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GENERAL ASSEMBLY & GOVERNOR'S VISIT

District Governor

Lilian "Lai" Hernandez De La Cruz



July 27, 2023



12 noon



VIA ZOOM

Kabalita

Each Rotary Club is a beating heart, a living entity, a ripple that, together with other Rotary Clubs, collectively produces a gigantic wave of Rotary service around the world. The Rotary Club of Manila is the first in Asia to propagate the Rotary brand; but just like any Club, RCM belongs to and is a part of a bigger organization – District 3780. As such, the Club's service programs must be aligned with the thrust and directives of the District. It is, therefore, fitting that in the first month of this Rotary year, the District Governor will make her official visit to the Club. This will be a perfect opportunity for her to listen and react to the unveiling of the Club's strategic plan, as well as relay to all Manila Rotarians her direction and priorities as the leader of our District.

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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

4th Weekly Membership Meeting

Rotary Year 2022-2023

Thursday, July 27, 2023, 12:30 PM VIA ZOOM

GENERAL ASSEMBLY / GOVERNOR'S VISIT

MODERATOR: SECRETARY EDWIN HERNANDEZ

12:00 PM	Assembly	
12:30 PM	Call to Order	PRESIDENT RAFAEL M. ALUNAN III
	Invocation and Special Prayers	DIRECTOR MICHAEL ALBAÑA
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	Acknowledgment of R.I. District 3810 Team led by District Gov. Lai De La Cruz	
12:45 PM	Presentation of Directional Strategic Plans	PRESIDENT RAFAEL M. ALUNAN III
	Directors' Report on Project Proposals	
	Q & A	
1:45 PM	Remarks of the District Governor	DG LAI DELA CRUZ
	Wrap Up / Summary of Key Points	Sec. EDWIN HERNANDEZ
2:00 PM	Adjournment	PRESIDENT RAFAEL M. ALUNAN III

EDITOR'S NOTE

NOMINATING AND VOTING FOR OUR CLUB DIRECTORS. It is truly amazing that, less than one month after the induction ceremony of President Raffy Alunan and his team, the Rotary Club of Manila is already preparing for the elections of the succeeding set of Directors who will serve in the next Rotary year. An early election is an outstanding feature in our Constitution and By-Laws and is meant to ensure that the directors-elect (especially the new ones) will be able to better prepare (and psych) themselves to lead the Club next year.

Pursuant to our Club By-Laws, members will be nominating the candidates who will be among the choices to be voted upon on election day. Notably --

- a. Nominations for candidates to the Board shall be called by the Presiding Officer at a regular meeting of the membership one month before the election [cf., RCM By-Laws Art. I -1]; and,
- b. Any number of nominations may be made by the members on the floor [ibid].

Pursuant to the above, the Club's weekly membership meeting on August 3 will be the day that the nominations will be made. This is without prejudice to any other announcement that will be issued by the duly constituted Election Committee. This means that an Election Committee must be constituted at least a week before this date.

On the matter of creating an Election Committee, we are guided by the relevant provisions of our Club By-Laws and Election Manual, viz:



Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

- a. The RCM President has the power to appoint the Chairman and members for the Committee, subject to the approval of the Board [cf., By-Laws, Article VII-Section1-C].
- b. the President shall form the Elections Committee preferably with the Immediate Past President as the Chairman and two past presidents as members. One of the members shall be the Vice Chairman. [cf., RCM Election Manual, Code of Policies, July 2014].
- c. The Election Committee Chairman shall supervise the nomination, voting and canvassing of votes. He shall be assisted by the Election Committee members. On Election Day, the Election Committee shall supervise the election and the Board of Canvassers shall assist in the distribution and collection of the ballots [cf., RCM Election Manual, Code of Policies, July 2014].

EDITOR'S NOTE

The election will be held on the first Thursday of September, and this year, the date is September 7. The Club will be choosing eight Directors who will compose the governing Board, and who will be modeling the way and making crucial decisions as servant-leaders. It is hoped that all members will carefully choose the nominees based on personal qualifications and track record, and select those who will best protect and promote the interest of the Club. A modified version of our four-way test may help as a guide in choosing who to vote for as our Club Directors, thus:

1. Is he truly committed to serve as an elected Director?
2. Will he be fair in his decision-making as a Board member?
3. Will he foster better friendships and goodwill as an RCM officer?
4. Will his election to the Board be beneficial to all members?

