

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



IVAN JOHN ENRILE UY

Secretary

Department of Information and Communications Technology

KABALITA

With the information and communication technology's huge and largely positive impact on people's lives, it must be a priority for the national government to, among others, make internet access more reliable and inexpensive to our many countrymen who, to date, still do not have access to high-speed internet. The Digital Divide, much like the gaping chasm between the rich and the poor, must be narrowed. With a Manila Rotarian at the helm of the Department of ICT, policies towards narrowing such wide divide will hopefully be adopted and rigorously pursued.



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14th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Rotary Year 2022-2023

Thursday, October 6, 2022, 5:00 PM

Face-to-Face

Taft 1, Conrad Manila

PROGRAM MODERATOR

RTN. JOEL VALDES

Program Timetable

Part I

4:00 PM Registration

5:00 PM Call to Order

Invocation and Special Prayers

Philippine National Anthem

RCM Hymn

The Four (4) Way Test

Introduction of Guests

Welcome Song

RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week

October 2	RTN. TEDDY KALAW
October 4	PP FRANCIS JUICO
October 6	RTN. MARIUS ANGARA
October 19	RTN. TENG CATALAN

Maligayang Bati/Happy Birthday Song

Signing of Rotary Punlaan Scholarship Program
between the Rotary Club of Manila and
Rotary Punlaan Foundation Program

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation
to Philippine Coast Guard
COMMANDER ROSENDO Z. ABINOJA III

President's Time

Presentation of Sports Program Committee

PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA

STAR RTN. MICHAEL ROXAS

AVP of RCM Members

AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale

RTN. RICARDO "Ricky" GUEVARA

AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale

RTN. ALVIN AMPIL

Chairman, Rotary Punlaan Scholarship
Program

**PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA
DE/AS MICHAEL JAHEY "Mike" C. ALBAÑA**
Chairman, Disaster Relief Committee

SAA NAGI ZEITOUNI

Chairman, Sports Committee RY2022-2023

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Part II INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER

PDG VICENTE "Vince" CARLOS

ADDRESS

HON. IVAN JOHN ENRILE UY

Secretary, Department of Information
and Communications Technology (DICT)

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

6:30 PM Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment

PRES. HERMINIO "Hermie" S. ESGUERRA



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Secretary

Department of Information and Communications Technology

A. Field of Expertise

1. Technology Law

- Specializes in Information Technology and its relationship to law, justice and governmental institutions.
- The application of technology in enhancing electronic governance.
- Cyber crimes and cyber terrorism issues including reviewing vulnerability assessments, intrusion detection systems, incident response, hacking, phishing, online defamation, cyberporn, internet gambling, money laundering, etc.
- Computer forensics and Electronic Evidence including Electronic Documents, Electronic/Digital Signatures, Public Key Infrastructure, etc.
- Study and analysis of scientific and technological developments and their effects on legal doctrines such as DNA, Biometrics, Human Genome, Nano technology, Genetic Engineering, Genetically Modified Organisms, virtual presence, etc.
- Technology contracts
- Senate and Congressional Resource person on ICT related bills

2. Information Technology Project Management Experience

- As Chairman of the Commission on Information and Communications Technology for the Philippine government, oversaw the formulation of the Philippine Digital Strategy for 2011 to 2016.

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- Member of the cabinet and head of the government ICT Commission with 23,000 employees.
- Covered national concerns on telecommunications, broadcasting, human resource development, eGovernance, postal reform, cyber security, data privacy, cyber services, business development, Business Process Outsourcing, telemedicine, etc.
- During incumbency, the Philippines overtook India as the leading call center destination of the world.
- As Chief Information/Technology Officer of the Judicial Branch, responsible for the overall technology strategy and implementation of the courts including but not limited to back office applications and E-Library, E-Learning systems.
 - Conceptualized, planned, managed, developed, implemented and maintains all computerization projects of the entire Judiciary.
 - Key person on Judicial Reform particularly on technology as an enabling tool.
 - Manage IT contract negotiations for the courts.
 - Introduced and implemented IT-enabled platforms to significantly reduce corruption and inefficiency in the entire Judiciary.
- Change Management and systems reengineering.
- IT audit and security procedures
- Cyber investigation and computer forensics
- Consultant, Bureau of Immigration, Department of Justice
- Consultant, Bureau of Customs, Department of Finance
- Consultant, Senate of the Philippines

3. Teaching

- Professorial Lecturer, San Beda Graduate School of Law.
- Thesis Advisor, Professorial Lecturer, University of Santo Tomas, Graduate School of Law
- Faculty Member, National Bureau of Investigation Academy
- Former Chair of the Court Technology Department of the Philippine Judicial Academy.
- Regular Lecturer of the Law Center and Institute on Judicial Administration, University of the Philippines
- Regular Lecturer for the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education
- Regular Lecturer of the National Computer Center
- Guest Lecturer of the Asian Institute of Management
- Teaches courses on Electronic Evidence, E-Commerce, Cyber Crime, Computer Fraud, Technology and the Law, Electronic Contracting, Internet Law, Computer Forensics.

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4. Others

- International Commercial Arbitrator on areas involving IT related disputes.
- Led a team to review the source codes on the Automated Election System implemented by the Commission on Elections for the 2010, 2013, 2016 and 2019 national elections.
- Doctorate Fellow in Business, Academy of Multi-Skills, United Kingdom. 2019
- Maestro Award, Grace Christian College, Quezon City. 2019

B. Education

1. **TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY** – Special Program on Chinese Law for Foreign Lawyers, College of Law, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China. December 2018
2. **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA** - International Fellow on Law and Technology, Fulbright/Hubert H. Humphrey program, United States Department of State, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA 1998-1999
3. **ACADEMY OF AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW** - Fellow, Southwestern Legal Foundation, Dallas, Texas, USA. 1996
4. **UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES** - Bachelor of Laws 1984 to 88
5. **ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY** – Bachelor of Science in Management Major in Legal Management 1980 to 84.

C. Trainings (partial list)

- Completed, ***“Protecting Digital Infrastructure Course”, “Investigating Cyberterrorism Course”, “Cyberterrorism Executive Seminar”***, National Defense College, Camp Aguinaldo, Feb. 11 to June 20, 2003. Sponsored and conducted by the United States Department of State Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program.
- Participant, ***“Government in the Digital Age”***, Carlton Hotel, March 20-21, 2002, Singapore.
- Delegate, ***“The Changing Role of Government in the 21st Century”***, 4th East Asia Pacific Humphrey Regional Conference, Sept. 24-29, 2001, Shilla Hotel, Seoul, South Korea
- Completed, workshop on ***“Information Technology as a Tool for Economic Growth”*** sponsored by the Carl Duisberg Gesellschaft e. V. (CDG) in Bangkok, Thailand. 2000

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- Completed the Information Technology Management Program on **"E-Government"** sponsored by the Center for International Computer Cooperation, Tokyo, Japan. 2000
- Delegate, **"Philippine-Japan Bilateral Conference on IT Cooperation"** sponsored by Center for International Computer Cooperation, Tokyo, Japan. Held at Dusit Hotel, Philippines. 2000
- Delegate, **"Information Technology for Good Governance"**, sponsored by the Yuchengco Center for East Asia, the Asia Foundation and IBM Philippines.
- Completed a special course on **"Urban Planning and Development"** University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). 1999
- Completed special studies on **"Managing Technology Strategically"** at the Center for the Development of Technological Leadership, Institute of Technology, University of Minnesota. 1998
- Completed a study on **"Criminal Justice Systems"**, Tampa, Florida conducted by NCR. 1997
- Completed a special seminar on **"Information Systems for Justice Administrators"** at Palisades, New York conducted by IBM. 1994.

