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INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER



Rtn. Antonio "Tony" Meloto
Chairman Emeritus, Gawad Kalinga
Ramon Magsaysay Awardee

ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR RY 2023-2024



KABALITA

A Rotary Club is shaped by its members, not only by their personal and active participation in all activities, and also by their wise, informed, and collective choice of leaders who will steer the Club's direction. Thankfully, the Rotary Club of Manila has not been lacking of men who are more than willing to render true service above self; men who eloquently epitomizes the brand of leadership that the First Rotary Club in Asia rightfully deserves. Deciding who to vote from our list of nominees will be very challenging, not because there are only a few deserving ones, but because all are actually excellent choices. May the Manila Rotarians' collective wisdom prevail!



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10th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Rotary Year 2022-2023

Thursday, September 8, 2022, 12:30 PM

Program Timetable

Part I

11:00 AM EARLY VOTING

12:30 PM Registration & Zoom In

Program Moderator//Facilitator/Chika Talk
Presentation of Meeting Protocol/
Zoom Meeting House Rules

BLA RAOUL CREENCIA

Call to Order

PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA

Invocation and Special Prayers

STAR RTN. MICHAEL ROXAS

Philippine National Anthem

AVP of RCM Members

RCM Hymn

AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale

Philippine Rotary Hymn

AVP

The Four (4) Way Test

RTN. RONALD MARTINEZ

Acknowledgment of Guests

Welcome Song

RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week

RTN. ROY ZOSA

September 2

RTN. ALDOUS ALINGOG

September 5

RTN. EMYL EUGENIO

September 6

STAR RTN. RICHARD EVERINGHAM

September 6

RTN. JAY-JAY JANG

September 6

Maligayang Bati/Happy Birthday Song

AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale

10th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Part II ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VOTING RULES

IPP FRANCISCO "Chito" ZALDARRIAGA
Chairman, Election Committee

President's Time

PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA

Part III INTRODUCTION OF INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER

Presentation of Inspirational Speaker

RTN. ANTONIO "Tony" MELOTO

Chairman Emeritus, GAWAD KALINGA
Ramon Magsaysay Awardee

Open Forum

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation

STAR RTN. MICHAEL RAYMOND GONZALEZ

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

Attested by:
SECRETARY EDWIN HERNANDEZ

Part IV ELECTION RESULT

2:00 PM Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment

PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA



INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER'S PROFILE

ANTONIO "TONY" MELOTO



Antonio "Tony" Meloto was born to humble circumstances on January 17, 1950, in a simple family whose parents were public school teachers in Bacolod. He studied in Rizal Elementary School and Negros Occidental High School for primary and secondary education. He finished his high school as an American Field Scholar in De Anza High School in Richmond California. He continued his college education with a full scholarship in the Ateneo de Manila University finishing Bachelor's in Economics.

He was the Purchasing Manager at Proctor & Gamble from 1971-1978. And built his name as an entrepreneur from 1979-1987. In 1987, he decided to be a full time Missionary to help spread Couples for Christ in over a hundred countries around the world. After, he built the biggest youth movement in the Philippines namely: Youth for Christ and Singles for Christ. To augment CFC, YFC and SFC with a service arm, he formed the largest NGO in the Philippines known as Gawad Kalinga, a "give care" Philippines-based movement that was global in proportion and aims to end poverty by first restoring the dignity of the poor.

In 2018, at 68, Tony Meloto retired and developed Paraiso Village Farm also known as the healing Farm. During the Taal Eruption and the start of the COVID pandemic in 2020, he formed the Seniors Faith Club whose aim is to ease the hunger and loneliness of the elderlies with a day of fun and purposeful activities.

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER'S PROFILE

ANTONIO “TONY” MELOTO



Tony Meloto, fondly called Tito Tony by many, received several local and international awards for social entrepreneurship and community service. He received the following:

Local Awards

1. Ozanam Awards from Ateneo de Manila University in 2003
2. Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2006
3. Haydee Yorac Award in October 2006
4. Filipino of the Year from Philippine Daily Inquirer in 2007
5. People of the Year from Philippine Star in 2007

International Awards

1. Ernst & Young Award for Social Entrepreneurship in 2010
2. Schwab Foundation in Davos, Switzerland for Social Entrepreneurship in 2010
3. Nikkei Asia Prize for Regional Growth in 2011
4. World Entrepreneurship Forum in Lyon, France in 2012
5. Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship in 2012

At the end of the day, he goes home to his wife, Amalia Dizon-Meloto, his 5 children and their families where he has 12 grandchildren. Passing the legacy of entrepreneurship and community service, his daughter Ana and husband Dylan Wilk and Camille Rodriguez founded Human Nature

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Manila's President's Diary!

I hope you are all having a fantastic week. It's been another busy one for us. I've attended a lot of meetings and events, but it's all been worthwhile because we've been able to assist so many people with our initiatives and make a difference in our community. I'm extremely proud of what we're accomplishing as a team.

