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GUEST SPEAKER



ENRIQUE "ERIC" A. TAYAG, M.D., PHSAE, FPSMID, CESO III

Former Assistant Secretary

Former Spokesperson

Former Director IV, Epidemiology Bureau

Department of Health

Republic of the Philippines

Past President, Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Disease

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Executive Vice President, National Union of Career Executive Service Officers, Inc. (NUCESO)

President, Rotary Club of Manila 101

RY 2017-2018 and RY 2018-2019

Assistant Governor, RY 2019-2020 and RY 2020-2021

Chairperson, CoVid-19 Prevention and Awareness Committee

RY 2021-2022

Rotary District 3810

KABALITA

A raging variant seems to have brought back the dark past of the onslaught of the global pandemic, bringing an otherwise opening economy back to square one. Let the most vivacious and charismatic health management expert whose leadership in Service Above Self and dancing prowess have caught the world by storm like an infectious variant bring Asia's First Rotary Club back to its feet.



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Zoom Weekly Membership Meeting Rotary Year 2021-2022 Thursday, January 20, 2022, 12:30 PM

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

12:00 PM Registration and Zoom In
Program Moderator/Facilitator/Chika Talk **STAR Rtn. Raoul Creencia**

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

Part I

12:30 PM Call to Order Invocation and Special Prayers for healing and speedy recovery of PP Babes Reyes, PP Cesar Ubaldo, Dir. Thad Liamzon and all members affected by CoVid-19 Philippine National Anthem RCM Hymn Philippine Rotary Hymn The Rotarian Pledge The Four (4) Way Test Acknowledgment of Visiting Rotarians and Guests Welcome Song RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px; width: 80%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">January 14</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Rtn. Kentaro Shigei</td> <td style="width: 30%;">January 18</td> <td style="width: 10%;">STAR Rtn. John Bautista Jr.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>January 17</td> <td>Rtn. Matt Chiogiogi</td> <td>January 20</td> <td>Rtn. Butch Tamayo</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio</td> <td></td> <td>Rtn. Rocco Sarmiento</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>STAR Rtn. Tony Meloto</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> Maligayang Bati Happy Birthday Song President's Time	January 14	Rtn. Kentaro Shigei	January 18	STAR Rtn. John Bautista Jr.	January 17	Rtn. Matt Chiogiogi	January 20	Rtn. Butch Tamayo		STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio		Rtn. Rocco Sarmiento		STAR Rtn. Tony Meloto			Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga AS Henry Go AVP of RCM Members AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale AVP STAR Rtn. Brendon Yujuico IS Edwin Hernandez STAR Rtn. Raoul Creencia AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale AVP of Birthday Celebrants Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga
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Part II

1:00 PM Introduction of Guest Speaker

ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday

Address:

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Rotary District 3810

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 PP ENRIQUE "ERIC" TAYAG



Enrique A. Tayag, MD, PHSAE, FPSMID, CESO III

Now:

Director IV, Knowledge Management and Information Technology Service, DOH

Also:

- *Former Assistant Secretary of Health*
- *Former Spokesperson, DOH*
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- *Past President, RC Manila 101 RY 2017-2018 and RY 2018-2019*
- *Assistant Governor, RI District 381, RY 2019-2020 and RY 2020-2021*
- *Chairperson, COVID-19 Prevention and Awareness Committee, RI District 3810 RY2021-2022*
- *Treasurer, RC Manila 101 RY2021-2022*



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Good day my dear RCM Brothers!

We are grinding to the final week of the first month of 2022 and so much has already transpired.

As of this writing we shall have submitted our Mid-Year Report to the district. What was supposed to be a face to face meeting in Tagaytay was postponed (for obvious reasons) and tentatively moved to the last week of February.

We have accomplished much, but a lot of work has yet to be done.

We are gearing up for our three signature projects of RCM, namely, Journalism Awards, Tourism Awards and the Tower Awards. Every year, all of these awards, are anticipated and much coveted by the respective players of these fields. Our formidable Chairmen, Dir. Amading Valdez, DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph and PP Susing Pineda are rolling up their sleeves to ramp up these hallmark projects of our club as we head towards the second half of our Rotary year.

The second wave of our Odette drive is well on its way, this time coursing our much needed contributions through RCM Manila Foundation, Inc. I urge one and all to please participate this time in this noble endeavor if you haven't yet or join again even if you have already

participated in the first drive. The need out there is real and is badly needed. This time, the target is to provide Water, Power and Shelter. The team headed by PE Hermie Esguerra, IAS Mike Albaña and others will do an update to the members today.

I thank all of you who have generously given and joined in this effort, as I thank in advance those who have yet to join this drive.

Nowadays, there is so much information about what is going on regarding this CoVid surge. It is getting confusing as to what to believe and what to pass off as fake news (of which is spreading almost as rapidly as OMICRON).

Today, we shall have a straight talk about what is really going on around us, a professional point of view as to what exactly this OMICRON variant is, how it differs from the DELTA variant and how best to cope with it.

Let us all warmly welcome our Guest Speaker, Rotary Club of Manila 101 PP ENRIQUE "ERIC" A. TAYAG, M.D., PHSAE, FPSMID, CESO III, Director IV for Knowledge Management and Information Technology Service of our Department of Health, today, in our Weekly Membership Meeting!

By the way, Dr. Tayag is a Past President of Rotary Club of Manila 101 from RY 2017-2019 and currently, the Chairman of the CoVid-19 Prevention and Awareness Committee of Rotary International District 3810.

Let's get the facts straight from the fellow Rotarian and Doctor himself!

Stay safe everyone!

May God, indeed, protect us and the families we represent!

Humbly yours in Rotary,

FSZ
Felix Francisco S. Zaldarriaga
President
RY 2021-2022



◀◀ THE WEEK THAT WAS ▶▶



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



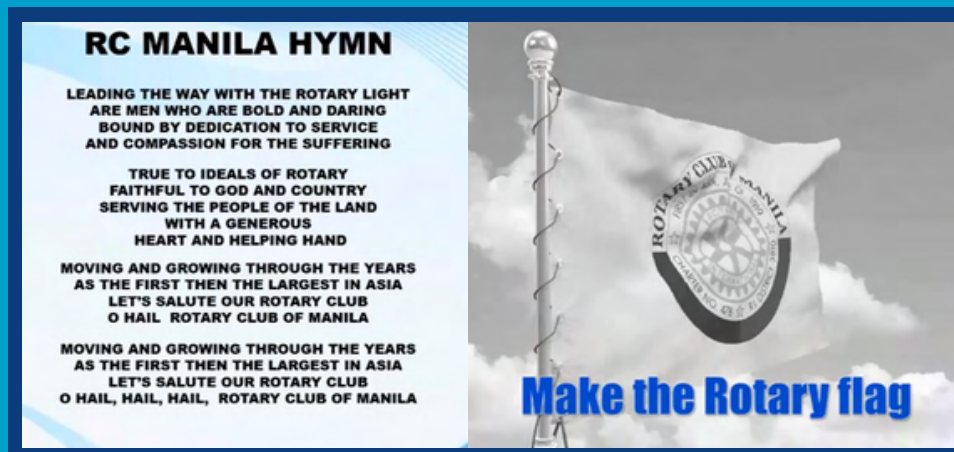
President Chito Zaldarriaga calls the meeting to order.



