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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



HON. ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Former Senator, Republic of the Philippines
Past President, Rotary Club of Manila

Kabalita

The colorful history and landmark achievements of Asia's first Rotary Club have been punctiliously woven and self-effacingly shaped by great Rotarians who have served with dedication and integrity. This week's club meeting celebrates a remarkable Rotarian who has lived a life of service – making an indelible mark not only as the Club's Past President, but as a former hardworking Senator and public servant of the country. Today, the Club honors a man who has personified the Rotary motto: "service above self."





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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

10th Weekly Membership Meeting Rotary Year 2023-2024

Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:30PM
MANILA POLO CLUB

MODERATOR: PP ARSENIO "Archit" BARTOLOME III

PART I

12:00 PM	Registration	
12:30 PM	Call to Order	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III
	Invocation	PDG RODOLFO "Rudy" BEDIONES
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	Rotary Club of Manila Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	The Four (4) Way Test	RTN. FELICITO "Tong" PAYUMO
	Acknowledgment of Guests	PP ARSENIO "Archit" BARTOLOME III
	Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale

RC Manila Birthday Celebrants

Sept. 01	Rtn. John Tan	
Sept. 02	Rtn. Roy Soza	
Sept. 05	Rtn. Aldous Alingog	
Sept. 06	Rtn. Jae Jang Rtn. Emyl Eugenio Rtn. Richard Everingham	
Sept. 07	PP Alberto Romulo	
<i>Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song</i>		RCM WF Music Chorale

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

PART II

1:00 PM	President's Time	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III
1:05 PM	Tribute to PP Bert Romulo	1. PP SANTIAGO "Santi" DUMLAO 2. PDG ROBERTO "Obet" PAGDANGANAN 3. PP DOMINGO "Boy" GUEVARA
1:15 PM	A Serenade to PP Bert Romulo	RCM WF Chorale

PART III

1:20 PM	Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker	PDG VICENTE "Vince" CARLOS
	Address HON. ALBERTO G. ROMULO Former Senator and Past President of RC Manila	
1:40 PM	Open Forum / Q&A	
1:50 PM	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III DGE JOAQUIN C. "Jackie" RODRIGUEZ, SR. Programs Committee Chairman
1:55 PM	Announcement of Results of RCM Elections	IPP HERMINIO S. "Hermie" ESGUERRA Chairman – Committee on Election
	Update on the Hospicio De San Jose RCM Project	Rtn. RAYMOND N. "Ray" DAVIS
2:00 PM	Adjournment	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



FORMER SENATOR ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Public Service and Experience

1984-2022

Chairman Alberto G. Romulo's noteworthy feats in the public sector include serving as Senate Majority Leader, credited for the passing of major banking, business and economic legislations. He also authored/ sponsored major laws that include The New Central Bank Act, The Social Security Law, The Philippine Veterans Bank Act, and the Joint Legislative – Executive Development Council (LEDAC) Law. As Secretary of Foreign Affairs, he was instrumental in the passage of the Philippine Archipelagic Baseline Law in 2009, and spearheaded the passage of the Veterans Benefit Enhancement Act.

Highlights of Chairman Romulo's Public Service Career and Other Achievements:

Secretary of Budget

- Member of President Corazon Aquino's Economic Team
- When President Aquino assumed office, the national treasury was in the red, CB was bankrupt and government financial institutions gutted and insolvent (PNB, GSIS, etc.)

