



GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

KABALITA

With the easing up of quarantine levels as the new school year sets in, the safety of school children become an overarching concern with vaccination endeavors in their infancy stages. Let the foremost School Official of the Land impart to Asia's First Rotary Club the immediate and long term plans on providing access to quality education in the wake of the global pandemic.

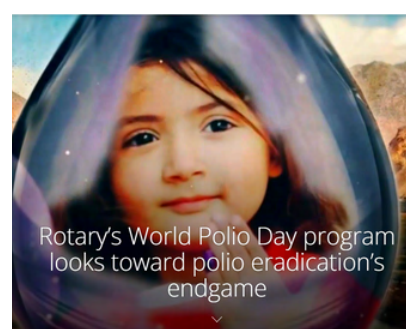


SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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SNAPSHOTS:





Zoom Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2021-2022
Thursday, October 28, 2021, 12:00 PM

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

12:00 PM	Registration and Zoom In Program Moderator/Facilitator/Chika Talk	IPAT Marcus Dee
12:25 PM	Presentation of Meeting Protocol/ Zoom Meeting House Rules	

Part I

12:30 PM	Call to Order	Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga
	Invocation and Special Prayers for healing and speedy recovery of PP Cesar Ubaldo, PP Babes Reyes and Dir. Thad Liamzon, for the eternal repose of the soul of PDG Oskie de Venecia and thanksgiving prayers for the recovery of VP Henning Karcher and STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio	DE/Treas. Jujut Enriquez
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	RCM Hymn	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Philippine Rotary Hymn	AVP
	The Rotarian Pledge	STAR Rtn. Teddy Kalaw IV
	The Four (4) Way Test	STAR Rtn. Stefan Schmitz
	Acknowledgement of Visiting Rotarians and Guests	IPAT Marcus Dee
	Welcome Song	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week	
	October 23 PD Nick Locsin	
	October 26 IAS/STAR Rtn. Mike Albaña	
	October 31 PD Jess Santos	
	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 Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker **IPBLA/PD Amading Valdez**

Address:

Secretary LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Department of Education
Republic of the Philippines

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 OF HONOR & SPEAKER

LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES

Secretary, Department of Education
Republic of the Philippines



NOTABLE POSITIONS HELD:

In Education

- Professor Emeritus, University of the Philippines-National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG) (March 2013 to present)
- Regent, Universidad de Manila
- Chair, Silliman University Board of Trustees (2001–2016)
- Director, Center for Policy and Executive Development, National College of Public Administration and Governance (July 2002 to May 2005)
- Vice President for Administration and Finance, University of the Philippines (1996–1998)

In Government

- Treasurer of the Philippines, Bureau of the Treasury (August 1998 to February 2001)
- Presidential Adviser for Social Development with Cabinet Rank (in concurrent capacity), Office of the President of the Philippines (August 1998 to January 2001)
- Secretary to the Commission, Commission on Audit (1978–1987)

In Civil Society

- Former Lead Convenor, Social Watch Philippines, Co-coordinator of Social Watch Asia and member of the International Committee of Social Watch (1996 – 2016)
- Former Chair, People's Public Finance Institute (2013–2016)
- President, Freedom from Debt Coalition (1988– 1996)

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones, Professor Emeritus of the University of the Philippines-National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG), has spent most of her life as a teacher. She has taught young children in church school and students in under graduate, masters and doctoral studies. Whenever and wherever she delivers a public lecture, she teaches.

She has been a resource person in numerous national, regional, and international meetings and fora. She addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2005. She combines the roles of distinguished academic and teacher, public official, and social activist.

Secretary Briones has been involved in the administration of academic institutions. She served as Vice-President for Administration and Finance of the University of the Philippines System. Before her appointment as Education Secretary, she was Chair of the Silliman University Board of Trustees, and Regent and Chair Designate of the Universidad de Manila.

PROFILE OF GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER

LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES

Secretary, Department of Education
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She has a wealth of experience in administering public institutions. She was Secretary to the Commission on Audit, and served as Treasurer of the Philippines.

Furthermore, Secretary Briones is an articulate advocate on economic and social development issues. She was former President of Freedom from Debt Coalition. She then became Lead Convenor of Social Watch Philippines, Coordinator of Social Watch Asia and Social Watch International. Social Watch reports to the United Nations on social development issues.

Her academic and professional competencies range from business administration, accounting, public finance (revenues, expenditures, borrowing and accountability), public policy and administration (including local government administration, government corporations, and graft and corruption).

She obtained her Bachelor in Business Administration, major in Accounting, magna cum laude from Silliman University at the age of 17; Master's in Public Administration, major in Local Government and Fiscal Administration, Dean's List from the University of the Philippines; Post Graduate Diploma in Development Administration, major in Public Enterprises, With Distinction from Leeds University England; Certificate in Policy in Public Enterprise from Harvard Institute for International Development, Harvard University; and, Certificate in Innovations in Governance from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Massachusetts. She was also conferred the honorary degrees of Doctor of Public Administration and Doctor of Humane Studies by the Central Philippine University in 2014 and Foundation University in 2017, respectively.

Secretary Briones has received numerous awards in recognition of her sterling performance as a public official such as the Presidential Lingkod ng Bayan Award in 2000 by the Civil Service Commission on its centennial year, the Outstanding Professional Award in Public Administration conferred on her by the University of the Philippines Alumni Association, and the Alumni Achievement Award for Government Service given to her by the National College of Public Administration and Governance on its 50th year. She has also been awarded as one of the Outstanding Sillimanian for Public Administration, Outstanding Negrense Award for Government Service, The Bayi Citation Award for Exemplary Women in Politics and Governance in 2011, Distinguished Alumni of the UP Alumni Association in 2013 and Outstanding Citizen of Quezon City in 2015. Recently, she has been recognized as one of UP-NCPAG's pillars in a library exhibit titled "Leonor Magtolis-Briones: Professor Emeritus, Public Finance Expert, Social Activist and Lingkod Bayan" in honor of her unparalleled contributions as an educator, a champion of fiscal management and social development, and a public servant.

Even more important than her long record of research, teaching and government service is her total commitment to good governance, particularly in public finance.

Secretary Briones is a member of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and President of the Manila Concert Choir.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings, my brother in Rotary!

As we are fast approaching the last quarter of the year, signs of normalcy slowly manifest in the crowds one sees in the streets, the traffic increasing and the commercial establishments weaving their way back into the mainstream. Let us continue to all be vigilant in spite of all these new welcome, but potentially perilous developments.

We thank Rtn. Kenji Mori from the Rotary Club Kuzuha! Our dear Japanese friend has graciously donated P100,000 for the T.R.E.E.S. Program headed by DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez. We truly appreciate it.

I thank also all the members who have contributed to The Rotary Foundation and have become our newest Paul Harris Fellows, namely, DE Tony Lopez, Rtn. Marvin Taylor-Dormond, PDG Alex Cureg and Rotary Ann Anna Cureg. Other contributors are DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph (US\$ 5,000), and VP Henning Karcher. Thanks to all of you!

May I again urge everyone to please be part of our call, "Every RCM member, Be a Paul Harris Fellow".

The vaccination enhancement project, "We Vax As One", spearheaded by RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra, tapping MMDA to join forces with the Philippine Dental Association (through the cooperation of DGE Joyce Ambray) is finally underway. The lack of vaccines was further exacerbated by the lack of medical personnel who were accredited and willing to do the task of vaccination. This project will improve the vaccination velocity in the Greater Manila area as several dentists are now certified and can pierce away at our Metro Manila citizenry.

We had a special board meeting last October 26, 2021 to finally ratify the Financial Statements for RY 2020-2021. Kudos to IT/IPT Karlo Castro for having managed our finances so well in the previous Rotary Year.

