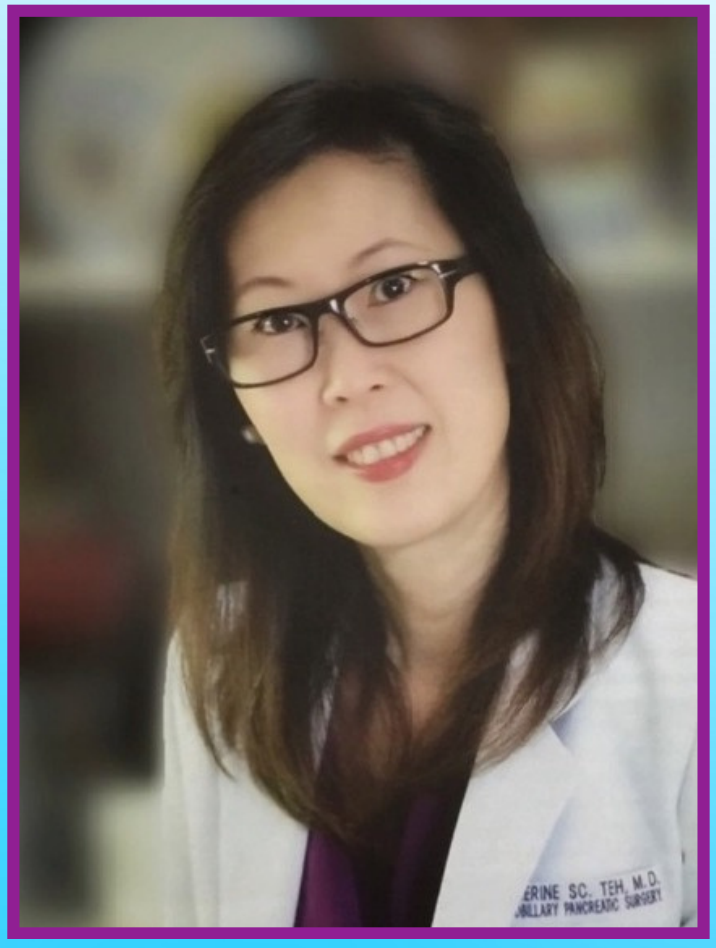
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GUEST SPEAKER



DR. CATHERINE TEH

President, ASEAN Lap HPB Alliance
President, Telemedicine Network of the Philippines (TNP)

Kabalita

Breaking barriers. Blazing a trail. Challenging the status quo. Pushing the envelope. These are but some ideas, ideals, and constant reminders that a Manila Rotarian would have in his pursuit of excellence, quest for knowledge, and mission to render self-effacing service. A talk that seeks to answer the question "What does it take?" – such as the one RCM is having in today's regular meeting – is apt and could be a theme of an exciting lecture series in regular meetings. Indeed, knowing and doing what it takes is a hallmark of a great leader and true Rotarian.

IMAGINE ROTARY

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RCM'S 25TH ZOOM WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Rotary Year 2022-2023

Thursday, January 26, 20223, 12:30 PM

MODERATOR: PAST DIRECTOR JOHN MICHAEL CUTTER

Program Timetable

Part I

12:15 PM	Registration & Zoom In	
	Presentation of Meeting Protocol/Zoom Meeting House Rules	
12:30 PM	Call to Order	**PRESIDENT HERMINIO ESGUERRA**
	Invocation and Special Prayers	**STAR RTN. EMMAN DELA CRUZ**
	Philippine National Anthem	**AVP of RCM Members**
	The Four (4) Way Test	**PD JOHN CENICA, M.D.**
	Philippine Rotary Hymn	**AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale**
	Acknowledgment of Guests	
	Welcome Song	**AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale**

RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week

January	20	RTN. BUTCH TAMAYO
	20	RTN. ROCCO SARMIENTO
	21	RTN. BUTCH ALCANTARA
	22	RTN. JOP ESQUIVIAS
	23	RTN. BUTCH CAMPOS
	24	PD ABE PASCUAL
	25	RTN. PAOLO MAGPALE

Maligayang Bati/Happy Birthday Song	**AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale**
PRESIDENT'S TIME	**PRESIDENT HERMINIO ESGUERRA**

