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GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER



RICHARD J. "DICK" GORDON

Former Senator of the Philippines
Chairman & CEO, Philippine Red Cross

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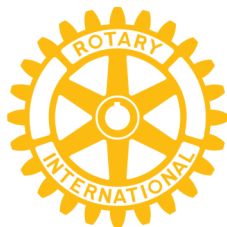
"(W)e proclaim and solemnly declare, in the name and by the authority of the inhabitants of all these Philippine Islands, that they are and have the right to be free and independent x x x." Thus reverberates the Philippine declaration of independence that was read on June 12, 1898. As we ponder upon this patriotic proclamation read to a cheering crowd 125 years ago, let us not forget to honor with the way we live today, those who have valiantly fought, many to the point of martyrdom, for our country's independence.



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The 4Way Test

of the things we think, say or do

I. Is it the TRUTH?

II. Is it FAIR to all
concerned?

III. Will it build GOODWILL
and BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

IV. Will it be BENEFICIAL to
all concerned?

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RCM'S 42ND WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TIME: 12:00 PM

Rotary Year 2022-2023

VENUE: The City Club, Alphaland Makati Place,
Ayala Avenue Extension, Makati City

MODERATOR: PD ISSAM ELDEBS

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

Part I	
12:00 PM	Registration
12:30 PM	Call to Order VICE PRESIDENT REGINALD YU
	Invocation and Special Prayers DIRECTOR ALBERT PALACIOS
	Philippine National Anthem AVP of RCM Music Chorale
	The Rotarian Pledge & Four-Way Test STAR RTN. DANIEL CALZADO OBRADO
	Philippine Rotary Hymn AVP of RCM Music Chorale
	Rotary Club of Manila Hymn RCM WF Music Chorale
	Acknowledgment of Guests
	Welcome Song RCM WF Music Chorale
	RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week JUNE 6 RTN. JOEY SARASOLA JUNE 7 PD JOHN CENICA JUNE 7 RTN. JERIC JUCABAN JUNE 8 RTN. LUTZ KUNACK
Part II	
	INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER RTN. JOEL VALDES
	Address RICHARD J. "Dick" GORDON Former Senator of the Philippines Chairman & CEO, Philippine Red Cross
	OPEN FORUM
	PRESENTATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION VICE PRESIDENT REGINALD YU Vice President PD DEAN AMADO D. VALDEZ Chairman, Program Committee
	Chairman, Programs Committee
2:00 PM	Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment VICE PRESIDENT REGINALD YU

GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER'S PROFILE



RICHARD JUICO GORDON
Former Senator of the Philippines
Chairman & CEO, Philippine Red Cross

A lifelong public servant, Dick Gordon has served in the Philippine Red Cross for over 50 years, serving as its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since 2004. He has served in Philippine Government for over 28 years, beginning as the youngest delegate to the 1971 Constitutional Convention, and working his way up from Olongapo Mayor to Subic Freeport Administrator, to Tourism Secretary, and finally, as Senator of the Republic of which he has been re-elected. He has left an unparalleled legacy in each of the institutions he has led building, and transforming their very foundations, to lead them to excellence today. He is a lawyer by profession, but he has also been, at various points, a broadcaster, a businessman, a lecturer, and an inspirational speaker. Finally, he is also a dedicated father and grandfather, a loving husband, and a dutiful son.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2016 to 2022

Senator

18th Congress of the Republic of the Philippines

- Currently, he is the Chairman of the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations or Blue Ribbon. It was under his chairmanship that this powerful and most-sought committee put several public officials, including high-ranking officials involved in different scams,

to jail and cited others in contempt.

- He led senate investigations on Alleged 'Mafia' inside the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGO) and the Influx of Chinese Nationals in the Country and Good Conduct Time Allowance (GCTA) Scam and Killings of Bureau of Corrections Officials.

- He is also the Chairman of the Committee on Justice and Human Rights where he champions bills ensuring the safety and security of the people and maintaining and upholding their rights as citizens of this country. Among those bills are SBN 1947: Judiciary Marshals Act, SBN 1931: Police Courts Act of 2020, SBN-1853: Age of Statutory Rape and Other Sexual Abuse Act, SBN-1359: Separate Facility for Heinous Crimes Inmates Act.

- Recently, RA 11573 was passed into law which will allow the continuous titling of public alienable and disposable agricultural lands beyond December 31, 2020. He authored and sponsored the measure to preserve the security of tenure of land claimants and farmers, and simplify the procedure and requirements in obtaining land certificates. It was passed alongside RA 11576, which was also authored and sponsored by Sen. Gordon, to help unclog the dockets of second level courts. The law increased the jurisdiction of first level courts to equalize the burden between the first level courts and the second level courts.

