned) the management in mentoring newly hired CSR's
- Submitted reports of the mentoring activities to the management

2006 – 2008 **FREELANCE TRAINER / RESOURCE SPEAKER**, Navotas Anti-Drug Abuse Council, Office of the Vice Mayor, Navotas City

- Conducted seminars/trainings on drug abuse prevention seminars at all High School levels within the City of Navotas
- Developed training and reading materials on anti-drug abuse prevention, and other related modules
- Conducted Life Skills Enhancement at work for the staff of the Office of the Vice-Mayor

2003 – 2006 **PROGRAM / PROJECT OFFICER**, KASANIB Foundation, Inc.

- Assisted the General Manager in the implementation and overseeing of Foundation's programs as well as executions of the organization's policies to its personnel and volunteer workers.
- Managed major programs of the Foundation
- Handled personnel on a day-to-day work
- Conducted seminars to its members and new members
- Developed various policies
- Prepared annual report
- Handled all correspondences for the organization

2005 **EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**, Gervasio Security and Investigation Agency, Inc.

- Assisted the President on its all activities related to the business
- Assisted HR manager on its HRD related works
- Assisted the company on their drug abuse program to its personnel

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Jeff Lord is New Executive Assistant of the Rotary Club of Manila

2001 – 2003 **PROGRAM CONSULTANT**, Anti-Substance Program Foundation, Inc.

- Assisted the Executive Director in the set up and implementation of a drug abuse policy in the workplace to its “Drug Don’t Work / Drug Free Workplace” joint project with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Office of the late Sen. Blas F. Ople
- Coordinated with various NGO’s, LGU’s, and different private companies
- Conducted trainers training to the regional officers of DOLE
- Conducted seminars to private companies
- Assisted the organization in overseeing the project with DOLE

2001 – 2002 **FREELANCE TRAINER**, Office of the Mayor, Municipality of Calape, Province of Bohol

- Conducted trainers training on drug abuse prevention education
- Initiated and conducted leadership training to the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation Officers of Calape, Bohol

2000 – 2003 **FREELANCE TRAINER**, Provincial Youth, Sports, Education and Development Office, Bulacan Provincial Government

- Assisted the Provincial Youth Office in the implementation and conduct of, as the main trainer/lecturer, series of leadership trainings to every municipal high school student leaders, as well as the Sangguniang Kabataan leaders / officers in the whole province of Bulacan.
- Conducted trainers training on drug abuse prevention education to the provincial police officers

1997-2005 **FREELANCE TRAINER**, Inter-Agency Committee of the Preventive Education Training and Information Section, Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB)

- Conducted series Drug Abuse Prevention Education, Trainers Training on Enhancing Life Skills on Drug Abuse Prevention, and other related trainings / seminars to the affiliated government and non-government agency members of DDB

1997– 2001 HEAD – **NATIONAL SECRETARIAT**, Citizens’ DrugWatch Foundation, Inc.

- Managed the Secretariat Office and all its activities related to the development, implementation, and administration of all personnel-related policies and program of the organization.
- Acted as representative of the Chairman and Executive Director to different LGU's and other concerned sectors/NGO's, in relation to drug-abuse programs.
- Developed and conducted related training modules and training programs to the volunteers of the organization.
- Handled and conducted lectures on drug abuse prevention to different sectors all over the country.
- Handled organization’s annual report submitted to different partner agencies and sponsors.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Jeff Lord is New Executive Assistant of the Rotary Club of Manila

1989 – 1997 **SERVICE CREW / STORE TRAINER**, Glitter Foods, Corp. (Jollibee Kalookan LRT II)

- Assisted the management team in the conduct of trainings in relation to production and service area
- Assisted the Store Marketing Team in the food delivery area and other marketing projects

RELEVANT TRAINING COURSES ATTENDED

2019 FOUNDATION OF LEADERSHIP & SUPERVISION WORKSHOP
IAAS Career Training Center (Invictus Academy of Applied Studies Corp.)
Prestige Tower, Ortigas, Pasig City

2018 PERFORMANCE-DRIVEN SALES RESULTS: ACHIEVING YEAR-OVER-YEAR SALES GROWTH
Ariva Academy
AIM Conference Center, Makati City

SUPERIOR SALES PLANNING AND LEAD GENERATION
ExeQserve HR Solutions
Holiday Inn, Makati City

2016 HOW TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY (Strategies and Tactics in Influencing People)
Ariva, Astoria Plaza

CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGEMENT
Fier De Manila, AIM Conference Center

SALESMANSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM
Fier De Manila, AIM Conference Center

2008 JCI PRESENTER AND TRAINER
Junior Chamber International

2006 JCI ACHIEVE
Junior Chamber International

2002 PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT FOR INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY
The Corporate Mind Management Consultancy and Executive Training

2001 TRAINING OF TRAINERS IN ENHANCING LIFE SKILLS IN DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION
Dangerous Drugs Board and Colombo Plan Drug Advisory Programme

2001 WORKSHOP ON DRUG IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION
Dangerous Drugs Board

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Jeff Lord is New Executive Assistant of the Rotary Club of Manila

1999 CAPABILITY BUILDING ON ORGANIZING AND STRENGTHENING OF ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COUNCILS
Dangerous Drugs Board

1997 TRAINING FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT SKILLS IN PREVENTIVE DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION
PROGRAMME
ASEAN Training Center for Preventive Drug Education and Dangerous Drugs Board

1993-95 TRAINERS TRAINING FOR ILO – FIN WORKERS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE TO WOMENWORKERS
IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TRADES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA and LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR
NATIONAL TRAINERS
International Labour Organization

SKILLS

Proficient in, and can operate Microsoft Office, PowerPoint and basic Excel. Fluent and articulate in English and Filipino language, both in oral and writing.

