



GUEST SPEAKER



MARTIN CAMARA, DC, ICSC

Chiropractic Specialist, Director of Clinics
and Chief Executive Officer, Intercare Chiropractic Center
Development Group Member for Low Back Pain,
World Health Organization (WHO)
Member, Department of Health and National Certification Committee on Chiropractic
Member, Board of Trustees
Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (PITAHC)

KABALITA

As we begin to get back to the grind from the sedentary lifestyle caused by the community quarantines of the global pandemic, it's time our foremost Chiropractor Par Excellence show Asia's First Rotary Club how to bring back the kind of flexibility and posture needed to be back on track.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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Zoom Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2021-2022
Thursday, October 21, 2021, 12:30 PM

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

12:00 PM	Registration and Zoom In Program Moderator/Facilitator/Chika Talk	PAS Joel Valdes
12:25 PM	Presentation of Meeting Protocol/ Zoom Meeting House Rules	
Part I		
12:30 PM	Call to Order Invocation and Special Prayers for healing and speedy recovery of PP Cesar Ubaldo, PP Babes Reyes and Dir. Thad Liamzon Philippine National Anthem RCM Hymn The Rotarian Pledge The Four (4) Way Test Acknowledgement of Visiting Rotarians and Guests Welcome Song RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week October 15 STAR Rtn. Sean Rodriguez October 18 Rtn. Art de la Cruz October 19 STAR Rtn. Teng Catalan Maligayang Bati Happy Birthday Song President's Time	Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga Rtn. Caloy Buendia AVP of RCM Members AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale STAR Rtn. Emilio La'O Rtn. Nando Camus PAS Joel Valdes AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale AVP of Birthday Celebrants Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga



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Part II

12:50 PM Rotary Club of Washington D.C. Speech **DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez**

Part III

1:00 PM Introduction of the Guest Speaker **DSAA Jason Bogovich**

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Open Forum

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra

Programs Committee Chairman

Attested by:

VPE/Sec. Reggie Yu

2:00 PM Response and Meeting Adjournment

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

PROFILE OF GUEST SPEAKER

MARTIN CAMARA, DC, ICSC

CHIROPRACTIC
SPECIALIST



PROFESSIONAL BIO

Dr. Camara is a Chiropractic Specialist, Director of Clinics, and Chief Executive Officer at Intercare Chiropractic Center. He serves as a member of a multitude of national and international organizations.

Most recently, he was chosen as a Development Group Member of the World Health Organization for Low back pain as a part of their 'Rehabilitation 2030' initiative.

On top of that, he is a member of the Department of Health and National Certification Committee on Chiropractic of the Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (PITAHC), at which he is a presidential appointee on the Board of Trustees.

Furthermore, he works as a Chiropractic Specialist at the National Golf Association of the Philippines, Philippine JiuJitsu Federation, and as a Medical Director of the Philsilat Sports Association, Inc. From 2007-2018 he served as Co-Chair of the Philippine Olympic Committee, traveling extensively with the Philippine Team for all major international games.

He is a clinical excellence awardee from Palmer College of Chiropractic-West in 1993 and was instrumental in setting up the registration process for Chiropractic in the Philippines.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

• CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Director of Clinics
Chiropractic Specialist
Intercare Chiropractic Centers Inc.
www.intercare.com.ph

• CHAIRMAN

2006 – Present
National Certification Committee on Chiropractic
Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (PITAHC)
Department of Health, Republic of the Philippines

• EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

International Sporting Federation
Fédération Internationale de Chiropratique du Sport

• BOARD MEMBER

Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (PITAHC)
Department of Health, Republic of the Philippines

• MEMBER

May 2020 - Present
Development Group World Health Organization
Primary Rehab Interventions - Low Back Pain

• MEMBER

Oct 2019 – Present
Healthcare Technology Assessment Council
Subcommittee on Traditional Medicine
Department of Health, Republic of the Philippines

• CHIROPRACTIC SUPERVISOR

Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (PITAHC)
Department of Health, Republic of the Philippines

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PROFILE OF GUEST SPEAKER

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- **CHIROPRACTIC SPECIALIST**

2019-Present

Philippine Taekwondo Association

- **CHIROPRACTIC SPECIALIST**

2019-Present

National Golf Association of the Philippines

- **CHIROPRACTIC SPECIALIST**

2019-Present

Jiu-Jitsu Federation of the Philippines

- **MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

2017-Present

Jiu-Jitsu Federation of the Philippines

- **CHAIRMAN**

2005 - 2018

Commission on Complimentary & Alternative Medicine Philippine Olympic Committee

- **MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES**

2001-2009

Master of Clinical Studies International Medical University
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

EDUCATION

- **Pre-Chiropractic Requirements**

1985-1989

University of Santo Tomas, Philippines

- **Cum Laude, Clinical Excellence Awardee**

1993

Palmer College of Chiropractic-West California, U.S.A.

- **Board Certified**

1993

The National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, U.S.A.

- **International Certified Sports Chiropractor**

International Sporting Federation

Fédération Internationale de Chiropatique du Sport, Lausanne Switzerland

- **PhD Candidate in Organizational Development**

South East Asian Interdisciplinary Development Institute, Philippines

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PROFILE OF GUEST SPEAKER

TRAININGS

- **RockBlades and RockTape Instructor Training**
Singapore, 2017
- **Fascial Manipulation / Stecco Methode level 1**
University of Santo Tomas Manila, 2016
- **RockDoc - Functional Taping**
Perth, Australia, 2013
- **Sports Medicine Course**
International Olympic Committee Singapore, 2007
- **Certified Graston Technique Clinician**
Orlando, U.S.A., October 2005
The first Chiropractor in the Philippines trained in the Graston Technique (GT), a scientifically-advanced instrument-assisted method to treat soft tissue injuries, used by professional sports teams, universities and healthcare institutions in the U.S.A.
- **Anthroposophic Medicine Trainee**
Dornach, Switzerland, March 2003
International Post Graduate Medical Training in Anthroposophic Medicine. Received Level 1 Training in Anthroposophic Medicine under the auspices of the Medical Section of the Goetheanum in Dornach, Switzerland.
- **International Kettlebell Sport Association**
Level 1 and 2 Coach

ACHIEVEMENTS



- **Presidential Appointee**
2004 – present
Member of the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Healthcare (PITAHC), Philippine Department of Health (DOH)



- **Rapporteur**
Milan, Italy, 2004
"WHO Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Chiropractic"
World Health Organization



- **Co-founder**
1993
Intercare Healthcare Systems, Inc.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Executive Board Member**

Lausanne Switzerland, 2017-Present

International Sporting Federation

Fédération Internationale de Chiropratique du Sport

- **Country Representative**

2005

World Federation Chiropractic

- **President and Founder**

Philippines, 2005

Myotherapy for Life, Philippines is a sister organization of Hands on Health Australia (HOHA), a not-for-profit voluntary organization from various backgrounds and experiences helping over 20,000 people in need with twenty centers in Australia and overseas.

- **President**

2012- Present

Association of Professional Chiropractor of the Philippines

SPORTS CHIROPRACTIC INVOLVEMENTS



**Team Physician
Sports Chiropractor**

OLYMPICS

Rio Olympics

Brazil, 2016

Beijing Olympics

China, 2008

Amateur International Boxing Association Olympic Qualifier

Bangkok Thailand, 2008

Turin Winter Olympics

Italy, 2006

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PROFILE OF GUEST SPEAKER

ASIAN GAMES

5th Asian Beach Games

Danang, Vietnam, 2016

16th Asian Games

Guangzhou, China, 2010

Asian Youth Games

Singapore, 2009

Asian Indoor Games

Vietnam, 2009

1st Asian Beach Games

Bali Indonesia, 2008

Doha Asian Games

Qatar, 2006

1st Asian Martial Games

Bangkok Thailand, 2009

Asian Indoor Games

Vietnam, 2009

SOUTH EAST ASIAN GAMES

29th SEA Games

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 19-30, 2017

28th SEA Games

Singapore, June 5-16, 2015

27th SEA Games

Naypyidaw, Myanmar, December 11-22, 2013

26th SEA Games

*Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia,
November 11-22, 2011*

25th SEA Games

Vientiane, Laos, December 9-18, 2009

24th South East Asian Games

*Nakhon Ratchasimaran, Thailand
December 6-15, 2007*

23rd South East Asian Games

*Manila, Philippines
November 27-December 5, 2005*

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MEDIA INVOLVEMENT

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Manila Bulletin Sports Digest

November 2010-2011

The Bull Runner Magazine

November 2010-2011

The Philippine Daily Inquirer (PDI)

*Elan Health, Fitness and Lifestyle Section
2004-2005*

TELEVISION HEALTH PROGRAM HOST

Life Essence, 2003

*A series of 13 episodes aired on cable
television network, ABS-CBN News Channel
(ANC)*

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Numerous Speaking Engagements from 1993-Present

- Philippine Medical Association
- Philippine Neurologic Association
- Philippine Orthopedic Sports Medicine Association
- Philippine Orthopedic Association
- Association of Filipino Neurosurgeons -
International Ringside Physicians Medical Conference
- Philippine Association of Family Physicians
- Philippine Academy of Rehab Medicine
- Philippine Dental Association
- Association of Philippine Orthodontists

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PROFILE OF GUEST SPEAKER

International

"Sports Chiropractic at the Olympic Level"

*Japanese Association of Chiropractors
Kanto Koshinetsu, Japan
May 19, 2019*

"Sports Chiropractic for the Elite Athlete"

*American Chiropractic Centers
Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
March 5, 2019*

"Federación Mexicana de Quiropractica Deportiva General Assembly"

*Federación Mexicana de Quiropractica Deportiva
Conade, Mexico City
March 2, 2019*

"9th Japanese Society of Chiropractic Science Research Conference"

*Japanese Society of Chiropractic Science
Mukahari Messe, Chiba Japan
November 11 & 12, 2018*

"Sports Chiropractic around the World"

*Sports Chiropractors of Australia Annual Symposium
Gold Coast Australia
April 2018*

"Fast, Efficient and Effective Sports Chiropractic Techniques for the Elite Athlete"

*Japanese Association of Chiropractic
Tokyo, Japan
March 29, 2015*

"Sports Chiropractic with a National Olympic Committee"

*International Federation of Sports Chiropractic (FICS)
Villamoura, Portugal, 2009*

"Chiropractic in a Community Healthcare Setting"

*World Health Organizations Consultation on Chiropractic
Milan, Italy 2003*

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Local

"The Role of Chiropractic in a COVID-19 Pandemic"

*12th TAHC Congress, The Relevance of Traditional and Complementary Medicine on the COVID-19 Pandemic, PITAHC, Department of Health
November 2020*

"Chiropractic for Low back pain"

*11th TAHC Congress, Towards the Integration of Traditional and Complementary Medicine in Universal Healthcare PITAHC, Department of Health
November 2019*

"Professionalism in the Practice of Chiropractic"

*General Assembly of Registered Chiropractors PITAHC,
Department of Health
June 2018*

"Principles of Chiropractic Medicine"

*Philippine Orthopedic Society for Sports
Medicine Annual Convention
August 17, 2013*

"Neck and Low Back Pain Management and Treatment"

*105th Philippine Medical Association Annual Convention
May 17, 2012*

"The Chiropractic Alternative: An Introduction to Natural, Non-Surgical and Drugless Healthcare"

*National Kidney and Transplant Institute
August 24, 2010*

"Sports Medicine in the Philippines"

*Medical Conference of the American Association of Professional
Ringside Physicians University of the Philippines College of Medicine
Department of Neurosciences
December 2, 2010*

"The Practice of Chiropractic Medicine"

*PITAHC - DOH
March 26, 2004*

"Incorporating Chiropractic into Models of Integrative Healthcare"

*Department of Ophthalmology
Manila Doctors Hospital
April 16, 2001*

"Chiropractic: A Viable Health Care Option for the Treatment of Musculoskeletal Pain and Injury"

*Department of Family & Community Medicine
Center for Indigenous Medicine
Dasmariñas, Cavite
August 23, 2000*

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am still completely awed by the response we got (and are still getting as of this writing) for the extraordinarily successful meeting we had with the Hon. Maria Leonor "Leni" Robredo, Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines, last Thursday. We exceeded the total capacity of the ZOOM room of one thousand (1,000) participants and accordingly, we exceeded the three hundred thousand (300,000) mark on Facebook. The YouTube Posts continue to generate viewership, literally, by the minute. I am getting calls from people I've already lost contact with, congratulating us at RCM for having done an excellent session with the Vice President.

