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PAST PRESIDENT'S TIME



DOMINGO "BOY" S. GUEVARA JR.

President

Rotary Club of Manila

RY 1996-1997

Chairman Emeritus, Radiowealth Finance Corporation

KABALITA

With a new year ushering in the beginning of a new chapter, it is, but, timely, that we take a trip down memory lane in the progressive mid-'90s of Asia's First Rotary Club as our very own Finance and Vehicle Mogul relays fond memories of a glorious past during his sojourn at the helm of Service Above Self, resurrecting vignettes of past in preserving a culture that is truly sui generis, a class of its own.



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Zoom Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2021-2022
Thursday, January 13, 2022, 12:30 PM

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

12:00 PM	Registration and Zoom In Program Moderator/Facilitator/Chika Talk	STAR Rtn. Senen Mangalile
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 Babes Reyes, PP Cesar Ubaldo, Dir. Thad Liamzon and all members affected by CoVid-19	STAR Rtn. Alvin Ampil
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	RCM Hymn	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Philippine Rotary Hymn	AVP
	The Rotarian Pledge	STAR Rtn. Jop Esquivias
	The Four (4) Way Test	STAR Rtn. John Bautista Jr.
	Acknowledgment of Visiting Rotarians and Guests	STAR Rtn. Senen Mangalile
	Welcome Song	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week	
	January 7 Rtn. David Lim	
	January 8 PIA Jimmy Laya	
	Maligayang Bati	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Happy Birthday Song	AVP of Birthday Celebrants



Zoom Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2021-2022
Thursday, January 13, 2022, 12:30 PM

Induction of New Member

Introduction of New Member by Proposer

Charging of New Member

Oath of Membership

DE Tony Lopez

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

DGE Joyce Michelle Ambray

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

MR. NICOLAS SOUVLAKIS (Swiss)

Vice President, Philip Morris International

Classification: Cigar and Tobacco – Cigarette Manufacturing

Proposers: President Chito Zaldarriaga and PVP Fausto Preysler Jr.

Rotary Leadership Institute

An Overview

DE/Dir. Albert Alday

Faculty, Rotary Leadership Institute

Testimonials from Rotary Leadership Institute
Encounter

IS Edwin Hernandez

IAT/AT PJ Garcia

STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan

STAR Rtn. Raoul Creencia

President's Time

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

Part II

1:15 PM Introduction of Past President's Time Speaker

PD Jun Hallare

Address:

DOMINGO "BOY" S. GUEVARA JR.

President, Rotary Club of Manila

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Chairman Emeritus, Radiowealth Finance Corporation

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

PAST PRESIDENT'S TIME PROFILE

PP BOY GUEVARA JR.



I. Family Background

Date of Birth	December 27, 1940
Place of Birth	City of Manila
Religion	Roman Catholic
Spouse	Montserrat Amado Guevara
Place of Birth	San Juan, Metro Manila
Father's Name	Domingo M. Guevara (deceased)
Mother's Name	Carmen S. Guevara (deceased)

II. Educational Background

St. John's Academy	Primary
Ateneo de Manila	Secondary
Ateneo de Manila	Bachelor of Business Administration
University of the East	Bachelor of Business Administration
Volkswagenwerk AG	Apprenticeship in Service & Parts Operations
Carlsduisberg Institute	German Language

III. Business Affiliations

Chairman Emeritus	Radiowealth Finance Company Guevent Investments Development Corporation G&S Transport Corp. (AVIS Rent-A-Car) Transwealth Parking Services Corporation Transwealth Fleet Management Corporation
Chairman / Director	BK Systems Philippines, Inc. (BKSP) Inter-Active Entertainment Solutions Technologies, Inc (IEST) International Trade Technology & Realty Dev. Corp. (INTRATECH) Guevent Transport Holding Corporation (GTHC)

PAST PRESIDENT'S TIME PROFILE

PP BOY GUEVARA JR.



IV. Major Accomplishments

1. Successfully steered the original DMG, Inc. (VOLKSWAGEN REPRESENTATIVE) as the only 100% Pilipino Car Company participant in the Progressive Car Manufacturing Program in the 60s
2. Organized the first and original Jeep Int'l distributor in the Philippines
3. Organized the first importer & distributor of the Case Tractors and earth moving equipment in the country
4. Co-chaired the successful takeover of Ysmael Steel Complex in early mid-seventy
5. Organized & led the "TURISMO PILIPINO" motoring event in 1969. This was the first successful commercial motoring event wherein 2 VW Beetles & a SAKBAYAN were driven non-stop from Zamboanga City to Aparri & to Manila
6. First Pilipino to win the First Manila Auto Grand Prix in 1969
7. Organized & led the only CAR-A-VAN around the world (in 79 days) using the first designed and fabricated Pilipino car (SAKBAYAN) in 1970
8. Pioneered and introduced creative innovations in the fabrication of ARTISTIC ORNAMENTAL PLANTS for export and local market under the brand of TREE'S COMPANY
9. Co-managed the first and only successful rehabilitation of a major finance company

V. Government / Civic / Religious Affiliations

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Member - Phil. Parliament | - Batasan Pambansa of 1975-76 |
| Past President | - Rotary Club of Manila |
| Past Director | - Philippine Motoring Association |
| Member/Senator | - JCI Senate Philippines |
| Special Minister of the Holy Eucharist | - St. Joseph Parish Church |

VI. Sports & Country Club Affiliations

- Wack Wack Golf & Country Club
- Baguio Golf & Country Club
- Club Filipino
- Tagaytay Midland Golf & Country Club

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings my RCM brothers!

What a way to start the year!

This variant has taken everyone by surprise and we cling to the Almighty's presence to tide us over this.

There are some quarters who insinuate that this is the final solution towards herd immunity. Several medical authority sources have debunked this concept and it is still better to be on the safe side.

I strongly suggest that everyone continue abiding by necessary protocols.

As of this writing, I have some good news. Our baby Kit whose open heart surgery procedure we sponsored is finally home. Over the holidays, this precious child spent his days in the ICU, in and out of the OR, going through critical and very delicate medical procedures. Initiated by PP Ebot Tan, the funding of this endeavor was taken care of by the RCManila Foundation, Inc. At some point, we had a shortage of a substantive amount to cover before the procedure could be done and one of us committed to cover whatever the shortage was, just to proceed with the life changing and very necessary procedure.