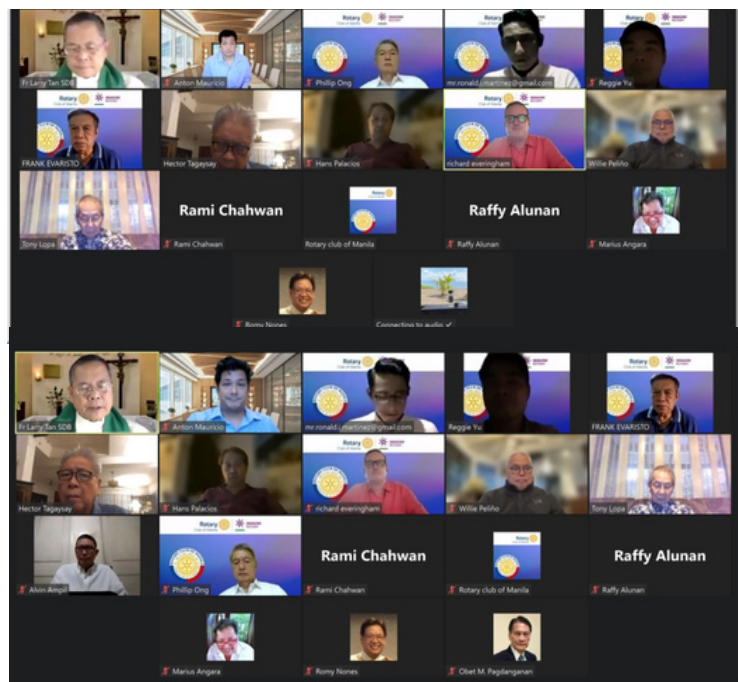
Here's a recap of the meetings and events the past week.



First Friday Mass for the Month of September

Friday, September 2, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

The First Friday Mass held last September 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom was celebrated by Rev. Fr Larry Tan, SDB. In attendance were VP Reggie Yu (commentator), Dir. Hans Palacios, Dir. Raffy Alunan, PDG Vince Carlos, PDG Obet Pagdanganan, PP Frank Evaristo, PP Boy Guevara, PD Oscar del Rosario, PD Phillip Ong, PT Chito Tagaysay, PDSAA Tony Lopa, Rtn. Alvin Ampil, Rtn. Marius Angara (led the Prayers of the Faithful), Rtn. Rami Chahwan (led the Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus), Star Rtn. Richard Everingham (led the Intercessory Prayer) Rtn. Ronald Martinez (First Reading and Responsorial Psalm), Rtn. Anton Mauricio, Rtn. Romy Nones and Rtn. Willie Peliño.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

RCM Receives appreciation trophy from Dualtech for the RCM-Dualtech Scholarship Program

Saturday, September 3, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

I joined our fellow Rotarians in the Thanksgiving Mass tribute for our dear PP Bobby Joseph hosted by Dualtech Training Center in Calamba City.

During the occasion, we were happy to receive an appreciation trophy from Dualtech for the Rotary Club of Manila-Dualtech Scholarship Program (RDSP).



From left: RDSP Committee member STAR Rotarian Basti Lacson, RDSP Co-Chair Robi Joseph, PLP Hermie Esguerra, RDSP Committee member STAR Rotarian Richard Jack Everingham, and RDSP Chair Anton Mauricio.



STAR Rotarian Richard Everingham and RDSP Chair Anton Mauricio at the Dualtech lunch, while RDSP Co-Chair Robi Joseph and STAR Rotarian Basti Lacson pose with the Joseph family with the spread featuring the late PP Bobby Joseph's favorite food.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY



With my fellow Manila Rotarians, Dualtech team, and family of the late PP Bobby Joseph



PP Bobby Joseph's family with RDSP Committee members from RCM along with Dualtech officials and mass celebrant Fr. Jong

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Governor's Visit to the Rotary Club of Chinatown-Manila

Saturday, September 3, 2022, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

I joined DG Governor Joyce Ambray during the Governor's Visit to the Rotary Club of Chinatown Manila led by PLP Paul Tie. The visit coincides with the club's Regular Meeting which was held at Golden Bay Seafood Restaurant in Pasay City.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

11th Charter Anniversary and 12th Induction & Handover Ceremonies of the Rotaract Club of Chinatown-Manila

Saturday, September 3, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

I was happy to attend the 11th Charter Anniversary and 12th Induction & Handover Ceremonies of the Rotaract Club of Chinatown-Manila held at Golden Bay Seafood Restaurant in Pasay City.

Congratulations to the successful induction of PLP Meagan Lock and the new set of officers!



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

EXECOM Meeting of Rotary International District 3810

September 6, 2022

I attended the Executive Committee (EXECOM) Meeting of Rotary International District 3810 last September 6, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform.



It was a productive week and I'm already looking forward to next week's events!

Stay tuned for more updates from me next week.

Very truly yours,

Herminio "Hermie" S. Esguerra
Phenomenal Leader President

September 8 is a red-letter day for Manila Rotarians. Today, RCMers will exercise their right to vote and put together the Club's Board of Directors who will serve in the coming Rotary year 2023-2024. Today, the collective will of the members will be manifested through the election of a group of men who will constitute the policy making body of the Club.

Identifying and choosing leaders, especially electing Board members of the oldest Rotary Club in Asia, is not a simple nor straightforward exercise. Leadership is a complex, multifaceted capability, with myriad nuances and subtleties. While the Rotary Club of Manila has a deep bench of leaders and effective managers, and although the nominees all have the qualifications, as well as the heart and passion to serve the Club, Manila Rotarians are called upon to keenly and judiciously choose the right candidate who will sit in the Board at the right time, and will do all the right things – with integrity, vision, courage, strength and creativity. Today is the day when the members will go through each nominee and decide who among them will be able to best serve the interest of the Club. Yes, today, RCMers will make the choice who among the nominees will be elected to constitute the Club's highest governing body.



When an organization chooses a leader, the decision-maker or voter normally looks for qualities which he thinks will be good for the organization. But why is it that voters are usually bad in choosing good leaders? Is it because they are looking for the wrong things in a leader? Is it because the right things are difficult to judge? Or is it because a voter is attracted to a candidate whose attributes do not necessarily make a good leader in the long term? It is not surprising for voters to be drawn to the magnetism and charisma of a candidate. However, these qualities are not enough. Every organization needs a leader who has a healthy dose of integrity, fundamental ability to tune in to others, self-awareness, and the ability to make good judgment especially in difficult situations. Indeed, one must choose a leader who has the ability to control the connection between what he feels and the way he acts, one who can zero in on what is important, and one who can courageously resolve conflicts, provide vision and direction, and possess the passion to inspire and attract followers.