As we have earlier stated, the plan is to try to get most if not all the SERIOUS Presidential Candidates and apply the same format to all of the contenders. We had an excellent choice of panelists. RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra has already lined up Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson as our next Presidential Candidate Guest of Honor and Speaker for our November 18, 2021 Weekly Membership Meeting.

This is a service we will do for the nation by providing an objective platform for our people where the candidates can present themselves, their platform, their plans to the virtual audience. The open forum is the ideal arena to determine the mettle and caliber of our candidates.

Someone mentioned to me this will be the unabashed, neutral and virtual "Plaza Miranda" for this election, so let us all work on this together by participating in whatever way we can when we are asked to.

We had a productive Fifth Special Board meeting last Tuesday, October 19, 2021, where the Board reviewed the Audited Financial Statement for RY 2020-2021 which

was presented by IT/IPT Karlo Castro. Following some minor revisions, this will be presented again in the Sixth Special Meeting to be held on Monday, October 25, 2021. Thereafter, we interfaced with the STAR Rotarians and discussed possible efforts to fuse more closely the YOUNG members with the "YAH" members (Young-at-Heart) members.

Today, we are going to have a very formidable doctor taking to us about a very relevant and applicable topic. As it were, I believe Dr. Martin Camara will leave this meeting "having our backs covered"!

Gentlemen, I would like to reiterate to all of you to do our own personal shortlists to generate potential new members for our club as we do our part in our membership drive, "EVERYONE, BRING ONE".

Keep praying for our brothers who need healing, guys.

Keep safe my dear brothers and may God bless our beloved Rotary Club of Manila.

Humbly yours in Rotary,

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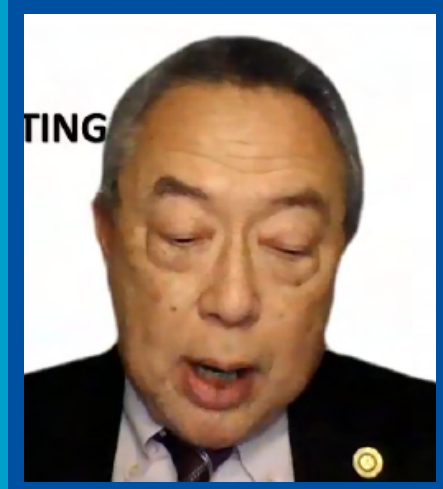
Felix Francisco S. Zaldarriaga
President
RY 2021-2022



◀◀ THE WEEK THAT WAS ▶▶



PT Lito Sibayan, as Program Moderator/ Facilitator, calls the day's sequential order of activities.



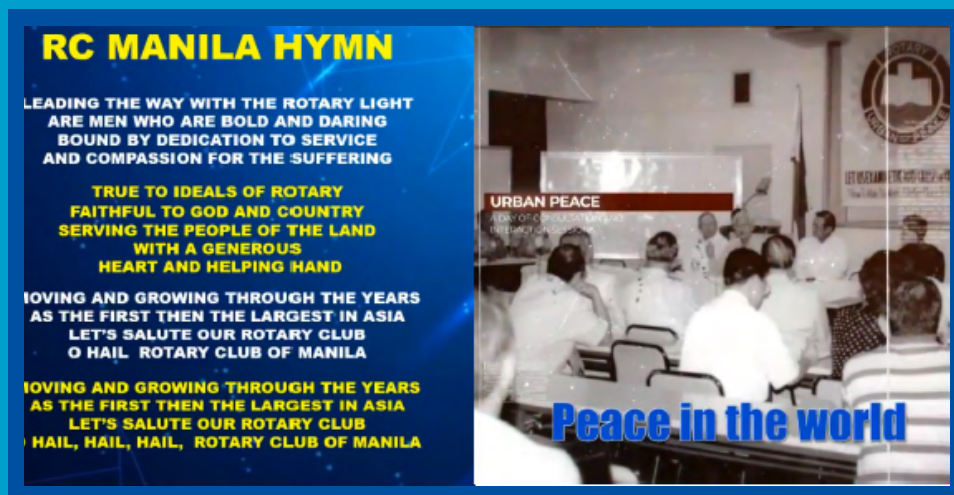
President Chito Zaldarriaga calls the meeting to order.



Rtn. Vic Garcia delivers the Invocation.

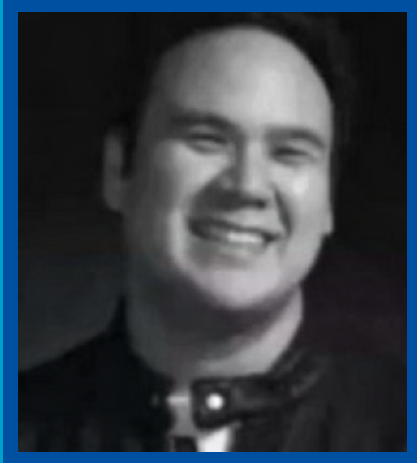


The **Rotary Club of Manila Audiovisual Presentation** of the **Philippine National Anthem**



The **World Famous Music Chorale Audiovisual Presentation** of the **RCM Hymn**

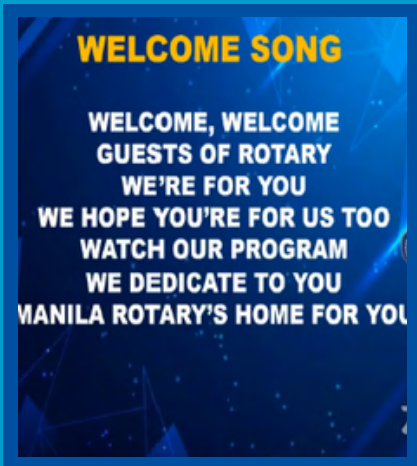
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Star Rtn. Robi Joseph leads the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test for Manila Rotarians to renew their commitment to the Rotary movement.



PT Lito Sibayan, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges visiting Rotarians and guests.



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

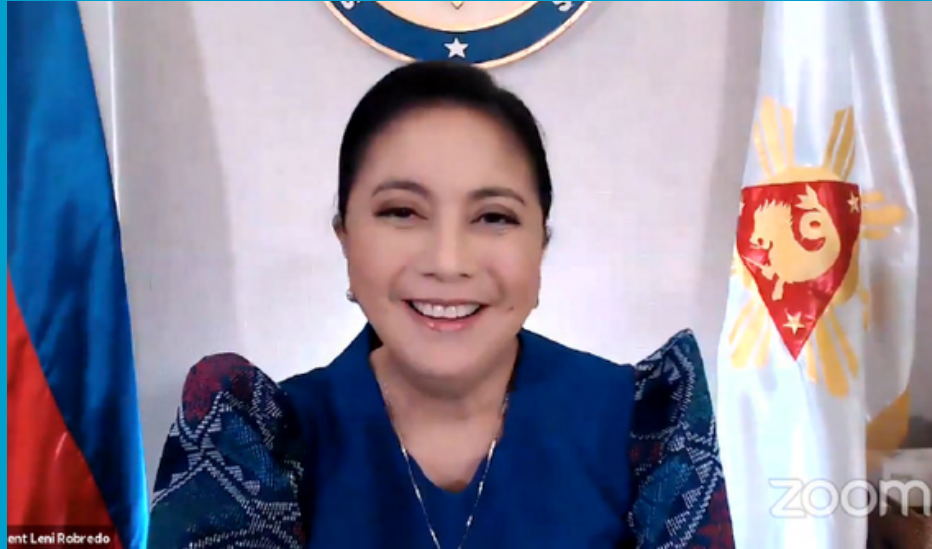


President Chito Zaldarriaga delivers his message during his President's Time.



RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra introduces Guest of Honor and Speaker **Hon. Maria Leonor "Leni" G. Robredo**, Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines.

◀◀ THE WEEK THAT WAS ▶▶



Guest of Honor and Speaker Hon. Maria Leonor "Leni" G. Robredo, Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines, delivers her talk.



An open forum immediately followed right after the talk of **Guest of Honor and Speaker Hon. Maria Leonor "Leni" G. Robredo, Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines**. The open forum was conducted by a panel composed of **DE/PD Raffy Alunan, DE Tony Lopez and PDG Obet Pagdanganan**.

◀◀ THE WEEK THAT WAS ▶▶



President Chito Zaldariaga and **Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra** present the Token of Appreciation in the form of a Rotary Club of Manila Centennial Coffee Table Book and a Certificate of Appreciation, attested by **VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu**, to **Hon. Maria Leonor "Leni" G. Robredo, Vice President of the Republic 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:

This pandemic has turned our world upside-down and has confined us to our respective homes. For many of us, it has forced us to adopt sedentary lifestyles which are detrimental to our health.

It is time to wean us out of our inactive ways at home as we look after our health and focus on reactivating our posture and muscles.

In this regard, we are inviting you to listen to the world-renowned, US-trained chiropractor, DR. MARTIN CAMARA. He is a Development Group Member of the World Health Organization (WHO) for Low Back Pain, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care Board.

Let's bring Asia's First Rotary Club back to the grind!

Let your health be your Number One, 12:30 PM, October 21!

Very truly yours,

PE/PVP HERMIE ESGUERRA
Programs Committee Chairman
RY 2021-2022



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of October 20, 2021, 2:00 PM)

	ANNUAL DUES 19-20
175	FULLY PAID
47	UNPAID
3	PARTIALLY PAID
225	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	Abriam, Ariel	50737	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
4	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.	50719	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
5	Albaña, Michael Jaey "Mike"	50708	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
6	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"	50745	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	Ang, Richard T.	50774	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
13	Angara, Marius	50751	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
14	Aragon, Joshua	50746	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
15	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.	50535	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
16	Bautista, John, Jr. I.	50744	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
17	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.	50569	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
18	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.	50799	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
19	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	50586	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
20	Bogovich, Jason M.	50583	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
21	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"	50739	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
22	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	50577	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
23	Camus, Fernando	50552	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.	50723	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
25	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	50526	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
26	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"	50666	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
27	Cenica, John T.	50794	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
28	Chahwan, Rami	50539	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
29	Chang Li, Richard Joseph	50775	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
30	Chien, Liang-Ta "Steve"	50531	37,318.00	FULLY PAID
31	Chotrani, Johnny N.	50730	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	50542	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	50527	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	50538	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
35	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.	50533	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
36	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.	50523	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
37	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.	50555	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
38	Dee, Marcus L.	50758	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
39	Del Rosario, Oscar	50706	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
40	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"	50750	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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41	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.	50540	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
42	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio "Raf"	50716	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
43	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.	50765	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
44	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	50520	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
45	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.	50672	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
46	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	50439	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
47	Engelbrecht, Francois	50679	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
48	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.	50519	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
49	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	50547	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
50	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.	50678	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
51	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.	50697	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
52	Evaristo, Frank A.	50534	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
53	Fajardo, Beda G.	50546	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
54	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"	50654	32,138.00	FULLY PAID
55	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.	50729	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
56	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.	50741	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
57	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	50509	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
58	Garcia, Victor	50525	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
59	Gaspar, Fernando "Nando" L.	50733	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
60	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	50521	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
61	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.	50761	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
62	Go, Henry Sy	50686	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
63	Go, Michael	50731	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
64	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.	50655	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
65	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.	50572	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
66	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	50573	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
67	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.	50689	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
68	Hallerbach, Mathias	50759	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
69	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt	50563	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
70	Henkelmann, Martin	50599	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
71	Hernandez, Edwin	50551	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
72	Hesse, Uwe	50581	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
73	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.	50693	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
74	Joseph, Ralph L.	50514	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
75	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.	50510	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
76	Joseph, Robert, Jr. "Bobby" L.	50512	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
77	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy"	50700	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
78	Karcher, Henning	50558	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
79	Kunack, Lutz	50668	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
80	Lacambacal, Alvin D.	50734	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
81	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez	50726	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
82	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.	50685	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
83	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	50554	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
84	Leung, Karl A.	50740	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
85	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.	50515	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
86	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	50567	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
87	Lim, Richard	50748	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
88	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.	50595	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
89	Locsin, Roberto R.	50670	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
90	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	50524	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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