STAR Rtn. Alvin Ampil delivers an Invocation and Special Prayer.



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

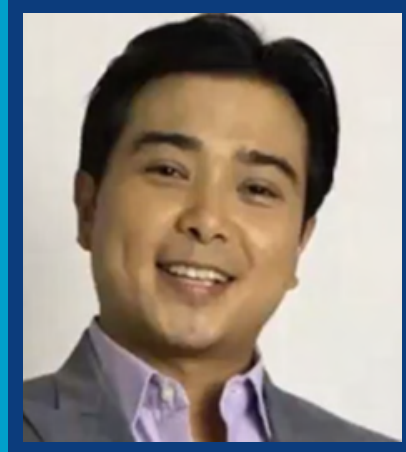


The **World Famous Music Chorale Audiovisual Presentation** of the **RC Manila Hymn** and the singing of the **Philippine Rotary Hymn**

«« THE WEEK THAT WAS ««



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



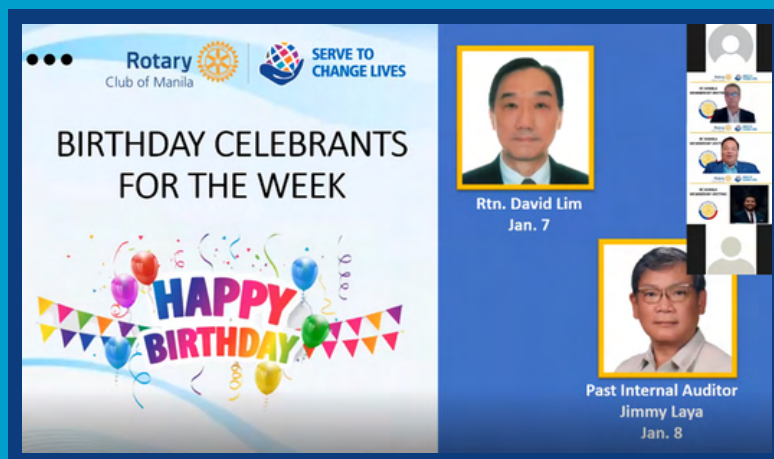
STAR Rtn. John Bautista Jr. leads the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test for Manila Rotarians to renew their commitment to the Rotary movement.



STAR Rtn. Senen Mangalile, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges visiting Rotarians and guests.



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



STAR Rtn. Senen Mangalile, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges the week's birthday celebrants, namely, **Rtn. David Lim** and **PIA Jimmy Laya**, 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, as proposer, introduces inductee, **STAR Rtn. Nicolas Souvlakis**, Vice President of Philip Morris International.



DGE Joyce Ambray conducts the charging of new member, **STAR Rtn. Nicolas Souvlakis**.



President Chito Zaldarriaga administers the oath of membership to new member, **STAR Rtn. Nicolas Souvlakis**.

◀◀ THE WEEK THAT WAS ▶▶



Dir. Albert Alday, as member of the Rotary Leadership Institute Faculty, delivers an overview of the Rotary Leadership Institute.



IS Edwin Hernandez, AT PJ Garcia, STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan and Star Rtn. Raoul Creencia deliver their respective testimonials on the Rotary Leadership Institute Encounter.



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

◀◀ THE WEEK THAT WAS ▶▶



PD Jun Hallare introduces the **Past President's Time Speaker PP Boy Guevara Jr., President, Rotary Club of Manila, RY 1996-1997, Chairman Emeritus, Radiowealth Finance Corporation.**

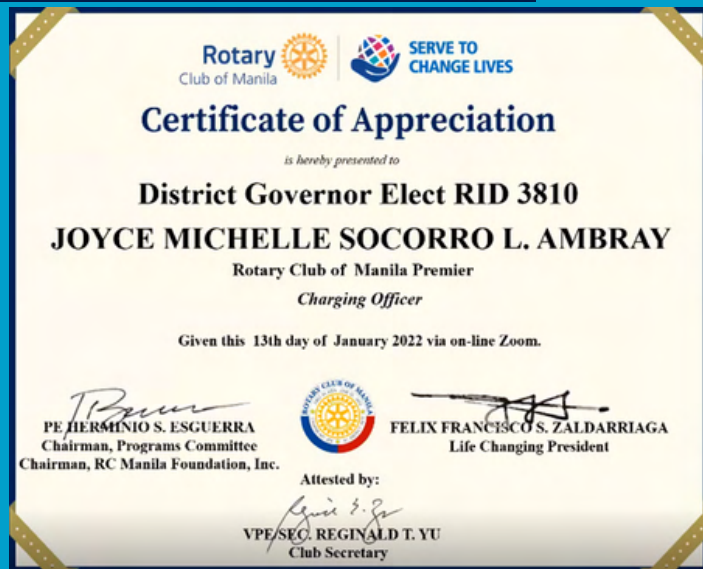


Past President's Time Speaker PP Boy Guevara Jr., President, Rotary Club of Manila, RY 1996-1997, Chairman Emeritus, Radiowealth Finance Corporation, delivers his talk.



An open forum immediately followed right after the talk of **Past President's Time Speaker PP Boy Guevara Jr., President, Rotary Club of Manila, RY 1996-1997, Chairman Emeritus, Radiowealth Finance Corporation.** Among those who participated in the open forum were **PSAA Gunter Matschuck, PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra, DGND Jackie Rodriguez** and **PD Oscar del Rosario.**

« THE WEEK THAT WAS «



President Chito Zaldarriaga and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra present the Certificates of Appreciation, attested by **VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu**, to **PP Boy Guevara Jr., President, Rotary Club of Manila, RY 1996-1997, Chairman Emeritus, Radiowealth Finance Corporation** and to **DGE Joyce Ambray**.



