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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



HON. MYKHAILIUK DENYS

Counsellor/Deputy Head Mission
of the Embassy of Ukraine in Malaysia

KABALITA

The Rotary Club of Manila, First in Asia, shares the deep concern expressed by Rotary International in “the escalating loss of life and humanitarian hardship caused by the war in Ukraine.” While Rotarians cannot interfere in the on-going conflict between Russia and Ukraine, they can definitely “give to the voice of peace a volume that will penetrate the confusion of the most impassioned battle.” Indeed, from a pre-World War I resolution calling for “the maintenance of peace” to our continuing support for Rotary Peace Centers, Rotarians have a long history of promoting peace and working to address the underlying causes of conflict in communities around the world. Rotary founder Paul Harris himself wrote in 1921: “Rotary believes that the better the people of one nation understand the people of other nations, the less the likelihood of friction, and Rotary will therefore encourage acquaintance and friendships between individuals of different nations.”



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13th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Rotary Year 2022-2023
Thursday, September 29, 2022, 12:30 PM

Program Timetable

Part I

12:30 PM	Registration & Zoom In	
	Program Moderator//Facilitator/Chika Talk	PAST ASSISTANT TREAS. MARCUS DEE
	Presentation of Meeting Protocol/ Zoom Meeting House Rules	
	Call to Order	PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA
	Invocation and Special Prayers	RTN. ANTONIO JAIME JOSE "JJ" FERNANDEZ
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	RCM Hymn	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	The Four (4) Way Test	Phenomenal Leader President PAUL TING TIE Rotary Club of Chinatown - Manila
	Introduction of Guests	
	Welcome Song	
	RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week	
	September 23	RTN. INOV TALUSAN
	September 24	RTN. NICO VALENCIA
	September 27	RTN. RALPH JOSEPH
	September 27	RTN. RONALD MARTINEZ
	September 28	RTN. JOVEE ONG
	September 29	RTN. MICHAEL GO
	Maligayang Bati/Happy Birthday Song	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	President's Time	PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA

13th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Part II INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER

RTN. SENEN MANGALILE
Minister of the Philippine Embassy
in Berne, Switzerland

ADDRESS

HON. DENYS MYKHAILIUK
Counsellor/Deputy Head Mission
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TOPIC: Global Impact of The War in Ukraine

Open Forum

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation

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

Attested by:
SECRETARY EDWIN H. HERNANDEZ

Philippine Rotary Hymn

AVP

2:00 PM Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment

PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER'S PROFILE



MYKHAILIUK DENYS

Counsellor/Deputy Head Mission
of the Embassy of Ukraine in Malaysia

EDUCATION

Ukrainian State University of Finance and Foreign Trade, specialty
“Management of Foreign Trade”, Master

EMPLOYMENT

- Counsellor / Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Ukraine in Malaysia
- Acting director of the Department of the Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
- Counsellor of the Department of the Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
- First Secretary Consular Affairs of the Embassy of Ukraine in Vietnam
- First Secretary of the US and Canada Department of 2nd territorial department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
- Deputy Head of Trade and Economic Mission, First Secretary for Economic Affairs of the Embassy of Ukraine in the USA
- Senior Specialist of the Department for Trade and Economic Cooperation with Belarus, Moldova, the countries of Transcaucasia and Central Asia, Department for Cooperation with the CIS and the Russian Federation of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine

LANGUAGES

English, Polish, Ukrainian

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Dear fellow Manila Rotarians,

I am blessed to have fully recovered and I feel grateful to be back in full swing to perform my duties as your president. I am happy to share that we had several meaningful meetings and exciting events during the past week. Thank you to our fellow Rotarians who attended and supported these activities.



Program Tech Run

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

We had a program tech run in preparation for our weekly membership meeting on September 22 via Zoom. Program Chair PD Amading Valdez as well as other program participants—Moderator Rtn. Joel Talampas and Past Asst. Treas. Marcus Dee who led the invocation—were also in attendance.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

RC San Marcelino Manila's 13th Handover and 14th Induction Ceremonies

September 22, 2022

I went to the Rotary Club of San Marcelino Manila's 13th Handover and 14th Induction Ceremonies held at YWCA Manila. It was a great rock party! Congratulations to Phenomenal Leader President Domarie Suniga for a successful event!



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

A Courtesy Call on Manila City Mayor

Friday, September 23, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to Rotary's shared global aim of disease prevention and treatment specially relative to maternal and child health, the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) led by President Herminio S. Esguerra officially called on its most reliable partner when providing priority service projects to the very constituents of RCM's birth place, i.e., the City Government of Manila under its historic first-ever elected lady Mayor, the honorable Maria Sheila Honrado Lacuna-Pangan or Mayor Honey Lacuna to most of her acquaintances. The official visit was also attended by Vice President Reggie T. Yu, Programs Committee Chair Amado D. Valdez, Past Director John M. Cutter as well as the Mayor's team headed by her Chief-of-Staff Joshue Santiago. This service project was prompted by RCM's joint initiative with its counterparts in the Rotary Club of San Francisco (RCSF) where the latter has been extending free medical services all over the world to indigent children suffering from cleft lip or palate since birth. Our team-up is a result of the international efforts of the Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs (CCRC), an exclusive group of at least 100-year-old Rotary Clubs, wherein Rotarian Nick Z. Locsin is a member of the Board of Directors. Closer to home, the same CCRC operates using the RCM goodwill ambassador system involving a select set of members and from which Rotarian Joel C. Valdes was appointed as RCM Ambassador to RCSF by International Relations Committee Chair Nick Locsin.