The costs were escalating and I spoke to Rtn. Jun Aventura of the Philippine Heart Center who helped us with the administrative challenges of the boy's case. It was touch and go because the doctors had to do a second round of critical procedure. In the end, by God's grace, the boy is now home and recuperating quite well.

Today, we are delighted to have one of the pillars of this club, PP Boy Guevarra to deliver his Past President's Time. We are all excited to hear this remarkable RCmer share with us his rich experiences with the Rotary Club of Manila!

While we have done an initial salvo in helping the Typhoon ODETTE victims, we are gearing up to do a second wave this time through the RCManila Foundation, Inc. so we have better fiduciary efficiencies. *Abangan!*

Gentlemen, please be reminded of our goal to boost our membership, EACH ONE, BRING ONE!

And again our target for this year, Every RCM member, a Paul Harris Fellow!

Stay extra cautious! God bless us all!

Humbly yours in Rotary,

FSZ
Felix Francisco S. Zaldarriaga
President
RY 2021-2022



◀◀ THE WEEK THAT WAS ▶▶



VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu, as Program Moderator/Facilitator, calls the day's sequential order of activities.



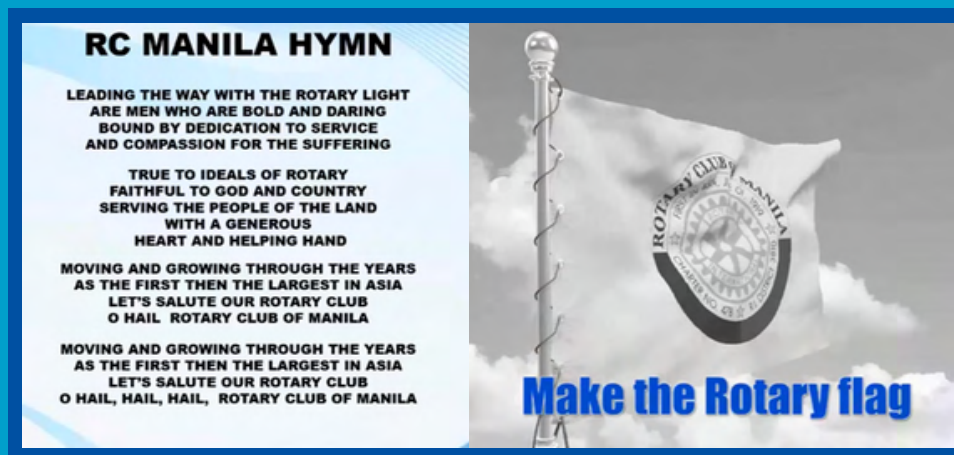
President Chito Zaldarriaga calls the meeting to order.



DSAA Jason Bogovich delivers an Invocation and Special Prayer.



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



The **World Famous Music Choral Audiovisual Presentation of the RC Manila Hymn** and the singing of the **Philippine Rotary Hymn**

«« THE WEEK THAT WAS ««



STAR Rtn. Jack Rodriguez 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.



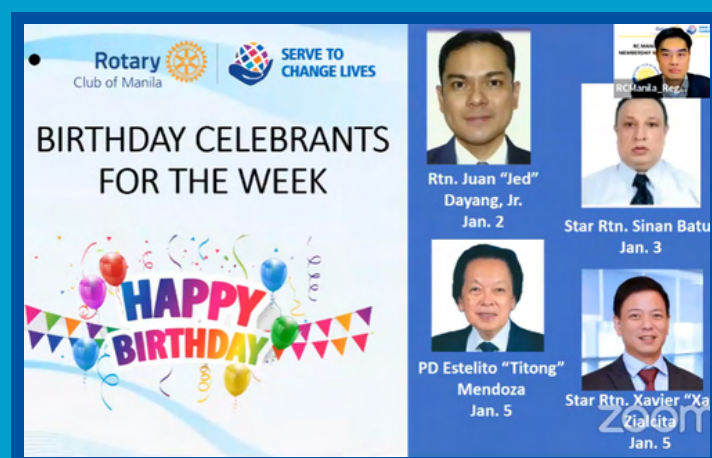
ISAA Nagi Zeitouni leads the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test for Manila Rotarians to renew their commitment to the Rotary movement.



VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges visiting Rotarians and guests.

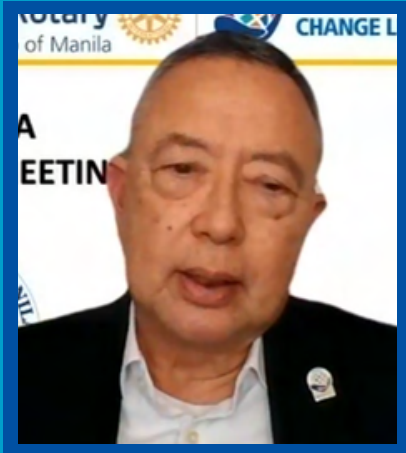


The **World Famous Music Chorale** singing the **Welcome Song**



VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges the week's birthday celebrants, namely, **Rtn. Jed Dayang**, **STAR Rtn. Sinan Batur**, **PD Titong Mendoza** and **STAR Rtn. Xavy Zialcita**, which was followed by an audiovisual presentation of the World Famous Music Chorale singing the happy birthday song.

◀◀ THE WEEK THAT WAS ▶▶



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



DE Tony Lopez introduces **Guest of Honor and Speaker Hon. Benjamin "Ben" Diokno, Ph.D., Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Chairman, Monetary Board, Professor Emeritus, University of the Philippines Diliman, Vice President, Rotary Club of Manila, RY 2010-2011.**



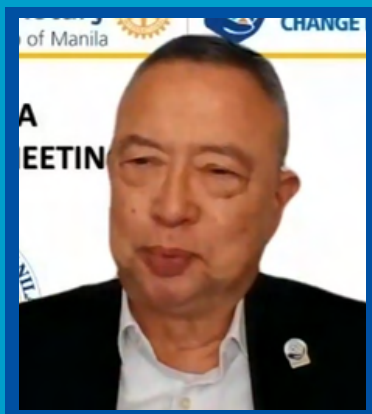
Guest of Honor and Speaker Hon. Benjamin "Ben" Diokno, Ph.D., Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Chairman, Monetary Board, Professor Emeritus, University of the Philippines Diliman, Vice President, Rotary Club of Manila, RY 2010-2011, delivers his talk.

