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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



**Hon. BENJAMIN "BEN" E.
DIOKNO, Ph.D.**

Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Chairman, Monetary Board
Secretary Designate
Department of Finance
Republic of the Philippines
Professor Emeritus
University of the Philippines Diliman
Vice President, Rotary Club of Manila
RY 2010-2011

KABALITA

As the nation turns a new leaf with the impending change in administration, let our foremost banker and finance guru share the proposed financial strategies and policies as stimuli to economy recovery as he brings good tidings to Asia's First Rotary Club.



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ZOOM

WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Rotary Year 2021-2022
Thursday, June 9, 2022, 12:30 PM

Program Timetable

Part I

12:30 PM	Registration & Zoom In		
	Program Moderator/Facilitator/Chika Talk		PAS Joel Valdes
	Presentation of Meeting Protocol/ Zoom Meeting House Rules		
	Call to Order		Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga
	Invocation and Special Prayers		PD John Cenica
	Philippine National Anthem		AVP of RCM Members
	RCM Hymn		AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Philippine Rotary Hymn		AVP
	The Rotarian Pledge		STAR Rtn. Bon Li
	The Four (4) Way Test		PD Phil Ong
	Introduction of Guests & Visiting Rotarians		PAS Joel Valdes
	Welcome Song		AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week		
	June 7 PD John Cenica	June 8	Rtn. Lutz Kunack
	Rtn. Jeric Jucaban		
	Maligayang Bati		AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Happy Birthday Song		AVP of Birthday Celebrants



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WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Part II

1:00 PM Introduction of Guest of Honor and Speaker

DE Tony Lopez

Address:

Hon. BENJAMIN "BEN" E. DIOKNO, Ph.D.

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Open Forum

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga
PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra
Programs Committee Chairman

Attested by:
IDDCC/VPE/Sec. Reggie Yu

President's Time

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

2:00 PM Response and Meeting Adjournment

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga



PROFILE

BENJAMIN E. DIOKNO, Ph.D.

GOVERNOR, BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS



Dr. Diokno is the current Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). Prior to his appointment, he served as Budget Secretary from 2016 to 2019 marking his third tour of duty at the Department of Budget and Management. As Budget Secretary, he pursued an expansionary fiscal policy to finance investments in human capital development and public infrastructure.

Under his leadership, the BSP was among the first central banks in the world to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. The prompt and extraordinary monetary measures provided a significant cushion to the current state of the Philippine economy. Against this backdrop, "The Banker"—an influential international publication owned by the Financial Times—named him "Global Central Bank Governor of the Year 2022." Governor Diokno's recognition as the best central banker in the world is the first for the Philippines.

As BSP Governor, besides pursuing the BSP mandates of price stability, financial stability, and efficient payments and settlements system, he also endeavors to bring central banking closer to the Filipino people. He is a champion of digital payments and financial inclusion. In this pursuit, he aims to shift at least 50% of retail payment transactions to digital form and achieve 70% transaction account ownership among adult Filipinos by the end of his term in 2023. He is also a strong advocate of the Philippine ID System.

His policy expertise and research contribution extend to various areas of public economics, such as the structure and scope of government, tax policies and reforms, public expenditure management analysis, fiscal decentralization, national budget, and public debt, among other topics. He has extensive experience in implementing reforms in the public sector, having also served as Budget Undersecretary from 1986 to 1991 and Budget Secretary from 1998 to 2001.

PROFILE

BENJAMIN E. DIOKNO, Ph.D.

GOVERNOR, BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS

He is Professor Emeritus of the University of the Philippines-Diliman. Over more than 40 years, he taught the following courses: Public Sector Economics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Development Economics, and Special Topics (e.g., Public Enterprises Investment and Pricing Policies; Public Sector Reforms; Local Government Finance, etc.). He was also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (City University of Manila).

He served as Fiscal Adviser to the Philippine Senate. He also served as Chairman and CEO of the Philippine National Oil Company and Chairman of the Local Water Utilities Administration.

Some of the major policy reform contributions of Dr. Diokno include: providing technical assistance to the 1986 Tax Reform Program to simplify the income tax system and introduce the value-added tax, helping design the 1991 Local Government Code of the Philippines, initiating a What-You-See-Is-What-You-Get policy to streamline the release of funds, and sponsoring the internationally lauded Government Procurement Reform Act to modernize, regulate, and standardize government procurement activities in the Philippines.

He served as an adviser and consultant to various multilateral agencies like the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Commission, and USAID for work in the Philippines, China, and transitioning economies like Vietnam, Cambodia, and Mongolia.

He has also participated in numerous international conferences hosted by the IMF, ADB, World Bank, APEC, and UN, among other international organizations. He authored numerous publications and discussion papers regarding his research interests that have been published in academic journals and policy reports.

He finished his Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration (1968) and his Master's Degree in Public Administration (1970) and Economics (1974) at the University of the Philippines. He also holds an M.A. in Political Economy (1976) from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, USA and a Ph.D. in Economics (1981) degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York, USA. In 2017, he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines—the highest academic rank and honor conferred by the University.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings RCM brothers!

Things are really buzzing with so much activity.

Our Club is being represented by PDG Vince Carlos in Houston for the Rotary International Convention as of this writing. Also there is PD Nick Locsin who is also the Chairman for the Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs (CCRC), which was spearheaded by our club. They have a booth that was put together by all the member clubs of the CCRC.

Last week, we had our very own STAR Rtn. Carlos “Caloy” Serapio walk us through his experience of running for the second (2nd) most important government position in the country.

He shared the dynamics of the 1% fulcrum principle which was really quite interesting. We are proud of you Caloy!

Last Saturday, we had the incoming Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila meet face to face jointly with the incoming Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila Premier at the Midas Hotel and Casino in Pasay City. It was a very well attended event with both clubs brimming with a lot of energy and enthusiasm to embark on next year’s term! We had Incoming District Trainer PDG Karen Tamayo leading the Joint Club Planning Session, preparing both clubs for next year’s strategic plans and programs. RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Rotary Club of Manila Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra’s Phenomenal Leader Rotary Year, indeed, looks like it will be nothing less than Phenomenal!