Secretary of Finance

- Chairman, Land Bank of the Philippines
- Chairman, Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation
- Governor, Asian Development Bank
- Alternate Governor, International Monetary Fund

Monetary Board Member (Twice)

1. During President Corazon Aquino's incumbency (First Time)
2. During President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's incumbency (Second Time)

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FORMER SENATOR ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Public Service and Experience

1984-2022

Senate

Chairman, Senate Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Majority Leader

As Senate Majority Leader, major banking, business and economic legislations were passed. In addition, Sen. Romulo authored/sponsored major laws, among them:

- RA 7653 The NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT (Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas)
- RA 8282 The SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (Revised)
- RA 7169 PHILIPPINE VETERANS BANK ACT
- RA 7640 JOINT LEGISLATIVE - EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LEDAC) LAW

Executive Secretary

- Chairman, Cabinet Oversight Committee on Internal Security and Disaster Preparedness and relief (COCIS)
- Chairman, NEDA Board Executive
- Chairman, 14 other offices and agencies

Secretary of Foreign Affairs

- National Security: After 27 years of inaction and paralysis, initiated and coordinated the timely passage of the Philippine Archipelagic Baseline Law in 2009. In the same year, secured our claim in the UN for extended Continental shelf, covering an area as big as Luzon.
- After more than 20 years of neglect, initiated and coordinated the issuance of world class Machine and Readable Passport, then followed in 2009 of state-of-the-art E (ELECTRONIC) PASSPORT and NEW PASSPORT OFFICES (ASEANA).
- After 60 years of waiting, spearheaded the passage of Veterans Benefit Enhancement Act (US Congress) with Senator INOUE and with the support of Senators BARACK OBAMA and HILLARY CLINTON
- Multiple Benefits for Career and other DFA Personnel

Director, Administration and Finance (JCI, USA)

Doctor of Laws and CPA

EDITOR'S NOTE

DISCERNMENT. Today, September 7, the Rotary Club of Manila will choose a set of directors who will serve in Rotary year 2024-2025. Remarkably, it is also the year when a Manila Rotarian, DGE Jackie Rodriguez, will take the helm as District Governor. It is thus hoped that 2024-25 will be a hallmark year for Asia's first Rotary Club. With this, it behooves all members to discern, and have the Club's interest at heart when voting for the next set of Board members.

There are a dozen candidates for the 8 directors who will be elected by the membership. These nominees said "yes" to the challenge; and by their acceptance and by allowing themselves to be voted upon, it is assumed that all these candidates have truly thought hard and have determined that, for at least a year, they can and will fully commit to dedicate their time, talent and treasure to dutifully serve the Club as members of its highest governing body.

Being voted upon to serve the club as a Director must not be taken lightly. One's inclusion in a ballot and eventually being chosen by the membership as a Board member constitutes a sacred pact that the duly elected director, having said 'yes' to the nomination, must serve with utmost dedication, honor, and integrity.

Therefore, if, for any reason, there arises a doubt on the mind of a nominee about his ability to faithfully serve as a Director and according to what is expected, then the nominee must reconsider and perhaps withdraw.



Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

Indeed, if a nominee foresees a difficulty on his part, because of other current or upcoming commitments, to perform his duty of *overseeing and constantly following up the planning and implementation of all committee activities placed under his supervision*, he must remove himself from the list and spare the Club from one non-performing or sub-par officer.

In the same vein, if a nominee, because of varying factors, foresees his inability to *attend most, if not all, Board, Club and committee meetings, District Conference, and District Assembly*, then he must think again and discern whether he can indeed offer himself as an effective and responsible Director.

In fine, a candidate must have *no doubts, ifs, and buts* about his availability and ability

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to discharge his duties as an elected Club director, for doing so would constitute a huge disservice. Once elected, the President, Vice-President, six directors, (and the Immediate Past President) are expected to work together as a collegial body, and with one mind and heart, jointly steer the Club to new heights. Nothing less is expected from them.

Today, may all members be discerning as they choose eight Manila Rotarians who will succeed our current directors and compose the next Board.

May the Club choose rightly and wisely.

And to the eight who will be elected today, Godspeed! May the force be with you, and may the odds be forever in your favor!



**SERVICE
ABOVE SELF**

9th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

August 31, 2023

PROGRAM MODERATOR



PD Art Lopez served as the moderator and, to officially start the meeting, invited **Pres. Raffy Alunan** to call the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER

Pres Raffy Alunan sounded the bell to commence the 9th Weekly Meeting.