D. Organizations (partial list)

- Corporate Secretary, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- General Counsel, Philippine Silk Road International Chamber of Commerce
- Former Consultant, Bureau of Customs
- Former Consultant, Bureau of Immigration
- Former Consultant, Philippine Senate
- Former Chairman, COMELEC Advisory Council, Philippines
- Former member of the Advisory Council, Commission on Elections, Philippines
- President - Chief Information Officers Forum Foundation. 2006-2010
- President – Chief Information Officers Forum 2004-2006
- President – Hubert Humphrey Alumni Association of the Philippines 2006-2008
- Former Secretary – Rotary Club of Manila
- Former Assistant National Secretary – Integrated Bar of the Philippines
- Former Vice President – Philippine Computer Society
- Member of the Advisory Board, Institute of Law and Technology, Center for American and International Law, Dallas, Texas

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E. International Speaking Engagements and other highlights (partial list):

- Speaker, ***"Challenges to Technology Adoption in the Judiciary"***, Court Technology Conference, Legal Systech, Suntec Convention Center, Singapore November 27, 2006
- Speaker, ***"Cyber Crimes: The New Challenge to the Legal System"***, 40th LAWASIA Anniversary Conference, Goa, India. September 28 - October 2, 2006.
- Speaker, ***"Court Administration Management Information Systems"***, Court Technology Conference, National Center for State Courts, Seattle, Washington, United States September 2005
- Speaker, ***"Legal Issues on Electronic Contracting"*** ASEAN Law Association, Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore. December 02, 2003
- Speaker, ***"E-Learning in the Judiciary"*** International Conference on Judicial Reforms, Manila, Philippines. November 2005
- Judge, International Panel for the 1st Asia Pacific Information and Communications Technology Awards (APICTA), Sept. 7, 2001, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Judge, Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Washington, D.C. (1992 and 1993)
- Columnist, Computer World Magazine, Philippines
- Featured in CNN E-Biz Asia on Using Technology in Courts, "The click of the mouse sharing the bang of the gavel..."



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Dear fellow Manila Rotarians,

I hope this week's edition of the President's Diary finds you all well.

This past week has been a hectic one for many of us. I myself have attended several noteworthy meetings and events, and it's been a lot of work, but it was worth it knowing that we're making positive changes in our community. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make these activities successful.

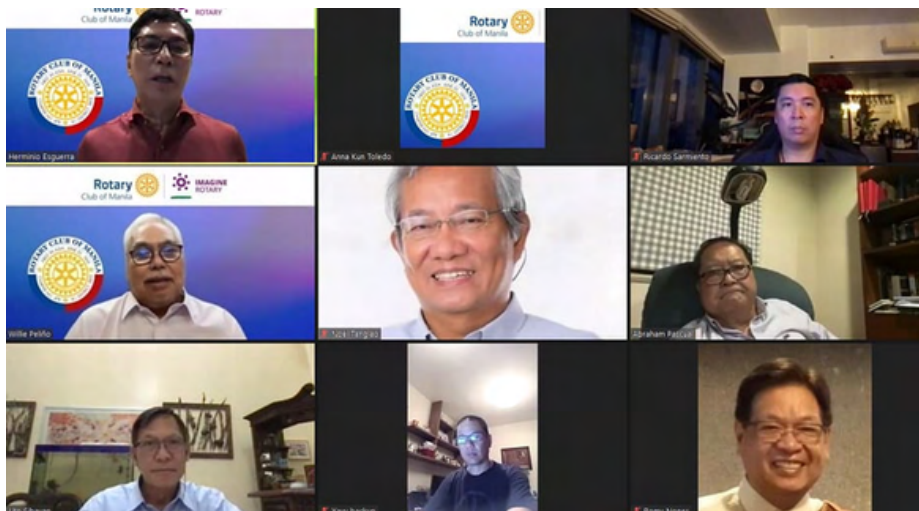
Here's a recap of what happened in the past seven days.



Meeting of the RCManila Foundation Inc. Ways and Means Committee on the 1st RCM Golf Cup

Thursday, September 29, 2022, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

I joined the Zoom meeting of the RCManila Foundation Ways and Means Committee to discuss the 1st RCM Golf Club. Also present during the meeting were RCMFI Pres. Lito Sibayan, RCMFI Trustee Abe Pascual, RCMFI Asst. Treas. Willie Pelino (Chairman of the 1st RCM Golf Club), Rtn. Xavy Zialcita (Co-Chairman, RCM 1st Golf Cup), Rtn. Romy Nones, Rtn. Rocco Sarmiento, Rtn. Noel Tanglao and Rtn. Xavy Zialcita.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Rotary Club of Manila Supreme 198's 6th Induction and 5th Handover Ceremonies

Friday, September 30, 2022

I attended the Rotary Club of Manila Supreme 198 6th Induction and 5th Handover Ceremonies on September 30, 2022, at GSIS Gym.



PDG Rudy delivered the charging of officers and directors.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Repacking of Relief Goods for Typhoon Karding Victims

Sunday, October 2, 2022

We're blessed to have spent our Sunday repacking the much-needed relief goods at Elorde Gym in Pasay City to help those affected by typhoon Karding. The grocery packs and some daily essentials will be distributed to the typhoon victims in San Miguel, Bulacan and Polilio, Quezon Province.



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Visit to Asilo De San Vicente de Paul Orphanage

Monday, October 3, 2022

I visited Asilo De San Vicente de Paul, an orphanage in Manila that is run by the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. It was a humbling, heartwarming experience to see the children and talk to them. I am glad that we are able to help them in our own little way.



The children's gesture of serenading me with a welcome song upon arrival was very touching.



Upon donating Php 100,000 as well as Jollibee meals, I was graciously given a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of my support.

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I delivered a message to the children and youth of Asilo de San Vicente de Paul, encouraging them to stay strong and never give up on their dreams.



Sr. Bernie (Treasurer) and Sister Administrator showed me around the Asilo De San Vicente de Paul facility.



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I led the birthday serenade for Angelica, the birthday celebrant who turned 7 years old. The children were very happy and thankful for our donation.