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91	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.	50597	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
92	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"	50703	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
93	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50548	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
94	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"	50541	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
95	Magbanua, Gerry	50562	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
96	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.	50657/5065	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
97	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"	50664	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
98	Mangalile, Senen	50713	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
99	Martinez, Ronald	50714	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
100	Masters, Lance A.	50530	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
101	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	50675	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
102	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"	50712	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
103	Meloto, Antonio "Tony"	50511	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
104	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50543	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
105	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji"	50674	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
106	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"	50718	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
107	Montel, Juan Manuel C.	50665	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
108	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	50596	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
109	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.	50694	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
110	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	50598	25,001.00	FULLY PAID
111	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.	50722	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
112	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.	50683	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
113	Okajima, Hiroyuki	50588	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
114	Ong, Jovee K.	507115	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
115	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	50550	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
116	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.	50677	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
117	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.	50709	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
118	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"	50580	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
119	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
120	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
121	Patterson, Colin David	50536	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
122	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	50594	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
123	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	50545	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
124	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50537	26,200.00	FULLY PAID
125	Pizaras, Jordan M.	50780	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
126	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.	50556	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
127	Pujalte, Jose, Jr. "Brix" S.	50754	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
128	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"	50669	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
129	Recto, Philip H.	50691	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
130	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.	50681	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
131	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	50561	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
132	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50565	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
133	Robertz, Constantin Franz Josef "Con"	50680	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
134	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean "Sean" H.	50752	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
135	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.	50682	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
136	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.	50671	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
137	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin "Marti"	50747	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
138	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.	50574	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
139	Rono, Marlon	50592	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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140	Sarmiento, Ricardo	50587	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
141	Schmitz, Steffan	50705	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
142	Schneider, Bernd	50673	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
143	Schoucair, Farid Alain	50667	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
144	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"	50717	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
145	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.	50698	15,484.00	FULLY PAID
146	Shigei, Kentaro	50591	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
147	Shimoda, Shigeru	50590	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
148	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	50564	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
149	So, Warren	50710	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
150	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.	50701	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
151	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya	50724	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
152	Stranathan, Ike	50566	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
153	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.	50544	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
154	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"	50732	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
155	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"	50651	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
156	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.	50797	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
157	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.	50707	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
158	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.	50743	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
159	Tanglao, Noel V.	50785	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
160	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin	50549	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
161	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.	50676	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
162	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"	50532/5058	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
163	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"	50695	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
164	Ubaldo, Cesar C.	50704	12,600.00	PARTIALLY PAID
165	Valdes, Joel C.	50727	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
166	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.	50660	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
167	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.	50755	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
168	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.	50755	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
169	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.	50720	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
170	Villarica, Henry R.	50652	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
171	Villegas, Raoul A.	50801	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
172	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.	50635	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
173	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.	50662	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
174	Yujuico, Brendon	50571	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
175	Zalamea, Enrique, Jr. "Rick" M.	50753	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
176	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	50528	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
177	Zeitouni, Nagi	50696	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
178	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.	50663	15,800.00	FULLY PAID

TOTAL **4,258,745.00**

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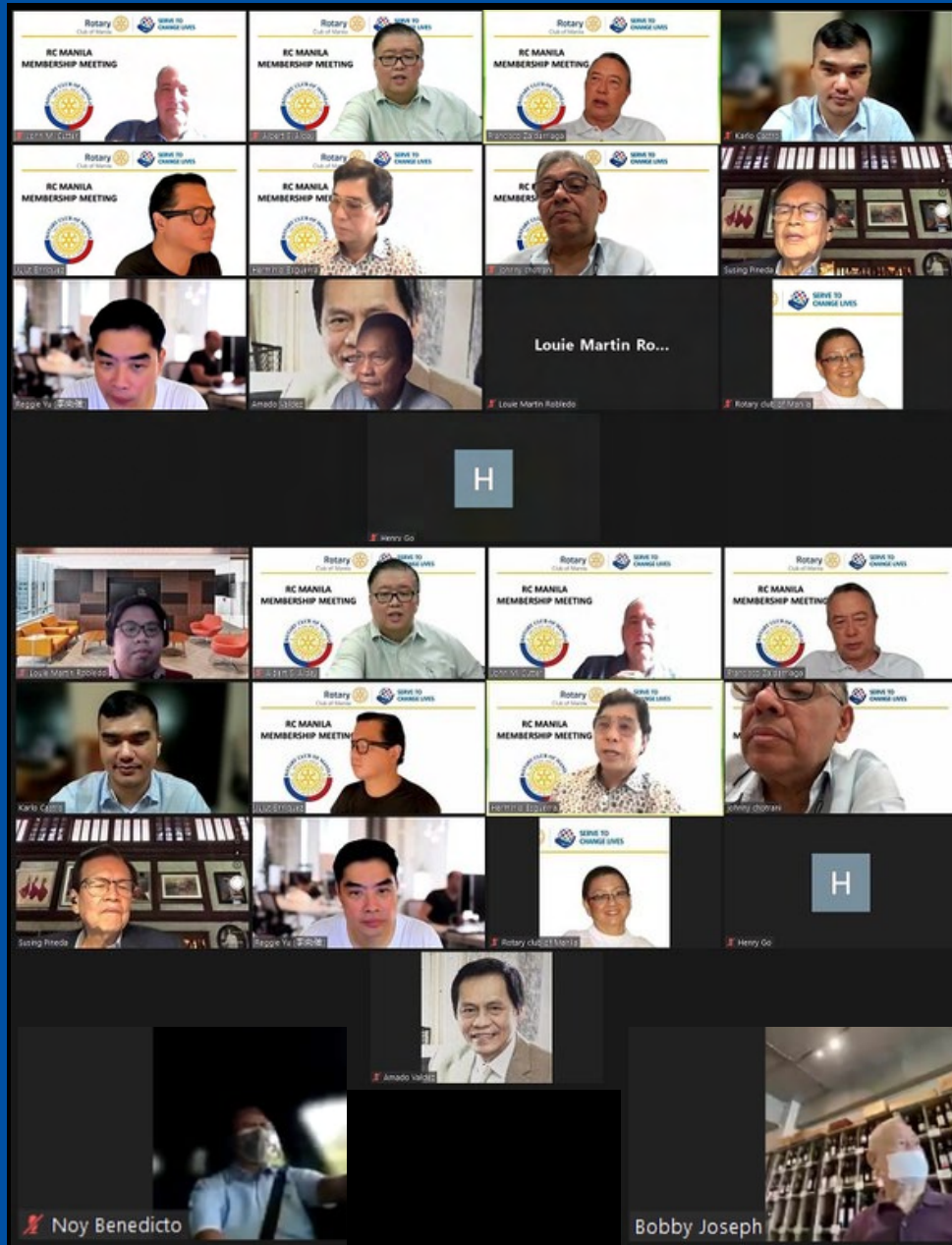
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RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2021-2022

October 2021	October 7, 2021 WCP Majella Tumangan- Villaroman	October 14, 2021 Hon. Maria Leonor G. Robredo Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines
All Members Present	63	101
Make Up	0	0
Less: Exempt from Attendance	4	10
On Leave	0	0
Total Active Members	59	91
Total # of Members	225	225
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	26%	40%
<i>Rotaract Club of Manila/Rotaract Club of DLSU-Manila</i>	0	
<i>Guest of Guest of Honor and Speaker/Guest Speaker</i>	1	753
<i>Guest of Honor and Speaker/Guest Speaker</i>	1	1
<i>Visiting Rotarians</i>	48	33
<i>Guests of RCM MEMBERS</i>	0	112
Total Attendees	113	1000

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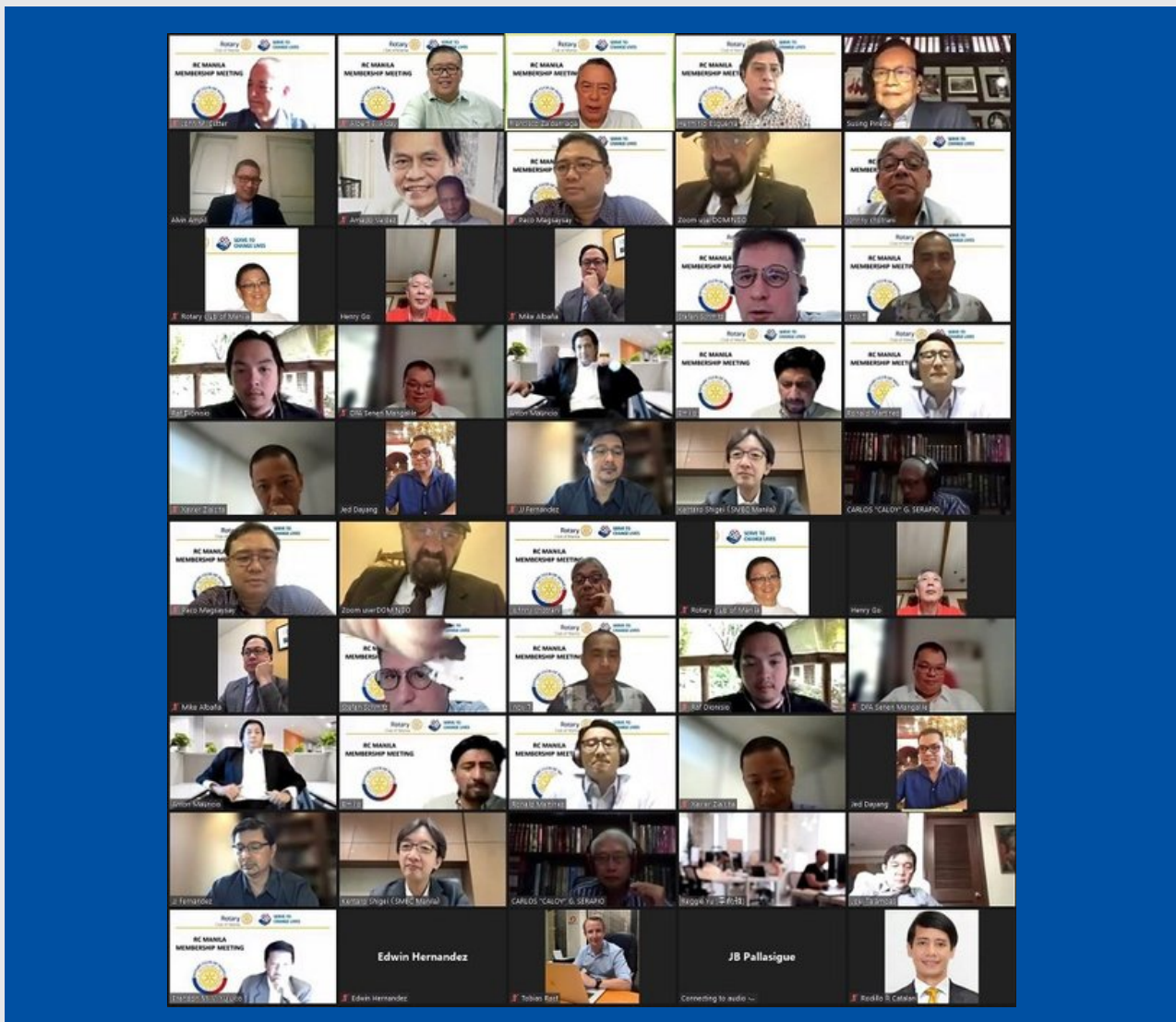
The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2021-2022 Holds Fifth Special Meeting



The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2021-2022 held its Fifth Special Meeting last October 19, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were Dir. John Michael Cutter, DE/Dir. Albert Alday, President Chito Zaldarriaga, IT/IPT Karlo Castro, DE/Treasurer Jujut Enriquez, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra, DE/Dir. Johnny Chotrani, DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, RCManila Foundation, Inc. President PP Susing Pineda, VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu, IPBLA/PD Amading Valdez, Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) CPA Mr. Louie Martin Robledo, Dir. Noy Benedicto, AS Henry Go and ES Anna Kun Toledo. Among the matters discussed was the Audited Financial Statement for RY 2020-2021.

