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GUEST SPEAKER



RTN. JOEL C. VALDES

President, Joel C. Valdes & Associates, Inc.
Former Undersecretary of Finance

KABALITA

Each Rotary Club is a fertile ground for exchanges of ideas, for sharing of thoughts, viewpoints and expertise, and for talks on burning issues of the day. The Manila Rotary Club most especially, being a special and close-knit group of community and business leaders, professionals, trailblazers and thought leaders, is a perfect venue for animated and enriching exchanges and discussions. Diving into the topic of financial management and strategic development is an interesting exercise that will surely engender another memorable RCM gathering.



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8th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Rotary Year 2022-2023
Thursday, August 25, 2022, 12:30 PM

Program Timetable

Part I

12:30 PM	Registration & Zoom In	
	Program Moderator	STAR RTN. JOP ESQUIVIAS
	Presentation of Meeting Protocol/ Zoom Meeting House Rules	
	Call to Order	PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA
	Invocation and Special Prayers	STAR RTN. EMMAN DELA CRUZ
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	RCM Hymn	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Philippine Rotary Hymn	AVP
	The Four (4) Way Test	STAR RTN. ARIES BALANAY
	Introduction of Guests & Visiting Rotarians	
	Welcome Song	
	RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week	
	RTN. JUAN MONTEL	August 20
	RTN. DEO VILLACORTA	August 22
	RTN. RICHARD ANG	August 22
	Maligayang Bati/Happy Birthday Song	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale

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Part II INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Introduction of Inductees

PABLO CALLES ARGUELLES (SPANISH)

Sales & Marketing Manager, Int'l Sales Head
TABACALERA INCORPORADA
Classification: Cigars and Tobacco
– Cigar Manufacturing

PAST DIRECTOR JOHN CUTTER

MICHAEL D. ROXAS (Filipino)

Chairman & CEO, MOORE, Roxas, Cruz,
Tagle & Co
Classification: Accounting
– Audit, Tax and Manufacturing

RTN. JOHN BRIAN "JB" PALLASIGUE

Charging of New Members

DGN JOAQUIN "Jackie" RODRIGUEZ, SR.

Oath of Membership

PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA

President's Time

PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA

Introduction of Guest Speaker

RTN ARTEMIO "Art" DELA CRUZ

Presentation of Guest Speaker

RTN. JOEL C. VALDES

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Open Forum

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation

PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA
IPD AMADO "Amading" D. VALDES
Programs Committee Chairman

Attested by:

SECRETARY EDWIN HERNANDEZ

2:00 PM Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment

PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA

GUEST SPEAKER'S PROFILE

JOEL C. VALDES

**President, Joel C. Valdes & Associates, Inc.
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Rotarian Joel C. Valdes joined the Rotary Club of Manila in 1995 upon the sponsorship of PP Archib M. Bartolome. Joel, as friends refer to him, is married to Sarah Coronel- Valdes since 1988. They have four children and two grandchildren. Joel is an AB Economics graduate of the Ateneo de Manila in 1978 and thereafter he completed his Masters in Business Administration from the Asian Institute of Management in 1983.

Joel's professional career spans over four decades. His unique set of skills certainly whetted his problem solving and opportunity seizing capacity. The combined years of public service and the time making a living as an investment banker seemed like a revolving door but was proven gratifying specially in 2001 when he accepted the appointment as Undersecretary of the Department of Finance by a former economics professor, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo who turned Philippine President then.

Joel became instrumental to numerous transactions contributing to nation building in terms of financial management break throughs, state asset privatization, infrastructure development, and corporate governance to name a few. As a whole the interchanging public and private professional ladders served as his building blocks to finally owning his corporate vehicle using his namesake, JOEL C. VALDES & ASSOCIATES, INC. in 2007. What followed since then proved to be the most productive and rewarding years of his professional life while focused on providing various financial advisory and funds arranging services to corporates and infrastructure projects.

Joel likewise held numerous positions with non-government organizations in varying capacities such as the Philippine-Swiss Business Council, Institute of Corporate Directors, Institute of Solidarity for Asia, Management Association of the Philippines, Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines, AIM Alumni Association, and the Ateneo de Manila Alumni Association, among others.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

It's been another exciting, productive week for the Rotary Club of Manila. I'm happy to keep you all informed on what's happening within our club, and what meetings and events I attended during the past seven days. So without further ado, let's get started.



Meeting with Punlaan School Management Team

(Wednesday, August 17, 2022)

Punlaan Foundation Chair Alvin Ampil and I met with the Punlaan School management team: Anne Marie "Manam" Jacinto, Directress; Ma. Theresa Nabatar, Vice Director (who will succeed Manam Jacinto as Directress when she retires on September 15, 2022); Filipinas de Guzman, Vice Director for Student Affairs; M. Margarita A. Cadiente, Vice Director for Academics; and Jo Anne Domingo, Executive Assistant.

Punlaan School is a vocational-technical and senior high school institution that offers scholarship programs for underprivileged young women. Specializing in hospitality and culinary arts, the school is accredited by the Department of Education, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and the Department of Tourism (DOT). Punlaan School is owned and operated by the Foundation for Professional Training, Inc. (FPTI), a non-stock, non-profit organization. The school's funding comes from voluntary donations from the government, private sectors and private individuals.

The school was founded in 1975 and has not upgraded its facilities significantly until recently. A new multi-story building is under construction and will be completed in November 2022. The new building will allow the school to accommodate more students and offer new courses.

This School Year 2022-2023, out of 177 students who applied, only 115 enrolled while only 91 pushed through with schooling.

The Management Team informed us that each student's total tuition for a two-year course is PHP 120,000. They will provide us with the cost breakdown as well as other important details about the school for the benefit of prospective donors.

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Philippine Hotel Owners Association (PHOA) President/Rtn. Art Lopez is searching for new employees/on-the-job trainees and is interested to partner with Punlaan School. PHOA will execute a tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Rotary Club of Manila and Punlaan School.

Our next course of action:

1. Draft a tripartite MOA between Punlaan, RCM and PHOA.
2. Identify students to be awarded scholarships so that the existing funds can be released and allocated.
3. Award the scholarships to the students in a simple program. (Meet the scholars in person and document the event.)
4. Invite more Manila Rotarians to get involved in the Punlaan Program.

To date, PVP Farid Schoucair, Rtn. Lance Tan and Rtn. Rami Chahwan have agreed to join the program.



*PLP Hermie Esguerra (far left) and Punlaan Foundation Chair Alvin Ampil (far right)
with the Punlaan School Management Team*

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Technical Preparation for the Weekly Membership Meeting

(Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 6:00 p.m.)

Together with Asst. Sec. Mike Albaña, we oversaw the technical preparation for the weekly membership meeting last Thursday, August 18, 2022 at the Conrad Manila.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

RC Manila Weekly Membership Meeting and Induction of RI President-Elect Gordon R. McNally as RCM Honorary Member

(Thursday, August 18, 2022, 12:30pm)

During last week's Membership Meeting, we made history as it was the first time a Rotary Club of Manila President inducted a Rotary International President-Elect as an honorary member of the Club.

It was an honor for us to read this message from RIPE Gordon McNally.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY



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Rotary Club of Pasay Southeast Charter Anniversary and Handover & Induction Ceremonies

(Thursday, August 18, 2022)

I attended the 14th Charter Anniversary and 15th Handover and Induction Ceremonies of the Rotary Club of Pasay Southeast at Heritage Hotel. It was a phenomenal night as I witnessed the induction of Phenomenal Leader President Thelma Dulfo Daquiag.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY



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Rotary Club of Bacoor Induction Ceremony (Friday, August 19, 2022)

I attended the Rotary Club of Bacoor's 29th Induction Ceremony and witnessed the Signing of the Sisterhood Agreement among RC Bacoor, RC Dasmarinas Cavite, RC Muntinlupa Business District, RC Bacoor, RC Imus and RC Chinatown Manila.