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INVOCATION

During the meeting, **PD Beda Fajardo** led the invocation, where he encouraged all RCMers to lead their lives by practicing the Rotarian moral code. He prayed for compassion, unity, and kindness within the fellowship, with the aim of creating a culture of service above self for the less fortunate. He also included a special prayer for the upcoming election, wishing for a genuine commitment to service and unity within the organization.



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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Taking a position of respect, Manila Rotarians and guests sang the Philippine National Anthem.



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FOUR-WAY TEST

The recitation of the Four Way Test was led by **STAR Rotarian Al Katigbak**.



RC MANILA ROTARY HYMN

Manila Rotarians sang *acapella* the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn.

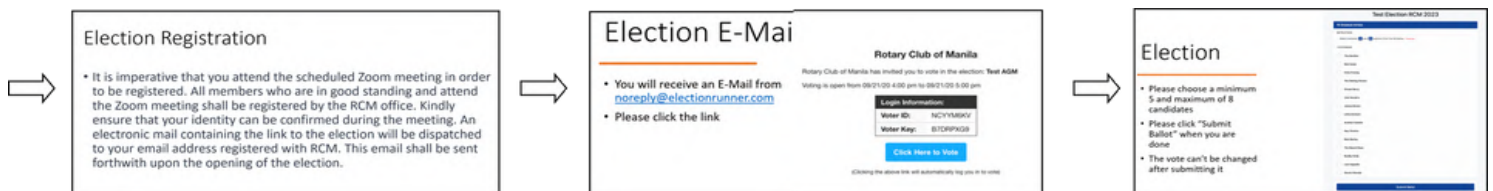


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SHORT REVIEW OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RUNNER FOR RY 2024-2025

Rtn. Toby Rast presented the guidelines and procedures for the e-election process. He emphasized that to be registered for voting, members must join the Zoom meeting. Rtn Toby reminded the members that eligibility to vote is based on their membership payments and attendance to the Zoom meetings. The voting period will be open from 9AM-12PM on 7TH of September, and the results will be announced in the membership meeting once the election period ends. The procedure was displayed on the screen as shown below.



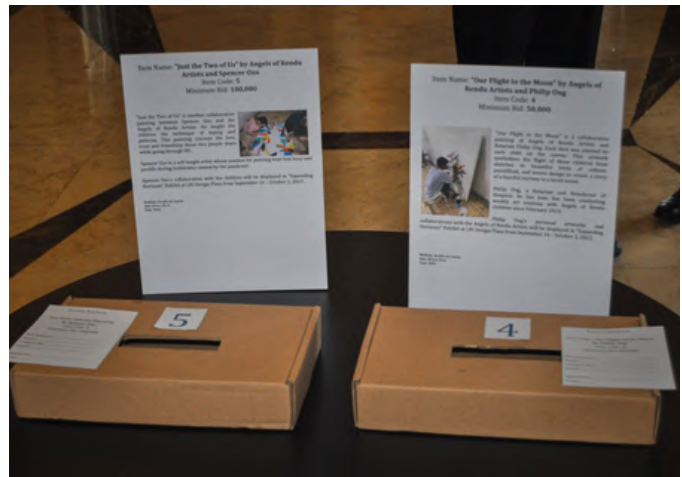
PRESENTATION OF PERSON WITH DISABILITY COMMITTEE

Rtn. Ray Davis, Chairman of Persons with Disabilities Committee, introduced **Sr. Martha Gamolo**, Administrator of Hospicio de San Jose, who presented the project supporting Persons with Disabilities at Hospicio de San Jose.