Thankfully, in every election for Club directors and officers, Manila Rotarians have chosen the right leaders who do the right things, and who do things right.

The Rotary Club of Manila will not be where it is today had it not been for its high-quality, top-performing, and carefully chosen leaders over the years. Looking at the current list of nominees, each Manila Rotarian will most certainly be assured that he will electing from among a group who will competently steer the Club towards greater heights in the coming Rotary year.

FROM DISTANT SHORES

STAR Rtn. Senen T. Mangalile
Managing Editor, balita



Mobility's Future Promise

Like a hangover from our previous column on cable cars, a persistent curiosity overcame me, prodding me to check what goes on at the cutting edge of mobility and transportation. To recall, we postulated that cable cars could indeed be an out-of-the-box solution to the country's mass transportation and traffic woes, but only if, and this is a big if, they are integrated with other mass transportation platforms, thereby seamlessly providing the riding masses with a reliable, safe, convenient, and relatively affordable transportation service. Only then could motorists be enticed to keep their cars and motorbikes at home and use public transportation instead. Anything short of this simply will not do.

That seamless service is what exactly other countries have – built on the back of a massive transportation infrastructure that was incrementally improved over decades, and supported by continued investment in innovation and development. Take for instance Japan's bus, subway, train, and bullet train system. It is so well integrated and reliable that one can plan a journey with the published arrival and departure times. Or London's bus, underground, train, and ferryboat system which a passenger can access with a contactless ATM or debit card. There is no need to carry cash and buy tickets for each type of transport, just tap your card and the exact fare will be debited

from your bank account. Europe's bus, tram, boat and metro systems and interconnected railways are another thing to aspire for. With a reliable and efficient public transport service, driving a car is more of a choice than a necessity in these parts.

In fact, one of the current trends in the aforementioned places is the provision of app-based first and last mile services. In urban areas, e-bikes and electric scooters can be rented from hubs and roadsides using an app. An important requirement after use is to leave the equipment in an accessible space so that other users may in turn rent it. Failure to do so would result in fines directly debited from one's account



Berne's tram system provides an emission-free mass transportation service in the urban setting.

FROM DISTANT SHORES

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and big enough to ensure compliance. In suburban areas and even in villages far from a city's outskirts, app-based car clubs are the norm. One only has to log in and check the availability of any club car parked at designated lots in the vicinity, which one can then access using the same app. In these two scenarios, one will not feel compelled to buy a car because the option is not a long wait for a jam-packed bus but rather a pay-as-you-use vehicle that would bring the rider to the nearest train, tram or subway station.

Other countries are going even further by investing in semi-autonomous and fully autonomous vehicles. Europe's first full-

sized self-driving urban electric bus started its trial run in Malaga, Spain in March 2021. The 60-seater, 12-meter self-driving bus plies the eight-kilometer route from the city center to the port six times a day. Back in 2020, China's dominant ride-hailing platform Didi Chuxing launched a fleet of robotaxis in a limited six-kilometer route in suburban Shanghai. Even earlier, then-Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced in 2018 that Japan will introduce autonomous buses in rural areas by 2020 to ensure mobility for Japan's elderly population.

Of course, these pilot areas are still in sanitized pockets that do not reflect the real



Ferryboat services are used by tourists and regular commuters alike and connects communities to one another.

FROM DISTANT SHORES

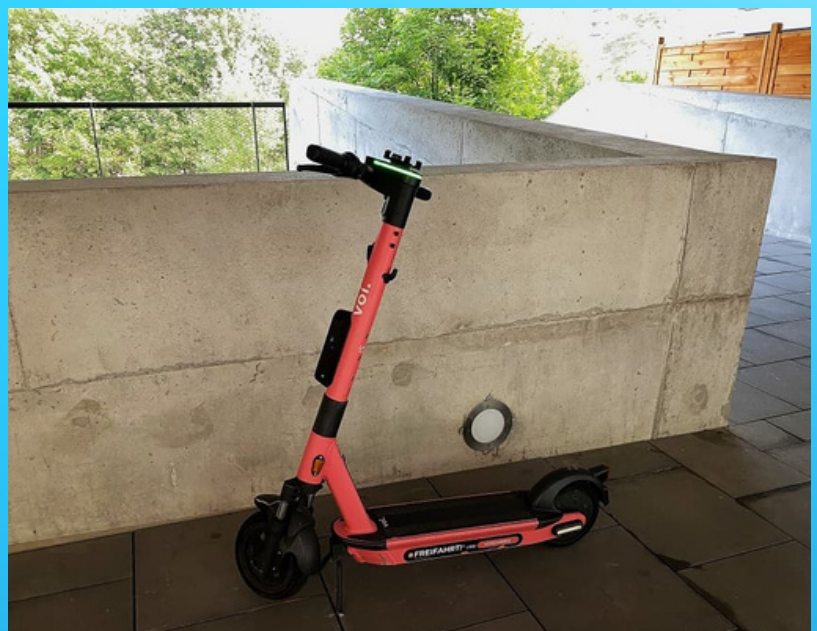
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traffic situation in big cities, and in most cases, somebody remains in the driver's seat just in case. But while the possibility of putting driverless buses and taxis in Manhattan still seems remote, McKinsey & Company forecasts increased use of autonomous vehicles – be it for human transport or haulage of goods – as legal and policy frameworks adapt in many pioneering states. The UK, for example, in its new roadmap to deploying self-driving cars by 2025, has taken the stance that the manufacturer of an automated vehicle, not the driver, will incur liability for any accident that might occur when the car is in self-driving mode.