«« THE WEEK THAT WAS ««



An open forum immediately followed right after the talk of **Guest of Honor and Speaker Hon. Benjamin "Ben" Diokno, Ph.D., Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Chairman, Monetary Board, Professor Emeritus, University of the Philippines Diliman, Vice President, Rotary Club of Manila, RY 2010-2011.** Among those who participated in the open forum were **IAT/AT PJ Garcia, President Chito Zaldarriaga, PDG Obet Pagdanganan, STAR Rtn. Senen Mangalile, STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio, Rtn. Butch Alcantara and PP Archit Bartolome.**

President Chito Zaldariaga and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra present the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by **VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu,** to **Hon. Benjamin "Ben" Diokno, Ph.D., Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Chairman, Monetary Board, Professor Emeritus, University of the Philippines Diliman, Vice President, Rotary Club of Manila, RY 2010-2011.**



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

From the Programs Committee



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

With the new year barely days old, let us journey back in time and reminisce the glory days of Asia's First Rotary Club through the recollections of our distinguished Past President DOMINGO "BOY" S. GUEVARA JR., Chairman Emeritus of Radiowealth Finance Corporation, as Past President's Time makes a nostalgic return as he brings to fore the club's finest hours during the mid-'90's era on a historical journey worth your Thursday high while welcoming a new member into our fold, a worthy transferee from the Rotary Club of Neuchtel LAC (Switzerland) who will be privileged to be charged by DGE Joyce Ambray before our Life Changing President administers his oath of membership.

Memory Lane Thursday indulges you to participate and be seen, today, 12:30 PM, January 13.

Yours in the service of Rotary,

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



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2021-2022

DECEMBER 2021	January 6, 2022 BSP Governor and PVP Ben Diokno
All Members Present	86
Make Up	5
Less: Exempt from Attendance	4
On Leave	0
Total Active Members	87
Total # of Members	225
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	39%
<i>Rotaractors</i>	
<i>Media</i>	
<i>Embassies/Diplomatic Corps</i>	
<i>District Governors</i>	
<i>Guest of Honor and Speaker/Guest Speaker</i>	
<i>Visiting Rotarians</i>	42
<i>Guests of RCM MEMBERS</i>	8
<i>Unknown</i>	
Total Attendees	136

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of January 12, 2022, 11:00 AM)

	ANNUAL DUES 19-20
198	FULLY PAID
24	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	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.	50832	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
7	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"	50745	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
8	Alday, Albert S.	50518	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
9	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.	50568	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
10	Alunan, Rafael "Raffy" M.	50690	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
11	Alvarez, Servando, Jr.	50687	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
12	Ampil, Alvin	50557	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
13	Ang, Richard T.	50774	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
14	Angara, Marius	50751	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
15	Aragon, Joshua	50746	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
16	Aventura, Avenilo "Nilo" P.	50826	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
17	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.	50827	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
18	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.	50535	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
19	Batur, Sinan	50820	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
20	Bautista, John, Jr. I.	50744	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
21	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.	50569	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
22	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz	50824	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
23	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.	50799	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar	50845	32,138.00	FULLY PAID
25	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"	50809	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
26	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	50586	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
27	Bogovich, Jason M.	50583	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
28	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"	50739	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
29	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	50577	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	Buendia, Carlos "Caloy" C.	50829	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
31	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.	50816	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Camus, Fernando	50552	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.	50723	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	50526	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
35	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"	50666	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
36	Cenica, John T.	50794	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
37	Chahwan, Rami	50539	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
38	Chang Li, Richard Joseph	50775	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
39	Chien, Liang-Ta "Steve"	50531	37,318.00	FULLY PAID
40	Chotrani, Johnny N.	50730	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
41	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.	50830	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
42	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.	50838	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
43	Creencia, Raoul	50835	37,138.00	FULLY PAID

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44	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	50542	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
45	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	50527	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
46	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	50538	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
47	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.	50533	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
48	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.	50523	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
49	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.	50555	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
50	Dee, Marcus L.	50758	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
51	Del Rosario, Oscar	50706	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
52	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"	50750	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
53	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.	50540	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
54	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio "Raf"	50725	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
55	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.	50765	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
56	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	50520	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
57	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.	50672	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
58	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	50439	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
59	Engelbrecht, Francois	50679	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
60	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.	50519	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
61	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	50547	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
62	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.	50678	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
63	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.	50697	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
64	Evaristo, Frank A.	50534	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
65	Everingham, Richard Jack	50834	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
66	Fajardo, Beda G.	50546	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
67	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"	50654	32,138.00	FULLY PAID
68	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.	50729	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
69	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.	50741	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
70	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	50509	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
71	Garcia, Victor	50525	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
72	Gaspar, Fernando "Nando" L.	50733	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
73	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	50521	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
74	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.	50761	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
75	Go, Henry Sy	50686	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
76	Go, Michael	50731	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
77	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.	50655	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
78	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.	50572	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
79	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	50573	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
80	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.	50689	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
81	Hallerbach, Mathias	50759	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
82	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt	50563	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
83	Henkelmann, Martin	50599	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
84	Hernandez, Edwin	50551	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
85	Hesse, Uwe	50581	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
86	Hortaleza, Rolando	50822	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
87	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.	50693	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
88	Joseph, Ralph L.	50514	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
89	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.	50510	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
90	Joseph, Robert, Jr. "Bobby" L.	50512	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
91	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A	50700	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
92	Karcher, Henning	50558	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
93	Kunack, Lutz	50668	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
94	Lacambacal, Alvin D.	50734	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
95	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez	50728	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
96	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.	50821	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
97	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.	50685	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
98	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	50554	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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99	Leung, Karl A.	50740	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
100	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.	50515	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
101	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	50567	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
102	Lim, Richard	50748	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
103	Lim, William "Willy" C.	50848	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
104	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.	50595	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
105	Locsin, Roberto R.	50670	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
106	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	50524	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
107	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.	50597	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
108	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"	50703	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
109	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50548	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
110	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"	50541	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
111	Magbanua, Gerry	50562	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
112	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.	50657/50658	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
113	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"	50664	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
114	Mangalile, Senen	50713	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
115	Martinez, Ronald	50714	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
116	Masters, Lance A.	50530/50847	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
117	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	50807	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
118	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"	50711	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
119	Meloto, Antonio "Tony"	50511	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
120	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50543	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
121	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" C.	50674	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
122	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"	50718	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
123	Montel, Juan Manuel C.	50665	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
124	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	50596	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
125	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.	50694	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
126	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	50598	25,001.00	FULLY PAID
127	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.	50722	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
128	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.	50683	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
129	Okajima, Hiroyuki	50588	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
130	Ong, Jovee K.	50715	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
131	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	50550	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
132	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.	50677	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
133	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.	50709	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
134	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"	50580	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
135	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
136	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
137	Patterson, Colin David	50536	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
138	Payumo, Felicito "Tong" C.	50825	10,000.00	PARTIALLY PAID
139	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	50594	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
140	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	50545	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
141	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50537	26,200.00	FULLY PAID
142	Pizaras, Jordan M.	50780	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
143	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.	50556	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
144	Pujalte, Jose, Jr. "Brix" S.	50754/50760	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
145	Ramos, Claver P.	50841	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
146	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"	50669	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
147	Recto, Philip H.	50691	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
148	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.	50681	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
149	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	50561	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
150	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50565	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
151	Robertz, Constantin Franz Josef "Cons"	50680	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
152	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean "Sean" H.	50752	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of January 12, 2022, 11:00 AM)