In a posterity photo with Sr. Bernie, Sr. Bing and the children of Asilo De San Vicente de Paul.

The visit to Asilo De San Vicente de Paul was a fulfilling and memorable experience. It always warms my heart to help others, especially children.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Visit to Hospicio De San Jose

Monday, October 3, 2022

I met with Hospicio De San Jose's team, Sr. Martha (Administrator) and Sr. Marcelyn (Finance). RCM Special Children Committee Chairman Ray Davis and ES Anna Kun Toledo were also present.



It was a wonderful experience spending time and dancing with the Hospicio De San Jose's Persons with Disability team.



With Special Children Committee Chairman Ray Davis, Hospicio De San Jose Administrator Sr. Martha, and ES Anna Kun Toledo

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Disaster Relief Operation for Typhoon Karding Victims in San Miguel, Bulacan

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

I joined the Rotary Club of Manila team (eight officers and members) and Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) team (five officers, 15 non-officers, and one non-uniformed personnel) in going to Bulacan to distribute relief goods to 50 families affected by the typhoon.

We traveled for 3.5 hours to reach San Miguel, Bulacan, where we distributed grocery packs, blankets, mats, modular tents and shelter kits to the typhoon victims. The shelter kits include nails, coco lumber, plywood, a hammer, a wood saw, and G.I. corrugated sheets.



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With STAR Rtn. Mike Roxas and Disaster & Emergency Relief Chairman/ AS Mike Albaña at the stopover en route to San Miguel, Bulacan.



With VP Reggie Yu, Disaster Relief Committee Chairman/AS Mike Albaña, Rtn. JB Pallasigue, Rtn. Inov Talusan, STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay, STAR Rtn. Mike Roxas, and members of the Philippine Coast Guard

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I met Congresswoman Lorna Silverio, representative of the third district of Bulacan, at the Office of the Mayor to discuss the Rotary Club of Manila's efforts to assist the typhoon victims.



Striking a pose with fellow with Manila Rotarians and some members of the Philippine Coast Guard before distributing the relief goods

I delivered a message to San Miguel, Bulacan residents who were hit by typhoon Karding, expressing our sincerest sympathies and informing them that the Rotary Club of Manila is there to help and assist them in this time of need.



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The affected families received shelter kits, emergency modular tents, mats, blankets, and grocery items.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Program Tech-Run

Thursday, October 5, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

We had a program tech-run yesterday for our 14th Weekly Membership Meeting via Zoom. With me online were DE/AS Mike Albaña, PAS Joel Valdes (Program Moderator), Rtn. Alvin Ampil, and SAA Nagi Zeitouni (Sports Committee Chairman).



It's been a week well spent. Once again, I am grateful for the support of our members as we work tirelessly to improve the lives of those in need. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Pres. Hermie Esguerra

Is a weekly club bulletin still needed by Manila Rotarians?

Would RCMers be missing out if they do not read or at least browse the contents of the club newsletter?

With all members already linked to RCM's various social media chat groups where announcements and photos of events and meetings are posted in real time, is a weekly newsletter still a necessary tool to keep everyone abreast?



In this digital age where reliance on social media is rapidly growing, where online posts of on-going events are instantly available and devourable, where chat groups enable one and all to get quick updates of the events and news of the day, and where there is growing preference for bite-sized messages rather than long and kilometric articles, one may be prompted to ask: is a newsletter publication still in vogue?

As we all know, every Thursday, in time for the weekly regular meeting, the Rotary Club of Manila publishes a newsletter that seeks, among others, to update members about all the exciting things that are going on in RCM and with its members. BALITA, first published regularly 102 years ago in the form of a bulletin consisting of a few pages, was passionately nurtured, developed, and eventually hailed as the most complete club newsletter in the Rotary world.

In other words, the first Rotary Club in Asia takes pride not only in its being a centennial club, but also because of many other feats, among them the sustained weekly publication over all these years (except during the Second World War) of its weekly club newsletter. Today, after more than 100 years of regular publication, BALITA continues to serve as the Rotary Club of Manila's diary and chronicler of activities, programs, institutional events, and various milestones. If one wishes to know the RCM's mood and activities in, say, October 1958, he can be assured that the pages of BALITA published during that time will provide such information.

This is why the weekly publication that we have today always features the highlights of the week, including a recap of the recently held regular membership meeting. It also features the President's report which, as currently formatted, features photos and a short narration of his (and the Club's) activities in the past seven days. Moreover, committee meetings, contract signing, courtesy calls, planning sessions, as well as activities and projects that touch the lives of beneficiaries are included. The program and participants of the current week's regular meeting, as well as the profile of the invited speaker, are likewise featured in the newsletter. Activities done in tandem with other Rotary Clubs, including the projects and initiatives of the District are always reported. Also featured are write-ups of its members. Currently, BALITA's Contributing Editors VPE/VP Reggie Yu (Vice-Versa) and Rtn. Senen Mangalile (On Distant Shores) share their thoughts through their columns. Other light materials are likewise included, such as the individual milestones and achievements of RCMers.

True. We now live in a different world, an era that is vastly different 102 years ago. But the virtues and values that Rotary represent remain the same. Chronicling the Club's activities as a service and humanitarian organization remains an imperative. Celebrating each Manila Rotarian's act of service and sacrifice is still very much worth the pages or the digital space on which they are featured. Surely, it is a worthwhile task to publish a weekly newsletter that assiduously collates, records, features, and acknowledges what RCMers do today, not only because of its impact on these projects' direct beneficiaries, but also because of the inspiration it will bring to future Manila Rotarians who will hopefully get to read about these service-above-self activities many years from now.

So yes, the Rotary Club of Manila never had any doubt about the wisdom of continuing and pursuing the weekly publication of BALITA.



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FROM DISTANT SHORES

Rtn. Senen T. Mangalile
Managing Editor, balita



Smiling at a Brighter Tomorrow

There is no escaping data analytics in today's digitally connected world; the amount of data Google collects on your activities, which is a lot, and what Google then does with it is a cause for concern for certain quarters, especially those who do not trust that Google would use the data it collects responsibly.

Take for instance my experience while searching for a dental clinic in Berne to register with. A quick search at Google Maps yielded not only the information I wanted but also loads of unwanted ads in all websites I subsequently visited, most of them peddling the latest models of electric toothbrush. I didn't realize how much options there are on the market these days – ultrasonic cleaning, magnetic technology, pressure sensor, whitening technology, extended battery life, brushing timer, etc. – that buyers are spoilt for choice!

We have indeed come a long way from July 8, 1918 when inventor Patrick J. Fitzgerald of Torrington, Connecticut applied for a US patent for an “electrically-vibrated toothbrush” which he described as “a light portable device for brushing the teeth and massaging the gums, for use by dentists and people troubled with diseases of the gums.” The patent was issued on June 1, 1920, but it was clear from the application that this early device was not intended for mass consumption.