EDUCATION

1997 SECONDARY, DepEd (formerly DECS)
(Took and successfully passed Philippine Placement Test Program with an equivalent of passing the whole Secondary level)

AFFILIATION

PRESIDENT (2007), JCI Philippines – Antipolo City Chapter

MEMBER (1997-2005), Inter-Agency Committee - Preventive Education and Training Information Division, Dangerous Drugs Board

PERSONAL DATA

AGE : 48 years old

PLACE OF BIRTH : Caloocan City

SEX : Male

CIVIL STATUS : Single

CITIZENSHIP : Filipino

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

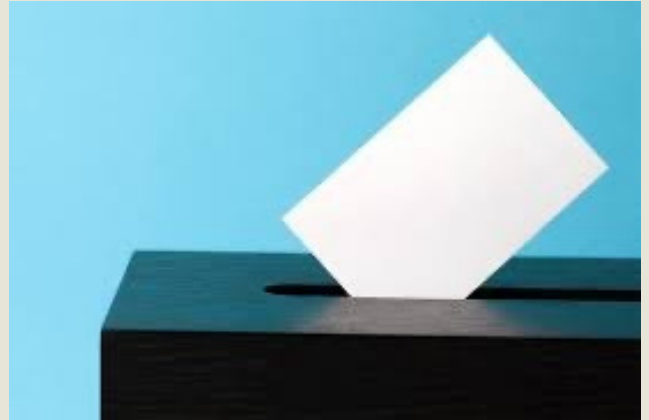
Membership Committee of the Rotary Club of Manila Holds Meeting



The Membership Committee of the Rotary Club of Manila held a meeting last August 6, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform to consider new membership proposals submitted to the Board for the committee's consideration. Present were PT Lito Sibayan, Chairman PVP Fausto Preysler Jr., Classifications Committee Chairman Rtn. Bren Egan, PDG Vince Carlos, prospective member Mr. Emilio G. La'o, prospective member Mr. Ronald I. Martinez, prospective member Mr. Senen Mangalile, DSAA Jason Bogovich, Treasurer Jujut Enriquez, AS Henry Go, PP Susing Pineda and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Guidelines for the Election of the Board of Directors for RY 2022-2023



August 12, 2021

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I. Guidelines Regarding the Elections:

1. In order for the elections to be valid, a quorum consisting of **"one third of the membership"**, which is equivalent to 74 members present, should be attained on election day.
2. To be eligible to vote, a member should have paid at least the first (1st) semester's membership dues and club project commitments by August 27, 2021.
3. To be eligible to vote and be voted upon, candidates should have paid the full year's membership dues and other financial commitments for club project/s on or before September 8, 2021.
4. Candidates must have at least one (1) year residency in the Rotary Club of Manila at the time of nomination. Otherwise, the nominee shall be automatically disqualified.
5. Members are required to vote for no less than five (5) candidates. Ballots with less than five (5) votes will be automatically nullified.
6. The election shall be held on **SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**.
7. The results of the elections will be announced immediately after the canvassing of the votes.

II. Mode on the Conduct of the Elections

We will be adopting the **ELECTION RUNNER** program used for the election of the Board of Directors of RY 2021-2022.

**THE ELECTION COMMITTEE
RY 2021-2022**

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Members of the Election Committee for RY 2021-2022 and Nominees for the Board of Directors for RY 2022-2023

Election Committee Chairman/IPP Robert "Bobby" L. Joseph Jr. introduced the following members of the Election Committee for RY 2021-2022:

Vice Chairman	PDG Vicente "Vince" J. Carlos
Members	PDG Alexander "Alex" P. Cureg
	PDG Roberto "Obet" M. Pagdanganan
	PDG Rodolfo "Rudy" P. Bediones
	PP Joaquin "Jackie" C. Rodriguez
	Rtn. Tobias "Toby" Rast

After introducing the members of the Election Committee, Chairman/IPP Joseph opened the nomination of Candidates for Board of Directors for Rotary Year 2022-2023.

