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2022 Annual Awards

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA



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As we reach the end of the road for Rotary to
SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES, we recognize the gentlemen of
Asia's First Rotary club and the RCManila Foundation, Inc. who
stood out in a year that was for accomplishments that would last a
lifetime .



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WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CLUB AWARDS AND VALEDICTORY MEETING Rotary Year 2021-2022

Thursday, June 30, 2022, 12:30 PM
Ballroom, The Heritage Hotel Manila, Pasay City

Program Timetable

Part I

12:30 PM	Registration & Zoom In		
	Program Moderator/Facilitator/Chika Talk		IDDCC/VPE/Sec. Reggie Yu
	Presentation of Meeting Protocol/ Zoom Meeting House Rules		
	Call to Order		Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga
	Invocation and Special Prayers		IBLA Raoul Creencia
	Philippine National Anthem		AVP of RCM Members
	RCM Hymn		AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Philippine Rotary Hymn		AVP
	The Rotarian Pledge		Rtn. Robi Joseph
	The Four (4) Way Test		IAS Mike Albaña
	Introduction of Guests & Visiting Rotarians		IDDCC/VPE/Sec. Reggie Yu
	Welcome Song		AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week		
	June 24 Rtn. Geof Yu	June 28	PVP Manny Dy
	June 25 Rtn. Karl Leung		Rtn. Nando Gaspar
	Rtn. Bernd Schneider	June 30	PP Archit Bartolome
		July 2	IPAT Marcus Dee
	Maligayang Bati		AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Happy Birthday Song		AVP of Birthday Celebrants

ZOOM

WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Part II

Presentation of RCManila Foundation, Inc.
Chairman's Recognition Awardees

PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra
Chairman, RCManila Foundation, Inc.
RY 2020-2021, RY 2021-2022

Part III

1:00 PM Presentation of Rotary Club of Manila Year End Awardees

Presentation of the Club Awardees for RY 2021-2022

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga
PP Teddy Ocampo
Chairman, Club Awards Committee
RY 2021-2022

Award Categories:

Best Attendance Awards
Loyalty Awards
Outstanding Service Awards
STAR Rotarian of the Year Award
Exemplary Award – Special Award for Exemplary Service to the Rotary Club of Manila
Exemplary Award – Honor of Distinction
Posthumous Awards
Presidential Awards
Rotarian of the Year Award
Leon Lambert Achievement Award

Valedictory Address

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

2:00 PM Response and Meeting Adjournment

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR RY 2021-2022



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ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA
BOARD OF
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EXECUTIVE
OFFICERS
ROTARY YEAR 2021-2022



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Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms



HENRY SYGO
Assistant Secretary



PAUL JOSEPH M. GARCIA
Assistant Treasurer

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My warmest greetings to you all, my dear RCM brothers!

This is my last President's Corner for RY 2021-2022.

It's been one heck of a ride!

There is so much to write about, but not enough space.

For the record, I just want to thank one and all for the support and encouragement lavishly given during my term.

You have all been the fuel for the Rotary Club of Manila to have, not only survived the pandemic, but most notably, thrived!

We may not have been given the top District Awards this Rotary year, but that is ok. Of paramount import is that we shall have ended this year with our noses clean and our heads held confidently high.

The projects we did are all on record for everyone's reference.

Let us all look ahead to RY 2022-2023! I wish all the best to the incoming board of PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra and his power packed team!

Buckle up for the Phenomenal Leader Year we are anticipating! Imagine Rotary!

Yes! Imagine the Rotary Club of Manila with PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra at the helm! One must imagine no less than a phenomenal Rotary year indeed!

May God bless us all.

This has been your Life Changing President adjourning this RY 2021-2022! See you all in a few days for the turnover!

Humbly yours in Rotary,

FSZ
Felix Francisco S. Zaldarriaga
President
RY 2021-2022



THE WEEK THAT WAS



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



President Chito Zaldarriaga calls the meeting to order.



Dir. Noy Benedicto 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



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



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



Rtn. Anton Mauricio, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges the week's birthday celebrants, namely, **Rtn. Citos Manalaysay**, **Rtn. Raf Dionisio**, **PD Raoul Villegas**, **IAT/AT PJ Garcia**, **Rtn. Hiroyuki Okajima** and **PT Chito Tagaysay**, 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.



PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra, Rotary Club of Manila Programs Committee Chairman and Chairman, RCManila Foundation, Inc. for RY 2020-2021 and RY 2021-2022, presents the **Board of Trustees and Executive Officers of the RCManila Foundation, Inc. for RY 2022-2023.**



THE WEEK THAT WAS



PDG Rudy Bediones conducts the charging of the Board of Trustees and Executive Officers of the RCManila Foundation, Inc. for RY 2022-2023.



PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra, Programs Committee Chairman and Chairman, RCManila Foundation, Inc. for RY 2020-2021 and RY 2021-2022, delivers his valedictory address.



PD Pepo Nuñez, Chairman, RCManila Foundation, Inc. for RY 2022-2023, and **PT Lito Sibayan**, President, RCManila Foundation, Inc. for RY 2022-2023, receive the mantle of leadership on the occasion of the digital turnover of the Chairmanship and Presidency of the RCManila Foundation, Inc.



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

From the Programs Committee



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we close the book of RY 2021-2022, it's time to recognize those who brought both the Rotary Club of Manila and the RCManila Foundation, Inc. to the pedestal they are situated today.

It's time to award the worthy, 12:30 PM, June 30.

Very truly yours,

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

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2021-2022

JUNE 2022	<u>June 2, 2022</u> Classification Talk STAR Rtn. Caloy Serapio	<u>June 9, 2022</u> BSP Gov/Monetary Board Chairman/ DOF Secretary Designate PVP Ben Diokno	<u>June 16, 2022</u> PRO PATRIA JOURNALISM AWARDS 2022	<u>June 23, 2022</u> RCManila Foundation, Inc. Induction and Turnover Ceremonies
All Members Present	45	58	63	56
Make Up	8	0	5	0
Less: Exempt from Attendance	2	5	4	7
On Leave	0	0	0	0
Total Active Members	51	53	64	49
Total # of Members	224	224	224	224
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	23%	24%	29%	22%
Rotaractors	0	0	5	0
Media	0	0	15	0
Embassies/Diplomatic Corps	0	0	0	0
District Governors	0	0	0	0
Guest of Honor and Speaker/Guest Speaker	0	0	12	0
Visiting Rotarians	0	0	3	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	5	4	10	0
Others	0	0	0	0
Total Attendees	50	62	108	56

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Club Awardees for RY 2021-2022

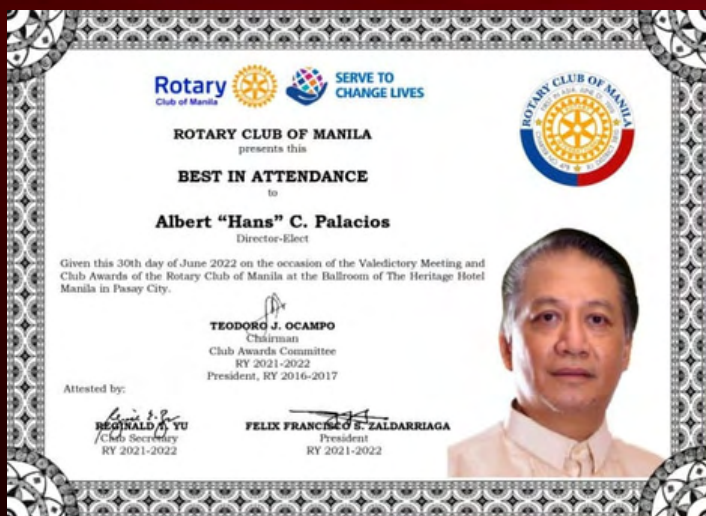
BEST IN ATTENDANCE AWARDEES



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Club Awardees for RY 2021-2022

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LOYALTY AWARDEES



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SERVICE AWARDEES



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Club Awardees for RY 2021-2022

STAR ROTARIAN AWARDEES



EXEMPLARY AWARD - SPECIAL AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE



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Club Awardees for RY 2021-2022