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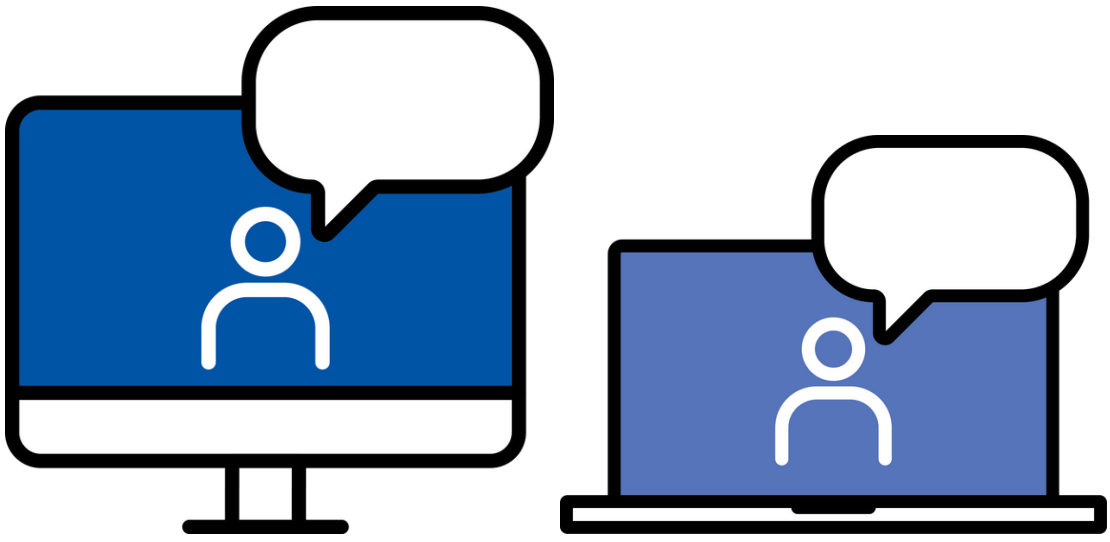
Part II **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER** **PAST DIRECTOR ISSAM ELDEBS**

DR. CATHERINE TEH
President, ASEAN Lap HPB Alliance
President, Telemedicine Network of the Philippines (TNP)
TOPIC: Improving Cancer Care in the Philippines: What Does it Take?

OPEN FORUM

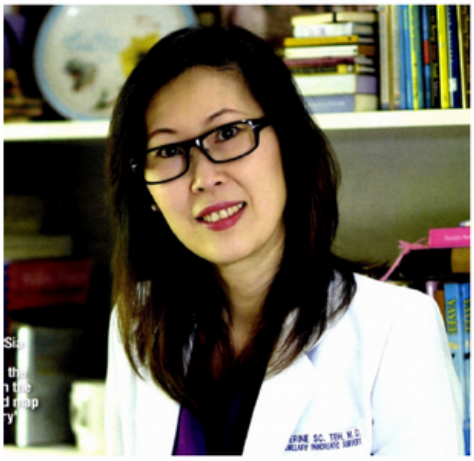
Manila Rotary Hymn **AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale**

2:00 PM **Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment** **PRESIDENT HERMINIO ESGUERRA**



GUEST SPEAKER'S PROFILE

CATHERINE TEH, MD, FPCS, FRCS(Ed)



Dr Catherine Teh is a leader and pioneer in the field of Philippine modern liver surgery. She co-founded the **Philippine Association of HepatoPancreatoBiliary Surgeon** 2015 and currently serves as the **President**. Her profound interest and expertise in HPB surgery also includes *minimally invasive approach*. She is a founding and **executive council member** (the only female) **of the International Laparoscopic Liver Surgery Society** (ILLS) and also at the **Asia Pacific Hepatobiliary Pancreatic Association.** Actively involved in international affairs on HPB at the IHPBA, She is also the founding and incumbent **President of ASEAN Lap HPB Alliance** (the only female). As one of the **director**s (the only female) of the **Philippine Association of Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Surgeons**, she is actively involved in education and training of safe surgery being a staunch advocate of their project - *ZERO BILE DUCT INJURY*. Being an innovator and early adopter, she is one of the proponents of the fluorescent guided surgery using indocyanine green enhancing *safety and quality in hepatobiliary surgery*. She serves as the **Secretary** of the **International Society of Fluorescence Guided Surgery**, Asia Pacific Chapter (ISFGS-AP).

Currently, she is the **Chief of the Section of Hepatobiliary Pancreatic Surgery of the Makati Medical Centre** since 2010, she also established the Liver Care Center of the Makati Medical Center in 2009, and headed this center til 2016. She became the first woman appointed as **Chair of the Department of Surgery in National Kidney & Transplant Institute** where she lead the renaissance of liver transplant, established the **Liver Center of the NKTI** in 2013 and became one of its first **director**.

Dr Teh has been instrumental in the campaign against liver cancer in the Philippines, she has done several lay forums and improved awareness through social media. She is the **founder and President of Samahang Minamahal ang Atay**, a foundation that helps indigent patients undergo liver surgery and transplantation as one of its missions. As a cancer warrior, she is also one of the members of the technical working group for the **National Integrated Cancer Control Act (RA11215) of the Philippines** who passionately lobbied and laid down the definitions and necessity of multidisciplinary approach including the implementation of multidisciplinary tumor board in cancer care.

