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GUEST SPEAKER



PAST PRESIDENT ATTY. HAYDEE GRETCHEN PANGANIBAN

Assistant Governor, R.I. District 3850
Rotary Club of Zamboanga City Central
Lecturer, Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)
City Legal Officer of Zamboanga City

KABALITA

The inspiration to render service above self is surely anchored on the value that every Rotarian accords to the well-being and dignity of every human person. In fact, Rotary's areas of focus indubitably point to the premium being given to improving the life, wellness and health of all members of the community, especially the vulnerable and marginalized. Specifically, maternal and child care is one area which every Rotarian can champion, which obviously gives special attention to women and children. In this regard, the strict enforcement and observance of laws that acknowledge and protect women must logically be among a Rotarian's concern and advocacy.



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12th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Rotary Year 2022-2023

Thursday, September 22, 2022, 12:30 PM

Program Timetable

Part I

12:30 PM Registration & Zoom In

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

RTN. JOEL TALAMPAS

Call to Order

PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA

Invocation and Special Prayers

PAT MARCUS DEE

Philippine National Anthem

AVP of RCM Members

RCM Hymn

AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale

The Four (4) Way Test

RTN. JOSHUA ARAGON

Introduction of Guests

Welcome Song

RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week

September 16

PT ROGELIO R. "Roger" CABUÑAG

September 16

RTN. SHAM MICHAEL TEJUMAL

September 16

RTN. CARLOS "Sonny" DOMINGUEZ

September 18

STAR RTN. NICO SOUVLAKIS

September 19

PT LITO SIBAYAN

Maligayang Bati/Happy Birthday Song

AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale

President's Time

PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA

12th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Part II INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER PAS HENRY GO

ADDRESS

PAST PRESIDENT ATTY. HAYDEE GRETCHEN PANGANIBAN

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TOPIC: Republic Act No. 11313
SAFE SPACES ACT (Bawal Bastos Law)

Open Forum (Q&A)

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation

Philippine Rotary Hymn

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

Attested by:
SECRETARY EDWIN HERNANDEZ

AVP

2:00 PM Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment

PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Atty. Haydee Gretchen G. Panganiban, MBA

Assistant Governor, R.I. District 3850
Rotary Club of Zamboanga City Central
Lecturer, Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)
City Legal Officer of Zamboanga City

ELIGIBILITY

Bar Examination Passer given by the Supreme Court of the Philippines last October 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2013 at the University of Sto. Tomas, Manila admitted to the Philippine Bar on May 6, 2014 with a rating of 79%

Civil Service Professional	81.62%	WMSU	Oct. 17, 2004
Civil Service Sub-Professional	83.38%	ZCNHS	July 20, 2003

HIGHLIGHTS

- Part of the Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point Committee in Zamboanga City
- MBA at Ateneo de Zamboanga University
- Board of Director of Red Cross
- Happily married to Engr. Ferdinand Panganiban and blessed with one child
- Former Board of Trustee of Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology
- Became the youngest City Legal Officer of Zamboanga City at the age of 38 and the only female City Legal Officer (Department Head) in the history of Zamboanga City

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER'S PROFILE

WORK EXPERIENCE

Owner/Proprietor	Panganiban Law Office No. 45 G/F Blanco Building NS Valderosa St., Zamboanga City September 9, 2014 to Present
Part-Time Instructor	Universidad de Zamboanga JUNE 13, 2014- November 2014
Market Supervisor II	City Administrator's Office LGU-Zamboanga City January 21, 2015 to May 15, 2015
Market Supervisor I	City Administrator's Office LGU-Zamboanga City O November 2011-January 20, 2015
Delegated Supervisor	October 4, 2010- November 2011 City Administrator's Office Office-Bagsakan Center
Administrative Aide IV	City Engineer's Office LGU-Zamboanga City August 16, 2006- Sept. 18, 2009
Faculty Member	STI College Zamboanga October 2005 to May 2006
Accounting Clerk	Major Chords Lending Investors March-April, 2004
Voluntary OJT	Zamboanga City Tourism December '03 to February '04

AFFILIATIONS

- A. Integrated Bar of the Philippines - Member
- B. Rotary Club of Zamboanga City Central - Immediate Past President
- C. Scintilla Juris Fraternity - Member
- D. Philippine Red Cross - Board
- E. The Fraternal Order of Eagles - Member

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER'S PROFILE

EDUCATION

Law Studies

Law Graduate
Western Mindanao State University (WMSU)
2008-2012

Post Graduate

Masters in Business Administration (MBA)
Ateneo de Zamboanga University (AdZU)
2006-2008

College Level

Second Course:

Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (BSA)
Universidad de Zamboanga (UZ)
2004-2005

First Course:

Bachelor of Science in Commerce Major in
Finance and Management Accounting
Universidad de Zamboanga (UZ)
2000-2004