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Sr. Martha Gamolo shared the project **"Hospicio Rendu Renovation"** which is currently at Phase 2. Project cost is Six million Pesos. Currently, P1.5 million is needed to complete this project. For this purpose, Hospicio de San Jose, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Manila, launched an Art Exhibit titled **"Expanding Horizons"** – featuring paintings of 10 young artists living in the homes of Hospicio under different programs. The exhibit project will be held on September 14 at LRI Design Plaza Exhibit Hall in 210 Nicanor Garcia II, Makati Manila. Samples of painting for bidding were placed in the event hall for RCM member's option to bid.



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RAFFLE OF HOTEL VOUCHERS

As an added fun feature of the meeting, **PD Art Lopez** raffled off various major hotel accommodation certificates and dining vouchers for RCM members who attended the event. The lucky winners were drawn via attendance slips in tambolito. The following are the lucky winners of hotel vouchers: **Rtn. Tobi Rast** – Hotel Okura Newport World Resort; **SAA Jason Bogovich** – Grand Hyatt Hotel; **Rtn. Shigeru Shimoda** – Raffles Hotel; **IA Nick Locsin** – TRYP Hotel; **Rtn. Jop Esquivias** – Fairmont Makati; and **Rtn. JJ Fernandez** – (Grand Price) Bellevue Resort (Panglao).



Drawing the lucky winners were **Pres. Raffy Alunan, Amb/PVP Babe Romualdez, PP Archit Bartolome** and **PD Oscar del Rosario, Sr.**

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PRESIDENT'S TIME

During the President's Time, **Club Pres. Raffy Alunan** gave updates and reminders to all members. He discussed the funding of project committees in relation to the seven focus areas of Rotary International. He also took the opportunity to encourage committee members to work closely with their respective committee chairpersons and directors-in-charge.



Pres. Alunan acknowledged the visit of **Sr. Martha Gamolo**, administrator of the Hospicio de San Jose, and appealed to all members to support the project to benefit persons with disabilities by purchasing the featured paintings. Pres. Alunan also shared information about the Sunshine Committee project, which scheduled a visit to **PVP Thad Liamzon**, who is currently recovering from illness, on September 4th at the Makati Diamond Residences.

Pres. Alunan mentioned that **Rtn. Toby Rast** of the Committee on Election will be giving an orientation on how to use the Election Runner. President Alunan reminded members to pay their annual dues in order to be eligible to vote on election day. With **IPP Hermie Esguerra's** confirmation, he underscored that the deadline for payment cut-off is on August 31 at 5PM.

Pres. Alunan further announced that the next week's in-person membership meeting will also be available via Facebook live. He said that next week's guest is **Past President Alberto Romulo**, former senator of the Philippines, who will be honored by RCM on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Also attending are **PP Santi Dumlaog** and **PP Art Panganiban**, former Chief Justice of the Philippines.

Additionally, President Alunan acknowledged and thanked **VP Reggie Yu** and **Dir. Mike Albaña** for their initiative in involving Rotaractors to help with the election committee and secretariat. Finally, he gave his five-point reminder to support the Rotary Club of Manila.

1. Timely payment of annual dues.
2. Support to The Rotary Foundation by enrolling as a Paul Harris Fellow.
3. Members who are already Paul Harris Fellows are encouraged to continue to support The Rotary Foundation.
4. Promote membership by inviting at least one prospective member to join the Rotary Club of Manila.
5. Encouragement for all RCM Members to join a committee of their choice.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER



PDG Obet Pagdanganan introduced our guest of honor and speaker, **Hon. Cristina Garcia Frasco, Secretary of the Department of Tourism**. Prior to her current position, she served as the mayor of Liloan, Cebu for three (3) terms, during which she was recognized as the top-performing mayor in Central Visayas. In 2021, she was awarded the Presidential Lingkod Bayan Regional Award for her outstanding public service.

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER

Hon. Sec Cristina Garcia Frasco provided an update on the ongoing projects of the Department of Tourism. She mentioned the significant increase in tourism traffic movement from 2019 to the present, with domestic travel alone experiencing a surge of 100 to 300% in various destinations such as Baguio, Cebu, and Palawan. The Secretary emphasized the importance of joint and close coordination with Filipino airline owners such as Philippine Airlines, Cebu Pacific, and Air Asia to further strengthen traffic movement.