153	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.	50682	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
154	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.	50671	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
155	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin "Martin"	50747	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
156	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.	50574	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
157	Rono, Marlon	50592	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
158	Sarmiento, Ricardo	50587	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
159	Schmitz, Steffan	50705	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
160	Schneider, Bernd	50673	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
161	Schoucair, Farid Alain	50667	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
162	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"	50717	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
163	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.	50698	15,484.00	FULLY PAID
164	Shigei, Kentaro	50591	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
165	Shimoda, Shigeru	50590	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
166	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	50564	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
167	So, Warren	50710	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
168	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.	50701	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
169	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya	50724	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
170	Stranathan, Ike	50566	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
171	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.	50544	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
172	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"	50732	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
173	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"	50651	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
174	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"	50899	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
175	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.	50818	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
176	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.	50797	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
177	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.	50707	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
178	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.	50743	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
179	Tang, Jimmy T.	50815	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
180	Tanglao, Noel V.	50785	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
181	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin	50549	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
182	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.	50676	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
183	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"	50532/50582	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
184	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Han"	50695	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
185	Ubaldo, Cesar C.	50704	12,600.00	PARTIALLY PAID
186	Valdes, Joel C.	50727	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
187	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.	50660	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
188	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.	50755	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
189	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.	50755	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
190	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.	50720	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
191	Villarica, Henry R.	50652	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
192	Villegas, Raoul A.	50801	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
193	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.	50819	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
194	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.	50735	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
195	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.	50662	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
196	Yujuico, Benedicto "Dicky" V.	50808	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
197	Yujuico, Brendon	50571	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
198	Zalamea, Enrique, Jr. "Rick" M.	50753	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
199	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	50528	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
200	Zeitouni, Nagi	50696	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
201	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.	50663	15,800.00	FULLY PAID

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CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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



The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2021-2022 held its Sixth Regular Meeting last January 11, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were VP Farid Schoucair, ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, Dir. John Michael Cutter, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Rotary Club of Manila PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra, DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, DE/Dir. Johnny Chotrani, President Chito Zaldarriaga, Dir. Amading Valdez, DE/Treasurer Jujut Enriquez, AS Henry Go, VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu, RCManila Foundation, Inc. President and Rotary Club of Manila PP Susing Pineda and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC.

*RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and
Rotary Club of Manila PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra
Interviewed by PDG Obet Pagdanganan
on OBET P Sa IZ Program of DWIZ
Regarding the RCManila Foundation, Inc.*



RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Rotary Club of Manila PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra was interviewed by PDG Obet Pagdanganan on his teleradio show, "OBET P Sa IZ" last January 8, 2022 via Facebook live with respect to the RCManila Foundation, Inc.

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.

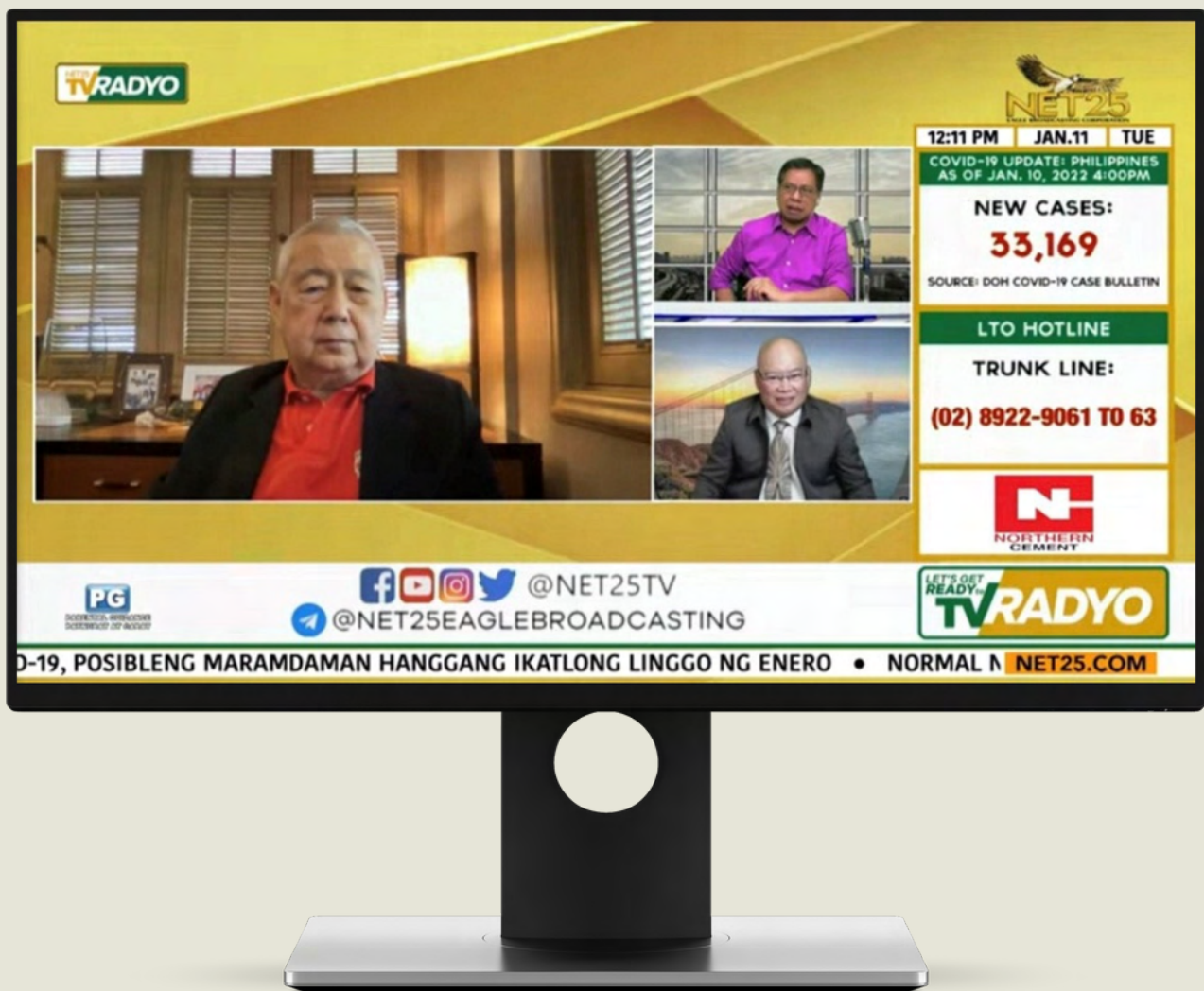
For queries, please get in touch with the Secretariat and/or the undersigned.