Cleft lip and palate is one of the more common disorders seen in the Philippines. In fact, in 1 out of 1,000 Filipino live births, a cleft lip or palate patient is born. That's over 1,500 children a year. Left untreated, the health and social implications for these children are devastating, especially for those who cannot afford reconstructive surgery. Although there are numerous non-government agencies in the country extending the same free medical services to these less fortunate kids, the demand simply exceeds the supply as they say. It is in this light that Mayor Honey Lacuna kept the door wide open to collaborate with both RCM and RCSF and mobilize talent, time, and resources for this noble activity for young Manileños. As a medical practitioner herself who is also married to one, Mayor Honey Lacuna wishes to seize this opportunity as part of her focus on social services to her city residents. She confirmed that her local government may assist in complementing this exercise by providing the database of the targeted 100 qualified candidate patients, the operating facilities in either of the city government-owned and recently upgraded Ospital ng Maynila or Sta. Ana General Hospital, and the patient's board and lodging for pre and post-operation as part of the accompanying therapeutic services as needed.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

As to the next steps, both Mayor Honey Lacuna and President Hermie Esguerra agreed to conduct follow-through meetings in the coming weeks with the goal of actually implementing the medical mission sometime during the first semester of 2023. Specifically, RCM shall provide the list of items that each party, i.e., City Government of Manila, RCM, and RCSF with its service project affiliate Alliance for Smiles (AfS), shall be committed to contribute and be accountable for the success of the undertaking. While RCM shall serve as the overall service project driver via a set of appropriate memorandum of agreements with the parties concerned, RCSF and AfS shall take charge of multiple activities ranging from finalizing the scope of work, logistics requirements, budget, execution plan, timeline of milestone deliverables, to financial closure of funding sources, and to the actual conduct of the medical mission and training program. In turn, the local government shall assess the items required of it with the view of possibly bridging the gaps and providing the support as warranted. This maiden service project, chaired by PD Dr. John M. Cutter and co-chaired by fellow Rotarian Dr. John T. Cenica, shall be subjected to a thorough evaluation once concluded particularly on the learnings from it with the view of formulating a template for replication by the Rotary network with other concerned parties in the country under a series of similar campaign on a timely basis.

(Note: Thank you, VPE/VP Reggie Yu, for this comprehensive write-up.)



PRESIDENT'S DIARY



Courtesy Call on Hon. Maria Sheilah Honrado "Honey" Lacuna-Pangan, Mayor - City of Manila. From left: Mayor's Chief of Staff Joshue Santiago, Rtn. Joel Valdes (Secretary, RCManila Foundation), Pres. Hermie Esguerra, Manila Mayor Honey Lacuna-Pangan, Manila Councilor Beth Rivera, Past Dir. Amazing Valdez (Chairman, Program Committee), Past Dir. John Cutter (Chairman, Disease Prevention & Treatment), and VPE/VP Reggie Yu.

Lunch with Rotary Club of Manila Secretariat

Friday, September 23, 2022



I shared a flavorful Popeyes chicken lunch with the RCM team in the office.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

While at the RCM office, I took the opportunity to check the marker presenting the Charter Board of Directors of 1919-1920, a newspaper clipping of Rotary Club of Pasay Ilustrado Charter Pres. Lily Aguilar on Rotary Club of Manila induction of Pres. Jonby Carlos on July 6, 1956 published in Manila Bulletin, as well as the December 17, 1941 publication in The Philippine Herald on Rotary Information Section, donated by Rotary Club of Pasay Ilustrado Past Pres. Irineo Gino (RY 2008-2009) through Charter Pres. Lily Aguilar.



*RCM Board of Directors
(1919-1920)*



*News on the induction of Pres. Jonby Carlos
on July 6, 1956, published in Manila Bulletin*



*Rotary Information Section, published in
The Philippine Herald on December 17, 1941*



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

District Mooncake Festival 2022

Saturday, September 24, 2022

The District Mooncake Festival 2022, hosted by the Rotary Club of Chinatown and co-hosted by the Rotary Club of Manila, took place last Saturday at Noble Mansion Seafood Restaurant, Macapagal Avenue in Pasay City.

With me at the festival were President-Elect/Dir. Raffy Alunan, SAA Nagi and Michelle Zeitouni, PDG Rudy and Sharon Bediones, PDG Vince Carlos, PD Issam Eldebs, PD Nick Locsin and STAR Rtn. Paul Koh.



I was honored to lead the invocation at the event.



