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Hitting the ground **RUNNING**,
starting with **FULL SPEED**,
and wasting no time to **BUILD A WORLD**
where we can all **IMAGINE ROTARY**



KABALITA

While we treat each Rotary year journey as a marathon and not a sprint, we nonetheless recognize the importance of judiciously and expeditiously organizing the various committees and special teams that will focus on each of this year's projects and initiatives. The tone is set; our Rotary Club is on the right track; and Manila Rotarians are all looking forward to another blockbuster year.



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3RD WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Online via Zoom)



Rotary Year 2022-2023
Thursday, July 21, 2022, 12:30 PM

Program Timetable

Part I

12:30 PM	Registration & Zoom In	
	Program Moderator/Facilitator/Chika Talk	RTN. MARIUS ANGARA
	Presentation of Meeting Protocol/ Zoom Meeting House Rules	
	Call to Order	SDG/PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA
	Invocation and Special Prayers	STAR RTN. EVARISTO "Junjie" VAZQUEZ, JR.
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	RCM Hymn	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Philippine Rotary Hymn	AVP
	The Rotarian Pledge	RTN. HERBERT "Joey" GARCIA
	The Four (4) Way Test	RTN. LAWRENCE LI "Lance" TAN
	Introduction of Guests & Visiting Rotarians	
	Welcome Song	
	RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week	
	PAT MUHAMMAD ASLAM	July 15
	RTN. JACQUES "Jack" BRANELLEC	July 17
	PDG ROBERTO "Obet" PAGDANGANAN	July 19
	PVP LANCE MASTERS	July 20
	RTN. CONSTANTIN FRANZ JOSEPH "Cons" ROBERTZ	July 21
	Maligayang Bati/Happy Birthday Song	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	President's Time	SDG/PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA

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Part II

**1:00 PM INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OF HONOR
AND SPEAKER**

RTN. FERDINAND "Inov" TALUSAN

ADDRESS

HIS EXCELLENCY SONGKANE LUANGMUNINTHONE

Ambassador of the Lao PDR to the Republic of the Philippines

Presentation

**HIS EXCELLENCY SONGKANE
LUANGMUNINTHONE**

Ambassador of the Lao PDR to the
Republic of the Philippines

Open Forum

PDG ROBERTO "Obet" M. PAGDANGANAN

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation

**SDG/PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA
IPD AMADO "Amading" D. VALDEZ**
Programs Committee Chairman

Attested by:

SECRETARY EDWIN HERNANDEZ

2:00 PM Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment

SDG/PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA



GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER'S PROFILE

AMBASSADOR SONGKANE LUANGMUNINTHONE HONORARY MEMBER OF RCM



Family Name: LUANGMUNINTHONE
Given Name: Songkane
Date of Birth: 14 April 1964
Marital Status: Married to Mrs. Anothay with 3 children (2 sons, 1 daughter)
Religion: Buddhism
Position: Ambassador of the Lao PDR to the Republic of the Philippines

Education

1982 - 1988 Magister of Legal Science (Master equivalent), Public International Law, Moscow Institute of International (Russia)

1999 - 2000 Master in Public Policy, Public Policy Program, National University of Singapore (Predecessor of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy)

Work Experience

1989 Secretary to Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
1991 - 1993 Member, Laos-Myanmar Boundary Demarcation Technical Team
1994 - 1998 Third and Second Secretary, Embassy of Lao PDR to the Kingdom of Thailand
1999 - 2002 Secretary and Head of the Secretariat, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
2002 - 2005 Director of Political and Security Cooperation Division, ASEAN Department
2005 - 2008 Deputy Director General, ASEAN Department
2008 - 2011 Deputy Chief of Mission, Permanent Mission of Lao PDR to the United Nations, New York
2012 - 2015 Director of Trade and Investment Promotion Division, ASEAN - Japan Centre, Tokyo
2015 - 2018 Director General of Economic Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
January 2019 - Present Ambassador of the Lao PDR to the Republic of the Philippines

GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER'S PROFILE

AMBASSADOR SONGKANE LUANGMUNINTHONE HONORARY MEMBER OF RCM



Throughout nearly 30 in the service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, He has worked both in Bilateral and Multilateral Diplomacy; He was member of the High Level Task Force to draft the ASEAN Charter. He is currently senior official for sub – regional and inter-regional frameworks of Cooperation such as CLVM, ACMECS, Mekong-Ganga Cooperation, Mekong - Japan Cooperation, Mekong- Republic of Korea Cooperation, Mekong-Lancang Cooperation, Lower Mekong Initiative (Mekong-US), and Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD).

He also participated in many United Nations General Assembly Sessions, APEC Summit, G-20 Summit and the Belt and Road Leader's Meeting.

Foreign Languages

English
Russian

Hobbies

Cooking, Golf

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Welcome to the President's Diary! This is where I will keep track of all the major events and activities that I attend weekly, from Wednesday afternoon of the previous week to Wednesday morning this week. I hope this diary will encourage and inspire all of us to do our best in providing service to others.

Last week and this week have been especially busy for me, as I attended several important meetings and events, and I want to share with you all what happened.

July 13, 2022

I traveled to General Santos City on a Cebu Pacific flight at 2:45 p.m., accompanied by DG Joyce Michelle Ambray, SDG/SAG/Dir. Albert Alday, and STAR Rotarian Aries Balanay. We were met at General Santos International Airport by SDG George Ng and SDG Eric Candidato, who took us to the Sarangani Highlands Garden for a final briefing on the activities for the following day, dinner fellowship with RI District 3810 delegation, and members of GenSan Tuna Port Rotary Club. After that, we checked in at the Grand Summit Hotel in General Santos City.

July 14, 2022

Together with SDG/SAG/Dir. Albert Alday, SDG/STAR Rotarian Aries Balanay, Rtn. Ingy Bertelsen and his wife and kids, DG Joyce Michelle Ambray, PDG Liza Elorde, FG/Rtn. Johnny Elorde and the rest of the District 3810 delegation, we traveled to Alabel, Sarangani on a bus provided by General Santos City Mayor Lorelie Pacquiao for the inauguration of the Rotary Champion Village and graduation ceremony of the community members of the village from their respective TESDA courses.



PLP Hermie Esguerra together with Rtn. Ingy Bertelsen and his family, SDG/SAG/Dir. Albert Alday and SDG/STAR Rotarian Aries Balanay



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We awarded certificates to more than 100 graduates of TESDA training programs on various skills, including welding technology, dressmaking, installing solar panels, cosmetology, manicure, pedicure, hair cutting and dyeing. TESDA conducted the training programs in cooperation with RI District 3810. Alabel Mayor Vic Paul Salarda and TESDA Malapatan Administrator Hernan Porro joined us at the inauguration and graduation ceremonies.



Over 100 graduates were recognized for completing the TESDA training programs



Blessing and inauguration of the Rotary Champion Village

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At around 11:00 a.m., SDG/SAG/Dir. Albert Alday, SDG/STAR Rotarian Aries Balanay, Rtn. Ingy Bertelsen with his wife and kids, a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of South Davao, and I traveled back to the Grand Summit Hotel where I presided over the 2nd General Membership Meeting of our club via Zoom virtual platform. The four of us found a quiet nook at the Cafe Summit Hotel for the meeting. We rolled out the different service avenues and our organizational chart, which depicts the realignment of committees towards that of Rotary International as well as the different Rotarians in charge of each of the committees.

In the evening, we had a dinner fellowship at Kouziena 9500, complete with a band. Following that, the entire delegation paid a courtesy visit to Rotary Club of Manila Premier Charter President Emmanuel "Manny" Pacquiao at his residence.