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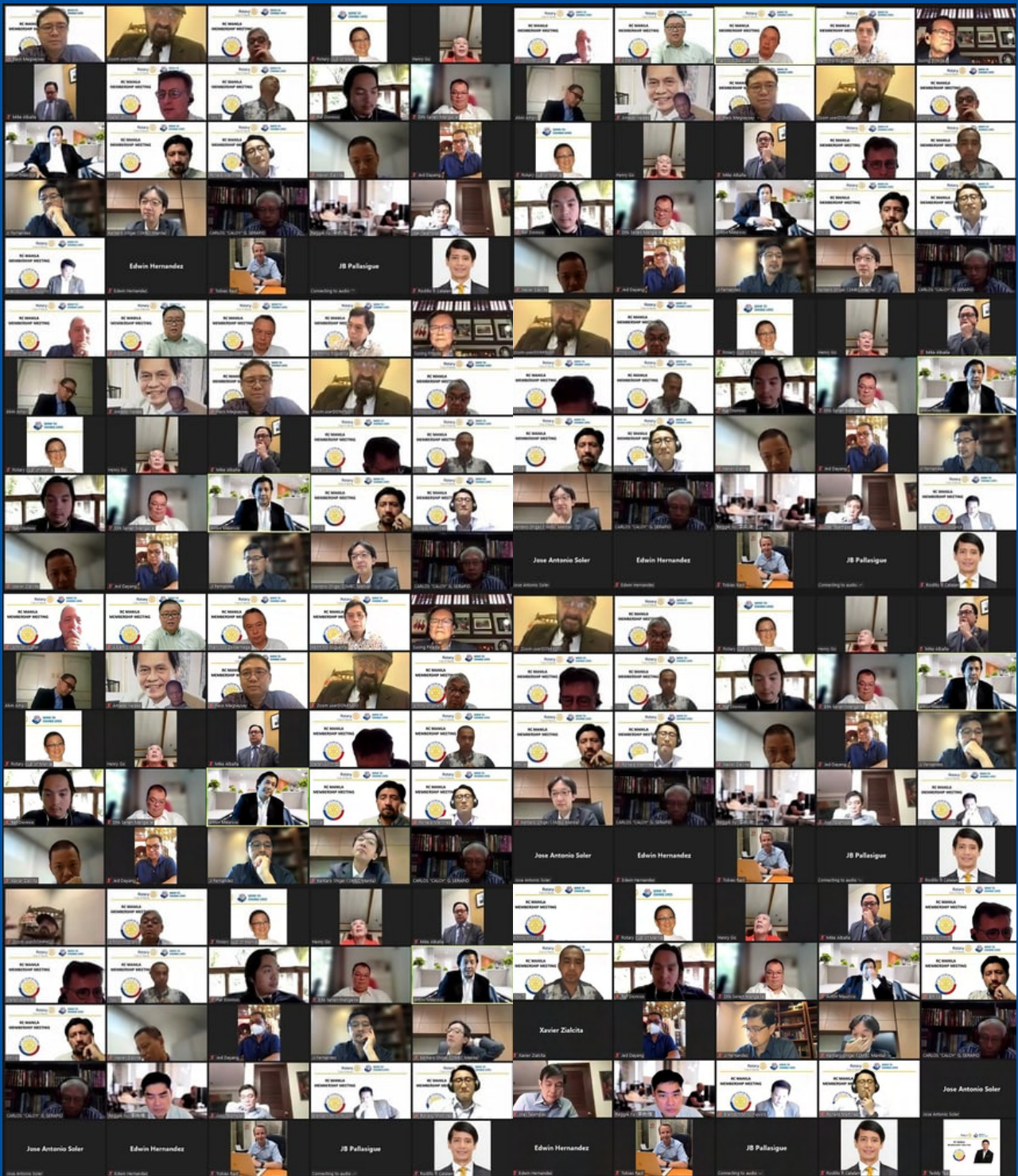
The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2021-2022 Holds Meeting with New Rotarians



The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2021-2022 held a meeting with the new Rotarians on the occasion of its Fifth Special Meeting last October 19, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present from the Board and the Secretariat were Dir. John Michael Cutter, DE/Dir. Albert Alday, President Chito Zaldarriaga, IT/IPT Karlo Castro, DE/Treasurer Jujut Enriquez, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra, DE/Dir. Johnny Chotrani, RCManila Foundation, Inc. President PP Susing Pineda, VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu, IPBLA/PD Amading Valdez, Dir. Noy Benedicto, AS Henry Go and ES Anna Kun Toledo. Present from the new Rotarians were STAR Rtn. Alvin Ampil, STAR Rtn. Paco Magsaysay, IAS/STAR Rtn. Mike Albaña, STAR Rtn. Stefan Schmitz, STAR Rtn. Inov Talusan, STAR Rtn. Raf Dionisio, STAR Rtn. Senen Mangalile, STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio, STAR Rtn. Emilio La'O, STAR Rtn. Ronald Martinez, STAR Rtn. Xavy Zialcita, Rtn. Jed Dayang, STAR Rtn. JJ Fernandez, STAR Rtn. Kentaro Shigei, STAR Rtn. Caloy Serapio, STAR Rtn. Joel Talampas, STAR Rtn. Brendon Yujuico, IS/Rtn. Edwin Hernandez, Rtn. Tobi Rast, STAR Rtn. JB Pallasigue, STAR Rtn. Teng Catalan, STAR Rtn. Che Soler, STAR Rtn. Jop Esquivias, Rtn. Boj Locsin, STAR Rtn. Teddy Tee Jr. and STAR Rtn. Joshua Aragon. Also present was DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez.

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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

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Cheers for Pediatric Cancer Patients



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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

September 21, 2021

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

RE: CHEERS FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER PATIENTS



it's September, and that means Christmas! RCM is continuing its fundraising efforts to provide medication, supplements, and our annual holiday gifts for the children and families receiving care at the PGH Cancer Institute. While 2021 has been trying for everyone, every day is extremely challenging for these children without our support and caring. Add your name to those below to make your donation the first gift of the holiday season!



DONATIONS MAY BE SENT THRU :

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA
METROBNK ANDA CIRCLE BRANCH
Account # 151-7-15151486-0

Copy of donation / bank transaction may be sent by email thru rotaryclubofmanila@gmail.com or thru viber blog MEMBERS CONCERNS. Thank you.

Dir. John Cutter

Chairman, Care for PEDIATRIC Cancer

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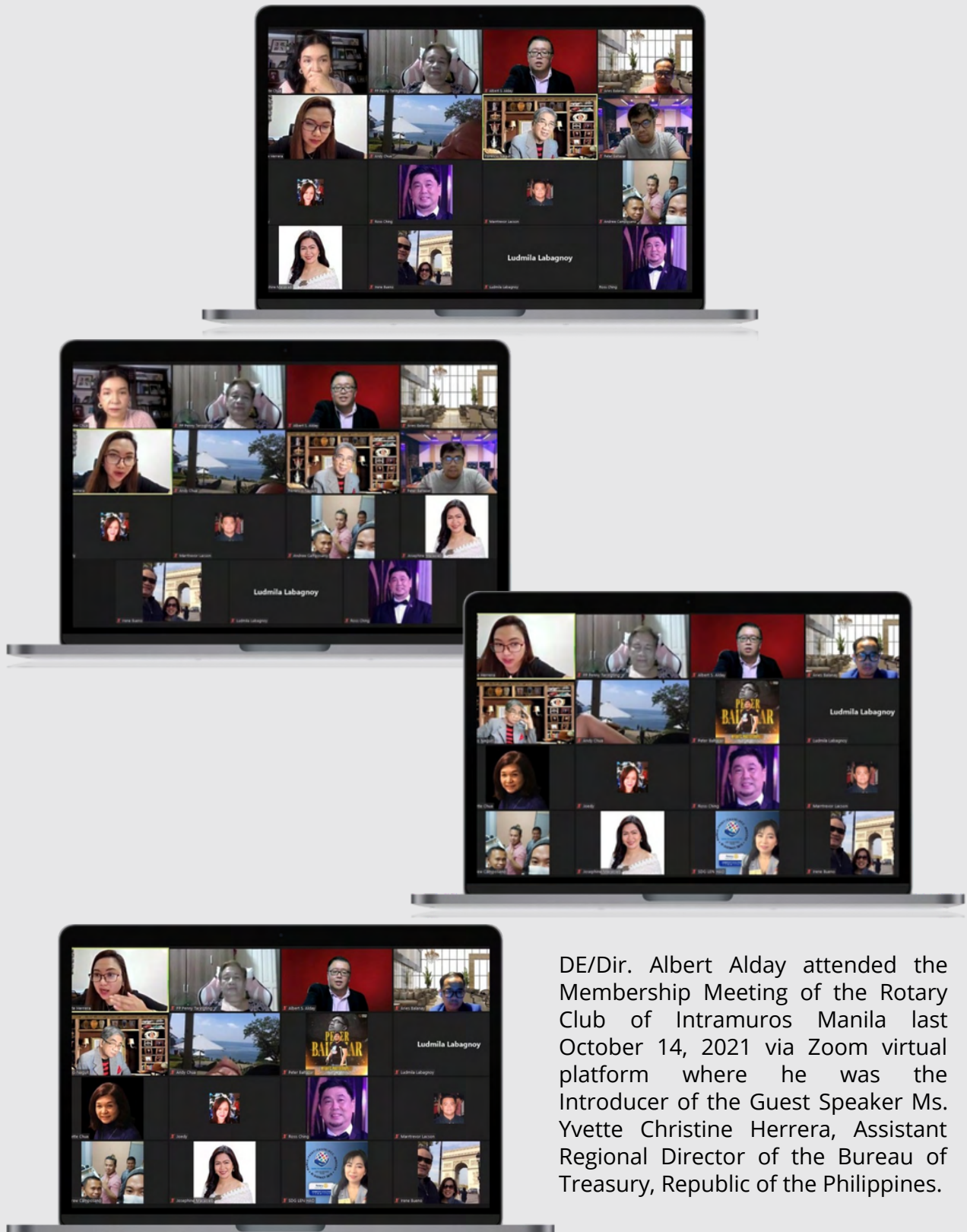
Children's Cancer Care Committee Holds Meeting



The Children's Cancer Care Committee held a meeting last October 20, 2021 at the Ralph's Wine and Spirits in Makati City. Present were IPBLA/PD Amading Valdez, Chairman Dir. John Michael Cutter, DE/Dir. Albert Alday, DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez and DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph. The agenda of the meeting was raising Php 2,000,000 per year for the milk of the cancer-stricken kids.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

DE/Dir. Albert Alday Attended the Membership Meeting of the Rotary Club of Intramuros Manila



DE/Dir. Albert Alday attended the Membership Meeting of the Rotary Club of Intramuros Manila last October 14, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform where he was the Introducer of the Guest Speaker Ms. Yvette Christine Herrera, Assistant Regional Director of the Bureau of Treasury, Republic of the Philippines.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra Attends Landmark Rotary District 3810 Presidents-Elect Rotary Leadership Institute Part 1 of Batch One with VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu



RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra and VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu attended the Rotary District 3810 Presidents-Elect Rotary Leadership Institute Part 1 of Batch One last October 16, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. They are now part of a milestone as this was the first ever Rotary Leadership Institute for Presidents-Elect anywhere in the Rotary world. DE/Dir. Albert Alday was one of the trainers, being the only faculty member of the Rotary Club of Manila in the Rotary Leadership Institute.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS



Fun-demic D-3810 Masquerade Halloween Night

Rotary District 3810 | SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

FUN-DEMIC D-3810 Masquerade Halloween Night

"BEWARE!
IT'S A GHOSTLY AFFAIR!
ATTEND IF YOU DARE!"

