



CLASSIFICATION TALKS



STAR Rtn. SENEN T. MANGALILE

Chief of Mission, Class II
Officer-in-Charge, Office of Consular Affairs
Department of Foreign Affairs
Republic of the Philippines



STAR Rtn. RONALD I. MARTINEZ

Operations and Analytics Vice President
SM Retail Inc.
The SM Store



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

KABALITA

Let our very own Diplomat Par Excellence and Analytics Guru bring Vocational Service to greater heights as newly-minted Rotarians enliven our Classification Talks as they return in high gear, providing the perfect backdrop for the members' virtual exercise of the right to decide the club's next set of leaders.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



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EDITORIAL BOARD FOR RY 2021-2022



Zoom Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2021-2022
 Thursday, September 9, 2021, 11:00 AM

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

11:00 AM Registration and Zoom In
 Program Moderator/Facilitator/ChikaTalk **PD Issam Eldebs**

11:50 AM Presentation of Meeting Protocol/Zoom Meeting
 House Rules

Part I

12:00 PM Call to Order **Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga**

Invocation and Special Prayers
 for the healing and speedy recovery of **PP Cesar Ubaldo, DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, Rtn. Art de la Cruz, Rtn. Hansel Tillmann and Rotary Ann Marcia Muñoz-Tillmann, RCM Bookkeeper Cyrill Banda, RCM Manila Foundation, Inc. Executive Assistant Sol Troniado-Encarnacion together with husband, Edgar Encarnacion and family and RCM Utility Man Rick Lagandaon**

PD Oscar del Rosario

Philippine National Anthem

AVP of RCM Members

RCM Hymn

AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale

Philippine Rotary Hymn

AVP

The Rotarian Pledge

STAR Rtn. Mike Albaña

The Four (4) Way Test

STAR Rtn. Shigeru Shimoda

Acknowledgment of Visiting Rotarians and Guests

PD Issam Eldebs

Welcome Song

AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale

RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week

September 6 Rtn. Jae Jang
 Rtn. John Emyl Eugenio

September 9 Rtn. Claver Ramos
 PDSAA Bollie Bolton

Maligayang Bati

AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale

Happy Birthday Song

AVP of Birthday Celebrants

President's Time

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga



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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

Part II

1:00 PM Announcement of the Presence of a Quorum **Sec. Reggie Yu**

Part III

1:05 PM Classification Talks

STAR Rtn. SENEN T. MANGALILE

Chief of Mission, Class II
Officer-in-Charge, Office of Consular Affairs
Department of Foreign Affairs
Classification: Government - Consular Service

STAR Rtn. RONALD I. MARTINEZ

Operations and Analytics Vice President
SM Retail Inc.
Classification: Trading - Retail Chain

Open Forum

Presentation of Certificates of
Appreciation

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga
PVP Hermie Esguerra
Programs Committee Chairman

Attested by:
Sec. Reggie Yu

Part IV

1:40 PM Declaration of Election Results
for the Board of Directors for RY 2022-2023

DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph
Chairman, Committee on Elections

2:00 PM Response and Meeting Adjournment

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

PROFILE OF CLASSIFICATION TALK SPEAKER



SENEN T. MANGALILE

Chief of Mission, Class II
Department of Foreign Affairs

Professional Experience:

18 August 97 - Present

Department of Foreign Affairs, Pasay City

Current Designation

Special Assistant
Office of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs

Senior Special Assistant
Office of the Undersecretary for Civilian Security and
Consular Affairs

Officer-in-Charge
Office of Consular Affairs

Foreign Service Postings

Deputy Chief of Mission and Consul General
Embassy of the Philippines, London UK

Deputy Permanent Representative to the
International Maritime Organization

Chargé d'affaires, ad interim
Embassy of the Philippines, Ankara, Turkey

Consul and Administrative Officer
Philippine Consulate General, Osaka, Japan

Home Office Designations

Director, U.S. Division, Canada Division (concurrent)
Office of American Affairs

Director for Ceremonials
Office of Protocol

Director for Ceremonials
Office of Presidential Protocol, Malacañang

Principal Assistant
Office of ASEAN Affairs

08 Jul 1993 - 17 Aug 1997

Public Relations Officer
Philippine National Bank
Pasay City

1992 – 1997

College Instructor
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary
Guiguinto, Bulacan

1989 – 1993

Classroom Teacher (High School)
Immaculate Conception School for Boys
Malolos, Bulacan

PROFILE OF CLASSIFICATION TALK SPEAKER



SENEN T. MANGALILE

Chief of Mission, Class II
Department of Foreign Affairs

Academic Qualification:

2016-2017	Master of Science in Diplomacy, Statecraft and Foreign Policy, <i>With Distinction</i> Loughborough University, United Kingdom
2011	Diploma on Economic Development and Diplomacy Asian Institute of Management, Makati City
1985 – 1989	Bachelor of Arts Major in Philosophy, Minor in English Immaculate Conception Major Seminary Guiguinto, Bulacan
1990 – 1992	Master of Arts Major in Philosophy (<i>units</i>) Ateneo De Manila University Loyola Heights, Quezon City
1993	Bachelor of Laws (<i>units</i>) University of the Philippines College of Law Diliman, Quezon City

Government Examinations Passed:

1991 Career Service Professional (Topnotcher)
1996 Foreign Service Examination (9th Place)
2011 Career Ministers Examination

Memberships:

The Order of the Knights of Rizal, Foreign Service Chapter
Consular Corps of London, President 2018-2019
The Cadogan Lodge No. 162, UGLE, Worshipful Master
The Sigma Rho Fraternity Alumni

Awards and Commendations:

Distinguished Service Cross
Knights of Rizal, August 2019

Freedom of the City of London
July 2015

Gawad Dangal ng Lipi
Province of Bulacan, August 2014

Gawad Dangal ng Baliwag
Municipality of Baliwag, May 2017

Personal Data:

Date of Birth:	30 July 1969
Place of Birth:	Manila, Philippines
Civil Status:	Married
Children:	Two daughters

PROFILE OF CLASSIFICATION TALK SPEAKER



RONALD I. MARTINEZ

SUMMARY

18-year business analytics and IT systems veteran across various fast-moving, market-leading, consumer goods brands and categories in Asia and North America. Core areas of expertise are primarily in sales and marketing business intelligence and analytics across online and offline retail trade channels, direct-selling, consumer, shopper, and marketing subject matters. I have set and driven key commercial, BI, data, and analytics strategies across sales, brand management, and central planning organizations for leading Asian and North American household, health, and beauty care brands. I am also experienced in sales and planning operations processes, project management, strategy design, IT service & operations, and external IT vendor partnerships for management reporting solutions and services.

EXPERIENCE

The SM Store – Operations and Analytics Vice President, SM Retail Inc.

Manila, PH — June 2020- Present

Responsible for building and integrating analytic capabilities and resources into retail operations and product category management teams and processes for the country's largest department store.

Philippine Beauty, Fashion, and Home Care – Commercial Transformation & Analytics Director, AVON

Manila, PH — February 2019- May 2020 (1.25 years)

Responsibilities covered the building and transformation of direct selling commercial strategies for representative acquisition and retention. The focus of the organization is to design and develop highly segmented representative earning frameworks, category discount schemes, training, & recognition programs, to drive representative retention and loyalty with Avon. Analytic platforms and services remained in this role driving and scaling analytic capacity and capabilities for the organization across category management, representative earnings management, field sales performance, and inventory management.

Philippine Beauty, Fashion, and Home Care – Business Intelligence and Integration Director, AVON

Manila, PH — June 2018-January 2019 (8 months)

Owned and drove sales and marketing analytic capabilities, cross departmental strategy, operations planning and tracking processes, and the project management office. Also co-led the sales department with the general manager during Q4'18-Q1'19 period across operations and initiatives planning while the executive sales director role was vacant. During this period, in the space of analytics, the inaugural business intelligence organization (Q3'19) was successfully established, during a time of negative overhead growth across investments and headcount. Initiatives successfully launched in Q4 '19 were the overhaul, revalidation, and redesign of

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RONALD I. MARTINEZ

underutilized corporate data assets and platforms to enable broader access, and to prepare the groundwork for advanced analytics technically and operationally. In the space of business integration, end to end S&OP management processes and initiative management were simplified and redesigned to adapt to corporate restructuring efforts, resulting to positive top and bottom line growth for the fiscal year.

North America Shave Care – Sr. Brand Analytics and Insights Leader, PROCTER & GAMBLE

Boston MA, USA— July 2016-December 2017 (1.5 years)

Responsible for shaping and driving key business intelligence strategies and priorities for the North American division for Gillette and Venus' \$2B brand portfolio across the total grooming category. Priorities involve driving analytic tools, capabilities, and product category thought leadership for general management, sales, and marketing functions leveraging extensive supply chain, shopper, and consumer data sets to grow and improve top and bottom line results across strategic choices. Subject matter expertise in corporate scorecards and management dashboards, point-of-sale/shopper loyalty/panel-data mining, internal and customer inventory analytics, brand and category purchase behaviors and dynamics, media analytics for media testing and ad placement, direct to consumer, ecommerce market analytics, data visualization best practices, analytic organizations/solutions/services, external data supplier partnerships, and application of big-data and machine learning techniques across core operational processes.