The “Water Matters” Committee, chaired by STAR Rtn. Evaristo “Junjie” Vazquez Jr., has put together a formidable group of very dynamic members to tackle several issues and challenges we have with regard to our water needs. These gentlemen will be under the keen eye of no less than DE/PD Raffy Alunan in his capacity as Director-in-Charge of the Community Service Group.

May the “force” be with you guys!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are gearing up for our final event for what our beloved club is known for, The Journalism Awards. Chairman Dir. Amading Valdez has outdone himself for this year's awards program. *Abangan!*

Today, we have been fortunate to have our very own PVP / BSP Governor, Monetary Board Chairman and incoming DOF Secretary Ben Diokno as our Guest of Honor and Speaker.

His office confirmed his attendance despite his busy schedule. He will be joining us at 1:00 pm and since he has a very important press conference right after, he really has to leave at exactly 1:30 pm.

Finally, I will again make the final few appeals and reminders for all of us to be a Paul Harris Fellow and for Everyone to Bring One!

Let's do it gentlemen! May God bless us all!

Humbly yours in Rotary,

FSZ

Felix Francisco S. Zaldarriaga
President
RY 2021-2022



THE WEEK THAT WAS



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



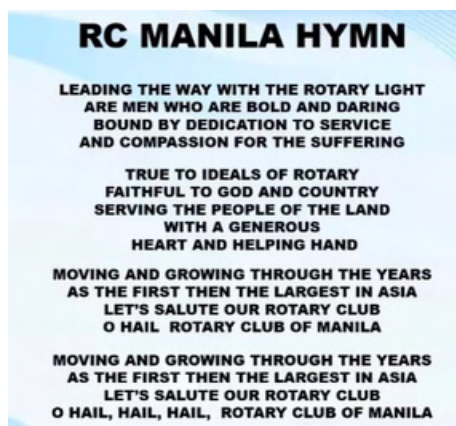
President Chito Zaldarriaga calls the meeting to order.



Rtn. Joshua Aragon 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. Nico Souvlakis 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.



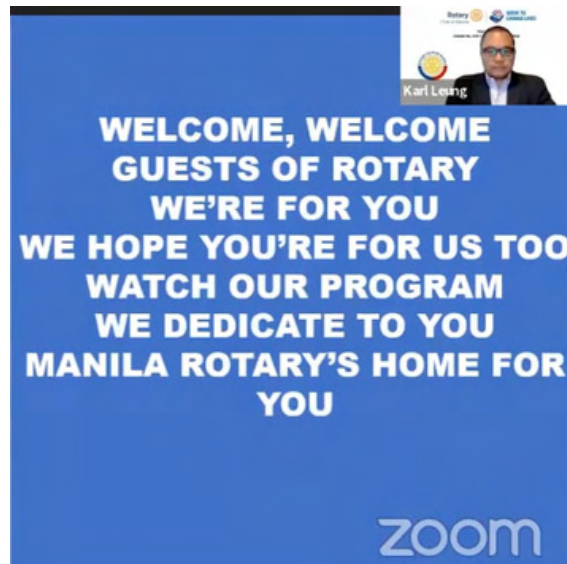
PBLA Raji Mendoza leads the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test for Manila Rotarians to renew their commitment to the Rotary movement.



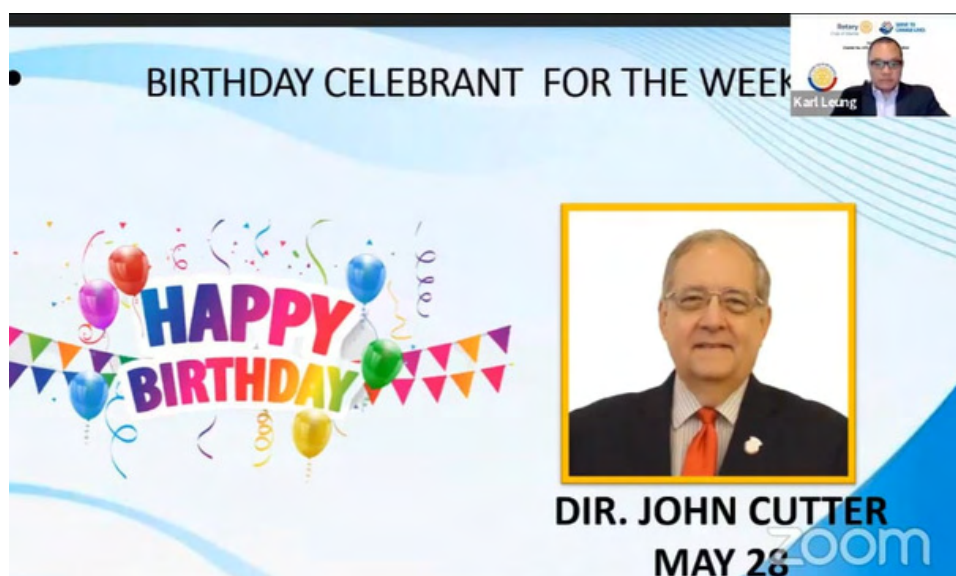
Rtn. Karl Leung, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges visiting Rotarians and guests.

THE WEEK

THAT WAS



The audiovisual presentation of the **World Famous Chorale** singing the **Welcome Song**



Rtn. Karl Leung, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges the week's birthday celebrant, **Dir. John Michael Cutter**, 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 Presidents Time.



Rtn. Karl Leung, Program Moderator/Facilitator, introduces **Classification Talk Speaker STAR Rtn. Carlos "Caloy" Serapio**, Lawyer and Managing Partner, **Serapio & De Castro Law Offices** with the classification of **Law Practice - Litigation**.



Classification Talk Speaker STAR Rtn. Carlos "Caloy" Serapio, Lawyer and Managing Partner, **Serapio & De Castro Law Offices** with the classification of **Law Practice - Litigation**, delivers his Classification Talk.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



A short open forum immediately followed right after the Classification Talk of **STAR Rtn. Carlos "Caloy" Serapio, Lawyer and Managing Partner, Serapio & De Castro Law Offices** with the classification of **Law Practice - Litigation**. Among those who participated were **President Chito Zaldarriaga, DE/IPD Hans Palacios, Dir. Amading Valdez** and **PDG Obet Pagdanganan**.