Host Club: Rotary Club of Tondo Manila

ID: 834 9712 3200 October 23, 2021
Pass: d3810 6pm Saturday

You're invited!



INTERCLUB RELATIONS

Hydroponics Webinar



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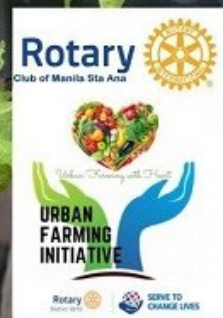
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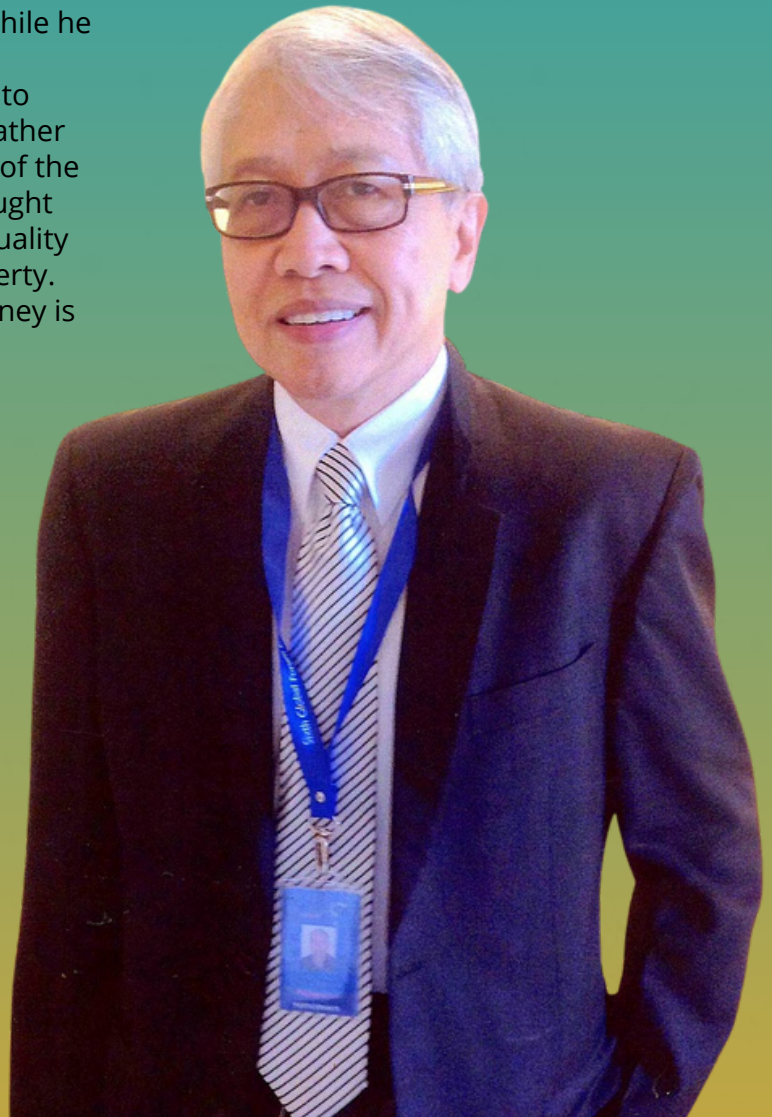
STAR Rtn. Carlos G. Serapio: The Extraordinary Journey of a Purposeful Lawyer

By Rhea Vitto Tabora

His is a journey only a few would dare take. While he might have the talent, resources and political influence to go far in life, he labored hard not to enrich himself with earthly possessions, but rather found enough satisfaction from the gratitude of the people whose welfare he has pursued and fought for. He ardently advocated people's rights, equality and justice even at the expense of his own liberty. Colorful and interesting it may be, his life journey is rooted on principles of fairness and Christian virtues but marked with challenges and trials.

From fighting for the rights of laborers and ensuring that 'those who have less in life will have more in law', to legal engineering, to political consultancy, STAR Rtn. Carlos G. Serapio (CGS) is walking a lawyer's path filled with purpose.

In this interview, STAR Rtn. CGS shares snippets of his life as a Martial Law prisoner and how he drew inspiration from it in writing a book which he personally gave to His Holiness, the Pope. He also talks about how his father and grandfather influenced him to become a lawyer, and why he is so passionate about "bringing to fruition His Kingdom on His Anointed Land (*Lupang Hinirang*) and His elect and refined (*Pili-Pino*) People."



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*There were milestones perhaps, but there is no 'greatest achievement' that I can really claim yet. It is still evolving and a work in progress. Once I can honestly tell myself that I have fulfilled the purpose for which I was created by our Loving Heavenly Father, then I have truly, greatly achieved. What would that be? As I discussed in my book, it is playing my role, big or small, in bringing to fruition His Kingdom on His Anointed Land (*Lupang Hinirang*) and His elect and refined (*Pili-Pino*) People.*

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rtn. Carlos G. Serapio: The Extraordinary Journey of a Purposeful Lawyer

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

Carlos G. Serapio (CGS): I was arrested and detained twice during Martial Law. In 1978, after I chaired and operated the LABAN Poll Watching Operations Center, I was nabbed together with several hundred others in a protest march that ensued. While waiting to be 'booked' in Fort Bonifacio, I escaped with the assistance of my now deceased political mentor and soulmate Emmanuel 'Manny' E. Cruz (+) who pretended to be a military officer.

In 1980, I was again arrested in a big 'dragnet operations' in Greenhills, San Juan. I was with Manny, as well as with some labor union leaders for a pre-departure briefing. I was supposed to go back to the United States for a meeting with the late Senator Raul S. Manglapus and other exiled leaders when this happened. We were initially brought to Camp Karingal where I found out that hundreds of farmers, workers and urban poor settlers identified with our Christian Movement were also rounded up. I was paraded in front of them with an officer wrapping his arm around my shoulder, an act that was clearly intended to intrigue and imply that I was the rat or stool pigeon who caused their arrest. I was later transferred to Camp Bagong Diwa where most of those who were arrested with me were brought. For the first time, there were more Christians than communists in the detention center. I represented the Christian Groups while the Troika of Fidel Agcaoli (+), Pepe Luneta (+) and Satur Ocampo spoke for the communists and their leftist supporters in political talks or negotiations.

On January 18, 1981, I was released from detention, weeks after I was visited by the Papal Nuncio at that time, H.E. Bruno Torpigliani. I supposed the military regime then interpreted the visit as a preparation for Pope (St.) John Paul II's request to meet with political prisoners during his scheduled State Visit on the following month. To avoid this embarrassment and 'faux pas', Bicutan was dismantled and all remaining political detainees were transferred to Muntinlupa so they can be tagged as common crime violators.

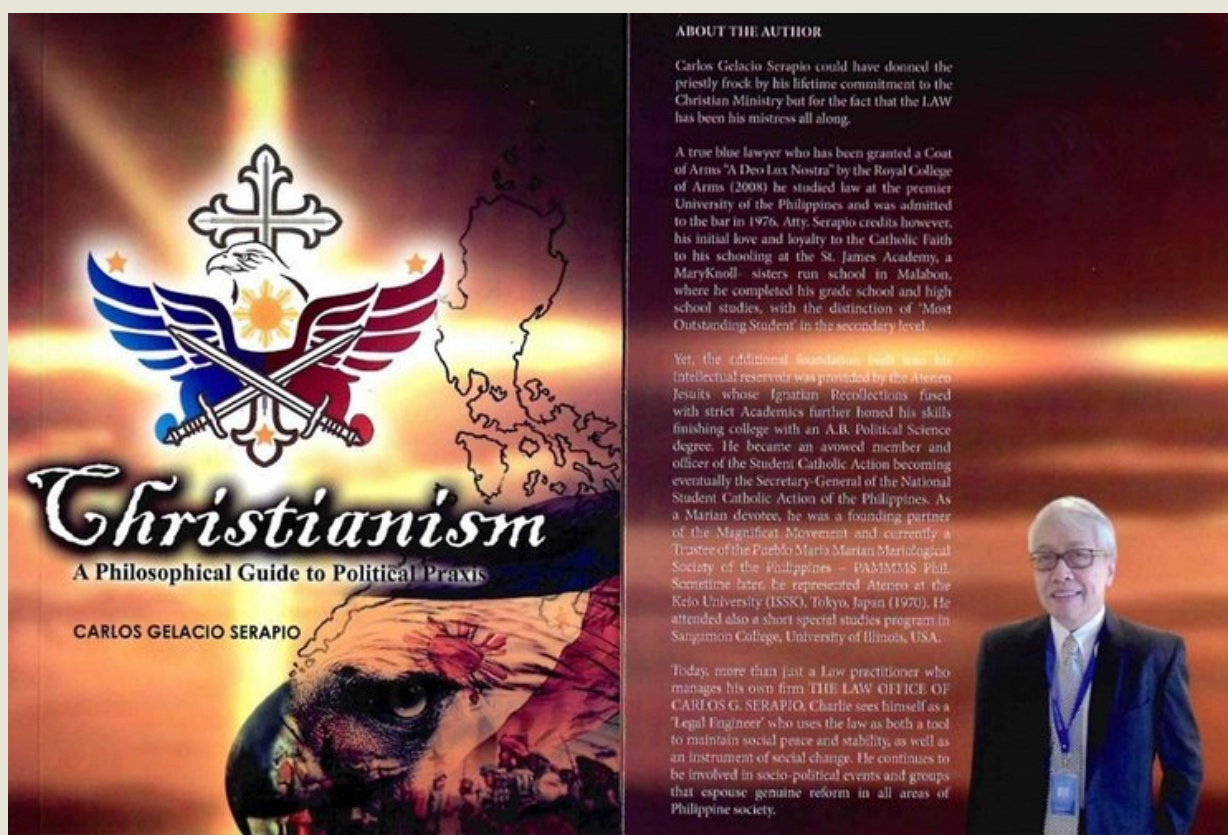


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Subsequently, I was privileged to be among those who had a private audience with His Holiness, the Pope.

I took the opportunity to give him the manuscript of a book that I was inspired to write in prison. Years later, the latest book version was handed to Pope Francis, thru Bishop Du when I met the Pontiff in Tacloban.



STAR Rtn. Carlos Serapio wrote the book "Christianism, A Philosophical Guide to Political Praxis" when he was in prison.

In 2004, I was also arrested with Sec. Salvador Enriquez, Former DBM and Finance Secretary of President Fidel Ramos, Ambassador later Congressman Roy Señeres and Gen. Fortunato Abat, all of whom are now deceased. The case for inciting to sedition is still pending with me as the only remaining accused.



MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rtn. Carlos G. Serapio: The Extraordinary Journey of a Purposeful Lawyer

RVT: Why did you go into law practice? Have you always wanted to become a lawyer?

CGS: I was only five (5) years old when I remember telling my childhood playmates that I intended to be a lawyer. This may have been influenced by the fact that my grandfather and father were lawyers who eventually became judges.

In the case of my grandfather, he followed as a politician after his father who was the first Governor-General of Bulacan, by also becoming a Mayor of Polo, now Valenzuela, and an Assemblyman. He also sired Nacing Santiago, who was governor of Bulacan for 18 years and was likewise at one time a Mayor of Polo and a Provincial Board Member. He was the half-brother of my father.

A meeting between Don Claro M. Recto and my grandfather that I witnessed may have been a subliminal factor also in my aspiration to be a lawyer involved in politics.

Parenthetically, I should mention though that in high school, becoming a priest also crossed my mind. This is altogether another story.



