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A Rotarian's journey is not always sweet, easy, and dandy. In one's pursuit of true service above self, there will always be challenges, obstacles, difficulties, and unexpected twists. But whenever the road becomes rocky and bumpy, an irrepressible Rotary Club always continues to roll and forge ahead – with renewed conviction and unrelenting faith. This year, the Rotary Club of Manila, the resilient first club in Asia, celebrates the Christmas season with a rock-and-roll themed party. Let us all rock as we continue to roll!



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CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP 2022



Rotary Year 2022-2023

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Venue: The Salvatore, Roof Deck, Pacific Star Bldg,
Senator Gil Puyat Avenue corner Makati Avenue, Makati City

Hosts of the Event: ELLA ZY AND RTN. ANTON MAURICIO

Program Timetable

4:30 PM Registration

5:00 PM Program Highlight

Hosts: Ella Zy and Rtn. Anton Mauricio

Part I Invocation and Special Prayers

5:30 PM Philippine National Anthem

Philippine Rotary Hymn

The Four (4) Way Test

Rtn. Carlos "Caloy" Serapio

AVP of RCM Members

Live RCM Music Chorale

Rtn. Rami Chahwan

RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week

December 2	PP Ed Reyes STAR Rtn. Raul Canon
December 3	Treas. Karlo Castro
December 5	STAR Rtn. Christopher Zimmer
December 8	Dir. Jujut Enriquez PD Alvin Lacambacal
December 9	Rtn. Manny Blanco
December 10	STAR Rtn. Arvic Arik Carranceja
December 12	VP Reginald Yu
December 13	PDG Alex Cureg
December 16	Rtn. Phil Ong
December 17	Rtn. Ave Cruz
December 18	BLA Raoul Creencia PP Frank Evaristo

December 19	Rtn. Joshua Aragon Rtn. MoMo Mommaerts Rtn. Mon Quisumbing
December 22	Rtn. Rod Valencia
December 26	Rtn. Joe De Venecia Rtn. Sebastian Lacson
December 27	PP Boy Guevarra Rtn. Bob Sobrepeña
December 28	Rtn. Joey Syjuco Rtn. Gani Macatoman
December 29	PSAA Dave Reynolds
December 30	Rtn. Bon Li Rtn. Shigeru Shimoda

Maligayang Bati/Happy Birthday Song

Live RCM Music Chorale



CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP 2022



6:00 PM DINNER WHILE BEING ENTERTAINED BY THE BAND

7:00 PM President's Time **President Herminio S. Esguerra**

7:10 PM Common song (*Holding Hands Together*) **Band**

Part II

Entertainment Song Number

Entertainment Games/Raffle

Band Entertainment

Manila Rotary Hymn

AVP of RCM Members

Entertainment – EXCHANGE GIFTS

GRAND RAFFLE PRIZE

Response and Meeting Adjournment

President Herminio S. Esguerra



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Dear fellow Manila Rotarians,

I am grateful to all of you who attended our Christmas fellowship last night. It was such a pleasure to spend time together, celebrating the joy of this festive season.



Christmas serves as a beautiful reminder of the joy, peace and hope that we can bring to our world if we choose to live with kindness and compassion. This season is an opportunity for us all to come together in unity, striving towards creating a better future for everyone. As members of the Rotary Club of Manila, we have been working tirelessly to bring about positive change in our community through meaningful service projects and initiatives. Our efforts have brought joy and hope to countless individuals and communities, and I am proud of everything we have achieved so far as an organization.

This Christmas season is also a beautiful opportunity to both give and receive love, which is why I'm thankful to everyone who took part in our activities. As you spend time with those dear to your heart during the holiday break, take some moments to reflect on all that you have achieved this year – and not only that – use the start of 2023 as an incentive for setting new goals.

For the remaining six months of RY 2022-2023, we will continue working on several projects that will have a positive impact in our community. Thank you again for being dedicated members who care about giving back.

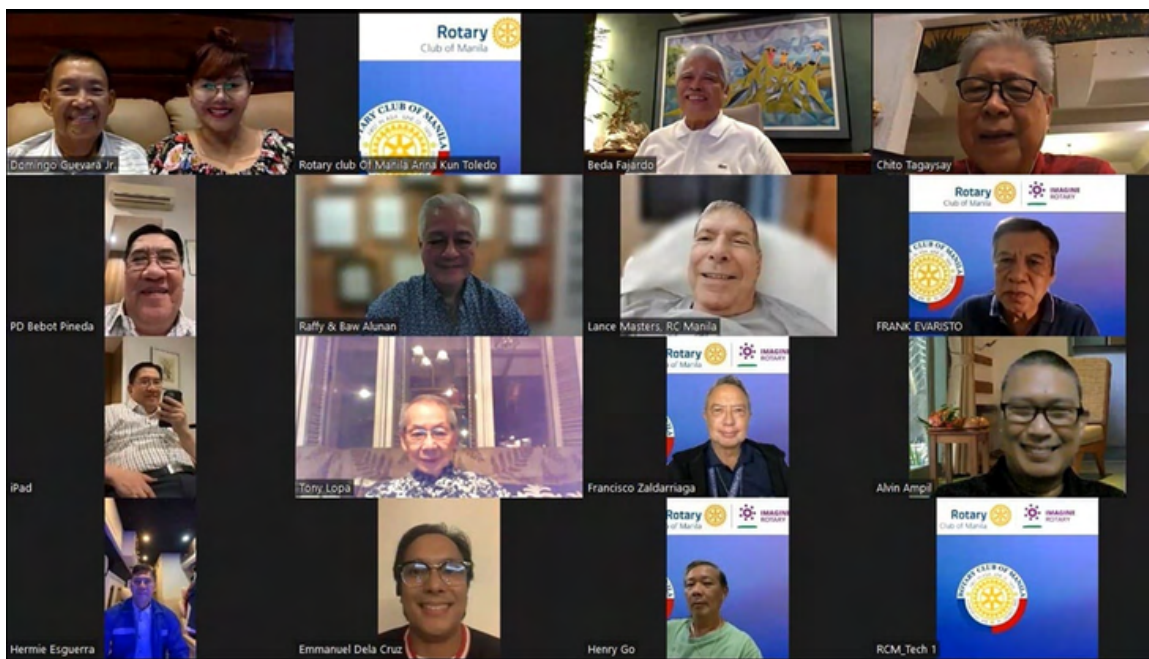
Meanwhile, here's a brief look at the events, meetings, and activities I attended the past week.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