Secondary Education

Third Honorable Mention

Zamboanga City High School (ZCHS) (Main)
1996-2000

Elementary Education

Salutatorian

Zambowood Elementary School
1990-1996

SKILLS/AWARDS RECEIVED

- Conflict Resolution
- Interpersonal Skill
- Adaptability
- Time management
- Organization
- Oral communication
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Computer Skills

Awards Received:

- 2021 Most Outstanding President -
Rotary Club District 3850

TRAININGS

DATE	TRAININGS/SEMINARS/WORKSOP	SPONSORS
Dec 1-5, 2014	Supervisory Development Course (II)	Civil Service Commission
Oct 14-15, 2014		
March 10-14, 2014	Seminar on Effective Writing Skills	Civil Service Commission
July 12, 2010		
April 23, 2010	Supervisory Development Course (I)	Civil Service Commission
February 12, 2010		Office of the City Mayor
	Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Forum	Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
		City Planning and Development Office
February 23-24, '10	National Coin Recirculation Program	
October 15-16, 2009	Orientation/Workshop on Planning, Investment, Programming and Budgeting Linkages for Dept./Vocational Schools	Civil Service Commission
March 28-30, 2007 (24 hours Training)		Gender and Development
November 6, 2006 (40 hours Training)		Civil Service Commission
	Newly Entrants in Government	Civil Service Commission
January 30, 2007 (with a rating of 81.60%)	Gender Sensitivity	Civil Service Commission
February 1-3, 2007 (24 hours training)	Values Orientation Workshop	National Computer Center
Other Trainings (are Available Upon Request)	Distance Learning Program on the Rules of Conduct	
	and Ethical Behavior in the Civil Service (DLP- RA 6713)	
	Distance Learning Program on Leave Administration (DLP-LA)	
	Seminar Workshop on Information Systems Strategic Planning	

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

My dear fellow Rotarians,

I wish everyone is doing well.

As for me, I have been under the weather this week but I'm slowly getting better.

Despite feeling unwell, I am still able to have some phone calls and Viber chats with various Club Committees to follow up on some important matters and discuss our ongoing and upcoming projects.

I also managed to attend these activities before I got sick:



Manila Bay Dolomite Beach Clean-up Drive

Thursday, September 15, 2022, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

We started our morning right on September 15 by joining the RI District 3810 Dolomite Beach Clean-up activity as part of our commitment to help restore Manila Bay. Rotary Club of Manila and Rotary Club of Manila Archangel Premier hosted the project. Phenomenal District Governor Joyce Ambray led the clean-up drive. With me from the Rotary Club of Manila were Past Asst. Sec. Henry Go, Rtn. Anton Mauricio, and STAR Rtn. Richard Everingham.



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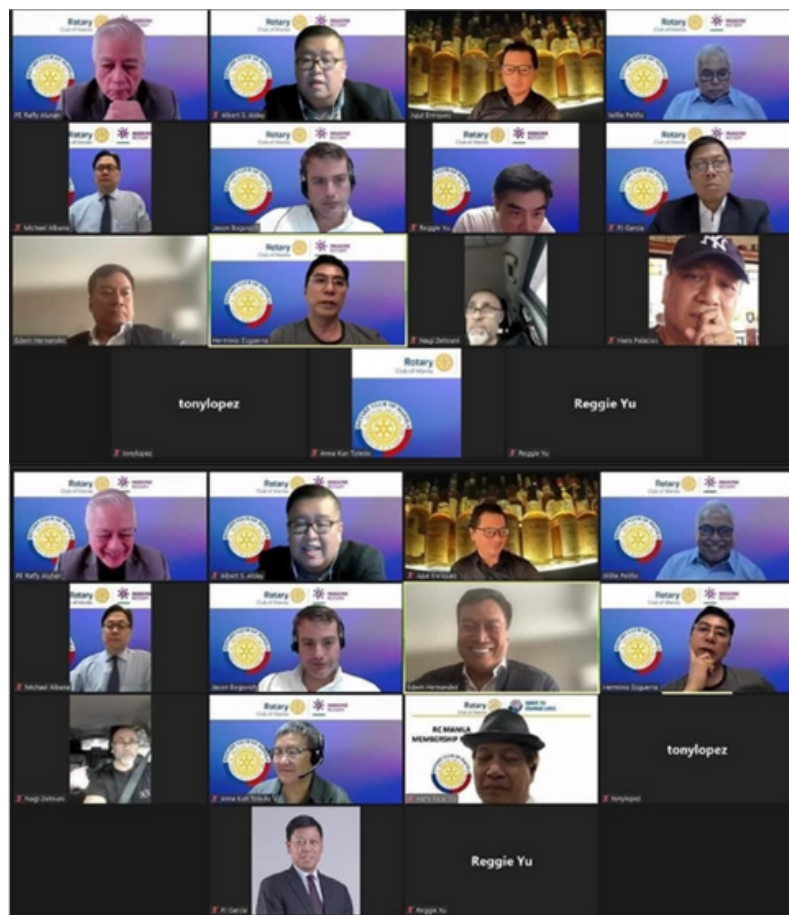


PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Organizational Meeting of Board of Directors-Elect for RY 2023-2024

Thursday, September 15, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

I attended the organizational meeting of the Board of Directors-Elect for RY 2023-2024 which was held online last Thursday, September 15. Also present were PE Raffy Alunan, VPE/VP Reggie Yu, DE/Dir. Albert Alday, DE Mike Albaña, DE/Dir. Tony Lopez, DE/Dir. Hans Palacios, DE/Dir. Jujut Enriquez, IS/Sec. Edwin Hernandez, IT/AT PJ Garcia, IAT/Treas. Karlo Castro, Incoming Asst Sec. Willie Peliño, Incoming SAA Jason Bogovich, IDSAA Nagi Zeitouni.



That's all from me this week and I look forward to a healthier and more productive week ahead.

Take care, my dear fellow Rotarians, and stay safe!

Sincerely,

Pres. Hermie Esguerra

In the Hollywood film “Disclosure” based on Michael Crichton’s novel of the same title, Tom Sanders, played by Michael Douglas, was slyly set-up by an ambitious corporate officer and former girlfriend Meredith Johnson (played by Demi Moore). Although it was Meredith who inappropriately and cunningly sought to have sexual congress with Tom in her office, which the latter rejected, it was she who made a fuss about it and later deceitfully played the victim card. Tom was consequently constrained to fight back, protect his reputation, and sought the advice of a lawyer. He met Seattle-based attorney Catherine Alvarez, who succinctly explained to him that sexual harassment is not about sex, but about power.



Indeed, power, influence, or moral ascendancy being wielded by one over another is the tool used for sexual harassment in the workplace or in education/training institutions. The imbalance of power that engenders such inappropriate sexual advances and acts is the focus of the Sexual Harassment law (Republic Act [RA] 7877), passed in 1995. The law punishes acts committed by employers, fellow employees, supervisors, trainers, teachers, or any person who has authority.

Section 3 of RA 7877 provides: “Work, education or training-related sexual harassment is committed by an employer, manager, supervisor, agent of the employer, teacher, instructor, professor, coach, trainor, or any other person who, having authority, influence or moral ascendancy over another in a work or training or education environment, demands, requests or otherwise requires any sexual favor from the other, regardless of whether the demand, request, or requirement is accepted by the object of said act.” The rationale of the law is this -- there is an imbalance of power between the aggressor and victim because of the former’s position or designation. Therefore, the employee or trainee is not in a position to resist, freely act or give meaningful consent.

In 2019, RA 11313 or the Safe Spaces Act expanded the definition of sexual harassment. It is no longer limited to acts committed by persons who have authority or ascendancy over the victim. Also, it is no longer limited to acts committed in a workplace, or in an education and training facility.

The proscribed acts now include the following:

(a) An act or series of acts involving any unwelcome sexual advances, requests or demand for sexual favors or any act of sexual nature, whether done verbally, physically or through the use of technology such as text messaging or electronic mail or through any other forms of information and communication systems, that has or could have a detrimental effect on the conditions of an individual's employment or education, job performance or opportunities;

(b) A conduct of sexual nature and other conduct-based on sex affecting the dignity of a person, which is unwelcome, unreasonable, and offensive to the recipient, whether done verbally, physically or through the use of technology such as text messaging or electronic mail or through other forms of information and communication systems;

(c) A conduct that is unwelcome and pervasive and creates an intimidating, hostile or humiliating environment for the recipient: Provided, That the crime of gender-based sexual harassment may also be committed between peers and those committed to a superior officer by a subordinate, or to a teacher by a student, or to a trainer by a trainee.

Notably, it is no longer necessary for the aggressor to be one's superior. A peer or someone even of lower rank in an organization may now be held criminally liable under this expanded definition of sexual harassment. We now see the difference between sexual harassment under RA 7877 and RA 11313. Under the former law, consent by the victim is immaterial, as such consent may not have been freely given considering the ascendancy and/or authority wielded by the perpetrator. RA 11313, on the other hand, does not presume any imbalance of power. Hence, as long as consent is freely given, the perpetrator cannot be held liable under the law. Sexual advances becomes punishable only when it is unwelcome or offensive to the victim. In other words, the act will be deemed consensual and therefore not harassment.

As earlier mentioned, the place where the punishable act can be committed has also been expanded under RA 11313. Considering that many forms of sexual harassment happen in the streets, the law punishes "gender-based streets and public spaces sexual harassment" which pertain to any unwanted and uninvited sexual acts or remarks against any person regardless of the motive for committing such action or remarks. It includes misogynistic, transphobic, homophobic and sexist slurs, catcalling, wolf-whistling, persistent uninvited comments or gestures on a person's appearance, relentless requests for personal details, statement of sexual comments and suggestions, public masturbation or flashing of private parts, groping, or any advances, whether verbal or physical, unwanted invitations that is unwanted and has threatened one's sense of personal space and physical safety, and committed in public spaces such as alleys, roads, sidewalks and parks. Also, the law covers these acts when performed in buildings, schools, churches, restaurants, malls, public washrooms, bars, internet shops, public markets, transportation terminals or public utility vehicles.