His great grandfather, 'Jose 'kapitan' Serapio, the first Governor-General of Bulacan



STAR Rtn. Carlos G. Serapio and his father, Judge Manuel Serapio



Seated (left to right): His mother Grace Gelacio Serapio of Nueva Vizcaya (daughter of a Protestant Pastor and former Bayombong mayor), his paternal grandparents, Consolacion Liraq and Jose Serapio (mayor, assemblyman, judge, father of Nacing Santiago, who was governor of Bulacan whom PDG Obet Pagdanganan succeeded), and his father Judge Manuel Serapio

Standing (left to right): STAR Rtn. CGS, sisters Baby and Leilani, his brother Dr. Manuel Serapio Jr.

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rtn. Carlos G. Serapio: The Extraordinary Journey of a Purposeful Lawyer

RVT: What do you wish you knew about practicing law before you got into it?

CGS: Noble and reputable the practice of law may be, the ideals and justice that the law seeks to serve are subject to the human weaknesses of those called upon to uphold and honor it as well as to a system that has become captive to the importunings and caprices of a powerful few and their interests. This is what I wish I should have known and prepared for before I plunged into waging quixotic legal battles.

RVT: Which legal practice area are you into and why did you choose it?

CGS: I started as a lawyer of labor unions, specifically the Federation of Free Workers. I wanted really to be of service to those whom the beloved late President Ramon Magsaysay referred to as 'those having less in life should have more in law'.

I was a 'General Practitioner' when I established my own firm and later tried to specialize in those projects and virgin areas that require what some call as 'Legal Engineering'. Guided by the philosophy that 'Law should be a stabilizing tool in times of

social peace and prosperity, and an instrument of change when there is social unrest and instability', I became more interested and involved in Political Consultancy wherein structured, logical legal thinking can be applied.

RVT: Without divulging sensitive details, can you share your most interesting/ memorable case?

CGS: It was a labor case that I won for striking workers of a tire company. The award may appear substantial but when divided among the workers, their share may just be enough to pay for debts they may have incurred and the balance to sustain them for a few months.

The award was final and executory. I was therefore surprised and flabbergasted when a conciliation meeting was called at the highest level to negotiate the reduction of the award. I was so angry that I told the workers that since that was their money, it was up to them if they will agree to have it reduced. I knew that they were already hurting and desperate. I could not stand seeing them do the proverbial '*kapit sa patalim*' decision. So, I walked out of that meeting and soon after, left Labor Practice altogether, and committed myself to 'changing the system', through political struggles.



With the late Senator Raul S. Manglapus



With the late US President George H. W. Bush

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

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RVT: Who has had the biggest influence in your life and why?

CGS: My family, both from my father and mother sides. My parents in very different but complementary ways.

My schools, the Maryknoll School of St. James Academy, Ateneo de Manila and the University of the Philippines College of Law.

My childhood friends, compatriots and some great minds I had the privilege of encountering and engaging in my political journey.

Student Catholic Action and the Catholic Church.

Maryknoll Sisters and Columban Priests.

Prof. Roque Ferriols, S.J. and the Jesuit scientist, anthropologist and philosopher Teilhard de Chardin.

Mama Mary and Our Lord Jesus Christ, most significantly.



RVT: What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?

CGS: There were milestones perhaps, but there is no 'greatest achievement' that I can really claim yet. It is still evolving and a work in progress. Once I can honestly tell myself that I have fulfilled the purpose for which I was created by our Loving Heavenly Father, then I have truly, greatly achieved. What would that be? As I discussed in my book, it is playing my role, big or small, in bringing to fruition His Kingdom on His Anointed Land (*Lupang Hinirang*) and His elect and refined (*Pili-Pino*) People.

The "Ark" that I have founded and built for this mission is the KAMALAYANG PINOY MOVEMENT – KPM/ KATIPUNAN NG KAMALAYANG KAYUMANGGI – KATIPUNAN PARTY. Its vision and direction is to make us realize that the real sovereign of our land is the Almighty Creator who blessed us with rich natural resources and many more bountiful gifts that include a beautiful mind and radiant soul. The vessel of His Sovereign Power is us, the People, who must assert and recover our authority from those to whom we delegated our God-given power but who betrayed our trust and subverted the system that was supposed to serve our interests. We are the fulfillment of our prayer, if we accept and abide by the God who resides in us. We are "JUAN ORACION", the oracle of our ordained destiny.

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One of his milestones — founding Kamalayang Pinoy Movement – KPM/Katipunan ng Kamalayang Kayumanggi – Katipunan Party



Meantime, I am happy that I have sired two (2) sons, written a book, and have caused the planting of a tree.

I know that I should do better on the third one by personally and successfully planting a tree myself.

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

CGS: The law has its inherent, God-sourced noble value, but it is the character of the lawyer who upholds the honor and nobility of its professional practice.

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

CGS: Being with friends and enjoying the gifts of nature. The real joy of playing golf and singing to me, are the fellowships. Travel makes me commune with God's 'Wonderful country and World' that He has gifted as a blessing to all of us. Like a child with wonders in his eyes, I still see beauty even amidst the ugliness that human folly has blighted God's Magnificent Creation.

RVT: What inspired you to join the Rotary Club of Manila? How did the experience change your outlook in life?

CGS: Honestly, I never really imagined myself joining Rotary at this late stage in my life. If not for the insistence and beautiful, historic tradition pitch of my proposer, Anton Mauricio, who I think even went out of his way to request the then outgoing President Bobby Joseph to be his co-proposer, a humbling honor that I cannot refuse, I would not have obliged. After all, considering my history and the journey that I am still making, I did not want to be misunderstood, and I felt like it was not the kind of lake where I can comfortably swim and be in my elements.

I am more than happy though that I joined. In the past three (3) months I have attended the regular weekly meetings, I have learned a lot. I marveled at the richness of its tradition and of its glorious past. I am inspired by the *esprit de corps* of its present composition of men who transcend borders of all kinds and who can speak of both the mundane and the sacred, but most especially of what is the true meaning of life and of being human. I salute these gentlemen of RCM.



What gratifies me most is seeing and being with men whose love for God and country, whose virtues and values put the highest premium on the Rotary Commitment of 'Service Above self' and 'Serve to Change Lives'.

I grew up doing 'Corporal Works of Mercy' as taught by my Catholic faith, and it is as if I have come full circle by just witnessing the reach out initiatives of the men of this club, my club, RCM, the Rotary Club of Manila.

I am honored to be counted among the valiant accomplished men of RCM who are animated by the energy of 'Love to Serve Others'. My faith in the innate goodness of man is reinforced because of you guys. RCM gentlemen are on deck, Salute!!

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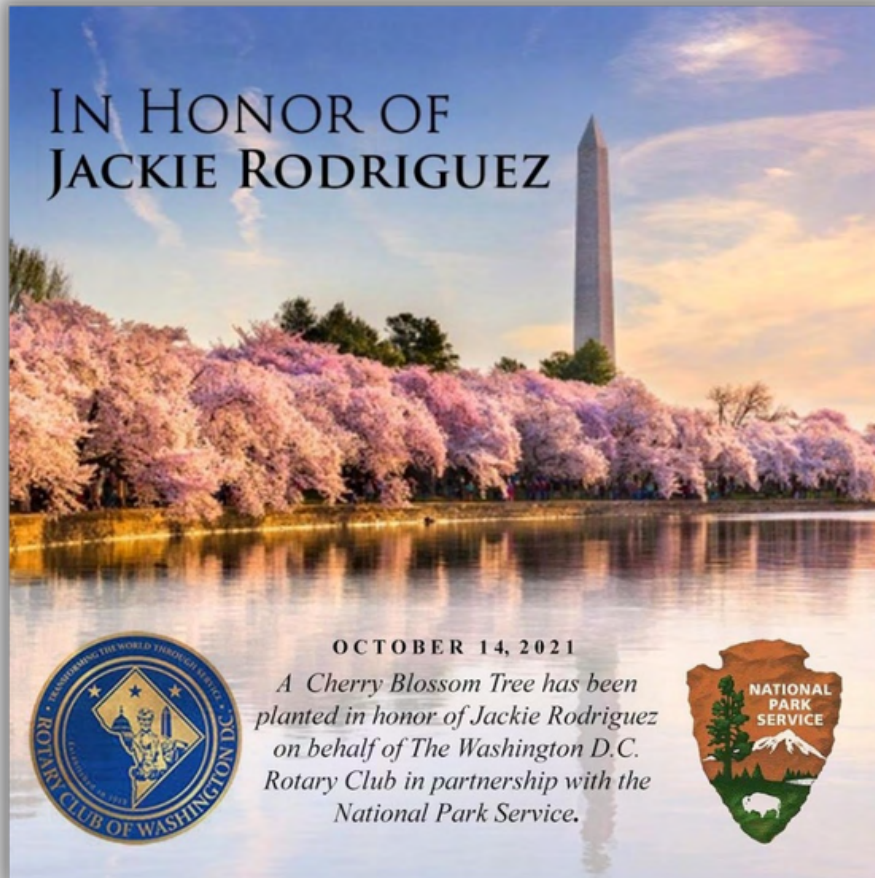
DE/Dir. Albert Alday is Trainers/Faculty at First-Ever Rotary Leadership Institute for Presidents-Elect



DE/Dir. Albert Alday, Incoming Senior Deputy Governor and Incoming Special Assistant to the Governor, was one of the trainers/faculty members who conducted the milestone Rotary District 3810 Presidents-Elect Rotary Leadership Institute Part 1 last October 16, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform where he handled the first breakout session. This was the very first time anywhere in the Rotary world that the Rotary Leadership Institute was offered to Presidents-Elect.

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History

- The first planting took place in the spring of 1991, under arrangements that Peter Gilsey made with the National Park Service (NPS), of several cherry blossom trees.
- Around 1992 Peter Gilsey had a meeting at the White House that resulted in the planting of a tree with President George H.W. Bush on the grounds of the White House.
- The Program was a response to the leadership at the time of Rotary International President, Paulo Costa (a Brazilian), encouraging Rotary Clubs to establish tree planting programs. In that sense, our Program is one of the oldest continually operating Rotary tree programs in the world.



Trees For the Capital 2016 and The World

History Cont.

- Until 2012, the Club through its Foundation had funded a total of 10 replacement cherry blossom trees, but in 2013 we doubled that number to 20 trees a year, including 10 cherry blossom trees and an additional 10 native tree to "re-tree" the downtown parks with NPS and its National Mall and Memorial Parks division.
- Since 2016, we have continued efforts to fulfill our stated commitment of planting a tree in the honor of each speaker. Finally, this Rotary Year (2020-21), thanks to increased funding by our Foundation, we will achieve that goal, planting a total of 45 trees.



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GIS (Geographic Information Systems)

In 2021, in partnership with the National Park Service, our club launched a tree tracker platform, that enables each speaker to see their exact geo-coordinates to the tree planted in their honor. Additionally, we are creating individual graphics to send out to the speakers, encouraging them to post to their social media to promote our club and it's Tree's for the Capital program. We are planning an annual "find your tree" event, which has been postponed due to COVID.

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Over 50,000 hectares of land have been set aside in the Southern Region of Philippines and approved by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Our club established a twin club relationship in 2021 and are in the planning stages to begin reforestation utilizing a fast growing bamboo varietal called GIGANTE.



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A new Filipino law would require all graduating high school and college students to plant at least 10 trees each before they can graduate. The law, which has been passed by the countries lower house, formalizes a tradition of planting trees upon graduation, which is also hoped to simultaneously combat global climate change and help alleviate the countries environmental problem.