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

From the Programs Committee



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

As the nation navigates the dangerous waters of the global pandemic on account of the Omicron variant invasion and in the light of its increasing cases in Metro Manila and neighboring provinces, our club, the Rotary Club of Manila, wishes to share with you relevant and important information on the new variant of CoVid-19 at our Weekly Membership Meeting.

Our Guest Speaker, DOH Assistant Secretary and Past President of the Rotary Club Manila 101, ENRIQUE "ERIC" TAYAG, M.D., will enlighten us on the facts you always wanted to know about the novel Corona virus.

With our desires for a safe and health community, join us, 12:30 PM, January 20.

Yours in the service of Rotary,

PE HERMIE ESGUERRA
Programs Committee Chairman
Rotary Club of Manila
RY 2021-2022



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2021-2022

DECEMBER 2021	January 6, 2022 BSP Governor and PVP Ben Diokno	January 13, 2022 Past President's Time PP Boy Guevara Jr.
All Members Present	86	74
Make Up	5	0
Less: Exempt from Attendance	4	7
On Leave	0	0
Total Active Members	87	67
Total # of Members	225	225
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	39%	30%
Rotaractors		
Media		
Embassies/Diplomatic Corps		
District Governors		
Guest of Honor and Speaker/Guest Speaker		
Visiting Rotarians	42	
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	8	
Unknown		
Total Attendees	136	74

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of January 19, 2022, 3:00 PM)

	ANNUAL DUES 19-20
200	FULLY PAID
22	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	Branelllec, 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	Domingo, Rico V.	51009	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
56	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.	50765	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
57	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	50520	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
58	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.	50672	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
59	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	50439	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
60	Engelbrecht, Francois	50679	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
61	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.	50519	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
62	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	50547	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
63	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.	50678	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
64	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.	50697	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
65	Evaristo, Frank A.	50534	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
66	Everingham, Richard Jack	50834	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
67	Fajardo, Beda G.	50546	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
68	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"	50654	32,138.00	FULLY PAID
69	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.	50729	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
70	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.	50741	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
71	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	50509	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
72	Garcia, Victor	50525	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
73	Gaspar, Fernando "Nando" L.	50733	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
74	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	50521	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
75	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.	50761	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
76	Go, Henry Sy	50686	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
77	Go, Michael	50731	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
78	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.	50655	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
79	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.	50572	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
80	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	50573	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
81	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.	50689	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
82	Hallerbach, Mathias	50759	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
83	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt	50563	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
84	Henkelmann, Martin	50599	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
85	Hernandez, Edwin	50551	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
86	Hesse, Uwe	50581	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
87	Hortaleza, Rolando	50822	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
88	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.	50693	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
89	Joseph, Ralph L.	50514	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
90	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.	50510	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
91	Joseph, Robert, Jr. "Bobby" L.	50512	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
92	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy"	50700	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
93	Karcher, Henning	50558	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
94	Kunack, Lutz	50668	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
95	Lacambacal, Alvin D.	50734	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
96	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez	50728	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
97	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.	50821	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
98	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.	50685	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
99	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	50554	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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100	Leung, Karl A.	50740	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
101	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.	50515	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
102	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	50567	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
103	Lim, Richard	50748	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
104	Lim, William "Willy" C.	50848	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
105	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.	50595	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
106	Locsin, Roberto R.	50670	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
107	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	50524	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
108	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.	50597	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
109	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"	50703	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
110	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50548	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
111	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"	50541	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
112	Magbanua, Gerry	50562	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
113	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.	50657/5065	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
114	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"	50664	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
115	Mangalile, Senen	50713	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
116	Martinez, Ronald	50714	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
117	Masters, Lance A.	50530/5084	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
118	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	50807	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
119	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"	50711	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
120	Meloto, Antonio "Tony"	50511	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
121	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50543	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
122	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji"	50674	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
123	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"	50718	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
124	Montel, Juan Manuel C.	50665	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
125	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	50596	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
126	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.	50694	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
127	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	50598	25,001.00	FULLY PAID
128	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.	50722	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
129	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.	50683	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
130	Okajima, Hiroyuki	50588	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
131	Ong, Jovee K.	50715	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
132	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	50550	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
133	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.	50677	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
134	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.	50709	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
135	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"	50580	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
136	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
137	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
138	Patterson, Colin David	50536	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
139	Payumo, Felicito "Tong" C.	50825	10,000.00	PARTIALLY PAID
140	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	50594	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
141	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	50545	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
142	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50537	26,200.00	FULLY PAID
143	Pizarra, Jordan M.	50780	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
144	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.	50556	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
145	Pujalte, Jose, Jr. "Brix" S.	50754/50760	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
146	Ramos, Claver P.	50841	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
147	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"	50669	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
148	Recto, Philip H.	50691	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
149	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.	50681	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
150	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	50561	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
151	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50565	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
152	Robertz, Constantin Franz Josef "Con"	50680	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
153	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean "Sean" H.	50752	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
154	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.	50682	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
155	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.	50671	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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

(As of January 19, 2022, 3:00 PM)

156	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin "Martin"	50747	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
157	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.	50574	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
158	Rono, Marlon	50592	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
159	Sarmiento, Ricardo	50587	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
160	Schmitz, Steffan	50705	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
161	Schneider, Bernd	50673	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
162	Schoucair, Farid Alain	50667	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
163	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"	50717	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
164	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.	50698	15,484.00	FULLY PAID
165	Shigei, Kentaro	50591	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
166	Shimoda, Shigeru	50590	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
167	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	50564	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
168	So, Warren	50710	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
169	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.	50701	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
170	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya	50724	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
171	Souvlakis, Nicolas	51001	28,963.00	FULLY PAID
172	Stranathan, Ike	50566	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
173	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.	50544	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
174	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"	50732	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
175	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"	50651	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
176	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"	50899	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
177	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.	50818	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
178	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.	50797	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
179	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.	50707	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
180	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.	50743	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
181	Tang, Jimmy T.	50815	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
182	Tanglao, Noel V.	50785	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
183	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin	50549	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
184	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.	50676	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
185	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"	50532/50582	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
186	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Ha"	50695	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
187	Ubaldo, Cesar C.	50704	12,600.00	PARTIALLY PAID
188	Valdes, Joel C.	50727	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
189	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.	50660	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
190	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.	50755	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
191	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.	50755	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
192	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.	50720	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
193	Villarica, Henry R.	50652	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
194	Villegas, Raoul A.	50801	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
195	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.	50819	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
196	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.	50735	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
197	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.	50662	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
198	Yujuico, Benedicto "Dicky" V.	50808	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
199	Yujuico, Brendon	50571	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
200	Zalamea, Enrique, Jr. "Rick" M.	50753	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
201	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	50528	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
202	Zeitouni, Nagi	50696	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
203	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.	50663	15,800.00	FULLY PAID