I was recently invited as a Guest Speaker last October 23, 2021 for an International Webinar in which our club was an event partner together with the Metro Manila Jaycee Senate, ASEAN-India Business Council, JCI Senate Makati and JCI Makati on "The Role of Business and Non-Governmental Organizations in Rebuilding a Post Pandemic Nation". I shared the dynamics of Rotary International in general and the ongoing initiatives of our club, specifically. Apart from the livelihood projects, we have on the plate and the ones in the pipeline, I shared with them our vision of helping our countrymen decide intelligently who to pick as our next President. Our efforts in featuring our Presidential candidates in our weekly meetings culminating in a national debate among the candidates was well received. This gives us more impetus to start programming this event of national importance.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Good news! Dir. Thad Liamzon, as of this writing, is now preparing to head home. He will continue his rehabilitation in the safety of his "home sweet home". Let us all continue praying for him and all our other Rotarian brothers who need healing (PP Babes Reyes, VP Henning Karcher, PP Cesar Ubaldo, STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio and STAR Rtn. Ralph Joseph).

Also, our utmost condolences go to the family of PDG Oscar "Oskie" de Venecia, brother of Former House Speaker Rtn. Joe de Venecia.

Our speaker today is most relevant. Our kids and/or grandkids are invariably anxious about returning to the classroom setting as restrictions are being calibrated accordingly.

Let us hear from our beloved DepEd Secretary Briones what is going on in that front.

And by the way... boys, let us all please behave, bring and clasp your two hands in front of your desks as we pay attention to one of the highest school officials in the land! 😊

God bless us all!

Humbly yours in Rotary,

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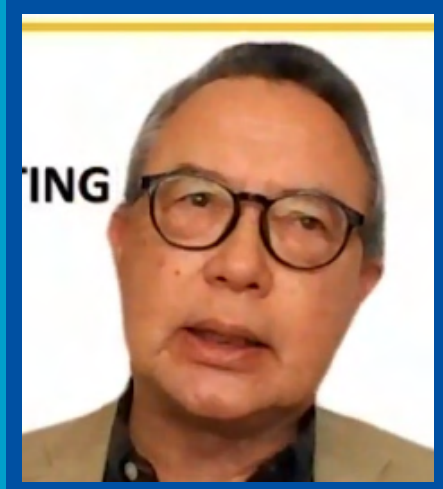
Felix Francisco S. Zaldarriaga
President
RY 2021-2022



«« THE WEEK THAT WAS ««



PAS Joel Valdes, as Program Moderator/ Facilitator, calls the day's sequential order of activities.



President Chito Zaldarriaga calls the meeting to order.



Rtn. Caloy Buendia delivers an Invocation and Special Prayer.



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

RC MANILA HYMN

LEADING THE WAY WITH THE ROTARY LIGHT
ARE MEN WHO ARE BOLD AND DARING
BOUND BY DEDICATION TO SERVICE
AND COMPASSION FOR THE SUFFERING

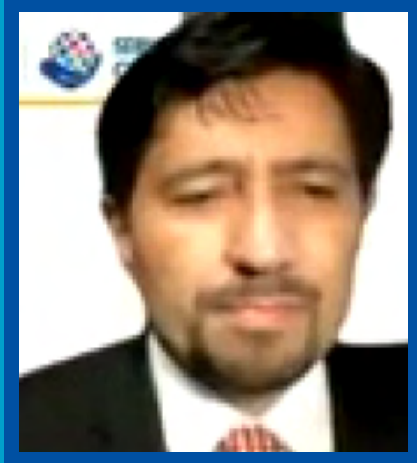
TRUE TO IDEALS OF ROTARY
FAITHFUL TO GOD AND COUNTRY
SERVING THE PEOPLE OF THE LAND
WITH A GENEROUS
HEART AND HELPING HAND

MOVING AND GROWING THROUGH THE YEARS
AS THE FIRST THEN THE LARGEST IN ASIA
LET'S SALUTE OUR ROTARY CLUB
O HAIL ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA

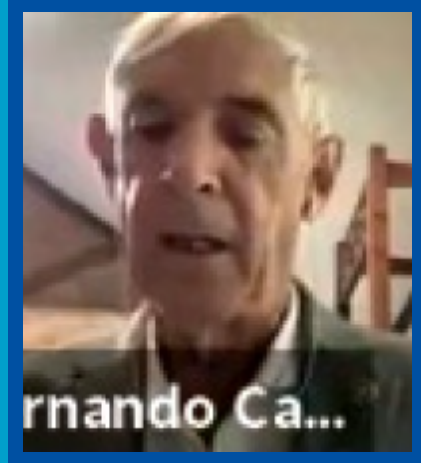
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O HAIL, HAIL, HAIL, ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA

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

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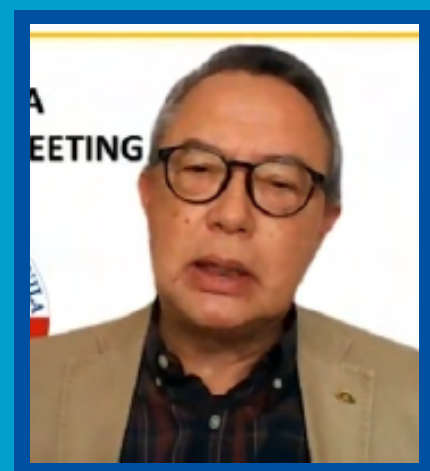
STAR Rtn. Emilio La'O recites the Rotarian Pledge as a perfect prelude in fostering and strengthening ties amongst fellow Rotarians by way of reinforcing their resolve in furtherance of Service Above Self.



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



PAS Joel Valdes, acknowledges the week's birthday celebrants, namely, **STAR Rtn. Sean Rodriguez**, **Rtn. Art de la Cruz** and **STAR Rtn. Teng Catalan**, which was followed by an audiovisual presentation of the World Famous Music Chorale singing the happy birthday song.



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

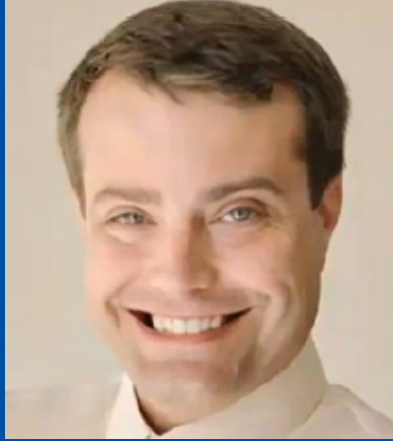


PVP Babe Romualdez, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the United States of America, introduces **DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez** with respect to his speaking engagement before the Rotary Club of Washington D.C.

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DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez delivers a report on his speaking engagement before the Rotary Club of Washington D.C.



DSAA Jason Bogovich introduces **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).**



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) delivers his talk.

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An open forum immediately followed right after the talk of **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).** Among those who participated in the open forum were **DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra, PD Oscar del Rosario and IPBLA/PD Amading Valdez.**



President Chito Zaldariaga and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra present the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by **VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu**, to **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).**



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

From the Programs Committee



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

With a new schoolyear in full swing and quarantine protocols easing up, a mixture of online classes and pilot face to face classes pervade as safety of the kids has now become a matter of concern as vaccines for children have just begun while the families of children continue to struggle financially in obtaining gadgets for online study. It's time we get the facts straight from the foremost pillar of the academe, the Hon. LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES, Secretary of the Department of Education, as she briefs Asia's First Rotary Club on her department's immediate and long term plans on providing access to quality education in the midst of the pandemic.

Let's all attend and don't be late, 12:00 PM, October 28!