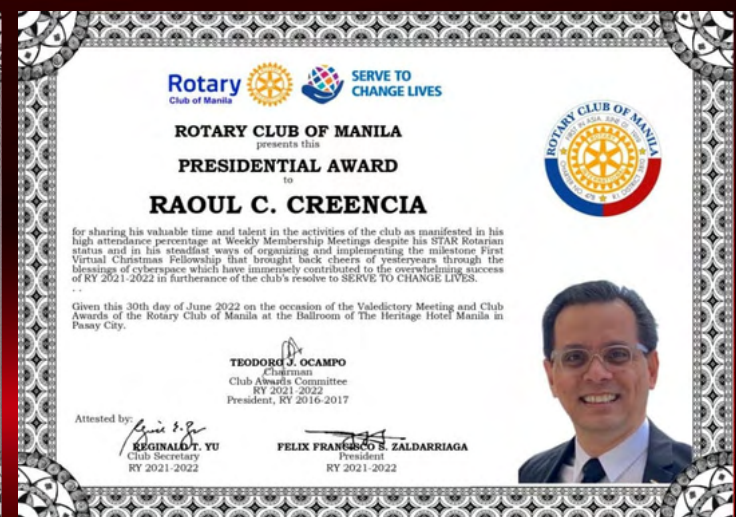
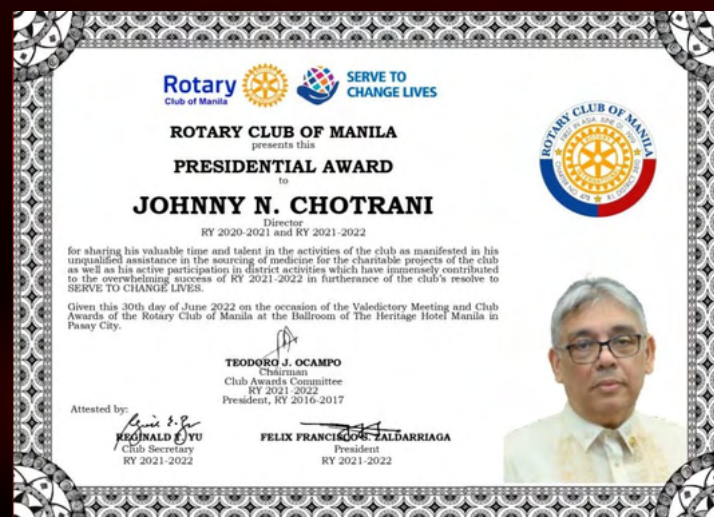
POSTHUMOUS AWARDEES



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Club Awardees for RY 2021-2022

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDEES



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Club Awardees for RY 2021-2022

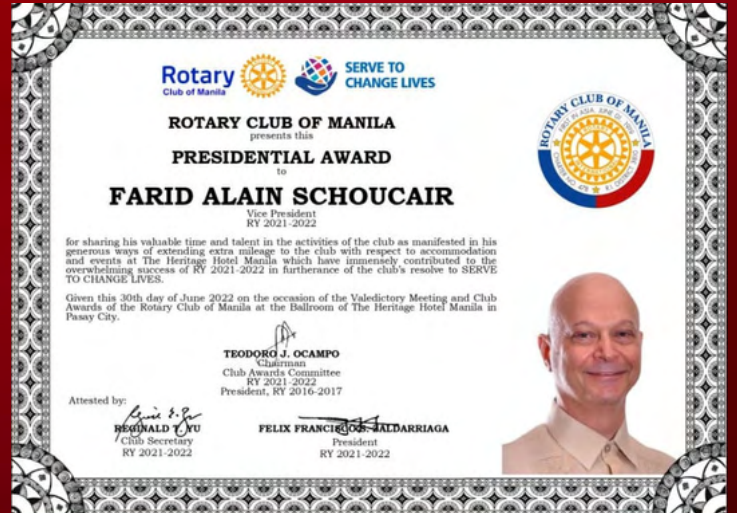
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PRESIDENTIAL AWARDEES



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Club Awardees for RY 2021-2022

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDEES



LEON LAMBERT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEE



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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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HANDOVER & INDUCTION CEREMONIES

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3810

REGISTER NOW

REGISTRATION FEE:

RCM MEMBERS:	P 3,000
RCM COUPLE REGISTRATION:	P 5,000

FREE OFFICIAL ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NECKTIE TO FIRST 100 ATTENDEES