The roster of Manila Rotarians composing this great Club will tell us that we are not lacking in exceptional choices. Let us thus discern and choose wisely!



3rd WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP



Guest of Honor and Speaker, Hon. Teodoro "Ted" Herbosa, MD, Secretary of Health, with Pres. Rafael M. Alunan III

PRE-LUNCHEON MEETING FELLOWSHIP WITH MANILA ROTARIANS, VISITING ROTARIANS, GUESTS, AND FRIENDS



From left: PP John Ayson Simon of RC San Francisco del Monte, PD Alvin Lacambacal, VP Reggie Yu, SDG Ken Jamandre, Rtn. Samira Gutoc, and BLA Raoul Creencia



Rotarians Micray Gonzalez and Emman dela Cruz



From left: STAR Rtn. Nico Hallare, Ms. Sally Clark, Dir. Hans Palacios, and Patrick Signo



From left: PD Oscar del Rosario, PP Chito Zaldarriaga, PP Archit Bartolome, RCMFI Pres. Willie Pelino, PD Abe Pascual, Rtn. Jerry Agnes, AS Rami Chahwan, Sec. Edwin Hernandez and Dr. Manuel Almelo



PDG Rudy Bediones, Pres. Raffy Alunan, and Dir. Johnny Chotrani



STAR Rtn. Dan Obrado with his guest, HE Miguel Utray, Ambassador of Spain to the Philippines, and Rtn. Anton Mauricio



BLA Raoul Creencia and Pres. Raffy Alunan with Visiting Rotarians – Rtn. Samira Gutoc (RC Iligan Uptown) and SDG Ken Jamandre (RC Metro Escolta)



SAA Nagi Zitouni and VP Reggie Yu



SDG Ken Jamandre (RC Metro Escolta) and BLA Raoul Creencia



PAS Henry Go and Rtn. Paco Magsaysay



Dir. Johnny Chotrani and STAR Rtn. Dan Obrado



From left: Rtn. Jerry Agnes, PD Beda Fajardo, VP Reggie Yu, AS Rami Chahwan, Sec. Edwin Hernandez and guest



From left (standing): Pres Raffy Alunan, Treas. PJ Garcia, and Rtn. Anton Mauricio; (seated): PAS Joel Valdes



From left: Rtn. Caloy Serapio, PDG Rudy Bediones, and IPP Hermie Esguerra



RCMFI Trustee/PD Abe Pascual and RCMFI Pres. Willie Peliño

THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROPER



Rtn. Brix Pujalte, Program Moderator, invited the members and guests to take their seats as the program was about to start.



Pres. Raffy Alunan called the meeting to order with the ringing of the Rotary Bell using the Rotary Gavel.



Rtn. Caloy Buendia rendered a heartfelt doxology with the soulful singing of "Our Father."





STAR Rtn. Paul Koh enjoined the members and Visiting Rotarians to renew their pledge to live by the Rotary 4-Way Test.



Rtn. Brix Pujalte, MD acknowledged the presence of H.E. Miguel Utray, Ambassador of Spain to the Philippines, visiting Rotarians, Rotaractors, guests of members, as well as the guests of Secretary Herbosa.



RCM World Famous Chorale warmly welcomed visiting Rotarians, Rotaractors, and guests with a joyful singing of the RCM Welcome Song.



President's Time: Pres. Raffy Alunan updated the members of the ongoing and upcoming activities of the club.



PD John Cenica, MD introduced the Guest of Honor and Speaker.



Hon. Health Secretary Teodoro "Ted" Herbosa, MD, shared with the members and guests the priority undertakings of the Department of Health.

Members and guests intently listened to the Guest Speaker as he unveiled the new policies and initiatives of the Department of Health.



Sec. Herbosa was engaging and candid during the Open Forum.

Participants at the Open Forum



PAS Joel Valdes



PD Beda Fajardo



PP Archit Bartolome



IPP Hermie Esguerra



Dir. Hans Palacios



PP Chito Zaldarriaga



Pres. Raffy Alunan presented the Club's Token of Appreciation to **Sec. Ted Herbosa**.