The evolution of the laws passed over the past years indicates an increasing effort to promote human rights and protect the dignity of every individual. It thus pays to know, in this regard, what acts are considered not just inappropriate, but criminal as well. As the RCM Program Committee's advisory for this week's regular meeting interestingly banners, "ignorance of the law excuses no one."

FROM DISTANT SHORES

Rtn. Senen T. Mangalile
Managing Editor, balita



In Memoriam: Her Majesty The Queen

For the past two weeks, tributes flowed, flowers were offered, solemn ceremonies unfolded, and private remembrances were shared as the United Kingdom and other realms, and indeed many people from the rest of the world, mourned the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The ceremonies in Edinburgh and London were the results of long years of preparation for the inevitable and included military, political, and civic elements to these royal events. The lying in state at Westminster Hall, the oldest surviving structure of the Palace of Westminster, saw thousands of people, among them Filipinos, spend long hours on the queue for that brief personal moment of walking past the royal standard-draped coffin. The state funeral on September 19th, the first of a ruling monarch to be held at Westminster's Abbey since George II's funeral in 1760, assembled a unique congregation of kings and queens from other monarchies joined by NHS workers and staff of small charities.

The hymns and readings, the lament from the lone bagpiper, the tolling of bells and the boom of guns, the vigil of princes, the sea of black punctuated by the red uniform of the Grenadier Guards, the steady beat of the drum providing rhythm to boots on The Mall, the



A memorable ride on one of Her Majesty's horse-drawn carriages is part of the ceremony of presentation of credentials of ambassadors to the Court of St. James's.

FROM DISTANT SHORES

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Managing Editor, balita



flowers that lined the Long Walk at Windsor, and even the sight of Her Majesty's horse and corgis along the processional route – all these and myriad other details comprised the long and poignant send-off to the one who personified 70 years of rightful reign and solemn duty.

I consider it a great honour and a huge privilege to have personally met The Queen on a few occasions during my posting to our Embassy in London. I was fortunate to have been formally introduced to her as a member of the retinue of Ambassador Evan Garcia and Ambassador Antonio Lagdameo when they presented their credentials. In the first instance, she asked how many Filipinos I am responsible for as Consul General, to which I replied: "About two hundred thousand, Ma'am." The second time I was introduced to her, she immediately said: "You have quite a large number of your citizens here; that must keep you very busy." Her sparkling blue eyes were one of my most vivid memories of both occasions, as well as the rare opportunity to ride in one of the royal carriages to and from Buckingham Palace.

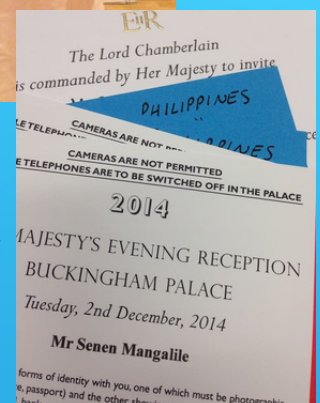
The other instances – garden parties, the Royal Ascot, evening receptions for the diplomatic corps, a visit to the IMO – while not as up close and personal, were certainly memorable indeed, not just for the pomp and pageantry but for her presence, which has a way of electrifying the audience.

But perhaps the most unforgettable occasion for us was Her Majesty's Evening Reception in 2014.

Then Ambassador and now Secretary of Foreign Affairs Enrique Manalo decided that we were to don barong Tagalog instead of the customary "White Tie". And so, clad with piña fabric on that cold December evening, Yen and I shivered our way to Buckingham Palace. The result was worth it, indeed. In a sea of formal tails and long gowns, attendees who wore national dresses stood out.



Rtn. Senen and Yen Mangalile preparing to attend The Queen's evening reception for the diplomatic corps in 2014.



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We were herded by palace ushers to stand in a small group with a knight and his spouse, and two ladies who wore decorations of the Royal Victorian Order. When the conversation in the hall suddenly became muted, we knew that the royal party had begun moving through the rooms to meet the attendees. As one does not speak to the royals unless spoken to, our group waited respectfully for them to pass through.

Soon enough, we were in the royal presence as Her Majesty made her way to where we had been standing. She was already about to pass us by but, perhaps having caught sight of the barong in the corner of her eye, she turned to face us, pointed to me and said with a little smile, "Philippines." I bowed, smiled and said "Yes, Your Majesty," and off she went.