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July 15, 2022

The City of General Santos Bus picked us up at the Grand Summit Hotel. Together with SDG/SAG/Dir. Albert Alday, SDG/STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay, DG Joyce Michelle Ambray and other members of the delegation, we traveled to the airport for our 7:45 a.m. flight back to Manila via Cebu Pacific 5J 992. We arrived in Manila at around 9:45 a.m.



Everyone was happy on the journey to the airport after attending successful events in General Santos City.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

In the evening, DG Joyce Ambray and I attended the 9th Induction and 8th Handover Ceremonies of the Rotary Club of Quiapo Plaza Miranda at the Ballroom of East Ocean Restaurant, MOA, Pasay City. We were in the company of Rotary Club of Quiapo Plaza Miranda Charter President Harry Angping and Head of the Presidential Management Staff Secretary and Rtn. Naida Angping.



DG Joyce Ambray and PLP Hermie Esguerra at the 9th Induction and 8th Handover Ceremonies of the Rotary Club of Quiapo Plaza Miranda

July 16, 2022

Together with Dir. Hans Palacios and some of my fellow Phenomenal Leader Presidents, we had a virtual meeting with the officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for a briefing on the Joint Project of the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary Club of Manila Archangel Premier on the "Pasig River Tour, Special Cleanup, Tree Planting and Turnover of Cleaning Equipment Activity" which took place on July 18, 2022.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

In the evening, DG Joyce Ambray, DGN Jackie Rodriguez and I attended the HARAYA-themed Rotaract District Committee Induction and Handover Ceremonies, an "End Polio Benefit Gala", at the Midas Hotel in Pasay City. All modesty aside, I donated Php 30,000 to this benefit gala. This was recognized through a Certificate of Recognition for my donation to the End Polio campaign of Rotaract District 3810 at the start of the Phenomenal Rotary year 2022-2023.



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July 18, 2022

Together with DG Joyce Ambray, DGN Jackie Rodriguez, Dir. Hans Palacios, Rtn. Raf Dionisio, Rtn. Ramby Nolido and STAR Rtn. Junjie Vazquez, we turned over the tools for tree planting as well as cleaning equipment for the estuary clean-up drive donated by the Rotary Club of Manila to the estuary clean-up warriors.



Turning over the tree planting tools and cleaning equipment to the estuary clean-up warriors

We took a river cruise to see the present state of the Pasig River. The cities of San Juan, Quezon City, and Mandaluyong are said to be the biggest contributors of trash to the river. The three cities don't appear to be aware of the waste their areas produce, and even though they have waste traps in the water, they are not enough.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY



From left: DENR Assistant Secretary Joan Lagunda, PLP Hermie Esguerra, DG Joyce Ambray, STAR Rtn. Junjie Vazquez, DGN Jackie Rodriguez and a DENR officer



Inspecting the present state of Pasig River



The polluted waters of Pasig River



Waste traps installed were not enough to prevent all the trash from going into the river.

The inspection of Pasig River was an inspiring experience that motivated us to continue the rehabilitation project for the river. The trash accumulated in the river from various cities along its course was saddening, but the determination of the estuary clean-up warriors and the Rotary Club of Manila's commitment to the project give us hope for a better future for Pasig River. We are grateful for the opportunity to see and understand the current state of the river and we commit to working together with all stakeholders to restore Pasig River to its former glory.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

It has been an eventful week for me as I traveled to General Santos City last Wednesday and flew back to Manila last Friday to attend several events. Throughout it all, I am grateful for the support of my fellow Phenomenal Leaders Presidents, DG Joyce Ambray, and fellow Rotarians in helping me carry out my presidential duties. I am also thankful for the opportunity to serve the Rotary Club of Manila and its members as well as the communities we help.

I am looking forward to another productive week as we continue our journey in making a difference in the world.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment, my fellow Manila Rotarians!

Very truly yours,

Herminio "Hermie" Esguerra
Phenomenal Leader President



EDITOR'S NOTE

The Balita Editorial Board was especially delighted and excited, and surely RCMers felt the same way, when Phenomenal Leader President Hermie Esguerra made the announcement during last week's meeting regarding a project to digitally archive our records, documents, and library materials. This is indeed a project which must be prioritized and zealously pursued.

Our Rotary Club, as we all know, is the first in Asia and is now more than a century old. Throughout the more than 100 years of service, our Rotary Club has accumulated and preserved quite a volume of documents and records, which are repositories of our heritage and rich history. Among the records tacked in our library is the complete set of Balita, which has reported and chronicled our Rotary Club activities since 1920 when the first fortnightly issue was published.

Our library showcases vintage editions of Balita, starting with the 1948 series. They are all nicely bound and lovingly tacked in our office in Arquiza Street, Ermita, Manila.

Immortalized in the pages of Balita is the monumental journey of our Rotary Club -- the meetings, programs, activities, fellowships, the thoughts and mindset of our former Club leaders, the challenges faced and actions taken to overcome them, as well as an assortment of stories about historical pivots and turns. All these form part and parcel of our Rotary's Club's evolving story. All these are integral to our Rotary Club's great legacy.

Balita began coming out with a digital format only in 2020. But all past publications are still in hard copies, hence the imperative of pursuing its digital archiving.

Digitally preserving Balita, storing copies of our newsletter in digital form, and ensuring its easy access by the current and future Manila Rotarians, will be a truly fitting way to pay homage and tribute to our Rotary Club's colorful, radiant and deep history.



Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

Beginning with this issue, Balita will start featuring "Vice-Versa," a fortnightly column of Vice-President Reggie Yu. His column, whose title is a witty word-play on his current role in our Rotary Club, will feature his personal and succinct commentaries on interesting and burning issues of the day. It will be recalled that his earlier column, "Straight from the Horse's Mouth," covered society's most recognizable personalities whom he had an opportunity to deal and engage with. Balita will feature "Vice-Versa" every first and third week of the month.

VICE-VERSA

DDCC/VP Reginald "Reggie" Yu
Managing Editor, balita



An Honest Look at Abe



Flags flew at half-staff throughout Tokyo this Monday as high-ranking officials gathered for the wake of Japan's preeminent political leader Shinzo Abe, whose violent passing has sent shock waves through not only Japan but also the entire world, and understandably prompted a global outpouring of grief and of praise.

Many rightfully remembered Mr. Abe as a statesman, the longest-serving prime minister in Japan's postwar history, who guided his nation to a renewed role as a global power.

But viewed from within Japan, Mr. Abe presents a more complex figure. Throughout his controversial political

career, he displayed two faces: the ideological Mr. Abe, a scion of a tradition of right-wing nationalism, determined to finally transcend the pacifist legacy and stain of Japan's wartime defeat; and there was Mr. Abe, the pragmatic politician, adept at the use of power but accepting the limits on his actions imposed by Japan's democracy.

Shinzo Abe was a popular, even if divisive, politician who was no stranger to controversies. But he was also one of the most consequentialist leaders of post-war Japan. Since his rise to power in 2006 until his tragic assassination last week, he remained a tall presence in Japan's politics and his views reshaped the country's global profile. From the beginning of his

VICE-VERSA

political career, Mr. Abe embraced the agenda of the “new conservatives” in Japan who looked back to the Kishi era. They sought a return of Japanese pride and patriotism, the rollback of occupation-era educational reforms, and the revision of the American-drafted constitution, particularly Article 9 in which Japan forever renounced “war as a sovereign right of the nation and threat or use of force as a means of settling international disputes.”