Wrapping up another successful membership meeting, **Pres. Raffy Alunan** delivered his Closing Remarks and signaled the Adjournment.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

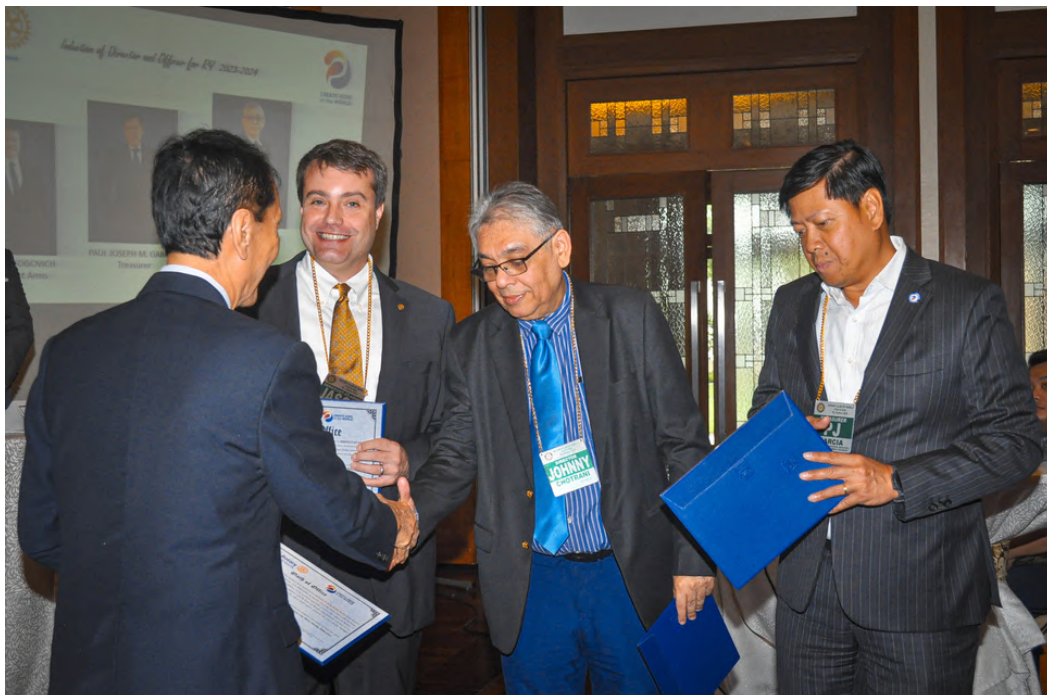
Birthday celebrants of the week, **PDG Rudy Bediones** and **PDG Obet Pagdanganan** were serenaded by the membership, led by the RCM Music Chorale.



INDUCTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS



PDG Obet Pagdanganan led the induction of the Directors and Officers who missed the inaugural meeting last July 6, 2023. Formally being committed to their respective duties as Director and officers were **Dir. Johny Chotrani**, **Treas. Paul Joseph Garcia**, and **Sgt. at Arms Jason Bogovich**.



Philippine Rotary History Tidbits



Rotary Club of Manila meeting in the 1930s.

In early 1919, Rotarian Roger Pinneo of Seattle, Washington, USA, traveled to the Philippines to try to organize a Rotary club in Manila. Leon J. Lambert, a Manila business leader helped Pinneo establish the club. Several months later, on 1 June 1919, the Rotary Club of Manila was chartered and became the first Rotary club in Asia.

The club would be the only one in the country for more than 12 years. Eventually, Manila club members organized Rotary clubs in the Philippine cities of Cebu (1932) and Iloilo (1933). Iloilo club members then started a club in Bacolod (1937), and Rotary continued to expand across the country.

Eight clubs were leading service efforts in the Philippines by the end of 1941. Iloilo Rotary members raised funds to build a hospital dormitory in Iloilo for patients with leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease. Farther south, on the island of Mindanao, Davao club members organized a tree planting project to beautify their city.

Sometime during World War II, the Philippine clubs, like many Rotary clubs around the globe, ceased operations. All clubs in the Philippines were formally closed by the end of 1943.

Rotary was re-established in the country when the Dagupan club officially reopened in June 1945. The Manila club followed in October. By April 1948, all pre-WWII Rotary clubs had reopened and five new clubs had been chartered.

Service projects, including supplying books and furniture for a new library in Dumaguete, continued throughout the 1950s. In 1979, Rotary International began its historic fight to end polio with its first polio immunization project in Makati City.

Today, Rotary clubs in the Philippines continue to take action to improve lives in their respective communities.