- He serves as the Chairman of the Government Corporations & Public Enterprises Committee. Under this committee, bills that he sponsored and authored include SSS Law, SBN-1970: Deferring the Increase in Contribution of the Social Security System, SBN-1772: Voluntary Contributions Among 2004 to present Members of the Government Service Insurance), SBN-1549: Regional Investment and Infrastructure Coordinating Hub of Central Luzon, SBN-1347: Amending P.D. No. 252 (Philippine International Trading Corporation Law) and SBN-90: Lake Lanao Development Authority Act of 2019.

- At present, he is Vice-Chairman of Finance; Foreign Relations; National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification & Reconciliation.

- He is also the Senate Representative to Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) and Senate Electoral Tribunal.

17th Congress of the Republic of the Philippines

- Sponsored and authored laws on Motorcycle Crime Prevention Act (Republic Act 11235), Judges-at-Large Act of 2019 (Republic Act 11459), Social Security Act of 2018 (Republic Act 1119), Strengthening The Powers and Functions of Authority

of the Free Airport Area at Bataan (Republic Act 11453), Charter of Davao International Airport Authority (Republic Act 11457), Community Service Act (Republic Act 11362), Amending Section 85 and 103 of the Tourism Act of 2009 (Republic Act 11262), Agricultural Free Patent Reform Act (Republic Act 11231), Retirement Law of the Office of the Ombudsman (Republic Act No. 11059), Adlaw ni Lapu-Lapu (11040), Free Irrigation Service to Small Farmers (10969), Barangay and SK Elections Postponement (10952), Extending the Validity Period of Driver's Licenses to 5 Years (10930), and Philippine Passport Act (10928).

- Led senate investigations on the Illegal Mining in Zambales, P6.4B Worth of Shabu Shipment from China, Dengvaxia Scandal, Bureau of Immigration Bribery Scandal, P6.8B Worth of Shabu Shipment Involving Bureau of Customs and PDEA, the Alleged State Sponsored Extrajudicial Killings in the Country, and filed committee reports and corresponding laws and alerted concerned law enforcement agencies of the findings to further investigate and file cases as appropriate.

2004 - present

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Philippine Red Cross

Chairman, Board of Governors

Member, Governing Board

International Federation of Red Cross and Red

Crescent Societies

- Transformed the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) into the foremost humanitarian organization in the country, gathering and providing it with the human, physical and financial resources to respond to disasters throughout the country.
- Oversaw Red Cross efforts in practically all major calamities in the Philippines since 2004 – including typhoons Winnie, Yoyong, Ondoy, Frank, Yolanda, Tisoy, Ursula, Sendong Reming, Bohol Earthquake, Taal Volcano Eruption, Mindanao Earthquakes, and recently, Typhoons Rolly, Ulysses, among others.
- Besides being first on site at calamities with rescue equipment and relief operations, the PRC has also implemented long-term rehabilitation projects such as building 151,477 housing units for those who have lost their homes, helped 82,420 beneficiaries with livelihood training and grants amounting to PhP824,200,000.00, supported 222 rural associations with community livelihood project amounting to PhP 66,600,000.00 and distributed PRC PhP 510.9 Million worth of cash assistance to support more than 155,000 families since 2013 in

21 major emergency and disaster operations.

- He intervened for the release of detained Filipino workers abroad, as well as those kidnapped by local insurgent groups.
- Through his efforts, PRC is the first Red Cross in the whole world that opened its Hemodialysis Center on November 6, 2018, which has made almost 10,000 dialysis treatments for indigent patients for free since its opening.
- Under his leadership, the Philippine Red Cross launched a multi-faceted response and stood at the forefront of the fight against the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic that is affecting the whole world.
- As a major part of PRC's response, 14 molecular laboratories nationwide with a capacity of 60,000 tests per day were established which can test other communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, human immunodeficiency viruses or HIV, dengue, malaria, hepatitis, leptospirosis and Zika, making PRC the first and only Red Cross in the world with Molecular Laboratories across the country.
- With already more than four million tests conducted, PRC has so long surpassed the tests conducted by other laboratories in the country.
- Aside from ensuring public health by distributing face masks and personal protective equipment or PPEs for health workers, securing negative pressure ambulances for the safe transport of COVID-19 positive individuals, establishing medical tents, distributing hot meals to locally stranded individuals, he also ensured that the PRC alleviates human suffering by the distribution of cash grants to the most vulnerable who reeled from the economic effects of the pandemic. In addition, it also went into the establishment of a convalescent plasma center to further help those still battling the disease.
- Despite the pandemic, he continued to mobilize and expand the PRC's army of volunteers, logistics, and information technology by deploying the Humanitarian Caravan to address the destruction brought by Typhoon Rolly, the most powerful typhoon to hit the country in 2020 to date. Assets such as 10 and 6 wheeler trucks, 6x6 truck, ambulance units, food truck, generators, water treatment units, portable radios, and a VSAT allowed PRC to provide relief and recovery assistance.
- He also sent off to the Bicol Region the humanitarian vessel M/V PRC Amazing Grace to deliver thousands of non-food items such as hygiene kits, sleeping mats, and galvanized iron sheets for roofing repair, and three additional vehicles for relief distributions and clearing operations. The M/V Amazing Grace served as a

symbol of hope in the aftermath of Typhoon Rolly, and uplifted the dignity of the survivors to rebuild their lives.