Yours in Rotary service,

ROMEO THADDEUS "THAD" R. LIAMZON
Chairman, The Rotary Foundation Committee
Director
RY 2021-2022

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph Interviewed on Let's Get Ready to TV/Radyo on Net 25 Regarding Rotary Club of Manila Dualtech Scholarship



DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph was interviewed on Let's Get Ready to TV/Radyo on Net 25 with respect to the Rotary Club of Manila Dualtech Scholarship Program last January 11, 2022 via livestream.

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Rotary Club of Manila Dualtech Scholarship Newspaper Release in Manila Bulletin

Saturday, January 8, 2022

Lifestyle

MANILA BULLETIN B-9

There's a future beyond COVID Swiss educational institutions prepare students for the post-pandemic economy

"The world was already changing rapidly but the pandemic accelerated it," says renowned futurist and author Bernard Marr. COVID-19's far-reaching impacts have created an atmosphere of uncertainty, not just within businesses and industries, but concerning the future careers and employment of our children. Marr posits that adaptability, flexibility, and creativity will be among the high-value skills necessary for success in a post-pandemic world. They should likewise be the markers of quality education.

During the onset of the pandemic in 2020, Les Roches, an esteemed Swiss hospitality institute, moved swiftly to ensure the health and safety of their students. Catering to students of a hundred different nationalities over three separate campuses—in Crans Montana, Switzerland, in Shanghai, China, and in Marbella, Spain—the school efficiently addressed concerns for travel and boarding arising from newly-established health protocols, while ensuring that classes continued without disruption. A year on, Les Roches continues to confidently welcome students for face-to-face classes. Each of their campuses observes COVID-19 health measures introduced by public health authorities in their respective countries. Highly flexible remote learning options are also available for those still facing travel restrictions.

Beyond the health protocols and well-being the pandemic, Les Roches was already enhancing its programs in Hospitality Management and International Hotel Management to adapt to changing global needs by integrating entrepreneurship and innovation in its curriculum. These principles encourage students to develop disruptive



the design and provide platforms to incubate and test new solutions for the evolving hospitality industry. These creative program responses are mirrored in Glion, a sister school to Les Roches. Glion's legacy as a Swiss hotel school enriches its robust bachelor and postgraduate programs

tactical training for careers in the international hospitality and experience industries. Among its programs in Luxury Brand and Guest Experience Management, a recognition of the global shift to an experience-driven economy where value lies beyond the basic service transaction.

Ekthana Philippines represents some of the world's leading hospitality and hospitality management schools, including Les Roches, Glion, and Ecole Ducasse in Paris.

In International Hospitality Business, Hospitality, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Real Estate Finance and Hotel Development, and Luxury Management and Guest Experience, Glion's three campuses—two in Switzerland, and one in London—provide rigorous academic and prac-

"These schools have transformed their curricula to meet the demands of a post-pandemic economy. These agile and knowledgeable responses to changing conditions are great indicators of a good educational institution," says Marco Protacio, a Les Roches graduate. "Studying overseas



COLE SCHOOLS from left: Glion London campus in the United Kingdom and the Montreux campus in Switzerland.

at a school with truly global standards and strong industry partnerships is especially valuable today, as the way we live and work are transforming very rapidly. Those trained with a global perspective and a learning mindset have a unique advantage as they begin their careers."

Protacio is a former hotelier turned medical entrepreneur. He is the managing director of Ekthana Philippines, an international education consultancy providing one-stop service for clients considering studies abroad. The company's prestigious flagship, Ekthana Education Services,

east Asia, he invited Protacio to open a branch in the Philippines.

Ekthana Philippines represents some of the world's leading hospitality and hospitality management schools, including Les Roches, Glion, and Ecole Ducasse in Paris. It also represents a portfolio of many international schools focused on business and entrepreneurship, art and design (ED Institute Europe's d'Art), as well as boarding schools in the high school level, such as The American School in Switzerland. The Philippine team has successfully served students embarking on bachelor and postgraduate programs from schools in Switzerland, Spain, and China. They also assist with foreign undergraduate and summer programs, as well as short courses and school orientation visits.

Ekthana Philippines education counsellors guide students through their initial school applications and pre-departure preparation, and provide assistance throughout their studies and internships. An initial consultation typically begins with a private consulting (either through face-to-face, online, email, or phone), followed by an assessment, all at no cost to the student. They may be reached via email at philippines@ekthana.com or at +63285802158.

Wanted: Tomorrow's Filipino scientists Pinoy students encouraged to apply for the 2003 postgraduate scholarship in Japan

As it looks to help the country produce more scientists, Ajinomoto Philippines Corporation is opening its application for its 2003 postgraduate scholarship in Japan to deserving Filipino students who need financial assistance as they pursue higher education in the field of science.

The grant is part of the Ajinomoto Scholarship for Asian Countries International Students program, which enables students from six countries—Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, and Russia—to pursue a master's course in one of Japan's top universities.

"The Ajinomoto Scholarship Society was established in 1957 because of our founders' firm belief that society cannot prosper without the development of science. The purpose is to lend academic resources to university students and graduates who are major in the field of science and technology, to foster scientists who can contribute to society in the future, and to contribute to the development of

academic research without the burden of financial obligations," says Hiroshi Aoki, APC's group director for marketing, sales, and public relations.