Very truly yours,

PE/PVP HERMINIO "HERMIE" S. 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 26, 2021, 11:00 AM)

	ANNUAL DUES 19-20
177	FULLY PAID
45	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	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"	50809	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
20	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	50586	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
21	Bogovich, Jason M.	50583	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
22	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"	50739	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
23	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	50577	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Camus, Fernando	50552	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
25	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.	50723	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
26	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	50526	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
27	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"	50666	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
28	Cenica, John T.	50794	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
29	Chahwan, Rami	50539	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
30	Chang Li, Richard Joseph	50775	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
31	Chien, Liang-Ta "Steve"	50531	37,318.00	FULLY PAID
32	Chotrani, Johnny N.	50730	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	50542	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	50527	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
35	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	50538	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
36	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.	50533	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
37	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.	50523	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
38	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.	50555	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
39	Dee, Marcus L.	50758	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
40	Del Rosario, Oscar	50706	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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41	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"	50750	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
42	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.	50540	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
43	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio "Raf"	50725	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
44	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.	50765	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
45	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	50520	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
46	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.	50672	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
47	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	50439	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
48	Engelbrecht, Francois	50679	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
49	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.	50519	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
50	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	50547	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
51	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.	50678	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
52	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.	50697	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
53	Evaristo, Frank A.	50534	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
54	Fajardo, Beda G.	50546	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
55	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"	50654	32,138.00	FULLY PAID
56	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.	50729	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
57	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.	50741	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
58	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	50509	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
59	Garcia, Victor	50525	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
60	Gaspar, Fernando "Nando" L.	50733	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
61	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	50521	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
62	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.	50761	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
63	Go, Henry Sy	50686	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
64	Go, Michael	50731	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
65	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.	50655	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
66	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.	50572	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
67	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	50573	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
68	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.	50689	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
69	Hallerbach, Mathias	50759	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
70	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt	50563	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
71	Henkelmann, Martin	50599	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
72	Hernandez, Edwin	50551	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
73	Hesse, Uwe	50581	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
74	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.	50693	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
75	Joseph, Ralph L.	50514	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
76	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.	50510	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
77	Joseph, Robert, Jr. "Bobby" L.	50512	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
78	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy"	50700	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
79	Karcher, Henning	50558	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
80	Kunack, Lutz	50668	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
81	Lacambacal, Alvin D.	50734	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
82	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez	50728	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
83	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.	50685	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
84	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	50554	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
85	Leung, Karl A.	50740	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
86	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.	50515	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
87	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	50567	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
88	Lim, Richard	50748	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
89	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.	50595	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
90	Locsin, Roberto R.	50670	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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91	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	50524	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
92	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.	50597	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
93	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"	50703	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
94	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50548	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
95	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"	50541	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
96	Magbanua, Gerry	50562	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
97	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.	50657/5065	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
98	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"	50664	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
99	Mangalile, Senen	50713	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
100	Martinez, Ronald	50714	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
101	Masters, Lance A.	50530	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
102	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	50807	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
103	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"	50711	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
104	Meloto, Antonio "Tony"	50511	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
105	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50543	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
106	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji"	50674	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
107	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"	50718	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
108	Montel, Juan Manuel C.	50665	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
109	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	50596	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
110	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.	50694	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
111	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	50598	25,001.00	FULLY PAID
112	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.	50722	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
113	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.	50683	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
114	Okajima, Hiroyuki	50588	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
115	Ong, Jovee K.	50715	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
116	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	50550	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
117	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.	50677	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
118	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.	50709	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
119	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"	50580	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
120	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
121	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
122	Patterson, Colin David	50536	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
123	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	50594	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
124	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	50545	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
125	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50537	26,200.00	FULLY PAID
126	Pizarras, Jordan M.	50780	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
127	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.	50556	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
128	Pujalte, Jose, Jr. "Brix" S.	50754/5076	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
129	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"	50669	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
130	Recto, Philip H.	50691	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
131	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.	50681	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
132	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	50561	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
133	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50565	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
134	Robertz, Constantin Franz Josef "Con"	50680	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
135	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean "Sean" H.	50752	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
136	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.	50682	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
137	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.	50671	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
138	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin "Marti"	50747	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
139	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.	50574	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of October 26, 2021, 11:00 AM)

140	Rono, Marlon	50592	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
141	Sarmiento, Ricardo	50587	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
142	Schmitz, Steffan	50705	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
143	Schneider, Bernd	50673	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
144	Schoucair, Farid Alain	50667	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
145	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"	50717	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
146	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.	50698	15,484.00	FULLY PAID
147	Shigei, Kentaro	50591	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
148	Shimoda, Shigeru	50590	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
149	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	50564	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
150	So, Warren	50710	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
151	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.	50701	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
152	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya	50724	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
153	Stranathan, Ike	50566	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
154	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.	50544	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
155	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"	50732	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
156	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"	50651	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
157	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.	50797	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
158	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.	50707	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
159	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.	50743	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
160	Tanglao, Noel V.	50785	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
161	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin	50549	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
162	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.	50676	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
163	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"	50532/5058	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
164	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hans"	50695	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
165	Ubaldo, Cesar C.	50704	12,600.00	PARTIALLY PAID
166	Valdes, Joel C.	50727	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
167	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.	50660	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
168	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.	50755	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
169	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.	50755	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
170	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.	50720	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
171	Villarica, Henry R.	50652	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
172	Villegas, Raoul A.	50801	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
173	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.	50735	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
174	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.	50662	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
175	Yujuico, Benedicto "Dicky" V.	50808	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
176	Yujuico, Brendon	50571	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
177	Zalamea, Enrique, Jr. "Rick" M.	50753	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
178	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	50528	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
179	Zeitouni, Nagi	50696	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
180	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.	50663	15,800.00	FULLY PAID

TOTAL 4,308,245.00

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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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	October 21, 2021 Martin Camara, DC, ICSC
All Members Present	63	101	57
Make Up	0	0	0
Less: Exempt from Attendance	4	10	4
On Leave	0	0	0
Total Active Members	59	91	53
Total # of Members	225	225	225
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	26%	40%	24%
<i>Rotaract Club of Manila/Rotaract Club of DLSU-Manila</i>	0		0
<i>Guest of Guest of Honor and Speaker/Guest Speaker</i>	1	753	0
<i>Guest of Honor and Speaker/Guest Speaker</i>	1	1	1
<i>Visiting Rotarians</i>	48	33	25
<i>Guests of RCM MEMBERS</i>	0	112	0
Total Attendees	113	1000	83

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2022-2023 Holds Planning Meeting



The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2022-2023 held a Planning Meeting last October 21, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra, DE/Dir. Albert Alday, DE/IPD Hans Palacios, IT/IPT Karlo Castro, IS Edwin Hernandez, ISAA/DSAA Jason Bogovich, IAT/AT PJ Garcia, VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu, DE/Treasurer Jujut Enriquez, President Chito Zaldarriaga, DE/Dir. Johnny Chotrani, IAS/STAR Rtn. Mike Albaña, DE Tony Lopez and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