- To democratize the COVID-19 testing in the country and make it more available to the most vulnerable, he sought the help of scientists from the University of Illinois and the University of the Philippines to introduce and develop the Saliva RT-PCR testing in the country. This milestone system is a more affordable, non-invasive, and easier testing method than the oro and naso pharyngeal swabbing.
- PRC is also a regular partner of the Department of Health in its vaccination drives, inoculating more than a million for measles and polio, and reinforcing the country's defense against COVID-19 by establishing Bakuna Centers for priority groups and overseas Filipino workers and seafarers nationwide.
- He forged partnerships with universities and local government units in Metro Manila to establish isolation facilities to house asymptomatic spreaders away from their multi-generational households, and continued to provide for their families as well as those affected by stricter quarantine measures by delivering food packs to their doorsteps. He mobilized volunteers, staff, and health professionals to build and man the first emergency field hospital in the Lung Center of the Philippines compound, to attend to COVID-19 patients desperately looking for advanced medical care.
- He continues to equip the PRC with logistics and trained manpower in preparation for the prolonged effects of the pandemic and other disasters, by establishing an oxygen generation plant; expanding molecular laboratories, blood banks, and vaccination centers; acquiring ambulance units and food trucks; establishing medical tents in areas experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases; and training vaccinators, first responders, food handlers, and humanitarian riders.

2004 to 2010

Senator

13th and 14th Congress of the Republic of the Philippines

- Served as chairperson of the Senate Committees on Accountability of Public Officers, Tourism, Constitutional Amendments, Government Corporations, among others.
- Authored and passed laws on Automated Elections (Republic Act No. 9369), Tourism (9593), the Sin Tax Law (9334), The Tax Incentives of Clark Freeport (9399) and Poro Point (9400), Veterans Benefits (9499), Humanitarian Law (9851) Holiday

Economics (9492), the Abolition of the Death Penalty (9346), and the Biofuels Act (9367) among others.

- Coauthored and passed laws on the UP Charter (9496), Renewable Energy (9513), Minimum Wage Exemptions from Tax Return Filing (9513), PAGIBIG Charter (9679), Magna Carta for Women (9710), among others.
- Led Senate investigations into the Fertilizer Fund Scam and the ZTE Broadband Controversy, and actually completed and filed committee reports for proper investigation and prosecution.

2001 to 2004

Secretary of the Department of Tourism

Chairman of the Pacific Asia Travel Association

Chairman of the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific of the World Tourism Organization

- Oversaw and increased international tourist arrivals during his term, bucking the trend in a region reeling from the successive effects of 9/11, the SARS Epidemic and the Bali Bombing, and even on top of local crises such as the Abu Sayyaf kidnapping, the Oakwood Mutiny, and peace and order problems.
- Developed and pushed the WOW Philippines campaign, which pump primed international tourism growth, a trajectory that has now been maintained since 2002, despite the absence of adequate funding for marketing and promotions.
- Boosted domestic tourism through a WOW Philippines campaign for the regions. Revitalized Intramuros by hosting the WOW best of the regions within its walls, as well as establishing the Light and Sound Museum, and securing the funding for the restoration of the Maestranza Wall.
- Recognized for his efforts by international tourism bodies, and secured awards for the Philippines in international tourism campaigns and conventions.

1992 to 1998

Founding Chairman and Administrator

Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority

- Built a culture of volunteerism by attracting former base workers, local residents, and even some of the country's best and brightest to work in Subic even funding and support from the national government was yet unclear
- Created over 200,000 jobs and generated over 3 billion dollars in investments from Coastal Petroleum, Federal Express, Acer, Thomson Audio, BICC Cables, Omron Mechatronics, Volvo Penta, Hitachi and Sankyo Sieki, and enhanced over 8 billion dollars worth of infrastructure left by the Americans
- Attracted domestic and international tourism visitors by developing programs with the Aetas, and

building hotels, casinos, restaurants, and other recreational facilities, securing the recognition of Subic as 1994 Tourism Destination of the Year

*1988 to 1993 and 1980 to 1986
Mayor of Olongapo City*

- Transformed the Sin City into a Model City by instituting reforms on transport color coding and garbage collection, establishing the People's Law Enforcement Board
- Already began planning for the future of Olongapo City in the eventuality that the American Naval Base at Subic were to leave
- Led the resurrection and revitalization of Olongapo from the devastation by the 1991 eruption of Mt. Pinatubo.