In the McKinsey Technology Trends Outlook 2022 published a couple of weeks ago, mobility is seen to be “undergoing its second great inflection point”, the first having occurred over a hundred years ago when the shift from horses and steam to the internal combustion engine happened, combined with the introduction of the Model T Ford that made individual car ownership attainable. The second inflection point, according to McKinsey, will be a shift towards the ACES – autonomous, connected, electric, and smart technologies.

The report suggests that the combination of AI, HD mapping and object detection



Bicycles and e-scooters available for renting via a smartphone app take care of the first or last mile of a commuter's journey, offering door-to-door mobility to commuters.

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technologies will push the boundaries of autonomous vehicles; vehicle-to-infrastructure (v2i) connectivity and infotainment solutions will be as commonplace as rear-view mirrors in future vehicles; advances that would take the industry beyond the Lithium-ion battery will drive the shift from fossil fuel to electricity; and transportation demand management solutions will incentivize the transition to more efficient and sustainable modes of commuting.

Adjacent technologies include the invention of more lightweight materials and advanced composites. Adjacent policy trends include the greening of the value chain by reducing the carbon footprint and increased materials circularity through reuse and refurbishment.

These technologies and policy directions will

enable new alternatives to muscle cars or delivery vans, such as robotaxis, vertical take-off and landing air taxis, autonomous trucks and street-side delivery robots, and freight or delivery drones. These may seem the stuff of fantasy for now, but actual people are hard at work trying to bring these into reality sooner than later.

As to when these novel technologies and solutions will reach our shores is another matter, but leapfrogging to the next inflection point and bypassing outdated mass transport models may be key to an early enjoyment of these benefits in our islands. More interestingly, it may be the smaller cities which could become the pilot implementation areas for these cutting-edge systems on account of scale and feasibility.

Libre naman daw ang mangarap.



An air taxi prototype of China's EHang Holdings Limited, the world's leading autonomous aerial vehicle ("AAV") technology platform company. (Photo from EHang's website)

THE WEEK THAT WAS



Rtn. Inov Talusan facilitated the holding of the Mock Election.



The 9th Regular Meeting had **Rtn. Jet Ledda** as Program Moderator/Facilitator.



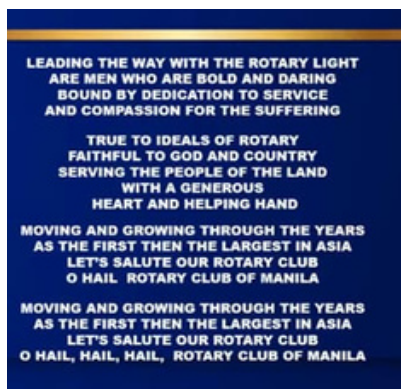
Sounding the bell, **Pres. Hermie Esguerra** called the meeting to order.



Humbly calling upon our loving Father God, **Rtn. John Bautista Jr.** led the Invocation and Special Prayer.



The **Philippine National Anthem** was made more meaningful and alive 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 the singing of the **Philippine Rotary Hymn** again electrified everybody's Rotarian spirit.

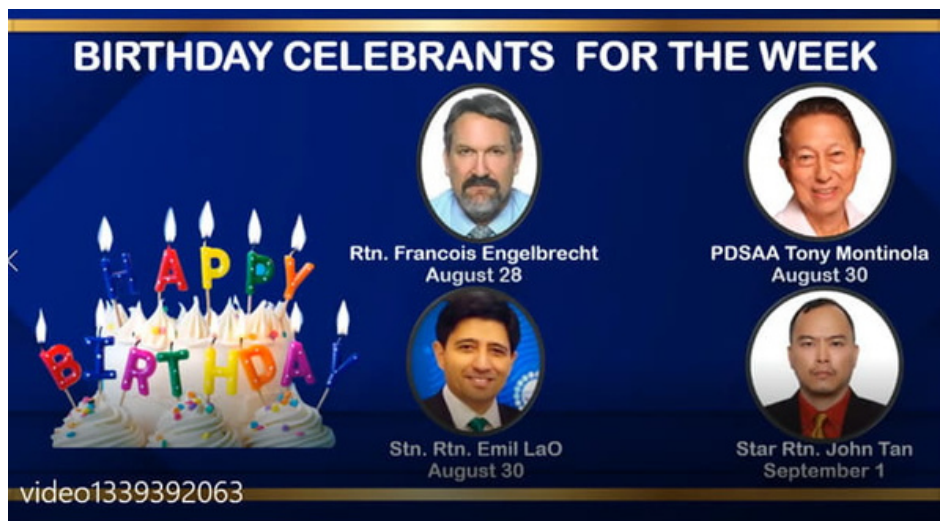
THE WEEK THAT WAS



Rtn. Tony Meloto led the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test.



IPP Chito Zaldarriaga gave out pre-election reminders and advisory. He also announced the result of mock election.



STAR Rtn. Jop Esquivas, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledged the week's birthday celebrants, namely **Rtn. Juan Montel**, **Rtn. Deo Villacorta** and **Rtn. Richard Ang**. This was followed by the **World Famous Music Chorale** singing the happy birthday song.

THE WEEK

THAT WAS



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



PD John Cutter introduced the **Guest of Honor and Speaker Honorable Clarita R. Carlos, PhD.**, National Security Adviser, Director General, National Security Council.



Guest of Honor and Speaker Honorable Clarita R. Carlos, PhD. delivered an interesting and informative talk.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



Important points were further elucidated and clarified during the open forum participated by **Rtn. Joel Valdes**, **IPD Amading Valdez**, **Dir. Hans Palacios**, **Dir. Raffy Alunan**, **Rtn. Ronald Martinez** and **Pres. Hermie Esguerra**.



President Hermie Esguerra and **Programs Committee Chairman IPD Amading Valdez** present the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by **Club Secretary Edwin Hernandez**, to **Guest of Honor and Speaker Honorable Clarita R. Carlos, PhD**.