Below is the list of nominators and nominees:

NOMINATOR		NOMINEES
(1) VP Henning Karcher	1	PVP Herminio "Hermie" S. Esguerra
	2	IPD Albert "Hans" C. Palacios
	3	Dir. Albert S. Alday
	4	Dir. Farid Alain Schoucair
	5	Dir. John Michael Cutter
	6	PD Issam Eldebs
(2) Rtn. Steve "Momo" Mommaerts	7	SAA David "Dave" J. Reynolds
and Past District Governor	8	Sec. Reginald "Reggie" T. Yu
Rodolfo "Rudy" P. Bediones	9	Rtn. Victor "Vic" G. Garcia
	10	DSAA Jason M. Bogovich
(3) PD Oscar del Rosario	11	Dir. Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R. Liamzon
	12	PD Arsenio "Nick" Z. Locsin
	13	Rtn. Antonio "Tony" S. Lopez
(4) PDG Vicente "Vince" J. Carlos	14	Dir. Johnny N. Chotrani
(5) PVP Herminio "Hermie" S. Esguerra	15	IPBLA/PD Amado "Amading" D. Valdez
	16	IPT Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo" M. Castro
(6) PSAA Gunter Matschuck	17	VP Henning Karcher

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Members of the Election Committee for RY 2021-2022 and Nominees for the Board of Directors for RY 2022-2023

NOMINATOR

(7) Pres. Felix Francisco "Chito" S. Zaldarriaga

NOMINEES

Those not nominated from the incumbent Board and the Ex-Officio:

18 Dir. Sixto "Noy" T. Benedicto
19 Treas./IPD Eduardo "Jujut" V. Enriquez III
20 AS Henry S. Go
21 AT Paul Joseph "PJ" Garcia

22 PD Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III

(8) PD Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III

23 Rtn. Fernando "Nando" B. Camus

Upon motion by Rtn. Nando Camus, and seconded by PD Oca del Rosario, the nomination was closed.

IPP ROBERT "Bobby" L. JOSEPH JR.
Chairman, Election Committee
RY 2021-2022



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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



The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2021-2022 held its Second Regular Meeting last August 10, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were Dir. John Michael Cutter, Dir. Albert Alday, VP Henning Karcher, Dir. Farid Schoucair, President Chito Zaldarriaga, Dir. Noy Benedicto, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra, Dir. Thad Liamzon, IPP Bobby Joseph, AT PJ Garcia, Dir. Johnny Chotrani, 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

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

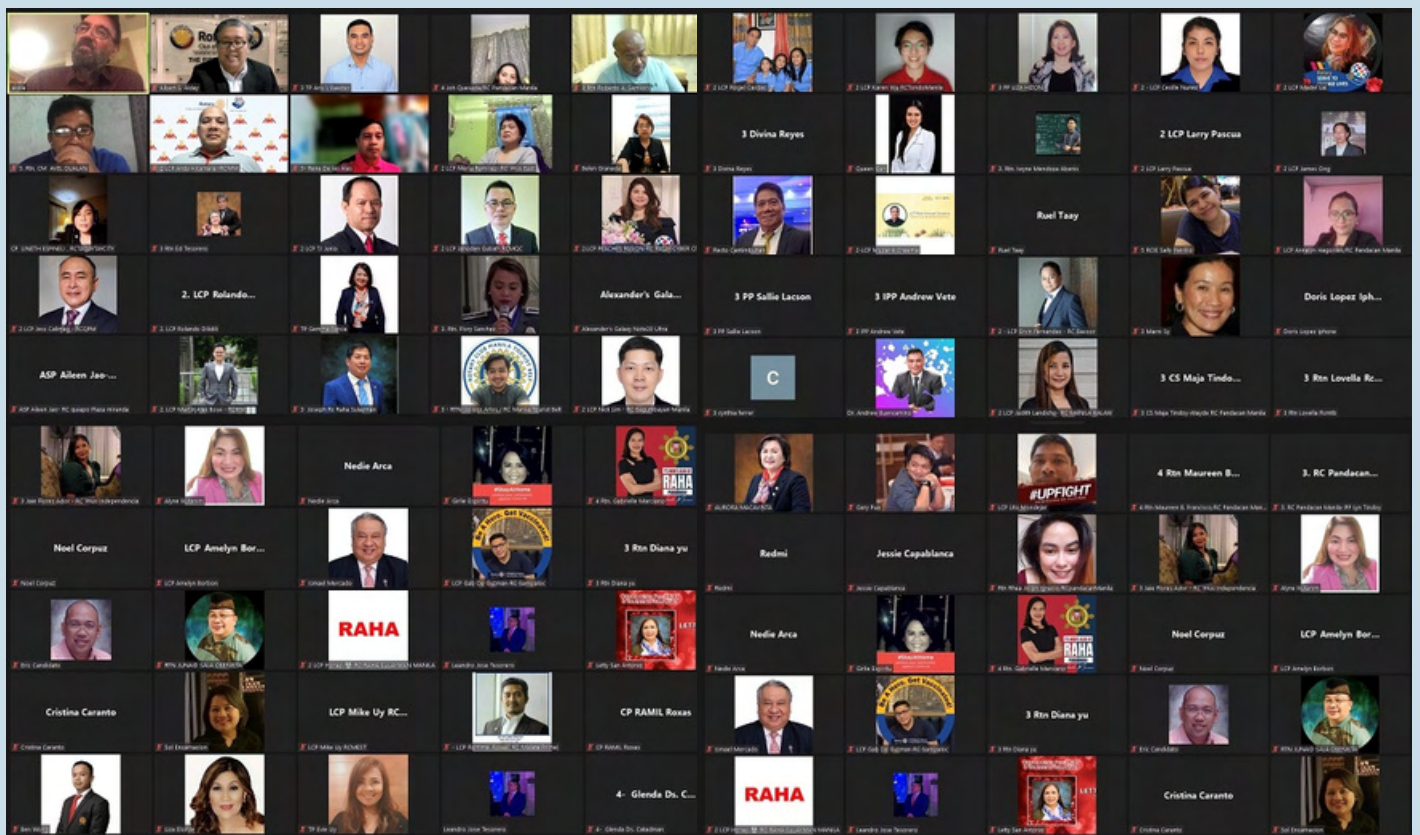
Dir. Albert Alday Attends Public Image Webinar of Rotary District 3810