Mr. Abe often called for “bringing an end to the postwar regime.” This meant reversing the judgment of the war crimes tribunals that branded Japan an aggressor. They offered a view of the war as a justified act of self-defense and liberation of Asia from Western imperialism. From battles over textbooks to visiting the shrine to Japan’s war dead, Mr. Abe and the new conservatives assailed what they labeled a left-wing “masochistic” view of Japan’s proud history.

His pursuit of that ideological mission proved a disaster. In 2007, he drew harsh criticism for insisting that the women dragooned into sexual servitude by the Imperial Army during the war — the so-called comfort women — did so voluntarily. In 2013, he made an official visit as prime minister to the Yasukuni Shrine, an act that predictably triggered huge protests from South Korea and China, and also angered the United States, which was trying to improve relations among the Northeast Asian countries. In 2014, Mr. Abe launched an assault on The Asahi Shimbun, the flagship of the liberal media, accusing it of using false evidence in its claims about the coercion of comfort women. The next year, he reiterated a 1995 apology for Japan’s pursuit of “colonial rule and aggression” — terminology the conservative nationalists rejected — but replaced that language with a milder formulation that “Japan took the wrong course and advanced along the road to war” causing “immeasurable damage and suffering.”

Abe’s ideological obsessions never really wavered, even after leaving office two years ago; he remained the most powerful figure in the LDP and used his pulpit to advocate for tough stances on military buildup, open a debate about nuclear weapons for Japan, and hammer away at his cherished goal of revising the constitution.

The former Japanese prime minister’s shocking assassination may prove to be the catalyst for that last piece of his agenda to finally be realized. The apparent sympathy vote for the LDP in Sunday’s upper house election has created a two-thirds majority in favor of revision, positioning the party to put it to a national referendum.

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VICE-VERSA

Abe may not have succeeded in restoring Japan's economic superpower status while his attempts to rewrite the Constitution met with strong opposition from sections of the political class and society for whom memories of its past militarism are still afresh. But Abe left a lasting imprint on its security thinking, spending more on defense, that broke the long-held cap of 1%. Having realized the limits of Japan's power in meeting regional challenges, he advocated a deeper relationship with the United States and pushed for a regional response to China's rise. He was one of the strongest advocates of the Quad in 2004 — a loose partnership comprising the US, Japan, Australia and India particularly as a counterweight to China's assertive actions — and by the time he left power in 2020, the Quad had been revitalized. In a country where talks about a stronger defense policy were considered taboo, Abe mainstreamed discussions for a stronger defense doctrine and even called for a nuclear sharing agreement with the U.S. He remained an influential figure in national politics.

On the other hand, despite Abe's unparalleled power in modern Japanese politics, he was also unpopular with a lot of Japanese people. His signature "Abenomics" economic revival plans made marginal gains, many of them wiped out by COVID-19, and his tenure was marred by numerous corruption scandals.

All told, his assassination could have consequences for the Japanese psyche. For decades, Japan was essentially a rule taker in the global economy, often assuming a defensive posture in international trade and rarely taking risks to champion new rules and norms. Abe changed all that, as his bold efforts on Trans-Pacific Partnership, quality infrastructure, data governance underscore. At a time when the global economic order is under stress and the United States has pulled back from its traditional role as shaper of global economic rules,

Abe's leadership was pivotal. His legacy, in my view, will long outlive his tragic end.

Note: *Beginning with this issue, I shall be writing a fortnightly column for The Balita. My earlier column, "Straight from the Horse's Mouth," largely covered society's most recognizable personalities whom I've had the pleasure to engage with. This time, however, I shall be pivoting to personal commentaries on the most pressing issues that has happened over the past week.*

Our observations of the world are formed by the point of view from which we observe things. At the same time, our point of view is often established by our observations. Issues often boil down to perspective. And there are two sides to every story. And while there are certainly millions of people who fall somewhere in between the two most visible positions of a topic, I understand that they are incredibly nuanced issues that need the application of critical thinking, not just simple labels.

Hence, my new column name, "Vice-Versa," which also stands as a word-play on my current role with the Club.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



The second Club meeting for the new Rotary year had **Rtn. Alvin Ampil** as Program Moderator/Facilitator, who called the day's sequential order of activities.



Sounding the bell, **SDG/President Hermie Esguerra** called the meeting to order.



Humbly calling upon a Divine power, **STAR Rtn. Bon Li** led the Invocation and Special Prayer.



The **Philippine National Anthem** was made more meaningful and alive by the **Rotary Club of Manila Audiovisual Presentation**.



The **World Famous Music Chorale Audiovisual Presentation** of the **RC Manila Hymn** and the singing of the **Philippine Rotary Hymn** once again enlivened the Manila Rotarians' spirit.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



STAR Rtn. Paolo Magpale led the recitation of the Rotarian Pledge – a perfect way to reinforce Manila Rotarians' collective resolve to live by the motto: Service Above Self.



Rtn. Emyl Eugenio led the recitation of the time-honored Four (4) Way Test.



STAR Rtn. Alvin Ampil, Program Moderator/Facilitator, gleefully acknowledged the week's birthday celebrants, namely, **Rtn. Bobby Bhalla**, **Rtn. Ingmar Bertelsen**, **Rtn. Joel Valdes** and **PDG Rudy Bediones**. They were serenaded by the World Famous Music Chorale's unique and jolly 'happy birthday' song.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



STAR Rtn. Jop Esquivias introduced inductee **Joseph Manuel A. Dela Cruz**.



Rtn. Romy Nones introduced inductee **Nantha Kumar Narayanamoorthy**.



Rtn. Ralph Joseph introduced inductee **Michael Raymond Gonzales**.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



With a beautiful cadence in his speech, **PDG Obet Pagdanganan** gave an inspiring charging to the newly minted Star Rotarians. His timeless message equally resonated with all Manila Rotarians.



The new Star Rotarians took their oath of membership before **SDG/President Hermie Esguerra**.



During the President's time, **SDG/President Hermie Esguerra** underscored the formation of Committees to undertake the plans and projects for Rotary year 2022-2023. He also announced the digital archiving project, which aims to preserve and catalogue all records and documents. He then deputized Secretary Edwin Hernandez to make the presentation.

THE WEEK

THAT WAS



RCM Committees and projects were presented by **Secretary Edwin Hernandez**.



Important points were further elucidated and clarified during the open forum participated by **Dir. Hans Palacios** and **Dir. Amading Valdez**, whose queries were addressed by **SDG/President Hermie Esguerra**.



SDG/President Hermie Esguerra delivered his closing remarks and thereafter, adjourned the meeting.