From left: RC Dasmarinas Cavite PLP Nelson Remulla, RC Muntinlupa Business District Pres. Joahna Benjamin, RC Bacoor PLP Raul Posadas, DG Joyce Ambray, RC Manila PLP Hermie Esguerra, RC Imus PLP Charlotte Maliksi and RC Chinatown Manila PLP Paul Tie.

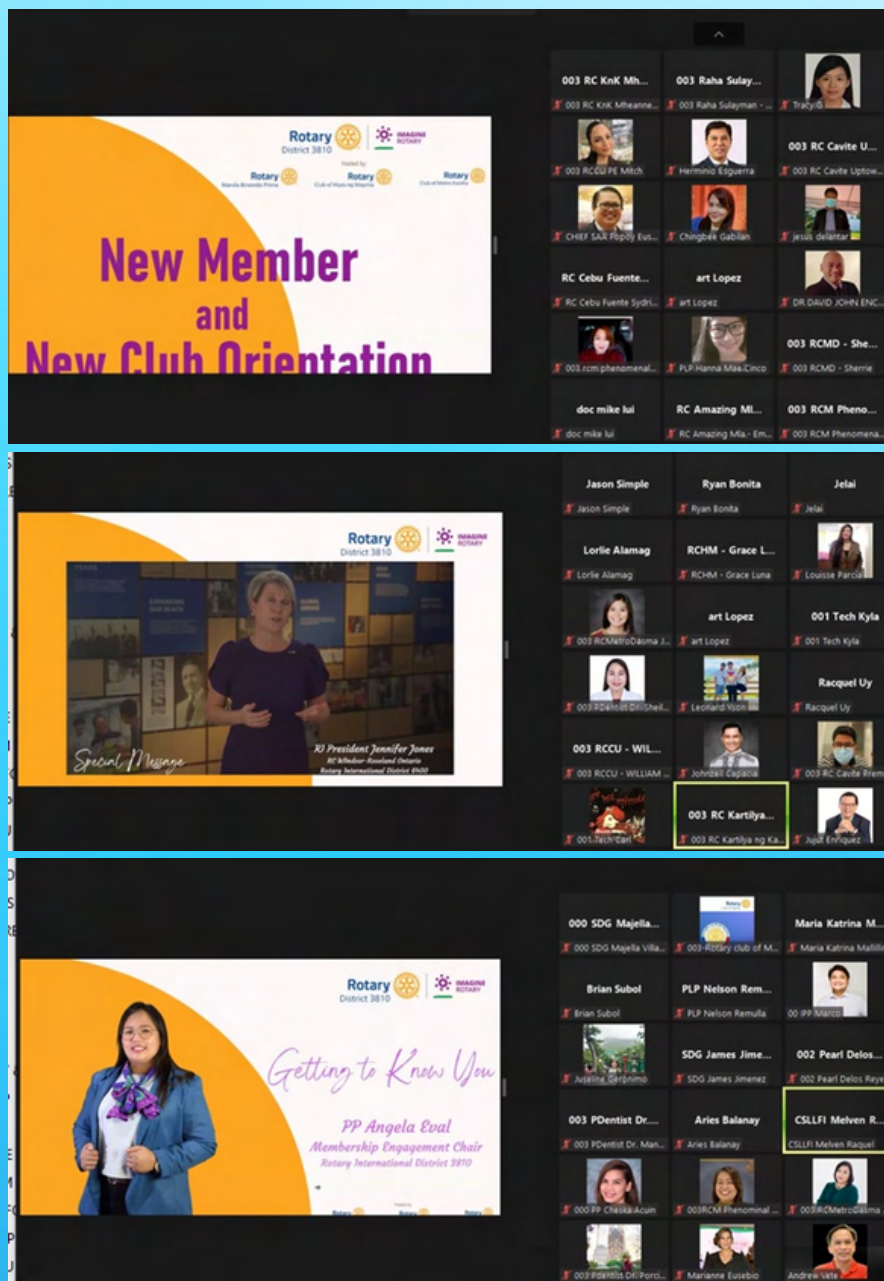
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RI District 3810 New Members and New Club Orientation

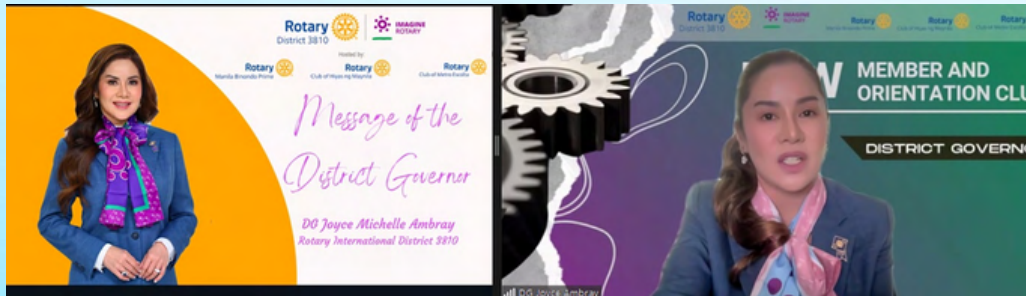
(Saturday, August 20, 2022 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

RI District 3810 conducted New Members and New Club Orientation last Saturday, August 20, 2022 and it was attended by the proposed Rotary Club members, Rotary Club of Phenomenal Dentists and Rotary Club of Abra de Ilog proposed by Rotary Club of Manila. Other proposed new clubs include Rotary Club of Amazing Manila, Rotary Club of Cavite Uptown and Rotary Club of Cavite Premier.

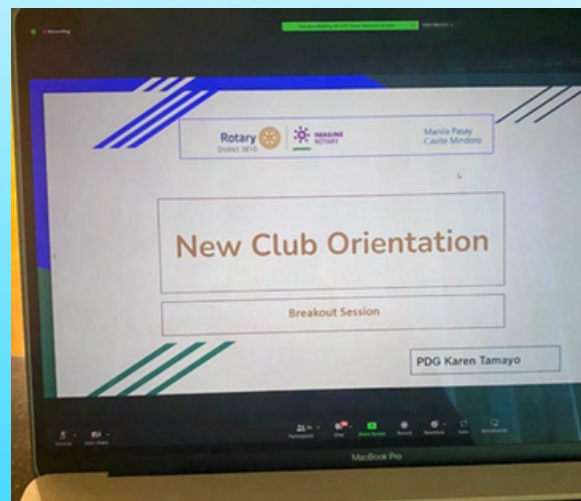
RC Manila members who attended the initial segment of the orientation were Membership Director Jujut Enriquez, Member/PD Art Lopez and STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY



Breakout room discussion with the members of our proposed RCM Phenomenal Dentist:



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Rotary Club of Manila Premier 6th Handover and 7th Induction Ceremonies

(Saturday, August 20, 2022, 6:30 p.m.)

I attended the 6th Induction and 7th Handover Ceremonies of Rotary Club of Manila Premier at the Flash Grand Ballroom at Elorde Sports Complex in Parañaque City.



PLP Hermie Esguerra with the newly inducted officers and directors



PLP Hermie Esguerra and DG Joyce Ambray with Pasay City Mayor Emi Calixto-Rubiano (seventh from left) and Presidents 101

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It was a fun gathering with the '70s theme.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

RC Cavite East 44th Induction

(Monday, August 22, 2022)

I attended the Rotary Club of Cavite East's 44th Induction held last Monday, August 22, 2022 at Fynn Boutique Hotel in Bacoor City, Cavite.