First Friday Mass for December 2022

2 December 2022

I attended the First Friday Mass which was held via Zoom. Other Manila Rotarians who attended were PP Boy and Monette Guevara (Commentator), IPP Chito Zaldarriaga, PE/ Dir. Raffy Alunan (led the Prayer of the Faithful), PP Frank Evaristo, PVP Lance Masters, PD Beda Fajardo (reader of First Reading & Responsorial Psalm, PD Bebot Pineda (led the Prayer Oratio Imperata), PT Chito Tagaysay (led the Prayer for Spiritual Communion), PAS Henry Go, PDSAA Tony Lopa, Rtn. Alvin Ampil, Rtn. Senen Mangalile and STAR Rtn. Emman dela Cruz.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Governor's Visit and Club Christmas Party of the Rotary Club of Raha Sulayman

5 December 2022, 6:00 p.m. to 10: p.m.

I went to the Governor's Visit and Christmas Party of the Rotary Club of Raha Sulayman at YMCA Manila. The Rotary Club of Raha Sulayman is RC Manila's daughter club.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY



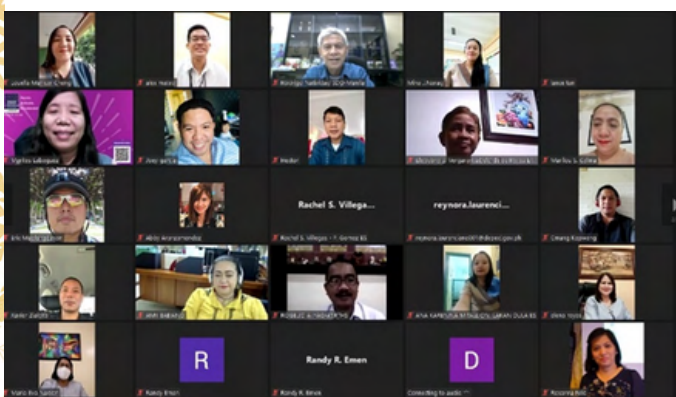
With City of Manila Vice Mayor Yul Servo. I discussed with him the lease extension of our RCM office in Manila. He promised to take it up with Mayor Honey Lacuna and the City Council.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Meeting with the Participating Schools for the Approved Global Grant GG#2344386 Rotary Vision Care

6 December 2022

We had a virtual meeting with the participating schools of the Department of Education for the approved Global Grant GG#2344386 Rotary Vision Care. With me representing RCM were Grant Chair Aries Balanay, Dir. Albert Alday, Interact Chairman Rtn. Lance Tan and Co-Chairman Rtn. Joey Garcia, Earlyact Chair Rtn. Xavy Zialcita and Star Rtn. Paul Koh.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Recognition from DENR-PRCMO

6 December 2022

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Manila, I was happy to receive the Plaque of Recognition from Dr. Joan A. Lagunda, MNSA, Assistant Secretary for Administration and Legislative Affairs and Concurrent OIC Executive Director of Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY



Rtn. Aries B. Balanay, Rtn. Arvin Arik B. Carranceja and Rtn. Lance Tan were with me at the awarding ceremony held at The Heritage Hotel Manila.



DENR-PRCMO recognized RCM's "extraordinary efforts and exceptional contributions towards the realization of our mission to rehabilitate and sustainably develop the Pasig River System conducive for the propagation of aquatic resources, transportation, and tourism for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations."

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Meeting of Christmas Fellowship Committee

7 December 2022 9:00 a.m.

I joined the Christmas Fellowship Committee meeting yesterday, December 7, 2022 via Zoom to finalize the program details. Dir. Jujut Enriquez, Rtn. Rami Chahwan, EA Amy Babiano and ES Anna Kun Toledo were also in the meeting.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

RCM Christmas Party 2022

8 December 2022

As father of the Rotary Club of Manila family, I provided financial gifts to all regular and outsourced team members of RCM Secretariat.



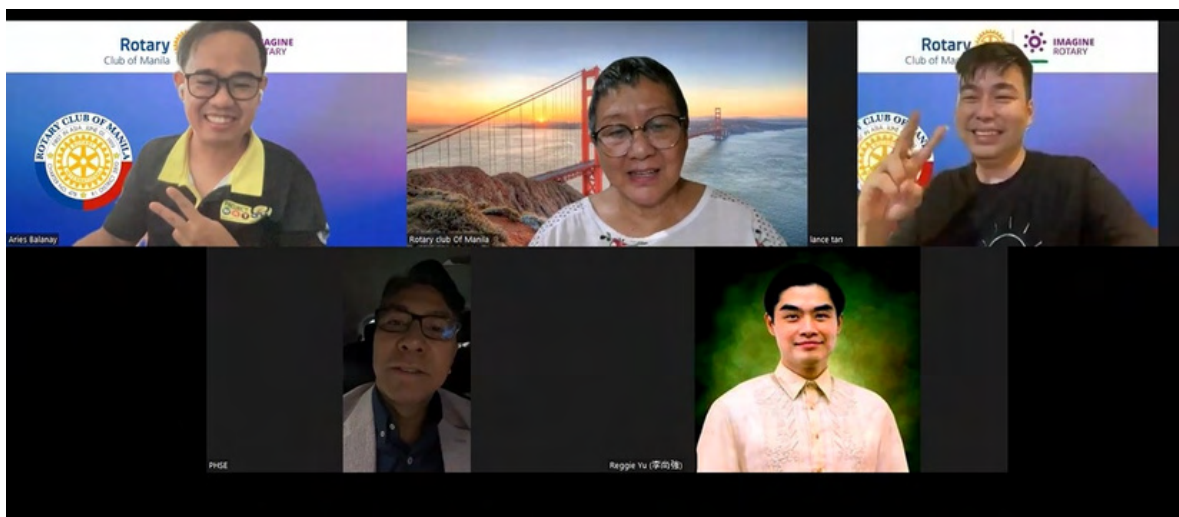
PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Meeting to Prepare for the Press Conference to Announce the Implementation of Global Grant # 2344386 Rotary Vision Care

9 December 2022

We had a meeting yesterday to prepare for the press conference to announce to the community the forthcoming implementation of Global Grant # 2344386 Rotary Vision Care for the school children and youth of the 15 government schools in Manila. With me at the meeting were Dir. Albert Alday, Grant Chair Aries Balanay, Interact Chairman Lance Tan and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

The press conference will be held on Wednesday, December 14 at Lakbay Museo, Ayala Malls Manila Bay, Macapagal Boulevard, Parañaque City.



Thank you, my dear RCMers, for being a part of the Rotary Club of Manila. Your commitment to deliver Service Above Self has made a positive impact in our community.