*1975 to 1989
Associate Lawyer*

Angara Cruz Concepcion Abello (ACCRA) and Associates Law Office

*1971 to 1972
Delegate to the 1971 Constitutional Convention*

- Youngest delegate of the Convention
- Authored the Article on the Duties of Citizens, as a counterpart to the Bill of Rights

*1966 to 1967
Brand Manager*

Procter and Gamble (Philippine Manufacturing Company)

EDUCATION

1975 Bachelor of Laws
University of the Philippines

1966 A.B. History and Government
Ateneo de Manila University

SOCIO-CIVIC, PROFESSIONAL AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Chairman and CEO
Philippine Red Cross
2004 to present

President University of the Philippines
College of Law Alumni Association
2008 to present

Governing Board International Red Cross/
Red Crescent Federation

2005 to 2009

Member and Chairman
Pacific Asia Travel Association
2003 to 2004

Commissioner for East
Asia and the Pacific
World Tourism Organization
2001 to 2004
Founding Chairman
Bagumbayan Volunteers for a New Philippines
1997 to present

Lifetime Member
Integrated Bar of the Philippines

Member
Upsilon Sigma Phi Alumni Association

Director
Ateneo de Manila University Alumni Association

Chairman - James L. Gordon Council
Boys Scouts of the Philippines

Chairman – Olongapo Chapter
University of the Philippines Alumni Association

Member
Presidential Bases Conversion Committee

Member
Citizen's Legal Aid Society of the Philippines

National Chairman
Party for Philippine Progress Training Committee
Youth Arm
1966

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Tatak Asul Homecoming Award
Ateneo De Manila University

2015 Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award
Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating
Agency

2012 Peace Awardee
Rotary International District 3830 through Rotary Club
of Makati San Lorenzo

2008 Ateneo USA Award – Public Service

Ateneo USA Chicago All Ateneo Convention

2008 Gold Humanitarian Award
Japanese Red Cross

2007 Gold Humanitarian Service Cross Award
Philippine National Red Cross (declined initially but
accepted 5 Aug 2008)

2003 International Awardee, Visit Korea Year
Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Republic of Korea

2002 Aduana Awardee for Public Service
Aduana Foundation

2001 Gintong Ama Awardee
Gintong Ama and Ina Foundation

2001 Silver Humanitarian Award
Philippine National Red Cross

2000 Upsilonian Noble and Outstanding (UNO)
Upsilon Sigma Phi Alumni Association (Highest Honors)

1997 Most Distinguished Alumnus
UP Alumni Association (Highest Award)

1997 Outstanding Alumnus in Public Service
Letran College

1996 The Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL)
Philippine Jaycees Senate (Youngest Recipient)

1995 One of the 20 Great Asians of the Future
Asiaweek Magazine 20th Anniversary Special

1995 One of Who's Who in Asia
NHK TV Japan

1994 One of the 50 Young Leaders of Asia
Asahi Shimbun, Japan

1993 Luminary Award for Exemplary Achievement in
Public Administration
Upsilon Sigma Phi Alumni Association

1991 Aurora Aragon Quezon Peace Award
Philippine National Red Cross (Highest National
Award)

Gold Vision Triangle Award
National YMCA (Highest National Award)

Award for Outstanding and Dynamic Leadership in

Government Service
International Lions Club

1983 Professional Award in the Public Administration
UP Alumni Association

1982 Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) in Public
Administration
Philippine Jaycees Senate

PERSONAL DETAILS

BIRTH 5 August 1945
Castillejos, Zambales, Philippines

FAMILY

Spouse: Katherine H. Gordon
UNESCO Mayors for Peace Prize
Awardee in Asia 1998
Three-term Mayor of Olongapo City
(1995-2004) and
Member 8-10th Congress
Representing 1st District of Zambales (1987-1995)

Children: Marnie, Ali, LJ, Brian

Father: James L. Gordon (deceased)
First Elected Municipal Mayor of
Olongapo (1963-1967)

Mother: Amelia J. Gordon (deceased)
Pearl S. Buck Woman of the Year 2003
First Elected City Mayor of Olongapo
(1969)

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Herminio S. Esguerra
RY 2022-2023

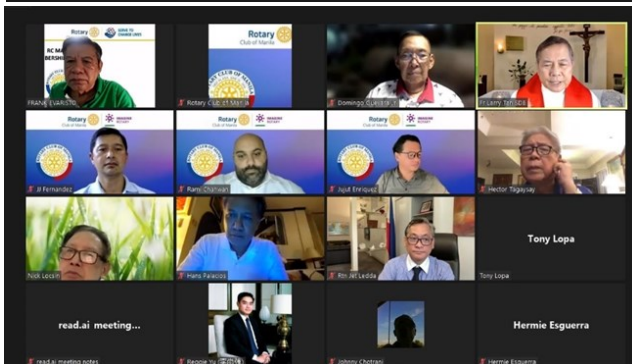
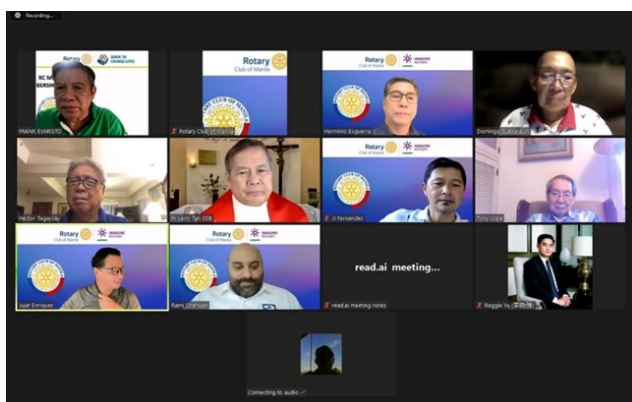