Standing (from left): RC Chinatown PP Harry Angping, FL Sharon Bediones, PDG Rosie Go (RC Chinatown), PDG Rudy Bediones, DG Joyce Ambray, Pres. Hermie Esguerra, SAA Nagi and Michelle Zeitouni. Seated (from left): PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan, PD Nick Locsin, STAR Rtn. Paul Koh and PD Issam Eldebs

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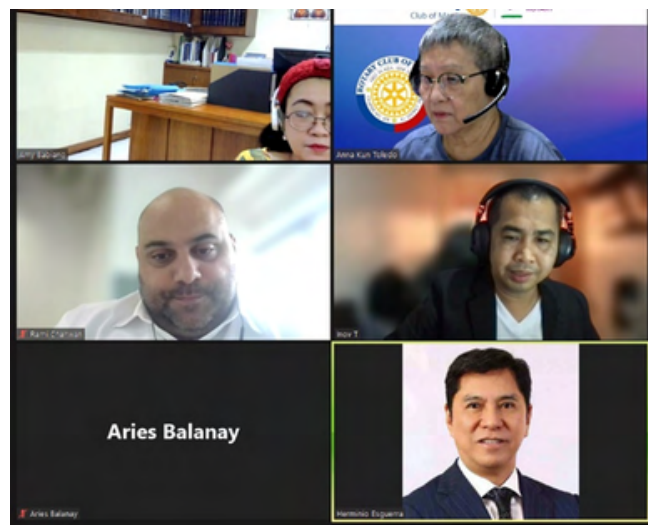


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Meeting of RCM Digitalization Committee

September 26, 2022

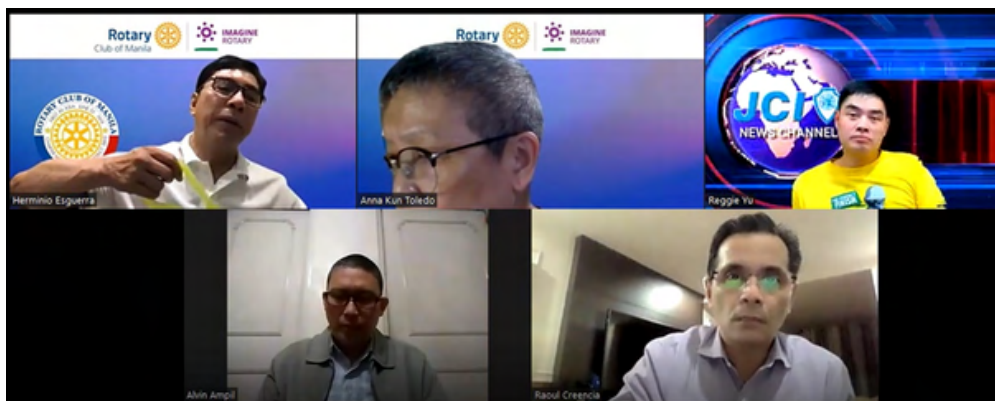
I attended the meeting of RCM Digitalization Committee with Chairman Rtn. Inov Talusan, Co-Chair Rtn. Rami Chahwan and STAR Rtn. Aries Balany to review the terms of reference and cost of suppliers invited to bid. Also present at the meeting were Executive Assistant Amy Babiano, who will be designated to assist in the digitalization process, and ES Anna Kun Toledo.



Meeting of Basic Education & Literacy Committee

Monday, September 26, 2022, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

I joined the meeting of Basic Education & Literacy Committee – Rotary Punlaan Scholarship Program last Monday to review the Memorandum of Agreement between Rotary Club of Manila and Punlaan School. VP Reggie Yu, Rotary Punlaan Scholarship Program Chairman Alvin Ampil, Board Legal Adviser Raoul Creencia and ES Anna Kun Toledo were also in the meeting.