President Chito Zaldarriaga and **Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra** present the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by **IDDCC/VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu**, to **Classification Talk Speaker STAR Rtn. Carlos "Caloy" Serapio, Lawyer and Managing Partner, Serapio & De Castro Law Offices** with the classification of **Law Practice - Litigation**.



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

From the Programs Committee

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

An impending change of administration in our country brings about many apprehensions on the economic landscape. Fortunately, Hon. BENJAMIN "BEN" E. DIOKNO, Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Chairman of the Monetary Board and Vice President of the Rotary Club of Manila, RY 2010-2011, was chosen by President-Elect Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr. for Secretary of the Department of Finance. Hence, let us listen to his financial strategies and policies as stimuli to economy recovery as the new administration sets in.



Your attendance is an auspicious sign, 12:30 PM, JUNE 9.

Very truly yours,

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

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2021-2022

JUNE 2022	June 2, 2022 Classification Talk STAR Rtn. Caloy Serapio
All Members Present	45
Make Up	8
Less: Exempt from Attendance	2
On Leave	0
Total Active Members	51
Total # of Members	224
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	23%
<i>Rotaractors</i>	0
<i>Media</i>	0
<i>Embassies/Diplomatic Corps</i>	0
<i>District Governors</i>	0
<i>Guest of Honor and Speaker/Guest Speaker</i>	0
<i>Visiting Rotarians</i>	0
<i>Guests of RCM MEMBERS</i>	5
<i>Other Guests</i>	0
Total Attendees	50

CLUB

ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of June 8, 2022, 11:00 AM)

	ANNUAL DUES 19-20
218	FULLY PAID
5	UNPAID
1	PARTIALLY PAID
224	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS

NO.	NAME	OR NUMBER	AMOUNT	REMARKS
1	Abastillas, Celso E.	50579	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
2	Aboy, Valentino "Val" G.	50692	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
3	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, Bernardo, III "Dong-Dong"	51057	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.	50799	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
25	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar	50845	32,138.00	FULLY PAID
26	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"	50809	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
27	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	50586	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
28	Bogovich, Jason M.	50583	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
29	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"	50739	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	Branelllec, Jacques "Jack"	50577	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
31	Buendia, Carlos "Caloy" C.	50829	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Caasi, Urbano, Jr. "Banit" S.	51054	10,000.00	PARTIALLY PAID
33	Cabuñag, Rogelio "Roger" R.	51026	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.	50816	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
35	Camus, Fernando "Nando"	50552	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
36	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.	50723	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
37	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	50526	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
38	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"	50666	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
39	Cenica, John T.	50794	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
40	Chahwan, Rami	50539	12,800.00	FULLY PAID

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41	Chien, Liang-Ta "Steve"	50531	37,318.00	FULLY PAID
42	Chotrani, Johnny N.	50730	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
43	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.	50830	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
44	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.	50838	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
45	Creencia, Raoul	50835	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
46	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	50542	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
47	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	50527	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
48	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	50538	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
49	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.	50533	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
50	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.	50523	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
51	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.	50555	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
52	Dee, Marcus L.	50758	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
53	Del Rosario, Oscar	50706	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
54	Del Valle, Randolph "Randy"	50118	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
55	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"	50750	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
56	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.	50540	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
57	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio "Raf"	50725	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
58	Domingo, Rico V.	51028	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
59	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.	50765	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
60	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	50520	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
61	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.	50672	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
62	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	50439	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
63	Engelbrecht, Francois	50679	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
64	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.	50519	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
65	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	50547	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
66	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.	50678	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
67	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.	50697	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
68	Evaristo, Frank A.	50534	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
69	Everingham, Richard Jack	50834	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
70	Fajardo, Beda G.	50546	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
71	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"	50654	32,138.00	FULLY PAID
72	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.	50729	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
73	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.	50741	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
74	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	50509	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
75	Garcia, Victor	50525	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
76	Gaspar, Fernando "Nando" L.	50733	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
77	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	50521	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
78	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.	50761	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
79	Go, Henry Sy	50686	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
80	Go, Michael	50731	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
81	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.	50655	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
82	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.	50572	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
83	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	50573	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
84	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.	50689	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
85	Hallerbach, Mathias	50759	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
86	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt	50563	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
87	Henkelmann, Martin	50599	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
88	Hernandez, Edwin	50551	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
89	Hesse, Uwe	50581	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
90	Hortaleza, Rolando	50822	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
91	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.	50693	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
92	Joseph, Ralph L.	50514	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
93	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.	50510	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
94	Joseph, Robert, Jr. "Bobby" L.	50512	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
95	Jucaban, Jeric J.	51014	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
96	Juico, Francis E.	51037	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
97	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy"	50700	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
98	Kunack, Lutz	50668	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
99	Lacambacal, Alvin D.	50734	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
100	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez	50728	37,138.00	FULLY PAID