Filipino students who will qualify for the scholarship program will have an opportunity of a lifetime as the scholarship will cover their examination, admission, and tuition fees in full. Additional benefits of the grant include airfare and a monthly allowance.

As proof of the Ajinomoto Postgraduate Scholarship Grant's success in helping students pursue excellence

The purpose is to lend academic resources to university students and graduate students who major in the field of science and technology, to foster scientists who can contribute to society in the future.

In the field of science, Ajinomoto recently held its first "Shokun" assembly where the beneficiaries gathered together virtually and shared stories of how the scholarship helped them turn their dreams to reality.



CHANCE AT HIGHER EDUCATION Ajinomoto Scholars Online Assembly

While the present scholars are busy with their research papers and experiments, the program's alumni were likewise very active in advancing science and technology in various

Kane Tovellana, who is currently studying at the University of Tokyo. "Earning a prestigious scholarship like the Ajinomoto scholarship helped me fulfill my personal goals

and I'm very thankful for the high quality education that I received from my study in Japan that improved my knowledge and further honed my skills, especially in research that would definitely help my current

workplace now and, with hope, our country in the future," says Argente, the grant recipient in 2016.

"I learned so much from living independently in the community, especially at the Department of Nuclear Engineering, where I am the only Filipino so far in my field in the international setting," adds Tovellana, the 2020 grant recipient.

True to its *Let Well, Live Well* promise, the scholarship grant reflects Ajinomoto's commitment to contributing to Filipino's greatest wellness through programs that empower scientists in constant pursuit of innovations for good health.

"We believe that with your talent, passion, and brilliant mind, you each have ideas to contribute to the improvement of health and wellness of Philippine society," says APC group president Tsutomu Nara in his inspirational speech for the past and current scholars.

Applicants of the 2003 Ajinomoto postgraduate scholarship grant must be a Filipino citizen under the age of 35 on April 1, 2022 and must have completed or expect to complete their bachelor's degree with an excellent academic record. A recommendation from his or her university president and academic advisor is also required as well as undergoing adequate Japanese language proficiency training. Deadline for application is set on March 1, 2022. www.ajinomoto.com.ph



COLLABORATION ON EDUCATION held at the Dualtech Center Assembly Hall recently was the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to launch the RCM-Dualtech Scholarship Program. The signing was led by (seated from left) Atty. Joseph, Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) immediate past president (IPP) and chairman of RCM-Dualtech Scholarship Program, Felix Francisco Zaldarriaga, current RCM president, and (in blue coat) Arnoldo Moir, Rotary and Dualtech Training Center

president. The program under RCM Manila Foundation, Inc. (RCMFI), chaired by Termino Eguerra, aims to provide scholarship funding for students of Dualtech who come from different provinces across the country, such as the 30 Dualtech students who received full scholarships as awarded by Joseph. Witnesses in the MOA signing ceremony were Rotarians from RCM Districts 3510 and 3500, namely, (standing second row from left) Eric Malalaba of Rotary Club of Calamba; Philip Valdecalas, Dualtech

Project and Services manager; Jerry Webb Muhi, Dualtech executive director; Anton Maura, Dualtech Scholarship co-chair; Rm. E. Eguerra, son of RCMFI chair; Mylene Co, senior deputy governor for Vocational Service of Rotary International District 3510; Elaine Alonzo, senior deputy governor; Edwin Chiu, district secretary; and Treg Catalan, star Rotarian. (Standing on the third row from left) Star Rotarians: Babi Joseph, Teddy Tre, Jay Serrano, Nogi Zezonzo, and Rami Chalmers.

Conversations with Degas, Bonnard... 4B-10

week for education within these institutions. Following a fellowship in Switzerland, France, and Spain, her cosmopolitan life was cut short by the sudden death of her father in Barcelona and the subsequent return to Manila with his belongings for burial. Hurled back into her birth country and with an Associate in Arts diploma but in severe mourning and culture shock, she looked ahead to returning to France to finally study Art at the University of Aix-en-Provence. Nevertheless, she was convinced by family to continue her tertiary education at the University of the Philippines from which she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. Ten years of marriage to an understanding banker went followed, producing three excellent sons! Ten years passed before housewife and mother par excellence, Zabalbero, could return in 1974 to

the University of the Philippines and its College of Fine Arts as a mature freshman, finishing with a degree in painting, magna cum laude, four years later. She was back on track.

Something French, something Filipino

Today, Phyllis' conversations with these three artists come from a place of awareness. There is a sense of timeliness to these paintings, as well as a situatedness from an artist who grew

up in a Western Art Historical setting and later immersed, or more like dunked, herself into the heterogeneous world of the Filipino. The influences of the French are potent in designs

of the interior, clothing, and views of open air. But there seems to permeate a subtle sense of the local—in a chair, an ornament, or even a personal pet. Zabalbero's oeuvre documents a long and winding road, traveling from textured abstractions in grid formats in the '70s to the graceful undulations cutting across Color Field backgrounds in the late '80s. All throughout her early work, she followed the strict discipline of an underlying structure of right angles, meticulously arranged



and expands, melting into the thrown splashes of abstract expressionism.

These latest "Conversations with My Masters" of recent pandemic years seem to be more measured and languid, although ever deeply reflective, while expressing a new analytical point of view. After familiar to us because of the beloved subject matter of these three artists, they have begun to challenge the viewer with a fresh way of seeing—and seeing yet again.

As the grand trio of Degas, Matisse, and Bonnard speak to Zabalbero and among themselves in our imaginations, surely with such sparks of genius flying about, their combined brushes will move in rhythm with inspired dexterity. The old and the new then become fused in a serene choreography of color, line, and light.

The exhibition runs until Jan. 25 at Galleria Daewoo, 210 Loring St., 1300 Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines. www.galleriadaewoo.com

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Rotary Club of Manila Dualtech Scholarship Newspaper Release in Malaya



INTERCLUB RELATIONS

Manila Rotarians Attend Rotary Leadership Institute 1 Batch 2



Manila Rotarians attended the Rotary Leadership Institute 1 Batch 2 last January 8, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra (who was an observer during the event), ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday (part of the District Training Team), IS Edwin Hernandez, STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan, STAR Rtn. Raoul Creencia, IT/IPT Karlo Castro, IAS Mike Albaña, STAR Rtn. L.A. Sevilla, IAT/AT PJ Garcia, DE/Dir. Johnny Chotrani and DE/Treasurer Jujut Enriquez.