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2022-2023

JULY 2022	<u>07 JULY 2022</u> HANDOVER / INAUGURAL MEETING AT CONRAD MANILA	<u>14 JULY 2022</u> ROLL-OUT OF CLUB SERVICE AND PROJECT COMMITTEE
All Members Present	86	67
Make Up	0	4
Less: Exempt from Attendance	2	2
On Leave	0	0
Total Active Members	84	65
Total # of Members	220	230
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	38%	28%
ROTARACTORS	0	0
MEDIA	0	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	12	0
GOHS / GS	0	0
Visiting Rotarians	0	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	5	0
Others	334	0
Total attendees	432	0

CLUB

ADMINISTRATION

List of Members Who Have Paid Their Annual Dues for RY 2022-2023

(As of July 19, 2022, 1:00 PM)

	ANNUAL DUES 2022-2023
69	FULLY PAID
159	UNPAID
2	PARTIALLY PAID
230	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS

NO.	NAME	OR NUMBER	AMOUNT	REMARKS
1	Abastillas, Celso E.	51359	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
2	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.	51355	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
3	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"	51268	5,000.00	PARTIALLY PAID
4	Alday, Albert S.	51370	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
5	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.	51353	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
6	Balanay, Aries	51273	32,138.00	FULLY PAID
7	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.	51325	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
8	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.	51358	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
9	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	51368	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
10	Camus, Fernando "Nando"	51360	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
11	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	51366	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
12	Chahwan, Rami	Jul-19	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
13	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.	51364	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
14	Creencia, Raoul	51332	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
15	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	51340	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
16	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	51348	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
17	David, Virgilio "Vee"	51111	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
18	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.	Jul-16	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
19	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.	51357	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
20	Dela Cruz, Emmanuel	12-Jul	37,318.00	FULLY PAID
21	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	51318	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
22	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	51023	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
23	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.	51343	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	51033	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
25	Evaristo, Frank A.	51349	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
26	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"	51339	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
27	Garcia, Theodore	51250	37,318.00	FULLY PAID
28	Garcia, Victor	51058	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
29	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	51272	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	Gonzales, Michael Raymond	51356	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
31	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.	51352	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Hernandez, Edwin	51321	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.	51341	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Joseph, Ralph L.	51328	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
35	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A	51367	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
36	Koh, Paul Anthony	51303	37,138.00	FULLY PAID

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ADMINISTRATION

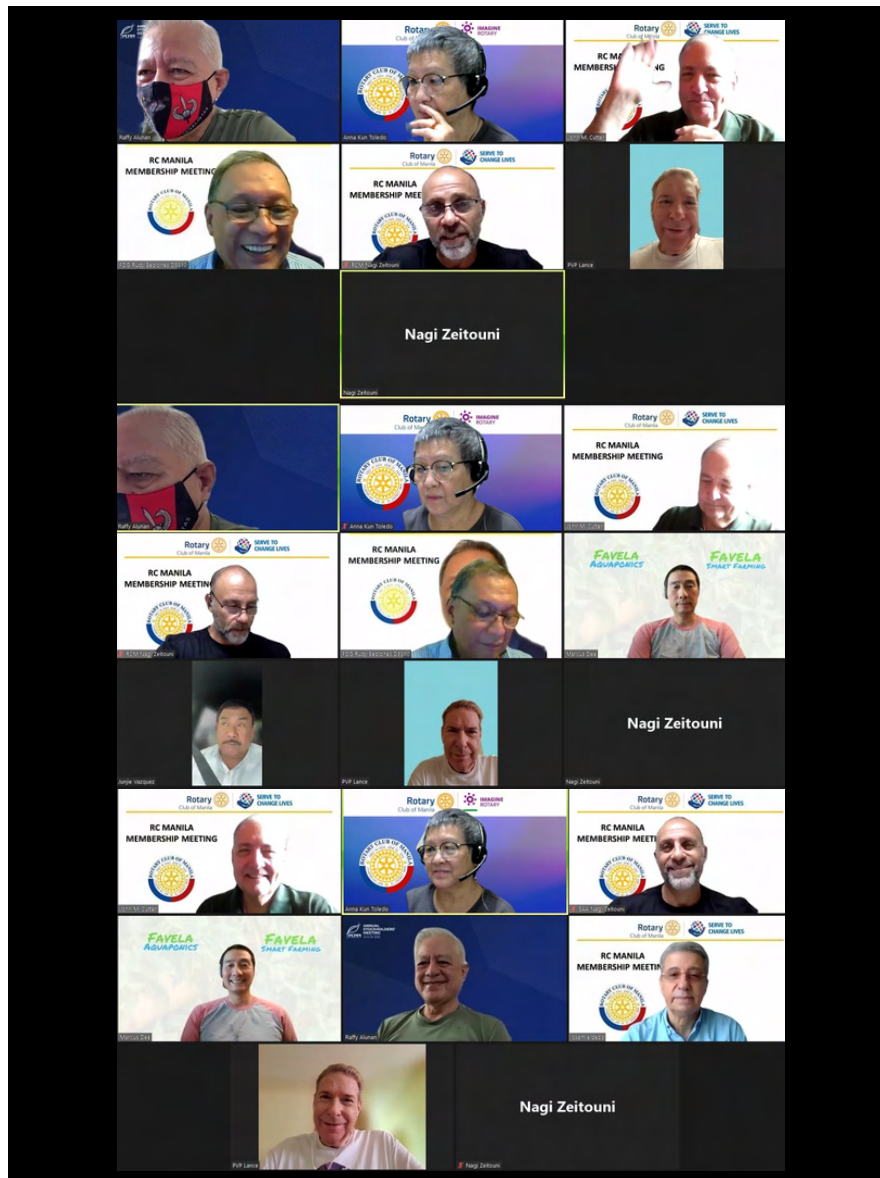
37	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"	51285	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
38	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.	51317	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
39	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	51333	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
40	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	51344	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
41	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	51253	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
42	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"	51225	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
43	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"	51326	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
44	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"	51327	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
45	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	Jul-14	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
46	Montel, Juan Manuel C.	51228	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
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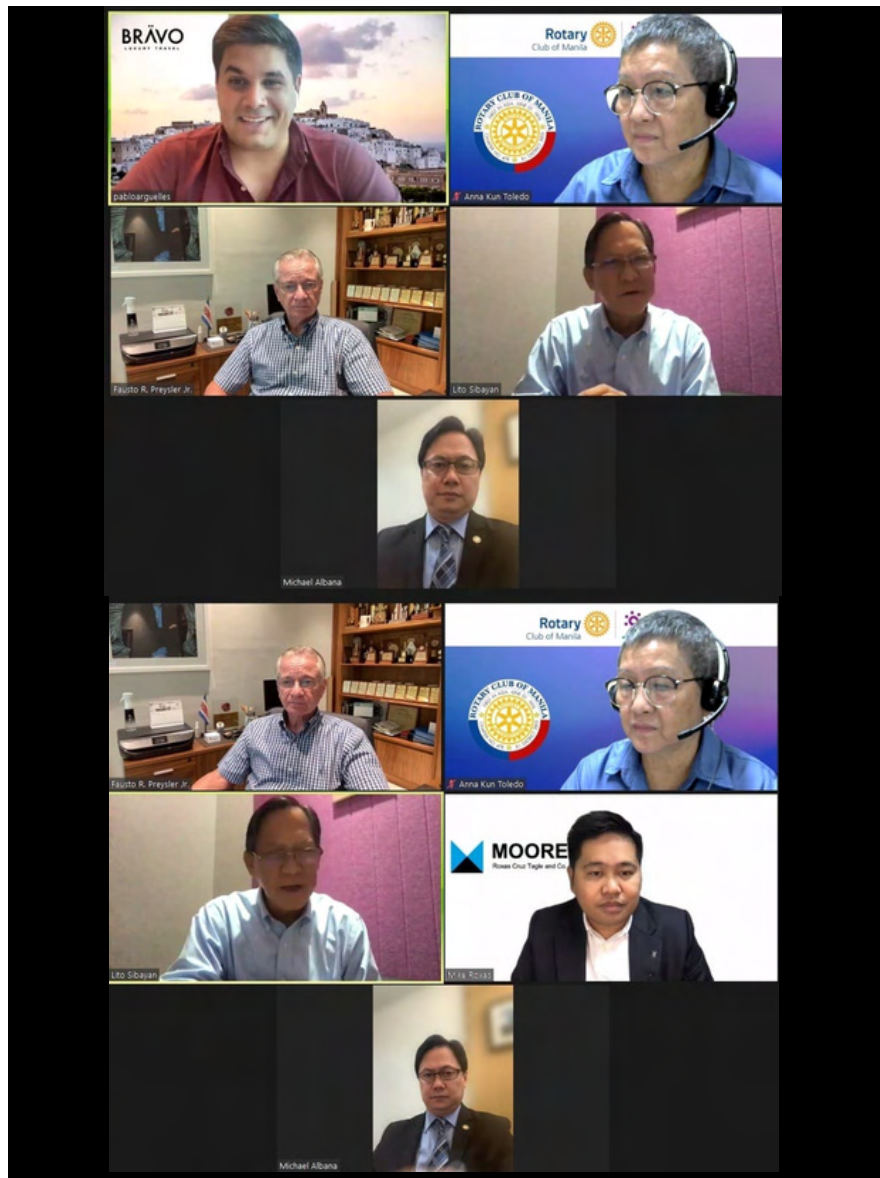
Community Service Group Holds Weekly Meeting