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101	Laurel, Ricardo "Ricky" P.	51034	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
102	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.	50821	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
103	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.	50685	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
104	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	50554	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
105	Leung, Karl A.	50740/51053	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
106	Li, Richard Joseph Chang	50775	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
107	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.	50515	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
108	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	50567	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
109	Lim, Richard	50748	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
110	Lim, William "Willy" C.	50848	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
111	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.	50595	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
112	Locsin, Roberto R.	50670	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
113	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	50524	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
114	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.	50597	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
115	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"	50703	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
116	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50548	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
117	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"	50541	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
118	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"	51015	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
119	Magbanua, Gerry	50562	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
120	Magpale, Jose Paolo	51045	22,938.00	FULLY PAID
121	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.	50657/5065	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
122	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"	50664	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
123	Mangalile, Senen	50713	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
124	Martinez, Ronald	50714	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
125	Masters, Lance A.	50530/50847	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
126	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	50807	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
127	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"	50711	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
128	Meloto, Antonio "Tony"	50511	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
129	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50543	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
130	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji"	50674	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
131	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"	50718	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
132	Montel, Juan Manuel C.	50665	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
133	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	50596	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
134	Mueller, Klaus	50136	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
135	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.	50694	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
136	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	50598	25,001.00	FULLY PAID
137	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.	50722	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
138	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.	50683	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
139	Okajima, Hiroyuki	50588	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
140	Ong, Jovee K.	50715	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
141	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	50550	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
142	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L. "Mike"	51025	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
143	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.	50677	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
144	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.	50709	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
145	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"	50580	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
146	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
147	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
148	Patterson, Colin David	50536	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
149	Payumo, Felicito "Tong" C.	50825/51016	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
150	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	50594	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
151	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	50545	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
152	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50537	26,200.00	FULLY PAID
153	Pizarra, Jordan M.	50780	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
154	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.	50556	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
155	Pujalte, Jose, Jr. "Brix" S.	50754/50760	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
156	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.	51020	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
157	Ramos, Claver P.	50841	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
158	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"	50669	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
159	Recto, Philip H.	50691	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
160	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.	50681	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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161	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	50561	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
162	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50565	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
163	Robertz, Constantin Franz Josef "Con"	50680	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
164	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean "Sean" H.	50752	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
165	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.	50682	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
166	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.	50671	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
167	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin "Martin"	50747	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
168	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.	50574	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
169	Rono, Marlon	50592	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
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172	Schmitz, Steffan	50705	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
173	Schneider, Bernd	50673	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
174	Schoucair, Farid Alain	50667	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
175	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"	50717	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
176	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.	50698	15,484.00	FULLY PAID
177	Shigei, Kentaro	50591	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
178	Shimoda, Shigeru	50590	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
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180	Sicat, Michael Allan E. "Mike"	51011	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
181	So, Warren	50710	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
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183	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya	50724	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
184	Souvlakis, Nicolas	51001	28,963.00	FULLY PAID
185	Stranathan, Ike	50566	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
186	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.	50544	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
187	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"	50732	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
188	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"	50651	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
189	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"	50899	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
190	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.	50818	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
191	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.	50797	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
192	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.	50707	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
193	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.	50743	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
194	Tang, Jimmy T.	50815	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
195	Tanglao, Noel V.	50785	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
196	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin	50549	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
197	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.	50676	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
198	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"	50532/50582	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
199	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Ha"	50695	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
200	Uy, Ivan John Enrile "Ivan"	51024	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
201	Valdes, Joel C.	50727	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
202	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.	50660	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
203	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.	50755	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
204	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.	50755	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
205	Vasquez, Evaristo	51013	29,938.00	FULLY PAID
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207	Villacorta, Daniel Deo B.	51040	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
208	Villarica, Henry R.	50652	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
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210	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.	50819	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
211	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.	50735	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
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213	Yujuico, Benedicto "Dicky" V.	50808	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
214	Yujuico, Brendon	50571	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
215	Zalamea, Enrique, Jr. "Rick" M.	50753	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
216	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	50528	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
217	Zeitouni, Nagi	50696	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
218	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.	50663	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
219	Zosa, Rolando "Roy" M.	51027	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

TOTAL 5,329,512.00

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Rotary Club of Manila Announces Induction and Turnover Ceremonies for RY 2022-2023

Rotary Club of Manila

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3810

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RCM COUPLE REGISTRATION:	P 5,000

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CLUB ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors, Executive Officers and Committee Chairmen for RY 2022-2023 Hold Joint Club Planning Meeting with Rotary Club of Manila Premier at Midas Hotel and Casino



The Board of Directors, Executive Officers and Committee Chairmen of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2022-2023 held a Joint Club Planning with the Rotary Club of Manila Premier last June 4, 2022 at the Mayfair Room of the Midas Hotel and Casino in Pasay City. Present were DGND Jackie Rodriguez, President Chito Zalzarriaga, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Rotary Club of Manila Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra, IDDCC/VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu, IS Edwin Hernandez, ISAA Nagi Zeitouni, ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, DE/Treasurer Jujut Enriquez, Rtn. Raf Dionisio, DE/IPD Hans Palacios, IAS Mike Albaña, Rtn. Inov Talusan, Incoming Programs Committee Chairman Dir. Amading Valdez, DE/Dir. Johnny Chotrani, IT/IPT Karlo Castro and LCP Aries Balanay (Rotary Club of Intramuros Manila).

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors, Executive Officers and Committee Chairmen for RY 2022-2023 Hold Joint Club Planning Meeting with Rotary Club of Manila Premier at Midas Hotel and Casino



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

The Club Awards Committee of the Rotary Club of Manila Holds Meeting



The Club Awards Committee of the Rotary Club of Manila held a meeting last June 6, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform to consider nominees for the year-end awards. Present were PP Teddy Ocampo (Chairman), PDG Obet Pagdanganan, PP Frank Evaristo, Rtn. Romy Nones, Rtn. John Emyl Eugenio and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

PDG Romy M. del Rosario Rotary Information Committee Holds Briefing



The PDG Romy M. del Rosario Rotary Information Committee held a briefing with proposed new members last June 8, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform. Present on the part of the committee were PDG Alex Cureg (Chairman), PDG Obet Pagdanganan, ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, PD Alvin Lacambacal, Rtn. Romy Nones, Rtn. Manny Blanco, AS Henry Go and ES Anna Kun Toledo. Present from the proposed new members were Andre Kahn (President, Trans Realty Co., Inc., President, Toscana Farms Inc., President, Hydrent Farms, Inc. and Director, Cavellino, Inc., proposed by DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph), Nantha Kumar Narayanamoorthy (General Manager, New World Makati Hotel, proposed by PD Art Lopez) and Christopher Zimmer (Executive Director, German-Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, proposed by PSAA Gunter Matschuck).

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

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



Polio Plus Society Pin



District Awards (District Governors Discretion)

The Polio Plus Society is a District program to promote individual giving to PolioPlus. Member of the Society agree to give \$100 per year toward polio eradication until polio is wiped out of the world.



VOCATIONAL SERVICE

The Journalism Awards Committee of the Rotary Club of Manila Holds Ocular Meeting



The Journalism Awards Committee of the Rotary Club of Manila held an ocular meeting at the Conrad Manila in Pasay City. Present were Dir. Amading Valdez (Chairman), IDDCC/VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu, ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, IAS Mike Albaña and LCP Aries Balanay (Rotary Club of Intramuros Manila) (Technical Consultant).