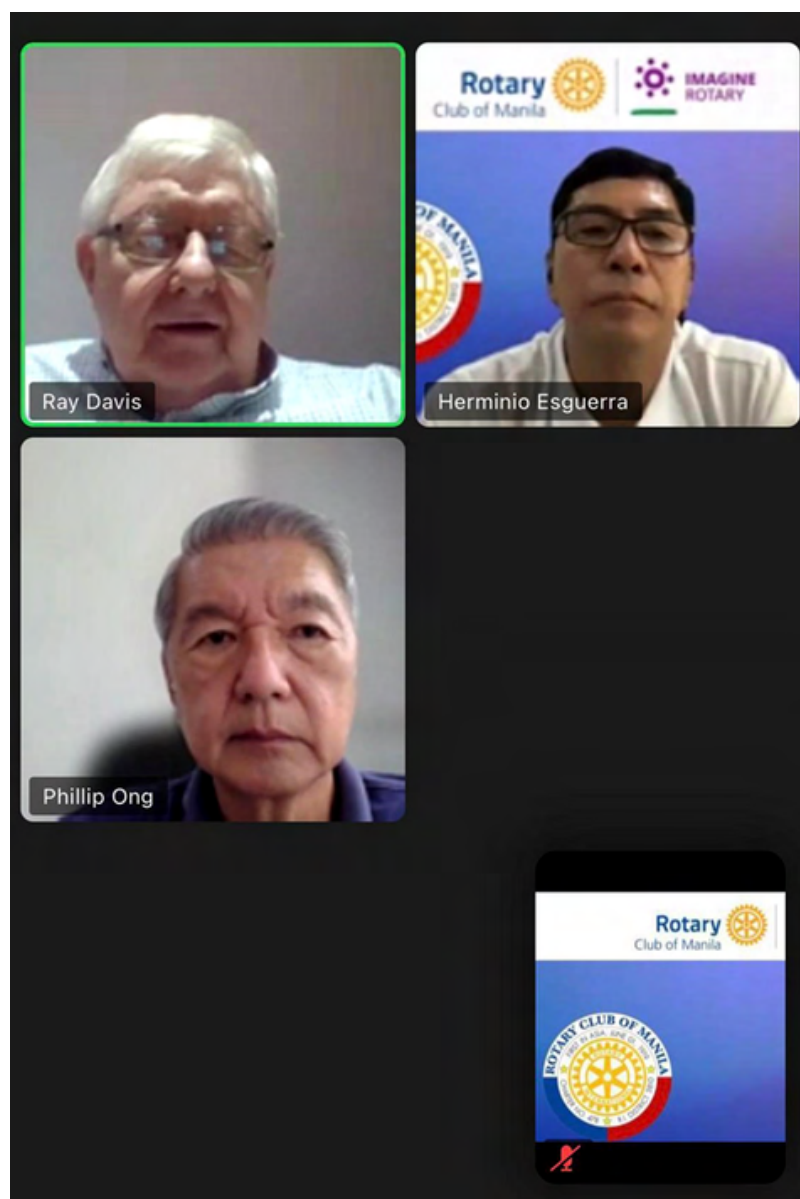


PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Meeting of Special Children Committee

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 2:00 p.m.

I met with Special Children Committee Chair/Rtn. Ray Davis and Co-Chair/PD Phillip Ong to discuss the Special Children Committee concerns. The meeting was held online last Tuesday via Zoom.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Meeting with the Department of Education to discuss RCM Projects

September 28, 2022

Together with VP Reggie Yu, Rtn. John Cutter and Rtn. Aries Balanay, I met with Department of Education Undersecretary Gerard L. Chan to discuss the following RCM projects: Global Grant Vision Care, Oral Health, Anti-Bullying Webinar and Donation of 50 Android tablets.

Rotary Club of Manila will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding together with the Department of Education to undertake programs for Rotary Club's Areas of Focus: Basic Education and Literacy and Disease Prevention and Treatment.



Rotary Club of Manila, led by Pres. Hermie Esguerra, donated 50 Android tablets to DepEd through USec Gerard Chan.



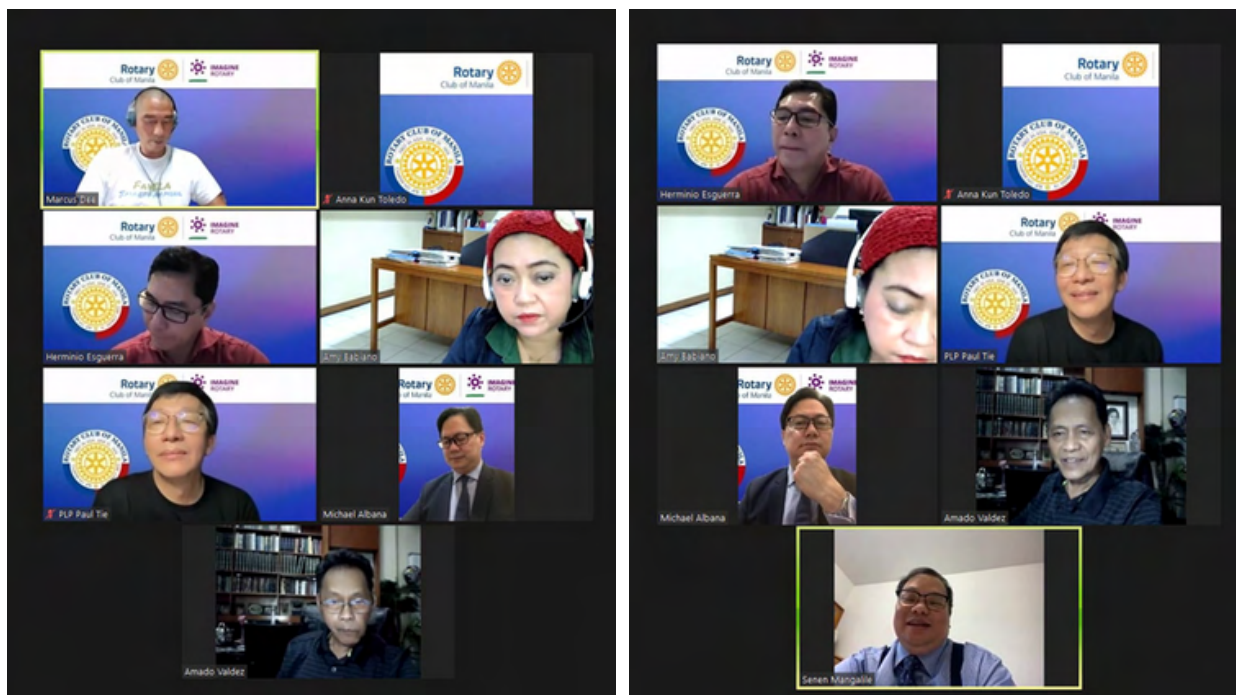
In the photo, from left: Rtn. Arvin Arik B. Carranceja, VP Reggie Yu, USec Gerard Chan, Pres. Hermie Esguerra, STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay, Past Dir John Cutter and Rtn. Jtee Aquino

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Program Tech Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

We had a program tech rehearsal in preparation for our September 29th weekly membership meeting via Zoom. The tech run was attended by Programs Committee Chairman - PD Amading Valdez, Co-Chairman DE/AS Mike Albana, Program Moderator of the day - PAT Marcus Dee, Rtn. Senen Mangalile and RC Chinatown Phenomenal Leader Pres. Ting Tie.



It was an honor to be a part of these important meetings and events that will help improve the lives of many in our community. I am looking forward to seeing the positive outcomes that will come from these initiatives.