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To further strengthen the implementation and raising the standards of Philippine cancer care, she was appointed as the **Director of the Cancer Surgical Quality Improvement Program of the Philippine College of Surgeons Cancer Commission** in 2019. As an **MDT champion**, she started working on standardization of multidisciplinary team approach as a step towards raising surgical quality in cancer care. Prior to this, she went around the country preaching, giving talks on the how's and why's of multidisciplinary approach in cancer. Her extensive experience in the conceptualization and implementation of the Multidisciplinary Team in Cancer management in NKTI since 2010 has brought her leadership in multidisciplinary cancer care beyond the local & national community. She was given the **IASGO Leadership award in 2019** by the the largest multidisciplinary association for cancer globally, the International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists, for her immense international involvement in the development of resource stratified guideline in the screening, early detection and treatment of colorectal cancer as an expert panel of **ASCO** (American Society of Clinical Oncology), her contribution as the Head of the NETWORK of COLORECTAL CANCER MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS in ASIA PACIFIC REGION (**NECTAR**). She is also a member of the distinguished panel of International EXPERT GROUP on ONCOSURGE MANAGEMENT OF LIVER METASTASES (**EGOSLIM**) with several publications on guidelines in management of colorectal cancer and lier metastases.

Dr Teh's interest in education and training is evident in the extensive time spent with her trainees in all the institutions that she goes to. She was also the training officer of the Department of Surgery in NKTI for which she created the unique **General Surgery Urology Competency based straight program** since 2010. She currently serves as the **President of the Telemedicine Network of the Philippines (**TNP) which she co-founded in 2015 together with some Drs and engineers from Department of Science and Technology of the Philippines, taking advantage of the digital platform, to continue surgical education locally and internationally via telemedicine. She is also actively involved in the education and training committee of the International HepatoPancreatoBiliary Association, and the scientific committee of the Asia pacific HPB Association (APHPBA). A frequent and sought after speaker in scientific sessions, she was awarded as visiting professor in the Asian Institute of Telesurgery, a branch of IRCAD in Taiwan for her contributions in the annual HPB masterclasses since 2012. She has given more than 150 lectures internationally, and an editor of numerous prestigious international scientific journals of which she contributes regularly. She is also an alumni of the **Harvard Medical School graduating as the class speaker in her Diploma for healthcare and leadership in 2018**. Learning never seems to stop as she

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continues to pursue her **Masters in Science for patient safety and clinical human factors at the University of Edinburgh**. She hopes that whatever further knowledge she gains from all these academic pursuits, she could share with her colleagues here in the Philippines, and that it would result in quality patient care for all.

Her expertise includes ***HPB cancer and minimally invasive surgery and multidisciplinary team approach in cancer, patient safety and clinical human factors, telemedicine, nutrition in critical care and role of women in surgery***. Dr Teh performed the first fully laparoscopic liver resection in the Philippines in 2009, she remains to be one of the very few surgeons who perform this extreme and challenging type of surgery in the country and globally.

Her passion in driving excellence in surgery makes her an inspiration to young surgeons and medical students most especially the women who are often affected by the gender bias and stereotypes in the surgical world. **She is one who has broken the glass ceiling and continues to create ripples locally and globally, advocating for women in surgery most especially in HPB where women are scarce**. She has been an exemplary model and a most sought after speaker on this topic as well.

Dr Teh was awarded as one of the **Most Influential Filipina in the World as a Thought Leader** by the Filipina Women Network in San Francisco in 2017 and recognized as an **outstanding alumni of the UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery** in 2018 for all the ground work that she has laid down in the field of HPB surgery, advocating for women in surgery, multidisciplinary team approach, telemedicine and patient safety.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this week's President's Time and share the activities and meetings that took place over the past few days.

Global Grant Rotary Vision Care Project Implementation in Tondo High School

Friday, 20 January 2023

Grant Chairman STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay and I went to Tondo High School as part of our Global Grant Rotary Vision Care project implementation. The students, teachers, and non-teaching personnel were all grateful to The Rotary Foundation, RC Manila, RC Kowloon East, RC Singapore, and our cooperating organization Physicians for Peace, for providing them with free eye screenings and eyeglasses as well as training sessions on proper eye care practices.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Meeting of the 19th Tourism Awards Committee

Friday, 20 January 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Last Friday, I attended the 19th Tourism Awards Committee meeting at Raffles Salon in Fairmont Hotel, hosted by Rtn. Bernd Schneider.



Mini-Fellowship for Prospective Members

Friday, 20 January 2023

I had the pleasure of hosting a membership development mini-fellowship for prospective members of RC Manila at the Last Chukker, Manila Polo Club.