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VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu is Speaker at Secretaries Boot Camp of JCI Philippines



Rotary Projects Around the Globe January 2022

by **Brad Webber**

United States

In September, the Rotary Club of Novato, California, celebrated the opening of a community center, the culmination of an effort that began in 2007 with a bequest of \$5 million by longtime member Bill Jonas. The club worked with the College of Marin to construct a 15,600-square-foot complex on the college's Indian Valley campus. The center houses a banquet space with the capacity for hundreds of guests, a kitchen, and a stage equipped with the latest audiovisual equipment. The club, whose contribution covered about one-third of the project's total cost, obtained a 75-year lease as well as naming rights for its benefactors, the late Bill and Adele Jonas, and now holds its meetings at the center. "It was a long-term challenge, but we didn't give up," says Sonia Seeman, a co-chair of the project's planning committee.



Antigua and Barbuda

The pleasant climate in the Leeward Islands might delight sun-seeking vacationers, but for residents, severe drought in recent years has led to rationing and a reliance on desalinated water. To make the most of the water that is available, the Rotaract Club of Antigua embarked on a project to install 12 water harvesting tanks at an association for people with disabilities. "In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this will encourage handwashing and proper hygiene," says past club president Ti-Anna Harris of the effort, which cost about \$1,850. The club, which has 34 members, carries out an active schedule of projects. In September, members picked up trash at a local beach as part of the Save Our Shores cleanups that were carried out in conjunction with the Rotaract clubs of Mémorial des Gonaïves, Haiti, and Freetown Sunset, Sierra Leone. Other club projects include free HIV testing, professional and vocational training, a Christmas celebration, and a spelling bee.



Source: www.rotary.org

ROTARY INFORMATION

United Kingdom

In a Rotary-supported initiative, thousands of tents that help provide protection from the elements have been distributed to people in the UK who are homeless. The lightweight one-person tents, which cost about \$40 each, are intended as a short-term solution for vulnerable people in cold and wet weather. "The very first time we showed the Sleep Pod to anyone outside our small circle was when we showed it to Rotarians," says Justin Devereux, who co-founded the Sleep Pod charity with two friends. The Rotary Club of Erdington and other District 1060 clubs provide financial support, and hundreds of Rotarians and other volunteers joined a push during the pandemic to assemble pods at home to increase the available stock. "While people still die on our streets and in our fields from hypothermia and exposure, Sleep Pod will do all we can to support people as they sleep underneath the stars," says Devereux, "for whatever reason they find themselves there."



Egypt

In 2019, intrigued by a pair of kestrels that were nesting across from her apartment balcony, Georgina Cole began documenting her sightings on the eBird online database. "I realized I had to learn more about all the birds around me," says Cole, a member of the Rotary Club of Red Sea-El Gouna, which is located in a resort community on the Gulf of Suez in a region that is a stopover point for more than a million birds migrating between Europe and Africa. When a local school asked her to speak to its students, Cole created bird identification cards in English and Arabic. Encouraged by her work, which is supported by her club, the town constructed a viewing hut overlooking a wetland area. The project has expanded to educate local hoteliers about which birds can be spotted at various times of the year. "The Red Sea region thrives on tourism through marine life, with scuba diving and snorkeling," Cole says. "Why not also birds?"

Source: www.rotary.org

ROTARY INFORMATION



Thailand

Since the onset of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Rotary Club of Eastern Seaboard has played a key role in more than 30 food drives. Rodney Charman, a past president, says the club is a go-to player in Pattaya, a seaside community that has been hit especially hard by lockdowns. "Without tourism," says Charman, "taxi drivers, hotel workers, and bar staff are all out of work, and some are living on the streets or in shelters." The club coordinates with a local food bank and social services organizations and works with police to distribute needed items. To prepare for a large distribution event in August, five club members spent three days shopping for, transporting, and packaging grocery items into 400 kits consisting of a cooked meal of chicken and rice, and bags containing items such as rice, eggs, water, tins of fish, cooking oil, and face masks. The team reprised the effort in subsequent months.

This story originally appeared in the January 2022 issue of *Rotary* magazine.

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ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE January 2022



OTHER MATTERS

Straight from the Horse's Mouth

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



PASIG'S PROUD POLITICAL PRODIGY.

"If we want things to improve, there's no one else who's going to do the job but you."
— Mayor Vico Sotto

A quick trip to the Pasig City Hall to render my remaining wedding "ninong" duties presented an unexpected surprise: my first-ever encounter with its millennial Mayor, The Honorable Vico Sotto.

Only 29 when he was voted into office last 2019 (making him the youngest local chief executive elected in Metro Manila), he eventually became one of the most celebrated youth leaders of his generation. His greenness was a contributing factor to how contemporary and on-the-pulse this politician has been. Apart from his good looks, his colorful career entered the national consciousness when he triumphed against a political clan which reigned the city for over 27 years.

While he is known as a man of a few words, he certainly did not come across as reticent or reserved when I was personally introduced to him, even having gone through a punishing round of meetings that day. In fact, notwithstanding his natural, towering height of six feet, he instinctively bows his head as if to express his sincere deference and humility. He was not only warm, but welcoming in a very authentic way.

A short tête-à-tête instantly revealed his self-assured and calming personality. He was honest and a straight-shooter; his responses clustered around the crucial connection between competence and confidence. He believes in an inclusive government where all voices are heard; and wishes to develop a

government where the common man gets as much attention as the higher-ups.

Indeed, Mayor Vico hit the Philippine political scene like a thunderclap, having earned praise for advocating good governance practices as Pasig's chief executive. He focused on key political endeavors to ensure transparency in public service, among them: the elimination of kickbacks in the awarding of city contracts, the establishment of a 24/7 public information and complaints hotline, involvement of civil society organizations in the city's budgeting and policy-making process, and the lowering by at least 10 percent the value of all city government contracts to reduce bribery in the contract-awarding phase.

What catapulted him to the national limelight, however, was his quick and adroit handling of the pandemic response at a time when other local chief executives seemed to be "missing in action." As he has moved with unprecedented speed to build an administration that would bolster the confidence of a shaken nation under the COVID-19 PANDEMIC, his flash and dazzle of being born to TV legends have faded into the background.