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service Group Cluster Holds Meeting



The Community Service Group of the Rotary Club of Manila held a meeting last June 8, 2022 to concretize the group's plan of action for RY 2022-2023. Present were DE/PD Raffy Alunan, Dir. John Michael Cutter (Chairman, Disease Prevention and Treatment Committee), PD John Cenica (Chairman, Maternal and Child Health Committee), PDG Rudy Bediones (Chairman, Community Economic Development Committee), IPAT Marcus Dee (Co-Chairman, Community Economic Development Committee), PD Oscar del Rosario (Member, Community Economic Development Committee), Rtn. Tony Meloto (Member, Community Economic Development Committee) and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY



The Rotary Club of Manila Educational Assistance Program (REAP) Holds Meeting on Study Now, Pay Later Program



The Rotary Club of Manila Educational Assistance Program (REAP) held a meeting on the Study Now, Pay Later Project last June 8, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were RCManila Foundation, Inc. President and Rotary Club of Manila PP Susing Pineda (Chairman) (Centennial President), ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, Rtn. Romy Nones (Co-Chairman), LCP Chloe Louise Say (Rotaract Club of DLSU-Manila), PE Kenny Alexander Clavero (Rotaract Club of Manila), Executive Officer for Club Service Nicole Therese Go (Rotaract Club of DLSU-Manila), Rtn. Noel Tanglao, PP Teddy Ocampo and Dir. Amading Valdez.

How Paco Magsaysay Grew Carmen's Best While Battling Cancer and Being a Single Dad

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How Paco Magsaysay Grew Carmen's Best While Battling Cancer And Being A Single Dad

Francisco "Paco" Magsaysay is one inspiring businessman with many stories to tell. He shied away from his father, former Senator Ramon Magsaysay Jr's political path, became a single father, survived cancer, and became a successful entrepreneur.



Image by [Paco Magsaysay](#) via Facebook

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It has been more than a decade since Magsaysay founded Carmen's Best Ice Cream. It has grown into one of the most recognized local artisanal or premium ice cream brands in the Philippines.

Humble Beginnings

Magsaysay looked back into his humble beginnings and shared that he did consider following the political dreams of his father. However, he soon realized politics wasn't for him.

When his father and friends started a dairy farm in Bay, Laguna, in 2007, he helped distribute their fresh milk. Unfortunately, they learned that there was only a small market for fresh milk, and they would have to deal with an oversupply.

Instead of wasting their excess product, Magsaysay decided to diversify into several dairy products until he came up with a premium homemade ice cream. Thus, Carmen's Best was born.



Image by [Carmen's Best](#)

Their homemade ice cream was named after Magsaysay's unica hija, Carmen. From a small market of customers, Carmen grew into a big brand through social media and word-of-mouth.

Magsaysay's success was not without any challenges. In 2013, he thought he didn't have much to live when he was diagnosed with cancer. He was only given three years to live by his doctors in the US.

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The single father decided to devote his remaining time to his three children. He also worked hard to grow Carmen's Best. Finally, Magsaysay was able to survive cancer.

"I realized that if you live your life three years at a time, you'll accomplish so much more. Don't assume to live 20 or 30 years. If there's something you want to do, if there's a place you want to visit, if there's something you want to accomplish, finish it within three years and you will get so much more done. Because we're never guaranteed a long life," he shared in a [report](#) from Carmen's Best.

Being A Successful Entrepreneur

Amid his success, Magsaysay said he followed his father's virtues of hard work, honesty, and integrity. Magsaysay said his biggest advice to aspiring entrepreneurs is to understand the importance of taking risks.

"Oftentimes, many people don't want to explore the unexpected. They don't like eating different food, going to different countries, trying things that they don't know. People sort of stay in their comfort zone. For me, the more uncomfortable you are, the more difficult [the situation] is, the greater the learning is," he said.

There are many inspiring business stories that started with ice cream. One of those that became viral is when a [Filipino started a sorbetes business in Belgium](#) and it became a hit.



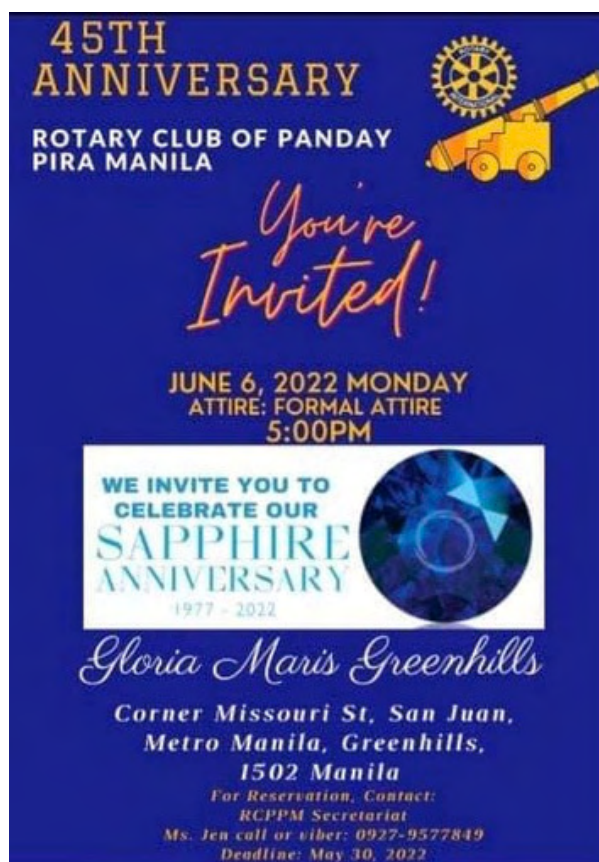
DDCC/VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu is Emcee of TOFIL 2022 Launching



IDCCC/VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu was the emcee during the launching of The Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL) Awards last June 2, 2022 at the Quezon City Sports Club in Quezon City.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