I wish you all a Meaningful Christmas and a Happy New Year. May this festive season bring joy and cheer in your life, as well as peace and love in our world.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Pres. Hermie Esguerra

EDITOR'S NOTE

Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, *balita*

Rock 'n' Roll. The Fellowship Committee has fittingly adopted the theme "Rock 'n' Roll" for this year's RCM Christmas party --- the Club's first face-to-face Christmas gathering since the pandemic.

We know that the term rock 'n' roll, which is derived from the more literal "rocking and rolling", has been used by 17th-century sailors to describe the motion of a ship on the sea. In our journey as Rotarians, we are sometimes buffeted by waves brought about by the challenges and hurdles while pursuing our advocacies. But we plow ahead. We sail on. We soldier on.

By the 1920s, the term "rock and roll" had become a popular metaphor for either dancing or sex. But, in the 1950s, a Cleveland, Ohio disc jockey named Alan Freed played a major role in popularizing the name rock and roll and promoting the music. He had a radio show on WJW (850 AM) called 'The Rock and Roll Session' where he played an eclectic mix of R&B, blues, gospel, boogie woogie, rockabilly and Country and Western music. DJ Alan Freed thus started using the term to describe the type of hyped-up country music infused with the primal urgency of rhythm and blues. With this, the sexual component of the term was toned down enough that it eventually became an acceptable term for dancing. Steve Proppes and Jim Dawson in their book "What Was the First Rock 'n' Roll Record?" credit Alan Freed with using his groundbreaking radio show to popularize the term rock 'n' roll all over the United States.



"Rock and roll", according to journalist Greg Kot, refers to a style of popular music originating in the United States in the 1950s. By the mid-1960s, rock and roll had developed into "the more encompassing international style known as rock music, though the latter also continued to be known in many circles as rock and roll."

Interestingly, the two words "rock" and "roll", taken separately, have their own unique and special meanings. On the one hand, *Rock* is derived from the Old English *roccain*, related to the Old Nordic *rykkja* meaning, "to pull, tear, move." The earliest recorded use of the term in literature can be found in the lullaby "Rock-a-bye Baby" from 1805. Today, when one says "You rock!", that person is using a slang phrase or encouragement conveying "You're awesome (at something)" or "You can do it!" So yes, the RCM Christmas Party is meant to reiterate the fact that we all rock! RCMers rock!

Whenever one changes the life of another, or make somebody's world much better, the grateful beneficiary would sometimes use the expression: "you rock my world!" Hence our Christmas party theme actually underscores the RCM's on-going mission, which is to rock the world of the marginalized with our impactful and unique brand of service above self.

The word 'Roll', on the other hand, is derived from the Latin *rotula* meaning, "small wheel", diminutive of *rota* "wheel." In fine, let us all celebrate this season through our unrelenting effort to continue making our Rotary wheel rock!

To my brothers in the Rotary Club of Manila: may we all have a meaningful Christmas and a faith-filled brand new year ahead!

FROM DISTANT SHORES

Rtn. Senen T. Mangalile
Managing Editor, balita



All I Want for Christmas is....

Whenever the Yuletide season begins, memories of a special Christmas come rushing into my mind.

It was the late 70's and I was an impish, rambunctious and ravishingly cute second grader. Youngest in a brood of five and pampered by doting aunts, I was used to having my way most of the time. Although we were not rich, my parents ensured that we had a comfortable home and that we grew up with all that is essential, plus the occasional indulgences that a youngster would require. In that age, mine were Matchbox and Tonka model cars, Lego bricks, a Crayola set with all available colors, and loads of marbles. I was even persuasive enough (makulit, in other words) to convince my mother to buy me a sleek lunch box, even though I ate my lunch at home (we lived right across the school gate, and it was the 70's after all).

But one thing I didn't have at the time, which I really really craved for, was a pair of long pants. You see, my parents thought my legs were cute, and so whenever they bought me new clothes, it would always include a pair of shorts, never trousers. New polo shirt for a school program, new barong Tagalog for Recognition Day, new Boy Scouts v-necked top – all of them came with short pants. Even my first communion gala uniform included a pair of white shorts starched so stiff it could stand on its own.

And so a few days before Christmas, I poured my heart out to old St. Nick as I wrote him my annual request letter. I promised him that I would be a good boy – would stop complaining when asked to feed the dogs and take out the trash, would sweep the yard without being asked, and would cheerfully run errands for my sisters without complaining – if I were to get my first pair of long pants in time for the Christmas morning Holy Mass.

As always, I entrusted the letter to my mother and asked her to send it to Santa the fastest possible way. I had observed that whenever I did that, somehow the information reached Santa's ears and I got what I asked or something that approximated it.



I had a gargantuan problem: my parents thought my legs were cute.

FROM DISTANT SHORES

The morning of December 24th, I woke up to find a neatly wrapped present at my bedside. It had a note from Santa reminding me to do as I promised and to let my mother know if his present did fit me. It was almost anti-climactic when I tore open the wrapper, but what a joy it was to have received my very first trousers in all its bell-bottomed, double-knit glory. Hallelujah!

When I excitedly put my new trousers on, a problem instantly became apparent – the legs were too long by about two inches. But that didn't dampen my spirit, it was nothing a fast alteration job could not fix. I excitedly ran to my favorite aunt next door who happened to be the best seamstress in our side of town. I asked her to reduce the trousers' length by two inches. Sorry dear, she said, she's up to her neck with rush jobs and could not spare the time. Undaunted, I hastened back home to ask my mother to be the one to fix it. But with all the preparations for the *noche buena* and a thousand other things to do, she shooed me away and curtly said she'd do it later. Feeling a creeping sense of desperation, I sought my sister's help, explaining that she only needed to cut two inches off my trouser legs and they will be fine. She said it was not as simple as I thought it would be, and that she would deal with it later.

Weak with anguish, dispirited by disappointment, and feeling terribly let down, I lay down on my bed sulking. I refused to join the family for lunch, even shed a few tears I believe, and eventually fell asleep clutching my precious trousers as I did.



It was then that my dear aunt had a change of heart. She paused from her rush jobs long enough to fetch my pants and cut away the offending three inches of fabric. She then proceeded to sew the edges professionally such that nobody would notice the alteration that was done. She folded the trousers and placed it on my bed as I slept.

Soon after, my mother came and took my trousers. Knowing how much the pair of pants meant to me, she felt guilty that she did not prioritize me and proceeded to snip away three inches from each leg. She followed it with her signature whip stitch and proceeded to iron the hems such that the alteration was not obvious. Returning the pants on my bed, she happily went back to the kitchen and her preparations.

After my mother was done, my sister came through as she promised. Swiftly and with the skill learned from hours of Home Economics classes, she reduced my trousers' legs by two inches and fixed the hem in a manner that would give her teachers immense pride. Placing the finished product on my bed, she swore to have been the first to sense that something had gone horribly wrong.