Source: rotary.org

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2023-2024

JULY 2023	<u>JULY 6, 2023</u> Inaugural Meeting	<u>JULY 13, 2023</u> Arch. Felino Palafox	<u>JULY 20, 2023</u> Hon. Teodoro J. Herbosa, MD Secretary, Department of Health
All Members Present	71	35	52
Make Up	0	1	7
Less: Exempt from Attendance	2	3	2
On Leave	0	0	0
Total Active Members	69	33	57
Total # of Members	239	239	239
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	29%	14%	24%
ROTARACTORS	15	0	4
MEDIA	0	0	18
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	7	0	1
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	27	1	0
GOHS / GS	1	2	3
Visiting Rotarians	83	2	4
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	66	6	10
Total attendees	270	46	92

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

List of Members Who Have Paid Their Annual Dues for RY 2023-2024

(As of July 26, 2023, 4:00 PM)

FULLY PAID

1	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.
2	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.
3	Alday, Albert S.
4	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.
5	Alunan, Rafael "Raffy" M.
6	Balanay, Aries
7	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.
8	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.
9	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
10	Canon, Raul
11	Carranceja, Arvin Arik
12	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
13	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
14	Creencia, Raoul
15	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
16	De Castro, Johnny
17	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.
18	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"
19	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.
20	Fajardo, Beda G.
21	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"
22	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.
23	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"
24	Garcia, Theodore
25	Garcia, Victor
26	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.
27	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.
28	Hallerbach, Mathias
29	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius "Ben"
30	Jucaban, Jeric J.
31	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A. Y.
32	Koh, Paul Anthony

33	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"
34	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.
35	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
36	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
37	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
38	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.
39	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
40	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
41	Mangalile, Senen
42	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
43	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
44	Patterson, Colin David
45	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
46	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.
47	Reynolds, David John "Dave"
48	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.
49	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.
50	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.
51	Rono, Marlon
52	Roxas, Michael
53	Shimoda, Shigeru
54	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.
55	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
56	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
57	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"
58	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
59	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"
60	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
61	Vasquez, Evaristo "Junjie"
62	Villarica, Henry R.
63	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.
64	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.

PARTIALLY PAID

1	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.
2	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.
3	Valdes, Joel C.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

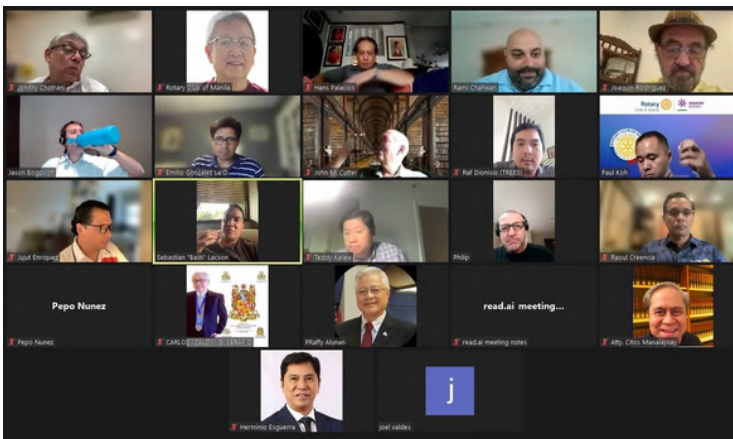
Board of Directors for RY 2023-2024 Holds its First Special Board Meeting