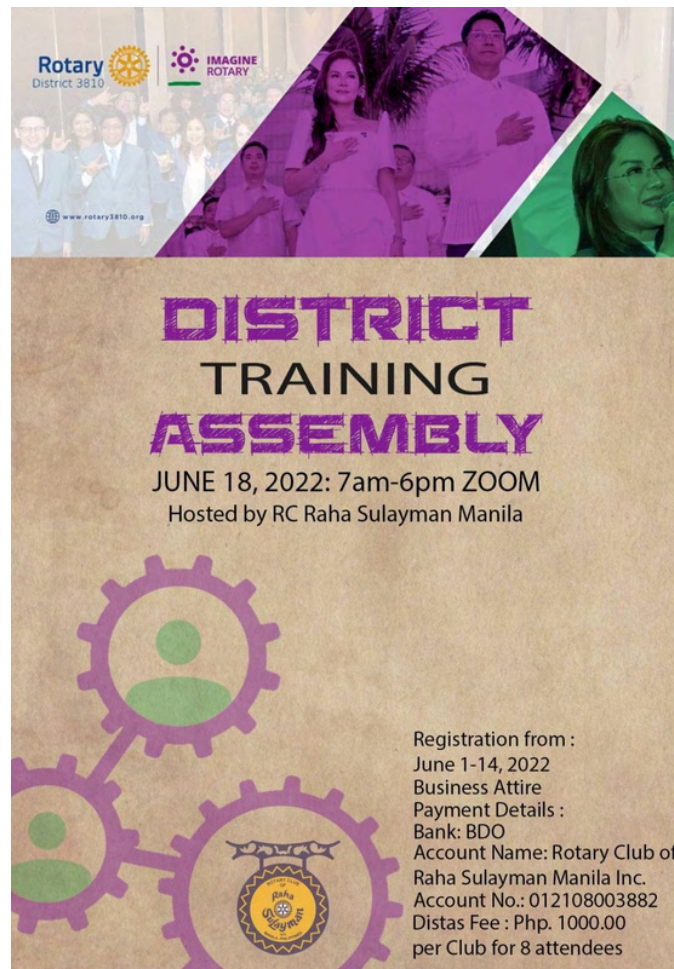
DGND Jackie Rodriguez Attends the 45th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Panday Pira Manila



DGND Jackie Rodriguez attended the 45th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Panday Pira Manila, daughter club of the Rotary Club of Manila, last June 6, 2022 at the Gloria Maris Shark's Fin Restaurant Greenhills in Greenhills, San Juan City.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

District Training Assembly



District Assembly Time is here.

In view of the annual turnover of Rotary leadership each year, special effort is required to provide club leaders with appropriate instruction for the tasks they will assume. The annual district assembly is the major leadership training event in each Rotary district of the world. The workshops offer motivation, inspiration, Rotary information and new ideas for club officers, directors and key committee chairmen of each club. Some of the most experienced district leaders conduct informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration and service projects. The sessions give all participants valuable new ideas to make their club more effective and interesting.

Normally eight to ten delegates from each club (officers, directors, committee chairs, and all interested Rotarians both experienced and new to Rotary, etc.) are invited to attend the training session.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

Rotary District 3810 Handover and Induction Ceremonies 2022



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

Handover and Induction Ceremonies

Date: July 1, 2022
Venue: Okada Manila
Registration: 2:00pm
Program start: 3:00pm
Attire: Gentlemen- Barong Tagalog
Ladies- Filipiniana
Hosted by Rotary Club of Manila Premier



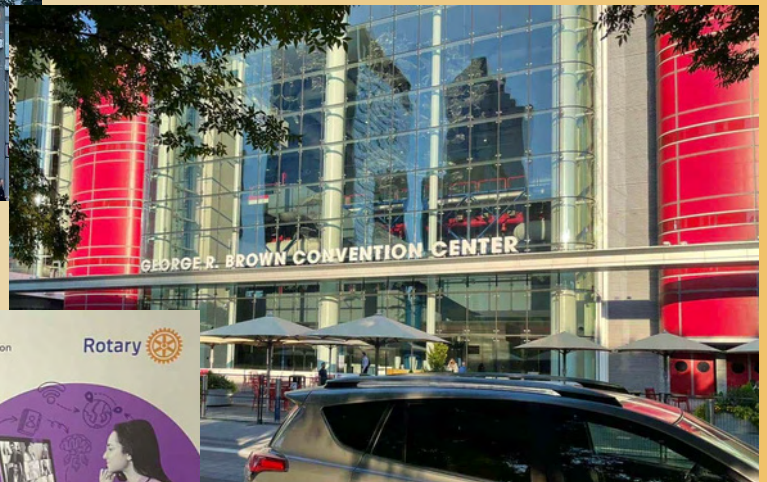
*Joyce Michelle Socorro Ambray
District Governor
RY 2022-2023*

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

PDG Vince Carlos and PD Nick Locsin Attend the Rotary International Convention



PDG Vince Carlos, On To Houston Chairman for RY 2021-2022, and PD Nick Locsin, Chairman, Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs (CCRC), attended the Rotary International Convention from June 4-8, 2022 in Houston, Texas, USA.



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*PDG Vince Carlos and PD Nick Locsin
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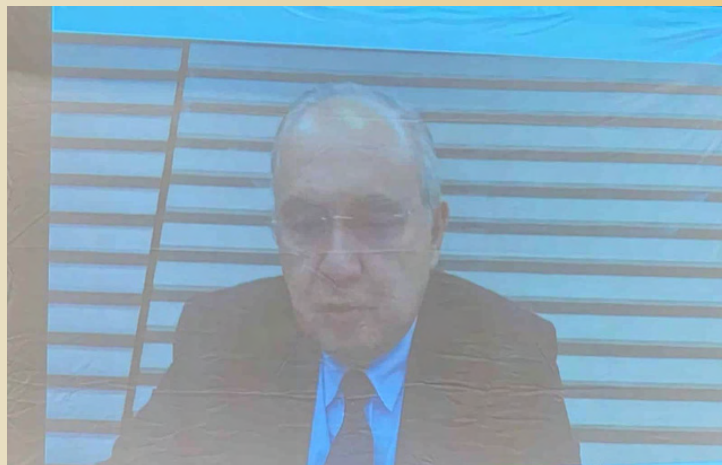
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Attend the Rotary International Convention*



PDG Vince and Rotary Ann Tina Carlos at the Philippine Breakfast of Rotary International.



PDG Vince Carlos introducing Guest of Honor and Speaker at the Philippine Breakfast, Hon. Jose Manuel "Babe" G. Romualdez, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the United States of America and Vice President of the Rotary Club of Manila, RY 2016-2017.