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2021 Swiss

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Director Manufacturing, PMFTC

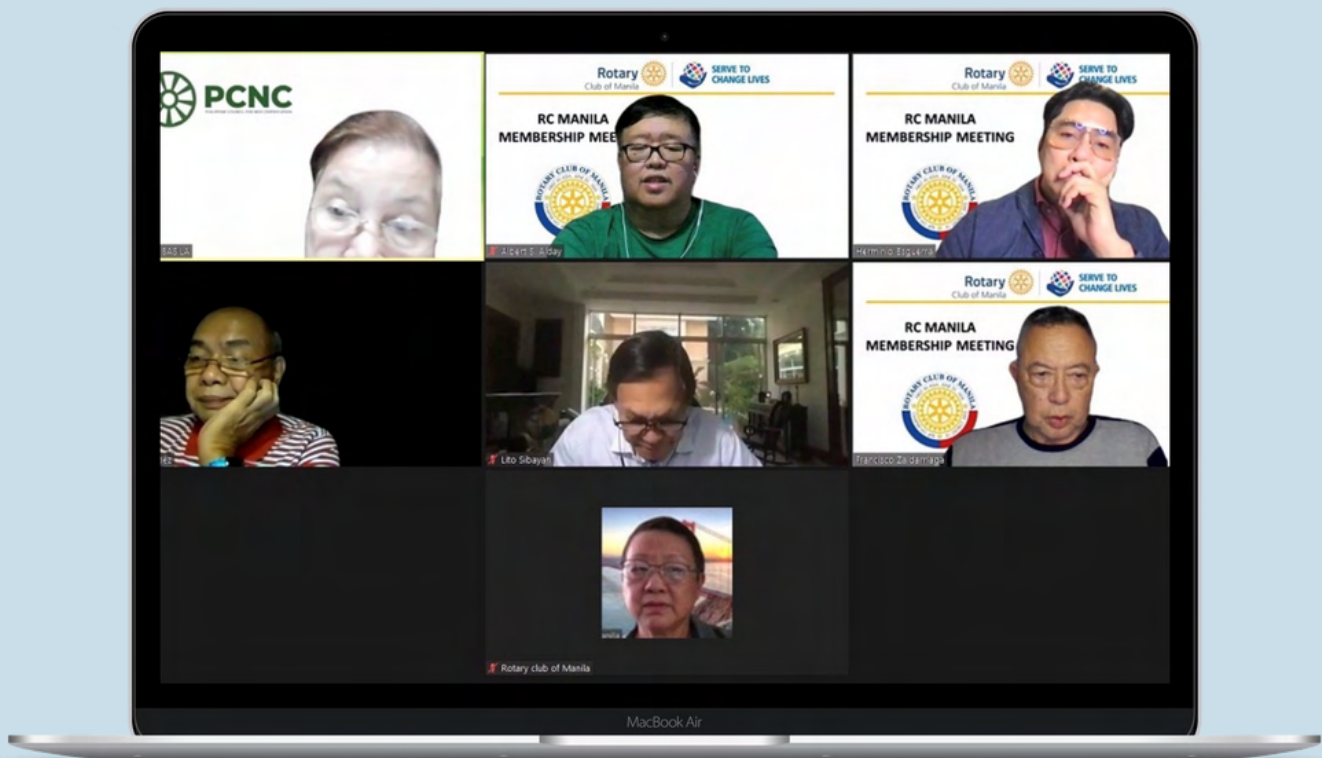
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RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC.

Key Trustees of RCManila Foundation, Inc. Hold Assessment Meeting on the Requirements for PCNC Reaccreditation



RCManila Foundation, Inc. Key Trustees were briefed by Consultant Caridad Basila on the compliance with requirements for PCNC accreditation last January 13, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were RCManila Foundation, Inc. Secretary/Trustee and Rotary Club of Manila DE/Dir. Albert Alday, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Rotary Club of Manila Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman-Elect and Treasurer/Trustee and Rotary Club of Manila PD Pepo Nuñez, RCManila Foundation, Inc. President-Elect/Trustee and Rotary Club of Manila PT Lito Sibayan, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Trustee and Rotary Club of Manila President Chito Zaldarriaga and Rotary Club of Manila ES Anna Kun Toledo.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Appeal for Paul Harris Fellows



July 1, 2021

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

An Opportunity has now opened doors for our club to be a 100% Paul Harris Club. With only US\$ 500.00 as a beginning contribution, you can now become a Paul Harris Fellow.

We have members who have risen to donor levels that have earned them significant point values. Our fellow members led by IPP Jackie Rodriguez, PDG Alex Cureg, PVP Hermie Esguerra, PDG Rudy Bediones and PDG Obet Pagdanganan have indicated their willingness to share the points they have earned to allow Rotarians to be enrolled in the Roster of Paul Harris Fellows for only an initial contribution of US\$ 500.00 instead of the regular US\$ 1,000.00.

Contributions can easily be made by enrolling in www.rotary.org using your R.I. Identification Number. Once enrolled, you are allowed to learn Rotary, increase your circle of friendship and contribute conveniently using the website.

We, Rotarians, belong to a global family of service-oriented people who believe that our congregation is a means to share our blessings to the less fortunate communities globally. The Rotary Foundation is the funding arm of global humanitarian undertakings of Rotary International. It was formally named in 1917 and the first trustees were appointed after Rotary International President Arch Klumph proposed for the establishment of an endowment for the purpose of doing good in the world. The first grant of US\$ 500 benefitted the International Society for Crippled Children (Easter Seals). History marks the milestone projects of The Rotary Foundation such a scholarship for

international graduate study, the elimination of Polio worldwide, the initiation of a World Peace Forum, among others. Under the Rotary's 7 Areas of Service Focus, namely, Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Economic and Community Development and lastly, Supporting the Environment, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation have made themselves relevant to developing communities globally.

All these services would not have been made possible if not for the generosity of Rotarians, who voluntarily enlisted themselves to become members of The Rotary Foundation through a minimal contribution of US\$ 1,000.00.

We are currently working on Global Grants and District Grants. Your contribution will significantly improve the community living of our target beneficiaries.

For any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in the service of Rotary,

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

Noted by:

FELIX FRANCISCO S. ZALDARRIAGA
President
RY 2021-2022

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



Calling for Proposals for Global Grants for RY 2021-2022

Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,



This is to announce a call for Global Grant Proposals for Rotary Year 2021-2022. See the fruition of your donations to The Rotary Foundation as you witness sustainable service projects unfold that would define the existence of Asia's First Rotary Club.