Dir. Albert Alday attended the Public Image Webinar of Rotary District 3810 last August 7, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez and Dir. Albert Alday Attend the Online Membership Exposition of the ABC's of Rotary of the Rotary Club of Tagaytay City



DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez and Dir. Albert Alday attended the Online Membership Exposition of the ABC's of Rotary of the Rotary Club of Tagaytay City last August 7, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

President Chito Zaldarriaga Attends Area Meeting of Rotary District 3810

Rotary District 3810

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

VIRTUAL AREA MEET

MANILA | PASAY | CAVITE | OCC

AUGUST 9, 2021 - MONDAY 5:00 PM SHARP

PLENARY

Meeting ID: 884 2976 6596
Passcode: 515530

BREAKOUT ROOMS AFTER PLENARY

MANILA:	PASAY:	CAVITE:	OCC. MINDORO:
ID: 892 9492 8766	ID: 836 8406 4238	ID: 815 9663 4292	ID: 248 451 9668
PW: 583401	PW: pasay	PW: 664807	PW: OKSIAREA

DG ROBERT KOA
Life-Changing Governor

Participants in the virtual meeting grid include:

- Rtn. Vhinz RCMC
- Office of the Governor
- PP Myra May Lauraya
- Bong Marzan
- AG Ana Villegas
- 4 LCP ROWENA CABALO
- LCP Larry Pascua
- AG Mike Soliman
- ELMER ALBERTO
- AS Ann Margaret San Anto...
- Francisco Zaldarriaga
- LCP Myla Tarrila
- AG Jhane Lagura
- Sofia Olano
- LCP Rommel Roxas (RC...)
- LCP Janice Azarias RC CM...
- LCP Heal Dineros MANILA...
- Vincent Carlo Roman
- Sairah Mandia
- DAD Girlie Segubre
- Ben Wong
- AG Joan Malitao RC Manil...
- AT Teya Tan
- AG Carlo Gofio
- LCP Rogel Caceda

Participants in the virtual meeting grid include:

- SDG Sonny Mercado
- DG Robert Koa
- con bigas
- LCP Cristina Dionida Pa...
- COS Vi Veluan
- AG-Fidel Malbas
- Fe Osting
- DCC Mylene Co
- SDG Joule Gabat
- LCP Gerald Sergio - RC...
- DS Edwin Chiu
- LCP Mon Espera
- LCP Madel Lal
- LCP Carisa Dallo
- pdg francisco atayde
- RCIE Sally Panlilio
- AS Galle "ICE" Santana
- ARPHC / PDG Ernie Choa
- AS Uheez Khan
- Gerald D. Recopuerto
- AG - Nordon
- LCP Ambrosio Jr.
- LCP AA - RCMC
- LCP Chai Mercado RC...
- LCP Shirley Huang
- LCP Sylvia Co
- LCP Larry Pascua
- Marife Gonzales
- Erna Racoma
- Annabel Lee
- LCP Lucia Nuñez
- LCP Janoden Gubat-RC...
- LCP Nikki Espinosa-RC
- Jo Santiago
- AG AIDA GO
- Michelle Leslie
- Kerry Von Chan
- CP Tessie Tumangan
- LCP Darwin Andrey RCDM
- Leonora Al Rawardy
- PP Maria Tumangan-VL
- Lotug Pangaliban
- Leticia Espinosa
- SDG Ken Jamandre
- LCP Ervin Fernandez - R...
- LCP TJ Juno
- AG Cheska Riccio
- SDG Jaid Bautista

President Chito Zaldarriaga attended the Area Meeting of Rotary District 3810 last August 9, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

CoVid-19 Updates for Rotarians



Rotary Club of Manila Supreme 198 **Rotary District 3810** **SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

COVID-19 UPDATES For ROTARIANS

August 15, 2021, Sunday @4PM

Powered by **zoom**

Meeting ID: 818 6253 9080
Passcode: RCMS198

DR. ENRIQUE A. TAYAG
PHSAE, FPSMID, CESO III

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Life Changing Governor
RY2021-2022

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RC Chinatown Circle
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RC Manila Diamonds
RC Manila Kalaw

RC Manila Metro
RC Manila Supreme 198
RC Ramon Magsaysay
RC Tondo Metro
RC Pasay Cybercity
RC University District
RC Chinatown Manila
RC Imus East

RC Bagumbayan-Manila
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INTERCLUB RELATIONS

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RC Chinatown Circle	RC Tondo Manila	RC Malate Prime
RC Manila Supreme198	RC Pasay Business District	RC Manila Crown
RC University District	RC Manila Bay	RC Imus
RC Manila South	RC Manila Tourist Belt	RC Imus East
RC Rosario	RC San Marcelino	RC Manila Magic
RC Magdiwang	RC Manila Midtown	RC Pasay Silangan
RC Metro Escolta	RC Dasmaringas Cavite	RC Pasay West
RC Downtown Manila	RC Manila Jose P Rizal	RC Tondo Metro
RC Ermita Manila	RC Pasay Mia	RC Manila Sta. Ana
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RC Manila San Miguel	RC Manila Santa Cruz Central	RC Cavite Metro

AUGUST 16 & 17, 2021

1:30 PM TO 5:00PM

Online via Zoom

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MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

By Rhea Vitto Tabora

STAR Rtn. Rodillo “Teng” Catalan: Destined to be a Diplomat



An accidental diplomat or destined to be one? One thing's for sure – STAR Rtn. Rodillo “Teng” Catalan was meant to be in an international stage.