In the waning days of his extraordinary term and on the cusp of his leadership, what now seems most salient about this freshman mayor is the opposite of flashy, the antithesis of rhetoric: he gets things done. Some of his milestone initiatives included, among others:

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providing free transportation for healthcare workers and front-liners, amid the transportation ban; the setting up of mobile markets and kitchens to ensure that front-liners were well-fed; the purchase of disinfectant drones that spray buildings and city streets for sanitation purposes; and the distribution of learning kits for early childhood care in day-care centers.

For his extraordinary brand of crisis leadership, this young hizzoner was named as one of TOYM Philippines: The Outstanding Young Men Awards honorees for government service in 2020, Stargate PeopleAsia's "People of the Year" in 2021, and was named as one of the "12 Global Anti-Corruption Champions" by the U.S. Department of State in 2021.

It will be premature to talk about this political prodigy's legacy; he will eventually be setting his sights for another term. But for what he has already done, it was nothing short of phenomenal: he has successfully upended Pasig's local politics, shattered decades of conventional wisdom and overcame decades

of the social pecking order dominated by entrenched political dynasties. He possesses a rare ability to read the imperatives and possibilities of each new moment and organize himself and others to anticipate change and translate it into opportunity.

For all he's worth, the good mayor has set the bar high for the future leaders of our nation as he has brought illuminating hope to our people amid the economic gloom and political confusion caused by the Covid-19 health crisis.

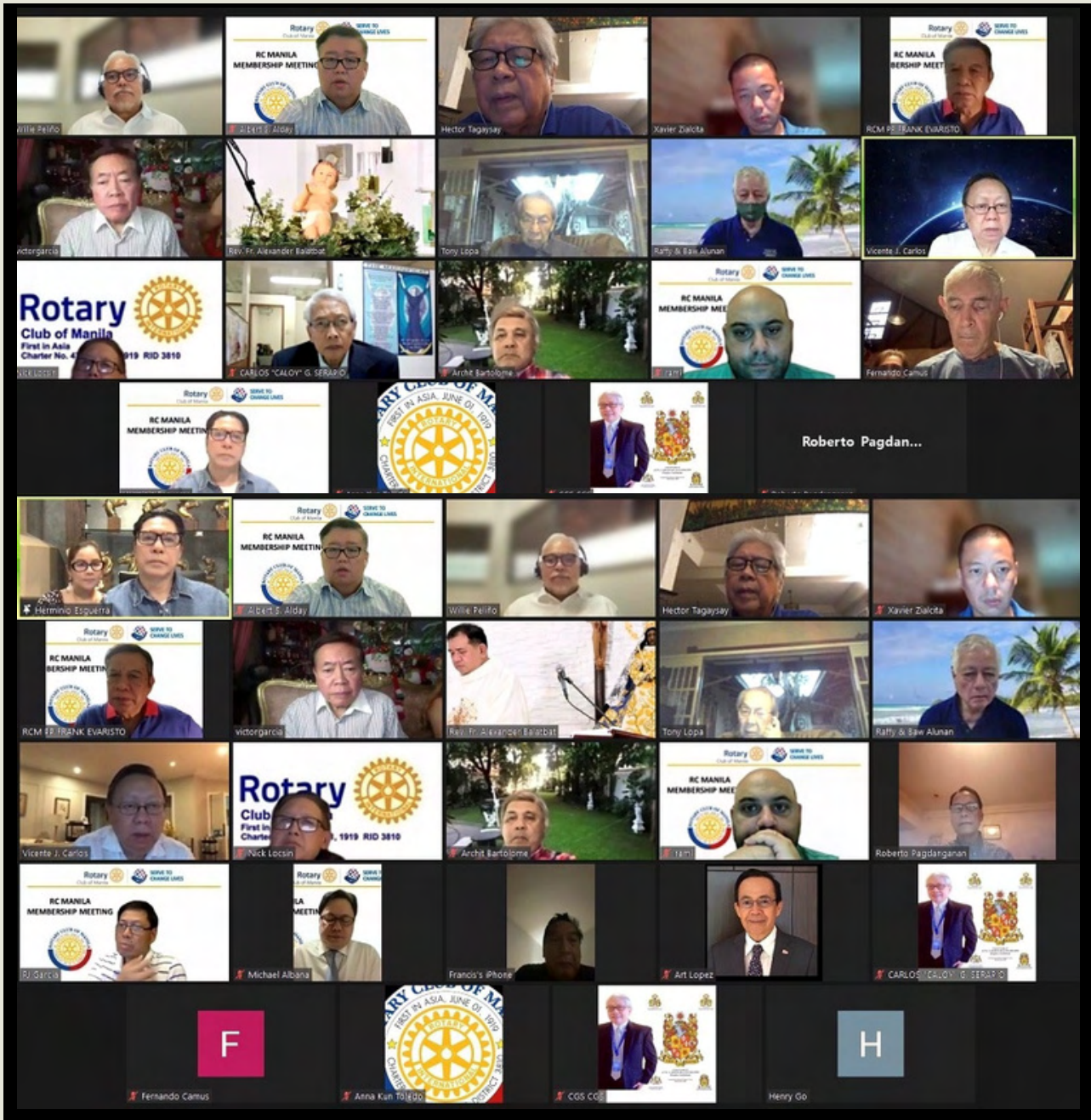
Mabuhay po kayo!

Many thanks to a good friend and fellow Xavier School alumnus, Pasig City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office Chief Bryant Wong (XS '06); as well as to my wedding goddaughter, Pasig Public Employment Service Office Chief Jelene Sison-Lopez, for their gracious accommodation and facilitating my meeting with the mayor.



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Manila Rotarians Attend First Friday Mass for the month of January



Manila Rotarians attended the First Friday Mass for the month of January last January 7, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform. The mass celebrant was Rev. Fr. Alexander Balatbat, Director, Our Lady of Antipolo Retreat House, Diocese of Antipolo, Honorary Member, Rotary Club of Marikina Central. Present were RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra and DGE Joyce Ambray, ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, Rtn. Willie Peliño, PT Chito Tagaysay, PP Frank Evaristo, Rtn. Vic Garcia, PDSAA Tony Lopa, DE/PD Raffy Alunan, PDG Vince Carlos, PD Nick Locsin, PP Archit Bartolome, STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan, PDG Obet Pagdanganan, IAT/AT PJ Garcia, PP Francis Juico, STAR Rtn. Xavy Zialcita, PD Art Lopez, STAR Rtn. Caloy Serapio, Rtn. Nando Camus, AS Henry Go and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

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