The person credited for inventing the first mass-produced electric toothbrush was Swiss inventor Dr. Philippe-Guy Woog, who created the Broxodent electric toothbrush in 1954. His invention, originally manufactured in Geneva's Tavano factory, was introduced in the US in 1960 by E. R. Squibb and Sons Pharmaceuticals. The device plugged into a standard wall outlet and ran on live voltage, something that would be considered dangerous by today's standards.



*Dr. Philippe-Guy Woog, the Swiss inventor of the modern electric toothbrush branded as Broxodent.
(Photo from the Holistic Cares blog)*

FROM DISTANT SHORES

Rtn. Senen T. Mangalile
Managing Editor, balita



It was General Electric, however, which hugely popularized the electric toothbrush by introducing in 1961 a cordless and rechargeable model. Using NiCad batteries, it was a rather bulky affair and tended to have a short lifespan as the battery suffered from the “memory effect”. The batteries were sealed inside the GE device, and the whole unit had to be discarded when the batteries failed. But the GE automatic toothbrush came with a charging stand that held the unit upright, a design that today’s models have continued to follow.

As ubiquitous as they are nowadays, an electric toothbrush remains beyond the reach of many Filipinos. In fact, even an ordinary manual toothbrush that differs very little from the 1780 design by William Addis can be a luxury for many who live below the poverty line. Many children of underprivileged families are not taught to regularly brush their teeth, much less brought to dental check-ups and treatments. The cost of an ordinary toothbrush and the cheapest toothpaste brand can significantly impact on a family’s overall budget that it is easy for those families to scratch them from their shopping lists.

According to the Department of Health, dental caries (tooth decay) and periodontal diseases (gum diseases) are the two most common oral health diseases affecting Filipinos. An estimated 87.4 % Filipinos are suffering from dental caries while 48.3 % has gum disease. Also, 90% of the 110 million population of the Philippines never

The General Electric Automatic Toothbrush
has been given
professional recognition

"The General Electric Toothbrush has been accepted (Group A) as an effective cleansing device for use as part of a program for good oral hygiene to supplement the regular professional care required for good oral health."
Council on Dental Therapeutics—American Dental Association

When you buy the General Electric Automatic Toothbrush, you are investing in a power-driven brush that has been scientifically proved beneficial and safe. You and your family can use it with confidence.

The General Electric Automatic Toothbrush has been clinically tested for more than five years in laboratories and university dental schools. In regular use it has been proved effective in achieving cleaner teeth than ordinary handbrushing and in providing healthful gum care.

This is the toothbrush more than 43,000 dentists have bought. Nearly 4,000,000 people now use it—and almost half of those who have purchased the General Electric Toothbrush for their own use say their dentists recommended it.

Why not ask your dentist what daily use of the General Electric Automatic Toothbrush can do for you?

General Electric Co., Radiator Division, Bridgeport, Conn.

GENERAL ELECTRIC

TRAVEL SET
Now from G.E. Compact travel set contains power handle, induction-motor recharger unit, powered brush and toothpaste. Makes it easy to maintain good brushing habits on trips or away at school.

HOME UNIT
Ideal for family use. New induction-exchanging gives 500-power brushing performance with constant maintenance and safety. Four personal styling features. "Repeat" power handle has easy push-button "on-off" switch.

General Electric's NiCad powered cordless and rechargeable model.

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Managing Editor, balita

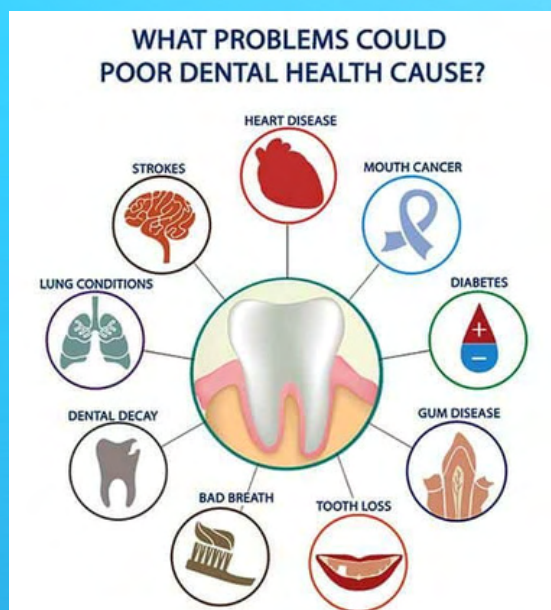


sees a dentist. As a result, the Philippines has the highest prevalence for dental decay (caries) among Asia-Pacific nations. While elsewhere around the globe, the index for diseased, missing, and filled teeth (DMFT) is 1.2 – 1.5, the DMFT for the Philippines is 9.7 – 13.6.

Oral health is fundamental to overall health, well-being, and quality of life. A healthy mouth enables people to eat, speak and socialize without pain, discomfort, or embarrassment. Pain from untreated dental diseases can lead to eating, sleeping, speaking, and learning problems in children and adolescents, which affect a child's social interactions, school achievement, general health, and quality of life. Rampant dental caries in children adversely affect the overall nutrition necessary for the growth of the body, specifically body weight and height.

In recognition of this concerning situation, the Rotary Club of Manila's Community Service Committee is spearheading projects that would promote community oral health in some of the less-fortunate communities in Manila. Through these projects, RCM will identify the needs of children and young adults (3 to 19 years of age) in underserved communities and arrange access to dedicated care. This early, RCM has received pledges for ₱300,000, but the total funding commitment envisioned is ₱4 Million so as to sustainably provide care for these young individuals.

It is earnestly hoped that RCMers would come forward in support of these initiatives so that our beneficiaries will have good reason to smile at a brighter tomorrow. Let's imagine a better future for these young persons, and let's work together to bring it to fruition one smile at a time.



Oral health means overall health!

THE 13TH REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



PAT Marcus Dee acted as the Meeting's Program Moderator/Facilitator.



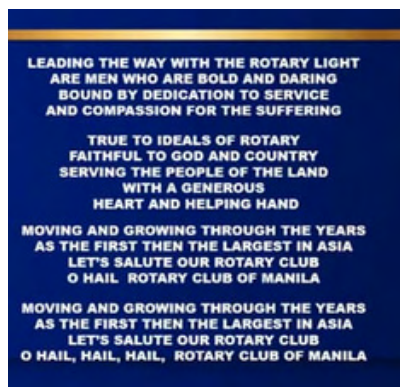
Sounding the bell, **RC Manila Pres. Hermie Esguerra** and **RC Chinatown Manila Pres. Paul Tie** called the joint meeting to order.



Humbly calling upon our loving Father God, **Rtn. JJ Fernandez** 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.