He never thought he would be walking a diplomat's path and resolving issues such as a diplomat getting arrested or being held at the airport, or a diplomat unable to refund his security deposit for his house rental, or his shipment is held at the port. These extraordinary tasks are on top of his usual routine of signing documents to process requests related to diplomatic immunities and privileges.

Get to know STAR Rtn. Teng and his distinguished career as a Foreign Service Officer. Besides his journey into the government and foreign affairs, he also shares what keeps him busy when not at work, and what inspired him to join the Rotary Club of Manila.

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rtn. Rodillo “Teng” Catalan: Destined to be a Diplomat

Rhea Vitto Tabora (RVT): Please tell us a little about yourself. (Where are you from? How would you describe your job and how long have you been at it?)

Rodillo R. Catalan (RRC): I was born and raised in Manila, the youngest of six children of Toribio B. Catalan Sr. (deceased; 1997) and Leonila C. Rivera. I am the only one among us siblings who has not married yet. Being the youngest, I have seen early on how complicated marriage can be. Not that I have closed my mind to it, but we'll see.

I grew up knowing my name as Teng. I surmise it was a term of endearment of my mother to me, being her youngest.

I originally took up Industrial Engineering in UP Diliman, but that was not what I really wanted. I had always been inclined to take up Fine Arts as I have always been into drawing and painting. My father thought it was a capricious course for people with money to burn. So, I took the engineering course then dropped out of school after a year just to assert my choice. Teenagers, you see.

I later finished my Political Science degree at Adamson University, the school to which my father decided to transfer me, simply because it was the closest university to where we lived. I tried law school (Ateneo Law) in 2004, but never got around to finishing it (it is still on my to-do list) and went on to earn my Master's Degree in Public Administration in UP in 2011. I also did fellowships in Taiwan and Australia.

Presently, I am a Foreign Service Officer Class I (that is my rank) and I am currently the Division Director for Immunities and Privileges (that is my designation) of the Office of Protocol of the Department of Foreign Affairs. I have held this designation since February 2015.

As the Director of the said division, it is my job to oversee the grant of immunities and

privileges of the diplomatic missions and international organizations maintaining presence in the Philippines. I have often been asked what are immunities and privileges. Simply put, immunities are exemptions granted by a host country from the application of its laws to accredited diplomats within its jurisdiction. Depending on the diplomat's rank, immunity could be full or limited. All countries which are signatories to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations grant this immunity to diplomats within their borders. Meanwhile, top officials of international organizations usually enjoy functional immunity, and they derive this immunity from the provisions of the country agreement they signed with the host country.

Privileges, on the other hand, are exactly as the word is generally understood, special grants given to diplomats not for their personal benefit, but to assist them in making their work easier in the host country, and these are generally based on reciprocity (essentially, like saying, “we will give this to your diplomats in our country if you will also give this to our diplomats in your country). These could be anything from exemption from paying taxes and dues, tax-free shipment of personal belongings and motor vehicle(s) to issuance of special license plates and DFA identification cards to these diplomats.

For these functions, my office works closely with the Department of Finance (Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Customs), the Land Transportation Office and such other agencies that may be connected with the granting of these immunities and privileges.

There are presently around 68 diplomatic missions and around 30 international organizations maintaining presence in the Philippines, and the number keeps on growing as many countries have been signifying their intention to open a mission in the country and international organizations wanting to be accredited by the Philippine Government.

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

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On a normal day, I would be signing documents for the processing of requests related to the diplomats' enjoyment of these immunities and privileges, and those routine communications with the aforementioned agencies. On a not-so-normal day, like when a diplomat gets arrested, meets an accident (or causes one), is held at the airport, refused a VAT exemption at a supermarket, or say, a shipment is held at the port (for whatever reason), or a landlord refused to release a security deposit for a diplomat's house rental, my office is expected to resolve the situation.

Another vital function of the Office of Protocol with which I am often asked to participate is the work done by the Division for Ceremonials. This is the division that handles official visits of minister-level foreign dignitaries to the Philippines, though we may also be asked to work with the Office of Presidential Protocol for inbound visits of heads of state and/government, and for other official functions in Malacañang, such as presentation of credentials and vin d'honneurs.



During the visit of Australian Minister for International Development and the Pacific Zed Seselja to the Philippines

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rtn. Rodillo “Teng” Catalan: Destined to be a Diplomat

RVT: Why did you want to become a diplomat? When did you know it is the career that you wanted to pursue?

RRC: I never really wanted to be a diplomat.

I just happened to be in-between-jobs when I was told there were job openings in the DFA. I was a walk-in applicant who just wanted to get a job. When I got accepted as a contractual employee, I planned to stay for at most a year just to spruce up my seriously anemic resumé, then to try my luck elsewhere.