*PLP Hermie Esguerra and DG Joyce Ambray
with PLP Mac Catre and his family*



*PLP Hermie with the members of RC Cavite East,
led by PLP Mac Catre*

*From left: PDG Lyne Abanilla, PP Rodring Camia
(the oldest Rotarian at 92 years old, President of
RC Cavite East during RY 1985-1986), PLP Hermie
Esguerra, DG Joyce Ambre, and DGE Lai Dela Cruz*

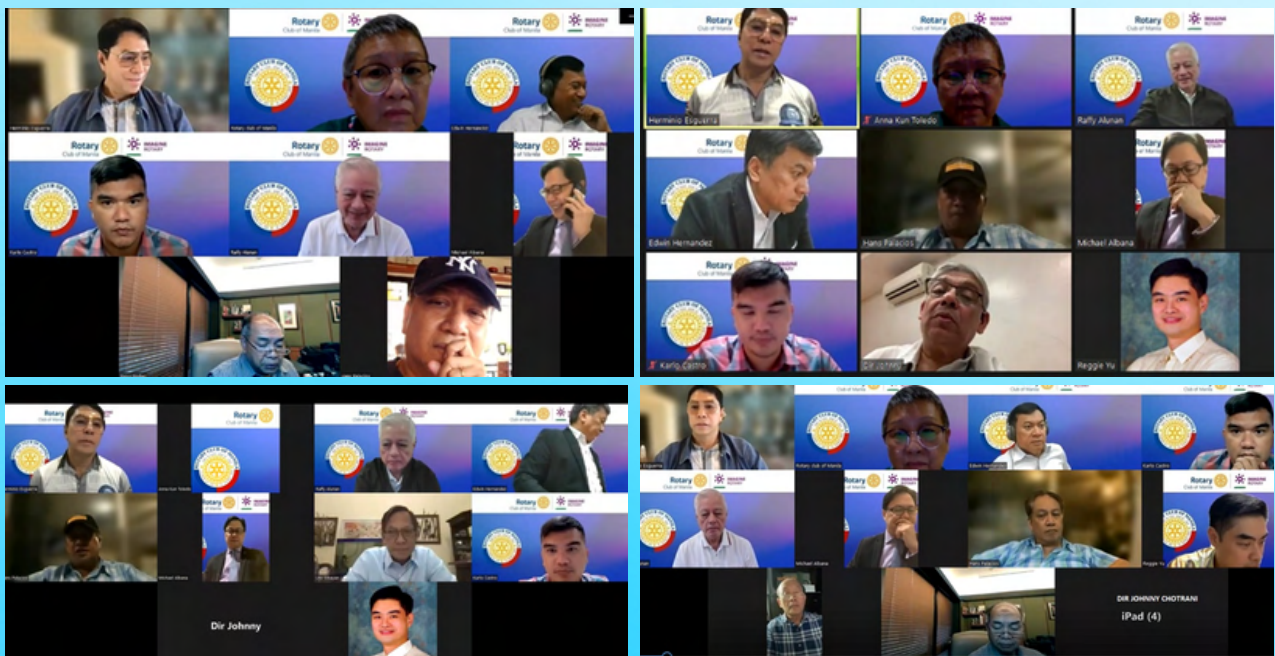


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Second Regular Board Meeting

(Tuesday, August 23, 2022 4:00 p.m.)

We had our second Regular Board Meeting last Tuesday, August 23, 2022 via Zoom. In the meeting with me were VP Reggie Yu, Dir. Hans Palacios, Dir. Albert Alday (not in photo), Dir. Raffy Alunan, Dir. Johnny Chotrani, Dir. Tony Lopez, RCManila Foundation Chairman/PD Pepo Nunez, RCManila Foundation President/PT Lito Sibayan, Sec. Edwin Hernandez, Treas. Karlo Castro, Asst. Sec. Mike Albaña and SAA Jason Bogovich.



It was a busy week for me, attending meetings and events within our Club and with different Rotary clubs.

I am excited with our partnership with Punlaan School and help provide scholarships for deserving students. With the new multi-story building under construction, Punlaan School is poised for growth, and I look forward to seeing more Manila Rotarians get involved in this worthwhile project.

Until next week, my brothers in RCM!

Very truly yours,

Herminio "Hermie" Esguerra
Phenomenal Leader President

EDITOR'S NOTE

Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

Public finance management, whether poorly or expertly handled, invariably impacts the lives of every citizen. Managing our country's revenue, expenditures, and debt load is surely a daunting task. Thus, we need experts and patriots, those with the interest of the country at heart, to ensure that the nation's finances and the economy as a whole is performing well vis-a-vis the rest of the world. Financial managers are expected to help craft policies and adopt strategies to make sure that the economic benefits will trickle down to and be meaningfully felt by the marginalized, the least, and the last in our society. For this reason, reforms in public finance management (such as the issue of our fragmented institutional framework) must be continuously and seriously pursued. Efforts to improve efficiency, accountability and transparency in public fund use must be made. It is only when there is wise, credible and transparent utilization of limited public funds (including addressing the issue of predictability and control of budget execution, as well as the reduction of misuse of funds) can we ensure the effective, immediate, substantial, direct and cost-efficient delivery of public services, especially to the poor.



To be sure, ordinary citizens can contribute to ensure an effective public financial management by supporting more inclusive budget processes and putting together pro-poor fiscal policies. However, getting an impactful citizen engagement in the field of public finance, is still a challenge. For instance, budget preparation is still very much invisible to the general public and has little to do with citizens. Hopefully, we will have a more engaged citizenry in this regard.

In any event, the focus must be the poor, the have-nots. Reforms and finance policy considerations must prioritize them. It is already well established that high economic growth rates, whenever achieved, do not necessarily result in reducing poverty. Needless to say, poverty reduction is key to a developing country such as ours.

The efficient management of the country's economy all boils down to good government; as it is the latter that ultimately promotes good economics. Indeed, it has often been said that good government results in good economics.

There is also the matter about ensuring that our country's moral economy will not go bankrupt, for always, when it does, our financial economy immediately follow suit. There is an imperative, in other words, to have national leaders and economic managers who are not only competent, but are also upright and genuinely pursues the country's greater interest.

As our country continues to feel the adverse and debilitating economic and social effects of the pandemic, particular attention should be given to the quality of financial and economic management. The national budget, for instance, which is a statement of our priorities, must reflect our country's strategic development plan. It must articulate the nation's resolve to recover and lift itself from today's challenging situation.

FROM DISTANT SHORES

STAR Rtn. Senen T. Mangalile
Managing Editor, balita



Fantasy or Imagination?

Parents who chose to enrol their young children in a Montessori school would know the huge difference between fantasy and imagination, and which one should be nurtured in very young minds. Fantasy is a conjuring of an improbable thing, place, or situation, and is thus a journey in the realm of impossibility. Imagination, on the other hand, is the ability to conceptualise objects which are not present but have the potential of becoming reality, and is therefore a step towards creativity.

A couple of weeks ago, the senator who garnered the highest number of votes in the last election was pilloried on social media for suggesting ropeways and cable cars as a means of addressing the country's traffic woes. Many netizens accused him of fantasizing, of being divorced from reality, and of offering whimsical solutions to a perennial and pressing problem in the metropolis. Memes sprouted at once, mocking the suggestion and the thinking that went with it.

A few clarifications from the senator and some favourable reactions from relevant personalities later, the tide shifted. Some quarters hailed the suggestion for being imaginative and bold, with certain officials stating that not only was the suggestion feasible, but the government has also been seriously considering it as an option to address the huge gap between the demand for and the availability of public transportation options.

Could cable cars really be the answer to our congested cities' traffic woes? Could they provide the tired and weary masses a viable alternative to the endless wait for jeepneys and buses and the long snaking lines at LRT and MRT stations?

First, one must clarify what a cable car system is and look at how it was deployed by those who came before as a means of transport. Next, one should weigh the risks and rewards of building, operating and maintaining the system. And finally, one ought to examine if and how it fits the setting it is proposed to improve.



The Emirates Air Line in Greenwich, London, a top-supported aerial cable car system, brings passengers across the River Thames and into a nearby subway line. Note the artistic rendition of the towers on the system's path.

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While there are claims that the first documentation of the use of cable propulsion goes back to 250 BC, less apocryphal accounts would bear out the fact that for hundreds of years, rope propelled transit was used to move people and goods, such as miners and minerals, across topographic barriers like rivers and ravines. It was in the 1800's however, as steel production flourished and the industrial applications of steam and, later, electric power widened, when inventions and innovations to the system quickly unfolded. The possibility of making long and solid cables made of steel opened new possibilities for the eventual construction and operation of cable cars, funiculars, ski lifts and aerial tramways and ropeways.