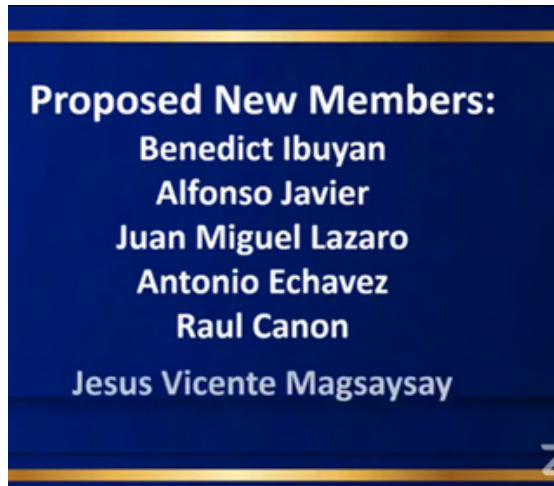


The singing of the **RC Manila Hymn** was led by the **World Famous Music Chorale**.

THE 13TH REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



Pres. Paul L. Tie, RC Chinatown Manila led the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test.



The Moderator acknowledged and introduced the Visiting Guests and Rotarians.



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



The week's birthday celebrants were duly acknowledged, namely **Rtn. Inov Talusan, Rtn. Nico Valencia, Rtn. Ralph Joseph, Rtn. Ronald Martinez, Rtn. Jovee Ong** and **Rtn. Michael Go**. This was followed by the World Famous Music Choral singing the happy birthday song.

THE 13TH REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



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



Rtn. Senen Mangalile introduced the **Guest of Honor and Speaker Hon. Denys Mykhailiuk, Counsellor/Deputy Head Mission of the Embassy of Ukraine in Malaysia.**



Guest of Honor and Speaker Hon. Denys Mykhailiuk delivered an interesting and informative talk.

THE 13TH REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



Important points were further discussed and clarified during the open forum participated by **PE Raffy Alunan**, **IPP Chito Zaldarriaga**, **Rtn. Joel Valdes**, **IPD Amading Valdez**, **BLA Raoul Creencia** and **Rtn. Rami Chahwan**.



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 Hon. Denys Mykhailiuk**, **Counsellor/Deputy Head Mission of the Embassy of Ukraine in Malaysia**.

THE 13TH REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



The singing of the **Philippine Rotary Hymn** again electrified everybody's Rotarian spirit.



RC Manila Pres. Hermie Esguerra and **RC Chinatown Manila Pres. Paul Tie** delivered their closing remarks and adjourned the joint 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)	<u>29 September 2022</u> Honorable Denys Mykhailiuk, Chief of Mission - Embassy of Ukraine in Malaysia
All Members Present	75	130	66	58	63
All Members in virtual FB	0	0	1	1	1
Make Up	3	2	0	1	6
Less: Exempt from Attendance	8	9	6	3	5
On Leave	0	0	0	0	0
Total Active Members	70	123	61	60	65
Total # of Members	231	231	231	230	230
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	30%	53%	26%	26%	28%
ROTARACTORS	0	0	0	0	2
MEDIA	0	0	0	0	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG/DGE	1	0	0	0	0
GOHS / GS	2	0	0	1	3
Visiting Rotarians	0	0	0	15	18
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	1	0	0	9	3
Others	0	0	0	0	0
Total attendees	79	130	66	83	90

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

(As of October 5, 2022, 10:00 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, Artemio "Art"
50	Dela Cruz, Emmanuel

51	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio "Raf"
52	Domingo, Rico V.
53	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.
54	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.
55	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.
56	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"
57	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.
58	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.
59	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.
60	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.
61	Evaristo, Frank A.
62	Everingham, Richard Jack
63	Fajardo, Beda G.
64	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"
65	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.
66	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.
67	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"
68	Garcia, Theodore
69	Garcia, Victor
70	Gaspar, Fernando "Nando" L.
71	Gierran, Dante "Dan"
72	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.
73	Go, Henry Sy
74	Go, Michael
75	Gonzales, Michael Raymond
76	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.
77	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.
78	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.
79	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.
80	Hallerbach, Mathias
81	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt
82	Hernandez, Edwin
83	Hesse, Uwe
84	Hortaleza, Rolando
85	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.
86	Joseph, Ralph L.
87	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.
88	Jucaban, Jeric J.
89	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A. Y.
90	Koh, Paul Anthony
91	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
92	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"
93	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez
94	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.
95	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.
96	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
97	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
98	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
99	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
100	Lim, Richard

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101	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
102	Locsin, Roberto R.
103	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.
104	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.
105	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
106	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
107	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
108	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
109	Magbanua, Gerry
110	Magpale, Jose Paolo
111	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
112	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
113	Mangalile, Senen
114	Martinez, Ronald
115	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
116	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"
117	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
118	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
119	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"
120	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
121	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.
122	Mueller, Klaus
123	Naravannamoorthy, Nantha K.
124	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.
125	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.
126	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.
127	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.
128	Okajima, Hiroyuki
129	Ong, Jovee K.
130	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.
131	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L. "Mike"
132	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
133	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.
134	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"
135	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.
136	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"
137	Patterson, Colin David
138	Payumo, Felicito "Tong" C.
139	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.
140	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.
141	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
142	Pizaras, Jordan M.
143	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.
144	Pujalte, Jose, Jr. "Brix" S.
145	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.
146	Ramos, Claver P.
147	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"
148	Recto, Philip H.
149	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.
150	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.
151	Reynolds, David John "Dave"
152	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean "Sean" H.