US Grocery Retail Channel – Sr. Sales B.I. and Analytics Leader, PROCTER & GAMBLE

San Francisco CA, USA — June 2014-June 2016 (2 years)

Analytics, IT, and back office services leader for the Safeway/Alberstsons US grocery customer sales organization. Provided multi-category and brand business analytics support for internal and external selling relevant to grocery retail channels, sales and marketing fundamentals optimization (i.e. product assortment, shelving, pricing, promotion, media coverage and sufficiency, etc.) consumer and shopper analytics (i.e. brand penetration, loyalty, and switching purchase dynamics). Includes third party vendor management across market data & research service providers (Nielsen, IRI, Kantar, Euromonitor, Infosys), as well as IT and Workplace service providers (HP, IBM, Microsoft, Jones Lang Lasalle). Definition and execution of big data applications for US grocery retail initiatives to influence and optimize product distribution, pricing, promotional, and communication choices across our leading brands such as Tide, Charmin, and Bounty. Deep business expertise in grocery format strategies (i.e. center store vs perimeter categories strategies). Product category expertise across the US fabric and home care, paper, baby care, and beauty industry segments.

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RONALD I. MARTINEZ

US Club Retail Channel - Sales B.I. and Analytics Leader, PROCTER & GAMBLE

Seattle WA, USA — July 2011 – December 2013 (2.5 years)

Analytics & Insights leader for the US Costco and Warehouse Club retail channel designing retailer specific business intelligence solutions for the local sales teams and leadership. Responsible for extracting analytic capabilities and value from retailer data sources across retailer POS, loyalty data, inventory, and shopper data. Designed and implemented store-level analytics that identified key geographic and shopper opportunities driving sales, share, shipment, and profit growth for FY's 2012 and 2013. Third party vendor management across market data & research services providers (Nielsen, IRI). Deep expertise in unique business model, marketing, and sales strategies of the club-store retail model.

Global Beauty & Grooming - Business Intelligence Manager, PROCTER & GAMBLE

Cincinnati OH, USA — June 2010 – June 2011 (1 year)

Project manager for Beauty and Grooming mobile and dashboard business intelligence initiatives. Led corporate management information dashboard implementations for country level value and volume consumption and share reporting across skin care, hair care, personal cleansing, wet shaving, and oral care brands. Led strategic revenue management tools and capabilities for sales (i.e. price corridor analytics best practices and tools). I was also a data visualization center of expertise leader, ensuring BI tools and services deployed for beauty and grooming organizations follow industry best practices.

US Asia Pacific American (APA) Diversity HR Manager, PROCTER & GAMBLE

Cincinnati, OH/ Seattle, WA/ San Francisco, CA/ Boston, MA — 2009-2016 (7 years)

Organizational analytics leader for corporate strategy setting for the US Asia Pacific American Diversity group across all corporate functions (Marketing, Sales, R&D, Legal, Gen Mgmt, Finance, IT, Research, Logistics, External Relations). Led HR systems analytics to understand key organizational drivers to grow Asia Pacific American employees' enrollment, promotion, retention, and recruitment levels for the company.

US Multi-Cultural Shopper Business Development B.I. Manager, PROCTER & GAMBLE

Cincinnati OH, USA — January 2008 – May 2010 (2.5 years)

North America Brand development analytics across P&G's coffee, snacks, pet care, batteries, laundry detergent, and fabric enhancer businesses for the US Hispanic and African American shopper demographic. Responsible for growing business intelligence capabilities (i.e. sales manager tools for cross category/scale marketing, household panel analytic tools) that focus on understanding unique go-to-market strategies, communication, brand affinities for key US ethnic minority consumer groups. Also responsible for retail channel sales reporting and analytics for Mass, Grocery, Warehouse, and Drug Store retail channels for our household care brands.

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RONALD I. MARTINEZ

US Paper, Fabric, & Home Care Information Systems/Services Analyst, PROCTER & GAMBLE

Cincinnati OH, USA — January 2007 – December 2007 (1 year)

IT service portfolio leader for the US Household Care sales and marketing organization, managing services across digital marketing (brand site design services), consumer market research laboratories (learning lab design project management), and basic business intelligence scorecarding to deliver national marketing programs across our top US retailers for core our fabric, home care, and paper brands.

Northeast Asia and Greater China Supply Chain Systems Engineer, PROCTER & GAMBLE

Manila, Philippines — June 2003 – December 2006 (3.5 years)

Project manager for supply chain management reporting systems (SAP, Oracle) for the Greater China, Northeast Asia, and ASEAN markets. Scope included defining, executing, and handing over processes across IT operations, service management, application testing, and commercial team deployment. Also lead the outsourcing of our regional business information helpdesk services organization to Hewlett-Packard (HP).

EDUCATION

University of Asia and the Pacific, Philippines

B.S. Management of Information Systems

1999 – 2003

MIT Sloan/MIT CSAIL, USA

Management Executive Education Short Course:

Business Strategy Implications of Artificial Intelligence

2018

SKILLS

Business Intelligence, Competitive Analysis, Product Category Expertise (Fabric Care, Air Care, Surface Cleaners, Respiratory and GI, Skin Care, Oral Care, Shave Care, Hair Care, and Personal Cleansing) Marketing and Sales Operation Analytics, Cross-Retail/Channel Sales Analytics, Shopper and Consumer Analytics, Cross Functional Teams Leadership, Vendor Management, IT Operations and Service Management, Forecasting/Simulation/Modeling

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Fellow RCM Brothers!

Coming out of last week's meeting, we had a very interesting Classification Talk with STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan. What an interesting fellow! I look forward to meeting him face to face when the opportunity arises – soon, hopefully!

This day, we are going to be electing the future leaders of this prestigious club. Based on the candidates who are in contention for RY 2022-2023, they are all formidable and abled set of officers to run the affairs of the club.

Please vote wisely. Choose who among them will be actively involved in furthering our club's efforts. Some of these gentlemen have already been serving with such passion and involvement that I am sure will be shoo in choices for the Board. May God guide us all in voting the best men for the job!

Today, we will be hearing our STAR Rotarians, Senen Mangalile of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Ronald Martinez of SM Retail Inc. I am sure that it will be exciting to hear from these two new very promising Rotary Club of Manila members!

As always, I will end by this vital reminder to all – “EVERY ONE, BRING ONE”!

Let us continue praying for God's protection, healing and divine intervention on this pandemic.

Stay safe everyone!!!

Humbly yours in Rotary,

FSZ

Felix Francisco S. Zaldarriaga
President
RY 2021-2022



THE WEEK THAT WAS



Rtn. Karl Leung, as Program Moderator/ Facilitator, calls the day's sequential order of activities.



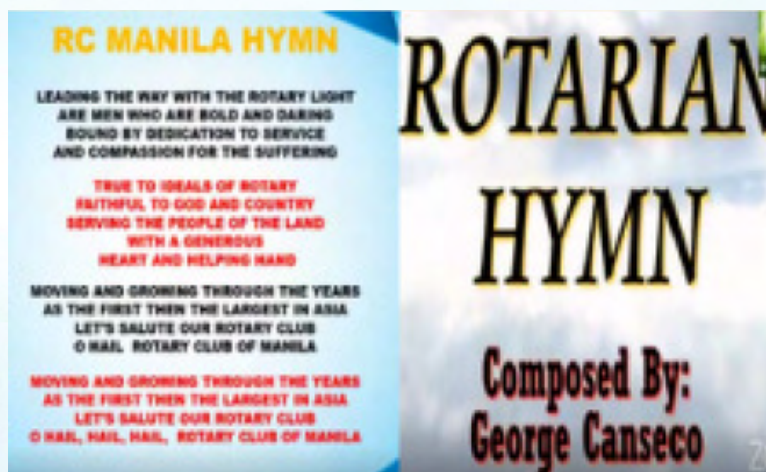
President Chito Zaldarriaga calls the meeting to order.



STAR Rtn. Alvin Ampil 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



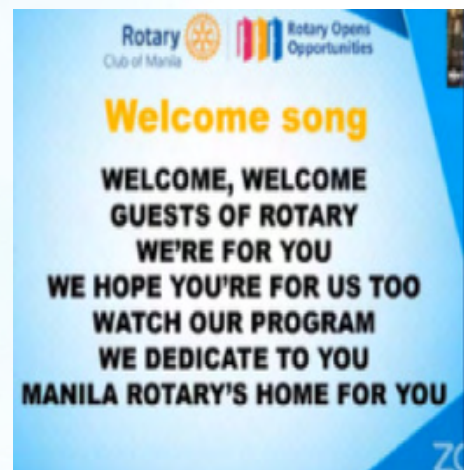
STAR Rtn. Jop Esquivias recites the Rotarian Pledge as a perfect prelude in fostering and strengthening ties amongst fellow Rotarians by way of reinforcing their resolve in furtherance of Service Above Self.