The Community Service Group weekly meeting was held last Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Present were **Rotary Area of Focus on Peace and Conflict Resolution** Chairman PD Issam Eldebs and Co-Chairman SAA Nagi Zeitouni; **Rotary Area of Focus on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene** Chairman Junjie Vazquez; **Rotary Area of Focus on Disease Prevention and Treatment** Chairman IPD John Cutter and Co-Chairman SAA Jason Bogovich; and **Rotary Area of Focus on Economic and Community Development** Chairman PDG Rudy Bediones and Co-Chairman PAT Marcus Dee.

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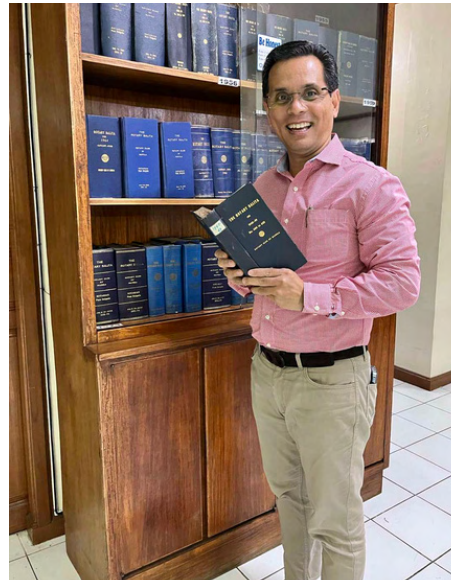
Membership Community Holds Meeting



Membership Committee Chairman PVP Fausto Preysler, Co-Chairman/ PT Lito Sibayan, and Asst. Sec. Mike Albaña met with invitees to be members of Rotary Club of Manila: Mr. Pablo Arguelles, President of Bravo Luxury Travel and Sales and Marketing Manager - Internal Sales Head of Tabacalera Incorporada, and Atty. Michael Dela Cruz Roxas, Chairman & CEO of MOORE, Roxas, Cruz, Tagle and Company. The meeting was held last Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 2 p.m.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Balita Committee Chairman Raoul Creencia Meets with Digitalization Committee



Chairman Raoul Creencia viewing the historical Balita book in the office of Rotary Club of Manila



Balita Committee Chairman Raoul Creencia with Digitalization Committee - Chairman Inov Talusan, SDG/STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay and Rtn. Rami Chawan at the Rotary Club of Manila office last Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 4 p.m.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION



Rotary Club of Manila library houses vintage editions of Balita, starting with the 1948 series.

RCM Water Matters Committee Meets with SM Group to Discuss Potential Areas for Partnership and Cooperation



RCM WATER MATTERS Committee Chair Junjie Vazquez, Committee members Rtn. Ricky Guevara and BLA Raoul Creencia had a lunch meeting on July 20 with Ms. Annie S. Garcia, past president of SM Supermalls, and Liza B. Silerio, current vice president, Corporate Compliance and Program Director for SM Environment and Sustainability. During the meeting, which was held at Podium Mall, potential areas for partnership and cooperation between RCM and the SM Group was tackled.



Balita Committee Holds Meetings

Meeting of the Balita Committee held on July 8, 2022 and July 11, 2022 to prepare the Balita for the Year 2022-2023. Present were Chairman / BLA Raoul Creencia, Co-Chairman / Rtn Senen Mangalile, Adviser / SDG/SAG/Dir. Albert Alday, Consultant Rhea Vitto Tabora, Balita Coordinator Amiel Hernandez, and ES Anna Kun Toledo.



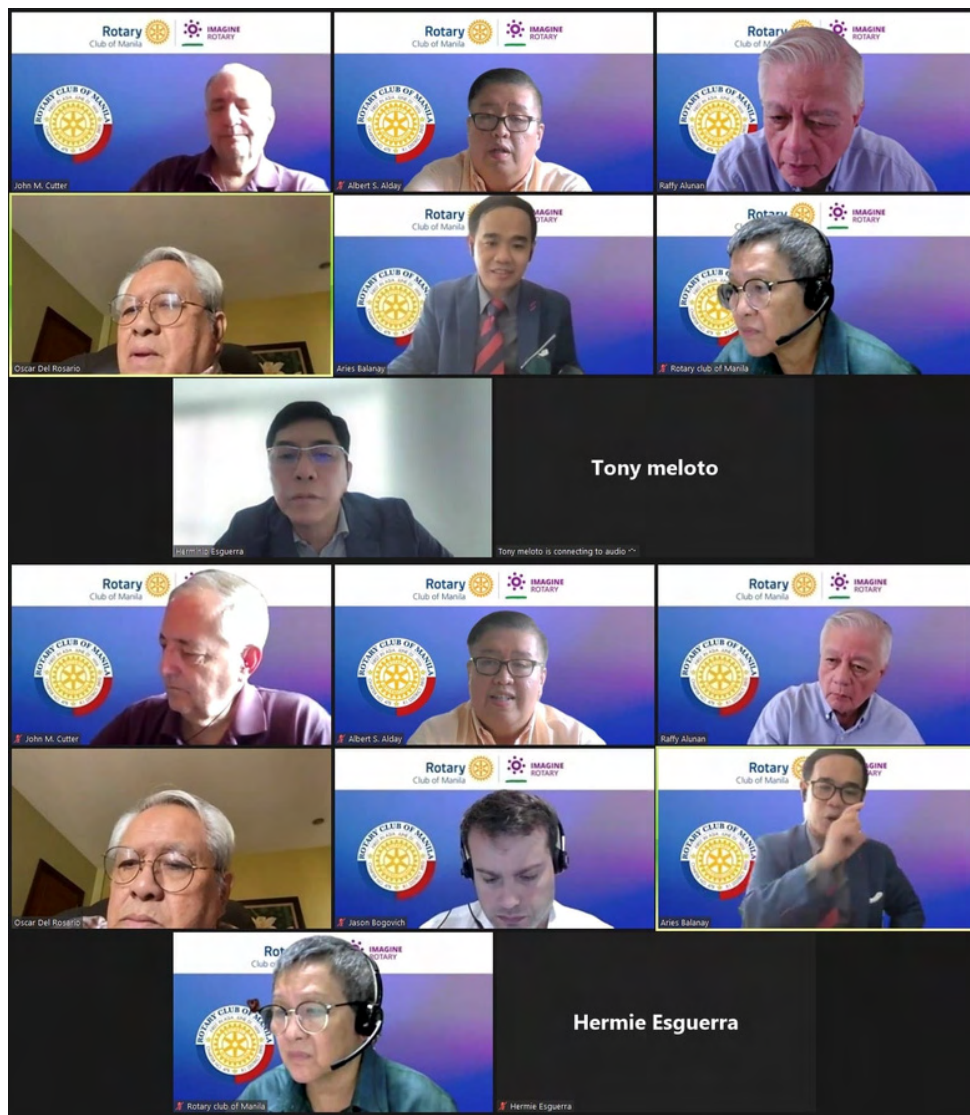
RCManila Foundation Inc. Executive Committee Holds Meeting