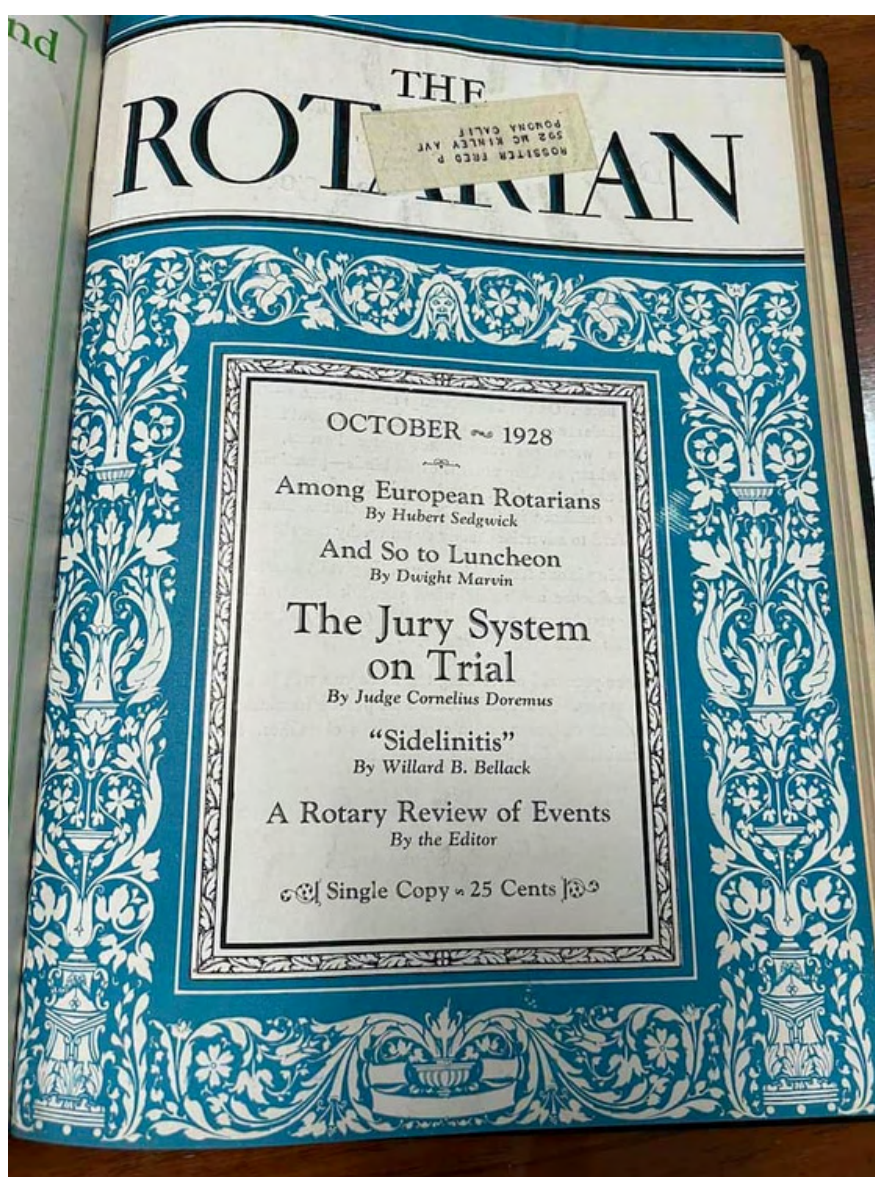
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155	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.
156	Rono, Marlon
157	Roxas, Michael
158	Sarmiento, Ricardo Manuel "Rocco" M.
159	Sarasola, II, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.
160	Schmitz, Steffan
161	Schneider, Bernd
162	Schoucair, Farid Alain
163	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"
164	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.
165	Shigei, Kentaro
166	Shimoda, Shigeru
167	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.
168	Sicat, Michael Allan E. "Mike"
169	So, Warren
170	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.
171	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
172	Souvlakis, Nicolas
173	Stranathan, Ike
174	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.
175	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
176	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
177	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.
178	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
179	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.
180	Tan, John
181	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.
182	Tang, Jimmy T.
183	Tanglao, Noel V.
184	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
185	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.
186	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"
187	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"
188	Uy, Ivan John Enrile "Ivan"
189	Valdes, Joel C.
190	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.
191	Valdez, Jason
192	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.
193	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
194	Vasquez, Evaristo "Junjie"
195	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.
196	Villarica, Henry R.
197	Villegas, Raoul A.
198	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.
199	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.
200	Zalamea, Enrique, Jr. "Rick" M.
201	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.
202	Zeitouni, Nagi
203	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.
204	Zimmer, Christopher

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PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Manila Rotarians Visit OPAPP Sec. Charlie Galvez



PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan accompanied Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee Chair Issam Eldebs to visit Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) Sec. Charlie Galvez on his invitation in a virtual meeting earlier this month. Sec. Galvez will await the draft of the MOA between the Rotary Club of Manila and OPAPP, and is eager to get going.

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Manila Rotarians Meet with DepEd Undersecretaries



Director/PE Raffy Alunan, RCM's Peace and Order Resolution Committee Chair/PD Issam Eldebs and Co-chair SAA Nagi Zeitoubi on Anti-Bullying program met with Department of Education (DepEd) USec and Chief of Staff Epimaco Densing III and USec Gerard Chan to discuss the Peace and Conflict Resolution program and proposed tie-up. Also present in the meeting were VPE/VP Reggie Yu and STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay. Next steps would be to finalize the program brief on anti-bullying for submission along with the draft MOA/MOU to be prepared by BLA Atty. Raoul Creencia.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Shelter Kits for Typhoon Karding Victims



On Monday, October 3, 2022, the Philippine Coast Guard loaded 50 shelter kits onto two trucks at VP Reggie Yu's company premises.



Each shelter kit contains:

- 1 kilo 1-inch cw nails
- 1 kilo 2-inch cw nails
- 6 pcs coco lumber (2x2x8mm)
- 4 pcs plywood (4x4x8mm)
- 1 pc hammer
- 1 pc wood saw
- 4 pcs G.I. corrugated sheets



The shelter kits were distributed to 50 families affected by the typhoon Karding in San Miguel, Bulacan.

RCM Responds to Plight of "Karding" Victims

by VPE/VP Reggie Yu

Last September 26, Super Typhoon Karding lashed parts of Central and Southern Luzon. The farming communities of San Miguel Bulacan, in particular, suffered the worst flooding its residents have seen in recent decades, swamping 49 villages of the town with floodwaters and chest-high murky slop and sewage. It also made headlines after five rescuers died in the area while conducting rescue operations at the height of Super Typhoon Karding's fury.

Quickly responding to the immediate needs of its residents, the Rotary Club of Manila, led by President Herminio "Hermie" Esguerra, expeditiously mobilized its Disaster Relief Committee, chaired by Rotarian Michael Jaey Albaña and co-chaired by Rotarian John Pallasigue, as they packed more than 100 grocery packs, while Vice-President Reginald Yu helped assemble 100 sets of emergency shelter kits to support more than a hundred families affected by the storm's impact.

On October 4, with the invaluable assistance of the seasoned men from the Philippine Coast Guard, led by Sea Marshall Group Commander Rosendo Abinoja III and Ensign Jhonalyn Cachuela of the Maritime Security and Law Enforcement Command, we delivered two truckloads of construction materials consisting of plywood, coco lumber, galvanized iron sheets, hammers, aluminum nails, hand saws, and single-layer modular relief tents equipped with blankets to the newly-constructed San Miguel gymnasium, where almost a thousand residents were eagerly awaiting the much-needed aid.



Delighted to be helping the gallant members of the Philippine Coast Guard, as we lug the long and graded pieces of coco lumber from the flatbed, 10-wheeler trucks into the receiving area intended for the Super Typhoon "Karding" victims of San Miguel Bulacan.



Grateful to have played a small part in alleviating the lives of the countless victims of Super Typhoon "Karding" through the Rotary Club of Manila, as almost a thousand residents of San Miguel, Bulacan eagerly await for relief items donated by generous sponsors.

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The short turnover program was graced by San Miguel Mayor Roderick DG. Tiongson, Vice Mayor John "Bong" A. Alvarez, Bulacan's 3rd Congressional District House Representative Lorna Silverio, Bulacan Provincial Police Office PLTCOL Relly Arnedo, and PNP San Miguel Municipal Police Station Chief PLTCOL Romualdo Andres.