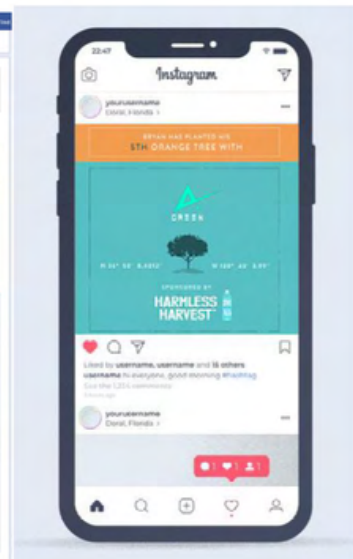
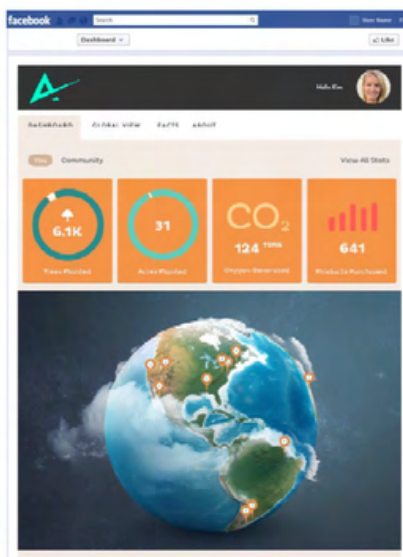
The environmental program of the Manila Rotary Club, known as The Rotary Environmental and Economic Stratagem, the acronym for TREES, wanted a slightly different program. The Rotarians wanted intermediate school graduates to plant five trees each. High school with ten trees and college with twenty. The proponents of the law say the legislation could result in as many as 600 billion trees planted in a generation if it is properly adhered to. It has not yet been considered by the Senate (the upper chamber), which must approve it before it can be signed into law by the president.

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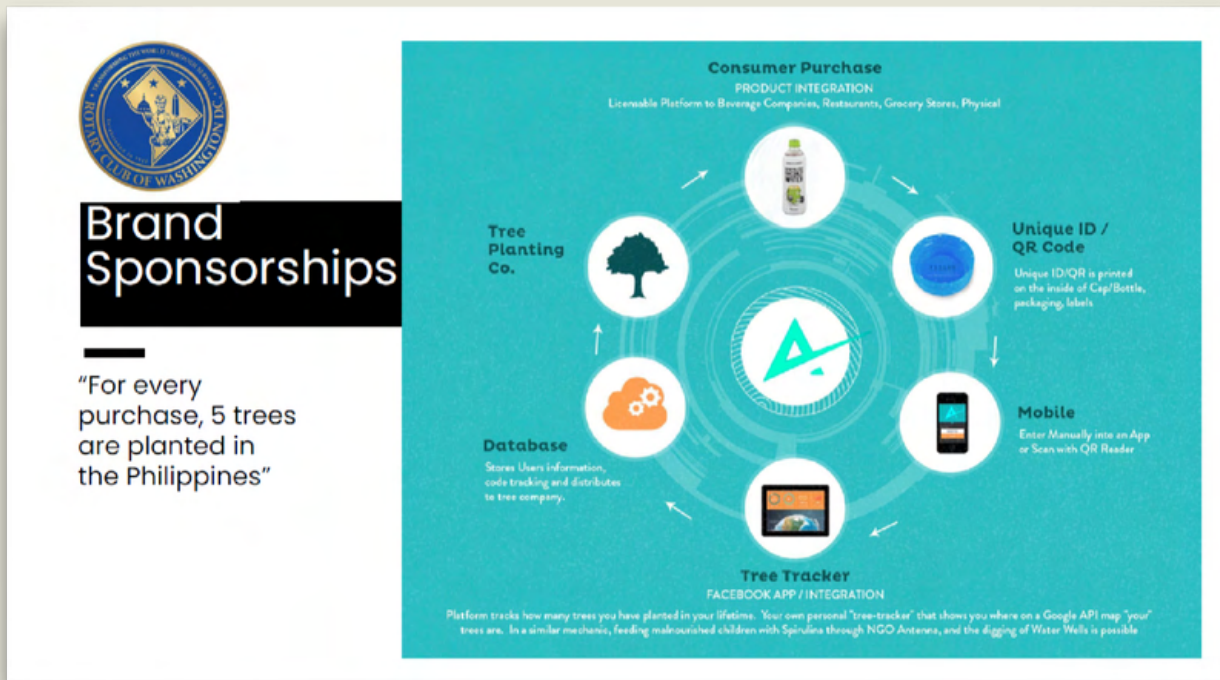
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ReCAP will provide farmers with training curriculum on farm management, soil health and more, while also providing best practices to increase biodiversity, and farmer resilience through intercropping, cover crops, bee-keeping and organic inputs. By the completion of the project in 2023, GIZ will share open-sourced training materials based on their findings from the project; these materials will be made available to anyone interested in learning more or even transitioning to regenerative agriculture.

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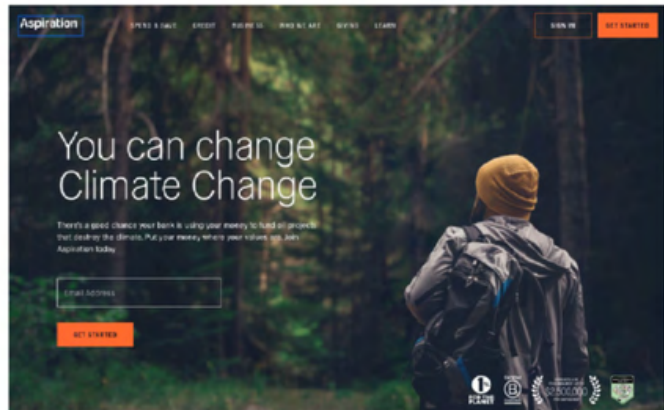
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Invitation to Rotaract Club of DLSU's Annual Club Plans Discussion

Greetings in St. La Salle!

I hope this message finds you well. I am Arvin C. Ajesta, the current Executive Vice President for Externals of Rotaract Club of De La Salle University (RAC DLSU).

We are reaching out to your kind office as RAC DLSU would like to request for a round table discussion with Rotary Club of Manila President Felix Francisco S. Zaldarriaga and available RCM Officers and Members regarding the status and direction of our club, on October 30, 2021, Saturday, from 2-4 PM, via Zoom conference. Please know that the date is flexible in respect to your availability. This occasion would also provide us with an opportunity to discuss relevant matters that affect our organization's path in the coming years. We also wish to utilize this avenue to strengthen our relationship with our sponsoring club to ignite more opportunities for our stakeholders.

Furthermore, may we request for your contact details, or at least an email address so we could send you an official letter of invitation and the proposed program flow.

We will be waiting for your response, but we would be immensely honored should your kind office accept our invitation to give your insights and assistance in regards to our club's blueprint.

For any concerns prior to confirming, you may contact me, Arvin C. Ajesta, at arvin_ajesta@dlsu.edu.ph or thru SMS at 0916 509 7823.

Thank you and Stay safe!

Serving to Change Lives,

Arvin C. Ajesta
Executive Vice President for Externals
Rotaract Club of DLSU



Robredo: If we can't unify personalities, then we'll unite the people

VP ALREADY TIRED OF TALKING TO OTHER CANDIDATES

By: **Gabriel Pabico Lalu** • Reporter / @GabrielLaluINQ INQUIRER.net / 04:13 PM October 14, 2021



Vice President Leni Robredo speaking before Meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila. Screenshot from Facebook / OVP

MANILA, Philippines — Vice President Leni Robredo on Thursday appeared to be no longer interested in unifying personalities — those who have declared their candidacy for the presidency — saying she would instead build the broadest coalition possible with the Filipino people.

Robredo, who was invited to the Rotary Club of Manila's virtual membership meeting, said that the goal of unifying the opposition has not changed. However, it may no longer involve other candidates for the presidency.

"My personal take on this is now, more than ever, we really need to put our people's welfare first before politics. We have been pushing for inclusivity, and we have already started doing this after I filed by reaching out and talking to those who are not members of the party, from the start our goal has always been to forge the broadest unity possible," Robredo said.

"So if unity was not possible among the presidential contenders, I have not given up on unifying our people," she added.

Prior to these statements, Robredo was urged to strike a deal with other supposed opposition stalwarts like Manila Mayor Isko Moreno, and Senators Manny Pacquiao and Panfilo Lacson. However, the Vice President admitted that they disagreed on crucial matters that caused the talks to fail.

Robredo explained that her decision to launch her own candidacy, after months of indecision on whether she should run for president, shows that she has already abandoned efforts to unify personalities.

These non-negotiable issues forced her to decide not to seek a local position, which she originally intended to do.

"In those conversations, there was an acceptance that a lot of my non-negotiables would not be answered. Of course, I cannot reveal the details of all the discussions, but while unification was a very important objective of all those talks, there was a limit to what we can unify behind," Robredo said.

"When I decided to run for the presidency, it was my signal to move already from all attempts to unify the personalities and the parties, but one of the things — I'm sure you have heard of it already — that I decided to run as an independent. My decision to run as an independent was really to send an important message that we are open to those who want to join our cause," she added.

Robredo spoke with Moreno, Pacquiao and Lacson before announcing her candidacy to build a solid opposition force to challenge President Rodrigo Duterte.

But after each filed a certificate of candidacy, the talks ended.

On one occasion, Robredo admitted that aside from the key differences, Moreno's apparent inclination towards the Marcoses influenced her decision to run.

Robredo, in the past, maintained that she has two considerations before making a decision: that the opposition can stop the Marcoses from returning to power and prevent a Duterte-style of governance for the next six years.

Moreno criticized Robredo for her remarks, questioning why she was running only to block the Marcoses. On Wednesday, the Manila mayor clarified that his vision of progress would not mean forgetting the sins of past officials.

Robredo has been urged to unite with the said candidates by several personalities, including former Liberal Party member and Caloocan 2nd District Rep. Edgar Erice, who expressed fears that a lack of unity between the Vice President and Moreno might give way to a Marcos presidency in 2022.



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Robredo: 'Slate finalized'

BY REINA C. TOLENTINO

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Vice President Maria Leonor 'Leni' Robredo. Photo from Office of the Vice President's

VICE President Maria Leonor 'Leni' Robredo announced that she has finalized her 'slate' for the May 2022 elections.

Robredo made the announcement during an open forum at the Rotary Club of Manila's 16th Membership Meeting where she was guest of honor and speaker.

'After we announce our senatorial slate, you will see that our slate is composed of representatives from many different parties. At most, we would only have, I think, three from the Liberal Party,' she said.

Robredo said that if unity was not possible among presidential candidates, she had 'not given up on unifying our people'.

She said that based on public response after the announcement and filing of her candidacy, she has been getting support from 'people who belong to different parties or people who were apolitical at first, now volunteering to help join our cause. So we are very hopeful that unity is still possible'.

Robredo filed her certificate of candidacy (CoC) for president as an independent on October 7.

'When I decided to run for the presidency, it was my signal to move on already from all attempts to unify the personalities and the parties. But one of the things why—I'm sure you have heard of it already is that I decided to run as an independent,' Robredo said.

She said that her decision to run as an independent was really 'to send a very important message that we are open to those who want to join our cause—to share our vision of better governance for the country'.

Robredo said that while she remained honorary chairman of the Liberal Party, running as an independent [candidate] was 'our symbolic way of showing this openness'.

Before Robredo decided to join the 2022 presidential race, she pushed for a united opposition ticket.

'I had non-negotiables. . . And when the unification talks collapsed, in fact, I was even on the verge of just weighing which of those contenders' would 'make the most sense for me to support. But then, because my non-negotiables were still there, at the last minute, I decided to run,' she said.

She added that 'running and having a very difficult fight is not something that's new to me,' as she cited her run for a congressional seat in 2013 and the vice presidency in 2016.

She also said that she and her team 'did not expect the kind of reception that' they have been getting now.

She said that 'even if my numbers are still low now, everything is upbeat. The momentum is there. There is absolutely no guarantee that we will make it during the elections. But if we fight smart, if we will be able to put up a really honest campaign, I am very hopeful about it'.



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VP Leni sets out key goals if elected president

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by [Raymund Antonio](#)

Vice President Leni Robredo on Thursday, October 14, laid out her plans for the first 100 days in office if she's elected president in the 2022 polls.



Vice President Leni Robredo is the guest speaker during the Rotary Club of Manila's virtual membership meeting on October 14, 2021. (Rotary Club of Manila/Facebook)

Top among these priorities is the realignment of the national budget to make it more responsive to the country's COVID-19 response programs.

She admitted that her role will be very different compared to her predecessors because of the extraordinary time when she might possibly be put at the country's helm.