Sincerely,

Pres. Hermie S. Esguerra

EDITOR'S NOTE

Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

During the June 1914 fifth annual convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs in Houston's Municipal Auditorium, the 1,300 Rotarians who were gathered passed a 183-word Resolution which in part boldly declared -- "Whereas war is universally recognized as a bloody weapon handed down from a dark past ... [Rotary should] lend its influence to the maintenance of peace among the nations of the world without recourse to war."



The Resolution, proposed by Rotarians from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, is most telling as it showcases the Rotary's clear opposition to any form of armed conflict. After the first world war erupted in 1914 just a few days after the 5th Rotary convention adjourned, Rotarians advocated for a peaceful resolution of the raging war. The Rotary Club of Minneapolis, for instance, declared -- "We must not take sides. We cannot interfere. But we can give to the voice of peace a volume that will penetrate the confusion of the most impassioned battle." Indeed, as a humanitarian organization, the cornerstone of Rotary's mission is peace. Rotary believes that whenever people work to create peace in their communities, the change that ensues can have a global effect.

The world is getting smaller such that events unfolding in every corner of the globe affect us one way or the other. This is the reason why every Rotarian strives to serve and help alleviate communities around the world -- because every enabling and ennobling act done for others has a ripple effect. Yes, each Rotarian strives to make the world a better place, by helping one person at a time... by creating peace in one community at a time.

War, therefore, is the exact opposite of a Rotarian's vision of having and striving for a better world for everyone. This is why Rotarians have, even prior to the eruption of the first World War, already regarded war as a "bloody weapon handed down from a dark past." In fact, after the great war ended, delegates to the 1921 convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, amended the association's constitution to include the goal "to aid in the advancement of international peace and goodwill through a fellowship of business and professional men of all nations united in the Rotary ideal of service."

In 1940, while World War II was raging, the Rotarian delegates to the convention adopted a statement -- Rotary Amid World Conflict -- which emphasized that "where freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word, and respect for human rights do not exist, Rotary cannot live nor its ideal prevail."

The Rotarian idea and ideal of advancing international peace and goodwill emboldened and inspired Rotarians to take an active role in the creation of the United Nations after the second world war. Rotary International was one of 42 organizations the United States invited to serve as consultants to its delegation at the San Francisco conference. Other Rotarians from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North and South America served as members of their own nations' delegations. Among the notable Rotarians who played a huge role in the UN's creation are Tom Conally (Co-Vice Chairman of the US Delegation), Ricardo Alfaro (Member, Panamanian Delegation), Jan Masaryk (Chairman, Czechoslovakian Delegation), and our very own Carlos P. Romulo (Head, Philippine Delegation). Rotarians also served as consultants to their national delegations.

Today, the world is again witnessing an armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine. After the first Russia-Ukraine conflict in 2014, war between the two countries erupted anew in February 2022. Ruefully, there seems to be no signs of the combat being abated soon.

Because we live in a global village, whenever countries are engulfed in armed conflict, the turmoil, disruption of the supply chain, as well as the social dislocation brought about by the war invariably affect many other countries. It is saddening to note that during an armed conflict, those who suffer most in a war zone are children. Today, over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations; and half of them are children.

Thus, for the sake of the children and the next generation, and for the sake of improving the global economic situation which has recently been severely affected by the COVID pandemic, let Rotary continue to be a strong advocate of peace, and a reliable helping hand in at least mitigating the brutal effects of war on those directly affected.



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THE WEEK THAT WAS



The 12th Regular Meeting had **Rtn. Joel Talampas** as Program Moderator/ Facilitator.



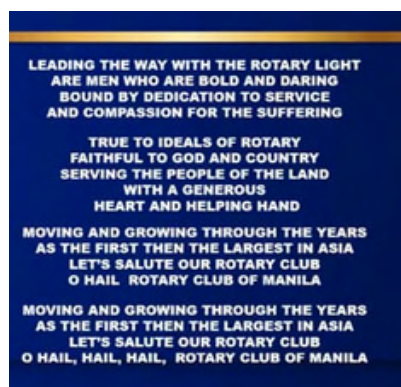
Sounding the bell, **Pres. Hermie Esguerra** called the meeting to order.



Humbly calling upon our loving Father God, **PAT Marcus Dee** 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 singing of the **RC Manila Hymn** was led by the **World Famous Music Chorale**.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



Rtn. Joshua Aragon led the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test.

Proposed New Members

**Benedict Ibuyan
Alfonso Javier
Miguel Lazaro
Antonio Echavez
Raul Canon**

The Moderator acknowledged and introduced the Visiting Guests and Rotarians.

WELCOME SONG

**WELCOME, WELCOME
GUESTS OF ROTARY
WE'RE FOR YOU
WE HOPE YOU'RE FOR US TOO
WATCH OUR PROGRAM
WE DEDICATE TO YOU
MANILA ROTARY'S HOME FOR YOU**

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 **PT Roger Cabunag**, **Rtn. Sham Michael Tejumal**, **Rtn. Carlos Dominguez**, **STAR Rtn. Nico Souvlakis** and **PT Lito Sibayan**. This was followed by the **World Famous Music Chorale** singing the happy birthday song.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



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



PAS Henry Go introduced the **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.