So there I was on Christmas morning, looking at my reflection in the mirror. I saw a cute boy with an impish smile wearing an immaculate white shirt, crimson suspenders, woolen socks, shiny leather shoes, and a pair of pants too short to be called trousers and too long to be called shorts.

But the smile never left my face. After all, I was wearing something much more than the usual short pants – an upgrade indeed. Soon enough, I thought, I'd get what I want. It might take until the next Christmas, but I was getting there.

(An excerpt from the original article which appeared in the December 1994 issue of Publics, PNB's corporate magazine.)

22ND REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



RCM's 22th Regular Meeting, which was jointly held with the RC Makati Central, had **Rtn. Teddy Kalaw** as Program Moderator/ Facilitator.



Sounding the bell, **RCM Pres. Hermie Esguerra** and **RC Makati Central Pres. Michael Chua** called the joint meeting to order.



The attendees were treated to a **video presentation** of **RI President Jennifer Jones'** classification talk.



Humbly calling upon our loving Father God, **Rtn. Alvin Ampil** 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.

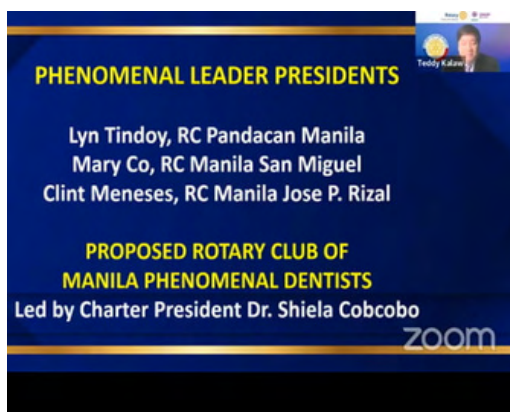
22ND REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



STAR Rtn. Miguel Lazaro led the recitation of the Four-Way Test.



The **Philippine Rotary Hymn** was sung by the attendees, aided by a captivating **audiovisual presentation**.



The Moderator acknowledged and introduced the Visiting Guests and Rotarians.



The **World Famous Chorale**, through a recording, led the singing of the **Welcome Song** to the delight of the guests and visitors.



The week's birthday celebrants were duly acknowledged, namely **PDG Vince Carlos**, **Rtn. Ricky Laurel**, **Dir. Tony Lopez**, **STAR Rtn. Nantha Kumar Narayanamoorthy** and **PP Teddy Ocampo**. This was followed by the **World Famous Music Chorale** singing the happy birthday song.

22ND REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



RCM Pres. Hermie Esguerra delivered his president's time. He highlighted the numerous activities undertaken by RCM in the previous week.



RC Makati Central Mike Chua delivered his president's time.



As proposer, **Rtn. Anton Mauricio** introduced the new Manila Rotarian, **Mr. Avelino "Billy" Andal**.

Rtn. Teddy Kalaw for the introduction of **Mr. Oliver Biltz**, proposed by **PP Frank Evaristo**.



22ND REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP

PDG Obet Pagdanganan, as proposer, introduced a new RCM member, **Mr. D. Edgard A. Cabangon**.



Rtn. Teddy Kalaw introduced new Rotarian, **Atty. Raul Canon**, who was invited by co proposers **Rtn. Raji Mendoza** and **Dir. Hans Palacios**.

As proposer, **VP Reggie Yu** introduced new RMCer, **Mr. Arvin Arik B. Carranceja**, who was co-proposed by **Dir. Albert Alday**.



22ND REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



PDG Obet Pagdanganan conveyed a powerful and inspiring message for the charging of the new members.



Pres. Hermie Esguerra led the induction of the new members.



Rtn. Senen Mangalile introduced the **Guest of Honor and Speaker, Atty. Jose "Joey" Lina**, Former Philippine Senator, and currently President, The Manila Hotel, and President, MH F&B Ideas.

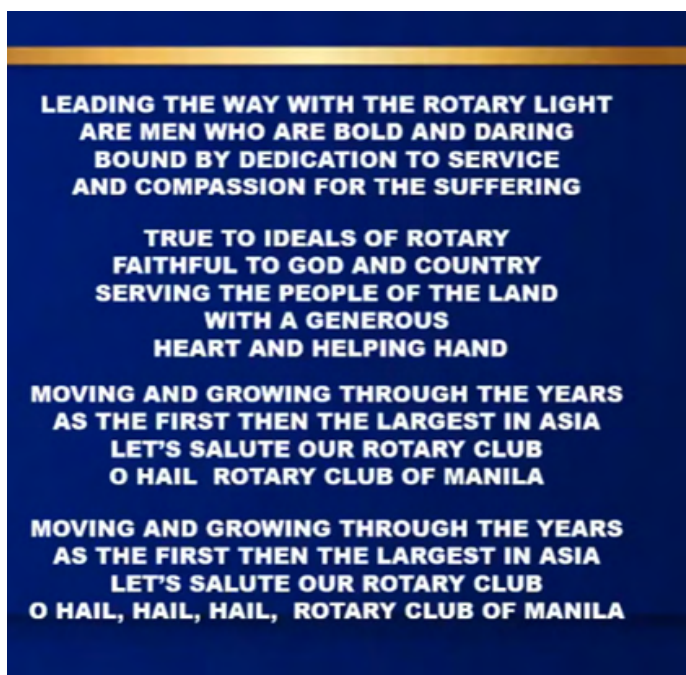


Guest of Honor and Speaker Atty. Jose "Joey" Lina delivered his speech.

22ND REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



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 Atty. Jose "Joey" Lina, Former Philippine Senator, President, The Manila Hotel, President, MH F&B Ideas.

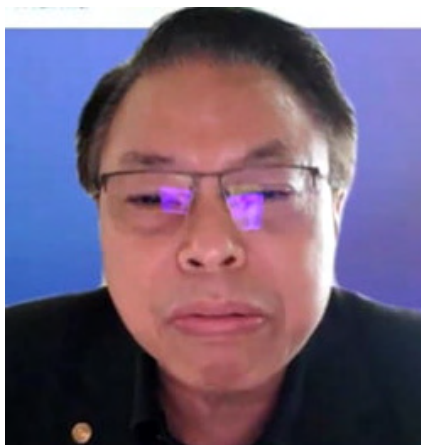


The World Famous Music Choral, through an Audiovisual Presentation, led the singing of the RC Manila Hymn.

22ND REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



RC Makati West Pres. Mike Chua and **RCM VP Reggie Yu** delivered their closing remarks and adjourned the meeting.