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



Rtn. Karl Leung, Program Moderator/ Facilitator, acknowledges Visiting Rotarians and guests.



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

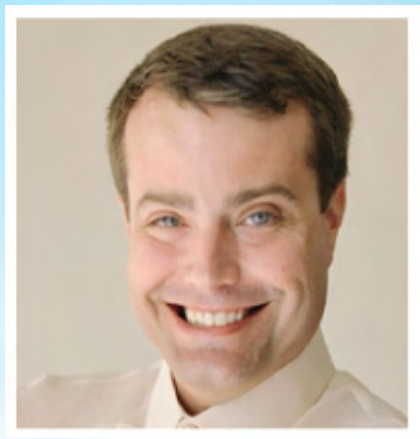


Rtn. Karl Leung, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges the week's birthday celebrants, namely, **Rtn. Roy Zosa** and **Rtn. Aldous Alingog**, which was followed by an audiovisual presentation of the World Famous Music Chorale singing the happy birthday song.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



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



PDG Vince Carlos and **DSAA Jason Bogovich**, as proposers, introduce their respective inductees as new members of the Rotary Club of Manila family, namely, **STAR Rtn. Senen Mangalile**, **STAR Rtn. Emilio La'o** and **STAR Rtn. Ronald Martinez**.



PDG Alex Cureg conducts the charging of new members.



President Chito Zaldarriaga administers the oath of membership to the new members.



Rtn. Karl Leung, as Program Moderator/Facilitator, introduces Classification **Speaker STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan**, COO & General Manager, **PLK Philippines (franchisee of Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen)** with the classification of **Restaurant Chain - Chicken Dishes**.



STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan, COO & General Manager, **PLK Philippines (franchisee of Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen)**, delivers his Classification Talk.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



An open forum immediately followed right after the Classification Talk of **STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan, COO & General Manager, PLK Philippines (franchisee of Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen)**. Among those who participated in the open forum were **IPBLA/PD Amading Valdez, President Chito Zaldarriaga, IPD Hans Palacios** and **PD Issam Eldebs**.



President Chito Zaldarriaga and **Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra** present the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by **Secretary Reggie Yu**, to **STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan, COO & General Manager, PLK Philippines (franchisee of Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen)**.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, as Chairman of the Committee on Elections, introduces the Election Rules and Procedures in preparation for the forthcoming Elections for the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2022-2023 on September 9, 2021 during its Weekly Membership Meeting.



Rtn. Tobi Rast, as a Member of the Committee on Elections, shows and explains the online voting procedures through the conduct of a mock election.



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

From the Programs Committee



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

As we decide the future of our club with the election of our new leaders who will lead the club to greater heights in RY 2022-2023, we give a rousing welcome to our newly-minted Rotarian leaders with Classification Talks punctuating a red letter date in the club's history as foreign policy and analytics bring forth Vocational Service at its finest with STAR Rtn. SENEN MANGALILE of the Department of Foreign Affairs and STAR Rtn. RONALD MARTINEZ of SM Retail Inc., taking the virtual floor.

With the club's future on the line, make it a date today, 11:00 AM, September 9.

Very truly yours,

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

A promotional poster for the RCM 11th Membership Meeting. At the top, it features the Rotary Club of Manila logo and the slogan "SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES". The main title is "RCM 11th Membership Meeting" followed by "ELECTION DAY & CLASSIFICATION TALK" in large, bold, orange letters. Below this, it lists the speakers: "Star Rtn. SENEN T. MANGALILE" and "Star Rtn. RONALD ISIDRO MARTINEZ". A note states: "NOTE: Election Poll opens at 11:00 AM". A large, bold text says "SAVE THE DATE!". The date and time are given as "@ 11:00 A.M. | Thursday | September 09, 2021" and the platform is "via Zoom". The meeting details are "Meeting ID: 892 060 0358 Passcode: 06011919". On the left, there is a photo of a man speaking at a podium with a "CONSULAR CORPS" banner. On the right, there is a portrait of a smiling man. The bottom center features the Rotary logo.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2021-2022

September 2021	September 2, 2021 Classification Talk of STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan and Election Simulation
All Members Present	80
Make Up	2
Less: Exempt from Attendance	7
On Leave	75
Total Active Members	75
Total # of Members	224
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	33%
Visiting Rotarians	0
Rotaract Club of Manila/Rotaract Club of DLSU-Manila	0
Guests of Guest of Honor and Speaker/Guest Speaker	0
Guest of Honor and Speaker/Guest Speaker	0
Visiting Rotarians	1
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	
Total Attendees	81

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of September 8, 2021, 08:00 PM)

	ANNUAL DUES 19-20
159	FULLY PAID
62	UNPAID
3	PARTIALLY PAID
224	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS

NO.	NAME	OR NUMBER	AMOUNT	REMARKS
1	Abastillas, Celso E.	50579	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
2	Aboy, Valentino "Val" G.	50692	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
3	Abiam, Ariel	50737	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
4	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.	50719	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
5	Albafia, Michael Jaey "Mike"	50708	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
6	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"	08-Sep	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
7	Alday, Albert S.	50518	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
8	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.	50568	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
9	Alunan, Rafael "Raffy" M.	50690	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
10	Alvarez, Servando, Jr.	50687	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
11	Ampil, Alvin	50557	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
12	Aragon, Joshua	08-Sep	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
13	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.	50535	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
14	Bautista, John, Jr. I.	08-Sep	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
15	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.	50569	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
16	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.	50570	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
17	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	50586	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
18	Bogovich, Jason M.	50583	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
19	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"	07-Sep	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
20	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	50577	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
21	Camus, Fernando	50552	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
22	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.	01-Sep	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
23	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	50526	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"	50666	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
25	Chahwan, Rami	50539	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
26	Chien, Liang-Ta "Steve"	50531	37,318.00	FULLY PAID
27	Chotrani, Johnny N.	31-Aug	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
28	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	50542	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
29	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	50527	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	50538	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
31	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.	50533	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.	50523	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.	50555	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Del Rosario, Oscar	50706	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
35	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"	07-Sep	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
36	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.	50540	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
37	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio "Raf"	50716	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
38	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	50520	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
39	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.	50672	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
40	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	50439	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
41	Engelbrecht, Francois	50679	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
42	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.	50519	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
43	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	50547	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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44	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.	50697	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
45	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.	50678	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
46	Evaristo, Frank A.	50534	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
47	Fajardo, Beda G.	50546	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
48	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"	50654	32,138.00	FULLY PAID
49	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.	12-Aug	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
50	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.	08-Sep	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
51	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	50509	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
52	Garcia, Victor	50525	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
53	Gaspar, Fernando "Nando" L.	50733	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
54	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	50521	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
55	Go, Henry Sy	50686	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
56	Go, Michael	50731	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
57	Gonzalez La'o, Emilio	50726	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
58	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.	50655	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
59	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.	50572	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
60	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	50573	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
61	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.	50689	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
62	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt	50563	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
63	Henkelmann, Martin	50599	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
64	Hernandez, Edwin	50551	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
65	Hesse, Uwe	50581	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
66	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.	50693	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
67	Joseph, Ralph L.	50514	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
68	Joseph, Robert, Jr. "Bobby" L.	50512	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
69	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.	50510	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
70	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy"	50700	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
71	Karcher, Henning	50558	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
72	Kunack, Lutz	50668	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
73	Lacambacal, Alvin D.	50734	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
74	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.	50685	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
75	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	50554	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
76	Leung, Karl A.	07-Sep	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
77	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.	50515	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
78	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	50567	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
79	Lim, Richard	08-Sep	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
80	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.	50595	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
81	Locsin, Roberto R.	50670	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
82	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	50524	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
83	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.	50597	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
84	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50548	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
85	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"	50703	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
86	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"	50541	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
87	Magbanua, Gerry	50562	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
88	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.	50657/5065	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
89	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"	50664	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
90	Mangalile, Senen	50713	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
91	Martinez, Ronald	50714	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
92	Masters, Lance A.	50530	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
93	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	50675	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
94	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"	50712	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
95	Meloto, Antonio "Tony"	50511	15,800.00	FULLY PAID

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

(As of September 8, 2021, 08:00 PM)