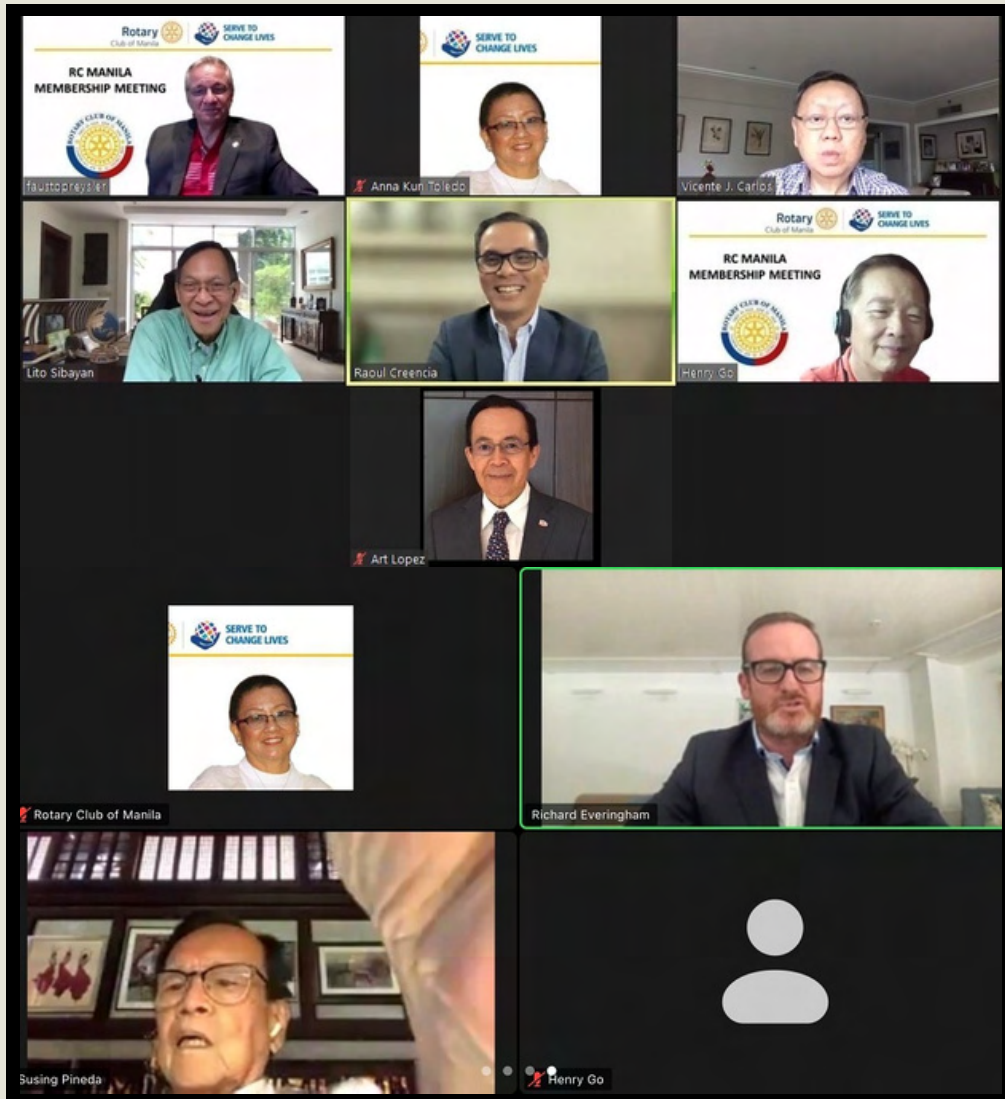
The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2021-2022 Holds Sixth Special Meeting



The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2021-2022 held its Sixth Special Meeting last October 25, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were DE/Dir. Albert Alday, IT/IPT Karlo Castro, Dir. John Michael Cutter, President Chito Zaldarriaga, DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, Dir. Farid Schoucair, Dir. Noy Benedicto, DE/Dir. Johnny Chotrani, AS Henry Go and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

The Membership Committee of the Rotary Club of Manila Holds Meeting



The Membership Committee of the Rotary Club of Manila held a meeting last October 26, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Prospective members present were Mr. Richard Everingham, Director, Landscape Design, Master Planning and Construction Services, and Atty. Raoul Creencia, Managing Partner, The Firm of Creencia, Carillo and Velasco. Committee members present were Chairman PVP Fausto Preysler Jr., Co-Chairman PT Lito Sibayan, PDG Vince Carlos, RCManila Foundation, Inc. President and Rotary Club of Manila PP Susing Pineda and PD Art Lopez. Also present were AS Henry Go and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

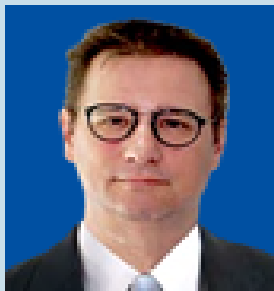
Know Your STAR Rotarians



JOSEPH, RALPH L. "Ralph"

Born September 27, Married to Ma. Lourdes
Sponsor: DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph
2021 Filipino
Liquor, Wine & Beverages – Liquor Trading
President, Philippine Wine Merchants

OFFICE: RJ Compound, 2253 Aurora Blvd., Pasay City
Tel. No. (02) 88322523 / 2537421
Fax: (02) 8322624 / 5139433
Email: ralphlimjoseph@gmail.com



SCHMITZ, STEFAN "Stefan"

Born July 28, Married to Sharbette
Sponsor: PSAA Gunter Matschuck
2021 German
Business Services – Freight Forwarding
Managing Director / CEO / Founder / Shareholder
Antrak Philippines Transport Solutions Corporation

OFFICE: 4th Flr. Formation Bldg. B, Amvel Business Park, Paranaque
Tel. No. (02) 79172000
Email: sschmitz@antrak.com.ph

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CHANG LI, RICHARD JOSEPH "Bon"

Born December 30, Married to Kimberly
2021 Filipino
Sponsor: STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan
Restaurants – Filipino
Chief Operations Officer
I-KITCHEN INC. (Kuya J Restaurant)

OFFICE: 1890 Paz Mendoza Guazon, Otis, Paco, Manila
Tel. No. (02) 88197014
Fax No. 63322600005
Email: rli@kuyaj.ph



MAGSAYSAY, FRANCISCO D. "Paco"

Born February 9
2021 Filipino
Sponsor: DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez
Dairy Products – Ice Cream
Chairman and President
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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

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

"We Vax As One" Holds Coordination Meeting



The "We Vax As One" Project, a joint project of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), the Rotary Club of Manila, the Philippine Dental Association and the RCManila Foundation, Inc, held a coordination meeting last October 27, 2021. Present were MMDA Chairman Benhur Abalos and his Executive Team, Department of Health (DOH) Usec. Myrna Cabotaje, Philippine Dental Association Present Gelo Militante, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman, Rotary Club of Manila Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra (Project Author), Dir. John Michael Cutter (Technical Adviser), VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu (Project Chairman), STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio (Project Co-Chairman) and DE/PD Raffy Alunan. The purpose of the coordination meeting was to lay down the manpower and vaccination plan in Metro Manila and nearby provinces of Rizal, Cavite, Bulacan and Laguna. RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Rotary Club of Manila Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra presented the Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Bunny Suit to the partners present during the virtual meeting bearing the logos of the partner organizations.

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!