Dear fellow Manila Rotarians,

I am pleased to present this weekly report on all the events and activities I attended during the past week. This includes attending First Friday Mass led by Fr. Larry Tan SDB, meeting with DENR-PRCMO about our Global Grant Skimmer Project and signing a Trash Skimmer Vessel Donation Agreement with them, as well as discussing our Cleft Surgery Mission 2023 and launching our media advisory for it.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS FRIDAY, 2 JUNE 2023

I joined fellow Manila Rotarians in attending the First Friday Mass, which was led by Fr. Larry Tan, SDB.



**MEETING WITH DENR-PRCMO ABOUT THE
GLOBAL GRANT SKIMMER PROJECT
MONDAY, 5 JUNE 2023**

Grant Chairman Aries Balanay and I met with Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Pasig River Coordination and Management Office (DENR-PRCMO) Executive Director Jacqueline A. Caancan, CESO III for the status update on the Global Grant Skimmer Project.



With PRCMO team (from left): Martin Jacinto, Raphael Torres, Executive Director Jacqueline A. Caancan, CESO III, and Amber Hagada; Global Grant Chair Aries Balanay





The signing of the Trash Skimmer Vessel Donation Agreement with DENR PRCMO Executive Director Jacqueline A. Caanacan, a required document for the Global Grant

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA'S CLEFT SURGERY MISSION 2023

I am delighted to update you on our Cleft Surgery Mission 2023.

We have received approval from Rotary International for our Global Grant (GG2348049) project which aims to provide 60 or more cleft lip/ palate surgeries for children. This is an initiative we are working with Sta. Ana Hospital and Operation Smile Philippine in Manila, Philippines.

Cleft lip and palate deformities are a common birth defect in the Philippines, with an estimated incidence of one in every 500 births. These conditions can affect the appearance, speech, hearing, and feeding ability of affected individuals, and can significantly impact their quality of life. This project aims to provide life-changing cleft lip/palate surgery in Manila for 60 young people.

Rotary Club of Manila is partnering with Operation Smile, an international medical organization that provides surgical interventions for children with cleft lip and palate deformities. The organization partners with local hospitals and healthcare professionals to provide comprehensive care, including pre- and post-operative evaluations, surgery, and follow-up care.

These projects not only address the physical and functional aspects of cleft lip and palate deformities but also the social and emotional impacts of these conditions on affected individuals and their families. They also contribute to the overall improvement of

maternal and child health in the Philippines by providing access to high-quality medical care and support services for affected individuals.

Global Grant Team

Rotary Club of Manila

- President Herminio S. Esguerra
- Global Grant Chairman Aries B. Balanay
- Project Chairman Joel Valdes

Rotary International District 3810

Rotary International District 5150

Rotary Club of Manila

Rotary Club of San Bruno

Rotary Club of Sangju-Central

Huaqiao Foundation Limited

Rotary District 5150 Charitable Fund 504

Cooperating Organizations

Manila City Mayor Honey Lacuna-Pangan

Operation Smile Philippines

Sta. Ana Hospital

MEDIA ADVISORY:

Join us as we launch the Cleft Mission Project of the Rotary Club of Manila

When: June 9, 2023 | 9:00 am

Where: Sta. Ana Hospital, Manila, Philippines

We are excited to launch this project and provide life-changing cleft lip/palate surgery for children in Manila. Together we can make a difference by helping those in need access high-quality medical care that would otherwise be out of their reach.

Thank you all for your time and support!



Yours in Rotary Service,

Pres. Hermie Esguerra

EDITOR'S NOTE

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



FUN FACTS ABOUT ROTARY. In the February 16, 2023 issue of Balita, some interesting facts about Rotary were featured as Club members, especially the Star Rotarians, are surely interested to learn more about Rotary. Culled from various sources, here are additional helpful information about this amazing global network of volunteers called Rotary.

1. It was during the 1929 Rotary International Convention in Dallas, Texas, when the Rotary flag was officially adopted. It consists of a white field with the official wheel emblem emblazoned in gold in the center of the field. The four depressed spaces on the rim of the Rotary wheel are colored royal blue. The words "Rotary" and "International" printed at the top and bottom depressions on the wheel rim are also gold.
2. Some Rotary clubs use the official Rotary flag as a banner at club meetings. In these instances, it is appropriate to print the words "Rotary Club" above the wheel symbol, and the name of the city, state, or nation below the emblem. The Rotary flag is always prominently displayed at the World Headquarters as well as at all conventions and official events of Rotary International.
3. A wheel has been the symbol of the Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added, and the design which we

now known was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

4. The first women joined Rotary in 1987. Today, more than 196,000 women are members of Rotary International.

5. Today, we always start our Rotary year on the 1st day of July. But prior to 1913, Rotary's fiscal year began the day after its conventions.