As an aside, the musically inclined among us would note that the Neapolitan song Funiculi Funicula was composed in 1880 by Luigi Denza to lyrics by Peppino Turco to commemorate the opening of the first funicular railway on Mount Vesuvius. Unfortunately, that funicular was destroyed when the volcano erupted in 1944.

Simply put, a cable car system moves a carrier, which has no motor or engine of its own, between points A and B by pulling a cable to which that carrier is attached. The carrier can be bottom-supported, which means it sits on tracks or rails, and is attached to a cable that pulls it. Examples of a bottom-supported carrier include the San Francisco cable cars, the Peak Tramway in Hong Kong, the Montmartre Funicular in Paris, the Mandalay Bay Tram in Las Vegas, and the AirRail Link at Birmingham Airport.

Or the carrier could be top-supported, meaning it hangs on a cable which, depending on the technology used, may or may not be the same cable used to propel it. Examples of a top-supported carrier



The Harder Kulm funicular that brings tourists to the top of Interlaken, Switzerland is a fine example of a bottom-supported cable car that goes very quickly up a steep incline.

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include the Singapore Cable Car to Sentosa, the Emirates Air Line in Greenwich, the Masada Cableway in Israel, the Klein Matterhorn Aerial Tramway in Switzerland which, at 3883 meters is the highest cable car in Europe, and the Sugarloaf Cable Car in Rio de Janeiro, to name a few.

As the carriers have no motor or engine on board, the propulsion is provided by an engine and a bull wheel in a wheelhouse at one end of the system. Typically, a passive supporting wheel sits at the other end to hold the propulsion cable. In between, the cable is supported by towers which would vary in size, height and footprint depending on span distances and system capacities.

In 2004, Medellin, Colombia became the first place in the world to fully integrate cable cars into its existing metro rail system. Since then, a growing number of urban areas across the globe have begun installing cable car systems of their own, thereby effectively shifting usage from tourism to mass transportation. Paris is currently building Cable1, set to open in 2025. It will have five stations along the 4.5 km distance between Pointe-du-Lac in Créteil and Bois-Matar in Villeneuve-St-Georges. Up to 3,200 passengers per hour will be able to use the cable car, which will relieve road traffic. Strategically placed to serve a high-demand area, a single cable car line can carry upwards of 20,000 passengers daily. In La Paz, Bolivia, the Mi Teleférico mass transit system carries up to 163,000 passengers daily. The Ha Long Bay Queen cable car in Vietnam has double decker cars that can fit up to 230 passengers.

What are the benefits of building a cable car system, and what are the risks associated with it? A study published by the World Bank in 2020 looked at 21 urban aerial cable cars systems of varying specifications. The study clearly showed that the systems were able to reduce travel times and exhaust emissions from vehicles, thus improving the quality of life of the populations they serve. In some instances, the crime rate went down because connectivity opened job opportunities, and CCTV cameras mounted in the gondolas made the journey safer than being on the road.

Cable cars are cheaper to build than railways, tunnels, and bridges. They require a smaller footprint on the ground and operate quietly using electricity. Long-term costs are also lower – personnel costs do not include wages for drivers and conductors, while maintenance cost is minimal.

But there are risks worth considering as well. The cost of electricity needed to operate the system must be measured, and a back-up system in case of a power failure is required. A strict maintenance regimen and a contingency plan should also be in place to ensure the safety and reliability of the system. Stories abound of system failures and fatal accidents. Over 200 people were stuck at the top station of Sandia Peak Tramway in New Mexico due to

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lightning as the thunderstorm led to a power outage. In May 2021, an aerial tram in Italy crashed to the ground after a propulsion cable snapped about five metres from the summit, killing fourteen passengers. Last April in India, a cable car got dislodged and hit another, instantly killing one passenger. As authorities attempted a difficult helicopter retrieval, two passengers fell to their death while being rescued. It took three days before the last passengers were brought to the ground. In Singapore last month, eighteen people were stranded for an hour and a half due to an operating system error that halted the Mount Faber Line.

And so, the final question we ought to ask is this: Would cable cars be a good option for Metro Manila and other cities in the Philippines? The answer would probably rest on whether the lines could be seamlessly integrated with the more conventional mass transport system. If not, it would merely be a case of transporting passengers from one point to another and then subjecting them to the same challenges of waiting for a jeepney or a bus, or queueing for a long time to get on the platforms of the LRT or MRT.

Another consideration would be the country's geographical location along the Ring of Fire. Would the cable car system be safe despite earthquakes and volcanic eruptions? Can the cables and towers withstand the onslaught of typhoons? Does the government have the wherewithal to mount rescue operations in case of mishaps?

And what about the cost of building, operating, and maintaining the system? Will there be investors willing to engage the government in a PPP venture? Will certain governments or international financing institutions be willing to extend concessional loans to fund the project?

These and many other considerations will need to be carefully studied and analyzed before one could say in earnest whether we are fantasizing or imagining. A good mental exercise perhaps while stewing in EDSA's usual traffic jams.



THE WEEK THAT WAS



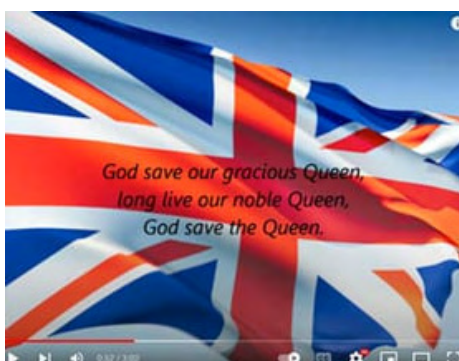
Rtn. Jun Hallare moderated and facilitated the flow of the 7th Regular Meeting.



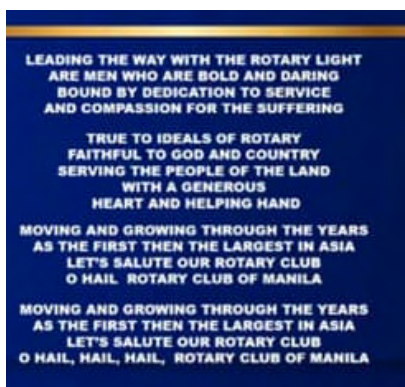
Sounding the bell, **Pres. Hermie Esguerra** called this month's face-to-face meeting to order.



Humbly calling upon our loving Father God, **STAR Rtn. Caloy Serapio** led the Invocation and Special Prayer.



The **British National Anthem** followed by the **Philippine National Anthem** was made more meaningful and animated by the **Rotary Club of Manila Audiovisual Presentation**, featuring captivating images of Manila Rotarians.

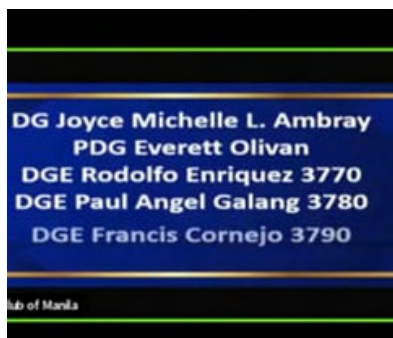


The **World Famous Music Chorale Audiovisual Presentation** of the **RC Manila Hymn** and **El Gamma Penumbra** and the singing of the **Philippine Rotary Hymn** meaningfully touched the Rotarian spirit of everyone in attendance.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



Rtn. Teddy Tee Jr. led the recitation of the time-honored Four (4) Way Test.



The Club's Visiting Guests and Rotarians were duly acknowledged, giving importance to their presence in the meeting.



The **World Famous Chorale** sang RCM's signature Welcome Song to the delight of the guests and visitors.