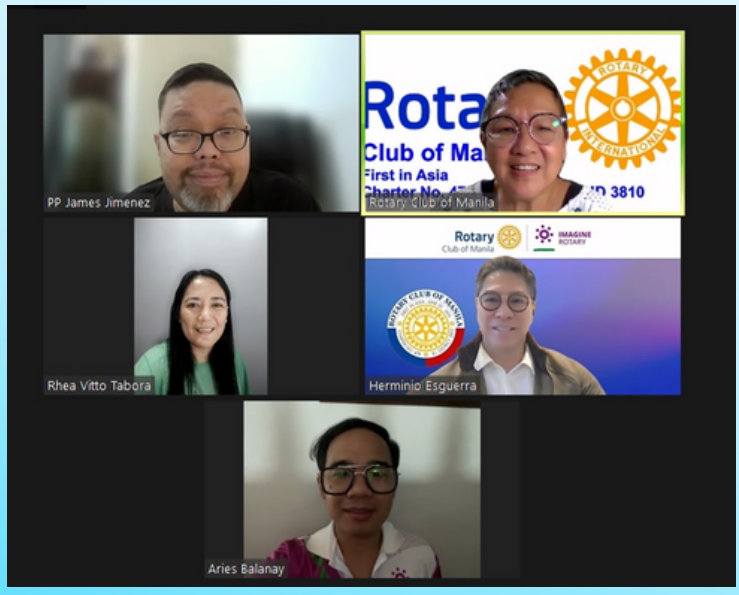


PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Mid-Year Review: Pre-Flight Orientation

Saturday, 21 January 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Last Saturday, I had a virtual meeting with RID 3810 Senior Deputy Governor James Jimenez (Rotary Club of Manila South), Grant Chairman STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay, Consultant Rhea Vitto Tabora and ES Anna Kun Toledo to discuss the RC Manila Mid-Year presentation for the meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.



District Medical/Thyroid Surgical Mission in Mamburao, Occ. Mindoro

Monday, 23 January 2023

The District Medical/Thyroid Surgical Mission was held on January 23-25, 2023 in Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro, in conjunction with the national observance of Goiter Awareness Week (GAW), following the Presidential Proclamation 1188 issued in 2007. This event celebrated GAW's mission to improve public health by providing medical care for those who might not otherwise have access.

This District-wide project is spearheaded by the Rotary Club of University District Manila (RCUDM) and mother club Rotary Club of Manila (RCM), in tandem with the seven Rotary Clubs in Occidental Mindoro, the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro (PGOM), and the *Ugnayan ng Pahinungod* of the University of the Philippines Manila.



The 3-day major surgical mission for 50 to 60 adult indigent patients previously screened for their goiters from San Jose, Mamburao, Sablayan, Abra de Ilog, and neighboring towns, is a project spearheaded by RCUDM through Pres. John Sy in partnership with RCM, and co-hosted by phenomenal presidents.

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The medical mission was held at the Occidental Mindoro Provincial Hospital (OMPH). Rotarians and benefactors participated in the project through the "Adopt-a Patient" concept.

The "Foster Brother/Sister" benefactor received a Certificate of Appreciation.













RC Mamburao PLP Anne Tria promoting RID3810 Surgical Mission in Mamburao 104.1 FM station

It is truly inspiring to see the collective efforts of Rotarians from Manila and Occidental Mindoro come together to make a positive impact in our community. Our commitment to service and support for those who are less fortunate drives us forward as we continue striving towards making this world a better place.

I am confident that with your help, we will be able to reach even more people and provide them with much-needed assistance through projects such as these.

Thank you again for joining me on this journey!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Pres. Hermie Esguerra

EDITOR'S NOTE

Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita



National Integrated Cancer Control Act. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal No. 3.4 aims to reduce premature mortality from non-communicable diseases by 30% by 2030. Consistent with this goal, Republic Act 11215, otherwise known as the National Integrated Cancer Control Act (NICCA), was signed into law in February 2019. With this law, cancer patients were expected to have better access to more responsive and affordable healthcare services.

Studies indicate that, in our country with a population of over 110 million, cancer is among the leading causes of death. In 2020 alone, cancer is said to account for over 150,000 new diagnoses and over 90,000 deaths. What is more, according to the 2018 Global Data on Cancer, more than 140,000 new cancer cases and more than 80,000 cancer deaths are expected every year in the Philippines. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among Filipinos, followed by lung, colon, liver, and prostate. Lung cancer tops the leading cause of death among all cancers followed by liver, breast, colon, and leukemia.

Next month, we will mark the 4th year anniversary of the passage of NICCA, and thus could be a good opportunity for health officials, advocates, and professionals to evaluate the actual reforms and programs that were implemented conformably with the provisions of the law.

It is well to note that the NICCA envisions, among others, the development of national and regional cancer centers; educational initiatives for healthcare professionals and laypeople; psychosocial, supportive, and palliative services; the establishment of a national cancer registry; support for training in and conduct of cancer research; and expanded financial support for patients under PhilHealth and the Cancer Assistance Fund.

The NICCA also emphasizes cancer prevention and improvement of cancer survivorship by strengthening essential programs and increasing investments for the entire cancer care continuum. It aims to make cancer services and care more accessible to all Filipinos. The question, therefore, is this: After four years, where are we in meeting these objectives? We know that pursuant to Special Provision No. 13 of the Department of Health (DOH) approved budget under the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2022, the DOH implemented the Cancer Assistance Fund (CAF) which aims to provide support for patients living with cancer and for cancer survivors. Where are we in the other envisioned projects under the law? Are these projects working? Or are they enough? Are we meeting our objectives?