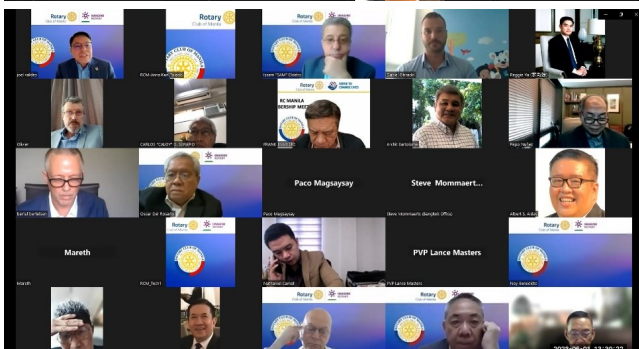
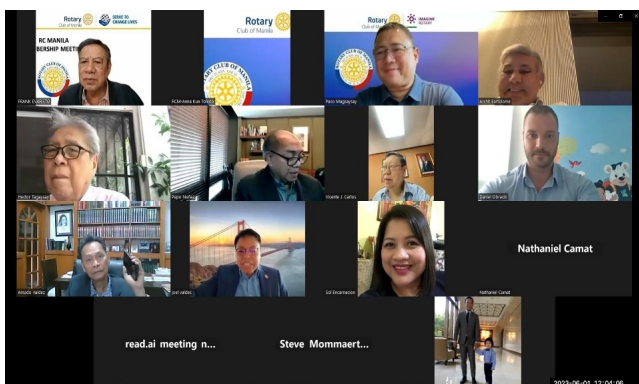
6. In many Rotary Clubs throughout the world, wives of male members are affectionately called "Rotary Anns." This designation was never one of disparagement but rather grew out of an interesting historical occasion.

In 1914 San Francisco Rotarians boarded a special train to attend the Rotary convention being held in Houston. In those days few wives attended Rotary events, and until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard was the wife of Rotarian Bru Brunnier. As the train picked up additional convention-bound delegates, Mrs. Ann Brunnier was introduced as the Rotarian's Ann. This title soon became "Rotary Ann." Since the clubs of the West were inviting the Rotarians to hold their next convention in San Francisco, a number of songs and stunts were organized which would be performed in Houston. One of the Rotarians wrote a "Rotary Ann" chant. On the train's arrival at the Houston depot, a delegation greeted the West Coast Rotarians. One of the greeters was Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, whose wife was also named Ann. During the rousing demonstration, someone started the Rotary Ann chant. The two petite ladies, Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker were hoisted to the men's shoulders and paraded about the hall. The group loved the title given to the two women named Ann. Immediately the same term of endearment was used for all of the wives in attendance, and the name "Rotary Ann" was here to stay. Guy Gundaker became President of Rotary International in 1923 and Bru Brunnier was elected President in 1952. Thus, each of the two original "Rotary Ann"s became the "First Lady of Rotary International."

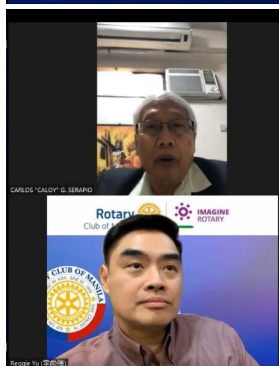
It is hoped that the foregoing fun facts about Rotary will help everyone imbibe and practice the 3 L's – **Learn Rotary, Love Rotary, Live Rotary.**

41ST WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

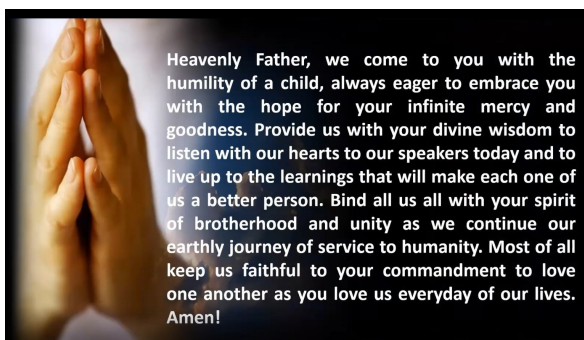
Manila Rotarians had a virtual fellowship before the meeting officially started.







The Program Moderator, Rtn. **CALOY SERAPIO**, requested the members present in Zoom to take their proper position before calling on Vice President **Reggie Yu** to call the meeting to order.



The invocation was led by Past Assistant Secretary and RCM Manila Foundation, Inc. Secretary **Joel Valdes**. After invoking the presence of the Lord, the membership proceeded with the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.