Rtn. Jun Hallare, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledged the week's birthday celebrants, namely: **PDSAA Ike Stranathan**, **Rtn. Mathias Hallerbach**, **Rtn. Mike Guarin**, **Rtn. Marvin Taylor-Dormon**, **PDSAA Val Aboy**, **Rtn. Joey Garcia** and **Rtn. Roberto Locsin**. This was followed by the **World Famous Music Chorale** singing the happy birthday song.

THE WEEK

THAT WAS



The Rotary Club of Manila, through **Pres. Hermie Esguerra**, conferred the Honorary Membership to **R.I. President-Elect Gordon R. McNally** (Rotary Club of South Queensferry West Lothian, Scotland).



DGE Lilian H. Dela Cruz introduced District Governor **Joyce Michelle Ambray**.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



DG Joyce Ambray delivered her District Governor's message.



Pres. Hermie Esguerra once again highlighted the Rotary events that took place in the past week during his President's time.



PDG Everett Oliván introduced **Guest of Honor and Speaker R.I. President-Elect Gordon R. McNally**.



Guest of Honor and Speaker R.I. President-Elect Gordon R. McNally delivered an uplifting, interesting and informative talk.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



President Hermie Esguerra and District Governor Joyce Ambray jointly presented the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by **Club Secretary Edwin Hernandez**, to **Guest of Honor and Speaker R.I. President-Elect Gordon R. McNally**.

Pres. Hermie Esguerra delivered his closing remarks and thereafter, adjourned the meeting.



A posterity photo with **Manila Rotarians** and **Guest of Honor and Speaker R.I. President-Elect Gordon R. McNally**.

MESSAGE

DELIVERED BY RIPE R. GORDON R. MCINALLY AT THE RCM WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

President Herminio,
Honoured and Distinguished
Guests,

Thank you, PDG Everett, for
that fulsome introduction. You
are much too kind.

Good afternoon, it is so good
to be with you.

I bring you warmest greetings
from Rotary International and
from my home country of
Scotland.



I am conscious I am not the first Rotary International President Elect or President to visit the Philippines and many of my predecessors speak with great fondness of times they spent here.

Neither am I the first Scotsman to visit.

A number of my fellow Scots were here 360 years ago when Britain briefly occupied Manila and indeed it was a Scot, Prime Minister John Stuart, who approved that course of action on 6 January 1762.

Of course, since then many other Scots have chosen to do business here and even settle in this part of the world.

Enough of history – to Rotary!

Believe me when I say, it is a real PRIVILEGE to be here at the first and oldest Rotary Club in Asia.

A club that has sponsored countless other Rotary Clubs as well as other organisations over its history.

MESSAGE

DELIVERED BY RIPE R. GORDON R. MCINALLY AT THE RCM WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Organizations like THE COMMUNITY CHEST FOUNDATION, THE PHILIPPINES BAND OF MERCY, THE PHILIPPINES SAFETY COUNCIL and the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA PHILIPPINES ISLAND COUNCIL, to name but a few.

I am humbled to stand before you.

You know, it's only when you stop and take stock as to what it really means to be a Rotarian that you realize what a wonderful opportunity we have ALL been given to be part of this great movement.

The most important thing I want to say to you today and please don't think me patronising as I say it is THANK YOU.

I am always conscious the two words THANK AND YOU are the only remuneration we receive in Rotary and equally conscious that these words do not always come from those whom we help.

So, on their behalf I make no apologies for repeating myself and saying once again THANK YOU.

These past 103 years have clearly been very special and important in the lives of the members, past and present of the Rotary Club of MANILA, but with respect, at the end of the day, the sort of time it has been for the Rotarians of MANILA does not matter one iota compared to the sort of time it has been for those whom you have supported and served over that period.

And you have supported and served a great many in so many innovative ways, I think of those who have benefitted from your medical and surgical missions to serve indigent patients in depressed areas.

I think of your support of the SAGIP KABATAAN project to rehabilitate street children and juvenile offenders.

I think of your Seamanship Training Project with the Propellor Club of Manila.

And I think of your recent initiative, only four weeks ago, when you planted trees and held a special clean up activity.

These are but four, of the many wonderful examples of the good you do.

All of which have allowed you to improve the lives of those around you.

MESSAGE

DELIVERED BY RIPE R. GORDON R. MCINALLY AT THE RCM WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Rotary has come a long way since our Founder, Paul Harris, met with three of his friends at the first ever Rotary club meeting and established the organisation of which we are so proud to be members.

Rotary has come a long way since your Founder President LEON J. LAMBERT along with Rotary's ROGER PINNEO from Seattle, met with four of Manila's most prominent businessmen on the 12 January 1919, when they resolved to form this Rotary Club, before going on to hold you first regular meeting in the Manila Hotel just over two weeks later on 29 January.

And now, here we are in 2022, and STILL the flame of Rotary that was kindled in the windy city of Chicago USA in 1905 and here in MANILA 14 years LATER burns brightly not only in these two places but throughout the entire world.

I often wonder if on that cold, damp February day 117 years ago Paul Harris could have imagined in his wildest dreams what Rotary would become and what Rotary would achieve over the course of its history. I wonder if LEON J. LAMBERT and the original 38 members of the Rotary Club of MANILA could have imagined in THEIR wildest dreams what IT would achieve over the course of its history.

Over the last two years, we have heard many politicians all round the world talking about the importance of BUILDING BACK BETTER.

I don't particularly like that expression as I would rather see us BUILD FORWARD BETTER.

And it strikes me the Rotary Club of Manila has been BUILDING FORWARD BETTER for over 103 years...



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As I was preparing for this meeting, I was thinking about how you might explain in a few words exactly what IS IT that Rotary does?

What is our purpose?

D'you know, that's not always the easiest question to answer, but let me try...

One of the many obligations you accept when you become a member of the Board of Directors of Rotary International are the regular trips to RI Headquarters in Evanston, Chicago USA.

I went to the USA a number of times during my time on the RI Board.

Towards the end of my term, I was stopped by an Immigration Officer at Chicago's O'Hare Airport who, leafing through my passport, reviewing the previous entry stamps, asked me the question;

"Why do you come here so often?"

I explained that I was a Rotarian and that I was attending a meeting at Rotary's Headquarters.

A quizzical look came over his face as he went on to ask me a second question;

"Rotary - what do they make?"

Realising this was probably not the best time to go into a long and detailed discourse on precisely what Rotary "made", I replied;

"What does Rotary make? - it makes a difference".

We then shared a few more minutes about what Rotary is, what Rotary does and what Rotary stands for before I headed for the exit door and he turned his attention to his next customer.

That brief encounter set me thinking, as I travelled on from the airport.

Making a difference is EXACTLY what Rotary does - a difference within the world in which we serve and THAT is our PURPOSE.

BUT, exactly what sort of difference DOES the Rotary Club of MANILA make?

What sort of difference does every Rotary Club represented here today make?

What sort of difference does Rotary International make?

It seems like a long time ago now but, whilst on the Board of Directors, I was lucky enough to be in Chicago on the 4th November 2008 - the night Barack Obama was elected to be the 44th President of the United States.

Although it's now more than thirteen years ago, I am sure many of you will recall one of the buzz words of Obama's 2008 Presidential Campaign.....

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That word was "HOPE"

I would suggest that, at the most basic level, the difference Rotary makes is that we bring people HOPE – HOPE for the future.

By lifting people out of poverty, and giving them HOPE, I believe we can go a long way to making major inroads into strife and, as a consequence, help create a more peaceful world.

Over the past few years, I have seen many examples of how Rotary brings people hope – and I know many of you have too – but perhaps it's worth reflecting on just a few of those examples.

I have seen the look on a children's faces in Kwa Zulu Natal in South Africa as the evening light faded and as the solar powered lights we had taken to them came on allowing them to continue studying their schoolbooks.

They were going to pursue their dream of an education and a future, or not, depending on Rotary.

I have seen small children living on the Rubbish Mountains in South America, digging with their hands for what they might find to eat.

They were going to stay there and die, or not, depending on Rotary.

Just before the pandemic struck and we could no longer travel, I saw people in rural Kenya prepared to walk miles on their own to a dental clinic in a remote village because Rotary has promised to stop their pain.