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

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2022-2023

September 2022	<u>01 September 2022</u> with Sec./Dr. Clarita Carlos
All Members Present	75
All Members in virtual	0
Make Up	3
Less: Exempt from Attendance	8
On Leave	0
Total Active Members	70
Total # of Members	231
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	30%
ROTARACTORS	0
MEDIA	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG/DGE	1
GOHS / GS	2
Visiting Rotarians	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	1
others	0
total attendees	79

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

(As of September 6, 2022, 5:00 PM)

FULLY PAID

1	Abastillas, Celso E.
2	Aboy, Valentino "Val" G.
3	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.
4	Albaña, Michael Jaey "Mike"
5	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.
6	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"
7	Alday, Albert S.
8	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.
9	Alunan, Rafael "Raffy" M.
10	Alvarez, Servando, Jr.
11	Ampil, Alvin
12	Arguelles, Pablo
13	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.
14	Balanay, Aries
15	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.
16	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.
17	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz
18	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.
19	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar
20	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"
21	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.
22	Bogovich, Jason M.
23	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"
24	Buendia, Carlos "Caloy" C.
25	Cabuñag, Rogelio "Roger" R.
26	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
27	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
28	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
29	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
30	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
31	Cenica, John T.
32	Chahwan, Rami
33	Chotrani, Johnny N.
34	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.
35	Coyuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
36	Creencia, Raoul
37	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.
38	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
39	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
40	David, Virgilio "Vee"
41	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
42	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.
43	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.
44	Dee, Marcus L.
45	Del Rosario, Oscar

46	Dela Cruz, Emmanuel
47	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.
48	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.
49	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"
50	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.
51	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.
52	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.
53	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.
54	Evaristo, Frank A.
55	Everingham, Richard Jack
56	Fajardo, Beda G.
57	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"
58	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.
59	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"
60	Garcia, Theodore
61	Garcia, Victor
62	Gaspar, Fernando "Nando" L.
63	Gierran, Dante "Dan"
64	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.
65	Go, Henry Sy
66	Go, Michael
67	Gonzales, Michael Raymond
68	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.
69	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.
70	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.
71	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.
72	Hallerbach, Mathias
73	Hernandez, Edwin
74	Hesse, Uwe
75	Hortaleza, Rolando
76	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.
77	Joseph, Ralph L.
78	Jucaban, Jeric J.
79	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A. Y.
80	Koh, Paul Anthony
81	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
82	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"
83	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.
84	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.
85	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
86	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
87	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
88	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
89	Lim, Richard
90	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
91	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.

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ADMINISTRATION

92	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.
93	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
94	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
95	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
96	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
97	Magbanua, Gerry
98	Magpale, Jose Paolo
99	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
100	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
101	Mangalile, Senen
102	Martinez, Ronald
103	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
104	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"
105	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
106	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
107	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"
108	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
109	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.
110	Mueller, Klaus
111	Naravannamoorthy, Nantha K.
112	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.
113	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.
114	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.
115	Okajima, Hiroyuki
116	Ong, Jovee K.
117	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.
118	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L. "Mike"
119	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
120	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.
121	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"
122	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.
123	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"
124	Patterson, Colin David
125	Payumo, Felicitio "Tong" C.
126	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.
127	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.
128	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
129	Pizarra, Jordan M.
130	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.
131	Pujalte, Jose, Jr. "Brix" S.
132	Ramos, Claver P.
133	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"
134	Recto, Philip H.
135	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.
136	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.

137	Reynolds, David John "Dave"
138	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean "Sean" H.
139	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.
140	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.
141	Rono, Marlon
142	Roxas, Michael
143	Sarmiento, Ricardo Manuel "Rocco" M.
144	Sarasola, II, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.
145	Schmitz, Steffan
146	Schneider, Bernd
147	Schoucair, Farid Alain
148	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"
149	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.
150	Shigei, Kentaro
151	Shimoda, Shigeru
152	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.
153	So, Warren
154	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
155	Souvlakis, Nicolas
156	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.
157	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
158	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
159	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.
160	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
161	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.
162	Tan, John
163	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.
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Inducted 2020 September 17,
Paul Harris Fellow 2021
International Relations Committee,
Ambassador at Large

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RTN. TEODORO ALEJANDRO "Teddy" Y. KALAW IV
Inducted 2021 April 15
RCManila Foundation Board Legal Adviser RY 2021-
2022

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RTN. ANTONIO S. LOPEZ
Inducted 1990, Paul Harris +1
Director, RY 2022-2023

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RTN. WILFREDO "Willie" M. PELINO
Inducted 2005 Paul Harris Fellow 2009
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Encounter (CLE) RY 2009-2010
Asst. Treasurer, RCManila Foundation
RY 2022-2023
Chairman, Golf Tournament, RCManila
Foundation RY 2022-2023

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Rtn. JOHN N. CHOTRANI
Inducted 2002 Paul Harris Fellow +2
Director, RY 2020-2023
Deputy Sergeant at Arms RY 2003-2004

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RTN. ALVIN E. AMPIL
Inducted 2021
Chairman, Basic Education &
Literacy Committee, Pinalan
Scholarship

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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RTN. REGINALD "Reggie" T. YU
Inducted 2019
Secretary, RY 2020-2022
Vice President, RY 2022-2023
Asst. Treasurer, RCManila Foundation RY 2021-2022

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RTN. EDUARDO V. ENRIQUEZ, III
Inducted 2012
Director, RY 2022-2023
Treasurer, RY 2021-2022
Asst. Treasurer RY 2020-2021
Trustee, RCManila Foundation RY 2022-2023