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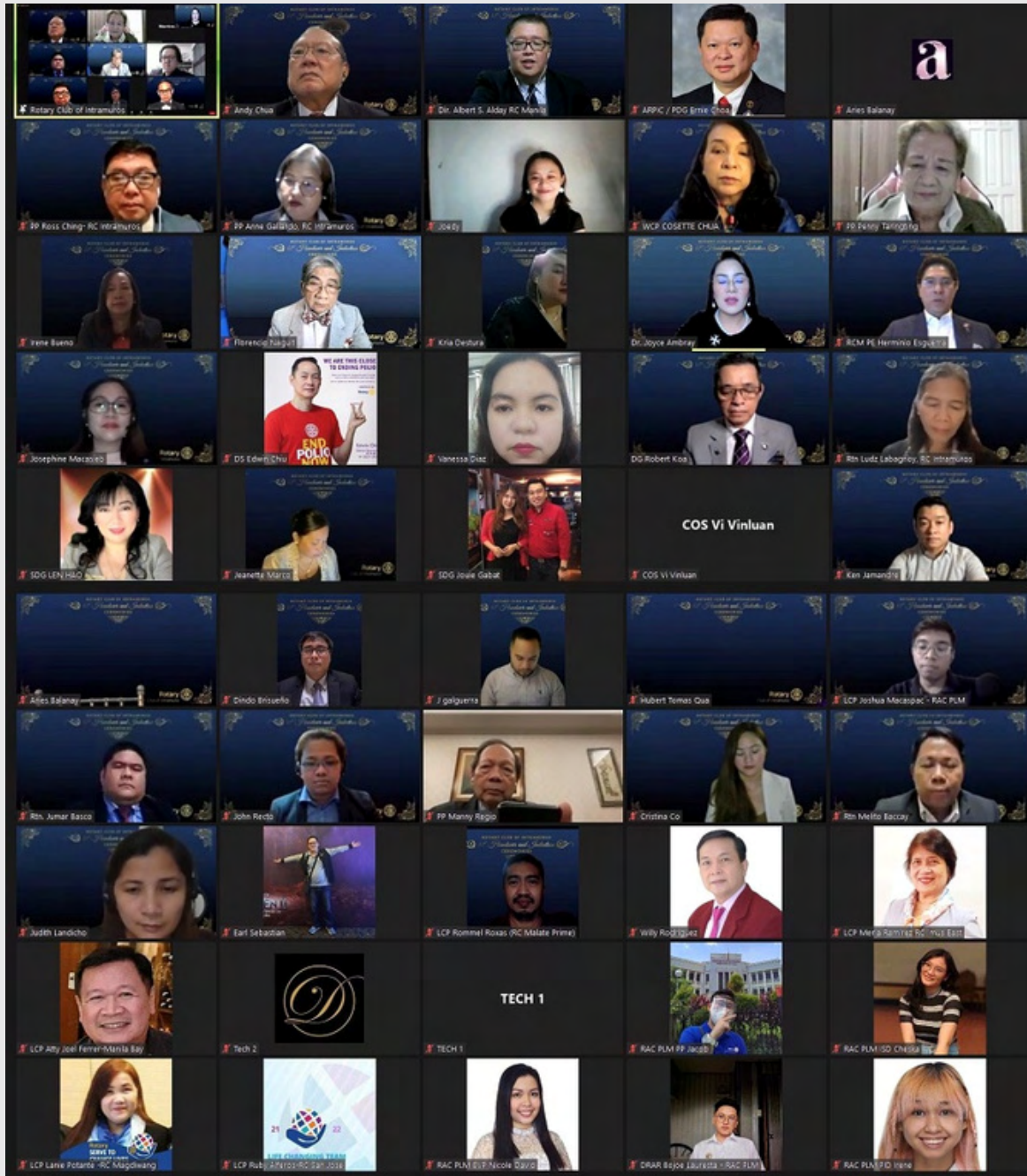
Copy of donation / bank transaction may be sent by email thru rotaryclubofmanila@gmail.com or thru viber blog MEMBERS CONCERNS. Thank you.

Dir. John Cutter

Chairman, Care for PEDIATRIC Cancer

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

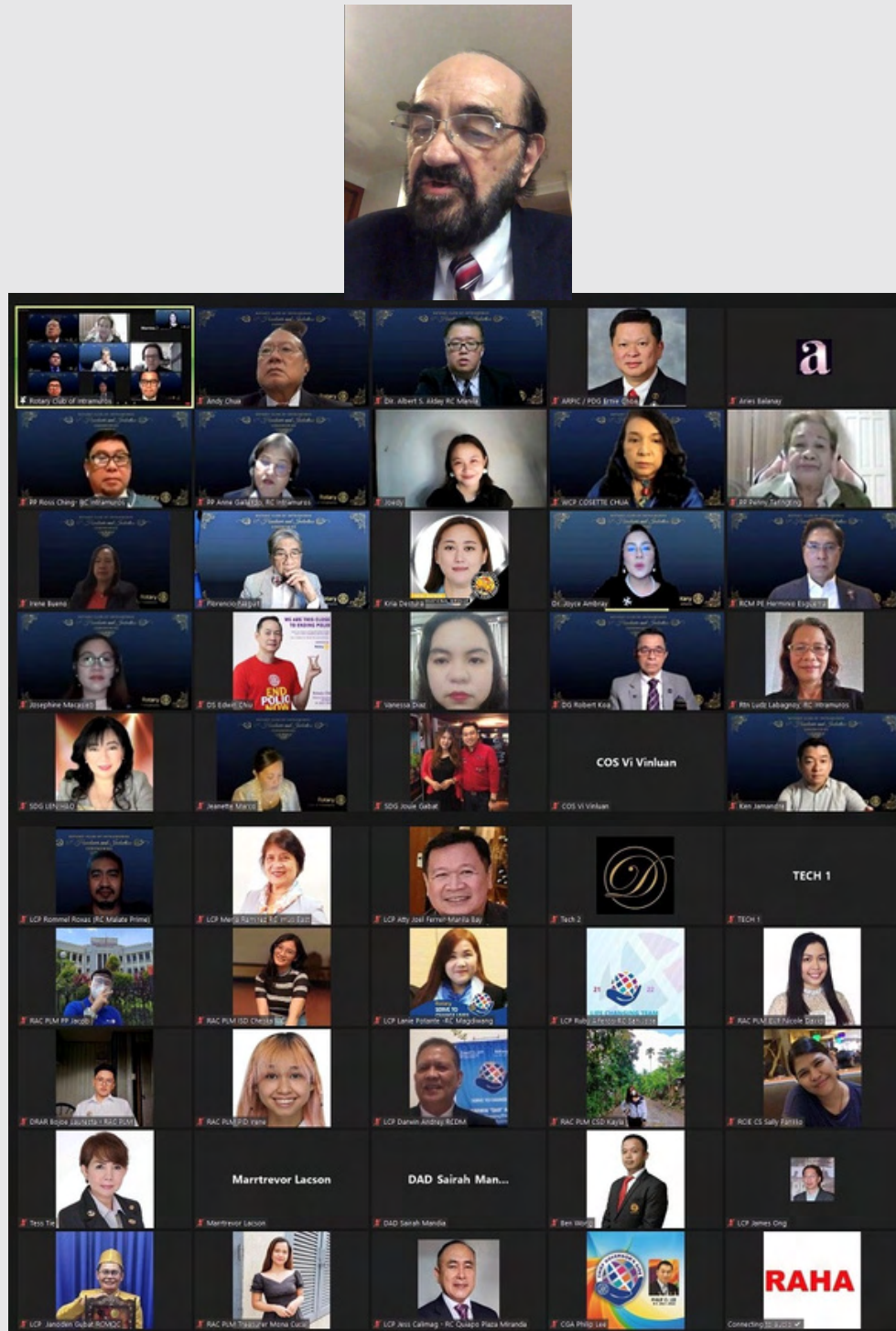
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DE/Dir. Albert Alday, PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra and DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez attended the 41st Handover and Induction Ceremonies of the Rotary Club of Intramuros Manila, a club chartered by the Rotary Club of Manila, last October 26, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform.

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MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

By Rhea Vitto Tabora

STAR Rtn. Richard Joseph Li: Thriving in Difficult Times

Switching careers and shifting from one industry to another send thrills of excitement to STAR Rtn. Richard Joseph Li. He is never afraid nor intimidated. He, instead, faces the change with enthusiasm and interest. Immersing himself in a fiberglass manufacturing business and corporate giveaway business early in his career, he found himself cooking up a successful profession in the food industry in Cebu City in 2012.