But I fell in love with the people I have worked with (both colleagues and superiors) plus the office culture that puts a premium on professionalism and meritocracy (at least for the most part) and I began entertaining the idea that, perhaps, this could be a lifelong career instead of just another block I would step on to get to a new goal.

In 2002, I tried and took the Foreign Service Officers (FSO) Exams. Results were released the following year. I passed, and my career as a foreign service officer finally took off. My batch (26 out of the around 3,000 hopefuls who took the exams that year) was sworn in before then-Secretary of Foreign Affairs Blas F. Ople in September of that year. By December, he was gone, suffering from a fatal heart attack mid-air on his way to an official mission. I thought dying in the line of duty was a great way to go.

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

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I faced the challenge of taking the FSO exams. I had initial second thoughts (the usual fear of failure weighing down on me) but I figured I wouldn't pass it if I wouldn't take it, so I just decided to give it a decent shot and wait for the results. I would not be where I am now if I allowed my fear of failure to stop me.

Plus, the DFA offers continuous personnel upskilling opportunities.



*An extraordinary experience:
the Philippine team who
handled the papal visit, which
STAR Rtn. Teng was a part of,
was given a special audience
by the Pope.*

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rtn. Rodillo “Teng” Catalan: Destined to be a Diplomat

RVT: How would you describe your experience working in the Department of Foreign Affairs?

RRC: Admittedly, there have been ups and downs, but mostly ups. I have decided early on that life is what you make of it, so I just try to focus on the positive. It is an ultra-competitive environment, but there are great friendships to be made if you keep an open mind.

It has also changed my perception of people in the government. You know, the usual perception of them being lazy, corrupt and inept. I do not deny that there are problematic personnel in the Department, but they are weeded out through a fair process. In my years of service, I have met employees who have shown utmost professionalism and dedication to their duty, never hesitating to go the extra mile just to deliver.

RVT: What’s the best way to prepare yourself to join the Foreign Service?

RRC: There is no single best path to be a foreign service officer. There are diplomats who were lawyers, nurses, agriculturist, architects, disc jockeys, even priests, in their previous lives. I myself used to be a document analyst in a multinational software company. So, for me, there is really no best way. An open and curious mind, endless patience and humility would be great assets, though.

RVT: What are the unique challenges of being a diplomat?

RRC: The serial assignments to foreign lands present a real challenge, especially, to a diplomat with growing kids. Apart from the need to adjust to a new culture, we all know that kids need stable roots in their growing years, and these roots need to be developed over time. So, transferring residence every, at least, three years, then going back to the Philippines, then leaving again after, at least, two years, may present challenges to a growing child.

Even without a family, the prospect of living in a foreign land by yourself may pose a challenge, depending chiefly on your disposition.

RVT: If you will be assigned to an embassy or consulate, which country would you most like to work in and why?

RRC: I have been informed informally that I would be assigned to Beijing, China late this year. It was my choice to go there.

I have specifically chosen Beijing because it is the capital of the largest economy this side of the world, plus a regional military power eager to assert itself. Regardless of your politics, it provides a good study on how to uplift millions out of poverty in just a few decades.



I have decided early on that life is what you make of it, so I just try to focus on the positive. It is an ultra-competitive environment, but there are great friendships to be made if you keep an open mind.

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

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RVT: What do you think would you be doing if you weren't at your current profession?

RRC: Most likely, I would be an entrepreneur. I have always wanted to strike out on my own and own my time. Most likely in any technology-related field.

RVT: What are your interests and hobbies? What do you do when you are not at work?

RRC: When not at work, I am inclined towards the visual arts, and also music, but I have always considered myself a dabbler in both fields, never a serious enthusiast. I consider myself fortunate growing up in a multi-generational environment which heavily influenced my taste in music (from full orchestras playing Mozart to Cole, Crosby and Sinatra, and on to the Beatles, Queen, Oasis, Maroon 5, etc. I try listening to the latest acts when I am in a good mood, though I can't help but feel that they just do not make music today the way they used to).

I am currently trying my hand in sculpture (clay), and I am also into fitness (always have since my teens, not so much for aesthetics, but to preserve whatever I have).

I try volunteering from time to time and I also do advocacy work whenever a credible organization presents itself (specifically, environment-related causes and income generation for informal settlers).

RVT: What inspired you to join the Rotary Club of Manila? How would you describe your experience with the Club so far?

RRC: I have never entertained the idea that one day, I would be a member of the Rotary Club of Manila. It was just an organization I would read about in the papers from time to time.

Then one day, Johnny Chotrani raised the idea of me joining it. I have not even known Johnny that long when he asked me to join, but I already knew then that he was a good man. I liked that he was trying to build business connections between the Philippines and India as this would economically benefit both peoples, which is not that different from one of our tasks as foreign service officers (economic diplomacy). So, I agreed.

So far, I have been amazed at the diversity of people in the RCM, coming from various fields of expertise, giants in their respective spheres, plus the club's sincere desire to help the less fortunate and the dedication to push for change for the society at large.