Still in awe of what transpired, I turned to Yen and was surprised to see the Duke of Edinburgh right there before us. Prince Philip looked at me, turned to Yen and impishly told her while pointing at me: "I don't know what he is wearing under that shirt, but I'm certain he is freezing." Then he strode off with a chuckle.

Completing the trifecta, the then Prince of Wales and now His Majesty King Charles III approached us and, in what seemed to me then as a very sincere gesture, asked how the post-Haiyan rehabilitation efforts in the Philippines were progressing. I replied that since the intention was to build back better, it had taken longer than anticipated. Wishing us success in our efforts he greeted the other members of our little group before moving on.



The Queen hosts tea parties at the Buckingham Palace gardens for thousands of people a year to thank them for their involvement in various charities and civic programs. The diplomatic corps in London regularly gets invited.

FROM DISTANT SHORES

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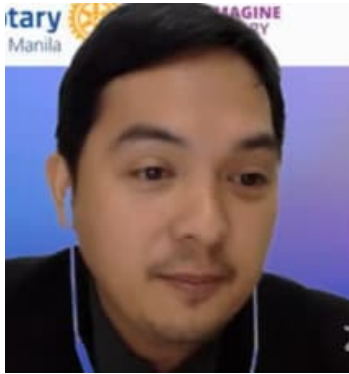
Alas, Her Majesty is now gone; the UK's second Elizabethan Age has ended, and a new Carolean era has begun. But the memories of the longest reign ever will linger, especially among those who have until now known no other British monarch but The Queen. And it is to a huge extent due to her unflinching sense of duty, her grace and dignity, her capacity to adapt to the changing of the times, and her unique gift of making you feel important and listened to in her royal presence.

May Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II rest in God's peace.



The Royal Ascot, one of the landmark events in the calendar of the diplomatic corps, is another opportunity to see Her Majesty's in her element. A passionate horse breeder, she shows particular delight in watching her own horses compete against an international field.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



The 11th Regular Meeting had **Rtn. Raf Dionisio** as Program Moderator/ Facilitator.



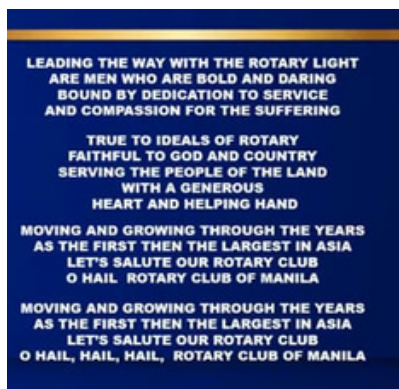
Sounding the bell, **Pres. Hermie Esguerra** called the meeting to order.



Humbly calling upon our loving Father God, **Rtn. JB Pallasigue** 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.

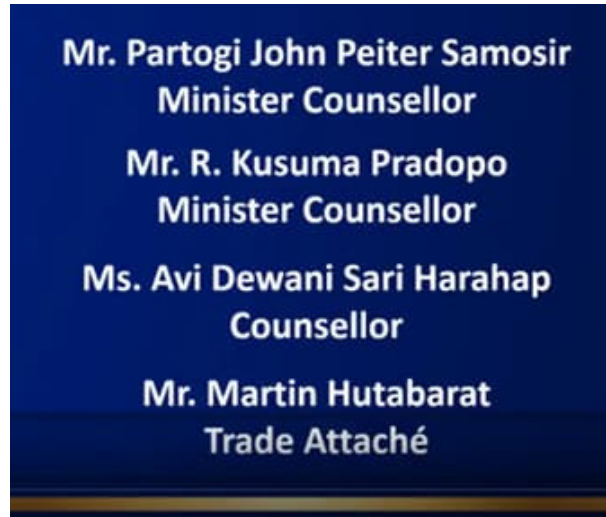


The **World Famous Music Chorale's Audiovisual Presentation** of the **RC Manila Hymn** and the singing of the **Philippine Rotary Hymn** again electrified everybody's Rotarian spirit.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



STAR Rtn. Teddy Garcia led the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test.



The Moderator acknowledged and introduced the Visiting Guests and Rotarians.



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



The week's birthday celebrants were duly acknowledged, namely **Rtn. Claver Ramos**, **Rtn. Bolle Bolton**, **Rtn. Randy Del Valle**, **PD Art Lopez**, **Rtn. Che Soler** and **Rtn. Chami Chahwan**. This was followed by the **World Famous Music Chorale** singing the happy birthday song.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



A video presentation of the **late Queen Elizabeth**



PSAA Dave Reynolds led the RCM's heartfelt tribute to **Queen Elizabeth**.



Pres. Hermie Esguerra highlighted the current projects and various Rotary events that took place in the past week during his President's time.



Rtn. Rami Chahwan shared his experience during the Community Service Project of RCM last Saturday.



PE Raffy Alunan delivered his message after his recent election as the next RCM President.



Rtn. Robi Joseph introduced the **Guest of Honor and Speaker His Excellency Agus Widjojo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of the Philippines**.