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

Yours in Rotary service,

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

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Odette HADR Initiatives

Rotary Club of Manila Board of Directors
Accomplishment Report
DE Rafael M. Alunan III

Odette HADR Initiatives

Immediately after “Odette” ravaged the country on December 17-18, 2021 President Chito Zaldarriaga and PE Hermie Esguerra launched on December 19 an RCM fund-raiser for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR).

PE Hermie bankrolled P567,000 for relief goods to be brought to Cebu. He authorized the release of P50,000 for the purchase of medicines and P50,000 for the operating expenses of a medical team to be dispatched to Negros Island. DE Raffy Alunan organized both efforts. The total amount raised from RCM members for this initiative was P1.024-million.

A. Relief Goods (December 20-21, 2021)

1. PE Hermie purchased 2,000 blankets, 2,000 native mats, 2,000 slippers, 8 portable solar-powered generators on December 20. This comprised the shipment for Cebu which was arranged with the Philippine Navy.
2. Military coordinator for DE Raffy was Maj. Inaki Jose (PMR) with the office of the AFP Chief of Staff, General Andres Centino through Col Demy Zagala (PA), and the Philippine Navy through Capt. Jonathan Zata (PN). He also coordinated for previous RCM medical missions to Marawi in 2017.
3. The goods were packed at 101 Hotel near the Mall of Asia which was overseen by Star Rotarians led by Mike Albaña, Inov Talusan and Xavy Zialcita. From there it was delivered to the Philippine Navy Headquarters on Roxas Boulevard on December 21.
4. The RCM delegation led by Presidents Chito and Hermie were on hand at PN Hqs. witnessed by the Flag Officer in Charge Vice-Admiral Adelius Bordado.
5. The goods were escorted by Philippine Navy personnel and Star Rotarians to Pier 13, South Harbor, and loaded on board BRP 601 “Tarlac”.
6. The goods were consigned to RCM Cebu c/o of its President, Jacob Ong. The ship arrived the following night on the 22nd and received by RCC on the 23rd.
7. Zero costs were incurred for the goods transported by BRP 601.
8. Letters of commendation are requested for all those involved in this effort.

B. Medical Mission

1. DE Raffy revived the 2017 Marawi medical team to augment local medical teams in southern Negros Island in the last week of December 2021. By January 3, a 10-man team composed of 5 doctors and 5 nurses was formed by Capt. Sharon Reyes MD, CEO of Alejandro Clinic.
2. Coordination was carried out by Maj Inaki Jose with Col Acmad Omar (OLA, PAF), under the office of the AFP Chief of Staff General Andres Centino; and by DE Raffy with SND Delfin Lorenzana. Follow-ups were later done by Capt. Reyes.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Odette HADR Initiatives

3. 34 assorted cartons of medicines, vitamins and medical supplies worth P100,000 were assembled by Capt Reyes from the P50,000 cash donation by RCM and from other donors through Endurun.
4. Anna Kun Toledo and the Secretariat provided valuable backup support.
5. The January flight to Dumaguete via a PAF C-295 was canceled as 7 out of 10 from the team were sidelined by the Omicron virus.
6. We switched to Plan B which was to find a local medical unit in Dumaguete to handle RCM's medical mission.
7. One Rescue was tapped on January 5. It's headed by Dr. Kenneth Koo who also joined RCM's 2017 medical missions in Marawi.
8. Mr. Gaspar Villegas of Tanjay, Negros Oriental, coordinated with the LGUs of Dumaguete, Bais and Manjuyod.
9. On January 16, Sunday, a C-295 flight delivered our medical cargo to Dumaguete which was received by One Rescue. Zero costs were incurred for the goods transported by C-295.
10. Medical missions will be carried out in Bais and Manjuyod. Appropriate data will be provided by One Rescue once the missions are over.
11. Letters of commendation are requested for all those involved in this effort.

Attached are pictures marked Annex A, B and C

Rafael M. Alunan III
DE 2022-23



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

ANNEX A *Relief Goods*



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

ANNEX B *Medical Mission*



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Annex C *Prime Movers*



President Chito Zaldarriaga



President-Elect Hermie Esguerra



Capt. Sharon Reyes, M.D. (PAR)



RCM ES Anna Kun Toledo



Maj. Kenneth Koo, M.D. (PAR)



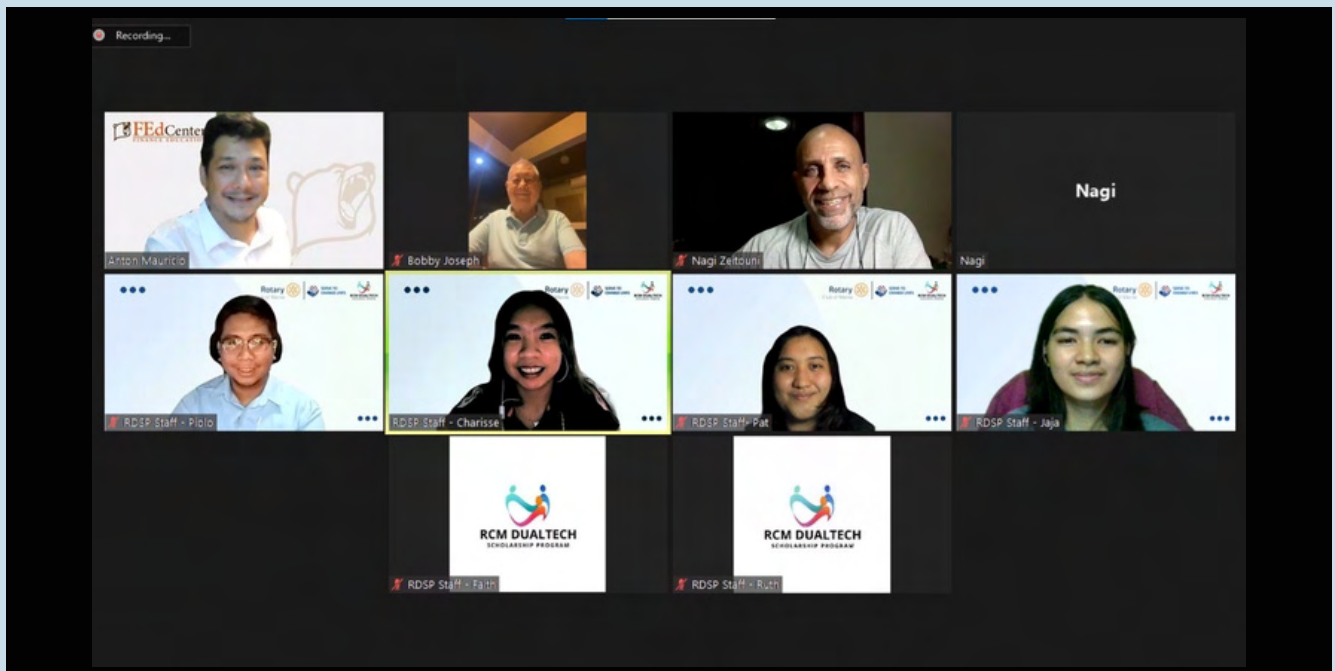
Gaspar Villegas, Tanjay LGU



From left to right: Col. Raffy Alunan (PAR), Maj. Iñaki Jose (PMCR), Col. Acmad Omar (PAF)