96	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50543	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
97	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji"	50674	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
98	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"	50718	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
99	Montel, Juan Manuel C.	50665	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
100	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	50596	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
101	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	50598	25,001.00	FULLY PAID
102	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.	50694	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
103	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.	30-Aug	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
104	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.	50683	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
105	Ong, Jovee K.	507115	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
106	Okajima, Hiroyuki	50588	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
107	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	50550	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
108	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.	50677	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
109	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.	50709	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
110	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"	50580	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
111	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
112	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
113	Patterson, Colin David	50536	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
114	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	50594	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
115	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	50545	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
116	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50537	26,200.00	FULLY PAID
117	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.	50556	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
118	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"	50669	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
119	Recto, Philip H.	50691	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
120	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.	50681	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
121	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	50561	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
122	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50565	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
123	Robertz, Constantin Franz Josef "Con"	50680	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
124	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean "Sean" H.	08-Sep	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
125	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.	50671	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
126	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.	50682	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
127	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.	50574	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
128	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin "Marti"	08-Sep	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
129	Rono, Marlon	50592	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
130	Sarmiento, Ricardo	50587	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
131	Schmitz, Steffan	50705	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
132	Schneider, Bernd	50673	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
133	Schoucair, Farid Alain	50667	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
134	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"	50717	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
135	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.	50698	15,484.00	FULLY PAID
136	Shigei, Kentaro	50591	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
137	Shimoda, Shigeru	50590	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
138	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	50564	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
139	So, Warren	50710	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
140	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.	50701	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
141	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya	01-Sep	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
142	Stranathan, Ike	50566	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
143	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.	50544	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
144	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"	50732	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
145	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"	50651	15,800.00	FULLY PAID

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

(As of September 8, 2021, 08:00 PM)

146	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.	50707	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
147	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.	08-Sep	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
148	Taylor-Dormond , Marvin	50549	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
149	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.	50676	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
150	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"	50532/5058	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
151	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Har"	50695	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
152	Ubaldo, Cesar C.	50704	12,600.00	PARTIALLY PAID
153	Valdes, Joel C.	50727	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
154	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.	50660	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
155	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.	50720	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
156	Villarica, Henry R.	50652	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
157	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.	50635	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
158	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.	50662	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
159	Yujuico, Brendon	50571	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
160	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	50528	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
161	Zeitouni, Nagi	50696	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
162	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.	50663	15,800.00	FULLY PAID

TOTAL **3,859,307.00**

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.

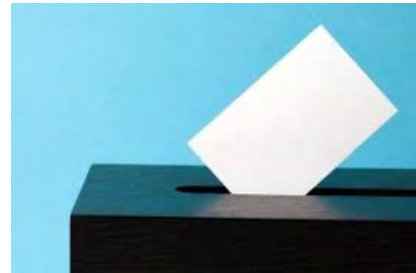


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Guidelines for the Election of the Board of Directors for RY 2022-2023



September 8, 2021

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I. Guidelines Regarding the Elections for Board of Directors for RY 2022-2023:

1. In order for the elections to be valid, a quorum consisting of **“one third of the membership”** which is equivalent to 74 members must be present.
2. TO VOTE AND BE VOTED UPON (NOMINEES), candidates should have paid the full year's membership dues and other financial commitments for club project/s on or before **August 31, 2021**.
3. TO VOTE (THE ELECTORATE), deadline for settlement of annual dues in order to be able to vote is on or before **September 8, 2021**.
4. **Candidates must possess 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. **Date of Election : September 9, 2021**

Poll Opens : 11:00 AM

Poll Closes : 1:30 PM (Voting for the last member who enters at that time shall be accepted.)

Election System Closes : 1:45 PM

7. The results of the elections will be announced immediately after the canvassing of the votes.

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II. Mode of Conduct of Election

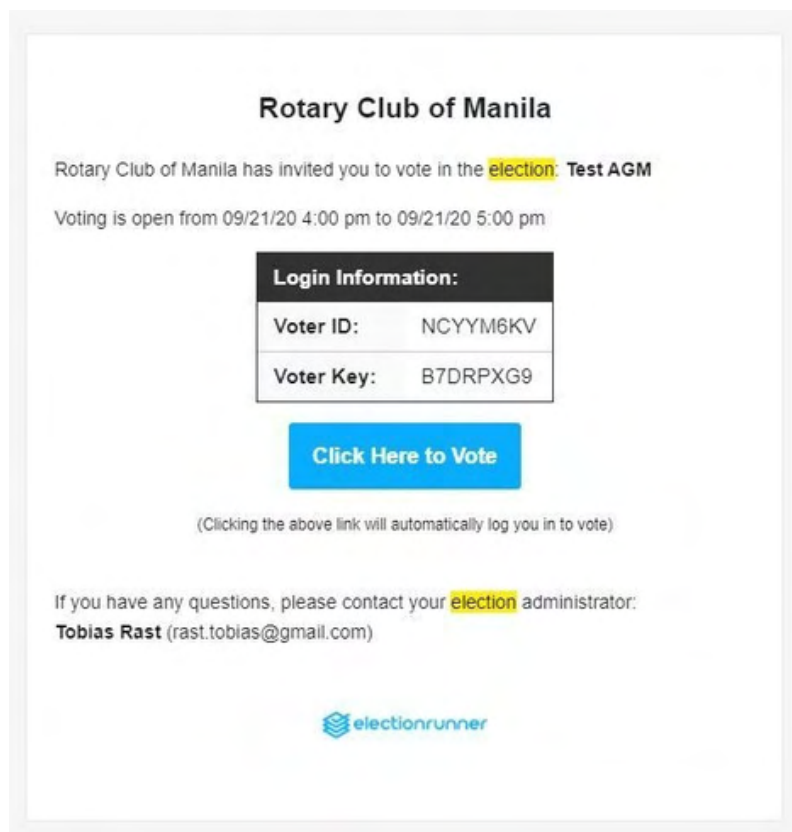
We will be adopting the ELECTION RUNNER application which was used during the election of the Board of Directors for RY 2021-2022.

For multiple email users, please email the Rotary Club of Manila Secretariat through rotaryclubofmanila@gmail.com, the preferred email to be used during Election Day. Otherwise, the email address used for by the member in receiving the Weekly Meeting advisories will be the default email to be used.

Below are the simple steps that we will follow to successfully participate in the Election Process using your preferred / default email address in use by the Rotary Club of Manila:

1. Make sure your internet line is available and functioning.
2. You will receive an E-Mail with a Link.
3. Click on the Link and a Website will open.
4. Choose a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of eight (8) candidates.
5. Click Submit.
6. You will receive a confirmation page saying, "THANK YOU FOR VOTING IN THIS ELECTION."

These are the images you will receive as you perform the virtual Election Runner election process:



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Rotary Club of Manila
Manila

Test Election 2021

ELECTION FOR BOARD 2022-2023

INSTRUCTIONS

Select between **5** and **8** options from the list below. * Required

0 of 8 Selected

- ☐ Walter Gropius
- ☐ Carl Ludvig Engel
- ☐ Leo von Klenze
- ☐ Balthasar Neumann
- ☐ Matthäus Daniel Pöppelmann
- ☐ Ludwig Mies van der Rohe
- ☐ Karl Friedrich Schinkel
- ☐ Johann Conrad Schlaun (

THE ELECTION COMMITTEE
RY 2021-2022

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

The Election Committee for RY 2021-2022:

Chairman	IPP Robert "Bobby" L. Joseph Jr.
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

Below is the updated list of nominees as of September 8, 2021:

	NOMINEES	STATUS
1	PVP Herminio "Hermie" S. Esguerra	Accepted
2	IPD Albert "Hans" C. Palacios	Accepted
3	Dir. Albert S. Alday	Accepted
4	Sec. Reginald T. Yu	Accepted
5	DSAA Jason M. Bogovich	Accepted
6	PD Arsenio "Nick" Z. Locsin	Accepted
7	Rtn. Antonio "Tony" S. Lopez	
8	Dir. Johnny N. Chotrani	Accepted
9	Dir. Sixto "Noy" T. Benedicto	Accepted
10	Treas. Eduardo "Jujut" V. Enriquez III	Accepted
11	AS Henry S. Go	Accepted
12	PD Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III	Accepted
13	Rtn. Fernando "Nando" B. Camus	Accepted

**THE ELECTION COMMITTEE
RY 2021-2022**

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Order of Candidates for Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2022-2023 in the Election Runner Application

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Following the Election Nomination Rules, to wit:

“(d) Considering that priority in the numerical order in which the candidates are listed in the Ballots may influence the election, the fairness of the presiding officer may be taken with doubt if he is given full discretion to call the nominations. To avoid such incident, the presiding officer should conduct the raffle of the names of those nominated to determine the numerical order of listing on the ballot.”

The Election Committee met last Tuesday, September 7, 2021, via Zoom virtual platform to raffle the names of the candidates.

Below is the order of candidates based on the raffle of names conducted via Zoom virtual platform:

1. Dir. Johnny N. Chotrani
2. IPD Albert “Hans” C. Palacios
3. Rtn. Antonio “Tony” S. Lopez
4. Sec. Reginald “Reggie” T. Yu
5. DSAA Jason M. Bogovich
6. PVP Herminio “Hermie” S. Esguerra
7. Dir. Albert S. Alday
8. Dir. Sixto “Noy” T. Benedicto
9. AS Henry S. Go
10. PD Arsenio “Nick” Z. Locsin
11. PD Rafael “Raffy” M. Alunan III
12. Treasurer Eduardo “Jujut” V. Enriquez III
13. Rtn. Fernando “Nando” B. Camus

In the light of the above, the Election Runner link will be sent to members **qualified to vote and present in the Zoom room**. Please click on the Election Runner link to open the ballot. Vote not less than 5 and not more than 8 to allow a completed election transaction.