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Inducted 2005, Paul Harris Fellow +2
Director - 2012-14, 2016-17, 2018-22
Secretary - 2011-12, 2014-15, 2019-20
Asst. Secretary- 2010-2011
Club Awards received:
Rotarian of the Year 2017-2018
Outstanding Club Service RY 2015-2017
RI District 3810 Position Held:
Deputy Chief of Staff to the District Governor-2016-2017
Senior Deputy Governor for District Publication-2016-2017
Governor's Monthly Letter Managing Editor - 2018-2020

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RTN. ALBERT "Nana" C. PALACIOS
Inducted 2018, Paul Harris Fellow (1000 pts) 2018
Director 2020-2021, 2022-2023

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RTN. ARSENIO "Nick" Z. LOGSIN
Inducted 2006, Paul Harris Fellow +2
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Chairman, International Relations Committee RY 2022-2023
Chairman, Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs RY 2020-2021

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RTN. ANTONILO "Anton" D. MAURICIO
Inducted 2021
Chairman, Dualtech Scholarship
Assistant Secretary, RCManila Foundation 2022-2023

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RTN. MICHAEL "Mike" JAEY C. ALBAÑA
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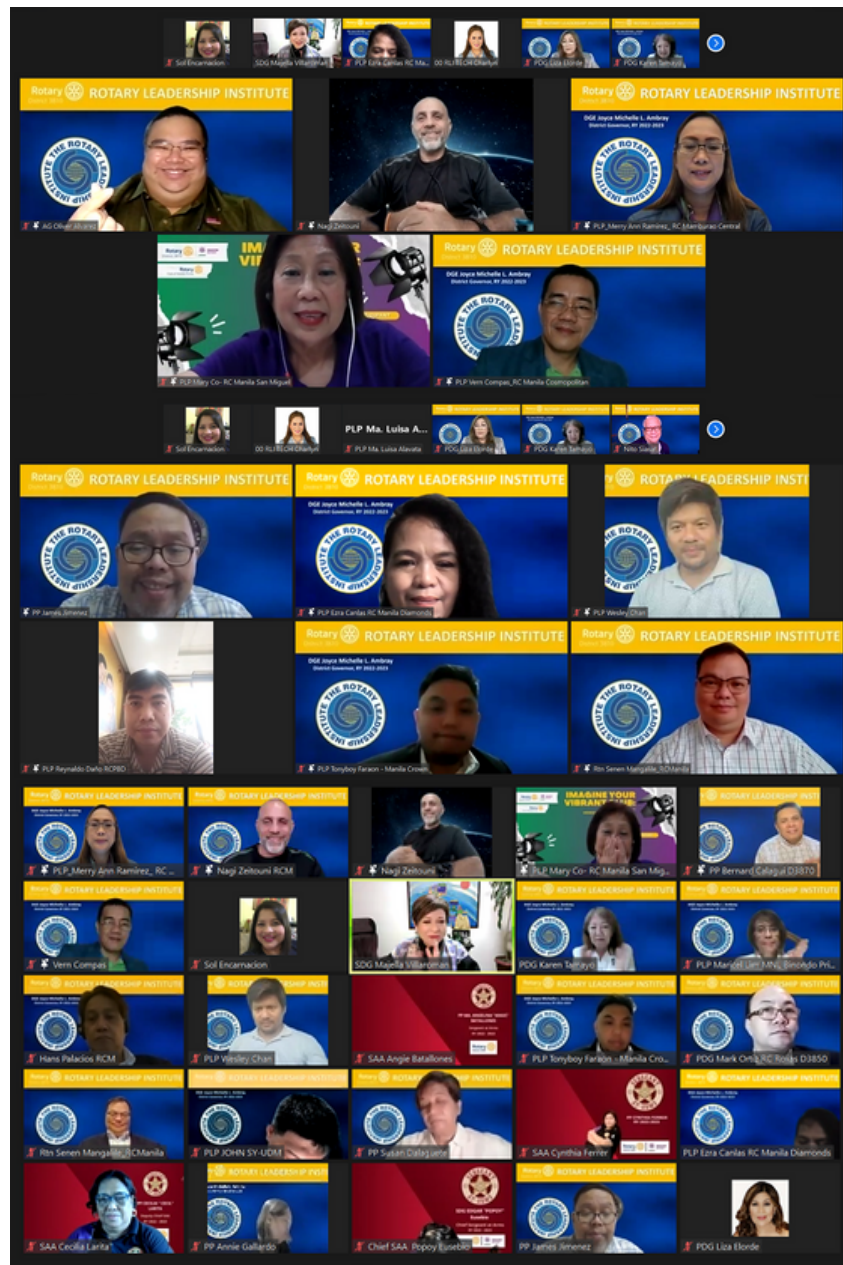
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RTN. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN, III
Inducted 2016, Paul Harris Fellow 2017
Director, 2018-2019, 2022-2023
Chairman, One Rotary One Philippines Out for Marawi (RY 2017-2019)

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Manila Rotarians Attend Rotary Leadership Institute Part 3, Batch 3



Rotary Leadership Institute Part 3, Batch 3 last September 3, 2022, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM via Zoom. Among those who attended were Dir. Hans Palacios, SAA Nagi Zeitouni and Rtn. Senen Mangalile.