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Rotary Club of Manila Dualtech Scholarship Committee Holds Meetings



The Rotary Club of Manila Dualtech Scholarship Program (RDSP) Committee meeting last January 18, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. RDSP will pivot the selection of scholars towards Odette-devastated areas and provide families with future breadwinners-- a long-term and sustainable solution. This model was also adopted successfully by Dualtech during Typhoon Yolanda. Present were DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio and ISAA Nagi Zeitouni.



The Rotary Club of Manila Dualtech Scholarship Program (RDSP) Committee held a meeting last January 14, 2022 via Zoom platform with Dualtech Chairman Rev. Fr. Willy Ong. Present from the club were DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

*Circle of Filipino and American Rotarians Hold
CFAR KKK (Kumustahan, Kuwentuhan,
Kantahan, Kodakan)
on "Rotary's Four Way Test
in the Era of Fake News"*



The poster features a yellow background with a portrait of a smiling man in a white shirt. The text is in blue and black. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with white text. A decorative wavy line in red, green, and blue separates the speaker information from the event details.

 **CIRCLE OF FILIPINO AND AMERICAN ROTARIANS**
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Kumustahan, Kuwentuhan, Kantahan, Kodakan

Topic:
**"Rotary's Four Way
Test in The Era of
Fake News"**

Keynote Speaker:
EIC/PDG Herminio "Sonny" Coloma Jr.
PDG D-3830 , Rotary Club of Alabang

JANUARY 21, 2022 (FRIDAY) 6:00PM (US & CANADA)
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MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

By Rhea Vitto Tabora

STAR Rotarian Stefan Schmitz: Destined to be in the Philippines and in Logistics

Born and raised in Germany, STAR Rotarian Stefan Schmitz is destined to live in the Philippines and play an important role in the country's economic stage.

There had been many other occasions at various junctures in his life that made him realize he is meant to be living in the "Pearl of the Orient Seas" and offering logistics solutions. From wearing his favorite "Camping/ Caravanning Filipinas" shirt in his childhood days, he did not imagine that later on in his life, he will wear a military uniform and give military honors to then President Corazon Aquino.

He has now been in the Philippines for over two decades and is embracing every moment of it.

In this interview, STAR Rtn. Stefan shares his amazing journey and how he ended up establishing his own logistics company in the Philippines. Read more about his story and the path he took to get to where he is today.



Photo taken in Batanes

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rotarian Stefan Schmitz: Destined to be in the Philippines and in Logistics

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

Stefan Schmitz (SS): There were a lot of indicatives early on in my life that I would end up in the Philippines and in the logistics industry.



STAR Rtn. Stefan on Columbus' Sta. Maria ship in the Port of Barcelona.

"The t-shirt I am wearing says "Camping/ Caravanning Filipinas". And this was our family home in Spain for many years during the summer holidays."

But, let's start with my professional path. I graduated high school at the age of 15 and in 1985, at barely 16, I started an apprenticeship in freight forwarding – better known today as logistics.

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

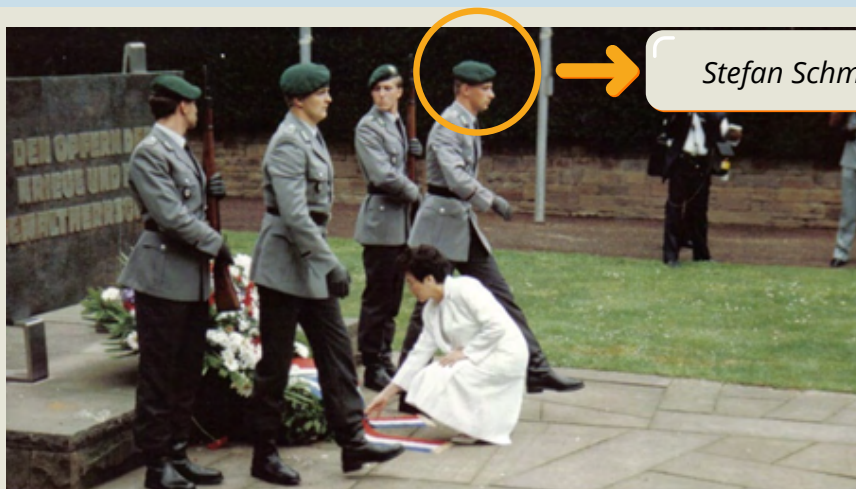
STAR Rotarian Stefan Schmitz: Destined to be in the Philippines and in Logistics



*Seven-year-old Stefan playing with a container port toy set...
Coincidence? Or was it a dream he nurtured as a child?*

I finished my apprenticeship after two and a half years, and then joined the Army in 1988 for 15 months.

I was part of the team that gave military honors given to former Philippine President Corazon C. Aquino.



*Wreath laying at the grave of an unknown soldier during the visit
of former President Corazon Aquino to Germany in 1989.*

There were many more occasions that led me later to believe that staying long in the Philippines was no accident.

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rotarian Stefan Schmitz: Destined to be in the Philippines and in Logistics

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

SS: Throughout my life, I was adventurous. I was never big in academic terms or formal education. It was more of “learning by doing” approach by visiting the School of Life. I was blessed by many mentors along my journey.

I left Germany in 1992 at the age of 22. Indonesia was the first host country for my working abroad venture. Equipped with a plan and contract to stay for a year, I ended up working in Indonesia for almost six years. I formed many friendships during that time and keep them until today. With the fall of the Suharto regime in Indonesia combined with the Asian crisis, I received an offer to work in the Philippines.