EDITOR'S NOTE

Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

Health advocates and professional organizations view NICCA as an important step in the right direction. Some professionals, however, call for its careful implementation, given the "stark disparities in healthcare access, social and cultural determinants of health, the need for Filipino-led research, and the value of multi-institutional and regional collaboration."

In their November 2022 article in the Lancet Regional Health (Western Pacific) Edward Christopher Dee, Michelle Ann B. Eala and their co-authors opined that, in the implementation of NICCA, the following must be considered:

1. The deeply rooted health inequities in the country and prioritize communities most in need, particularly in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas of the archipelago. As cancer care systems develop in cities, majority of which are private in nature, public institutions severely lag, perpetuating healthcare disparities;
2. Social and cultural determinants of health, given varying levels of socioeconomic development, diverse cultures, and heterogeneous belief systems;
3. Research that focuses on the needs of Filipino cancer patients is necessary given the nation's unique genetic ancestry, cancer epidemiology, social determinants of health, and healthcare access barriers; and,
4. In addition to public-private partnerships in the procurement and development of cancer care infrastructure, multi-institutional exchange is necessary given the interdisciplinary nature of cancer care.

This week's regular meeting will feature a medical expert who will talk about cancer care in the Philippines, and who could hopefully likewise give her views on the developments and challenges in implementing the NICCA.



24TH REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



The 24th Regular Meeting was a return to a virtual gathering, which had **Sec. Edwin Hernandez** as Program Moderator/ Facilitator.



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



Humbly calling upon our loving Father God, **Rtn. Herbert Joey Garcia** led the Invocation and Special Prayer.



The attendees' singing of the **Philippine National Anthem** was made more meaningful and alive by the **Rotary Club of Manila Audiovisual Presentation**.



STAR Rtn. Paul Anthony Koh led the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test.

24TH REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



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



The Moderator acknowledged and introduced the Visiting Guests and Rotarians.



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



The week's birthday celebrants were duly acknowledged, namely **Rtn. Kentaro Shigei**, **Rtn. Anton Mauricio**, **Rtn. Tony Meloto** and **Rtn. John Bautista**. This was followed by the **World Famous Music Chorale** singing the Club's signature happy birthday song.

24TH REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



As he was set to deliver his Mid-Year Report, **Pres. Hermie Esguerra** utilized the President's time presenting a very inspiring video coverage of a project, featuring a touching song that made it truly special.



VP Reggie Yu introduced **Pres. Hermie Esguerra** for the **"RCM President's Mid-Year Report."**



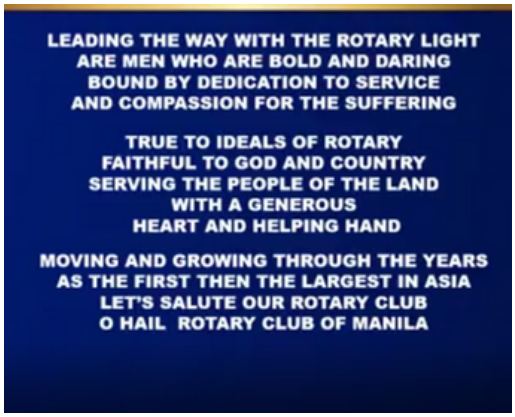
Pres. Hermie Esguerra delivered his awe-inspiring **RCM Mid-Year Report**.

24TH REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP





The open forum participated by **PSAA Gunter Matschuck**, **PD Oscar del Rosario** and **PDG Obet Pagdanganan** became an opportunity to commend and congratulate the President for his excellent report.



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



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2022-2023

JANUARY 2023	12 January 2023 BSP Gov. Felipe Medalla	19 January 2023 Club Mid-Year Report
All Members Present	74	57
All Members in virtual FB	0	0
Make Up	3	8
Less: Exempt from Attendance		4
On Leave	0	0
Total Active Members	77	61
Total # of Members	**240**	**239**
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	32%	26%
ROTARACTORS	0	0
MEDIA	0	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	1
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG/DGE	1	0
GOHS / GS	1	0
Visiting Rotarians	43	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	0	0
Others	0	0
Total attendees	119	58

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of January 25, 2023, 10:00 AM)