JULY 7
REGISTRATION : 4PM

CONRAD MANILA

ATTIRE:
GENTLEMEN: BLACK COAT AND TIE
LADIES: LACE LONG GOWN

Foundation Recognition for RY 2021-2022

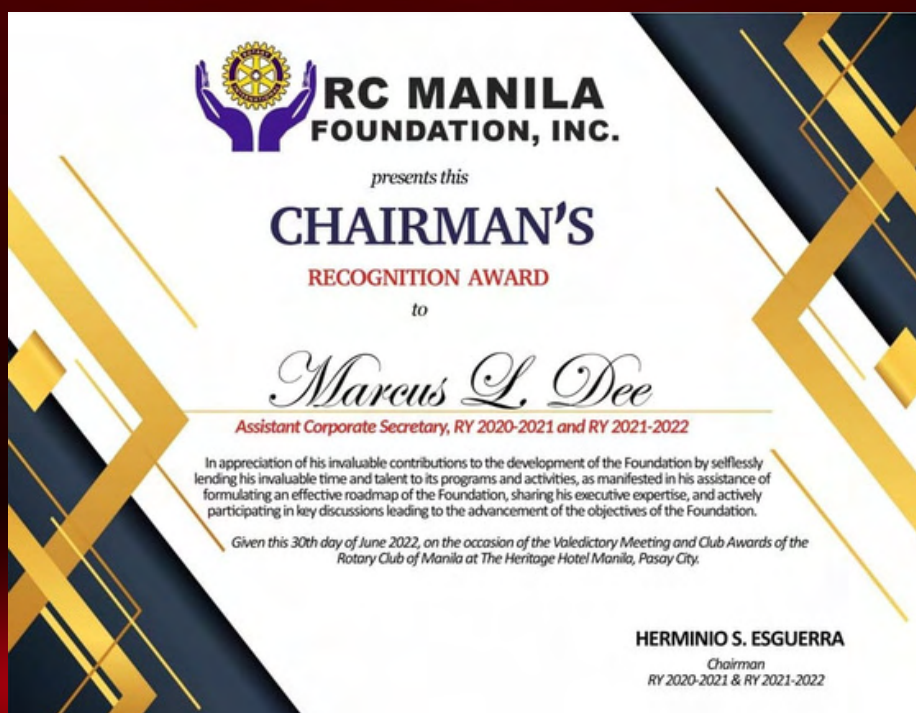
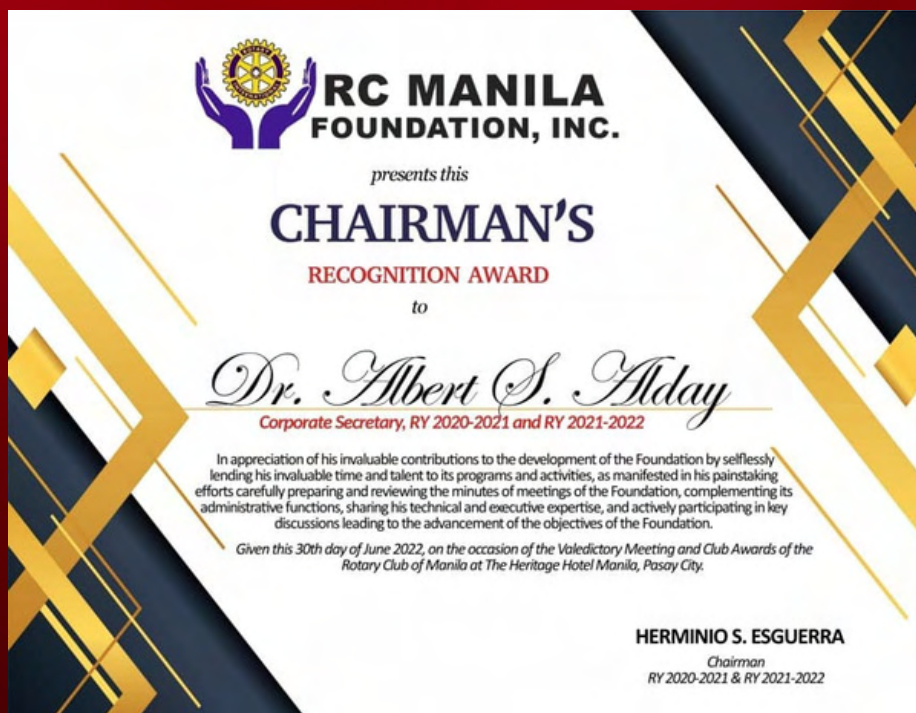


PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra
Chairman, RY 2020-2022

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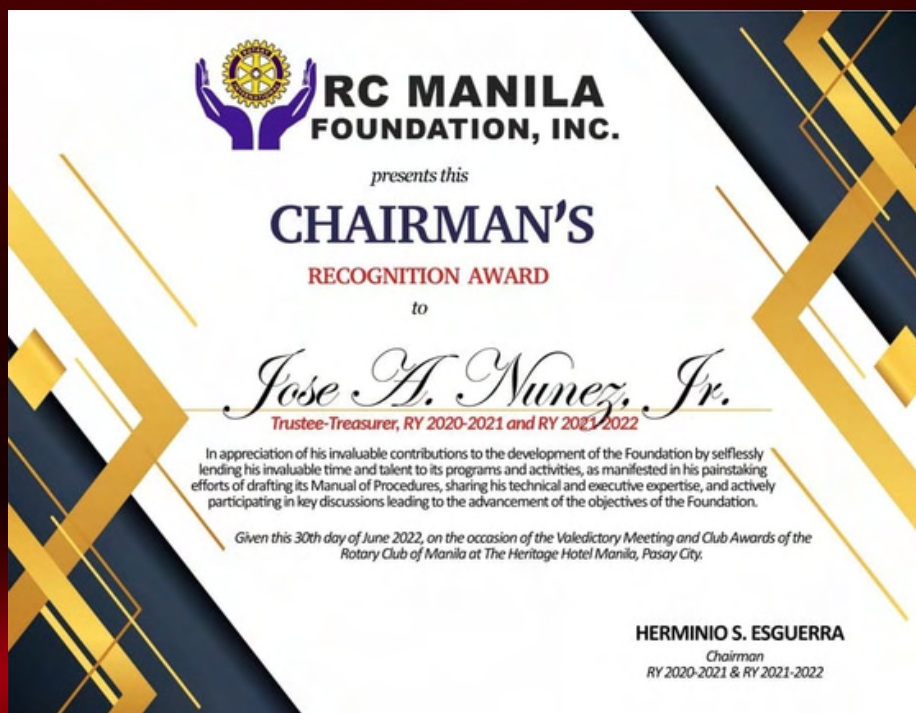
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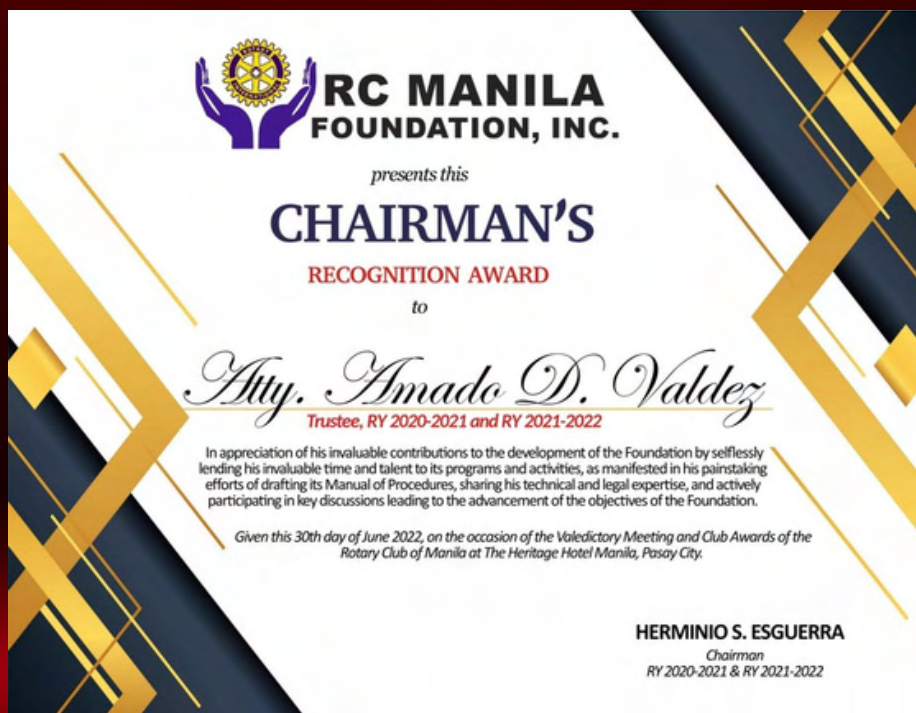
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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Appeal for Paul Harris Fellows



July 1, 2021

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in the service of Rotary,

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

Noted by:

FELIX FRANCISCO S. ZALDARRIAGA
President
RY 2021-2022

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Calling for Proposals for Global Grants for RY 2021-2022

Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

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

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

Yours in Rotary service,

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



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Polio Plus Society Pin



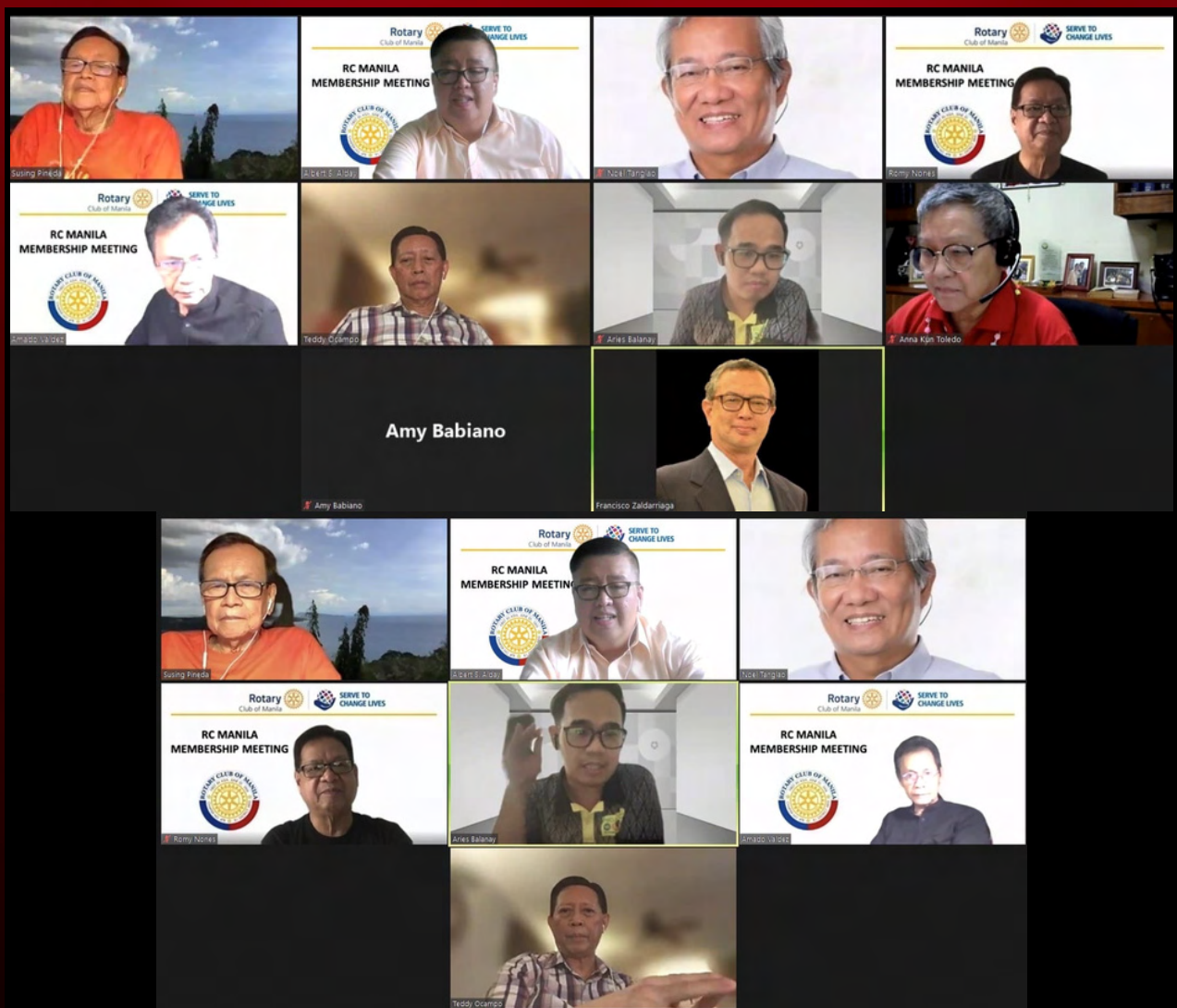
District Awards (District Governors Discretion)

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.



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Rotary Club of Manila Educational Assistance Program (REAP) Committee Holds Final Meeting for Study Now, Pay Later Launching



The Rotary Club of Manila Educational Assistance Program (REAP) Committee held its final meeting for the launching of the Study Now, Pay Later Project last June 27, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were RCManila Foundation, Inc. President and Rotary Club of Manila PP Susing Pineda (Centennial President) (Chairman), ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, Rtn. Noel Tanglao, Rtn. Romy Nones (Co-Chairman), LCP Aries Balanay (Rotary Club of Intramuros Manila) (Technical Consultant), Dir. Amading Valdez, PP Teddy Ocampo, President Chito Zaldarriaga, ES Anna Kun Toledo and EA Amy Babiano.

*Manila Rotarians at Queen's Birthday
and Jubilee Year Celebration
of the Philippine British Association*



The Philippine British Association celebrated the Queen's birthday and jubilee year at the UK ambassador's residence in Forbes Park. Photo shows (from left) Georgina Obon, assistant secretary; Ann Aspinall, assistant VP; Frank Evaristo, vice president; British Ambassador Laure Beaufrils; Fiona Malca, assistant treasurer; David Reynolds, president, and Andrew Malpass, treasurer.

PD Beda Fajardo is Certificate of Gratitude Recipient of DENR for His Staunch Support in Manila Bay Clean-Up Drive



RCManila Foundation, Inc. Trustee and Rotary Club of Manila PD Beda Fajardo received the Certificate of Gratitude from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in cooperation with partner organizations for his staunch support in the Manila Bay Clean Up Drive last June 14, 2022 on the shores of Manila Bay.

STAR Rtn. Paco Magsaysay's Carmen's Best in New Agribusiness Partnership with Metro Pacific

INQUIRER.NET

Metro Pacific scoops up premium ice cream maker Carmen's Best

New agribusiness partnership with Magsaysay group includes milk, yogurt and cheese production

By: Miguel R. Camus - Reporter / @miguelrcamusINQ Philippine Daily Inquirer / 04:10 AM June 28, 2022

Metro Pacific Investments Corp. (MPIC), the infrastructure and utilities giant led by businessman Manuel Pangilinan, previously announced plans to cool down from investing in certain highly regulated segments.