Special thanks go to Manila Rotarians Aries Balanay, Teddy Tee, Mike Roxas and Inov Talusan for their invaluable assistance during this impactful community development undertaking.

Indeed, the Rotary Club of Manila has once again demonstrated that, while individual efforts focus on individual needs, combined efforts serve humanity. The power of concerted efforts knows no limitation, multiplies resources, and broadens lives and perspectives; and selfless service leads to tolerance and transcends racial, national, and other boundaries.



The intrepid Disaster Relief Committee of the Rotary Club of Manila eagerly assists the Philippine Coast Guard to distributing relief goods to the Super Typhoon "Karding" victims of San Miguel, Bulacan.



President Herminio "Hermie" Esguerra of the Rotary Club of Manila proudly displays the especially-designed emergency modular tent to San Miguel Mayor Roderick DG. Tiongson and Bulacan 3rd District Congresswoman Lorna Silverio. Looking on is RCM Disaster Relief Committee Chairman Michael Jaey Albaña.

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The Rotary Club of Manila, led by President Herminio "Hermie" Esguerra, pose for the cameras as they sign a memorandum of understanding with the Municipal Government of San Miguel, Bulacan on its pledge to continually help the people of the area.



The Rotary Club of Manila, led by President Herminio "Hermie" Esguerra receives a plaque of appreciation from the Municipality of San Miguel, Bulacan, for their invaluable efforts to provide emergency relief goods to the victims of Super Typhoon "Karding."

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President Herminio "Hermie" Esguerra flashes a wide grin, as he receives a plaque of appreciation from the Municipality of San Miguel, Bulacan, represented by Mayor Roderick DG. Tiongson and 3rd District Congresswoman Lorna Silverio.



San Miguel Bulacan Mayor Roderick DG. Tiongson extolls the members of the Rotary Club of Manila for their timely support and assistance to the victims of Super Typhoon "Karding."

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

WASH Project



BLA Raoul Creencia, Chairman of the WASH Committee, together with Chairman Junjie Vazquez (Save Manila Bay / Pasig River Committee) met with Mrs. Glenda D. Tabaquirao and Mr. Renato Robles. Mrs. Tabaquirao is the Principal of Villamor Airbase Elementary School and President of PESPA (Public Elementary Schools Principals' Association - Pasay City), while Mr. Robles is the President of the PTA Federation of Pasay City. Discussed during the meeting was RCM's Wash Project, which is the provision of washing stations inside the elementary school campus and other schools in Pasay City.

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Inspecting the potential site of RCM's washing stations at the elementary school



The 100 basins donated by the Rotary Club of Manila

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

WASH Project



Another meeting and inspection was done in Pasay City South High School. Principal Emily Tolentino warmly received the two Manila Rotarians.

COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH

Creating Philippines Oral Health One Smile at a Time



90% of the 110 million population of the Philippines never sees a dentist. As a result, the Philippines has the **highest prevalence for dental decay (caries)** among Asia-Pacific nations.

While elsewhere around the globe, the index for diseased, missing, and filled teeth (DMFT) is 1.2 - 1.5, the DMFT for the Philippines is 9.7 - 13.6.

The Rotary Club of Manila is committed to the identification and support of the oral health conditions and needs of children and young adults (aged 3 - 19 years of age) in underserved communities together with arranging access to dedicated care.

RCM has received pledges for **₱ 300,000** and is committed to raising **₱ 4 million** in an effort to provide for these young individuals. And, we earnestly ask each of you to join with us in these fundraising efforts.

Besides raising funds for indigent children in the **Smokey Mountain District of Tondo** in Manila, we will also be supporting a **"Christmas Toy and Food Drive"** for over 150 children and families. We will be looking for toy and food donations as well.



Let us significantly impact the health of each of these children while giving them a future they can truly smile about! Please join us and support our Community Oral Health programs!

SENIORS HOPE EXPO 2022 *A Sunny Day at Paraiso*

by Rtn. Tony Meloto

To all our remarkable friends and family, thank you for making the first-in-the world Seniors Hope Expo last October 1 at Paraiso Village Farm magical and miraculous.

The first miracle was the perfect sunny weather after weeks of heavy rain. Many eggs and prayers were offered - lots of eggs, San Jose being the egg basket of the Philippines.

The magic was the infectious joy and awe that captivated over a thousand Seniors - rich and poor alike - who enjoyed the best in Filipino culture and cuisine.

They feasted on kurobota steak from Lipa, Balayan lechon and lechon *baka* from Sta Teresita, Ibaan *lomi*, Tanauan *sinaing na tulingan* and San Jose's *sotanghon pancit*.

They drank to their heart's content Ralph's wine and corona beer. It was a unique experience for the less privileged elderly who never drank Corona beer or wine in their life. And extremely generous of Ralph Joseph to have an open bar for everyone with his expensive drinks.

Ateneo College '71 came early and positioned themselves in the grazing table tent next to the bar with their own brand of drinks and a wide array of *pulutan*. This band of men for others were particularly gratified to see that this program they supported on their Golden Jubilee year has grown wings.

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Rotary Club of Manila, Rotary Club of Pasig and Rotary Club of Muntinlupa came in full force and interacted with many other guests they knew or newly met. The Muntinlupa team was busy all day giving away 300 reading glasses to those in need.

Many stayed for the Ball and danced with abandon to the music of Spirit of '67 and Heart and Soul bands as they did years ago when their limbs and back were stronger. Star power was added with Senator Tito Sotto, Cory Quirino, Christopher de Leon and Melissa de Leon Joseph who made our Seniors happy with their inspiring messages and songs. And graciously posing for the endless selfies.

Two were recognised that night as the Most Inspiring Batangueños of the Year.

Governor Dodo Mandanas for being the most Outstanding Senior in Public Service, who at 78 years old, has spent the last 18 years of his life significantly in the service of his province.

Antero Javier was recognised as a Most Inspiring Batangueño in Family and Business, being a pioneer in the bread business in a town that is known as the home of the bakers of the Philippines. A spright 84 years old and a devoted husband for 60 years, he raised seven children with college degrees and now has vast property holdings in his hometown in Cuenca and Manila. Despite his means, he has not left Cuenca as his home.



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The highlight of the evening was the *Bobby Joseph Award* given to the Most Outstanding Town with the best sustainable programs for the Senior Citizens as shown by their exhibits and the testimony of their members.

Eighteen Batangas towns and cities enthusiastically participated, twelve of them showcased the best products of their Senior Citizens. The booths were truly amazing in their creativity and the labor of love that went into it. The Seniors of Sta Teresita took three days of daily painstaking toil to create the *bahay kubo* display of the *kaong* products of their Seniors. The Talisay team brought 500 fruit bearing calamansi pots which were all sold out. Taal had a display of their handcrafted *jusi* and did a demo of how they made their *balisong*.