The RCManila Foundation Inc. Executive Committee held a meeting last Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. at the office of Chairman Pepo Nunez, located at the High Rise, 5th floor Pacific Star Building, Makati Avenue cor. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati. Present at the meeting were Chairman Pepo Nunez, President Lito Sibayan, Trustee / Treas. Paco Magsaysay, Asst. Sec. Anton Mauricio, and Asst. Treas. Willie Pelino. Also present were Executive Director Caridad Basila and RCM Executive Sec. Anna Kun Toledo.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Rotary Club of Manila Holds Global Grants Meeting



The Rotary Club of Manila held a meeting on Global Grants last July 20, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were IPD John Michael Cutter, SDG/SAG/Dir. Albert Alday, Dir. Raffy Alunan, PD Oscar del Rosario, SAA Jason Bogovich, STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay, ES Anna Kun Toledo, SDG/President Hermie Esguerra and Rtn. Tony Meloto.

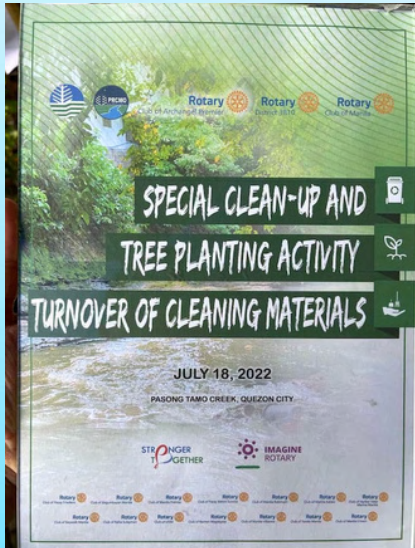
SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Pasig River Tour, Special Cleanup, Tree Planting and Turnover of Cleaning Equipment Activity



Last Monday, July 18 at 6 a.m., six Manila Rotarians spearheaded by SDG/PLP Hermie Esguerra, DGN Jackie Rodriguez, Dir. Hans Palacios, V-Chair (TREES) Raf Dionisio, Rtn. Ramby Nolido and STAR Rtn. Junjie Vazquez participated in an event together with DENR/PRCMO (Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office) Chief of Environmental Enforcement Division and Club of Manila Archangel Premier PLP Garry Sibal, DENR Assistant Secretary Joan Lagunda, and Rotary District 3810 Phenomenal Governor Joyce Ambray, entitled "PASIG River Tour, Special Cleanup, Tree Planting and Turnover of Cleaning Equipment Activity".

SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT



The event, attended by over 60 participants kicked-off at the PASIG FERRY LAWTON Station where a ferry boat and a Philippine Coast Guard Fast Craft started their cruise up the Pasig River passing the Malacañang Palace and ending in the GUADALUPE FERRY Station. The hour long journey put on display the present state of the Pasig River, showing some of the improvements achieved by the present and past rehab programs,



such as the presence of migratory birds along the banks and surrounding trees, the cleaner (trash free) main river flow and the very noticeable clean smell. This inspection, which gives inspiration to continue the rehab project, has proven to us that there is so much hope to restoring the Pasig River to its former glory.

SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Upon reaching Guadalupe Ferry Station, the group proceeded to Quezon City to Pasong Tamo Creek in Barangay Bahay Toro where a ceremonial Tree Planting Activity was kicked-off after a short program witnessed by the inspection participants, residents of the area, the Barangay Council and the local River Clean-Up Warriors. During the program, cleaning equipment and other items were turned over to the local clean-up warriors who maintain the clean condition of the Pasong Tamo Creek which is a major route that crosses Quezon City, San Juan and into the main Pasig River.

This kick-off will be followed soon by other activities in the La Mesa Dam area and Manila Bay Dolomite Beach.



STAR Rtn. Senen Mangalile Attends a Knights of Rizal Event in Wil, Switzerland

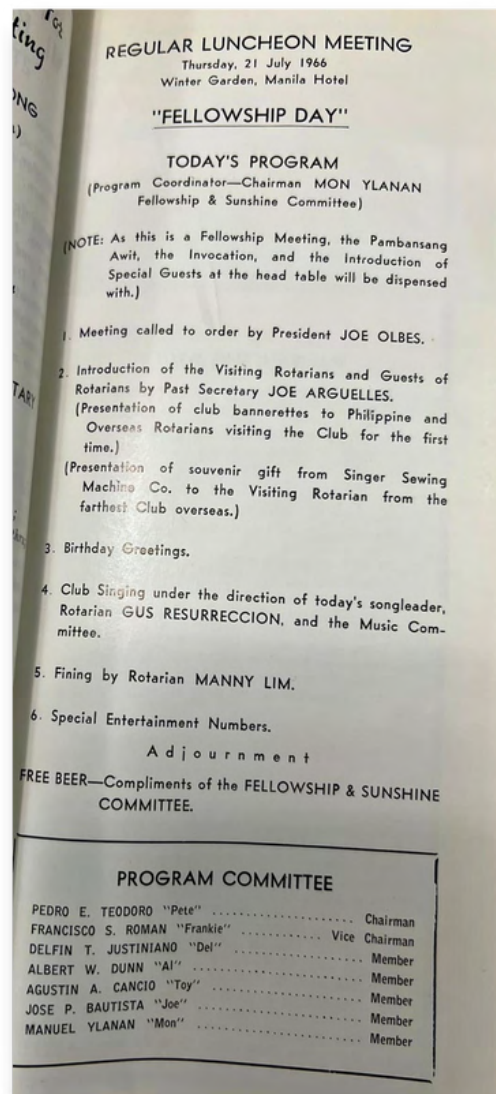
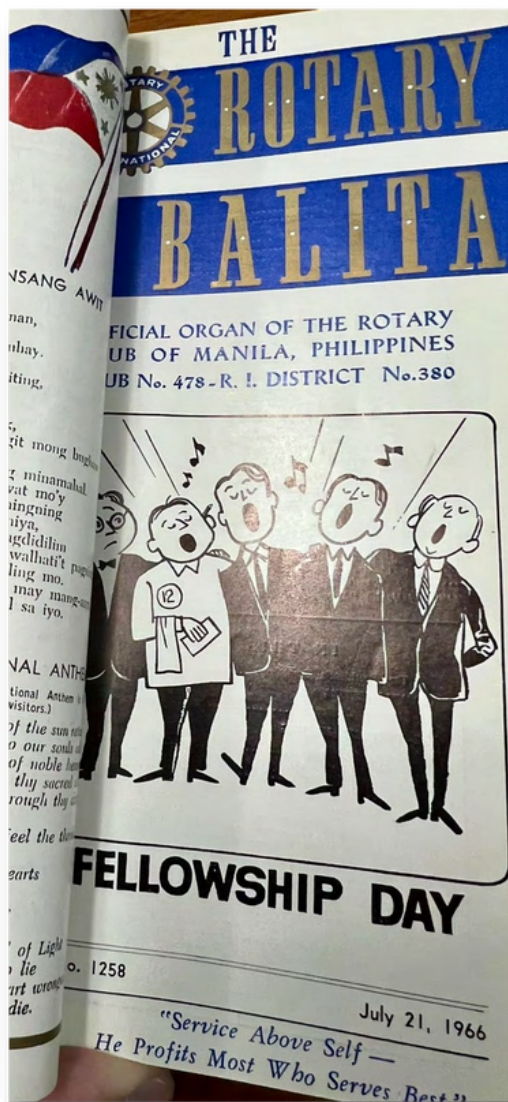


STAR Rtn. Senen Mangalile attended a Knights of Rizal event in Wil, Switzerland and found himself in the company of at least three other Rotarians, namely (from left) Rtn. Marcel Engelmann of the Rotary Club of Sindelfingen, District 1830 Germany; Rtn. Alena Rehberger and Rtn. Stephan U. Breu of the Rotary Club of Beograd Stari Grad, District 2483 Serbia & Montenegro. Rtn. Stephan is the Chapter Commander of Switzerland East Chapter of the Knights of Rizal, while STAR Rtn. Senen is a Knight Commander of the Foreign Service Chapter. Rtn. Alena is a member of the Las Damas de Rizal.