Its latest venture on Monday was a step in this direction as it announced a P198-million deal to take control of the 15-year-old premium ice cream and dairy businesses of Carmen's Best Group, led by Francisco "Paco" Delgado Magsaysay, grandson of former president Ramon Magsaysay.

MPIC, which owns toll roads, railways and utilities such as Manila Electric Co. and Maynilad Water Services, will take a 51-percent stake in the venture known as The Laguna Creamery Inc. The Magsaysay-led Carmen's Best Group will keep the remaining 49 percent.

The group's assets include Carmen's Best Dairy Products, Inc., Carmen's Best International Dairy Co. Inc. and Real Fresh Dairy Farms Inc. These, in turn, will be integrated into The Laguna Creamery.

Carmen's Best, named after Magsaysay's daughter, is best known for its upscale ice cream products. The group also produces fresh milk, yogurt and artisanal cheeses.

Diversification to new growth areas

STAR Rtn. Paco Magsaysay's Carmen's Best in New Agribusiness Partnership with Metro Pacific

For Pangilinan, the foray into agribusiness creates a new avenue for growth for MPIC, which also operates private hospitals and the company that runs the Light Rail Transit Line 1 in Metro Manila.

Pangilinan told reporters on Monday they were keen on investing in more agribusiness ventures, especially those that were already operating.

"The integral business model for agri-ventures is a fully integrated one," Pangilinan said.

"The requirement for an agribusiness model to be an enduring one is branding, marketing, selling and distribution of your own agri products," he added.

MPIC also wants bigger exposure in the agricultural sector to "reduce the country's dependence on food imports amid ongoing global supply chain disruptions and high inflation."

"The agricultural sector presents a wide range of possibilities that can help us achieve several goals—to strengthen the food supply chain and augment the accessibility of resources for all Filipinos as well as provide more opportunities for growth in an otherwise underserved business," Pangilinan said in a separate statement.

Magsaysay said their partnership with one of the country's largest companies would be beneficial for his group.

"This union makes us appreciative that [Metro Pacific] sees the value of what we already built, while also elevating Carmen's Best to a level beyond what we envisioned," he said.

The parent firm of MPIC, the First Pacific Group owned by the billionaire Salim family of Indonesia, owns Indonesian food conglomerate PT Indofood Sukses Makmur Tbk. First Pacific also owns Philippine-listed sugar producer, Roxas Holdings Inc. INQ

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

Rotary District 3810 Handover and Induction Ceremonies 2022



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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Interactions of CCRC Chairman PD Nick Locsin at Rotary International Convention and Overseas Rotary Club Meetings



With DG Robert Koa, DS Edwin Chiu and PP Dan Tenorio
at the Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs Booth



With Rotary Club of Minneapolis PE Jeff Cairns and
Cameroonian Rtn. Idiresu Medorni



The Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs Group
with a visitor from Austin, Texas

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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Bonding with the Rotarians from Seattle at a baseball game featuring the Seattle Mariners



Speaking with PDG Cathy Gibson at a Sunday afternoon cocktail sponsored by Rotary Club of Seattle 4



Having dinner with Rotarians from Seattle

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Interactions of CCRC Chairman PD Nick Locsin at Rotary International Convention and Overseas Rotary Club Meetings



With Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta and other Rotary club presidents



At a dinner in a barbecue restaurant set up by Rotary Club of San Francisco2 P Mary Liu and Alliance for Smiles CEO Jessica Hansen



With PDG Liza Elorde at the both of the Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs (CCRC)

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Interactions of CCRC Chairman PD Nick Locsin at Rotary International Convention and Overseas Rotary Club Meetings



At the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of San Francisco 2 with President Mary Liu and PP Anita Stangl



Attending the Closing Ceremonies of the Rotary International Convention

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

*Rotary International Convention 2023
in Melbourne, Australia*





Peacebuilders from around the world came together before the 2022 Rotary International Convention not only to reflect on Rotary's extraordinary response to conflict this year, but to strongly reinforce our commitment to creating environments where peace can flourish.

The **Rotary Presidential Conference Houston: Serve to Bring Peace**, 3-4 June, began with recognition of Rotary's support for peace in Ukraine and emphasized the effect that Rotary's vast network has had in providing rapid humanitarian relief in the country and to millions of people who have fled their homes.

Rotary General Secretary and CEO John Hewko, whose parents were born in Ukraine, spoke during the opening session about Rotary's Disaster Response Fund and how donors swiftly contributed more than \$15 million to provide Ukrainians with water, food, shelter, medicine, and clothing.