Moving to i-Kitchen Inc. (Kuya J Restaurant) in January 2018 was an exciting milestone. As the company's Chief Operations Officer, STAR Rtn. Richard was the man behind Kuya J's new store design and format that was launched in December 2019. He also revamped Kuya J's franchise program last year, with four new sign ups.



Then came the pandemic, which hit the restaurant business especially hard. While many businesses are at their worst, STAR Rtn. Richard claimed they are at their best. What made them thrive during these challenging times?

He also shares that in running a business, it's always the small things that count, that make the difference. What are the things he sees – or checks – when he walks into a Kuya J store which we, customers, miss to see?

Have a glimpse at STAR Rtn. Richard's career journey and his thoughts about the restaurant industry in the midst of pandemic.

On a different topic, find out why he is a bit more patient with traffic jams than many of us.

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rtn. Richard Joseph Li: Thriving in Difficult Times

Rhea Vitto Tabora (RVT): When you were younger, what did you want to be?

Richard Joseph Li (RJL): When I was young, I always wanted to be a businessman like my dad. He was in the construction supply and fiberglass manufacturing businesses. Being exposed to my dad's work ethic taught me the values of hard work, integrity, and humility. I learned the importance of always keeping one's word, how to treat our people right, and most of all, how to be always honest in everything we do. Values that, until today, have stayed with me and molded me into who I am.

RVT: What path were you on before you got into the food business?

RJL: Before the food business, I helped out with my parents in our fiberglass manufacturing business. At the same time, I also managed a corporate giveaway business along with a partner. It is always exciting to shift from one industry to another. You gain valuable insights from working with different partners on different industries.

Food has already played a significant part in my life growing up. I can still remember playing in and around various Majestic Restaurants in Cebu with my cousin when I was young. And that's because of my uncle who continues to be in the food industry until today. So, it was natural that I would gravitate back to the food industry.

Eventually, when Majestic Restaurant was looking to rebrand and relaunch itself back in 2012, I was invited to join the team that would take on the challenge as Vice President for Administration, focusing on people, training and culture. The rest, as they say, is history.

RVT: What was the most innovative thing you have implemented across your career?

RJL: For me, the word "innovative" can mean many things. In this case, I would liken it to something that would have had the most positive impact on the organization. An example of that is a clear, actionable, and proper Succession Plan System, which came in very handy during this pandemic.

Effective succession is a system that understands the inherent culture of a company. It acknowledges and recognizes those who work hard and who are deserving to move up. At the same time, it takes into consideration how to support the development and growth of those who can do better. And most importantly, it gives assurance that regardless of the circumstances, the company will continue to operate as it gives importance and value to its people.



MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rtn. Richard Joseph Li: Thriving in Difficult Times

RVT: To what or to whom do you attribute your success?

RJL: My family. I am grateful to have such a loving, patient, and supportive wife and kids, considering I have spent most of my time away from home.



My parents and uncle have instilled in me lifelong values that I continue to practice as the COO of Kuya J Restaurant. Values like honesty, integrity, humility and grit.

And of course, my Kuya J Team. I am blessed to be working with some of the best in the industry. I learn as much from them as they do from me. With a relationship built on trust and respect, there is not a day that goes by that I don't feel thankful for the opportunity to learn, coach, and grow with them. Plus, to be able to do that in an environment where we genuinely want each other to succeed makes it all the more worth it.



MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rtn. Richard Joseph Li: Thriving in Difficult Times

RVT: When you walk into a Kuya J Restaurant, what do you see that customers might miss?

RJL: I guess the small, simple details that, when added, make a huge difference. Like, how many light bulbs are working or not? Are the rows of chairs and tables clean and straight? Is the staff serving our guests with a genuine smile and enthusiasm? Or is the sound of the in-house music too soft or too loud? Are the customers enjoying and treated well as if they were to visit the home of their own Kuya?

In this cut-throat industry, those nuances count because those things, when done right, add up to a great dining experience. At the end of the day, it is always about customer experience.

Now, is the customer getting the best experience from us? That's the question we always want to answer with a profound yes. And I believe we are working hard to deliver that everyday.

RVT: How do you think the restaurant business will bounce back from this pandemic?

RJL: Resiliency and innovation are both keys to bouncing back. I am lucky to be working with a company that has both.

We have always bounced back from challenges and this pandemic is no different. We believe that every obstacle brings many lessons that will help us grow stronger as a company.

Normally, people think that because we are in one of the industries gravely affected by the pandemic, we are at our worst. I would like to believe that because of the solid character of our people, and the training we have given them, we are actually at our best. That is why we have been thriving in these difficult times.

If resiliency is what will get us going, innovation is what will make us stand out. Whether it's new and exciting products, a new store design with the pandemic in mind, or new technologies that make processes or products better – innovation is key to getting back up and standing out.



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RVT: What advice would you give someone wanting to enter the food industry?

RJL: First, pick a product or service you believe in and do not settle. Continue to innovate until you have developed something the market does not have yet, but needs. Sometimes the market wouldn't even know it needs it until you teach it. Make sure your product stands out.

Second, build a team that will help you reach those dreams. Do not be afraid to ask for help from others who have been there before. It will save you time and effort. Just make sure to choose your team wisely.

And if, for some chance, you fail, start all over again with all the knowledge you've learned. How you rise up will define who you are because those failures will help build your character. One day, when you look back, you will realize that it will all be worth it.



MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rtn. Richard Joseph Li: Thriving in Difficult Times

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

RJL: I spend quality time with my family, either going on road trips or having staycations. After all, everything that we do, we do for them.

For my “me” time, I do bonsai. It has only been a few months, but I enjoy the technicality of it. It teaches us to be patient and also to trust in the process.



RVT: Please share something about yourself that your fellow Rotarians might not readily know.

RJL: Traffic once saved my life. In 2010, I was rushed to the hospital and of all the days, the street was clogged because of a car accident. As a result, I arrived late so somebody else got assigned to my room and I had to wait in the ER.

As I was waiting, I suddenly had Dengue Shock Syndrome and became palpatory. Lucky for me, I was where I needed to be and got the help I needed. Had I gone up to the room, I wouldn't have made it and wouldn't have had the chance to tell this story.

So, in case you see me being a bit more patient with traffic than people normally would, you now understand why. God's timing is always perfect. =)

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

RJL: When my good friend, STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan, asked if I wanted to join Asia's most prestigious Rotary Club, I couldn't say no. Knowing how big his heart is to serve and help the community, and the fact that he joined, meant that he believed in everything RCM stands for.

It is an honor to be part of such a prestigious organization with a long history of service to the community and the country. I look forward to all the learning, growth, and camaraderie with fellow Rotarians.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

President Chito Zaldarriaga is Speaker at the International Webinar, Entitled, “The Role of Business and Non-Governmental Organizations in Rebuilding a Post Pandemic Nation”



President Chito Zaldarriaga was one of the speakers at the international webinar on “The Role of Business and Non-Governmental Organizations in Rebuilding a Post Pandemic Nation” as part of the Metro Manila Jaycee Senate Hour last October 23, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform where the Rotary Club of Manila is one of the event partners, together with the Metro Manila Jaycee Senate, JCI Senate Makati, JCI Makati and the ASEAN India Business Council.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

DE/Dir. Albert Alday is Named Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Intramuros Manila



DE/Dir. Albert Alday was named Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Intramuros Manila on the occasion of the 41st Handover and Induction Ceremonies of the Rotary Club of Intramuros Manila held last October 26, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. He was inducted during that occasion.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