They were going to suffer - or not - depending on Rotary.

And these are only three examples of countless examples I could give you of where Rotary is needed and where each and every one of YOU make a difference though the creation of HOPE.



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One of the finest ways Rotary is creating hope at present is through our EMPOWERING GIRLS AND WOMEN initiative...

Equality is a fundamental human right that's necessary for a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world, and yet we all know that girls and women worldwide still face inequities in many areas including health and education, and experience violence and poverty at higher rates than men.

In truth, although Empowering Girls was designated a Presidential Initiative during the last Rotary year, Rotary has been empowering girls for many years and, I am happy to say will continue to do so through into 2023-24.

Let me tell you about Mary.....

Mary was born in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda in 1987.

Shortly after the 1994 Civil War broke out in Rwanda, her father became a victim of the Genocide.

Her mother was mass raped by members of the paramilitary responsible for the Genocide, and she subsequently contracted HIV/AIDS which eventually led to her death, leaving the 16-year-old, newly orphaned, Mary as head of her family, with the responsibility of caring for her two younger siblings.

Shortly after I met her for the first time, during a visit to Rwanda in early 2004, Mary was accepted onto a joint initiative between Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland and the UK based NGO Hope and Homes for Children known as Rotary's Africa Hope.

Over the succeeding years, Mary and her siblings were given the support necessary to survive and grow

- the support necessary to enjoy life like other children
- the support you and I would take for granted within a loving family.

Mary had had to drop out of school to care for her mother until her death and then afterwards to care for her younger brother and sister.

However, thanks to Rotary's Africa Hope, she completed her High Schooling in December 2007, passing her School Leaving Certificate with excellent grades.

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She then started to support her family by working as a teaching assistant in a local nursery school and also served as the vice-president of a housing cooperative in the district where she lived.

But it was always Mary's dream to go to university and study business.

She had the entry qualifications, but it cost around \$1000 per year at that time to attend university in Rwanda, a fortune in Rwandan terms, so a dream it looked like remaining, until.....

Having met Mary during a visit to Rwanda with me in November 2010, a young, newly qualified Scottish Lawyer, called Sarah, much the same age as Mary, committed to sponsoring her \$1000 a year university expenses for each of the next four years.

One empowered girl empowering another.

Mary subsequently enrolled at ULK, Kigali Independent University, and graduated in Business Studies from in 2015.

She now holds down a good job within Kigali's commercial sector.

Mary's life was turned around and where once she had nothing, she was given the great thing anyone could ask for – Hope.

Hope of a future free from poverty.

Hope of a future free from conflict.

Hope of a future where she could AND IS NOW providing for herself living outside of any dependency culture

Self-reliant – but most importantly with self-respect.

Empowered.

But there's more...

When Mary became self-supporting, she was anxious to "give something back" by way of saying "thank you" for the support she received and, to that end, she accepted into her family a fourteen-year-old girl with learning difficulties who was, herself, an orphan.

So, Mary the empowered girl began to empower and continues to do so to this day.

The hope she was given made a difference to her life.

But it is not enough to simply give HOPE and make a difference.

In giving hope, in making a difference, what exactly is it we wish to achieve?

I am sure many of you are familiar with the works of Robert Burns, Scotland's National Poet.

Robert Burns, although he lived over two hundred years ago, promoted

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many of the same ideals that we do in Rotary in his hope for Liberty, Brotherhood and Peace for all of mankind.

In his poem **"Is there for honest poverty"** Robert Burns tells of his hopes for the future – listen to the last verse of that poem because I would suggest to you that it reflects precisely Rotary's aspirations for the future:

**Then let us pray that come it may
(As come it will for all that)
That Sense and Worth over all the earth
Shall bear the gree and all that!
For all that and all that, It's coming yet for all that,
That man to man the world over
Shall brothers be for a' that**

That verse was written in 1795 – exactly 110 years before Paul Harris founded Rotary but I believe those last two lines:

**That man to man the world over
Shall brothers be for a' that**

would make an ideal description of the purpose of Rotary.

What better goal could we set ourselves than to be able to look on our fellow man as our brother, our fellow woman as our sister?

Of course, another place Rotary has been making a huge difference just lately is to the lives of those affected by the war being waged on Ukraine by Russia.

I have shed tears of sorrow at the atrocities that we have watched play out on our television screens as the days have turned to weeks and the weeks to months.

I have also shed tears of pride and joy at Rotary's response:

\$15.5 million donated to our Foundation Disaster Relief Fund and tens of thousands of members of Rotary all round the world providing real, practical, hands-on help to those affected.

And this my friends, is the magic of Rotary; to be able to reach out and help our fellow men and women the world over as we would our own brothers or sisters.

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I am conscious that time is always the enemy on occasions such as this so, conscious of the time it is time for me to draw my remarks to a close and utter the two words you have probably all been longing to hear.

IN CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Members of the Rotary Club of MANILA – you have done much of which to be proud over the past 103 years.

Today enjoy basking in you glories and achievements,
but tomorrow,
and the next day
and every day after that,
remember that there is still much work to be done in the name of Rotary both here in MANILA and in the Philippines and throughout the world.

All that has gone before will count for nothing if you do not continue your service into the future.

I HOPE that you will continue that service

Actually, from what I am learning of you
I KNOW you will continue that service.

Thank you once again for all you do,
Each and every one of you is a credit to the badge you wear

And I am proud, very proud
to belong to the same organisation as you.



RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2022-2023

August 2022	<u>04 August 2022</u>	<u>11 August 2022</u>	<u>18 August 2022</u>
	Sports Committee Chairman SAA Nagi Zeitouni and Classification Talk by STAR Rtn. Micray Gonzalez	Dr. Brix Pujalte MD and Dr. Romeo Llyod Trovela Romero MD	RI PRESIDENT-ELECT R. GORDON R. MCINALLY
All Members Present	69	65	46
All Members in virtual	0	1	12
Make Up	4	0	0
Less: Exempt from Attendance	4	6	2
On Leave	0	0	0
Total Active Members	69	60	56
Total # of Members	229	229	229
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	30%	26%	24%
ROTARACTORS	0	0	0
MEDIA	0	0	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG/DGE	0	1	18
GOHS / GS	0	1	1
Visiting Rotarians	0	1	21
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	3	18	7
Others	0	0	0
Total attendees	72	87	93

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

(As of August 23, 2022, 10:00 AM)