Very truly yours,

The Committee on Elections
RY 2021-2022

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The Committee on Elections of the Rotary Club of Manila Holds Meeting



The Committee on Elections of the Rotary Club of Manila held a meeting last September 7, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform for the purpose of raffling the order of the names of the candidates nominated for the Board of Directors for RY 2022-2023 in the Election Runner application. Present were Chairman/DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, Vice Chairman PDG Vince Carlos, Member PDG Rudy Bediones, Member PDG Alex Cureg and Rtn. Tobi Rast.

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

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Making Workers' Dreams A Reality

Manila Standard
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News

Making workers' dreams a reality

(First of two parts)

PAULO Gisala Martinez wanted to be an engineer, but because of circumstances, he opted to put aside his dreams and chose to provide for his family.

"My ultimate dream was to become an engineer. I had that opportunity when I passed a test and got awarded with a scholarship. However, I had to choose between my family and my career. During that time, I also had to consider the needs of my five younger brothers," shared Paulo in a YouTube interview.

Little did he know that his sacrifices for his family were rewarded when he decided to enroll in Dualtech Training Center. "I decided to look for a school that could immediately get me a job employment," he said.

Now, Paulo is a Product and Engineering Manager at Transcend Technologies, Inc., in Binan City, Laguna after graduating from Dualtech in 1997.

He had his in-plant training in the engineering group in an industrial firm in Batangas, where he learned electrical installation, repairs, and metal fabrication, among other skills. Before graduation, the company wanted to absorb him as an employee.

Through industry exposure and training, he was able to move up the ranks, and was even sent to Germany for two months training and production benchmarking. He was promoted to Project Engineer of New Product Industrialization, which involves feasibility study up to production qualification.

After 11 years in a semiconductor company, he moved to another business firm in Singapore. Through his acquired knowledge, skills, and passion, he became successful in breaking the five-year highest sales mark in the company for three consecutive years.

He was also able to travel across Asia several times. After getting the trust and confidence of the Singapore headquarters, the firm expanded their business operations in the Philippines.

The Dualtech Training System (DTS) is one of the preferred training modalities for enterprise-based training in the Philippines, which combines theoretical and practical training.

The training happens in two venues: the school or training center and the company or workshop. Both venues provide trainees with well-coordinated learning experiences and opportunities to ensure they are fully

equipped with employable skills, work knowledge, and proper attitude.

The trainees also learn basic trade theory, work values, good citizenship, safety, and related theory subjects in mathematics, drawing, and social sciences. They also learn job skills through practical exercises using state of the art technology.

The trainees also learn good work habits and how to get along well with others. Their access to industry experts and resources guarantees their quality and relevant training.

"In almost 40 years, Dualtech has produced more than 13,000 graduates, translating to the same number of inspiring stories. We've always wanted to instill technical education coupled with professionalism and right set of human values for our students," says Jerry Webb E. Muhi, the Executive Director of Dualtech Training Center.

"As the institution moves into the future, we will cover more provinces of our country and introduce DTS. This way, Dualtech will be able to link with more companies pursuing industrial revolution 4.0, accompanying them and serving their need for technical resources," he added. Jimbo Gulle

(To be continued)



PRACTICAL TRAINING.
A student of the Dualtech Training Center operates a machine at a partner business establishment.

Training Firm, RCM Help Make Workers' Dreams A Reality

Manila Standard
A4 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

News

Training firm, RCM help make workers' dreams a reality

By Jimbo Gulle

(Conclusion, continued from Saturday)

CURRENTLY, Dualtech Training Center offers a course in Electromechanics Technology. This is a bundled course, which combines electrical, mechanical, and electronics technological practices to produce all-round multi-skilled graduates exposed to maintenance or production jobs.

This course is designed to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitude of students to operate, repair, and maintain various industrial equipment and facilities.

"In all provinces we've visited these years, one thing in common is the importance every Filipino family has given the value of education. More so for the less privileged sector of the society, these families stake their meager resources to send their children to school," said Jerry Webb E. Muhi, the Executive Director of Dualtech Training Center.

"However, the only option families are looking at is a college education, and often can result to financial drain."

When the coronavirus pandemic started, Muhi said Dualtech had 1,600 students in the program. "Stranded due to lockdown, we had to spend millions supporting these students with food, lodging, and other basic personal needs. I remember we reallocated funds in sustaining the students who came from different provinces across the country and a good number from Visayas and Mindanao," he said.

"The fund we used up should have been for the tuition assistance and the subsistence support of incoming students for 2021," Muhi added.

Amid the pandemic and in view of practical considerations, he said the Dualtech program is an equally viable alternative in giving education and leads the students to the doorstep of any of the firm's over 100 partner companies for employment.

Despite the problems caused by the pandemic, Dualtech's efforts did not go unnoticed. At the start of 2021, donations came pouring in to help its students.

"A priest friend, Fr. Willy Ong, forwarded me a message sometime in April that a certain Mr. Bobby Joseph from Rotary Club Manila is willing to sponsor students of Dualtech," Muhi said.

"Finally on July 13, I met Mr. Joseph with Thad Liamzon, Nagi Zetouni, and Anton Mauricio. I realized how our RCM visitors appreciate the program of Dualtech—giving a chance for our less privileged youth to have a unique education that will help them reach their dreams and contribute to nation building," he shared.

Dualtech will soon pursue additional programs as it adapts to the growing, specific, and evolving needs of the trainees and their partner companies. This way, the training firm will be able to match the expectations across industries and create competent employees with excellent values.

"As we continue to face the challenges of this pandemic, it is good to know that we have RCM who understands Dualtech and shares a common goal in uplifting communities through technical education," Muhi said.

"With RCM lending a hand, Dualtech can continue reaching out amongst those youth who have little to no material resources to pursue education but are full of dreams and driven in life," he ended.

Officials of the Rotary Club of Manila visit Dualtech for a possible joint project and their Adopt a Scholar Program. In photo above (from left) are RCM Immediate Past President Bobby Joseph, RCM director Thad Liamzon, DFI executive director Jerry Webb Muhi, RCM Star Anton Mauricio, Crisanto Malaiba, DFI director, partners and programs office Rev. Father Raul Asuncion, and Dualtech president Arnold Morfe.



INTERCLUB RELATIONS

Rabies Awareness



Greetings!

The District Committee on Veterinary Concerns, will have a District Event on "Rabies Awareness: Online Webinar Series and Dog and Cat Anti-Rabies Vaccination", hosted by The Rotary Club of Manila Crown, in celebration of the World Rabies Day.

WEBINAR SCHEDULE:

Aug. 28, 2021 - "Human Rabies"

Sept. 25, 2021 - "Animal Rabies"

Webinar starts at 7:00 PM

DOGS AND CATS VACCINATION AREA SCHEDULE: 9-12 noon:

- ✓ Sept. 4, 2021 - Manila Area
- ✓ Oct. 2, 2021 - Cavite Area
- ✓ Oct. 9, 2021 - Pasay Area
- ✓ To be announced: Mindoro Area

We would like to invite everyone to share with you some facts and knowledge about "Rabies".

We invited Medical and Veterinary experts to share a wide array of knowledge on human and animal rabies and some insights on what to do during emergencies.

Each LCP's can register up to 5 participants.

Thank you!

[ZOOM LINK - AUG 28]

Topic: Human Rabies Webinar - RC Manila Crown

Time: Aug 28, 2021 07:00 PM Asia/Manila

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83332731164?pwd=enhrMnh2aTZTeVpTQXptSDdza09yUT09>

Meeting ID: 833 3273 1164

Passcode: D3810

✓ PARTICIPANT NAME FORMAT

(Name - Rotary Club or)
Organization or Company)

Ex.