PVP Babe Romualdez addressing the Philippine delegates virtually.

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Rotary District 3810 delegates at the Philippine Breakfast



Rotary International President-Elect Jennifer Jones addressing the Philippine Rotarians



With Past Rotary International Director Raffy Garcia and Rotary International President-Nominee Gordon and Lady Heather McNally

The Philippine Breakfast was very successful with 427 delegates attending. The event was graced by Rotary International's VIPs from Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta, Rotary International President-Elect Jennifer Jones and Rotary International President-Nominee Gordon McNally who all addressed the Philippine Rotarians.

10 reasons an in-person Rotary convention rocks



— Tom Gump at the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

By Tom Gump, past governor of District 5950 and a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Edina / Morningside, Minnesota, USA

Serving as a Zone Promotion Coordinator for both the Toronto and Hawaii Conventions and as an Assistant Zone Promotion Coordinator for the Hamburg Convention, I have come to realize that there is nothing better than an in-person [Rotary International Convention](#). It is the best experience in all of Rotary!

Here are 10 reasons why:

- 1. Immerse yourself in the local culture** – This year in Houston, you'll experience cowboy boots, Stetson hats, and bolo ties (not to mention wonderful traditional clothing from visiting members arriving from all around the world). Feast on Tex-Mex and Texas Barbecue and experience Southern hospitality in a way you can only do in person. Let's face it – electronic barbecue just doesn't taste that great.

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2. **Catch up with your Rotary friends or make new ones** – A Zoom meeting with your friends is great; but it's just not the same as high-fiving them or giving them a hug in person! When you get to Houston, text your friends and tell them to meet you someplace fun – no advance planning necessary. Bring a few club flags to exchange.
3. **Visit Space Center Houston** – See a Space Shuttle and maybe even shake hands with an astronaut!
4. **Attend Breakout Sessions** – Interact with people before and after the session with no worries that the virtual platform will shut the meeting down before you can follow up on a vital point of business. Maybe even swap a few business cards. There are 70 breakout sessions to choose from!
5. **Have a different kind of fun** – Throw some axes or ride an electronic bull. Now you can't do that online.
6. **Recharge your Rotary batteries** – Without going to a Tesla charging station. You will go back to your districts and clubs even more prepared to connect with the world and serve others.
7. **Visit the House of Friendship** – Meet Rotarians representing Rotary Action Groups, Fellowships, interest groups, and vendors. It's been a couple years since most of us have had in person events of this scale – it's time to update our Rotary wardrobes!
8. **Meet current or future project partners** – To help you start or complete your high-impact Rotary project, and don't worry about telling them to "unmute!"
9. **Learn what happened at our most recent Council on Legislation** – From the actual Representatives that attended the event.
10. **Meet Rotary Leaders** – It's your best chance to meet your Rotary Director, Foundation Trustee, or maybe even the current or future Rotary International President.

No matter what the reason you chose to attend the in-person [2022 Rotary International Convention](#) in Houston, I hope to see you there.

Source: www.rotary.org

OTHER MATTERS

Straight from the Horse's Mouth

by IDCCC/VPE/Club Secretary
Reginald “Reggie” T. Yu
Managing Editor, BALITA, RY 2021-2022



FOR THE WIN.

"Edukasyon ang matibay na panlaban sa kahirapan." – Senator Sherwin Gatchalian

Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian, more known by his constituents as “Win,” is no neophyte to public service with his almost two decades of experience marked by honesty, integrity, and a relentless drive to serve his countrymen.

The foundations for Win Gatchalian's sense of public service and education advocacy started with his own family. He was born to industrialist William Gatchalian and Dee Hua Ting. He is the eldest of four siblings, and their family identifies as Christian with Dee Hua being a pastor and chairman at their own church Jesus our Life Ministries in Barangay Maysan, Valenzuela.

Win completed his elementary and secondary education at Grace Christian School in Quezon City. He later graduated with a degree in Finance and Operations Management from the prestigious Boston University in 1995.



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The call for public service began in 2001 when Win was elected initially as Valenzuela City's first district representative, then later as mayor of Valenzuela City in 2004. In his nine years as chief executive, he has made his life's mission to champion good governance, fight corruption and focus on improving the accessibility and quality of education in the city. He helped transform Valenzuela City's education system into one of the nation's best. During his nine-year tenure as local chief executive, he revolutionized governance in City Hall by instituting reforms which eradicated corruption, fostered robust growth in the local business sector, and significantly improved the provision of essential social services in education, health, and other key areas.

Under Win's professional and innovative style of leadership during three consecutive terms as chief executive, Valenzuela City was transformed from a sleepy factory town into a first class city—recognized by the *Galing Pook* Award as a Center for Innovations and Excellence in 2012, by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. as the Most Business-Friendly Local Government Unit in 2012, by World Bank as Business-Friendly City in the country in 2011, and by the prestigious National University of Singapore for innovations that made business transactions and tax collections faster and more efficient. The Department of Interior Local Government also awarded the coveted Seal of Good Housekeeping, Bronze Category to Valenzuela City in 2012.

His distinct brand of leadership has earned him countless accolades, including "The Outstanding Young Men" (TOYM) Honoree for Public Service from the Junior Chamber International Philippines in 2011 and "Manila 40 Under 40" International Development Leaders by the Development Executive Group (DevEx) in 2013.

Beyond his assigned civic duties, Win also worked on his various advocacies on youth empowerment, education and health, as the chairman of Boy Scouts of the Philippines in the National Capital Region, as a member of the Board of Governors of the Philippine Red Cross, and as one of the Board of Trustees of the Synergeia Foundation.

Upon his return to Congress in 2013, Win set out to nationalize some of Valenzuela City's most effective education reforms. In 2015, he filed the original version of the bill that would radically expand access to college education for millions of Filipinos — the House Bill No. 5905, more commonly known as the Free Higher Education Act. He also authored other notable and relevant bills including the measure on increasing salaries for teachers and non-teaching personnel, the nationwide school-based feeding program for kinder and elementary public-school students, the Nanay-Teacher parenting program, and the Anti-Hazing Act, among others.