*PDG Rudy Bediones is Inducting Officer
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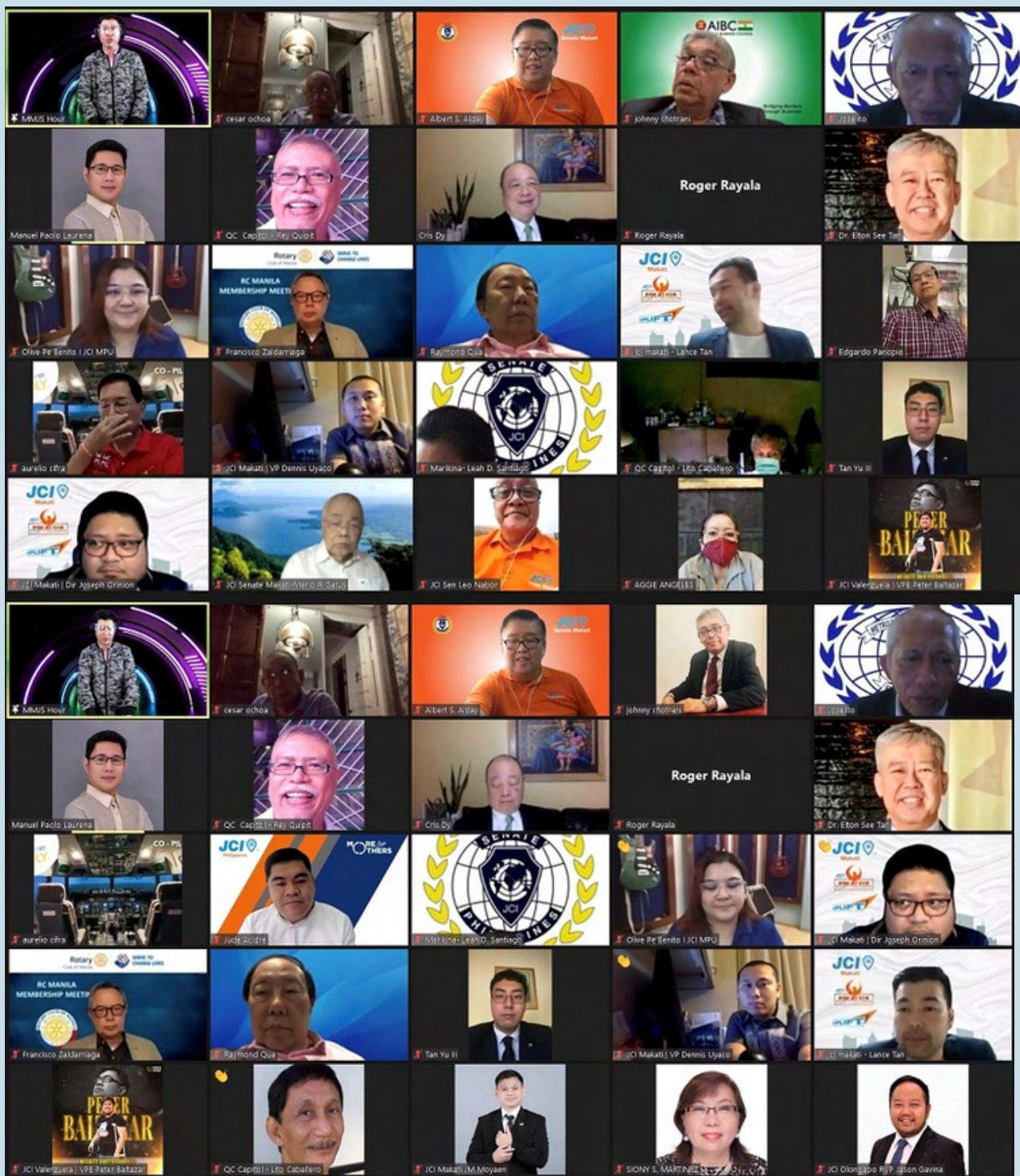
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Manila Rotarians attended the international webinar of the Metro Manila Jaycee Senate on "The Role of Business and Non-Governmental Organizations in Rebuilding a Post Pandemic Nation" last October 23, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform where the Rotary Club of Manila was one of the event partners. Present were President Chito Zaldivarriaga, DE/Dir. Albert Alday, DE/Dir. Johnny Chotrani, VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu and STAR Rtn. Lance Tan.

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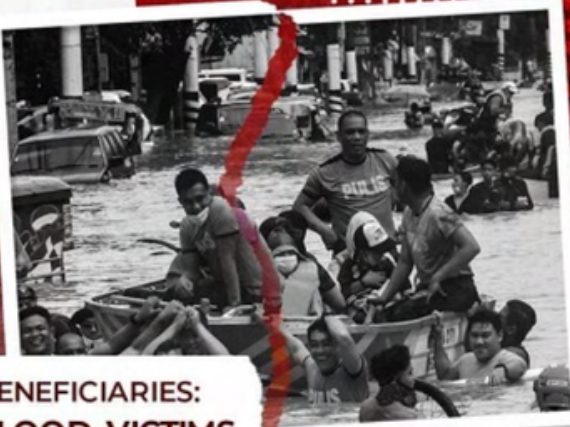


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by **Ryan Hyland**

Rotary's goal of ridding the world of polio is within reach, global health experts said during the 2021 **World Polio Day Online Global Update** on 24 October. The 30-minute program, "Delivering on our Promise of a Polio-Free World," provided encouraging information about the progress and remaining challenges in the fight to end polio.

So far in 2021, only two cases of wild polio have been reported — the lowest circulation of the disease ever — with one infection each in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the two countries where polio remains endemic.

During a **Q&A session**, Dr. Hamid Jafari, director for the World Health Organization's Eastern Mediterranean Region, attributed the low case count to several factors. He said these include mass polio vaccination campaigns resuming after the interruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the natural immunity induced by the wild polio outbreaks of previous years, and the restrictions on travel and population movement that also were due to the pandemic.

"This is truly unprecedented that we are seeing this decline simultaneously in the two countries," Jafari said.

He added that the low case count provides a window of opportunity for health workers, but cautioned that a resurgence of the poliovirus is possible since summer is the high polio transmission season. "So this is the time to really press hard in making use of the opportunity that presents itself now," he told Q&A host Jeffrey Kluger, editor at large for Time magazine.

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Jafari also addressed the challenges of political change and security concerns in Afghanistan and explained that the polio program there is used to adapting operationally during uncertainty. "Currently we do see opportunities coming up as well, so that we may have access to all parts of Afghanistan for implementing mass vaccination campaigns," he said.

According to the WHO and UNICEF, nationwide house-to-house polio vaccinations will resume in Afghanistan in early November, providing access to children in areas where campaigns had been banned for the last three years.

"You know with the evolving situation in Afghanistan, it is of course very, very important that we partners maintain our neutrality and impartiality of the polio eradication program," Jafari added. "As always, we will continue to work with all parties."

Mohammad Ishaq Niazmand, chair of Rotary's Afghanistan PolioPlus Committee, echoed Jafari's sentiments in a [video address](#) with his counterpart for Pakistan, Aziz Memon.

Niazmand said of Afghanistan, "Rotary and our partners are working with all stakeholders to ensure that polio eradication remains a top priority, even in the midst of change. Work is underway to ensure that children have access to lifesaving polio [vaccines] and other childhood vaccines."

Memon, a Rotary Foundation trustee and chair of the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee, said Rotary continues to build trust with government, community, and religious leaders. "By bringing broader health services to children and families alongside polio vaccinations, we're ensuring better health care and greater vaccine acceptance," he said.

Strategies for the future

This year, the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative \(GPEI\)](#) announced a new five-year strategy for 2022-26 to end all polioviruses, including tackling the persistent transmission of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus. Rotary and our [GPEI partners](#) identified the remaining obstacles to polio eradication and developed approaches to reaching the goal. The plan aims to achieve and sustain a polio-free world through a focus on implementation and accountability while using innovative methods and tools.