THE WEEK

THAT WAS



Guest of Honor and Speaker His Excellency Agus Widjojo delivered an interesting and informative talk.



Important points were further discussed and clarified during the open forum participated by **Rtn. Joel Valdes, Sec. Edwin Hernandez, Rtn. Vic Garcia, PD John Cutter, Rtn. Art Lopez, SAA Jason Bogovich, Rtn. Raf Dionisio** and **Pres. Hermie Esguerra**.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



President Hermie Esguerra and **Programs Committee Chairman IPD Amading Valdez** presented the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by **Club Secretary Edwin Hernandez**, to **Guest of Honor and Speaker His Excellency Agus Widjojo**, **Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of the Philippines**.



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	<u>08 September 2022</u> Annual Election and Rtn. Tony Meloto Inspirational Speaker	<u>15 September 2022</u> H.E. Agus Widjojo Ambassador of Indonesia to the Philippines
All Members Present	75	130	66
All Members in virtual FB	0	0	1
Make Up	3	2	0
Less: Exempt from Attendance	8	9	6
On Leave	0	0	0
Total Active Members	70	123	61
Total # of Members	231	231	231
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	30%	53%	26%
ROTARACTORS	0	0	0
MEDIA	0	0	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG/DGE	1	0	0
GOHS / GS	2	0	0
Visiting Rotarians	0	0	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	1	0	0
Others	0	0	0
Total attendees	79	130	66

CLUB

ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of September 21, 2022, 11:00 AM)

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	Batur, Sinan
17	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.
18	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz
19	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.
20	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar
21	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"
22	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.
23	Bogovich, Jason M.
24	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"
25	Buendia, Carlos "Caloy" C.
26	Cabunag, Rogelio "Roger" R.
27	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
28	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
29	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
30	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
31	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
32	Cenica, John T.
33	Chahwan, Rami
34	Chotrani, Johnny N.
35	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.
36	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
37	Creencia, Raoul
38	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.
39	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
40	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
41	David, Virgilio "Vee"
42	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
43	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.
44	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.
45	Dee, Marcus L.
46	Del Rosario, Oscar
47	Dela Cruz, Emmanuel

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

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95	Lim, Richard
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PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan's Consultation Meeting with Council of Past Presidents



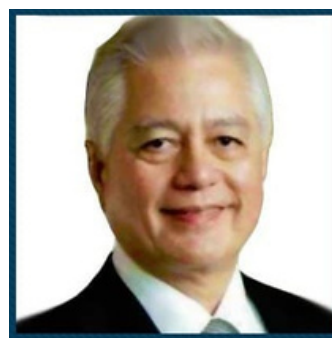
Consultation Meeting with Council of Past Presidents with PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan was held last Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 3:00 p.m. at the Manila Golf Club. Present during the consultation meeting were PDG Vince Carlos, PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan, PP Boy Guevara, PDG Rudy Bediones, PP Frank Evaristo, PP Archit Bartolome, PP Teddy Ocampo and Centennial Pres. Susing Pineda.

PE/DIR. RAFAEL ALUNAN III

Brief remarks during the RCM Weekly Membership Meeting, 15 September 2022

Thank you President Hermie.

May I first greet our fellow RCMers and our distinguished guest of honor today, Indonesia's Ambassador to the Philippines, who will be properly introduced later. Selamat siang (good afternoon) and Selamat datang (welcome) to the Rotary Club of Manila.



I was minding my own business and keeping my head down after a 2yr covid break, but last Thursday (Sept. 8) took an unexpected turn. I'll have to amend my Facebook profile to say that I'm now in a complicated relationship with people of the same gender from Mars. It's usually Venus.

Levity aside, thank you, on behalf of your incoming board, for your trust and confidence. Honestly, I didn't think that last week's elections would turn out that way. I personally had younger choices in mind to head RCM next year.

The good news is that your board today under President Hermie will also be next year's incoming board under me, to include our incumbent Asst. Board Secretary Mike Albaña.

I'm truly delighted to be part of a team that symbolizes continuity. It means that projects launched in Pres. Hermie's term revolving around Rotary's seven areas of focus have a good chance of being sustained next year.

However, may I convey this early a caveat, so you'll know up front what yours truly may not be able to perform from time to time.

As some of you may already know, my personal situation inhibits me from being out of the house too long. We're an empty nest. I serve as caregiver of my ailing wife at night. In the daytime it's our *kasambahays*.

My eye bags are eloquent testimony of sleep deprivation for what I've chosen to do for my wingman.

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Moreover, I'm still somewhat gainfully employed. Scheduled board and committee meetings will require first priority whenever there's a conflict.

Therefore, I beg your understanding, and will count on those who know of my unique circumstances and assured me of their support, to help me out next year in representing the Club, or chair a meeting, whenever I won't be able to.