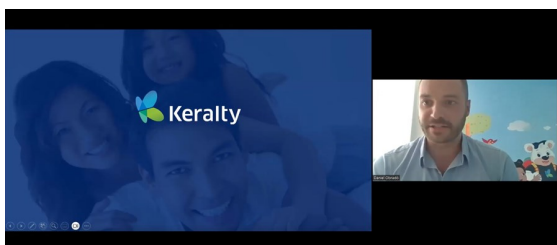
The recitation of The Rotarian Pledge and the Four Way Test by Rotarians present was led by Rtn. **Paco Magsaysay** (RCManila Foundation, Inc. Treasurer).



The membership led by the RCM “World Famous - WF” Chorale serenaded the week’s birthday celebrants.

The meeting featured the Classification Talk of two Manila Rotarians. A Classification Talk allows Rotarians, to share important parts of their personal and professional life, just enough to allow fellow Rotarians to know what the classification speaker is passionate about, do professionally, and hope to become through Rotary and other relationships.

The meeting’s Classification Talk featured two Star Rotarians: **Olivier Biltz** (former Economic Counsellor of the Embassy of France in the Philippines) and **Daniel Obrado**, Chief Executive Officer - Keralty Philippines and Metro Sanitas Corporation.



RCMANILA
FOUNDATION,
INC.
Chairman
Pepo Nunez
updated the
membership
with the brief
history and
the status of

the foundation in relation to its Philippine Council for
NGO Certification (the accrediting agency of
foundations), as well as its registration with the
Department of Social Welfare, and the Bureau of
Internal Revenue.

RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC. (Foundation) came to birth
when a group of **Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM)**
initiated to form an organization that will

SUPPORT THE PROJECTS OF ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA

		
Marcelo S. Balatbat	Arsenio M. Bartolome	Javier J. Calero
		
John M. Courtney	Santiago F. Dumlaog	Oscar S. Gonzales

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had its beginning on December 6, 1978



Lito Sibayan

RCManila Foundation, Inc. President **Lito Sibayan** gave an update on the upcoming RCM Cup, the golf tournament

which aims to raise funds for the Club's projects.



Reggie Yu

Vice President REGGIE YU gave his closing remarks before adjourning the weekly membership meeting.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY RCM MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE REPORT RY 2022-2023

JUNE 2023	JUNE 1, 2023 CLASSIFICATION TALK BY STAR RTNS OLIVIER BILTZ ; DANIEL OBRADO RCMANILA Foundation Update
All Members Present	54
All Members in virtual FB	0
Make Up	7
Less: Exempt from Attendance	7
On Leave	0
	247
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	22.31%
ROTARACTORS	0
MEDIA	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG/DGE	0
GOHS / GS	0
Visiting Rotarians	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	0
others	2
total attendees	54



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CLUB ADMINISTRATION

LIST OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR ANNUAL DUES FOR RY 2022-2023

As of June 7, 2023, 10:00 AM

ANNUAL DUES 22-23	
FULLY PAID	242
NOT YET PAID	5
PARTIALLY PAID	0
TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS	247

FULLY PAID

NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME
1	Aboy, Valentino "Val" G.	41	Canon, Raul
2	Abriam, Ariel	42	Carnat, Nathaniel
3	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.	43	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
4	Agnes, Jerry A.	44	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
5	Albaña, Michael Jaey "Mike"	45	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
6	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.	46	Carranceja, Arvin Arik
7	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"	47	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
8	Alday, Albert S.	48	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
9	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.	49	Cenica, John T.
10	Alunan, Rafael "Raffy" M.	50	Chahwan, Rami
11	Alvarez, Servando, Jr.	51	Chien, Liang-Ta "Steve"
12	Ampil, Alvin	52	Chotrani, Johnny N.
13	Andal, Avelino "Billy"	53	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.
14	Ang, Richard T.	54	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
15	Angara, Marius	55	Creencia, Raoul
16	Andres, Aerold L.	56	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.
17	Aragon, Joshua	57	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
18	Arguelles, Pablo	58	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
19	Aslam, Muhammad	59	David, Virgilio "Vee"
20	Aventura, Avenilo "Nilo" P.	60	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
21	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.	61	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.
22	Balanay, Aries	62	De Castro, Johnny
23	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.	63	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.
24	Batur, Sinan	64	Dee, Marcus L.
25	Bautista, John, Jr. I.	65	Del Rosario, Oscar
26	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.	66	Del Valle, Randolph "Randy"
27	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz	67	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"
28	Benedicto, Bernardo, III "Dong-Dong" T.	68	Dela Cruz, Emmanuel
29	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.	69	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.
30	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar	70	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio "Raf"
31	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"	71	Domingo, Rico V.
32	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	72	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.
33	Biltz, Oliver	73	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.
34	Bogovich, Jason M.	74	Echavez, Antonio
35	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"	75	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.
36	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	76	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"
37	Buendia, Carlos "Caloy" C.	77	Engelbrecht, Francois
38	Caasi, Urbano, Jr. "Banit" S.	78	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.
39	Cabangon, Edgard	79	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.
40	Cabuñag, Rogelio "Roger" R.	80	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.

NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME
81	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.	126	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
82	Evaristo, Frank A.	127	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
83	Everingham, Richard Jack	128	Lim, Richard
84	Fajardo, Beda G.	129	Lim, William "Willy" C.
85	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V.	130	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
86	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.	131	Locsin, Roberto R.
87	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.	132	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.
88	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	133	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.
89	Garcia, Theodore	134	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
90	Garcia, Victor	135	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
91	Gaspar, Fernando "Nando" L.	136	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
92	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	137	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
93	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.	138	Magbanua, Gerry
94	Go, Henry Sy	139	Magpale, Jose Paolo
95	Go, Michael	140	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
96	Gonzales, Michael Raymond	141	Magsaysay, Jesus Vicente E.
97	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.	142	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
98	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.	143	Mangalile, Senen
99	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	144	Martinez, Ronald
100	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.	145	Masters, Lance A.
101	Hallare, Nicolo "Nic" S.	146	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
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103	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt	148	Meloto, Antonio "Tony"
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107	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius "Ben"	152	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
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109	Joseph, Ralph L.	154	Mueller, Klaus
110	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.	155	Narayanamoorthy, Nantha K.
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117	Lacambacal, Alvin D.	162	Ong, Jovee K.
118	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"	163	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.
119	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez	164	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L. "Mike"
120	Laurel, Ricardo "Ricky" P.	165	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
121	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.	166	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.
122	Lazaro, Juan Miguel "Miguel"	167	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"
123	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.	168	Pañares, Ben Thomas "Toby" P.
124	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	169	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.
125	Li, Richard Joseph Chang	170	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"

NO. NAME		NO. NAME	
171	Patterson, Colin David	210	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.
172	Payumo, Felicito "Tong" C.	211	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
173	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	212	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
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179	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.	218	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.
180	Ramos, Claver P.	219	Tang, Jimmy T.
181	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"	220	Tanglao, Noel V.
182	Recto, Philip H.	221	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
183	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.	222	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.
184	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	223	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"
185	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	224	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"
186	Robertz, Constantin Franz Josef "Cons"	225	Uy, Ivan John Enrile "Ivan"
187	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean "Sean" H.	226	Valdes, Joel C.
188	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.	227	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.
189	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.	228	Valdez, Jason
190	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin "Martin" G.	229	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.
191	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.	230	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
192	Rono, Marlon	231	Vasquez, Evaristo "Junjie"
193	Roxas, Michael	232	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.
194	Sarmiento, Ricardo Manuel "Rocco"	233	Villacorta, Daniel Deo B.
195	Sarasola, Il, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.	234	Villarica, Henry R.
196	Schmitz, Steffan	235	Villegas, Raoul A.
197	Schneider, Bernd	236	Wombwell, Philip Brian
198	Schoucair, Farid Alain	237	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.
199	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"	238	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.
200	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.	239	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.
201	Shigei, Kentaro	240	Yujuico, Brendon
202	Shimoda, Shigeru	241	Zalamea, Enrique, Jr. "Rick" M.
203	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	242	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.
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205	So, Warren	244	Zheng, Zhihao "Jerry"
206	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.	245	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.
207	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya	246	Zimmer, Christopher
208	Souvlakis, Nicolas	247	Zosa, Rolando "Roy" M.
209	Stranathan, Ike		

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NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME
1	Leung, Karl A.	1	Abastillas, Celso E.



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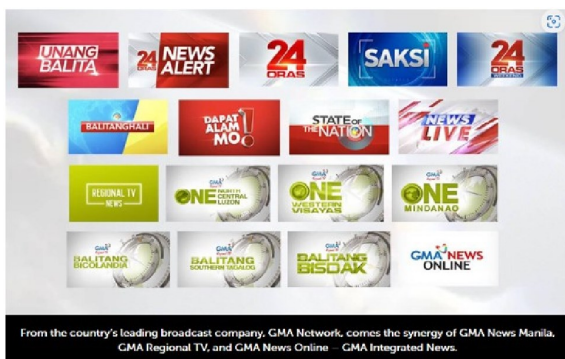
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A Fund Raising Golf Tournament for the Benefit of
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Sta. Elena Golf Club

June 19, 2023 (Monday)

EXCITING RAFFLE PRIZES AT STAKE

- A pair of 9-10 mm earring studs and 10 mm pendant with South Sea Pearls set in 18 karat gold worth Php 150,000.00 from Jeweler.
- Php 100,000.00 cash
- Gadgets, appliances, Empire Sports GCs and more

HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZES: Php 20,000.00 cash on all Par 3 holes

Cash prizes will be raffled off if no one makes a hole-in-one.

Tournament Fee: Php 6,000.00
Inclusive of green fee, cart-sharing,
giveaways, lunch and raffle
Registration: 6:00 AM
Shotgun Tee-off: 8:00 AM

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