But a winner had to be chosen by a team of unbiased judges.

And Bauan won first place with a P50,000 prize. It was a tight race as many others were equally deserving.

There was no lull moment during the entire day for the crowd that had many choices of competitions, games or business and beauty sessions to participate, attend or watch.

The talent competition in dancing, singing and cultural presentation kept the big crowd enthralled as only the best was sent from their towns. It was the same for the cooking competition- the culinary judges had their fill of the best *caldereta*, *sinaing*, *bulalo* and *lomi*.

The forum on Seniors in Business conducted by Airspeed, Women's Business Council of the Philippines and DTI was well attended and appreciated.

The make-over session in the Ageless Beauty Forum showed how Seniors can look 20 years younger with the proper make-up and attire.

And the games brought out the youth in the elderly - excitedly searching for eggs among the trees or shrieking girlishly while playing human bingo. The men had fun at the TomaKing competition which tested their ability to guess their drinks - coke, beer, wine, brandy, whiskey and gin. There was also a noisy bunch

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at the *Malagkit* Queen competition to determine who could guess the right suman or *malagkit* dessert.

It was truly a day of grace.

There was overflowing generosity from our host town San Jose and host province Batangas. Mayor Ben Patron came with his entire council and Governor Dodo Mandanas who was in LA instructed his office to provide all the necessary help for this unique first in the world event for Seniors.



There was overflowing kindness from everyone. People shared food and table with new acquaintances and rekindled ties with old friends. The smile on everyone's face added to the sunny atmosphere.



And it was a day of miracles.

Our army of heroic volunteers endured and persevered to the end. The kinks along the way seemed petty when one is part of God's marvelous spectacle. And they were still around to wash the dishes and collect all the trash after everyone had left.



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There was a sad note that came to us that morning from Judy Tan. Yet it did not dampen our spirit believing that God will spare her from harm.

A passionate supporter of the Expo, she was excitedly on her way with friends to Paraiso to celebrate her birthday when her driver suddenly suffered a heart attack and lost control of the van along Star tollway. It miraculously skidded to the side without being hit by other speeding vehicles and went down on the ditch. They three ladies were spared but they lost Patrick, her devoted driver for 18 years. We offered the Mass at the Expo for the repose of his soul and for the healing of Judy and her friends from the trauma of the accident.

As I thank all our volunteers, benefactors, participants, speakers and guests for making the Seniors Hope Expo truly a celebration of joy, I also want to apologise for our shortcomings. Everything was done out of love, and God did the rest.

In closing, I want to thank you all for your prayers for my quick recovery from extreme fatigue and the onset of pneumonia. I was spared from hospitalization when I tested negative for Covid.

Moving forward, the next big event for Seniors Faith Club is December 8. It will be the SENIORS FAITH EXPO at Batangas Lakelands in the rolling hills of Balete.



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RECEIVES AWARD

RCM Recognized as the Biggest Club in Zone 10A



The Rotary Club of Manila was recognized as the Biggest Club in Zone 10A, Philippines during the Membership Growth and Development Recognition and Awarding Ceremony for Rotary year 2021-2022. The ceremony was held on September 29, 2022 at the Quezon City Sports Club.

The MOPC President's Night



The most popular gathering in the Manila Overseas Press Club (MOPC) is the President's Night. This started during President Ramon Magsaysay's time.

In Magsaysay's time, the mix of the MOPC membership was predominantly American and history recorded the fact that Magsaysay was quite supportive of the Americans. It was surmised that Sternberg and other U.S. Embassy officials made up one of Magsaysay's circles which wielded a great deal of influence on his decisions and policy pronouncements.

The President's Night was perceived to be the second State-of-the-Nation-Address. It was during this event where the head of state rendered his own appraisal of the country's economic, political, and social situation. Here, past presidents like Magsaysay, Garcia, Macapagal, Marcos, Aquino, Ramos, Estrada and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo announced their decisions and strategies, their policy pronouncements and their own assessment of the consequences of these decisions.

Although the government would often receive criticism and attacks from the various members of the press, The President's Night was still seen as a welcome opportunity for the top echelons of the different government offices to "test the waters," to get a dose of how the rest of the nation would react to their pronouncements.

The MOPC President's Night



Manila Rotarians attended the MOPC President's Night

PDG Obet Pagdanganan is Guest Speaker at the Philippine Generics Summit



PDG Obet Pagdanganan, Chairman of Medicine Transparency Alliance (Phils.), was speaker at the Department of Health's Philippine Generics Summit held on September 28, 2022 at the Manila Hotel. He talked about "*Business Ethics and Transparency in the Biopharmaceutical Sector Interactions*".



Rtn. Jed Dayang Attends Ankara International Rotary Club's Membership Meeting



Rtn. Jed Dayang attended the membership meeting of Ankara International Rotary Club last Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

SDG/SAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday Attends Rotary District 3810 Executive Committee Meeting



SDG/SAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday attended the Executive Committee (EXECOM) Meeting of Rotary District 3810 last October 5, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform.

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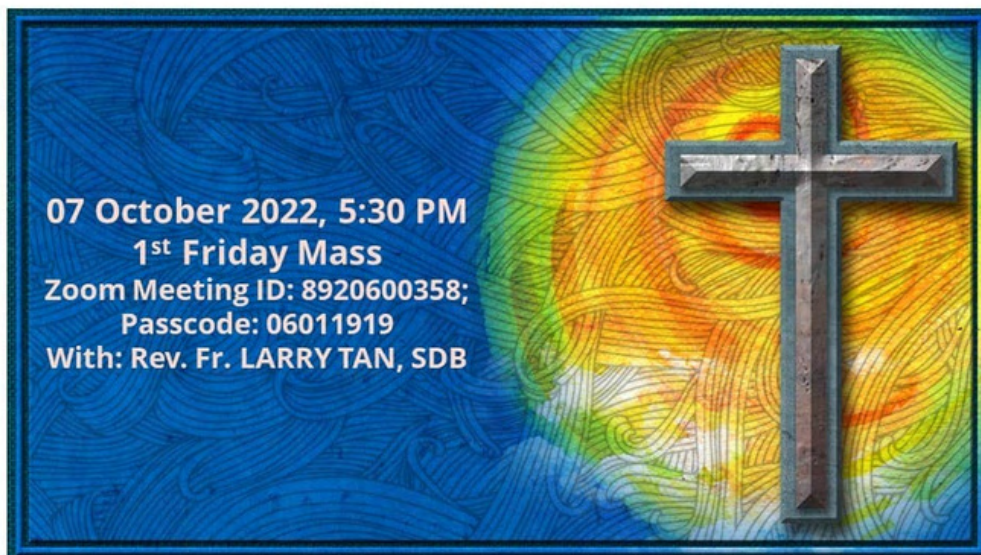
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