MATERNAL AND CHILD CARE

Patient Diagnosed with Nephrotic Syndrome Receives Help from Manila Rotarians

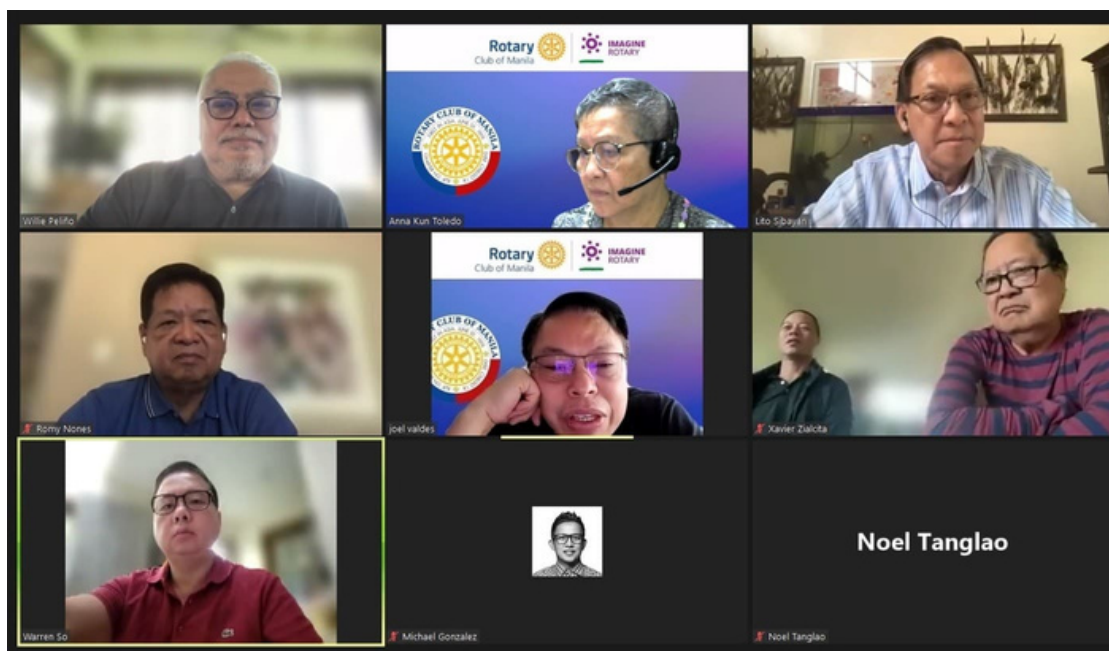


Dir. Raffy Alunan with Maternal and Child Care Committee Co-Chair/Rtn. Brix Pujalte (Medical Director of Philippine Orthopedic Center).

Co-Chair Pujalte referred a 10-year-old male patient to the National Children's Hospital after initial clinical evaluation. The patient, who is from Lucena City, was diagnosed by the National Children's Hospital with Nephrotic Syndrome.

Pres. Hermie Esguerra sponsored the travel expenses.

RCManila Foundation, Inc. Ways & Means Committee Meets with Committee Members



The RCManila Foundation, Inc. (RCMFI) Ways & Means Committee, chaired by RCMFI President Lito Sibayan, met with the committee members: RCMFI Asst. Treasurer Willie Pelino (Chair of the Golf Tournament), RCMFI Sec. Joel Valdes, PD Abe Pascual, STAR Rtn. Micray Gonzales, Rtn. Romy Nones, Rtn. Warren So and Rtn Xavy Zialcita.

PVP Babe Romualdez in “People” Column in The Philippine Star, Entitled, “Our ‘Babe’ in Washington”

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Philippine Ambassador to the US Jose Manuel ‘Babe’ Romualdez: ‘We are important to Washington, now more than ever.’
Photo by ERNIE PERARONDO

At “Babe” in Washington DC, Ambassador Jose Manuel Romualdez, got his nickname because his late mother, Dr. Covadonga del Gallego Romualdez, was an avid fan of baseball and the legendary player Babe Ruth, who once visited Manila. Romualdez says he was a “chubby” toddler, and his mother started calling him “Babe.”

Romualdez, who was appointed ambassador to DC by then President Duterte in 2017 and recently by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., has since scored many home runs himself. And yes, the bases were loaded.

Romualdez, a former broadcast journalist and now a widely-read columnist of this newspaper, was our envoy to the US at a time when the Philippine commander-in-chief was openly criticizing Americans, going as far as to abrogate the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA).

“As former Ambassador to Japan Masako Lopez said, being ambassador is rewarding and fulfilling. And it became rewarding and fulfilling for me because it was very challenging during the Duterte administration. Remember, President Duterte kept on bashing the Americans all the time. The most critical time was when he renounced the VFA. The Americans kept asking me, ‘Why?’”

“There was tension between China and the US and we were in the center of it all. At the same time, the pandemic was raging,” recalled Romualdez in an interview during his recent visit to Manila.

Abrogating the VFA had its repercussions, realistically speaking. Understandably.

“Whether we like it or not, the US vaccines were the most effective. I told myself, I’m gonna do this (get those vaccines). I’m going to go to the White House, kneel down in front of Dr. Beth Cameron, who was then in charge of vaccines, international and domestic. And I told her, ‘Doctor Beth, I could kneel down in front of you. Please give us the vaccines.’ She said, ‘We’ll do what we can do.’ But at the same time, you have also the other factors to consider. It was symbolic.” President Joe Biden had announced Americans were the priority. After them, the Philippines needed to be on that list.

Romualdez knew that at the back of their minds, the Americans were working. “What about the VFA?” The abrogation had six months to kick in.

“I needed to plead my case before President Duterte,” said Romualdez. He was able to secure a virtual meeting with the President, 3 p.m. Manila time, 3 a.m. DC time.

He recalls telling Mr. Duterte, “Mr. President, the government and the private sector, we have 20 million doses that are still going to be delivered to us but it will take time, and the time is running out. And I said, ‘*Mangangamamagay sa atin. This is the reality that we are facing.*’ After that, one hour, two hours later, Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea called me to say, ‘Okay na.’”

Millions of Filipinos received their Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, stemming the rising tide of fatalities during the pandemic.

Romualdez, who says he doesn’t want to think of himself as

the World Medical Association based in New York City and Romualdez graduated high school at Forest Hills High School.

He could have stayed on, but he returned to the Philippines after his uncle, then Ambassador to Washington Eduardo Romualdez, told him, “It’s good for you to go to school in the Philippines because your friends from college are who you’re going to be with in the future.”