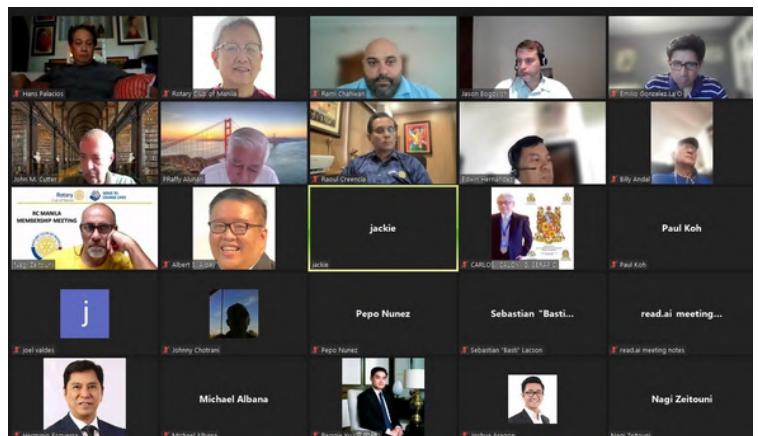
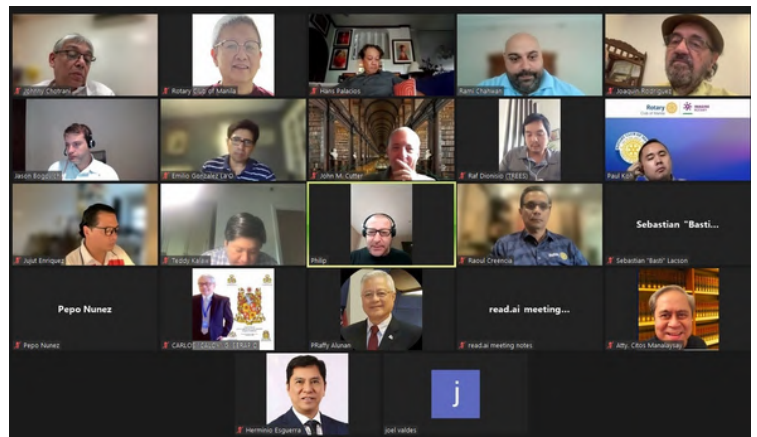
First Special Board Meeting was held last Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 3:00 PM at the Turf Room of Manila Polo Club. Present were Pres. Raffy Alunan, IPP Hermie Esguerra, VP Reggie Yu, Directors Johnny Chotrani, Albert Alday, Mike Albaña, Hans Palacios and Jujut Enriquez, Sec. Edwin Hernandez, AS Rami Chahwan, Treas. PJ Garcia, BLA Raoul Creencia, ABLA Teddy Kalaw, IA Nick Locsin, AIA Jordan Pizarra, SAA Jason Bogovich and SAA Nagi Zeitouni.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Board of Directors, Officers and Committee Leaders Hold its Second Special Board Meeting



The second Special Board Meeting of the Directors, Board Officers and Committee Leaders was held last Monday, July 24, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM via Zoom. The meeting was attended by Pres. Raffy Alunan, IPP Hermie Esguerra, VP Reggie Yu, Directors Johnny Chotrani, Albert Alday, Hans Palacios, Mike Albaña, and Jujut Enriquez, Sec. Edwin Hernandez, BLA Raoul Creencia, AS Rami Chahwan, ABLA Teddy Kalaw, SAA Nagi Zeitouni, SAA Jason Bogovich, DGE Jackie Rodriguez, Membership Chair Caloy Serapio, Rtn. Philip Wombwell, Rtn. Basti Lacson, Rtn. Citos Manalaysay, Rtn. Emil La'O, PAS Joel Valdes, STAR Rtn. Paul Koh, Rtn. Joshua Aragon, Rtn. Billy Andal and Rtn. Raf Dionisio.



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Executive Committee Meeting



EXCOM Meeting was held on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 4 PM in RCM Office. Present at the hybrid meeting were Pres. Raffy Alunan (in person), VP Reggie Yu (in person), Dir. Mike Albaña (via Zoom), and Sec. Edwin Hernandez (via Zoom) to finalize the club's goals in relation to the Governor's Challenges and the goals of Rotary International.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RCM Digitization Project Briefing



On Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 10 AM, RCM Digitalization Committee Chair Inov Talusan, and member Rtn. Aries Balanay briefed IPP Hermie Esguerra on the status of the RCM Library Digitization project at the RCM office.

After providing an overview of the Digitization project, IPP Hermie Esguerra treated the RCM and RCMFI secretariat teams, as well as RCM Digitalization Project Chair Inov Talusan and member Rtn. Aries Balanay, to lunch at Emerald Garden Restaurant in Manila.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Medical Prevention and Treatment Committee Meeting



The Medical Prevention and Treatment Committee meeting was held on July 26 to discuss its various programs for RY 2023-2024. Present were Chair John Cutter, Co-Chair Jason Bogovich, Rtn. Emil Gonzalez Lao, Rtn. Paul Kho, and BLA Raoul Creencia.

DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

Art Exhibit Supporting Persons with Disabilities at Hospicio de San Jose



An art exhibit by in-house artists with disabilities at Hospicio de San Jose in support of the new Rendu Building, an improved living place for persons with developmental deficiency. Present at the event were Pres. Raffy Alunan, VP Reggie Yu (director in charge of Disease Prevention and Treatment), Dir. Mike Albaña (not in photo), AS Rami Chahwan, Rtn. Philip Wombwell, Rtn. Mike Roxas, Committee on Persons with Disability - Chair Rtn. Ray Davis, Co-chair PD Phil Ong and member Rtn. Ramby Nolido.



Pres. Raffy Alunan delivering his message.



Sr. Martha A. Gamolo, administrator of Hospicio de San Jose, delivering her Welcome Remarks.



PD Phillip Ong presenting the artwork of one of the artists.

DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

Art Exhibit Supporting Persons with Disabilities at Hospicio de San Jose



Artist Angie painting with her feet



RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC.

RCManila Foundation, Inc. Holds Executive Committee Meeting



RCManila Foundation Executive Committee Meeting was held last Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 4:30 PM at Tranzen Office, 5th floor, Pacific Star Bldg., Makati City. Present were (clockwise) President Willie Peliño, Trustee/Sec Paco Magsaysay, Trustee Anton Mauricio, Trustee Jujut Enriquez, Immediate Past Chair Pepo Nuñez, Rtn. Emman dela Cruz, Rtn. Micray Gonzalez, Immediate Past Chair Pepo Nuñez and Chair Lito Sibayan.

PUBLIC IMAGE

COVER

THE AUDACITY OF HOPE

RCM in 2023-24: Opening doors and charting new pathways

By Rafael Alunan III

(Inaugural speech at the 104th induction of the Rotary Club of Manila, July 6, 2023, City of Dreams, Pasay City. RCM is Asia's first and oldest Rotary Club. It is also the greatest Rotary Club in Asia.)

Greetings: In the interest of time, I will dispense with protocol considering that everyone that needed to be acknowledged have been flashed on the screen and their names called out.

A pleasant good afternoon!

On behalf of our Board of Directors and Officers, may I first thank with all my heart all of you who came today to join us in our induction ceremony, in particular:

- Our special guests with speaking parts – Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Midas Marquez; former Rotary International Directors Guillen Tumangan and Raffy Garcia; and newly installed District Governor Lilian de la Cruz;
- Our landlord and sponsor, Mr. Willie Ocier, Chair of Belle Resources (our eternal thanks to you Willie for enabling us with your gracious magnanimity to hold our induction in the COD);
- Our Immediate Past President who has set for us a high bar of performance, Hermie Esguerra, and his commander-in-chief, the equally accomplished Immediate Past Governor of District 3810, Joyce Ambray;
- The indefatigable induction Chairman, VP Reggie Yu and Director Mike Alaña, who handled the entire process with aplomb like the professionals that they are in their respective fields.
- Those superlatives also apply to Ms. Ina Garcia, Banquet Director and COD's hospitality team; Red Rod Productions; our valuable outsourced technical crew and service providers;
- Our generous donors and benefactors, including our members who funded our souvenir program;
- Our printer and good friend, Mr. Sol Yuyitung, whose patience and dexterous

handling of last minute changes deserves a two thumbs up;

- District officers, especially SDG Gary Pua and District Exec Sec Marni Sy;
- My fellow Hope Creating Presidents;
- Our brothers and sisters from Rotary Club of Hong Kong Kowloon East led by its President Chung Wai Keung;
- Members of the Council of Past Presidents of RCM;
- And last, but certainly not least, our Secretariat headed by Ms. Anna Kun Toledo who I teasingly consider as RCM's de facto President for life.

275 VIPs

Secondly, may I express my deep gratitude to the 275 VIPs in the room, that's all of you, from here and abroad, Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike, for spending some of your precious time with us.

I'm personally connected to each of you and the organizations you lead or represent, one way or the other, past and present.

With your kind indulgence, I'd like to single out some of them with all due respect to those whose names I want to call out but won't be able to due to time constraints.