Vhinz - RC Manila Crown

June - RITMHIMD

LCP Lester - RAC KM



To properly acknowledge your participation and names.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez is Guest Speaker at Rotary Club of Manila Bay General Membership Meeting



Rotary Club of Manila Bay

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THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2021
7:00 PM

WITH GUEST SPEAKER MR. JACKIE RODRIGUEZ

WITH FACE TO FACE AT ABUELA'S

FOLLOWING HEALTH PROTOCOLS

ONLINE VIA ZOOM
MEETING ROOM 886 4172 8935
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DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez is Guest Speaker at the Rotary Club of Espiritu Santo Tayuman Meeting



Rotary District 3810

RC MANILA ESPIRITU SANTO
TAYUMAN

INVITES YOU TO A JOINT MEETING

SATURDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2021
2:00PM

WITH GUEST SPEAKER
MR. JACKIE RODRIGUEZ

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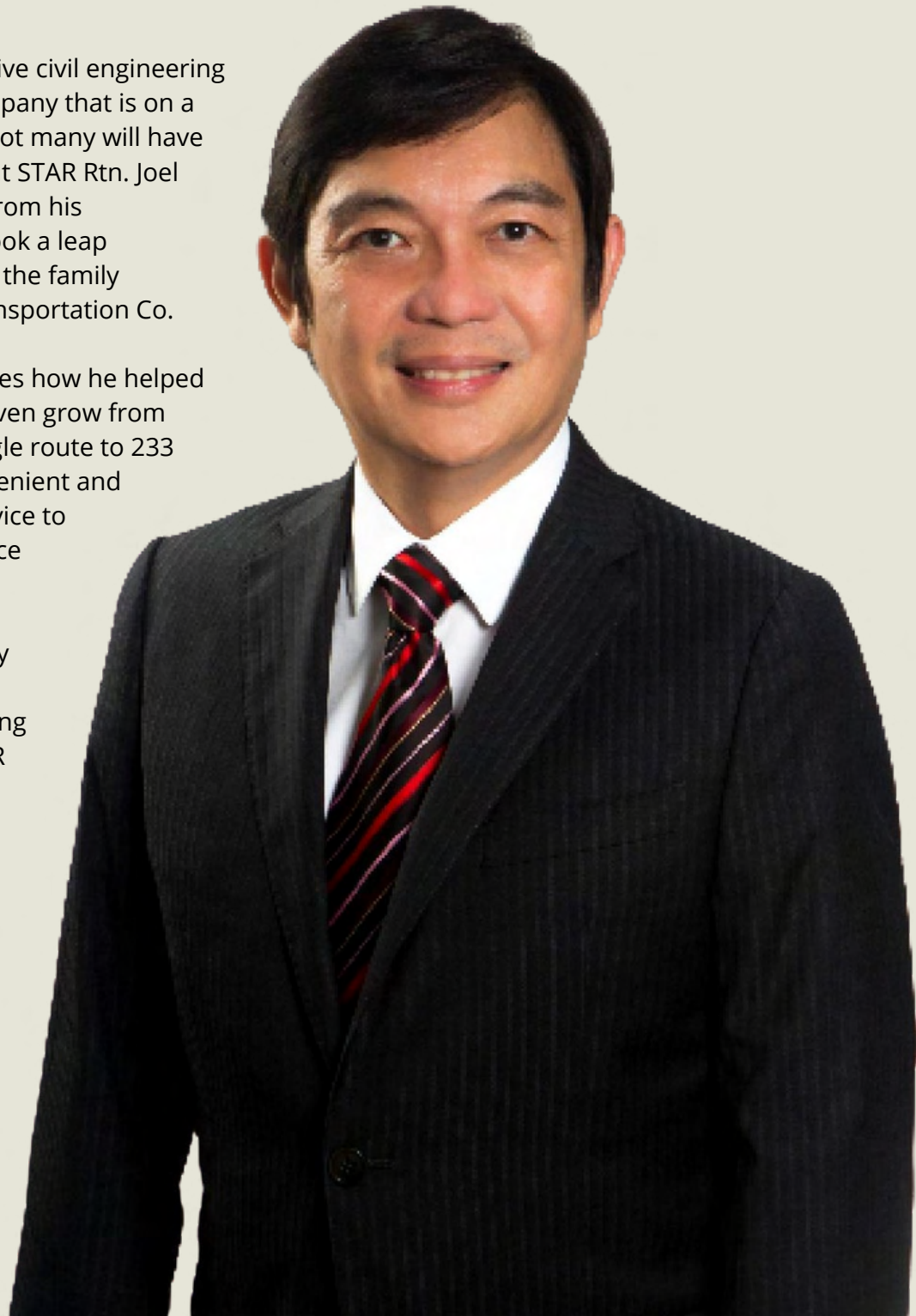
STAR Rtn. Joel Talampas: The Engineer Who Rescued Superlines

By Rhea Vitto Tabora

Would you leave a lucrative civil engineering career to save a bus company that is on a nine-month-old strike? Not many will have the same guts as him, but STAR Rtn. Joel Talampas walked away from his flourishing profession, took a leap of faith, and helped save the family business, Superlines Transportation Co.

Here, STAR Rtn. Joel shares how he helped Superlines survive and even grow from 60 bus units plying a single route to 233 bus units providing convenient and affordable transport service to southern Quezon Province and Bicol region.

Read on and find out why his wife describes him as relentless, not withdrawing from any challenge. STAR Rtn. Joel also shares his habits which helped him succeed.



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Rhea Vitto Tabora (RVT): How would you describe your professional self?

Joel Talampas (JT): I would like to believe that I'm cautious but deliberate.

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

JT: It was fate and opportunity.

RVT: What was your most successful engineering project?

JT: Being a civil engineer is a thing of my past. After passing the board, I was involved in my father's land development business both as a technical consultant and subcontractor. I also handled the heavy equipment maintenance of the firm since it was heavy equipment intensive.

I also had the chance to be employed by Aromin-Sy and Associates, now Sy squared. Notable projects that were assigned to me were Diamond Hotel, Ayala Mall, Cebu, SM Megamall and Bayview Twin Towers. After my stint there, I worked as an independent Structural Engineer. I was engaged to do structural designs with the architectural firm of Architect Froilan Hong for projects within and outside of the University of the Philippines Diliman campus.

But by a twist of faith, I found myself leaving the profession to be the CEO of Superlines Transportation Co., a public transport bus firm that services the franchise line of Cubao, NCR, and to and from Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Albay, Sorsogon, and the Bondoc Peninsula area of Quezon Province.

With the onset of COVID-19 and the enforced massive restrictions on public transport, I pivoted to trucking and logistics: the Super Express Parcels Company, servicing deliveries to and from NCR to the Bicol Region. This company boasts of giving the cheapest, timely and reliable delivery service in the region, aside from our very personal approach with our customers. My goal is to expand our transactions beyond the southern Luzon route.



*The enforced massive restrictions on public transport brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic opened the door to **Super Express Parcels Company**, servicing deliveries to and from NCR to the Bicol Region.*

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RVT: What was the most innovative thing you have implemented in your business?

JT: In 1997, I was called to help the family business, Superlines Transportation Co., which was then on a nine-month-old strike and seemed bound for a shut down. Labor and the company's lawyer came to terms and a back-to-work order was issued by the Department of Labor.

I was hoping that my stint at Superlines was temporary, but as I immersed myself deeper in its operations, the bigger picture of labor unrest was slowly revealed. The company was penetrated by KMU-like ideology. It was no easy task to rid it of the militant and anti-imperialist ideas that were bandied about from within the ranks.

There was no going around it. To counter the former, I had to intentionally promote a culture of trust, strategically providing significant incentives to drive increased productivity. In other words, instead of seeing my civil engineering job as a fall back, I committed completely to the company.

The rest is history. Superlines survived that menacing strike. From 60-bus units plying a single route of Daet, Camarines Norte to Cubao, NCR and vice versa when I first joined the company, Superlines is, at present, 233-bus strong, covering the whole southern Quezon Province and the whole of Bicol region.



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RVT: What habits helped make you successful?

JT: As mentioned earlier, I could have chosen the easier path of returning to my civil engineering profession. It was then on its infancy stage. The potential was sizable as high-rise buildings were snowballing beginning with the Ortigas area. I refused, however, to back away from any disputes. My wife calls me “relentless,” in that I don’t like withdrawing from a challenge. She says I never see problems, just opportunities.

RVT: If you were not an entrepreneur, what career would you like to explore?

JT: I would continue being an engineer and enhance it further by taking architecture.

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

JT: God, my family, and the opportunity He gave me.

What do you believe is your mission in life?

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*To fix things
and make people’s lives better for them.*

RVT: What do you do in your spare time?

JT: Before the pandemic, I played leisure tennis twice a week, golf once a week and ballroom dancing at any opportunity. I’m also a frustrated audiophile.

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

JT: I never thought I would be a Rotarian. Quite a few clubs have extended invitations to me in the past. I refused, not because I didn’t want to, but because my time was then quite limited. I remembered my late father once remarked that RCM was the oldest and most prestigious Rotary Club in Asia. And out of nowhere, an invitation was extended to me by my good friend, Thad Liamzon. I thought it to be divine providence. And here I am.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

*Club Secretary Reggie Yu is Guest Speaker
in the "Journey of a Happy Member"
of the Mindanao Area Conference
of JCI Philippines*



Club Secretary Reggie Yu was one of the Guest Speakers in the "Journey of a Happy Member" of the Mindanao Area Conference of JCI Philippines last September 4, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform and streamed live on Facebook.

NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE

DROSSCON 25th District Rotaract Solo Singing Contest



The poster features a pink and purple gradient background. At the top, it includes logos for Rotaract District 3810, Rotary Club of Bagumbayan - Manila, and the 'SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES' slogan. The main title 'DROSSCON' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, the subtitle '25TH DISTRICT ROTARACT SOLO SINGING CONTEST' is in smaller white text. The event date and time 'SEPT. 11 7:30PM' are prominently displayed. The text 'BECOME AN ONLINE SINGING CHAMPION!' is written in bold. The prize list includes: Grand Prize (PHP 8,000 + Trophy), Second Prize (PHP 5,000 + Trophy), Third Prize (PHP 3,000 + Trophy), and +7 PHP 1,000 Consolation Prizes. The entry fee is listed as PHP 800, with a note to see the registration form for more details. On the right side, there is a photograph of a person singing into a microphone, with a large studio light visible. Below the photo, a row of silhouettes shows people in various poses, with the text 'DISTRICT_SINGING_CHAMPION' above them.

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Does your club have a Rotaractor between 18-30 years old with a talent in singing?

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The annual District Rotaract Solo Singing Contest is back, but on a virtual stage this time! Join us on our 25th year of discovering and celebrating New Generation's singing prowess!

Register through <https://bit.ly/DROSSCON2021> or contact RC Bagumbayan-Manila Secretariat for more details.

Note: This event is exclusive to District 3810 clubs only.

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*Rotary Club of Aurora-Gungahlin,
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Administrator 5:53 AM



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G'Day,

My name is Peter Ford and I am the International Director for the Rotary Club of Aurora-Gungahlin, Australian Capital Territory, Australia.

We meet on Thursday mornings (0730) for the meeting and breakfast. We are currently meeting on Zoom.

I have decided this year to toast an overseas Club every week and I chose your Club at one of our earlier meetings.

Just letting you know that we thought of you.

Hope you are all well in Manila.

Cheers,

Peter Ford
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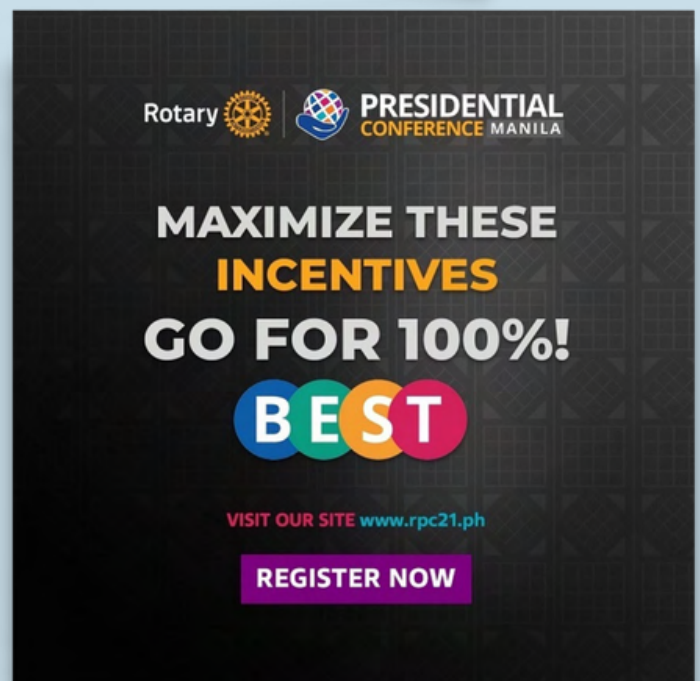


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Words for the future

Rotary is forging a path to full literacy in India

by Vanessa Glavinskas

Long before he became Rotary International's president, Shekhar Mehta was known for setting ambitious goals.

His reputation for successfully tackling difficult problems is why, in 2014, former RI president Kalyan Banerjee asked him to lead an effort to make India fully literate — a goal that has eluded the Indian government as well as many NGOs.

"I realized making a country literate is no easy task," says Mehta, who defines full literacy as an overall rate of 95 percent or above for those aged 7 and up. (The government of India estimates India's current literacy rate among that group at 78 percent.) "But I strongly believe in Gandhi's view that if you find the goal, the means will follow."

An accountant and real estate developer, Mehta didn't enter the endeavor with any experience in education. "I had no clue, no background in education at all," he says. He spent about nine months learning from experts before founding the Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM), a nonprofit that aims to strengthen and standardize Rotary clubs' literacy initiatives across India.

To accomplish this, RILM created a program of service projects that it encourages clubs across India to take on with the nonprofit's support and mentorship. The projects are built around the acronym TEACH, which stands for teacher support, e-learning, adult literacy, child development, and happy schools (which focuses on infrastructure improvements). "We think every school should be a school where our own children would be happy to study," says Kamal Sanghvi, who was an RI director from 2019 to 2021 and chairs RILM now that Mehta is RI president.

"Rotarians understand that for any nation to achieve greatness, you need a high literacy level."

Source: www.rotary.org

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Following the model that made India's polio eradication campaign a success, coordinators promoted the TEACH program in Rotary zones and districts in the country. RILM staff created manuals and organized trainings, and now nearly every club in India works on a project to support at least one aspect of the TEACH program. "The momentum picked up so beautifully," Sanghvi says. "Rotarians understand that for any nation to achieve greatness, you need a high literacy level."

The combined efforts of hundreds of Rotary clubs, plus their partner organizations, have added up to large-scale results. To date, an estimated 7 million children are benefiting from RILM's teacher training component alone. The program's overall reach is enormous.

"Training, standardization, and developing partnerships — these are the three things that make the program work," Mehta says.



Rotary members in Nepal, Pakistan, and Bangladesh are all working on literacy programs modeled on the Rotary India Literacy Mission. (Members in Togo also recently expressed interest in the program.) "This is something that can be replicated anywhere," Shekhar Mehta says.

Photos courtesy of Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM).

Due to its impact, Rotary India Literacy Mission gained name recognition, which recently led to its largest initiative yet — working with the Indian government to create and distribute free e-learning content to children who were out of school because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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"In a lot of areas in India, internet penetration is very poor," explains Biswajit Ghosh, RILM's chief operating and strategy officer. "And the government was struggling to provide online education for the masses." That's when Ghosh says Rotary "put up its hand" and offered to facilitate the creation of high-quality multimedia content for grades 1-12.

RILM worked with a video production company to create the content, covering the cost through donations and sponsorships so that e-learning would be free to the nation.

In 2020, India's government began broadcasting the Rotary-sponsored content on several TV channels — one per grade — in both English and Hindi. The lessons were available to about 100 million students across India, Ghosh estimates.

The goal now is to get the same multimedia curriculum translated into more of India's languages and to provide the software to every public school in India. "The level of education in the villages is far lower than in the cities," explains Sanghvi. "In the city, they simply have better access to technology and knowledge."

But while a large-scale rollout of e-learning could help lessen this disparity, it will only work if teachers know how to use the software. That's where the "T" in TEACH comes in. "We're training teachers across India," Sanghvi says, adding that the urgency to do so became apparent as soon as India went into its pandemic lockdown. "Many teachers didn't know how to start a Zoom," Sanghvi says.

Where are literacy programs needed?

The following countries have adult literacy rates below 50 percent:

- Afghanistan
- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Liberia
- Mali
- Niger
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Sudan

* Source: UNESCO

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Increased literacy is especially important for women and their communities. Educated women have a better chance of escaping poverty and improving the standard of living for their families and communities.

Photo courtesy of Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM).

The nonprofit works with partner organizations to provide the e-learning training and also offers an award to teachers who excel — as judged by their students and the school principal. It works like this: Rotary clubs survey local students, and that feedback is the basis on which a teacher is selected to win a Nation Builder award. Teachers who score poorly are targeted for future club-sponsored training programs. “We learn which teachers are outstanding and who needs to get their skills upgraded,” Sanghvi says. “It’s a win-win for us.”

Despite RILM’s success in improving literacy among children, India will not be able to achieve total literacy without addressing its estimated 287 million illiterate adults, who make up about one-third of the world’s illiterate-adult population.

Sanghvi says that illiterate adults have not been served well by government efforts to increase India’s literacy rate. So RILM facilitated the publication of a small workbook and primer that will help adults take the first step toward “functional literacy” — being able to read street signs and write their name, among other basic skills.

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The E9 is a group of nine countries — Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, and Pakistan — that represent more than half of the world's population and large education systems, and 70 percent of the world's illiterate adults. Their collective efforts considerably influence the success of global education initiatives.

Local clubs distributed this primer to students, and asked that “each one, teach one” — in other words, a child with a family member who cannot read or write could use this primer as a tool to teach them the basics. “The schoolchildren were excited,” Sanghvi says. “They’d say, ‘Oh gosh, I’m going to become a teacher!’”

RILM's goal is to make every Indian citizen at least functionally literate — able to engage in the everyday activities in their community that require basic literacy. The pandemic forced RILM to extend its deadline by two years. The group now hopes to achieve this goal by 2027.

It's an ambitious goal, Mehta concedes, but “Rotary is thriving in India,” he says. “So, we need to dream.”