After the adjournment, the Guest Speaker stayed on to respond to additional questions during the extended open forum participated by **Rtn. Joel Valdes** and **Rtn. Teddy Kalaw**.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2022-2023

December 2022	<u>01 December 2022</u> Atty. Jose "Joey" Lina Former Philippine Senator; President, Manila Hotel & MH F&B Ideas
All Members Present	53
All Members in virtual FB	0
Make Up	11
Less: Exempt from Attendance	4
On Leave	0
Total Active Members	60
Total # of Members	235
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	26%
ROTARACTORS	0
MEDIA	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG/DGE	1
GOHS / GS	1
Visiting Rotarians	43
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	0
others	0
total attendees	98

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of December 7, 2022, 12:00 PM)

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	Canon, Raul
29	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
30	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
31	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
32	Carranceja, Arvin Arik
33	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
34	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
35	Cenica, John T.
36	Chahwan, Rami
37	Chotrani, Johnny N.
38	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.
39	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
40	Creencia, Raoul
41	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.
42	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
43	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
44	David, Virgilio "Vee"
45	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
46	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.
47	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.
48	Dee, Marcus L.
49	Del Rosario, Oscar
50	Del Valle, Randolph "Randy"

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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

101	Lazaro, Juan Miguel "Miguel"
102	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.
103	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
104	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
105	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
106	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
107	Lim, Richard
108	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
109	Locsin, Roberto R.
110	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.
111	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.
112	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
113	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
114	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
115	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
116	Magbanua, Gerry
117	Magpale, Jose Paolo
118	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
119	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
120	Mangalile, Senen
121	Martinez, Ronald
122	Masters, Lance A.
123	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
124	Mauricio, Antonio "Anton"
125	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
126	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
127	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"
128	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
129	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.
130	Mueller, Klaus
131	Naravannamoorthy, Nantha K.
132	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.
133	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.
134	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.
135	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.
136	Okajima, Hiroyuki
137	Ong, Jovee K.
138	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.
139	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L. "Mike"
140	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
141	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.
142	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"
143	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.
144	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"
145	Patterson, Colin David
146	Payumo, Felicito "Tong" C.
147	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.
148	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.
149	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
150	Pizarra, Jordan M.
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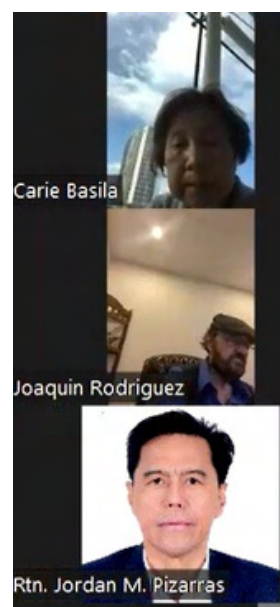
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RCMANILA FOUNDATION INC.

RCManila Foundation Inc. Holds a Special Board Meeting

RCManila Foundation Inc. convened a special board meeting last Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at the Boardroom of Tranzen, 5th floor Pacific Star Building in Makati City.

Members present during the meeting were Chairman/PD Pepo Nuñez, President/PT Lito Sibayan, Trustee/ PD Abe Pascual, Asst. Sec. Anton Mauricio, Trustee/Rtn. Paco Magsaysay, Trustee/Dir. Jujut Enriquez, Trustee/Dir. Albert Alday, Trustee/DGN Jackie Rodriguez, Trustee Reginald Yu, Trustee/PD Oscar del Rosario, Asst. Treas./Rtn. Willie Pelino and BLA/Rtn. Jordan Pizarras.



GLOBAL GRANT

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*Global Grant # 2344386 Committee
Holds Meeting with Department of Education
Undersecretary Gerard Chan*



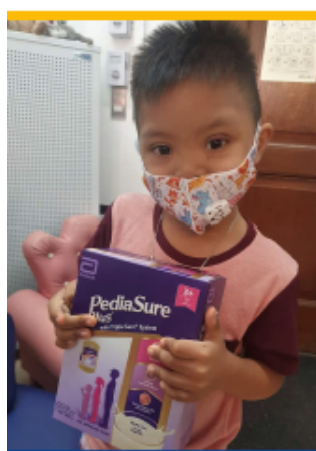
Global Grant # 2344386 Committee Chair Aries Balanay, members - Rtn. Lance Tan and Star Rtn. Arvin Arik Carranceja met with Department of Education Undersecretary Gerard Chan.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH



Philippine General Hospital Cancer Institute

"Offering Cheer and Hope through a Giving Heart"



Cancer is the leading cause of death for children worldwide. And, here in the Philippines, approximately 8,000 children between the ages of 1 to 19 are diagnosed annually. Sadly, we are experiencing a critical shortage of doctors specializing in childhood cancers with only 51 pediatric oncologists nationwide. And, while there are 130 Philippines hospitals which treat these children, there are only 4 with dedicated pediatric oncology wards.

While elsewhere around the globe, survival from pediatric cancer is nearly 87%, the rate for children in the Philippines is 20-30%. Sadly, the Covid19 pandemic has prevented more two-thirds of the children traveling each month to Manila from receiving potential diagnosis and care.

The Rotary Club of Manila has supported the work of Philippine general Hospital Cancer Institute by providing needed support for medication, family assistance, and supplements for young patients undergoing chemotherapy. But, their needs are growing critically more urgent by the week. Annual patient and operational funding now amounts to more than 6.5 million.

RCM has previously raised over 600,000 and is committed to raising 4 million in an effort to provide for these young chemotherapy patients. And, we earnestly ask each of you to join with us in these fundraising efforts.

Besides raising funds for Philippine General Hospital Cancer Institute, 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 be life changing for each these young patients in showing them that our commitment is greater than their fears and that our hearts are bigger than their hopes! **Please join us and support our Philippine General Hospital Cancer Institute's support activities by donating any of the requested items below!**

- Pillows
- Blankets
- Toys
- Books, reading
- Books, coloring + crayons
- Diapers (S, M, L, XL, XXL)
- Foodstuffs for assembling packages for the families
- PediaSure Plus milk supplement, vanilla flavor only
- Covid Antigen testing kits
- Pediatric pulse oximeters
- Pediatric blood pressure app
- Nebulizers

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH



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 Mithing Pangarap Educational Foundation's Annual Christmas Party on 17 December. The Rotary Club of Manila will also organize a "Christmas Toy and Food Drive" for over 150-200 children and families. We will be looking for toy and food donations as well. (Please reference the list of items that we are seeking for donations)

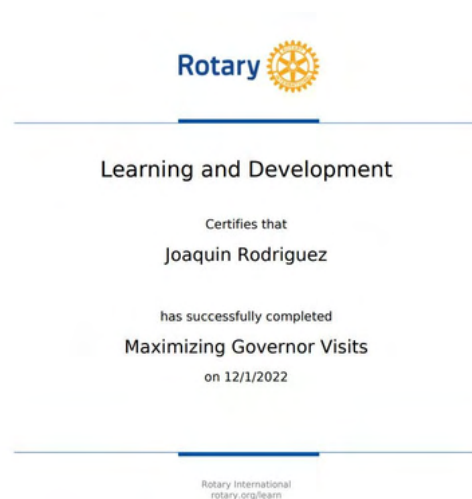
Let us significantly impact the health of each of these children while giving them a future they can truly smile about! Please join us and support our Community Oral Health programs!