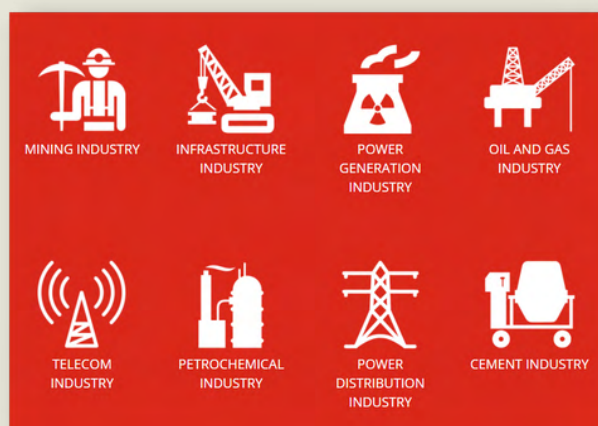
I arrived here in early 1998, and I have been here since – 24 years in total. During those 24 years, I worked for Aboitiz Transport System and stayed with them until 2013 (after it changed hands from Aboitiz family to Negros Navigation). In 2013, I started Antrak Philippines as a shareholder.

In 2020, I became the President-Elect of the German Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry. I was one of its first members when it was incorporated. It was not an easy time with the ongoing pandemic and the challenges it presented. But, we were able to switch to online meetings and services in a relatively short time. It broadened my horizon with a look behind the scenes of trade – the bilateral issues, politics and diplomacy, among other things. I am thankful for the opportunity – even though I wished it would have happened in different time. But as they say, if it would be easy, everybody would (and could) do it.

RVT: What types of services does Antrak Philippines Transport Solutions Corporation provide?

SS: Antrak provides specialized logistics solutions. We specialize in tailor-made solutions for large and heavy cargo that need to go to remote areas. In our nine years of existence, we have catered to the power industry (power plants and sub-stations), mining industry, infrastructure industry, telecoms as well as oil and gas sectors.

As part of our mission to deliver quality services, we do education in the form of seminars, customer events and consultation in customs rules, classification as well as other relevant topics in international trade (incoterms or international commercial terms).



MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rotarian Stefan Schmitz: Destined to be in the Philippines and in Logistics

RVT: What has been your most satisfying moment in business?

SS: Apart from the obvious like winning a customer, a contract or tender, it is when you make other people succeed. When you sow a seed and it helps grow a person to become more successful than one can ever imagine – being part of that journey is more satisfying than winning any contract.

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RVT: What experiences do you feel shaped you the most?

SS: The most – I do not know. But, to name a few – when I miserably failed a contract, I offered to resign, yet the company believed in me, stood by me and asked me to stay. And we were able to have record years after that incident, a true phoenix-from-the-ashes moment.

Another one was having kids. How having kids is all bundled up in one is still beyond me; bundled up in one as in joy, stress, pain, pride, laughter, tears, and fear altogether. The list of emotions is endless. But, I wouldn't be the same me without them, and I wouldn't be complete.

RVT: Name a business leader whom you look up to, and why?

SS: Over the years, there are too many to mention. Business is evolving and so are its leaders, failures and successes. Lately, I have been following a lot of Simon Sinek.

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

SS: I have been asked this question many times. I guess I am one of the few who says “I'd do it all over again.” Little would I change – maybe get married earlier and have kids earlier. But, other than that, I would not change anything else. I love logistics, the moment I chose it was good as I was mature enough.



Family trip to Bicol in New Year 2022

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rotarian Stefan Schmitz: Destined to be in the Philippines and in Logistics

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

SS: Pre-pandemic, traveling was a big passion. But the coronavirus made it a bit challenging to plan – so nowadays, we create holidays at home or nearby Metro Manila.



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Other than that, I am a HUGE football fan. My love is my home Football Club Fortuna Duesseldorf and whenever in Germany, I would visit the Stadium and watch them live – home or away.

Also, cooking is how I de-stress. Give me a knife or a peeler and I can totally forget everything else and focus on chopping onions or peeling potatoes.

RVT: As a STAR Rotarian, how would you describe your experience with the Club so far?

SS: I am a traditionalist. So being invited and accepted into RCM was a BIG deal for me. I enjoy the meetings albeit only on Zoom and look forward to better times when face-to-face meetings are possible again.

RVT: What ignited your interest in joining the Rotary Club of Manila?

SS: Dr. Guenther "Gunter" Matschuck approached me and told me about the rich history of the club, and he invited me to become a part of what he likes to describe as the German "contingent" in the club – many of whom I have known as well for many years. Guenther didn't really sell it very hard to me. So, I would like to thank Guenther again for inviting me, and for his moving introduction during my acceptance to the Club.



STAR Rtn. Stefan Schmitz was inducted member of the Rotary Club of Manila on June 3, 2021.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

Rotary Club of Manila Receives Certificate of Appreciation from Layaban Elementary School



The Rotary Club of Manila received a Certificate of Appreciation from Layaban Elementary School for the Christmas Gift Giving, "Timba-Timbang Pamasko for Indigenous People of Sitio Layaban", last December 19, 2021 at Poypoy, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

*Dir. Amading Valdez Interviewed
on DZAR Sonshine Radio 1026 Manila*



Dir. Amading Valdez was interviewed by Perlita Uy and Angelo Almonte of DZAR Sonshine Radio 1026 Manila last January 17, 2022.

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RCManila Foundation, Inc. BLA Teddy Kalaw IV is Speaker on “Citizen-Leadership and Sustainability” at the CEG Personal Governance Introductory Program



The banner features a large circular portrait of Dr. Jesus P. Estanislao at the top left. Below it, his name and title are listed. To the right, the program title 'CEG Personal Governance Introductory Program' is prominently displayed in blue and red. Below the title, the date and time '26 January 2022 | 09:00AM to 01:00PM via zoom' are shown. A registration button labeled 'REGISTER NOW' is positioned to the right of the admission information. Below the main title, five smaller circular portraits of other speakers are arranged in a row, each with their name and title below. At the bottom left, the logos for CEG, ISA, and ICD are displayed. At the bottom right, registration and inquiry information is provided.

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RCManila Foundation, Inc. BLA Teddy Kalaw IV will be one of the speakers on the topic, "Citizen-Leadership and Sustainability" on the CEG Personal Governance Introductory Program on January 26, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform.

Double your club in 60 minutes



— Members of the Rotary Club of Henderson, Texas, spend their Saturday building a wheelchair ramp.

By David Higgs, president, Rotary Club of Henderson, Texas, USA

When I was asked to serve as president of our local Rotary club, I knew I needed to focus on recruiting new members during my term. Our club was down to about 20 members and far too often we would have less than a dozen at our weekly meeting. So, I took some of the ideas I learned at Presidents Elect Training Seminars and molded an approach to enlisting new members.