Romualdez was about to start working with a bank after graduation from La Salle till he was asked if he was related to anyone in the bank. Since a cousin already worked there, he couldn’t join the bank.

“For four months, I didn’t have a job. My father (Dr. Alberto Romualdez Sr.) said, ‘You got to find a job otherwise, you’re gonna have to live on the street.’ He was kidding, but pretty straightforward,” says the envoy, who is also the publisher (on leave) of *People Asia* magazine. Since he was doing some disc jockeying on the side for one of the stations of Emilio Tanson, friends suggested he become a news reporter. He joined RPN-9.

Pounding the beat as a newsmen was a training ground for diplomacy. Romualdez learned that it is diplomacy that creates relationships and connections.

“I learned you never burn your bridges with a politician, or anybody for that matter. You can criticize them but at the same time, always try to be fair with them. You always try to be fair, because the minute you start being unfair, you lose your access.”

How does the United States regard President Bongbong Marcos, who is his second cousin?

“The United States is also pragmatic in their relationships with countries. They were watching the elections very carefully, and saw that in spite of all of the negatives that sometimes reached the White House, at the end of the day, very clearly 31 million had come out for President Marcos. The United States made it clear to me that they are willing to work with a president who is obviously supported by the people, and we cannot and will not do anything to derail that kind of situation,” Romualdez says.

He believes President Marcos Jr.’s time has truly come, call it an “alignment of the stars,” if you will.

“He is motivated by two things. One, of course, is because of what happened in the past, and he’s out to prove that ‘This is not what we are.’ He could have lived abroad, but he chose to come back here because it was important for him. And he always said one thing: ‘We have to go back whatever we have today to the people that put us here. Then secondly, he has this rationalistic thinking. Some, I’m really convinced that that is what’s going to really make him and that’s what I tell the world.’”

Being ambassador to the United States, part of my mission is to make sure that the relationship between the US and the Philippines remains strong and stable. I will continue to do so with the best of my ability, as I always have, for my country,” says Romualdez.

The bases continue to be loaded and this Babe intends to be part of yet more home runs. 🏏

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COGS IN THE WHEEL

Past District Governor Obet Pagdanganan During His Weekly Radio Program at DWIZ



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"Male, 38, still living with his parents. They asked us to keep him overnight, so they could change the locks."

Source: Rotary Club of St. Lucia
March 2, 2018 Bulletin

Stephanie A. Urchick is selected to be the 2024-25 president of Rotary International

By Ryan Hyland

Stephanie A. Urchick, of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2024-25, a decision that would make her only the second woman to hold that position. She will be declared the president-nominee on 15 September if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

With the world facing incredible challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, disasters driven by climate change, and conflict in many regions, Urchick says Rotary's leaders can offer a vision and a plan for overcoming these challenges.

"Measures taken by Rotary leadership to survive and end critical challenges often make our organization stronger and more resilient for future events," Urchick says. "This kind of essential leadership also creates new levels of cooperation, even among rivals, when Rotarians pull together as people of action to serve and solve a crisis."

Making regionalization a priority is crucial, says Urchick.

"Because Rotary operates in more than 200 countries and regions, it is vital to recognize that the organization has the potential to become more efficient and effective by understanding and reacting to how regional differences affect the way Rotarians work together to address providing service, promoting integrity, and advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace," Urchick says.



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Urchick is partner and chief operating officer of Doctors at Work LLC, a consulting and training company. She holds a doctorate in leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is active on numerous community boards and committees, and has been honored by organizations including Zonta International and the Sons of the American Revolution.

A Rotary member since 1991, Urchick has traveled to Vietnam to help build a primary school and to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. She studies several Slavic languages, has mentored new Rotarians in Ukraine, and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant project in Poland.

Urchick has served Rotary in many roles, including as a director, Foundation trustee, and chair of the RI Strategic Planning Committee and the Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee. She currently serves on the Election Review Committee and the Operations Review Committee. She is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor and a member of the Bequest Society.

To learn more about Urchick, read her [interview](#) and [vision statement](#), which outline her goals for Rotary.

The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2024-25 President of Rotary International are: Floyd A. Lancia (chair), Rotary Club of Anthony Wayne (Fort Wayne), Indiana, USA; Guiller E. Tumangan (secretary), Rotary Club of Makati West, Makati City, Philippines; Jeffry Cadorette, Rotary Club of Media, Pennsylvania, USA; Bradford R. Howard, Rotary Club of Oakland Uptown, California, USA; Per Høyen, Rotary Club of Aarup, Denmark; Peter Iblher, Rotary Club of Nürnberg-Reichswald, Zirndorf, Germany; John M. Lawrence, Rotary Club of Paddington, Queensland, Australia; Jan Lucas Ket, Rotary Club of Purmerend, Netherlands; Seiji Kita, Rotary Club of Urawa East, Saitama, Japan; Sam Okudzeto, Rotary Club of Accra, Accra, Ghana; Bharat S. Pandya, Rotary Club of Borivli, Maharashtra, India; Kamal Sanghvi, Rotary Club of Dhanbad, Jharkhand, India; José Ubiracy Silva, Rotary Club of Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil; David D. Stovall, Rotary Club of Hall County, Georgia, USA; Bryn Styles, Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron, Ontario, Canada; Giuseppe Viale, Rotary Club of Genova, Italy; and Chang-Gon Yim, Rotary Club of Daegu West, Korea.

Source: www.rotary.org

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

SDG/SAG/Dir. Albert Alday and President Hermie Esguerra Attend EXECOM Meeting of Rotary International District 3810



SDG/SAG/Dir. Albert Alday and President Hermie Esguerra attended the Executive Committee (EXECOM) Meeting of Rotary International District 3810 last September 6, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform.

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