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The emphasis will be on decreasing the response time to any outbreak, increasing vaccine demand, increasing access to health care and vaccines, transitioning toward government ownership of vaccination programs, and improving decision-making and accountability.

“Some of the most polio-endemic communities are also the ones that suffer from [a] lack of basic health and civic services,” Jafari said. The goal, he said, is a “better alignment and integration with other basic health and civic services in a way that the polio program is seen as a more integrated approach to vaccination.”

He added that in some communities, children are still missed because of gaps in the way vaccination campaigns are conducted or because of vaccine hesitancy. “This new strategy speaks to engaging the communities with new approaches, new strategies, partnering with communities, [and] building new alliances with these communities,” Jafari said.

The World Polio Day program featured global health experts addressing the new strategy's tactic of broadening distribution of a new vaccine to address outbreaks of **cVDPV2**, a circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus. This **novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2)** protects children against polio while being more genetically stable and less likely to regain strength and cause the vaccine-derived polio. It has already been introduced in several African countries, including Benin, Chad, Liberia, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, and Sierra Leone.

This novel oral polio vaccine “is a powerful example of the polio program's innovation to overcome the toughest challenges,” said Simona Zipursky, senior adviser to the polio director of WHO. “Partners, scientists, and leaders from around the world made nOPV2 possible. This is the kind of collaboration that will help end polio for good.”

This year's program included a **powerful video** of polio health workers in Afghanistan and Pakistan, as well as Rotary members sharing their World Polio Day projects and events to raise awareness for polio eradication.

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Straight from the Horse's Mouth

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A NO-PASAWAY ECONOMIST. "...the future is shaped by the people, by us - by our commitment or our indifference, by our despair or by our confidence." — Winnie Monsod

On October 5, 2010, University of the Philippines Professor Emeritus SOLITA GARDUÑO COLLAS-MONSOD delivered her last lecture for the semester to her Econ 100.1 class about honor and excellence. Unbeknownst to her, it was recorded by one of her students and immediately went viral. This was unsurprising as it was one of the most moving pieces of public discourses that talked about the universality of virtue which struck a chord among a great number of netizens. In the video, she asked her students at the University of the Philippines in Diliman (UPD) to pledge that they will never cheat, leave the country or add to its problems during her last lecture for the first semester at UPD School of Economics Auditorium.

A UP alumna with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, cum laude, and a Master of Arts in economics graduate from the University of Pennsylvania in 1962, who has been teaching in

UPD since 1963, is known to give inspirational messages to her students during her final lectures.

"Honor and excellence," UP's motto, was the topic of Professor Monsod's lecture. She stressed placing honor before excellence because "we have always looked at excellence and not at honor and integrity," which has brought corruption and cheating in government. The erstwhile professor challenged her students to pursue academic excellence with honor – through hard work, discipline, honesty, integrity, and not through cheating. Dishonesty in small things would later reproduce to dishonesty in a large scale, she said. Cheating students would later become corrupt leaders. "Once you cheat," she declared, "you are now no longer part of the solution anymore, you are going to be very much part of the problem."



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Aside from reminding her students, about integrity, Monsod posed the challenge of helping the country by staying in the country: "If any of you have *mga* little ambitions of going abroad so that you can earn more, please disabuse yourself because by doing that, you are essentially betraying the people of the Philippines, who trusted you and who invested their money in you." (Part of the tuition of UP students are subsidized by the government using taxpayers' money). She hilariously ended her speech with a "last threat:" "If you do your own way and add to the problems of the Philippines, Mrs. Monsod is going to haunt you from the grave... at the worst possible moments in your life!"

Professor Monsod was my Economics professor in Macroeconomics way back when I was still an accounting sophomore in UPD — almost four decades ago. One of the things that I remembered about her lectures was her extraordinary ability to simplify many of the complex economic theories in a language that even the average student (like me) can understand. Feisty and outspoken, her proclivity to inject time-honored values that lent color and substance to otherwise-barefaced theories that seemed, at first glance, detached to real-world issues. Nowhere was that astutely demonstrated than her dramatic walkout from our Economics 11 class sometime November of 1985.

In that class, Professor Monsod lamented over the country's economic indicators: Inflation was running at 35 percent and unemployment was about 23 percent throughout the Philippines. The nation's external debt was said to be \$30 billion instead of the projected \$18 billion, and the

balance-of-payments deficit had climbed above \$2 billion. Despite this, she pointed to the inordinate deficit spending in the public sector with risky and costly ventures that represented the import substitution strategy that had failed the country since the early 1950s.

Despite plummeting export earnings, the government still embarked on huge expenditures these projects that necessitated more foreign bank loans. For another thing, these projects prompted imports as an income multiplier effect worked to spread income through the urban economy and to increase Philippine import propensity. Given the longstanding policy of pegging the peso to the U.S. dollar, the overvalued peso also stimulated a torrent of imports in the early eighties when such imports should have been reduced. Not surprisingly, in 1981 government spending skyrocketed to produce a deficit of 56 billion pesos (about USD480 million), of which 51 percent was borrowed from domestic sources and 49 percent from foreign sources.

She questioned the "absurdity" of Marcos' economic advisers and technocrats, all of whom were respected alumni from UPD. "If these are the kind of products that our university produces," she said, "what is the point to teaching economics?" Without any indication, she told the class that, "unless we see a change of government soon, I do not see the point of my being here anymore. Goodbye," and nonchalantly left the lecture hall amid an astonished and bewildered class.

She eventually, yet briefly, came back to her Economics 11 class in March of 1986 — when

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a new government assumed power after President Marcos hastily left the country during the heady days of the People Power Revolution in February — only to announce her indefinite leave of absence because she had accepted newly-installed President Cory Aquino's offer to become the fifth Director-General of the National Economic Development Authority and concurrent Socio-Economic Planning Secretary, the first Filipina to assume this position.

Since then, Professor Monsod is best remembered for her role as Minister of Economic Planning and became a key architect in drafting the country's post-Marcos macro-economic blueprint. A staunch advocate of import liberalization, her contributions to the realm of applied economics have been celebrated, not only in the Philippines, but around the world. Apart from her work as Socio-Economic Planning Secretary from 1986 to 1989, she was a member of the UN Committee for Development Planning (UNCDP) from 1987 to 2000 and the Board of Trustees of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in January 1996. She was also a member of the Board of Advisors of Human Development Report on 1993 and the Board of Advisors of South Centre, which was established to follow up the recommendations of the South Commission, organized in 1987 at the initiative of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad of Malaysia and chaired by Mwalimu Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, from 1991 to 1995. The Commission issued a report in 1990 entitled "The Challenge of the South," which has since been translated in five languages.

She was later tapped to co-host in the GMA Network show "Debate with Mare at Pare" with former Pangasinan Governor and 1998 vice presidential candidate Oscar Orbos. More recently, she co-hosted the now defunct show "Palaban" with investigative journalist Malou Mangahas and former beauty queen Miriam Quiambao and hosted the weekly segment Analysis in the news program "News on Q," which was aired on QTV. During this time, she also began a bi-weekly column in the country's Number 1 broadsheet, Philippine Daily Inquirer.

Today, she is a popular media celebrity, as she hosts a show entitled, "Bawal ang Pasaway kay Mareng Winnie" on GMA News TV; she is a member of Rappler's Board of Directors since 2018; and is a regular segment host of "Unang Hirit's Hirit ni Mareng Winnie."

At 81, Professor Monsod never lost the fire in her belly. Exuberant, witty and wise as only she can be, she continues to inspire generations of pupils through her various works, even long after retirement from the University's hallowed halls.



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