Guest Speaker Past President Atty. Haydee Gretchen Panganiban delivered an interesting and informative talk involving a timely topic on anti-sexual harassment law.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



Important points were further discussed and clarified during the open forum participated by **Rtn. Senen Mangalile**, **Dir. Hans Palacios**, **Sec. Edwin Hernandez**, **PD Issam Eldebs**, **IPD Amading Valdez**, **Pres. Hermie Esguerra**, **Rtn. Rami Chahwan** and **PD John Cutter**.



President Hermie Esguerra and **Programs Committee Chairman IPD Amading Valdez** present the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by **Club Secretary Edwin Hernandez**, to **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.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



The **Philippine Rotary Hymn** was sang after the open forum.



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	<u>22 September 2022</u> Atty. Haydee Gretchen Gatchalian (Asst. Governor, RI District 3850), Rotary Club of Zamboanga Central
All Members Present	75	130	66	58
All Members in virtual FB	0	0	1	1
Make Up	3	2	0	1
Less: Exempt from Attendance	8	9	6	3
On Leave	0	0	0	0
Total Active Members	70	123	61	60
Total # of Members	231	231	231	230
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	30%	53%	26%	26%
ROTARACTORS	0	0	0	0
MEDIA	0	0	0	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG/DGE	1	0	0	0
GOHS / GS	2	0	0	1
Visiting Rotarians	0	0	0	15
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	1	0	0	9
Others	0	0	0	0
Total attendees	79	130	66	83

CLUB

ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of September 28, 2022, 11:00 AM)

FULLY PAID

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

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

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ADMINISTRATION

97	Lim, Richard
98	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
99	Locsin, Roberto R.
100	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.
101	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.
102	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
103	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
104	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
105	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
106	Magbanua, Gerry
107	Magpale, Jose Paolo
108	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
109	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
110	Mangalile, Senen
111	Martinez, Ronald
112	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
113	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"
114	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
115	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
116	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"
117	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
118	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.
119	Mueller, Klaus
120	Naravannamoorthy, Nantha K.
121	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.
122	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.
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Organizational Meeting of the 18th Tourism Awards



The Organizational Meeting of the 18th Tourism Awards was held last Friday, September 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Present during the meeting were Chairman/PD Art Lopez, Members PDG Vince Carlos, Centennial Pres. Susing Pineda, Past Vice President Fausto Preysler, Rtn. Bernd Schneider and STAR Rtn. Nantha Narayanamoorthy. Also present was Mr. Benito Bengzon, Executive Director of the Philippine Hotel Owners Association.

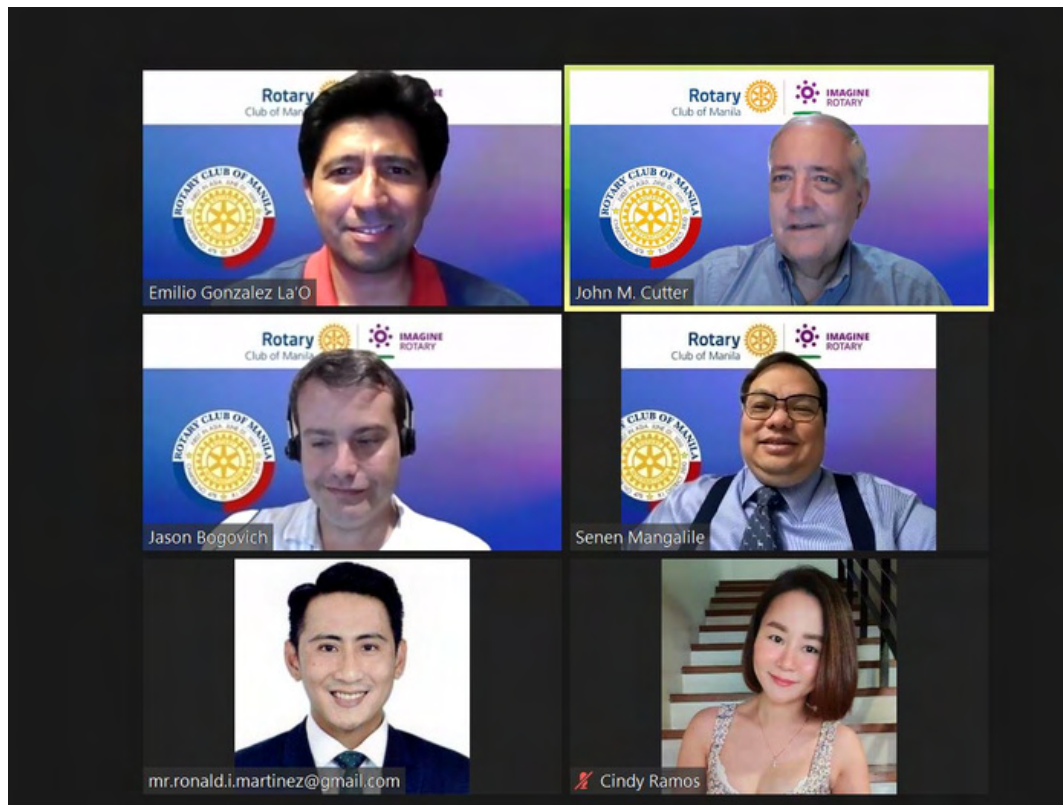
Public Relations/Media Committee Holds Meeting



The Public Relations/Media Committee held a meeting last Tuesday, September 27, 2022 over lunch. The luncheon was hosted by Public Relations/Media Committee Chair/Sec. Edwin Hernandez. Also present were Board Legal Adviser Raoul Creencia, STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Community Service Committee, Children Cancer Care/Community Oral Health Sub-Committee Hold Meeting



Community Service Committee, Children Cancer Care/Community Oral Health Sub-Committee met on Wednesday, September 28, to discuss plans for forthcoming projects at the Philippine General Hospital and the City of Manila.