FULLY PAID

1	Aboy, Valentino "Val" G.
2	Abriam, Ariel
3	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.
4	Agnes, Jerry A.
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	Ang, Richard T.
14	Aragon, Joshua
15	Arguelles, Pablo
16	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.
17	Balanay, Aries
18	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.
19	Batur, Sinan
20	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.
21	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz
22	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.
23	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar
24	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"
25	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.
26	Biltz, Oliver
27	Bogovich, Jason M.
28	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"
29	Buendia, Carlos "Caloy" C.
30	Caasi, Urbano, Jr. "Banit" S.
31	Cabangon, Edgard
32	Cabuñag, Rogelio "Roger" R.
33	Canon, Raul
34	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
35	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
36	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
37	Carranceja, Arvin Arik
38	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
39	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
40	Cenica, John T.
41	Chahwan, Rami
42	Chotrani, Johnny N.
43	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.
44	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
45	Creencia, Raoul
46	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.
47	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
48	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
49	David, Virgilio "Vee"
50	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
51	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.
52	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.
53	Dee, Marcus L.
54	Del Rosario, Oscar
55	Del Valle, Randolph "Randy"
56	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"
57	Dela Cruz, Emmanuel
58	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.
59	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio "Raf"
60	Domingo, Rico V.
61	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.
62	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.
63	Echavez, Antonio
64	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.
65	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"
66	Engelbrecht, Francois
67	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.
68	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.
69	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.
70	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.
71	Evaristo, Frank A.
72	Everingham, Richard Jack
73	Fajardo, Beda G.
74	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"
75	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.
76	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.
77	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"
78	Garcia, Theodore
79	Garcia, Victor
80	Gaspar, Fernandeo "Nando" L.
81	Gierran, Dante "Dan"
82	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.
83	Go, Henry Sy
84	Go, Michael
85	Gonzales, Michael Raymond
86	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.
87	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.
88	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.
89	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.
90	Hallare, Nicolo "Nic"S.

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91	Hallerbach, Mathias
92	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt
93	Hernandez, Edwin
94	Hesse, Uwe
95	Hortaleza, Rolando
96	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius "Ben"
97	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.
98	Joseph, Ralph L.
99	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.
100	Jucaban, Jeric J.
101	Juico, Francis E.
102	Kalaw,Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A. Y.
103	Koh, Paul Anthony
104	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
105	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"
106	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez
107	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.
108	Lazaro, Juan Miguel "Miguel"
109	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.
110	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
111	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
112	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
113	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
114	Lim, Richard
115	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
116	Locsin, Roberto R.
117	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.
118	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.
119	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
120	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
121	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
122	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
123	Magbanua, Gerry
124	Magpale, Jose Paolo
125	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
126	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
127	Mangalile, Senen
128	Martinez, Ronald
129	Masters, Lance A.
130	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
131	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"
132	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
133	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
134	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"
135	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
136	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.
137	Mueller, Klaus
138	Narayanamoorthy, Nantha K.
139	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.
140	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.

141	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.
142	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.
143	Okajima, Hiroyuki
144	Ong, Jovee K.
145	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.
146	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L. "Mike"
147	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
148	Palacios, Albert "Hans"C.
149	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"
150	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.
151	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"
152	Patterson, Colin David
153	Payumo, Felicito "Tong" C.
154	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.
155	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.
156	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
157	Pizarras, Jordan M.
158	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.
159	Pujalte, Jose, Jr. "Brix" S.
160	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.
161	Ramos, Claver P.
162	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"
163	Recto, Philip H.
164	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.
165	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.
166	Reynolds, David John "Dave"
167	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean "Sean" H.
168	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.
169	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.
170	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.
171	Rono, Marlon
172	Roxas, Michael
173	Sarmiento, Ricardo Manuel "Rocco" M.
174	Sarasola, II, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.
175	Schmitz, Steffan
176	Schneider, Bernd
177	Schoucair, Farid Alain
178	Serapio, Carlos G. “Caloy”
179	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.
180	Shigei, Kentaro
181	Shimoda,Shigeru
182	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.
183	Sicat, Michael Allan E. "Mike"
184	So, Warren
185	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.
186	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
187	Souvlakis, Nicolas
188	Stranathan, Ike
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1	Andal, Avelino "Billy"
2	Angara, Marius
3	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"
4	Yujuico, Brendon

DECEASED

1	Abastillas, Celso E.



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Rotary Club of Manila Provides Essential Supplies to Students and Teachers at Pangotloan Elementary School in General Nakar, Quezon Province

An update from Rtn. Rami Chahwan

Because of all your generosity, we were able to help the teachers and 110 children.

Each of the 110 school bags has:

1 toothbrush (sponsored additionally by Dr. Cutter - Many thanks)

- 3 soap bars
- 2 dental paste packs
- 4 packs of shampoo
- 1 notebook
- 1 pack of pencils
- 1 pack of crayons
- 1 ream of paper
- 1 pair of slippers
- 1 raincoat
- 6 packs of dry noodles
- 1 pack of facemasks
- 1 bottle of sanitizer
- 1 small towel
- 1 pack of candy

We were also able to provide the teachers with chalk, paper, books, fans, and other needed materials for the entire school year.

Thank you all for your big heart and generosity. I can tell you that you made the 110 kids (67 girls and 43 boys), including their parents, very happy. We are now preparing their lunch so they can leave at least with a full stomach. It was raining nonstop so we couldn't reach our target school but with the help of the Municipality, we managed to go to another location and they brought the families to us.



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Chairman Rami Chahwan and family preparing to journey to Pangotloan Elementary School to provide basic needs for more than 110 school children, from the generous donation of Rotary Club of Manila members.