	ANNUAL DUES 22-23
112	FULLY PAID
115	UNPAID
2	PARTIALLY PAID
229	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	Albaña, Michael Jaey "Mike"	51389	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
4	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"	51268	5,000.00	PARTIALLY PAID
5	Alday, Albert S.	51370	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
6	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.	51353	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
7	Balanay, Aries	51273	32,138.00	FULLY PAID
8	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.	51433	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
9	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.	51325	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
10	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz	51461	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
11	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.	51358	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
12	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar	51457	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
13	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	51441	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
14	Bogovich, Jason M.	51382	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
15	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	51368	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
16	Camus, Fernando "Nando"	51360	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
17	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.	51503	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
18	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	51366	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
19	Chahwan, Rami	51376	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
20	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.	51364	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
21	Creencia, Raoul	51332	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
22	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	51340	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
23	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	51348	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	51507	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
25	David, Virgilio "Vee"	51111	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
26	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.	51505	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
27	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.	51375	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
28	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.	51357	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
29	Del Rosario, Oscar	51390	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	Dela Cruz, Emmanuel	51381	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
31	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	51318	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	51023	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.	51343	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	51033	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
35	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.	51502	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
36	Evaristo, Frank A.	51349	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
37	Everingham, Richard Jack	51452	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
38	Fajardo, Beda G.	51436	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
39	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"	51339	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
40	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.	51388	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
41	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	51508	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
42	Garcia, Theodore	51250	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
43	Garcia, Victor	51058	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
44	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	51272	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
45	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.	51377	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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46	Gonzales, Michael Raymond	51356	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
47	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.	51352	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
48	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	51444	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
49	Hallerbach, Mathias	51432	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
50	Hernandez, Edwin	51321	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
51	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.	51341	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
52	Joseph, Ralph L.	51328	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
53	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy"	51367	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
54	Koh, Paul Anthony	51303	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
55	Lacambacal, Alvin D.	51533	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
56	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"	51285	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
57	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.	51317	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
58	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	51333	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
59	Li, Richard Joseph Chang	51378	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
60	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	51344	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
61	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.	51504	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
62	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	51253	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
63	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.	51379	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
64	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"	51225	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
65	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	51459	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
66	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"	51326	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
67	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"	51327	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
68	Mangalile, Senen	51534	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
69	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	51371	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
70	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"	51458	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
71	Montel, Juan Manuel C.	51228	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
72	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	51351	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
73	Naravannamoorthy, Nantha K.	51301	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
74	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	51434	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
75	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.	51380	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
76	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	51322	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
77	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"	51346	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
78	Patterson, Colin David	51305	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
79	Payumo, Felicito "Tong" C.	51016	10,000.00	PARTIALLY PAID
80	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	51440	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
81	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	51288	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
82	Pizarras, Jordan M.	51453	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
83	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.	51345	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
84	Pujalte, Jose, Jr. "Brix" S.	51403	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
85	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"	51363	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
86	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	51312	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
87	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.	51350	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
88	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.	51309	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
89	Rono, Marlon	51455	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
90	Sarasola, II, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.	51447	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
91	Schmitz, Steffan	51306	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
92	Schneider, Bernd	51456	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
93	Schoucair, Farid Alain	51374	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
94	Shimoda, Shigeru	51369	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
95	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	51347	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
96	Souvlakis, Nicolas	51442	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
97	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.	51448	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
98	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"	51443	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
99	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.	51387	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
100	Tan, John	51269	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
101	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.	51501	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
102	Tang, Jimmy T.	51354	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
103	Tanglao, Noel V.	51362	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
104	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"	51372	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
105	Valdes, Joel C.	51446	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
106	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.	51460	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
107	Valdez, Jason	51263	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
108	Vasquez, Evaristo "Junjie"	51439	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
109	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.	51361	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
110	Zalamea, Enrique, Jr. "Rick" M.	51537	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
111	Zaladarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	51532	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
112	Zeitouni, Nagi	51323	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
113	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.	51307	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
114	Zimmer, Christopher	51319	37,318.00	FULLY PAID

GRAND TOTAL **2,890,822.00**

Nomination Update as of August 25, 2022



	NOMINEE	Accepted
1	VP Reggie Yu	
2	Dir. Albert Alday	✓
3	Dir. Hans Palacios	
4	Dir. Raffy Alunan	✓
5	Dir. Johnny Chotrani	
6	Dir. Tony Lopez	✓
7	Dir. Jujut Enriquez	
8	Treas. Karlo Castro	
9	Rtn JB Pallasigue	✓
10	Rtn Anton Mauricio	✓
11	AS Mike Albaña	
12	Rtn Teddy Kalaw	✓
13	Rtn Alvin Ampil	
14	PD Nick Locsin	✓
15	Rtn Willie Pelino	✓
16	PD Amading Valdez	

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RCManila Foundation, Inc. and Rotary Club of Manila Meet with Rotary Club of San Francisco, USA and Alliance for Smile



RCManila Foundation, Inc. (represented by Secretary Joel Valdes and Assistant Secretary Anton Mauricio) and Rotary Club of Manila Chairman of International Relations PD Nick Locsin, met with Rotary Club of San Francisco, USA (Rtn. Anita Stangi) and Alliance for Smile (Ms. Jessica Hansen and Paul) last Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom virtual platform.

Rtn. Inov Talusan's Mamacloud Network & System Development Company Receives Recognition from Golden Globe Annual Awards for Business Excellence



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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

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- *Half-page, full-color company ads in the 2022 Souvenir Magazine.
- Trophy and Certificate of Recognition and one (1) free dinner for your company representative.

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Dir. Ramon Juanito Balunes y Paras
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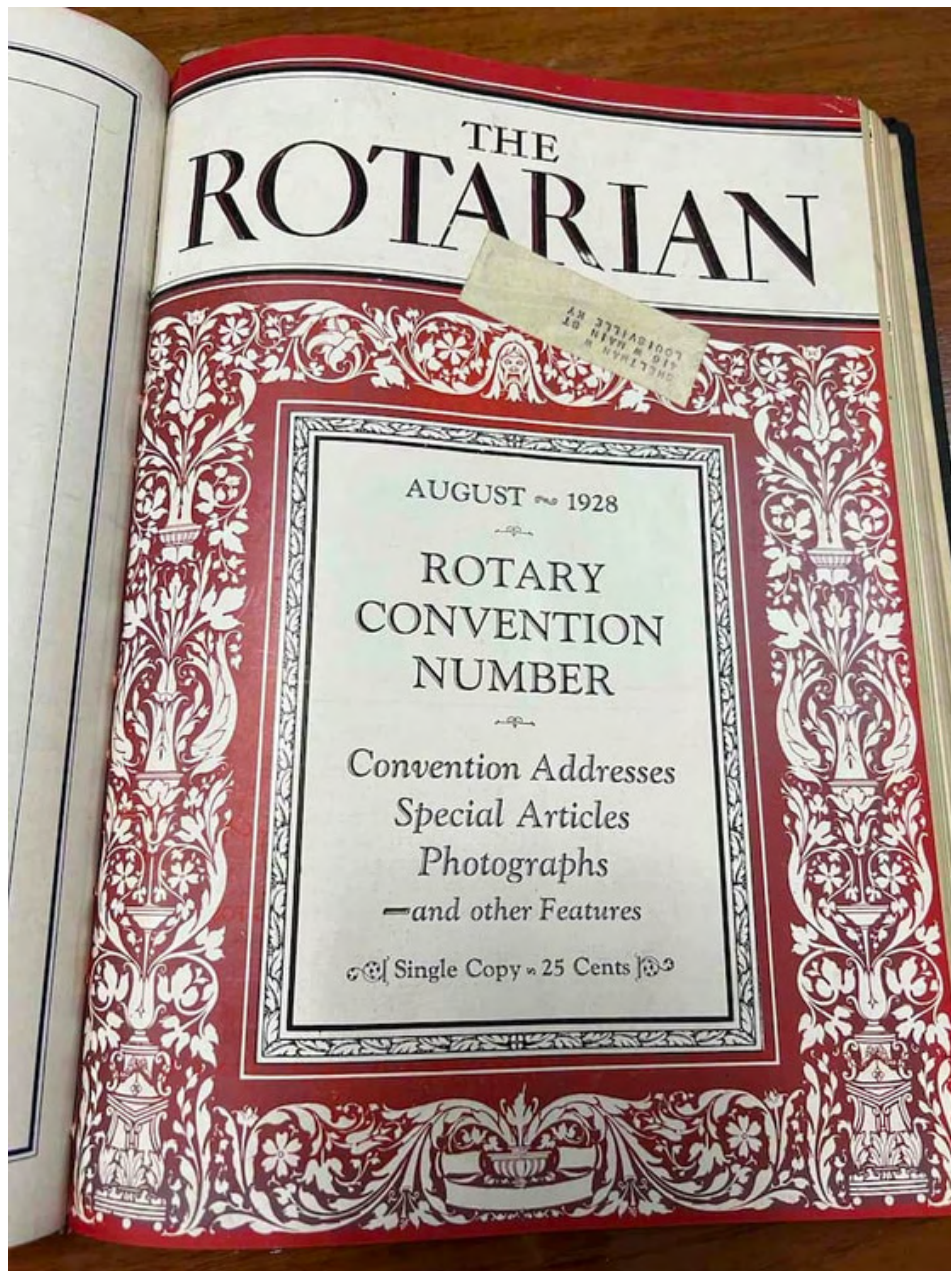
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Philippine College of Rotary Governors (PCRG) Holds its Induction and Handover Ceremonies, also a Farewell Dinner for RIPE Gordon McInally



The Philippine College of Rotary Governors (PCRG) held its Induction and Handover Ceremonies last August 19, 2022 at Conrad Hotel. It also served as a farewell dinner for RIPE Gordon McInally who, the day before, was the guest of honor and speaker at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila.