The strategy was simple. I challenged our club to move our annual installation of officer's banquet to a noon event. I also challenged our club to open the event up to the public. Then, I challenged our members to work together as a club to have 100 people in attendance. Ten professionally printed invitations were given to each member to invite guests. I made it clear members were expected to bring guests. I invited the mayor and other city officials who were happy to attend. Some of our members invited leaders from the school district and County. Almost everyone is up for a free lunch.

Source: www.rotary.org

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Acting in faith, we had the facility set up for 100 people and ordered food accordingly. When the day arrived, I was excited to see that every member brought guests. Our club had never had a meeting with 100 people in attendance. Some members brought one or two guests, others 10 to 12. The excitement was palpable.

During the luncheon, we shared with the guests what Rotary was about and then gave them the opportunity to join. They were given an offer that our club would pay their dues for the first six months. At the appropriate time we passed out applications and dedicated three minutes for guests to complete the form. I was convinced we could double our club during that 60-minute luncheon. And by the time the luncheon was over we had 14 new members!

These new members have brought a breath of fresh air to our club. We have had several projects since, where the new members have had a chance to get to know one another better.

The bottom line is, if you put in the effort and encourage club members to get on board 100 percent, you can increase your club size during an installation banquet or some other special event. You can do it!

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FROM LEGAL HAWK... TO SPOX... TO THE SENATE.
"The life of the law has not been logic; it has been experience."
— Oliver Wendell Holmes

The year 2020 has been a tough one. A volcanic eruption, a deadly virus, job losses, and mental health problems due to isolation haven't made things easy. No one can blame Filipinos for being more pessimistic than any other point in history, as we face another year of uncertainty. It must have been a hundred times as tough for a Presidential Spokesperson who bears the brunt of the public's criticism for his boss' actions. His words are always up to interpretation, which can lead to a notable outburst. Exacerbating this challenge is the prevalent climate of misinformation and disinformation often disguised as criticism.

Add in the fact that he worked for a populist president known to utter crass and controversial statements and he pretty much has an impossible task at hand.

Yet, Atty. HERMINIO LOPEZ ROQUE JR is made of sterner stuff. A seasoned legal luminary, an eloquent speaker and a feisty human rights lawyer, he is one of the easily recognizable public intellectuals in the Philippines. He graduated from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Political Science in 1986; and later, pursued law at the University of the Philippines, after which, received his Master of Laws degree with Merit, from the London School of Economics in 1996.

He taught law for 15 years at the University of the Philippines College of Law, specializing on Public International Law, Contemporary Developments in International Law, Transportation and Public Utilities. He was also director of the college's Institute of International Legal Studies. Before entering politics, he was already a familiar face, representing victims in many high-profile cases through an organization he helped found, the Center for International Law Manila (Centerlaw).

Through this advocacy group, Atty. Roque and his team represented victims in a number of public interest cases. Among these are *Vinuya v. Executive Secretary* where he represented surviving victims of mass rape, commonly referred to as "comfort women," the *Adonis* case before the UNHRC questioning the Philippines' criminal libel law, a direct challenge to the constitutionality of the libel law in the Philippines in the *Cybercrime Prevention Act* case, and in *Ninez Cacho-Olivarez, et al v. Juan Miguel Arroyo*, a class action suit in behalf of journalists against the First Gentleman's indiscriminate filing of libel cases to harass journalists and to muzzle freedom of the press. He also represents 15 heirs of the victims of the Ampatuan Massacre in the multiple murder cases being tried before the Quezon City Regional Trial Court.

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In 2005, Atty. Roque was admitted to practice before the International Criminal Court, the first Asian to do so, and the U.N. War Crimes Tribunal for Rwanda. He was also elected to the Governing Council of the Asian Society of International Law and the International Criminal Bar.

In addition, he has argued before the Supreme Court on several occasions. Among the cases that he argued before the high court were assailing Presidential Proclamation 1017 and General Order No. 5, placing the country under a State of Emergency partially unconstitutional for infringing on the constitutionally protected rights of free speech, peaceful assembly and freedom of the press. He is also among the five counsels allowed to argue specific issues raised against the Cybercrime Law. On another occasion, he represented the Integrated Bar of the Philippines in arguing that local government officials cannot deny applications for rally permits except on grounds that the conduct of the same will result in a clear and present danger to the state.

He also helped secure for Boracay Foundation a Temporary Environmental Protection Order (TEPO) to stop the reclamation of 42 hectares of land in Caticlan due to the absence of studies and guarantees that it would not damage Boracay Island. Atty. Roque had the distinction of having won the first ever granted petition for the writ of Amparo in favor of a journalist, as well as another petition for Amparo — the second application for writ of Amparo where the Court of Appeals issued protective orders.

No doubt, the public's perception of Atty. Roque as a human rights champion got him the nod to represent the Kabayan Party-list, a Left-leaning organization which claims to speak for the marginalized sectors, including the disabled, senior citizens, Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), fishermen, farmers, and the poor. As Congressman, he was the principal author of the Universal Health Coverage Bill, which was passed on the third and final reading by the House of Representatives on September 6, 2017. He was also one of three representatives who endorsed the impeachment case against the former Comelec chairman, Andres Bautista.

Atty. Roque assumed the role of President Duterte's presidential spokesperson when he was appointed on November 6, 2017 until he resigned the following year to run for a seat in the House of Representatives under the Luntiang Pilipinas party-list. He later decided to run for senator under PRP but eventually withdrew after suffering from "unstable angina coronary disease." He then returned as President Duterte's spokesperson in April of 2020. At the same time, he assumed a dual role of spokesperson for the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, amid the COVID-19 pandemic replacing Karlo Nograles.

On November 15, 2021, Atty. Roque filed his certificate of candidacy for the 2022 Senate election which automatically meant that he has resigned from his position as presidential and IATF spokesperson. A vocal supporter of Davao Mayor Sara Duterte, he claims that his decision to run for the Senate was due to the

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presidential daughter's decision to run for vice president.

"Babalik po tayo sa larangan ng pulitika, babalik po tayo sa Kongreso ng Pilipinas, doon po sa Kamara ng Senado. Nagpaalam na tayo kay Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte at kay Mayor Sara Duterte para sa panibagong hamon na aking haharapin na mula sa inyong pagiging spox ay nais ko pong maging action man sa Senado. (We will go back to politics, to Congress of the Philippines, in the Senate. I've already bid goodbye to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and Mayor Sara Duterte for this new challenge that I will be facing from being your spokesperson to be an action man in the Senate)," he vigorously declared.

If the stars do align in his favor, the nation will be guaranteed to have a legal hawk and an action man in the Senate.

I wish him the best of luck!



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