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INTERCLUB RELATIONS

SDG/PLP Hermie Esguerra Attends Rotary Club of Quiapo Plaza Miranda Handover & Induction Ceremonies



SDG/Pres. Hermie Esguerra attended the Rotary Club of Quiapo Plaza Miranda Handover & Induction Ceremonies on July 15, 2022.

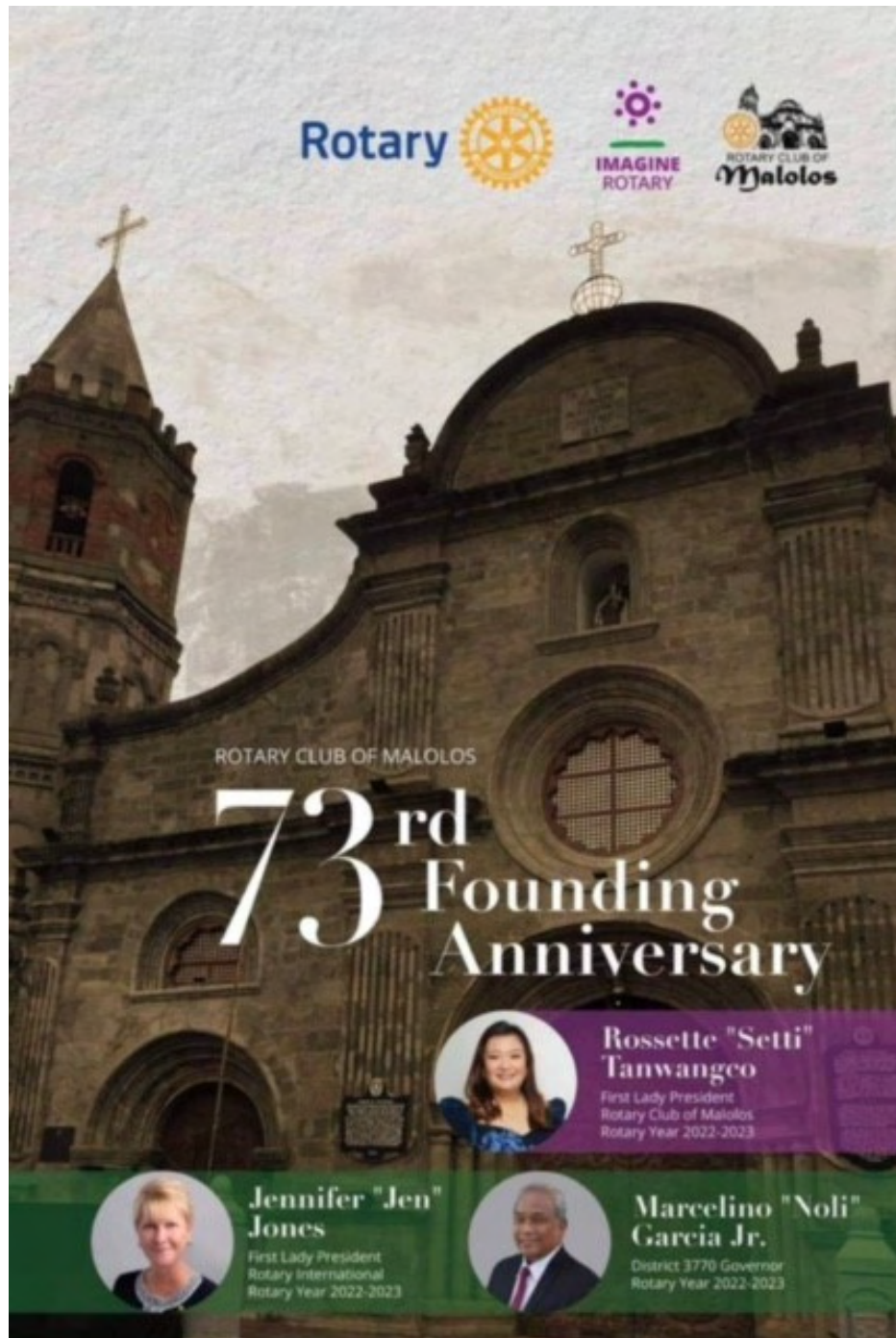
CP Naida Angping and Congressman Harry Angping graced the occasion with DG Joyce Ambray as the Inducting Officer.

Gov. Joyce Ambray as the Past President of RC Manila 101 chartered RC Quiapo Plaza Miranda together with PDG Ed Tumangan and CP Tessie Tumangan.

Source: Rotary International District 3810 Facebook page

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

Rotary Club of Malolos 73rd Founding Anniversary



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ROTARY CLUB OF MALOLOS

73rd Founding Anniversary

and Induction Ceremonies

Corazon's Event Center, City of Malolos, Bulacan
July 23, 2022, Saturday at 6:00pm

Programme

Registration and Dinner (6:00 – 7:00 PM)

Call to Order

Invocation

National Anthem

Welcoming of Guests

Induction of Club President for RY 2022-2023:

Introduction of Club President:

Oath of Office

Valedictory Address

Turnover Ceremonies

Awarding of Plaque of Recognition

Inaugural Speech

Induction of Club Officers for RY 2022-2023:

Introduction of Club Officers

Oath of Office

Rotary Moments:

District Governor's Message

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding

Anniversary Celebration:

Lighting of Anniversary Cake

Singing of Club Song - Tindig Malolos Rotary

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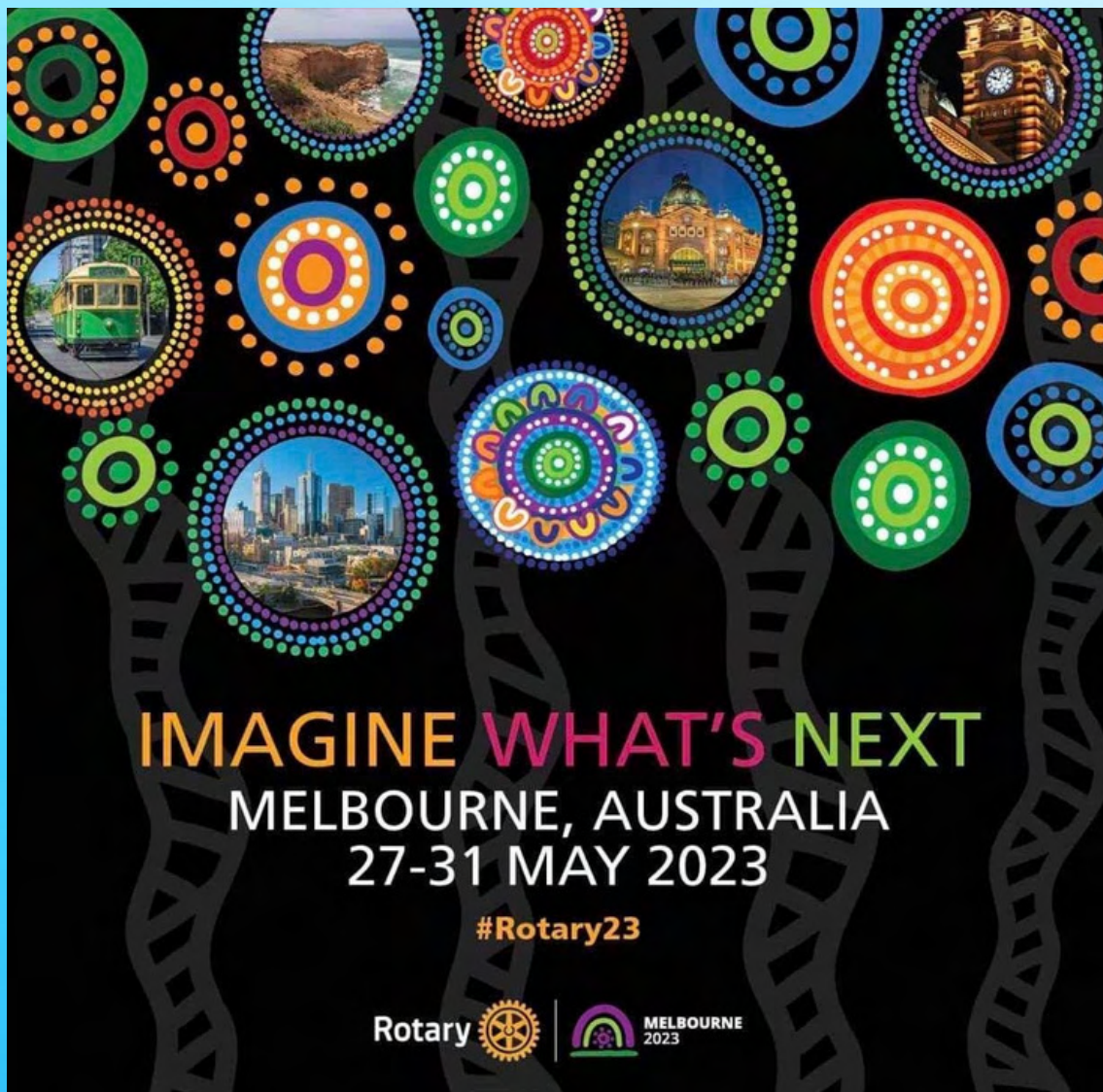
Rotary Club of Malolos

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Rotary International Convention 2023 in Melbourne, Australia



The Soul of Rotary

by Jaime Cura

As Rotarians return home from the recently held Rotary International Convention in Houston, Texas, and as a new Rotary year unfolds, it may help to reflect on the real business of Rotary, which is The Ideal of Service, as summarized in THE OBJECT OF ROTARY.

Here are some points that I'd like to share with you. I'd be interested to know what you think:

1. Let's begin with the point that service work, and the benefits that flow from it, are secondary to the goal of uplifting the Member to one who lives life with a servant leader's attitude fully developed.
2. I think the transformation of people with a better approach to living is the soul of Rotary.
3. I am making the point that being a Member of a Rotary Club is not the same as being a committed Rotarian.
4. As with many other institutions based upon ideals, ethics, and high standards, it is incumbent upon all Rotarians to periodically examine one's conscience to determine if they are properly fulfilling their duties to Rotary. As one answers the questions I pose, I hope the Member would realize that there are many different and deeper aspects to Rotary.

I mention this here to provide a jumping off point to answer the overall question implicit in this post's title: What is the soul of Rotary?

5. I bet the word on your mind's tongue is "Service." But I disagree!

If you take the time to examine your understanding of Rotary, I believe that service will be a component, but it is not the only important aspect of Rotary that I hope you will find coming to mind.

6. In the wide world of Rotary, there is more to Rotary than "just" service. We were not founded to be a volunteer army, nor did we succeed so wildly as one. While community service came early to Rotary, it took many years to become what numerous Rotarians today see as the sole purpose of Rotary.

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7. What was once “the ideal of service” has been shrunk to mean almost exclusively doing projects; in earlier times, service had a much broader meaning, a value embracing an approach to life that influenced how a person engaged with all fellow humans.

If you do some reading of the earlier copies of *The Rotarian* on Google Books, you'll find that there was a higher belief in what Rotary was: a method of transforming Man into a better version of himself, and known by the brand of Rotarian.

8. Rotary was foremost a Movement that held certain beliefs about what individuals in the emerging professional class should be like, and how they should view themselves in the world. The Rotary Club was seen as the setting for this transformation. The regular meetings, where attendance was prioritized, and humanitarian projects that were carried out provided the cultural reinforcement that would enable the conversion to this better Man.
9. This person approached all aspects of life - professional, family, and community - as a servant leader with the purposeful intention of improving all that one came into contact with.
10. There is an important distinction to be made. Service is seen as both a fundamental mindset of this enlightened man and as a necessary tool to achieve this conversion.
11. The point is that service work, and the benefits that flowed from it, are secondary to the goal of uplifting the Member to one who lives life with this servant leader's attitude fully developed. I think the transformation of people with a better approach to living is the soul of Rotary. This is what the Rotary Movement is all about.
12. If we move the focus away from this core belief, what do we have? If filling the needs of others is all that Rotary does, as worthy as that is, it is a service organization like so many others.

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13. We may help neighbors and strangers in their lives, but what will we have done to make the Member a truly inspired person? As so many Rotarians have witnessed, when that switch gets thrown, when that light burns bright, when that new relationship is fully embraced, when that Rotarized Rotarian emerges, we have a different and better individual whose ability to improve others' lives dramatically increases.
14. If you don't have "Rotarians," you have nothing. They are the soul of Rotary!
15. The problem today is that, at least internationally, it used to be that by Clubs doing their individually inspired good works - through Project Grants, for example - we made people better Rotarians, and that was the main point!
16. The genius of the Movement was that, perhaps unconsciously, it was about transforming the doers through service, with the benefits to recipient's secondary.
17. I fear that focus has been changed by official RI. Since FutureVision there is a demonstrable shift in emphasis to a corporate charity doing fewer, larger projects, that have bigger, more publicly visible results, but engage less Rotarians and their Clubs.
18. The service work is now the most important aspect (if you leave aside the cynical possibility that PR for The Rotary Foundation is actually the point...).

I'm sure many will say that this is how it should be, that the point should be how well we do the service and maximize the benefit.
19. But I think that if we lose the transformative power of involving as many individual Rotarians as possible, we will ultimately stop making enough Rotarians. The goose and the golden egg tale comes to mind.

Having a Member or two in a Club come up with an idea, then engage their Club with it, and then reach out across the world to other Club Level Rotarians to collaborate with to achieve the project is the magic sauce.
20. People connecting in service is what transforms an individual.

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21. Increasingly, at least on the global stage, more Rotarians are engaged as fund raisers only, and this will become a dead end. While there are amazing people who embrace the work of fundraising, many do not enjoy this activity and perform it reluctantly, or only in a supportive fashion at an event. This cannot be the soul of Rotary!
22. Yet, it seems that is the path TRF/RI leadership is taking. If continued, it will hollow out the Movement. If we lose the focus of making the doers Rotarized Rotarians and replace it with a sole concentration on the project and its beneficiaries, we will have forfeited the very thing that makes Rotary what it is. We will have lost our soul.

Fellow Rotarians, what do you think?

Jimmy Cura

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