This year's Council of Past District Governors is headed by Chairman Past District Governor Rudy Bediones, who was elected Treasurer. This year 2022-2023 has a unique arrangement at the PCRG with two Co-chairs instead of just one Chairman: PDG Oyan Villanueva and PDG Dindo Berino.

MESSAGE

DELIVERED BY RIPE R. GORDON R. MCINALLY AT THE PHILIPPINE COUNCIL OF PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS INDUCTION & HANDOVER CEREMONIES

Good evening friends,

Thank you for that welcome – you are much too kind.

It has been the greatest privilege and pleasure for me to be with you during these the past few days here in the Philippines.

Having been here so often in a virtual capacity over the past two years, I still cannot believe I have finally made it in person. You have all been so kind and I have had a wonderful time.



At the very outset, can I thank everyone who worked to make this visit possible, I know all ten of the District Governors Elect have worked hard to ensure the success of my visit.

This evening, as my week here in the Philippines draws to a close, I would like to talk about two topics that are very dear to my heart and, I hope, dear to each of your hearts also.

Those of you who were at the closing session of the international convention may have heard me reference the importance of Rotary's role in PEACEBUILDING and that I will focus on that shortly.

But in addition to that, I would like to say a few words about the importance of unity as I believe that to be vital in Rotary and, for that matter in our world.

We are a very disunited society.

People the world over are at odds with each other, often over the most trivial of matters and that breeds discontent, the sort of discontent that leads to conflict – conflict on every level.

One of the reasons I joined Rotary 38 years ago, as a 26 year old dentist who wanted to change the world was that I realized that only by working on a united front in a united way, could I hope to make a difference and improve the world in which I lived.

How could a dentist, working in isolation in Scotland hope to,

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Provide a future for the orphans of the Rwandan Genocide?

Provide clean water to a village in India?

Provide life changing surgeries for women suffering from obstetric fistula in Sierra Leone?

Provide clean toilets for girls at school in Naga City here in the Philippines?

He couldn't, but working on a united front and in a united way with his fellow members of Rotary all round the world he could and he did.

I don't know how many of you follow the sport of rugby.

I am a passionate about rugby and played the game myself when I was younger.

In a rugby team there are fifteen players all are different, some are tall and some are small, some are slim and can run fast – I was never one of those!
some are big strong and play in the scrum – that was my position.

But a rugby team can only be successful if all fifteen players bring their particular attributes to the fore and play in unity.

Nowadays my passion rugby is confined to being a supporter.

The Scotland International Rugby team, uses the slogan "Better Together", and it's not wrong.

Together, we ARE better - much better.

Together, we WILL achieve much more than we can working alone.

And one area where we need to work together and not alone is in the field of PEACEBUILDING, the second topic I would like to address this evening.

We are in a time of great turmoil in the world, probably the time of greatest turmoil I have seen in my time in Rotary.

A time where Rotary's historic commitment to building and fostering peace is being challenged like never before.

And that's why I'm convinced we need a renewed focus on PEACE within Rotary.

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Peace is something that is in our very DNA.

It is something that's at the forefront of my mind just now and I am sure it is at the forefront of your minds too.

Like me, you must have been horrified by the terrible news coming out of Eastern Europe regarding the BRUTAL AND UNPROVOKED war being waged by Russia on Ukraine and the ramifications of such an outrage.

What has society become that sees frightened, defenseless children cowering in dark, dank corners of a KEEV subway station whilst the horrors of war play out above them.

Just how broken is our world that a Children's and Maternity Hospital can see bombs rain down on it from the sky with the loss of many innocent lives as we saw in Marry-oo-paul and as we are seeing continue in cities across that proud and beautiful country?

And then we saw pictures of dead bodies with their hands tied behind their backs cast aside like garbage at the side of the street in the city of BUCHA.

The word genocide has been used and I do not believe that to be too strong a description of what we are witnessing in Ukraine right now.

We live in a time of unprecedented technological advances but sadly, we also live in a time of destruction and human suffering.

And, as we are seeing day after day, week after week, month after month not only in Eastern Europe but elsewhere in the world too, peace is such a fragile construct.

Rotary with all its GLOBAL REACH MUST help the world live together in peace and friendship and love if we are to leave a proper legacy for the generations to come.

Humanity has grown up scientifically and technologically.

Now we need to grow up even more by pointing the whole human race beyond the petty divisions of nepotism, race and creed.

Too many people in this world have experienced the atrocities of terrorism and of war.

Thankfully, Rotary is committed to working for peace.

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And never forget,
Peace is more
SO much more
than the absence of war or armed
conflict.

Peace is freedom,
Peace is healthy children and adults.
Peace is clean water and sufficient
food.

Peace is education,
human rights,
dignity,
clothing,
housing,
and concern for mankind.

But most of all, Peace is LOVE.

The late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr
once said, and I quote:

"We must discover the power of love,
the redemptive power of love.
And when we discover that,
we will be able to make of this old
world a new world,
for love is the way."
END QUOTE

Love IS the way
actually, ultimately,
love is the ONLY way
because love can help and heal when
nothing else can.
Love can lift up and liberate when
nothing else will.

Love can lead and guide us along the
way beyond our unenlightened self-
interest and beyond our factions and

divisions.
Because love can show us the way to
be both HUMAN and HUMANE.

The obvious question and the one you
are probably asking right now is:
Could it work?
Could it work, not simply in theory,
but could it work in the factories and
on the assembly lines
could it work in the corporate
boardroom
could it work in the councils of politics
could it work in the world - in the hard
tough rough world

Well, it's not easy
but this way of love is the only thing
that has ever worked for human
progress and human civilization and
for the good and the welfare and the
wellbeing of the entire human family.
Consider the alternative..

I believe that the opposite of love is
not hate, but is
selfishness,
self-centeredness.

History has shown time and time and
time again that selfishness and self-
centeredness does not work.

It has never worked and it never will.
Unselfish love is the only way that can
work
it is the only way that has ever worked.
If you don't believe me, just stop and,
to use a word we are hearing a lot in
Rotary just now:

IMAGINE.

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Imagine a world where love is the way.
Imagine homes and families where
love is the way.
Imagine neighbourhoods and
communities where love is the way.
Imagine business and commerce
where love is the way.
Imagine governments and nations
where love is the way.

Where love is the way, then no child
will go to bed hungry in this world
ever again.

Where love is the way, justice will flow
like a mighty river
Where love is the way, poverty WILL
become history.

And where love is the way,
as the slaves of America's Antebellum
South used to say:
there will be plenty good room,
plenty good room,
plenty good room for all.

Because when love is the way,
when PEACE is the way
we actually treat each other like we
are family

And what better aspirations could we
as Rotarians have, what greater HOPE
could we as Rotarians CREATE IN THE
WORLD than a sense of FAMILY and
LOVE and PEACE

It's all about CARING,
We need to care for each other,
because only by caring for each other
can WE BEGIN TO HOPE TO CARE FOR
THE WORLD.

I hope you will join me in my dream
and that together we can create more
peace not only in our world but in
ourselves.

My friends,
I am conscious that time is always the
great enemy on occasions like this and
I fear I my time is up!

Can I begin to conclude by thanking
you all for your commitment to
Rotary.

Thank you for all you have done for
Rotary

Thank you for all you are doing for
Rotary

And more importantly,
Thank you for all you will do for
Rotary.

Rotary in the Philippines is great!

You do so much and the best thing
about it is you have such FUN doing it
– I love it!

I would like to close with the words of
a Gaelic Blessing, Gaelic being the
ancient language of Scotland.

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your
face; the rains fall soft upon your
fields and until we meet again, may
God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Thank you.

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