"Because we are in a middle of the pandemic, the first order of business is controlling the pandemic, focusing all our efforts on decreasing the number of COVID cases dramatically so we can fully reopen the economy and to do this, we must realign the national budget so that it would be more akin to addressing the pandemic," she told the Rotary Club of Manila during its virtual membership meeting.

"We will be coming in from a set budget already. This means realigning the budget, allotting more funds for healthcare services and facilities, COVID-19 response, social services for Filipinos," Robredo added.

Similar to what she said in the past, the vice president highlighted the need for "more efficient testing, tracing, and treatment, vaccinating as (many) people as possible."

Robredo also wants to "empower our healthcare system" through "improving access to hospitals, building more facilities, if needed, improving infrastructure to access COVID vaccines, the logistical support for vaccines."

"We address it (health problems) and the rest of the challenges become less daunting," the vice president stressed.



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VP Leni sets out key goals if elected president

One problem that she will be trying to stop is that of a food crisis, which is one of the reasons why she tapped Senator Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan to be her running mate since agriculture has been his advocacy.

To address this, a Robredo presidency will "invest heavily" in agriculture, particularly in technology and farm-to-market infrastructure.

Aside from problems in the health care industry, the next administration will also face a soaring unemployment rate due primarily to the closure of many businesses.

The opposition leader said that the one thing that will create more jobs is to bring back foreign direct investments, which have been in a steady decline during Duterte's term.

This year, annual FDI dropped by 24.6 percent, the lowest in five years.

"It is very difficult to overpromise. One thing that will bring jobs back is to make sure that the pandemic is under control. For us to be able to open our economy again, we have to control the virus first, we have to control the transmission first," she stated.

The vice president is also open to collaborating with China "in areas that we have no conflicts."

"But when it comes to the West Philippine Sea, we cannot deal with them without their recognition of the arbitral ruling," she said, referring to the 2016 landmark ruling from the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) at The Hague on China's nine-dash line claim.

Robredo, however, also stressed the importance of having "an inclusive and independent foreign policy as opposed to one that favors certain countries."

"We will be open to working with everyone so long as it will be in the best interests of the Filipino people," she said.

But all of these are possible only with good governance as the vice president emphasized that the real focus should be on "strengthening institutions on cleaning the bureaucracy, setting platforms to ensure that good governance is in place."

"It is really changing the entire culture of politics and governance in the country," she said, particularly highlighting how "giving more space for people to directly participate in governance" can impact the bureaucracy.

A modern brand for a modern club



By Damien Walker, Director of Public Image and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Salisbury City Rotaract Club (Australia)

As the public image director for the Rotaract Club of Salisbury City in Australia, my job is to tell my club's story. I share how we are a dynamic club that provides the entire Rotaract experience without the need for additional, outside commitment; how we ask our members to come as they are and give as they can; and how we are social club that volunteers and values fellowship and friendship. Additionally, I wear the hat as our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) director where I ensure we offer a welcome space for everyone to thrive.

To tell my club's story successfully, I use our brand, from our club logo to the images and content we share online, consistently so it reflects who we are. We have developed an identity and passion for social justice in our community and support a number of human rights issues, which has driven us to adopt a contemporary and modernized visual identity that helps us portray ourselves as a welcoming, inclusive club.

By comparison, the more traditional, legacy Rotaract/Rotary logos continue to carry negative connotations in our community, alluding to a time where the Rotary family was an exclusive, male-dominated and business-only body. That's not us and doesn't align with our values. We have a long history of providing a voice to those who have not always had one: First Nation members, the LGBTQI+ members, and members living with a disability. Further, the old logos don't reflect how Rotaract is a part of the Rotary family in a public way.

Source: www.rotary.org

ROTARY INFORMATION



- An illustration of how the Rotaract Club of Salisbury City changed its logo to embrace Rotary brand guidelines.

Through repeated and consistent use of our club logo, we have elevated our branding and increased community recognition, but this did not just happen overnight. There were some costs involved with updating our club logo, but it wasn't expensive since we adopted a phased strategy.

We first invited member input on where our club name should be placed in relation to the logo – above or below “Rotaract.” This allowed members to take part in the decision and buy-in to it.

We added the club new logo on our Facebook page and club website — soft mediums that can be changed with minimal fuss. We then moved to update our banners and things like club shirts and badges — this was done gradually over time, approximately within a year to 18 months. Overall, our process was aided by the materials available in the [Brand Center](#), a great resource for any club preparing to start this process.

Young people are values-based and are often not just looking to join an organization solely based on location or convenience. Instead, young people are genuinely looking for a club that fits their values and provides opportunities to make a meaningful difference and change lives. Updating our club logo allows us to portray ourselves as a modern organization where you can make a difference.

Damien Walker has been a member of a Rotaract club for eight years and a member of a Rotary club for two-and-a-half years. He works in education as a secondary food and textiles technology teacher.

Source: www.rotary.org

OTHER MATTERS

Straight from the Horse's Mouth

by Vice President-Elect/Club Secretary
Reginald "Reggie" T. Yu
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LESSONS FROM MR. "SIPAG AT TIYAGA." "The best investment on earth is earth." — Louis Glickman

"Sipag at Tiyaga" is not only a famous campaign tag line for former Senate President Manuel B. Villar Jr.; it is also a distinction of his success. He straddles both the worlds of business and politics and is one of the few who managed to excel in both.

At a very young age, Manny — as he is affectionately called — was exposed to entrepreneurship by helping his mother sell fish in the market. By helping her mom sell fish, he was able to earn enough to pay for his school needs. He was doing the job to help her mom save by not hiring a helper to carry the loads and help sell shrimp and fish. The chaos of Divisoria environment molded the billionaire that we now know. He was exposed on how the Chinese businessmen do business but it's his

mother that greatly influenced him.

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He worked briefly as a financial analyst at the Private Development Corporation of the Philippines, where his job was to sell World Bank loans, despite the attractive rates of which there were no takers. Convinced that he could make it on his own again, he quit his job and promptly availed of one of the loans.

So, with an initial capital of P10,000 in 1975, Villar purchased two reconditioned trucks and started his sand-and-gravel business in Las Piñas. It is here while delivering construction materials to big developers that Manny Villar came up with the idea of selling house and lot packages when the convention then was for homeowners to buy lots and build on them.

Through hard work and persistence, he soon became the housing industry leader, and the biggest homebuilder in Southeast Asia, having built more than 100,000 houses for the poor and middle-class Filipino families. He then

initiated mass housing projects to achieve economies of scale. His various innovations practically created the country's mass housing industry. The Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism calls him "the dean of the (Philippine) real estate industry."

In 1992, he decided to make a go in politics, with a stunning political debut in 1992. He won with the most overwhelming mandate among congressmen in Metro Manila and promptly applied his economic and managerial expertise as a key member of the House's economic team, marshalling in economic reform measures of the Ramos Administration such as the New Foreign Investments Act and the restructuring of the Central Bank of the Philippines. By the end of his second term of office, Villar had already proven beyond doubt his capacity for excellence as a true Filipino entrepreneur and a brilliant public servant who can get things done.

As one of the leading entrepreneurs in the country, he championed the cause of small and medium-sized enterprises. He authored and passed into law the landmark New Magna Carta for Small and Medium Enterprises (RA 8289). He initiated creative legislation such as establishment of the Small and Medium Enterprises Stock Exchange and Business One-Stop-Shop centers, the latter he immediately implemented in Las Piñas City with the help of local officials. It was no surprise then to those in the know when he gained the remarkable acclaim of 171 of 220 congressmen as the Speaker of the 11th Congress of the House of Representatives.

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In a time when the country is slowly recovering from a host of economic and political crises, the election of the 'brown taipan' at the helm of Congress signaled a watershed event in the Philippine political history. The rise of Manny Villar ushered in a new consensus of leadership based on managerial skills and not simply on oratory and rhetoric.

In 2001, despite being a relative newcomer in national politics, Manny Villar posted one of the most impressive showings in the national polls as a Senator of the Republic. On his first day in office, he filed 204 bills covering a comprehensive legislative program of action — the first among neophyte senators and the third highest filer among the senators of the 12th Congress of the Philippines.

After being elected by his colleagues, he assumed the position of Senate President Pro-Tempore, the second to the highest post in the higher Chamber of Congress. In July 2006, Villar became the Senate President, making him the first post-World War II public official to head both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

He later ran as president in the 2010 presidential elections under the Nacionalista Party, with senator Loren Legarda as his running mate. After having lost the Presidential elections to Noyonoy Aquino, Villar devoted his time to helping his children grow the family business, and to the foundation that he runs with his wife. The foundation, he said, helps the poor get access to housing and livelihood

The boy who grew up in modest beginnings in the slums of Moriones, Tondo – and rose to become the first full-blooded Filipino to make

it to the Forbes Magazine's list of the world's billionaires – shared his experiences, as he predicated his story on the day he realized he lost the 2010 Presidential Elections. "On the same day that I conceded to then President-elect Benigno Aquino, I immediately called my senior officers to a meeting to chart the growth path and review the company's strategies," he mused. "After studying the business landscape, I realized that our company is placed in a unique position, as our properties covered 60 cities and municipalities all over the country, something that no other developer has achieved." Banking on this advantage, he embarked on an aggressive move of expanding their presence nationwide. "Today, Vista Land covers 92 cities and municipalities and we shall hit more than a hundred by year-end," he declared.

Riding on the country's bright economic prospects, the former Senate President plans to launch more business process outsourcing buildings and shopping malls both through Starmalls, Inc. and Vista Malls. Having already embarked on a wave of accelerated expansion – as if to make up for the lost time of 16 years that he spent in politics – his venture in the retail market is marked with unprecedented growth. His target was to have 100 commercial centers upon his 10th year in retailing, which is 2021; he is planning to spend P15 billion in the next five years to grow Vista Malls and also Star Malls, a listed firm that took over the then-ailing Manuela malls of his wife's family in 2011. His All-Value Holdings Corporation (which he hopes to list) will expand his "All Day" convenience stores to more than 150 outlets by the end of 2015; he also hired French executives from Carrefour to expand his All Day supermarkets. He also wants to grow his All-Shoppe department stores.

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"The fundamentals of the business were still there when I rejoined (the business). I haven't lost it. I'm more convinced I should really be a businessman, to help the country... at least dito, kontrolado mo ang area mo, kung ano magagawa mo, mas mako-control mo ang destiny mo. Unlike in politics, hindi masyado..." ("At least here, you control your area, whatever you can do, you are in a better position to control your destiny. Unlike in politics, not so much"), he said.

"I was always asked by my children why I would enter into businesses where there are already very dominant players," he said, "but I am always reminded about the success story of Henry Sy, my favorite business tycoon." He relates the story of Henry Sy when he bought an ailing thrift bank called the Acme Savings Bank and changed the name to Banco de Oro; at that time, banking was already peppered by a lot of dominant giants. "Today, Banco de Oro is the country's biggest bank," he said. "This goes to show that a big company today can be nothing tomorrow; conversely, a small player today can become a big player soon."

While Manny Villar was well-known as a renowned legislator for 16 years – having been a three-term Congressman, later becoming Speaker of the House of Representatives; was thereafter elected Senator, then Senate President, before trying his luck as a viable presidential contender – he is, first and foremost, a dyed-in-the-wool entrepreneur.

And while he remains optimistic about the economy, he predicted that the next President of the Philippines will face a much difficult job, than what the incumbent President faced in 2010. He mentioned five crucial issues that will be very, very difficult to solve: (1) the unmitigated drug problem; (2) the worsening peace and order situation; (3) the unchecked insurgency in the countryside; (4) the rising tensions in the West Philippine Sea; and (5) the predicated passage of a watered-down Bangsamoro Basic Law. He said that the country needs a leader who can negotiate in a position of strength; not of weakness. And when asked who among the presidential aspirants he would endorse, he kept mum, saying, "all of them have their strengths and weaknesses."

"At the age of 72, people always ask me when will I ever retire," he said. "I always tell them that I don't think I will ever retire. I love what I'm doing. I feel I've only just begun. I am red hot. I don't feel my age," he quipped.

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