Opening Prayer



Games and storytelling for the kids

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Games and story telling for the kids



Spouse Flor Chahwan assisting the volunteer team in repacking the school bags





Packing the school bags with pencils and notebooks



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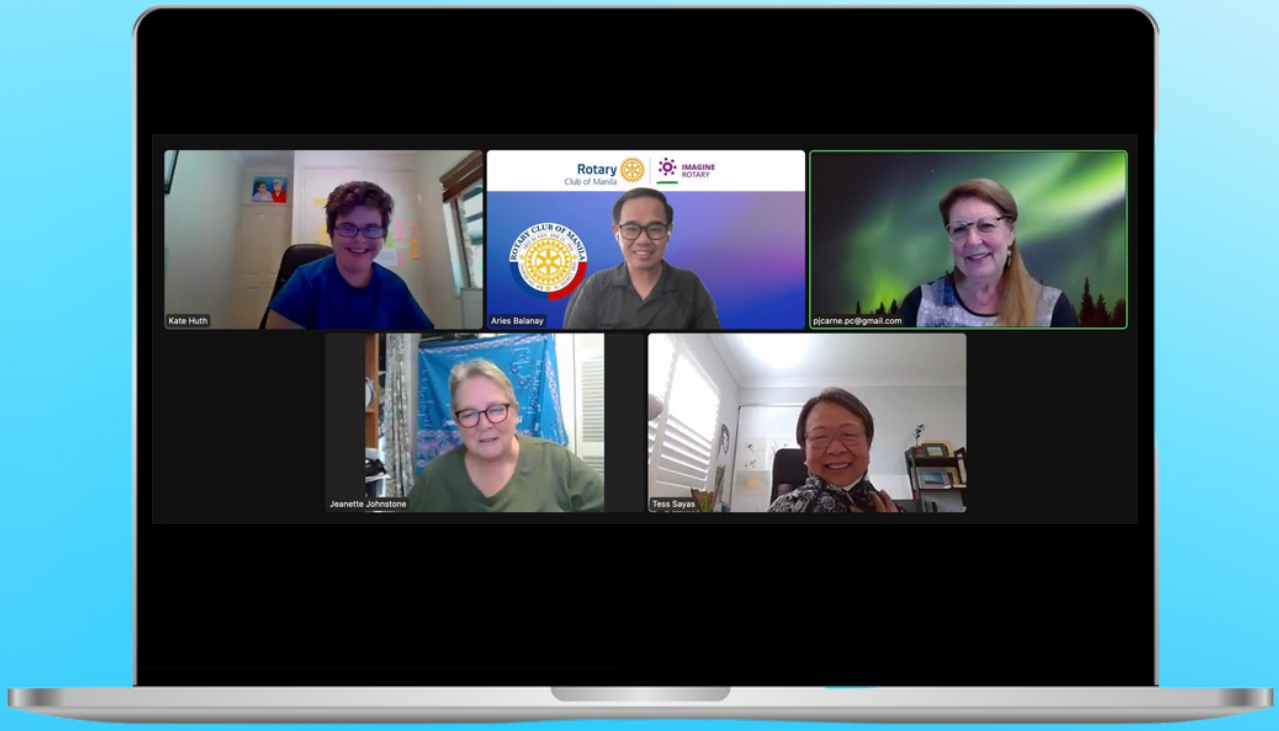
Handing over the school bags to children from kindergarten to grade 6, in partnership with Bentetres Mountaineering



Happy meals after receiving gift packs

GLOBAL GRANT

Meeting with Rotary Club of Blacktown, Rotary Club Paddington in Australia, and Teacher in a Box Executives for a Potential Global Grant Project



Rotary Club of Manila Grant Chair Aries Balanay met with Rotary Club of Blacktown, Rotary Club Paddington in Australia, and Teacher in a box executives for a possible Global Grant Project in Manila.

TOWER AWARDS 2023

TOWER Awards 2023 Launched at Dusit Hotel







The Outstanding Workers of the Republic (TOWER) Awards was launched during the general membership meeting of the People Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP) last Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at Dusit Hotel. Present were TOWER Awards Chairman/Centennial Pres. Susing Pineda and VP Reggie Yu who delivered the message on behalf of Pres. Hermie Esguerra.

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Message delivered by VP Reggie Yu during the launching of the TOWER AWARDS 2023



The Honorable Secretary and RCM Past President Benny Laguesma; The Honorable Undersecretary for Employment and Human Resource Development Cluster Carmela Torres; People Management Association of the Philippines Outgoing President Ms. Ellen Fullido; People Management Association of the Philippines incoming President Ms. Maria Elizabeth Nasol; TOWER Awards Search Chair and RCM Past President Susing Pineda; TOWER Awards Search Co-Chair Atty. Teddy Kalaw; PMAP Executive Director Rene Gener; distinguished officers, esteemed colleagues and members of the Rotary Club of Manila and PMAP; guests and friends; ladies and gentlemen: *Isang mapagpalang araw po sa inyong lahat!*

On behalf of our President, Hermie Esguerra, who regrettably, cannot be with us this morning as he is on-board a flight taking him to Thailand for a Rotary District Mid-Year Review as I speak, I extend my warmest felicitations to you all as we officially open the search for 31st "The Outstanding Workers of the Republic," or TOWER Awards.