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Rotary Club of Manila Donates School Supplies to Cabugao Elementary School



Last Saturday, September 24, 2022, Rami Chahwan and his family handed over school supplies to Cabugao Elementary School students in Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro on behalf of the Rotary Club of Manila.



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Cabugao Elementary School: Dulot sa Kulot 13

by Rtn. Rami Chahwan

What do we mean by *Dulot sa Kulot*? *Dulot* means “*handog*” (offering, present, gift) and *Kulot* means “curly hair” that symbolizes Filipino indigenous children. As you might have guessed it, DSK 13 is our 13th Edition of this Outreach Program that was born 6 years ago when a group of friends passionate about hiking fell by accident on a group of Agta-Dumagat in Aurora Province that needed some school supplies and other essentials to finish the school year.

This time, our hiking group went all the way to Bulalacao in Oriental Mindoro to aid 207 Mangyan Kids in the mountains of Cabugao. What started as my personal project rapidly expanded into an RCM project when President Hermie asked me to involve our fellow Rotarians so that, together, we can provide greater help and more supplies. In total, over 70 RCM members generously donated, and we were able to collect almost 90,000 Pesos on top of a donation by Dr. John Cutter of 200 Toothbrushes. That amount allowed us to provide each of the 207 children with 1 backpack filled with soaps, toothbrushes, facemasks, sanitizers, crayons, pencils, pens, notebooks, paper, and erasers. We were also able to donate 6 fans for the classrooms because they had none. Finally, the 6 teachers also received some needed supplies to thank them for everything they were doing.

Our journey started at 8:00 p.m. on Friday night. We met at Shell Magallanes and drove to Batangas City to take the RORO to Calapan. From Calapan, we took the road to Bulalacao where we met with PP Manette of the Rotary Club of Downtown Calapan and together with her team of volunteers, we went up the mountain to reach our destination at 9:00 a.m.—the Elementary School of Cabugao. We

divided the team of volunteers into 5 groups (1-Donation Sorting, 2-Games and Animation, 3-Pictures, 4-Lunch Preparation, 5-Repairs and other minor maintenance) and we went to work. We started the program at 9:00 a.m. and ended it at 12 noon with a lunch that was donated by all the volunteers and the Rotary Club of Downtown Calapan. The smiles on the faces of all the volunteers, the teachers, the parents and especially the children were our seal of success.

We would like to extend our deepest and sincerest gratitude to all RCMers for such a turnout on such a short notice. On a selfish note, I looked like a hero in front of my kids but on a humanitarian note, that school needed the help and there is much more we can still do. In the upcoming month, we plan to see how we can assist that school in getting a better supply of water because theirs is very inconsistent and I hope we will be successful.

On that note, we are already planning DSK 14 and I hope that we will be able to make as many smiles as we did in DSK 13.

Yours in service,

Rami Chahwan



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Cabugao Elementary School: Dulot sa Kulot 13



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RCM Inks MOU with DepEd

by VPE/VP Reggie Yu

Student support and services contribute to the quality of their learning experience and their academic success. An important role of student services is to prepare students for active participation in society. They foster positive relationships among educators and students, thereby increasing students' attachment to school, and serve as an essential link between students and, their families and school resources and community-based health and social services. Along with teachers and non-governmental organizations, they contribute to increased learning opportunities and community involvement by organizing or promoting internships, experiential units or short-term experiences, integrated into the curricula.

The Rotary Club of Manila realizes the critical importance of support services to students in an environment where limited government efforts and resources, already hammered by financial challenges and exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic, cannot provide optimal positive school experiences to more than 27 million students during this precarious period. In this regard, Asia's first Rotary Club has taken the initiative in offering partnership opportunities with the Department of Education in undertaking programs that cover Rotary's Basic Education, Literacy, Disease Prevention and Treatment, and Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Areas of Focus.

Led by President Herminio Hermie Esguerra, together with yours truly, past RCM Director John Cutter, Manila Rotarian Aries Balanay met with Department of Education Undersecretary Gerard L. Chan to discuss key RCM projects:

1. Global Grant Vision Care. Vision screening for children is a cost-effective way of identifying those with visual impairment, especially amblyopia or lazy eye. Permanent blindness can be avoided if lazy eye is diagnosed and treated before age seven. One out of 20 preschoolers and one out of every four school pupils in the Philippines has an eye problem. For early-age children, the condition often goes unnoticed. This makes vision screening an important tool to prevent and treat visual impairment for this age group. To be subsidized by the Rotary Foundation, this project hopes to provide access to continuous eye care and sight preservation services such as eye examinations, vision screenings and myopia/astigmatism treatment, and follow-up services. Rotarian Aries Balanay has committed to manage this initiative.