Requested Donations items:

- Money
- Education school supplies
- Books, coloring + crayons
- Toys
- Shampoo and body wash
- Nonperishable food
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

COGS IN THE WHEEL

District Governor Nominee Jackie Rodriguez Receives His Certificate of Completion for Attending the Rotary Institute



District Governor Nominee Jackie Rodriguez received his Certificate of Completion for attending the Rotary Institute, held last Dec 2-4, 2022 at Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

The Rotary Institute prepares District Governor Elects in managing Rotary participation by Rotary Clubs in their district.



With Philippine Rotarians :
Past RI Director Raffy Garcia
and RC Makati Past Pres.
Acherman in Abu Dhabi

COGS IN THE WHEEL

Our very own, Rtn. Ivan Uy

DICT Chief Tops Cabinet Trust Ratings, Gets 2nd Highest Approval Mark



Department of Information and Communications (DICT) Ivan John Uy garnered the highest trust rating (**89% of respondents**) among Philippine cabinet members and second highest approval rating (**74% of respondents**) in the year-end nationwide survey conducted by the RP-Mission and Development Foundation, Inc. (RPMD) “Boses ng Bayan”, conducted from November 27 to December 2, 2022.

Secretary Uy has an extensive career in the ICT industry and in public service. He specializes in information technology and its impact on law, justice, and governmental institutions.

He was a Hubert Humphrey Fellow under the Fulbright Program in University of Minnesota and a graduate of the College of Law, University of the Philippines. As a public servant, Secretary Uy served as Chairman of the Commission on Information and Communications Technology (CICT), the predecessor of the Department of Information and Communications Technology.

From 2011 to 2016, he led the formulation of the Philippine Digital Strategy. He also served as Chief Information Technology Officer of the Judicial Branch, responsible for the overall technology strategy and implementation of the courts

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COGS IN THE WHEEL

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DICT Sec. Ivan John Enrile Uy. 📷 Bibo Nueva España/Senate
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MANILA (UPDATE) — A Commission on Appointments (CA) committee on Tuesday endorsed the appointment of Ivan John Uy as Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) secretary.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

*PP Frank Evaristo
Reelected as Alay Lakad President*



NEWS RELEASE

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Rotary International District 3810, END OF POLIO NOW

By : Becky Garcia
December 3, 2022
Hi Society

Meanwhile

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3810, together with all the Rotary Clubs throughout the world, is in the forefront of eradicating POLIO for more than 35 years. Our very own District Governor of Rotary International District 3810 Joyce Ambrey celebrated the World End Polio Day on October 24, 2022 by spearheading the "Patak Kontra Polio" vaccination service caravan to all four corners of the District of 3,000 Rotarians encompassing the city of Manila, Pasay, Cavite and Occidental Mindoro all in a day-a first in the District's 100 year history!

With District Rotary Foundation Chair Past District Governor Liza Elorde and End Polio Chair Past President Cora De la Rosa, also proponents of this endeavor reminded this same ambition since 1979's first Rotary project to vaccinate children in the Philippines. Since then, global eradication commenced.

Culminating with activities from Mindoro and Cavite to Pasay and converging in the Manila area, more than 1000 children were vaccinated-another paramount master stroke. Senior Deputy Governor Dr. Eric Tayag organized the Polio vaccination donations from the Department of Health.

Rotary Clubs from the Cavite area embarked that early morning for the first leg of the "Patak Kontra Polio" vaccination service caravan and we're graced by Mayor Alex "AA" Advincula at the City of Inas City Hall with 300 children receiving polio vaccinations.

Following the Cavite area event, Pasay City Mayor Emi Calisto Rubiano hosts the "Patak Kontra Polio" vaccination service caravan at Malibay Plaza in Pasay, vaccinating 400 children.

Similarly, Occidental Mindoro celebrated World End Polio Day by having a motorcade with the police, barangay health workers, and members of the proposed club of Rotary Club of Aba de Ilog Central. After, a short program kicked off the "Patak Kontra Polio" by raising awareness of what polio is about, followed by oral vaccinating 100 children.

Also in the Occidental Mindoro scene, Mindoro Rotary Clubs participated in a World End Polio Day program announcement at Care FM, a local radio station.

While from the Pasay City Midas Hotel, District Governor Joyce Ambrey and First Gentleman Hermisio Eguerra led a motorcade with END POLIO tarpaulins leading to Baseco Compound in the Manila area organized by District Secretary Mark Eugene Tan and Chief of Staff Ramil Resas, together with the support from Phenomenal Leader President Elmer Francis "Jun" Pasion (Rotary Club of Pasay Cyber City), Phenomenal Leader President Gian Carlo Quitoriano (Rotary Club of Surigao) and Phenomenal Leader President Luigi Raphael Fimalino (Rotary Club of Raha Sulayman).

At the Corazon Aquino High School at the Baseco Compound in Manila, to keep the community engaged, an EARLY GIFT GIVING activity with toys were provided by the Rotary Club of Santo Tomas Manila while DOH/ASEC SDG Dr. Eric Tayag leads them dancing, and Manila area Senior Deputy Governors and Phenomenal Leader Presidents distributed snacks. The "Patak Kontra Polio" vaccination service caravan in the Manila area vaccinated more than 250 children.



"We are this close, Asst. Eric Tayag, District Governor Joyce Ambrey, & RC Manila FG Hermisio Eguerra"



FG & President of RC Manila Hermisio Eguerra giving "peace" while Presidents of Rotary Clubs, DG Tayag, Ambrey, and ST, Chief of Staff of looking on



Becky Garcia, Anna, Anna, Marcelino Santos, Emilie



Manila Council, Man Yarnapoo & FG Pres. Rotaract Club of Manila- Hermisio Eguerra



ASEC Eric Tayag, Mayor Emi Rubiano, District Governor Joyce Ambrey, Phenomenal Leader President Hermisio Eguerra and First Gentleman Ego Rubiano



Phenomenal Leader, President of RC Inas Charlotte, Inas Counselor Jeff Mollito, District Governor Joyce Ambrey and Inas Counselor and President of RC of Inas Emi Mark Villanueva

END POLIO tarpaulins with each of the Rotary Clubs Presidents signifying the "We are this close" hand gesture in the banner lined up the center divider and side streets along the stretch of Roxas Boulevard in Manila. Organized by SDG Kenneth Jamandre, an END POLIO video plays in a loop all throughout at a billboard LED screen projected along a busy intersection on Macapagal Avenue.