I do recognize that RCM's stage and field presence is a crucial expression of fellowship and leadership. It's a shared responsibility that I'll be counting on; hopefully, not too much.

That said, we will continue to live up to Rotary International's motto: Service above self. As RCM's stewards we will lead with integrity and competence to generate goodwill and build better friendships to benefit all concerned.

We will ensure good governance, exercise fiscal prudence, stimulate the membership, and reach out to the donor community.

We will be tireless in uniting our members to combine their efforts, talents, resources, insights, enthusiasm and inspiration to serve those who need us.

We will gently remind you when necessary to join our various committees to maximize RCM's service power.

We will network with as many entities as we

can to expand our reach, enlarge our capacities and extend our influence.

Your solidarity and wise counsel will be earnestly sought from time to time. I've begun that process by meeting first with the Council of Past Presidents. It won't be the last.

We shall consult the membership through surveys or General Assemblies in the spirit of unity, solidarity and teamwork.

We will be cognizant of our Constitution and By-laws, and our alignment with Rotary International, particularly when delicate decisions between evolution and tradition may arise.

Later this afternoon our incoming board will begin the process of organizing and planning. We shall endeavor to bring as much inclusion, camaraderie, energy, joy and fulfillment to all concerned.

In the famous words of our late member, former President Fidel Ramos: *Kaya Natin Ito!* I hasten to add: *Kayang kaya kung sama-sama.*

United we stand the Rotary way, and that's how it should always be.

Thank you President Hermie for giving me the floor to greet our members. Thank you fellow RCMers for your attention.

May God continue to guide and bless us all.

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*Building a Better Facility
for Persons with Disability
at Hospicio de San Jose*



Special Children Committee Chair Ray Davis with Ms. Angie, an artist who paints with her feet.

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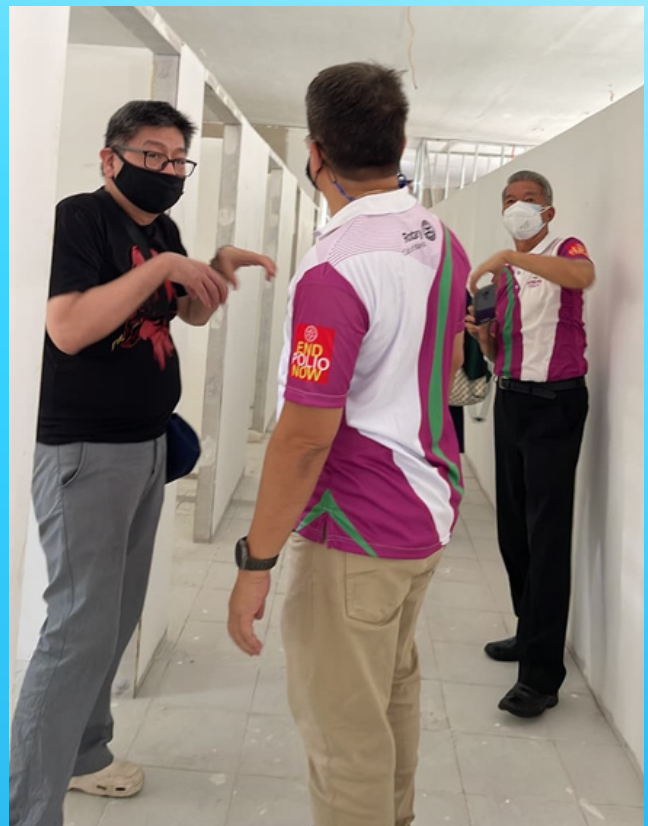
United Architects of the Philippines, Glen Santos (EA of Rtn. Ramby Nolido), Rotary Club of Manila represented by Rtn. Ramby Nolido, Chair Ray Davis, Co-Chair PD Phil Ong and ES Anna Kun Toledo visited Hospicio de San Jose for an update on the improvement of the Rendu Building for the Persons with Disability.

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Rtn. Ramby Nolido donated his staff time, construction resources and connection that helped in initiating the rehabilitation and construction of a better facility for Persons with Disability at Hospicio de San Jose.



With Arch. Chua inspecting
the ongoing construction

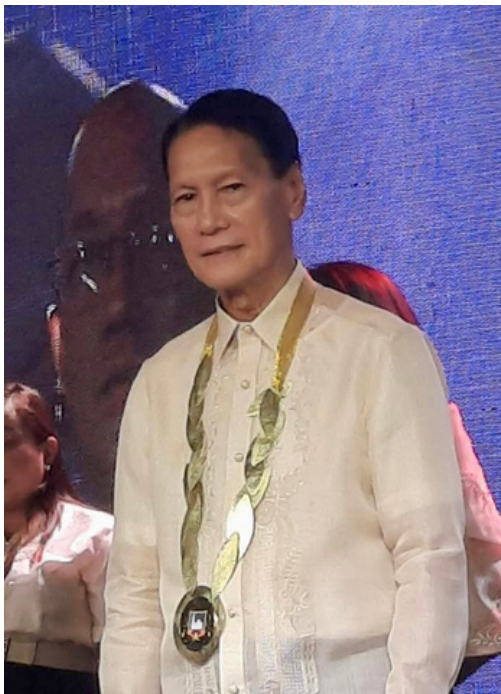
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ROTARY CITATION