"In the midst of this terror, destruction, and loss of life, we see extraordinary acts of kindness, humanity, and dedication," Hewko said. "And this gives me, and I hope each one of you, great optimism for our great organization and for our future."

Hewko's parents emigrated to the U.S. state of Michigan after World War II. His father, Lubomyr "Lu" Hewko, joined the Rotary Club of Clarkston, where he organized several projects to help Ukrainians. After Ukraine declared its

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independence in 1991, Lu Hewko helped charter the first Rotary club in the capital, Kyiv. John Hewko, a charter member of that club, lived in Ukraine in the 1990s and helped draft the country's new constitution.

Following Hewko's remarks, Myroslav Gavryliv, a member of the Rotary Club of Lviv, Ukraine, spoke about how clubs in the country have mobilized to coordinate incoming relief supplies and how members are assisting their neighbors. He was among several Ukrainian members taking part in the convention.

This was the capstone of six presidential conferences around the world and gave participants a chance to network with other peacebuilders and hear from people who are engaged in peacebuilding in many different ways.

ShelterBox CEO Sanj Srikanthan discussed how **Rotary and ShelterBox**, which are partners in providing disaster relief, work together in responding to crises of all kinds.

Azim Khamisa, an author and activist, spoke about founding the **Tariq Khamisa Foundation** after his son was killed by a gang member in 1995 while delivering pizzas. The foundation is driven by the principles of restorative and social justice to help people choose forgiveness and compassion rather than revenge and bitterness.

Other speakers included Dr. Gary Slutkin, the founder of **Cure Violence Global**; Julia Roig, the founder of **The Horizons Project**; and Kiran Singh Sirah, a past Rotary Peace Fellow and president of the **International Storytelling Center**.

The Rotary Peace Fellowships allow up to 130 dedicated leaders a year to train to become effective catalysts for peace. The **Rotary Positive Peace Academy**, created in partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, introduces people to the framework of peace being more than just the absence of violence.

Peace is a cornerstone of Rotary's mission and is inherent in all the work that our organization does, said Celia Cruz de Giay, chair of the presidential conference in Houston and a past Rotary International vice president.

At the closing session of the peace conference, Rotary International President-elect Jennifer Jones joined the chief executive of UNICEF USA, Michael Nyenhuis, in announcing a partnership to **empower girls**. The issue has been one of RI President Shekhar Mehta's **presidential initiatives** and will remain a focus for Jones.

Source: www.rotary.org

OTHER MATTERS

Straight from the Horse's Mouth

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



ISINUMBONG KO KAY TULFO.

“My detention for one day due to a Manila court order – two courts, actually – led to these discoveries: I realized who my real friends are; some colleagues in the profession, instead of helping you when you are in dire straits, will try to bring you down; the majesty of the law is abused by some individuals who are supposed to uphold it.” — Ramon Tulfo



OTHER MATTERS

Ramon "Mon" Tulfo is a colorful and celebrated journalist, TV host, radio broadcaster and columnist for The Philippine Star. Born November 22, 1946, he is the eldest of ten siblings of the late Colonel Ramon Silvestre Tulfo Sr. (Ret.) who was a member of Philippine Constabulary and Caridad Teshiba-Tulfo, a housewife. Mon has been in the news and media industry since 1969 and is widely-recognized for hosting "Isumbong Mo Kay Tulfo!" which has been on the air, in radio or television, since its inception in 1991. The show is one of the forerunners, if not the forerunner of hard-hitting, aggressive public service and investigative shows. He also occasionally hosts TV5's T3: "Kapatid Sagot Kita," along with his brothers Ben, Raffy (now Senator) and Erwin (now DSWD Secretary).

A multi-awarded community leader, Ramon Tulfo won Best in Investigative Reporting during the 1984 Catholic Mass Media Awards. 1998 proved to be another wonderful year when Ramon Tulfo and the "Isumbong" show were named Best Public Service Program Host and Best Public Service Program, respectively, during the 12th Star Awards.

In 2018, President Rodrigo Duterte appointed him as the special envoy for public diplomacy to China. He was to hold the post for six months, and had a salary of ₱1 per year. His term was extended for another six months on May 27, 2019.

Ramon Tulfo's reporting style and no-holds-barred manner has become a cultural touchstone, and "Isumbong Mo Kay Tulfo" has become a catchphrase in Philippine society. He has become so popular that the term "i-Tulfo mo 'yan," has become a byword for the Filipino folk who wish to find quick responses for their grievances. He currently has a column in the Philippine Daily Inquirer, "On Target." He is also the head for both the Ramon Tulfo, Good Samaritan Foundation, Inc., and the Ramon Tulfo Cup, an invitational shootfest.

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