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Straight from the Horse's Mouth

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



ISKO: A "YORME" ON A MISSION. "A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be." — Rosalynn Carter

He reached for a place in Manila's colorful history by being its youngest elected mayor at 44. He embarked upon a dazzling round of clearing operations in Divisoria, Binondo Manila and Carriedo, Quiapo, Manila — once teeming with countless sidewalk vendors and impenetrable to motor vehicles — that had cemented his dramatic ascent to national consciousness. He doggedly pursued his own timetable to glory, even when the ink on his oath-taking papers had yet to dry. He impressed even his most vociferous skeptics by coming to the table with a clear vision — poverty alleviation, social amelioration, infrastructure and heritage preservation — and a sensible, working plan. He shattered years of conventional wisdom by proving that anyone — even a scavenger coming from society's lowest rung and bereft of any "pedigree" — can be a transformative leader.

Through it all — and doing it with a flair for exuberance and energy that has marked his leadership as both refreshingly flexible and disconcertingly unpredictable — Francisco Domagoso, better known by his former screen name Isko Moreno — perhaps more than any other young leader of his generation, quickly dominated the news with his no-nonsense style of

leadership and, just fifteen days since officially assuming office, has not wasted a single minute of his 1,000-day term.

While the compelling story of his unlikely rise to the top-of-the-city's political totem pole has already been seared into the public consciousness almost ad nauseam, hearing him actually speak for the first time at a Rotary Club of Manila function has been, a matter-of-factly, an electrifying experience. "Paminsan-minsan, pag nagmumuni-muni ako," articulating with an unbridled passion of a seasoned rhetorician, "hindi ko sukat akalain na posible pala na ang isang basurero, isang sidecar boy, ay pwedeng maging alkalde ng lungsod ng Maynila na kapitolyo ng bansa. ("Sometimes, I find myself stopping to think, I never dreamed that it would be possible for a garbage collector, a sidecar-driver, can become the mayor of the City of Manila, the country's capital")."



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Those who know him well say the freshman mayor is a fascinating paradox, an idealist with a salting of cleverness, a young man of high principle who is willing to go right to the edge of scruple to reach his goals. Over the years he has perfected a calculating public modesty, down-playing himself about, say, his educational attainment, having only finished high school. But behind the self-deprecation is a steely inner toughness. Determined to disprove high-nosed “intellectuals” who dismissed him as a mere opportunist who took advantage of his popularity as a former actor to get into politics, he went back to school, taking courses at the University of the Philippines National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG), even bringing his credentials several notches higher by completing public administration courses at Harvard University and University of Oxford. His unmatched clarity in articulating his visions for Manila and his incomparable élan to bring them into fruition has certainly led to the Manileños’ renewed sense of optimism, and — dare I say it — hopefulness, especially in an age when it’s all too easy to become cynical about politics in this country. Everything Manila Mayor Isko Moreno does seem to have a purpose. He is a creative energizer of people, a man unafraid to make unpopular decisions, a natural teacher and leader.

Even his prudent slogans, enunciated in flawless Tagalog, are worthy of citation. “Huwag po tayong aasa na may bagong mangyayari sa ating bukas kung ang ginawa mo ngayon ay katulad ng kahapon,” (“Don’t expect different results will come to you tomorrow, if what you did today is the same as yesterday,” an obvious paraphrase to an oft-repeated quote

from Albert Einstein), a clear soundbite that elicited thunderous applause from an already galvanized audience.

Certainly, we have already seen how this young “Yorme” — Isko’s favorite colloquial for himself; actually a syllabic reversal of “Mayor” — tried to turn whatever he touches into a cause: from holding up a piece of paper with a huge zero (representing the number of official documents the previous administration turned over to his transition team); brandishing a sledgehammer and whacking gambling machines operating within Manila City Hall grounds; pledging to convert the decrepit Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center into a world-class health center in three years; or sounding a call to have names of politicians removed from schools and hospitals. To be involved in difficult problems with difficult goals seems to invigorate him even more. “We’ll bring back the Old Manila,” he enthused. He mentions “reintegrating” Manila back into the fold of agencies of national government. “Dati kasi ang Maynila namuhay na parang isang bansa,” he clarified. “Like it’s separate from the rest of the country... we want it to be more of a vibrant city.”

But amid all his plans, the good mayor maintains a pragmatic view of the City’s situation. He offers no quick-fix solutions as he admits that it would take 15 years to bring the city at par with the more progressive asphalt jungles of today. He is committed, however, to lay the foundation of urban renewal from Day One.

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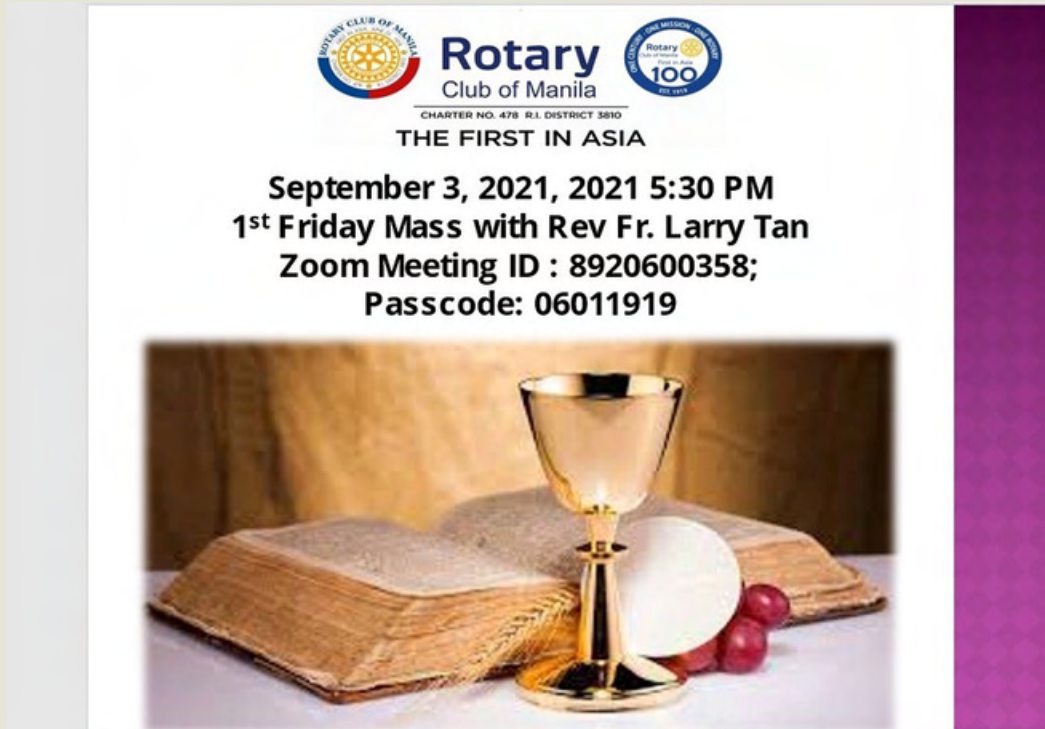
To this end, he appealed to the largely well-heeled audience for support. "Tanungin po natin ang ating mga sarili: gusto na ba talaga natin ayusin ang Maynila? Ngayon po, ako po'y nanawagan sa inyo. Kung doon po ang punta ninyo, tulungan niyo po ako. Di ko po kaya mag-isa. Wala naman magmamalasakit sa ating mga Batang Maynila kungdi tayo rin naman mga Batang Maynila. ("Ask ourselves: do we really want to fix Manila? Now, if this is the case, I beseech you to help me. I cannot do this alone. No one can give as much compassion to the children of Manila than ourselves, the children of Manila"). This is now the time," he pleaded. "But don't get me wrong," he cautioned. "With or without support, kahit ako na lang, itutuloy ko ("even if I have to do this alone, I will still do it"). Because I would rather fail by doing something, than fail by not doing anything."



After hearing him speak for an hour-and-a-half, I left the ballroom feeling exuberant and a bit giddy about the new mayor. Much like a childhood feeling one has after having had a preview of a blockbuster film. And I believe I am not the only one. The actor-turned-politician had the entire audience believing he may be the real McCoy this time. Undoubtedly, Mayor Isko Moreno Domagoso is a promoter with a special mission, a throwback to the kind of Filipino nationalist zealot who believes unblushingly that what he's doing is a force for good. And, if he can just get everyone to pull together and persuade them that the impossible can be done, then maybe — just maybe — Manila's genuine redemption will have a better-than-even chance.

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Manila Rotarians Attend First Friday Mass for the Month of September



Manila Rotarians attended the First Friday Mass for the month of September celebrated by Rev. Fr. Larry Tan, SDB last September 3, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were PDG Vince Carlos, PDG Rudy Bediones, DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, PP Frank Evaristo, PP Boy and Rotary Ann Monette Guevara, PD Oscar and Rotary Ann Almada del Del Rosario, PD Beda Fajardo, PT Chito Tagaysay and Rtn. Nando Camus.

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