Since it was first launched jointly by the Rotary Club of Manila, the then-Ministry of Labor under Minister Blas Ople, and the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines, then under the leadership of its founder, Ka Democrito Mendoza, during the presidency of Past District Governor and RCM Past President Teofilo Reyes in 1975, with then Club Secretary Alberto Romulo as its first Project Chair, the TOWER Awards has become an institution, having recognized more than 200 skilled workers – the backbone of our country's manpower capacity – who exemplified work excellence, productivity and innovation.

Today, we find new meaning in our annual search of the TOWER Awards. This year, we honor our Filipino blue-collar workers who are fueled, not just by the desire to support their families and advance their careers, but have also tirelessly toiled these past years to ensure that our society will continue to function in the face of an unprecedented health crisis that has – even after almost three years since its ominous outbreak – continued to beleaguer industries across the nation.

I am confident that, under the exemplary leadership of this year's search committee, led by none other than RCM Past President Susing Pineda, with the invaluable support of our indefatigable partner PMAP, the heroic deeds of the unsung heroes of the workplace, who have since displayed the kind of resilience that has made many industries survive the challenges of the Philippine economy, be again brought to fore in RCM's flagship project that has since defined the finest hours of Asia's First Rotary Club.

Maraming salamat po sa inyong lahat! Mabuhay ang TOWER Awards! *Mabuhay po ang* PMAP! *Mabuhay po ang* Rotary Club of Manila! *At mabuhay po ang manggawang Pilipino!*

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Message delivered by TOWER Awards Chairman/ Centennial Pres. Susing Pineda

Honorable Secretary Benny Laguesma, PMAP President Beth Nasol, EDC Pres. Richard Tantoco, Dr. David Hall, PMAP Past President Ellen Fullido, PMAP Exec. Director Rene Gener, PMAP Board of Trustees, esteemed members of the Rotary Club of Manila, friends, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon.

Today is a special occasion to launch the TOWER Awards of the Rotary Club of Manila together with the cooperative endeavor of PMAP and the Department of Labor and Employment to honor great Filipino workers for their important contribution to their respective companies in particular and their contribution to the economy in general.

The TOWER Awards is a legacy project of the Rotary Club of Manila since 1975 to create an environment that encourages blue collar industries to improve employment, livelihood and training opportunities thru creative productivity and innovative retooling and upscaling of workers.

In spite of the limited and the slow economic recovery presently prevailing, we were able to recognize four (4) outstanding workers of the republic with the valued assistance and coordination with the People Management of the Philippines and the Department of Labor and Employment in 2022.

But as we look to the future, we must do so from a range of perspective and situation that place the well-being of the people as a priority.

In various industries, there is now an on-going paradigm shift, from application of artificial intelligence to the digital economy that is leading to the transformation of the world of work as we know it today. Our big challenge is to balance the powerful forces based on the principles of development, innovation, inclusion, resiliency and sustainability.

Similarly, digital literacy, occupational safety and health skills should be included in the new framework of transformation. These and more are necessary to ensure a more enduring and a productive economy.

Public policies must therefore be geared towards equity innovation, building skills and empowering people to perform at their best.

Creating employment for our citizens is one of the major challenges facing the Philippines today, and other third world countries. Our challenge is to increase employment by shaping policies, programs and projects that can adopt to the constantly changing world of work.

We can accomplish this challenge by putting people first, by recognizing that labor is more than simply a commodity in the labor market, or even just a factor of production. The work is about human beings who have aspirations for themselves, their families, their companies, and their communities.

On a special note, we wish to thank the Hon. Secretary Benny Laguesma for gracing this occasion and his total support

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and commitment for this joint undertaking. For your information, Sec. Laguesma was the chairman of the TOWER Awards during my term as Centennial President of the Rotary Club of Manila in 2019. The Honorable Secretary was also a Past President of the Rotary Club and he re-organized and re-started the TOWER Awards in 2019 with great success of recognizing 10 outstanding blue-collar workers of the Republic. Thank you, Sec. Benny.

Finally, we look forward to awarding the Most Outstanding Blue-Collar Workers of the Republic in May 2023 with the support and commitment of the leadership of the People Management Association of the Philippines and the Department of Labor and Employment, together with the Rotary Club of Manila.

Marami pong salamat.





FELLOWSHIP

Manila Rotarians Celebrate Chinese New Year in Chinatown



PD Phillip Ong and PAS Henry Go celebrate Chinese New Year with friends on Saturday, January 21, 2023 in Chinatown.



FELLOWSHIP

Manila Rotarians Get Together with Prospective Members at Manila Polo Club







FELLOWSHIP

Rtn. Jed Dayang Celebrates His Birthday with Fellow Manila Rotarians







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