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2. Oral Health. Filipino school children suffer from an alarmingly high burden of tooth decay that has been labelled as a “silent public health crisis.” Even though schools have long served as a platform for public health interventions, there is no generally agreed model for oral health promotion and limited evidence is available for realistic approaches in low- and middle-income settings. Under the auspices of Dr. John Cutter —an accomplished dental professional and businessman with over 43 years in private practice, education, and research — RCM offers to implement a cloud-based, mobile, time-shifted, e-dental platform to assess the needs of students and arrange for their oral care.

3. Anti-Bullying Virtual Townhall Meeting. Bullying in the Philippines is an endemic issue in many schools and over the digital space. To resolve this conflict, RCM has proposed to host a three-day anti-bullying virtual session where various stakeholders will be invited in a symposium to examine the phenomenon of bullying, what its effect will be to the victims and their families, how to prevent and stop it should it happen to them or their loved ones. This is going to be chaired by past RCM Director Issam Eldebs and RCM Rotarian Nagi Zeitouni.

The productive morning meeting concluded with a signing of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Education and the Rotary Club of Manila to undertake programs for RCM's aforementioned initiatives. As a gesture of goodwill, the Club also donated fifty (50) Android tablets, courtesy of Arik General Merchandising represented by CEO Arvin Arik B. Carranceja and COO Jtee Aquino.

The partnership with the Department of Education manifests Rotary Club of Manila's continuing goal of strengthening the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We take action to empower educators to inspire learning at all ages.

*Ambassador Jet Ledda
is now Philippine Ambassador
to the Kingdom of Belgium
and the Duchy of Luxembourg*



Ambassador Jet Ledda has just been confirmed by the Commission on Appointments as Philippine Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium and the Duchy of Luxembourg.

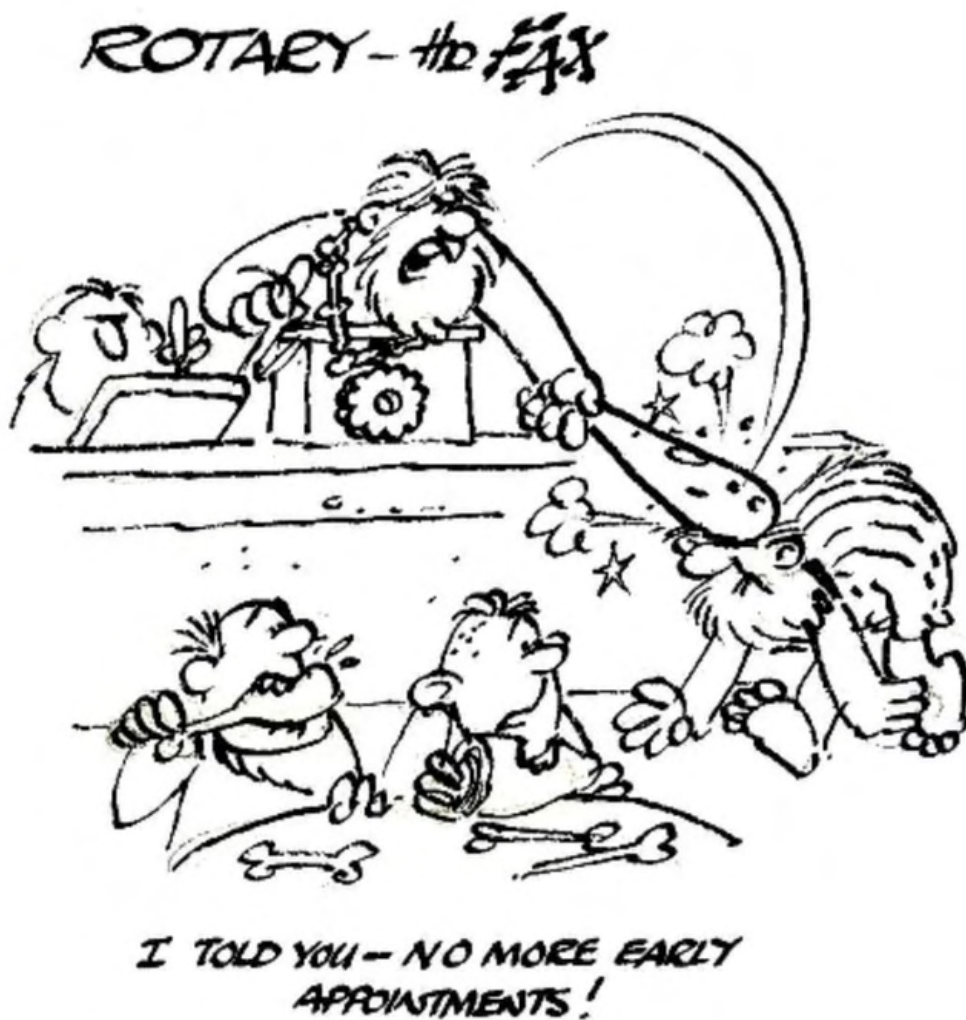
PD Art Lopez is Guest Speaker at the Consular Corps of the Philippines Event



House Committee Chair/PD Art Lopez was guest speaker at the Consular Corps of the Philippines gathering held on September 28, 2022 at Conrad Manila. He discussed the post-pandemic situation of Philippine hotels and their road to recovery.

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INTERCLUB RELATIONS

Manila Rotarians Attend Birthday Celebration of DGE Lai dela Cruz



PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan, Board Legal Adviser Raoul Creencia and Rtn. Teddy Kalaw attended the birthday celebration of District Governor-Elect Lai dela Cruz held at the Sofitel Manila Hotel.

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