I am genuinely humbled to be in the company of these people.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

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President Chito Zaldarriaga Receives Certificate of Recognition from Rotary District 3810 for Membership Recruitment

President Chito Zaldarriaga was the recipient of a Certificate of Recognition from Rotary District 3810 for the successful recruitment of a new member following the guidelines of the Membership Development Committee on Recruitment, Orientation and Registration process of the district during the Area Meeting held last August 9, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform.



Gordon R. McNally of Scotland selected to be 2023-24 Rotary International President

By Ryan Hyland

Gordon R. McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2023-24. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

McNally lauded Rotary's ability to adapt technologically during the COVID-19 pandemic, saying the approach should continue and be combined with the best of our past practices as Rotary seeks to grow and increase engagement.

"We have learned there is a willingness within communities to care for one another," he says, "and we must ensure that we encourage people who have recently embraced the concept of volunteering to join us to allow them to continue giving service."

McNally says that senior leaders' ability to communicate directly with club members online will be one positive legacy of the changes Rotary has had to make. But, he adds, "face-to-face meetings remain important, as they encourage greater interaction."

The best way to increase membership is engagement, according to McNally. To better support clubs, he says, Rotary International, regional leaders, and district teams all need to engage with them. Engagement through social media will reinforce Rotary's brand and showcase the opportunities that come with it. And, he says, engagement with governments, corporations, and other organizations will lead to meaningful partnerships.

With better engagement, McNally says, "We will grow Rotary both by way of membership and in our ability to provide meaningful service."



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He adds, "Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. I would encourage the use of the flexibility now available to establish new-style clubs that would appeal to a different demographic."

McInally, a graduate of dental surgery at the University of Dundee, owned and operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh. He was the chair of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a Presbytery elder, chair of Queensferry Parish Congregational Board, and commissioner to the church's general assembly.

A Rotary member since 1984, McInally has been president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He has also served Rotary International as a director and as member or chair of several committees. He is currently an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and vice chair of the Operations Review Committee.

McInally and his wife, Heather, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society.

To learn more about McInally, read his [interview](#) and [vision statement](#), which outline his goals for Rotary.

The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2023-24 President of Rotary International are: Gérard Allonneau, Parthenay, France; Ann-Britt Åsebol, Falun-Kopparvågen, Sweden; Basker Chockalingam, Karur, Tamil Nadu, India; Corneliu Dincă, Craiova, Romania; Celia Cruz de Giay, Arrecifes, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mary Beth Gowney Selene, Madison West Towne-Middleton, Wisconsin, USA; Jackson S.L. Hsieh, Taipei Sunrise, Taiwan; Masahiro Kuroda, Hachinohe South, Aomori, Japan; Larry A. Lunsford (secretary), Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, USA; Anne L. Matthews (chair), Columbia East, South Carolina, USA; Akira Miki, Himeji, Hyogo, Japan; Eun-Soo Moon, Cheonan-Dosol, Chungcheongnam, Korea; Peter L. Offer, Coventry Jubilee, West Midlands, England; Ekkehart Pandel, Bückeburg, Germany; M.K. Panduranga Setty, Bangalore, Karnataka, India; Andy Smallwood, Houston Hobby Area, Texas, USA; and Steven A. Snyder, Auburn, California, USA.

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by Club Secretary Reginald “Reggie” T. Yu
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MY HEALTH H.E.R.O. “It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.” — Mahatma Gandhi

He is no stranger to everyone as he has been visible in many television interviews, and hosts his own program every nine o'clock in the evening in his Facebook Live page, where he talks about his advocacies on health care reforms and creating culture change initiatives among Filipinos.

But the public knows Dr. Anthony Cueto Leachon — Doc Tony to his friends — as one of the most easily recognizable physicians in the country today, perhaps known for his outspoken stance on public health reform. I have personally known him for more than ten years already, not just as an outstanding physician, but a dedicated public servant who truly loves his country. To many, he is a Filipino physician-leader, preventive health education stalwart and a staunch health reform advocate.



In 2004, Doc Tony was listening to the AG Sison Memorial Lecture of former Health Secretary Jaime Galvez-Tan on the massive exodus of doctors and nurses. Disturbed and depressed, he went on to ask questions on how we can curb the far-reaching implications of brain drain. With a ballooning population, almost close to 90 million by 2010 and the migration of doctors, he pondered on this very disturbing issue. During the business meeting of the Philippine College of Physicians (PCP) Annual Convention in May 2004, he stood up to volunteer as national chair of communications and advocacy. Dr. Leachon, a passionate leader all his life, has led the PCP in creating a communication infrastructure never seen before in a medical society. He established the several pioneering programs unparalleled in its history.

Born to lead and to excel, his humble beginnings were a preparation for his lifelong work as a physician and social innovator. Doc Tony was born on July 30, 1960 to retired Regional Trial Court Judge Emilio L. Leachon, Jr. and Mrs. Pilar Cueto-Leachon (+) in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro. A consistent honor student, he received his primary education at Holy Infant Academy in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro, graduating as class Salutatorian. He walked to school two-to-three kilometers a day, creating trailblazers in a coconut plantation hoping to find the nearest road to school and daydreaming to be a physician someday.

Despite his extra-curricular activities, he has established himself as an outstanding

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student, a consistent scholar, a gold medalist in academics. His intellectual acumen is clearly reflected in his various awards and citations both in and out of school. He graduated as high school class Valedictorian in 1977 at the Oriental Mindoro High School and received the Gerry Roxas Leadership Award for his excellent performance as a student and as a youth leader.