*Rotary Club of Manila
Receives 2021-2022 Rotary Citation
from Rotary International*



Former Bulacan Governor Obet Pagdanganan Receives Prestigious Dangal ng Lipi Award from the Local Government of Bulacan



Former Bulacan Governor Obet Pagdanganan was a recipient of the prestigious *Dangal ng Lipi* award from the Local Government of Bulacan. The awarding ceremony was held on September 15, 2022 at One Grand Pavillion, City of Malolos, Bulacan.



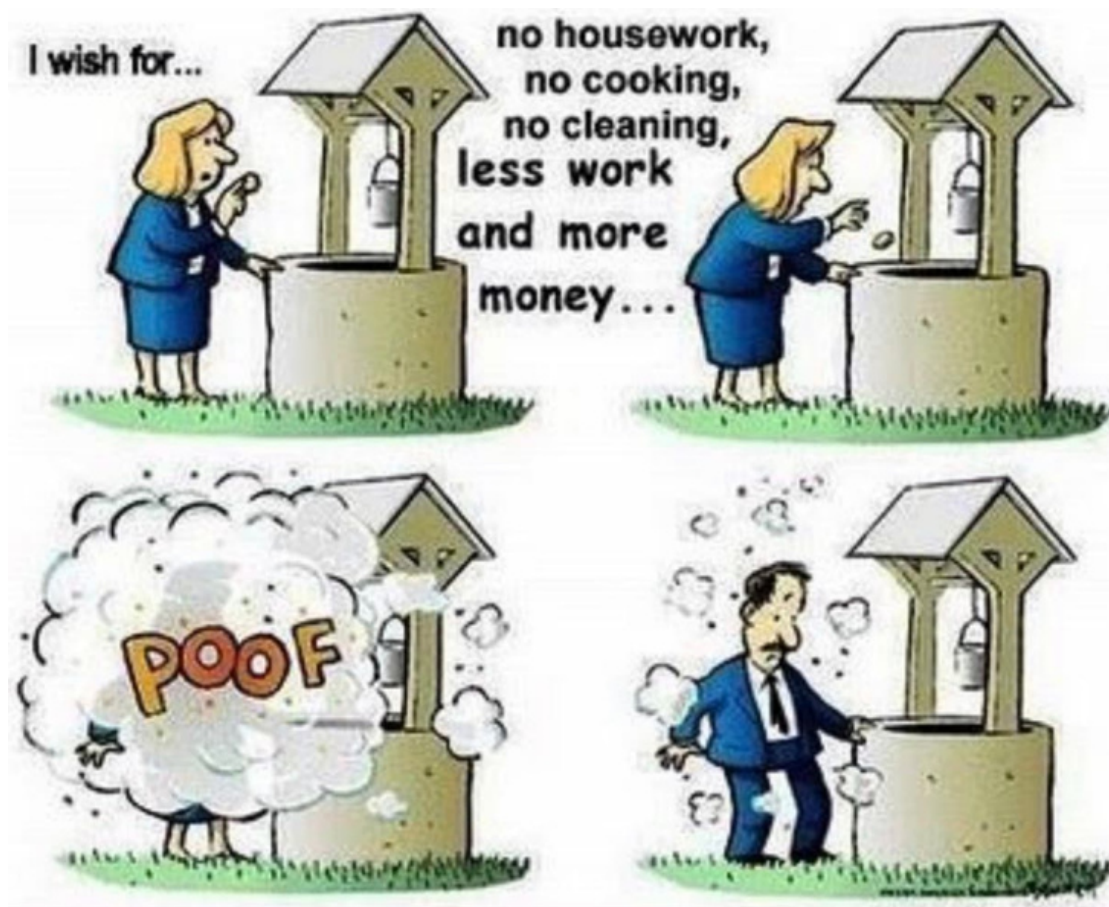
*DE/Dir. Johnny Chotrani
and STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay Attend
54th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting*



DE/Dir. Johnny Chotrani and STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay attended the 54th ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting and Related Meetings with the theme, ASEAN A.C.T. (Addressing Challenges Together), from September 11-18, 2022 at Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia. In the picture is the Philippine Delegation (L-R) DTI Assistant Secretary Allan B Gepty; ASEAN-India Business Council (AIBC) Philippines Chairman Johnny Chotrani; DTI Secretary Alfredo E. Pascual; Philippine Ambassador to Cambodia Her Excellency Maria Amelita C. Aquino; AIBC Director/Philexport Trustee Robert Young and AIBC Secretary-General Aries Balanay.

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