In raising public awareness of this significant day, SDG James Jimenez, RI District 3810 Spokesperson, arranged for radio media interviews and coverage, including from Radio DZRH and Bombo Radio 102.5 Star FM.

The Omni Communications Group led by SDG Majella Villaroman and SDG Aries Balanay organized a social media campaign portraying RI District 3810's Facebook END POLIO NOW profile frame of District 3810 Rotarians.

Partnering with our Rotary International District 3810 Rotaractors led by District Rotaract Representative Krystene Bello and the Rotaract Committee, a short video encouraging others to support polio eradication efforts and making immunization for children a priority played in all "Patak Kontra Polio" event sites and social media platforms.

You could see and hear END POLIO NOW everywhere, signifying our unity: "Together, we can deliver on the promise of a world where no child will be paralyzed by polio ever again!"

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DENR and Rotary Club of Manila Team Up for Pasig River

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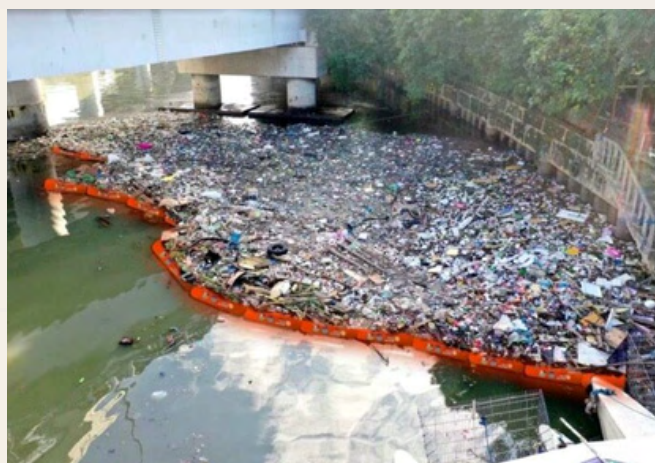
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In addition to helping keep the river clean, these same trash barriers also act as a life-saving tool. Capt. Lomil Prado, Operations Head of PRCMO, reported that on November 21, an unidentified female was saved from drowning because of the trash barriers. He said the Philippine Coast Guard rescued the individual from drowning near the Intramuros-Binondo Bridge in Pasig River. "She was spotted in the water with a strong current, and the floating trash barriers helped prevent her from drowning," Capt. Prado said.

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DENR, Rotary Club of Manila team up for Pasig River cleanup

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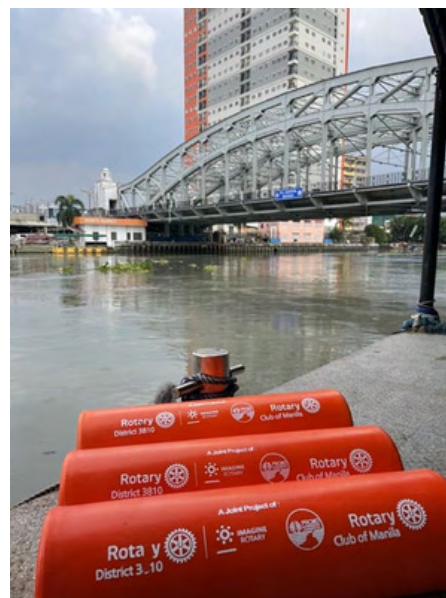
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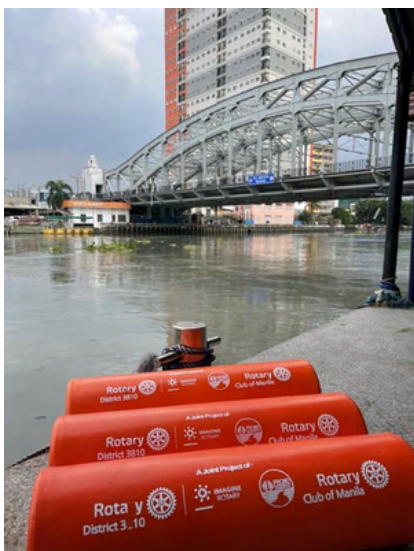
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OPINION

Maharlike Fund: Borne by experience

POINT OF VIEW - Amado Valdez - The Philippine Star ①

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Iris Gonzales made many eyes wide open with her provocative column about thieves and mafia in The Philippine STAR. At least, she disturbed the bliss of anonymity and retirement I presently enjoy.

The debate on the proposed Sovereign Wealth Fund, otherwise known in coffee circuits as Maharlika Fund, evokes the sound of spirited exchanges more than four years ago on the proposed increase in SSS pension rate at an elegant but crowded room at Malacañang Palace.

The scene: Cabinet meeting presided over by then president Rodrigo Duterte. Then secretary of Finance Sonny Dominguez, secretary of Budget Management Ben Diokno and NEDA secretary Ernie Pernia argued against the pension increase. As chairman of the Commission with the able support of Social Security System president Manny Dooc, I defended the SSS Commission's resolution to grant the pension increase.

At two o'clock in the wee hours, one could feel the drama of emotions heating the air because each opinion, every reason and each forecast was backed by good intentions and justified passion. No darting eyes or body language hinting malice or thievery or irresponsibility or sophistry intended to hurt.

The increase in pension was granted and to date the fund returned to its actuarial health, safe and good for more decades. Credit is given to the men and women of the Social Security System who took the challenge and worked hard to nurture the system.

To keep a decent pension rate, the ideal ratio of pension and benefit payments must at least be 50 percent of contributions. To keep the ratio viable is to enlist more members, which was dependent on the growth of the economy, voluntary membership of those working in the informal sectors and the millions of Filipinos working overseas.

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The biggest shock to me was that the bulk of the investments were divided among the big businesses and families enjoying cheap capital from the contributions of the working class. They were not to be blamed because they were the only ones easily qualified under the very conservative guidelines allowed by the SSS charter.

Consequently, the return of investments was very poor and even negative when inflation and exchange rates were taken into account, among others.

My eyes were always moist with regret for lost opportunity whenever I pay toll fees. Why didn't the Social Security System place its investible funds in toll roads, airports, ports and other income generating infrastructures to earn 15 percent to 20 percent more than the 4 percent to 6 percent interest paid for the use of the pension funds?