At an early age, he already demonstrated his unparalleled competence in the field of medicine. He graduated from the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery with honors in 1985 and later topped the medical board licensure examinations in June of 1986. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Manila Doctors Hospital in 1989. He was not only awarded as the most outstanding resident but also served as Chief Resident during his senior year. He later had his fellowship in

Cardiology at the UP-PGH Medical Center from 1990 to 1992. Again, he was awarded as the Most Outstanding Research Fellow and served as Chief Fellow during his senior year at UP PGH Medical Center.

Because of his exceptional work as a physician, Dr. Leachon has won several awards and recognitions as an outstanding leader and health advocate. Among his multitude of awards include being a Distinguished Fellow of the Philippine College of Physicians in 2006; The Outstanding Filipino Physicians Award in 2008 conferred jointly by the Department of Health and JCI Senate Philippines; the Ullirang Ama Awardee for Medicine in 2015; the Most Outstanding Alumnus in Community Service by the UST Medical Alumni Association in America in 2015; the RAPPLER Civic Mover Award for 2015, and of course, the TOFIL Award in Medicine (TOFIL) in 2010; among many others.

Yet of all the things he has done for his patients and his country, he has been recognized for authoring Executive Order 595, otherwise known as H.E.R.O. (Health Education Reform Order), as chairman of the Advocacy Committee of the Philippine College of Physicians in 2007. H.E.R.O. remains the largest physician-led advocacy on comprehensive health education and disease prevention.

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Because of his pioneering work, he received a Presidential Citation from then-President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in 2007 for helping the government with its preventive health education advocacy.

In 2012, he was tapped as a Consultant of the Department of Health on Non-communicable Diseases in the passage of the landmark Sin Tax Law for tobacco and alcohol which was signed by then-President Benigno Aquino III in 2012.

A leading figure in various public health initiatives, he served as Director of Information, Publications, and Public Affairs of the University of the Philippines-Manila from 2012 to 2014; headed the prestigious Philippine College of Physicians and the Philippine College of Physicians Foundation, both having served as president; a Fellow of the American College of Physicians; and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Thailand and Malaysia; and President of the UST Medical Alumni Association.

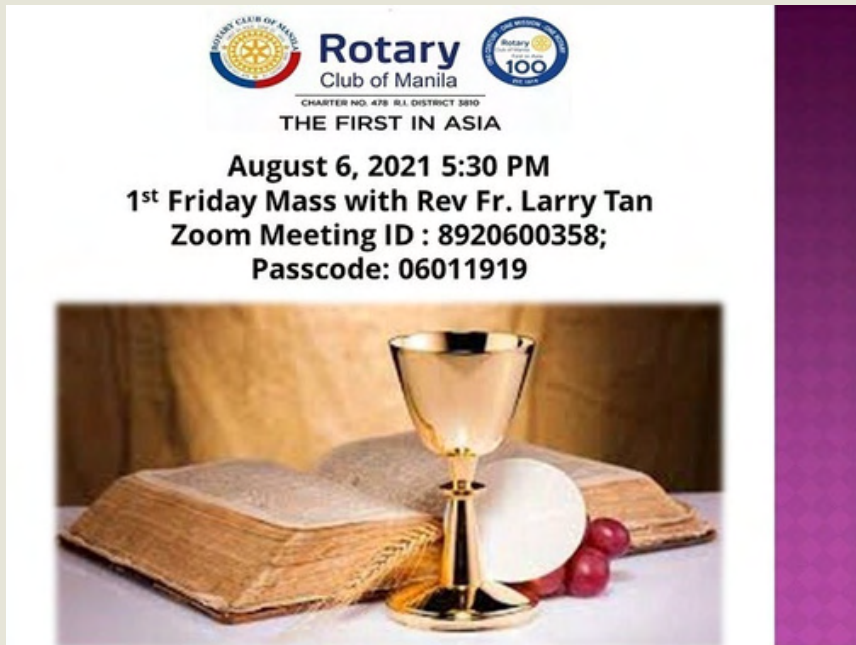
He was subsequently appointed by then-President Benigno Aquino III as an Independent Director of Philippine Health Insurance Corporation; and later, was appointed by President Rodrigo Duterte to be one of the special advisers of the National Task Force Covid-19 until his unceremonious departure.



I have no doubt that, with his abounding talents and a passion to lead, we shall not hear the name Dr. Anthony Leachon for the last time. He might even be leading the Department of Health before anyone can say, “Covid-19.”

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Manila Rotarians Attend First Friday Mass for the Month of August



Manila Rotarians attended the First Friday Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Larry Tan last August 6, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were PP Boy Guevara (Commentator) and Rotary Ann Monette Guevara, Rtn. Vic Garcia (Intercessory Prayer for Healing and Protection and the Oratio Imperata), Rtn. Nando Camus (Responsorial Psalm, First Reading and Second Reading), STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio (Prayer of the Faithful), PDG Vince Carlos (Petition Prayer for Oratio Imperata), PDG Rudy Bediones, PP Frank Evaristo, PD Abe Pascual, PD Beda Fajardo, PSAA Tony Lopa, PT Chito Tagaysay and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

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