He made the move from the local political arena to the national stage before the May 2016 elections, Win won a successful dark horse bid for a Senate seat by galvanizing the youth vote with a single promise — to pass legislation establishing a tuition-free scheme in state universities and colleges. Only a year into his term, the Senate approved Senate Bill No. 1304, Affordable Higher Education for All Act, a consolidated version of Win's Free Higher Education Act, a landmark legislation that would make education within reach of deserving but underprivileged students. The measure was eventually enacted into law as Republic Act No. 10931, Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act in August 2017 — setting the stage for millions of young Filipinos to attain a free college education in the coming years.

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As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Committee on Economic Affairs during the 17th Congress, Win steered both committees with one goal in mind—to protect and empower the Filipino consumers. He strove toward the passage of several key measures aimed at fostering a competitive, investor-friendly, and red tape-free environment in the energy sector, and in the Philippine economy in general. His goal was to spark an economic renaissance in the entire country by crafting measures that would promote robust competition, encourage investments, and make doing business in the Philippines easier.

Working at a considerable pace over the past four years, he has successfully steered the passage of pro-consumer legislations that have been signed into law by President Rodrigo Duterte. Among the laws he has authored are the “*Murang Kuryente*” Act, Electric Cooperatives Emergency and Resiliency Fund Act, the Energy Virtual One Stop Shop Act, the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act, the Philippine Innovation Act, and the Mobile Number Portability Act.

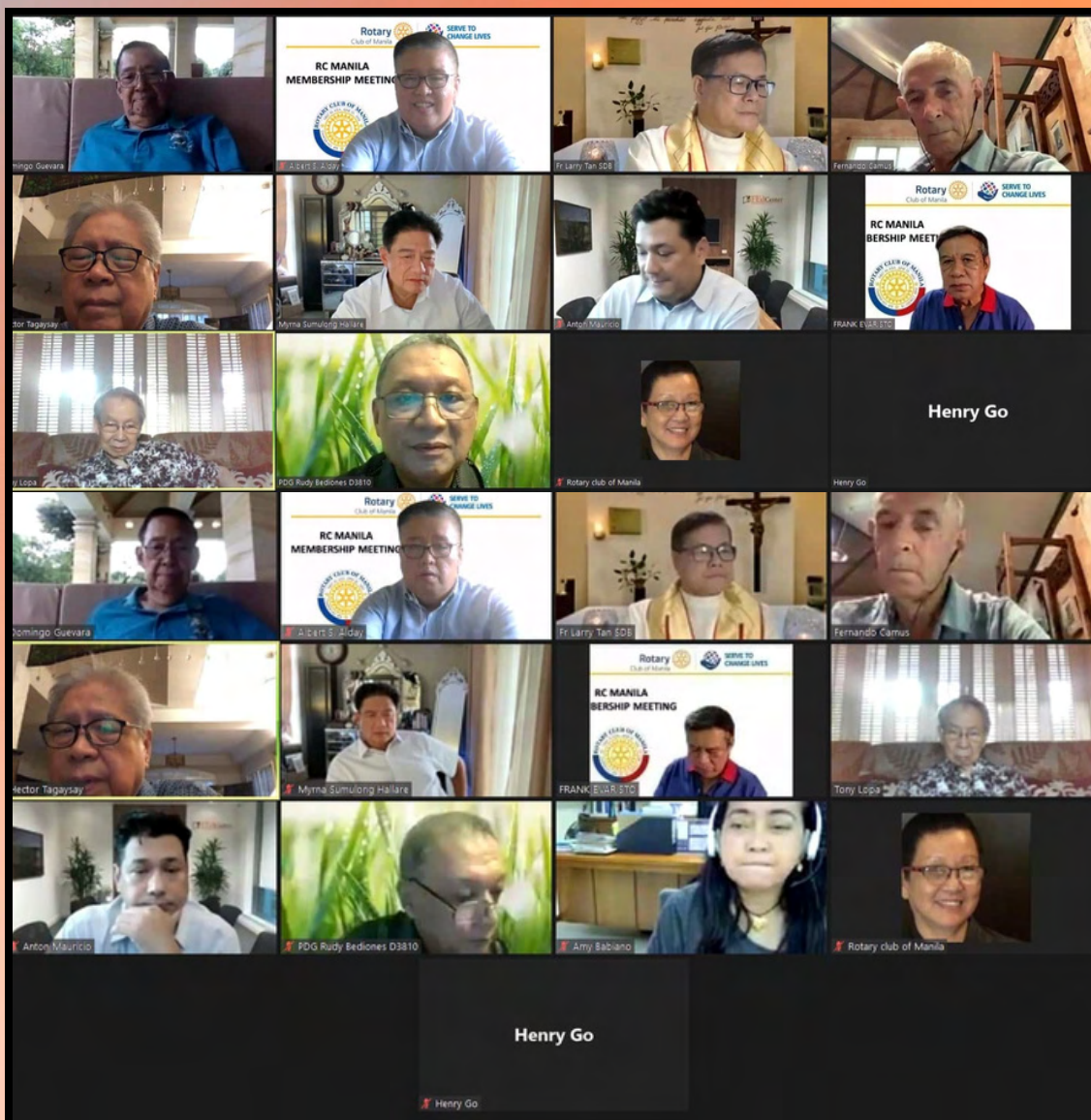
Now in the 18th Congress, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture, Win continues to introduce further reforms to bring the Philippine education system to world-class levels.

On May 18 of this year, he was proclaimed one of the winners in this year's senatorial elections by the Commission on Elections (Comelec), his second term in the upper chamber. Having ran under the National People's Coalition, he placed fourth in the senatorial race with 20.6 million votes.

Indeed, Win's commitment to genuine public service continues to drive him in pursuing his promising vision of a better Philippines.

OTHER MATTERS

Manila Rotarians Attend First Friday Mass for the Month of June



Manila Rotarians attended the First Friday Mass for the month of June last June 3, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform. The mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Larry Tan, SDB. Present were PP Boy Guevara, ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, Rtn. Nando Camus, PT Chito Tagaysay, PD Jun Hallare, PP Frank Evaristo, PDSAA Tony Lopa, RCManila Foundation, Inc. AS Anton Mauricio, PDG Rudy Bediones, AS Henry Go, ES Anna Kun Toledo and RCManila Foundation, Inc. EA Amy Babiano.



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