Then, we stormed Congress to amend the SSS charter to have more flexibility and scale in making such investments with safety nets.

Here, democracy as a give and take between the people and its representatives worked at its best.

Earlier, the initiative to increase the rate of pension of SSS retirees came from the House of Representatives. But during the committee hearings, we argued that such increase cannot be legislated using SSS pension funds. If it has to be granted by legislative fiat, we threatened to challenge the law in court since it is a private fund. We, nonetheless, committed to increase the pension, as we have mentioned above, through a Social Security Commission resolution which president Rodrigo Duterte approved, while Congress subsequently passed the requested amendments to the SSS charter which now allow investments in a Maharlika fund.

There is one very indispensable caveat in the SSS joining the Maharlika Fund: That the SSS exercises due diligence in accordance with the guidelines provided in the amended charter before approving the release of some of its investible funds.

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Amado Valdez was former chairman of the Social Security Commission, former chairman of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila and former president and chairman, Philippine Association of Law Schools.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

Governor's Visit and Meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila San Miguel, Daughter Club of the Rotary Club of Manila



STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay, SDG/SAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday and STAR Rtn. Arik Carranceja attending the Governor's Visit and Meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila San Miguel, daughter club of the Rotary Club of Manila, last December 2, 2022 at the Conrad Manila in Pasay City.



SDG/STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay delivered his comments as part of the panel in his role as Senior Deputy Governor for Digital and Social Media Platforms during the Governor's Visit of the Rotary Club of Manila San Miguel.



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CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP 2022

Christmas Message from Pres. Hermie Esguerra

Let us all joyfully welcome the Christmas season, because as we will concede, we need a Christmas miracle now more than ever.

Today, as we celebrate this season of hope, love and forgiveness, I (together with the members of the Board and Club officers) wish to move forward precisely in this spirit — of love and forgiveness.

Today is also an opportune time for us to be thankful for the many blessings, as well as the many impactful projects that we, Manila Rotarians, were able to successfully pursue and accomplish.

We know that our Club has undergone and is currently undergoing a challenging phase. In this regard, I express my firm belief in the wisdom and judiciousness of the Board, officers, and the general membership, to be able to ably overcome all these challenges.

In due time, this will happen. As the Good Book says —

“There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.
A time to give birth, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.”

I greet you all a merry Christmas.
Let's continue to rock and roll
as brothers in Rotary!



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December birthday celebrants being serenaded by RCM members



Program Chair PD Amading Valdez
with Star Rtn D. Edgard Cabangon and Sharon Tan

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The band



Pres. Hermie Esguerra called the Christmas Fellowship Meeting to order and delivered his Christmas message.

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Pres. Hermie Esguerra, assisted by Dir. Johnny Chotrani, presented The Rotary Foundation recognition gift to Dir. Jujut Enriquez.



Pres. Hermie Esguerra and Dir. Johnny Chotrani presented The Rotary Foundation recognition gift to Rtn. Paco Magsaysay.

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Pres. Hermie Esguerra presented The Rotary Foundation recognition gift to Dir. Johnny Chotrani.



Pres. Hermie Esguerra presented The Rotary Foundation token of recognition to PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan.

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Pres. Hermie Esguerra presented The Rotary Foundation recognition gift to Sec. Edwin Hernandez.



Pres. Hermie Esguerra presented The Rotary Foundation recognition gift to Treas. Karlo Castro.

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The semi-finalists in the 'Winner Takes All' game



Winner-takes-all final game players Rtn. Caloy Buendia and RCM Secretariat Committee Coordinator Amiel Hernandez

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From left: Rtn. Caloy Buendia (Invocator), IPP Chito Zaldarriaga, PD Amading Valdez, STAR Rtn. D. Edgard Cabangon, Pres. Hermie Esguerra, Sharon Tan and Grant Chair Aries Balanay



Enjoying the Japanese-theme dinner buffet

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Messages from RCM SECRETARIAT

Sundays are our days when we set aside all our professional/business commitment to focus on our spiritual health. Christmas reminds us of the total giving that God has given to humanity and to His creation.

To the membership and most of all to Pres. Hermie and the Board, we extend our sincere greetings of a Merry Christmas to your families. The cash gifts and material gifts we received by your service team filled us with joy.

The Christmas cash gift equivalent to one month's compensation of each team member by Pres. Hermie was unexpected, and it has filled the hearts of each team member and their families with extra joy.

Let us all be a light to each one, so we can all be the light to our communities.

Merry Christmas!

ES Anna Kun Toledo

The Christmas Fellowship was so full of fun and cheers. I'm happy to be a part of the RCM's celebration. Working with the Rotary Club of Manila for less than a year feels like being a part of a family and am so grateful for the opportunity to work and serve the members of RCM. It's been a great year for me and I look forward to another great year ahead.

My sincere thanks for such a thoughtful cash gifts I received from PD Bebot Pineda, Chairman Dean Amading Valdez, Rtn. Teddy Tee, a warm thank you to DE Raffy Alunan for his Tower Light Fan and a box of Poten-Cee from PD Abe Pascual. It is truly appreciated. Your gifts mean so much to me. Special thanks to President Hermie for a surprise huge gift of cash. Your generosity is a gift I will always treasure. I appreciated it so much. May God bless you even more.

Wishing everyone a peaceful Christmas and a prosperous new year!

EA Amy Babiano

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Messages from RCM SECRETARIAT

We had so much fun in RCM's first face to face Christmas Party since the pandemic. We did enjoy the traditional exchanging of gifts led by Pres. Hermie (Christmas story), savoring the food, the jack en poy game and of course, the raffle. I would also like to thank the extremely generous gentlemen of the Club especially Pres. Hermie, PD Bebot, Chair Amading, PE Raffy, PD Abe and Rtn. Teddy Tee for the cash and Christmas gifts. I am always grateful to be part of the RCM Secretariat and I offer my best wishes for the Club's continued success.

We appreciate you all! Enjoy a wonderful Christmas and prosperous New Year!

Cyrill Banda, Bookkeeper

Dear Pres. Hermie,

Merry Christmas to you and your family! Thank you so much for making us a part of the RCM Christmas Party last December 8, 2022. It was very exciting and fun especially the games that you prepared. Also Thank you for the cash gift that you have given to us.

Sincerely,

Grace Aquino-Montes
(Fund Coordinator)

Dear Pres. Hermie, The Board and to all RCM members,

I cannot thank you enough for your generosity. The Christmas gifts and cash that you gave to me is more than I could have hoped for. I want you to know that you have made this holiday season even more memorable for me. I hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

Amiel Hernandez
Committee Coordinator

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