- DoTr Secretary Jaime Bautista; [DND Secretary Gilbert Teodoro];

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NEW ROTARY PRESIDENT Rafael Alunan 3rd (right) is Inducted as the president of the Rotary Club of Manila during the 104th Induction and Turnover Ceremonies held at the Grand Ballroom of the City of Dreams in Parañaque City on Thursday, July 6, 2023. PHOTO BY J. GERARD SEGUIA [»Story on A2](#)

PUBLIC IMAGE

Monday, 24 July 2023
Today's Newspaper

Daily Tribune
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LATEST

DoH's thrust: Delivering quality healthcare for the very poor

Listen 4




DoH Secretary addresses officers and members of the Rotary Club of Manila during the Club's Third Weekly Membership Meeting (Rotary Year 2022-2023) at the Manila Polo Club last Thursday, 20 July. At the presidential table are (from left) Dr. John Cenica, Dr. Brix Pujalte, RC Manila President Rafael Mm Alunan III, Past District Governor Obet Pagdaganan, Dr. Paul Kho and Carlos Buendia. Secretary Herbosa spoke about his priority agenda which includes the delivery of quality primary and universal health care services to the people, giving attention to health care worker issues, modernizing health care through telemedicine and new technologies, and taking care of Filipinos' mental health, among various other urgent concerns

Department of Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa (left) stands alongside Rotary Club of Manila president Rafael M. Alunan III during RC Manila's 3rd Weekly Membership Meeting at the Manila Polo Club last Thursday, 20 July 2023. Secretary Herbosa was the Club's guest speaker during the meeting.

Photographs by Dianne Bacelonia for the daily tribune

Teodoro Javier Herbosa received a call from the Office of the President about a year after President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. assumed the Presidency. The caller from the Palace said the President would like to see him in Malacañang, but it was not made clear what the former would like to meet with him about. The night before his meeting with the President, Herbosa wrote an 8-point agenda about what he'd like to do in the department, just in case he'd be asked to be Health Secretary.

COMIC RELIEF



Source: Rotary Club of Eltham

FELLOWSHIP

IPP Hermie Esguerra Hosts Board Members for a Snack at Manila Golf Club



IPP Hermie Esguerra hosted the members of the Board to a snack at Manila Golf Club after the First Special Board Meeting at Manila Polo Club. With IPP Hermie Esguerra were Pres. Raffy Alunan, VP Reggie Yu, Dir. Albert Alday, Sec. Edwin Hernandez, AS Rami Chahwan, SAA Nagi Zeitouni and ABLA Teddy Kalaw.

EVENTS

Manila Rotarians Attend Second State of the Nation Address of His Excellency Ferdinand “Bongbong” R. Marcos Jr.



At the second State of the Nation Address of His Excellency Ferdinand “Bongbong” R. Marcos Jr. were PDG Obet Pagdanganan, Finance Secretary/PVP Ben Diokno, National Development Corporation General Manager/Rtn. Anton Mauricio and PAS Henry Go.



NDC General Manager/Rtn. Anton Mauricio with House Speaker/Rtn. Martin Romualdez (left photo) and Rtn. Rocco Sarmiento (right photo, third row extreme right).

RECOGNITION CORNER



Congratulations to IPP Hermie on the Juris Doctor graduation of his son Gab from Ateneo Law School. Proud father of deserving son.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF *IWCM PP Myrna S. Hallare*



RC Manila and Inner Wheel Club of Manila (IWCM) members and friends condole with PD Jun and STAR Rtn. Nico Hallare family. From RI District 3810, IPDG Joyce Ambray, RCM IPP/RCMFI Trustee Hermie Esguerra, PP Archit Bartolome, RCManila Foundation - Pres. Willie Pelino, Trustee Anton Mauricio, Trustee / PD Abe Pascual, Immediate Past Chair / PD Pepo Nunez, PP Archit Bartolome, PD Rod Valencia, PD Raul Villegas, Rtn. Cris Acosta, Rtn. Ben Ibuyan, Rtn. Ricky Guevara, Rtn. Vic and Sps Connie Guanzon, and former members- PP Dong Saludo and PP Ben Santos; IWCM PP/ Consul Fortune Ledesma, IWCM Dolly Gupit and PP Fanny Blanco, PD Jun and Nico Hallare, the bereaved family members of the late IWCM PP Myrna Sumulong Hallare.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF *IWCM PP Myrna S. Hallare*



PDG Rudy Bediones and PD Oscar del Rosario Sr.



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Immediate Past President

REGINALD T. YU
Vice President

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Club Treasurer

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Assistant Club Treasurer

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Internal Auditor

JORDAN M. PIZARRAS
Assistant Internal Auditor

ANNA KUN TOLEDO
Executive Secretary



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