Additionally, the department is working closely with international airports, including the improvement and renovation of Terminal 2 at Manila International Airport, infused with a Filipino concept ambiance. The Secretary also reported an increase in employment, rebound of tourism and investment activities. Some of the projects mentioned were the mobile tourism app, hop on and hop off bus tour bus, and the inauguration and ground-breaking of Tourist Resting Areas (TRA).

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AWARDING OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



Pres. Raffy Alunan together with **DGE Jackie Rodriguez** presented the certificate of appreciation to the guest of honor and speaker, **Hon. Cristina Garcia Frasco – Secretary, Department of Tourism**. A certificate was also given to **Sr. Marth Gamolo – Administrator of Hospicio De San Jose**, shelter for the homeless and persons with disability.



A posterity photo with Sec. Garcia-Frasco

LEFT PHOTO (standing from left): DGE Jackie Rodriguez, RCManila Foundation Chairman Lito Sibayan, Persons with Disability Co-Chair/PD Phillip Ong, Hospicio de San Jose support team, Hospicio de San Jose artist – Ms. Angie de Ramos, Sis. Martha Gamolo, DC., Pres. Raffy Alunan, IPP Hermie Esguerra and Persons with Disability Committee Chairman, Rtn. Ray Davis.

RIGHT PHOTO (standing from left): DGE Jackie Rodriguez, PDG Vince Carlos, Pres. Raffy Alunan, Hospicio de San Jose Artist – Ms. Angie de Ramos, Sec. Cristina Garcia-Frasco, Sr. Martha Gamolo, DC, PDG Obet Pagdanganan and PD Beda Fajardo.

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ADJOURNMENT



Pres. Raffy rang the bell to signify adjournment to the 9th weekly meeting.

PRE- MEETING FELLOWSHIP



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INVOCATION

*delivered by PD Beda Fajardo during the 8th Weekly Membership Meeting,
with Department of Tourism Sec. Christina Garcia Frasco
as Guest of Honor and Speaker*

Let us all pray for divine guidance today and hereafter and follow me in silence.

Dear Almighty and Loving Father

Please bless this General Membership Meeting so that it will accomplish the purpose of this convocation;

Please bless the members of the Rotary Club of Manila and other Rotarians who are here that they realize the importance of the 4-Way Test as their code of conduct that gives meaning and purpose to the Rotary movement,

- that they realize that the 4-Way Test is not only to be recited like an oath of allegiance during membership meetings but to be considered as the way of Rotary life to be lived by all Rotarians in the actual conduct of their Rotary life and affairs and in their daily relationship.
- that they realize that although RCM welcomes opinion for exchange of ideas, fellowship to strengthen bonding, and prayers for the kindness and compassion that they breed in our hearts, Rotary needs more our action (actual deeds) to deliver service beyond self to the less fortunate of our brothers especially in times of emergency.
- that they realize the 4-Way Test can be very well be part of our daily conduct of life outside of Rotary.
- that they should further realize that being the first Rotary Club in the Philippines and in Asia, RCM has the responsibility of being the Model Club in perpetuating and sustaining the noble objectives of Rotary at least in our country.

Dear Almighty Father that in the coming election of the Board of Directors please make all members realize to vote those with genuine commitment to serve RCM, have tract record of good management of their own affairs and can unite the whole membership as a peacemaker; and

Last but not least, please bless our Guest Speaker Sec. MA. ESPERANZA CHRISTINA CODILLA GARCIA-FRASCO with good health and patriotic fervor to bring the best in Filipino culture and the nation's rich natural endowment to the attention and patronage of our local tourists and the whole world.

Amen.

ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RY 2024-2025



**ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA – RCM
ELECTION COMMITTEE 2023-2024**

ADVISORY AND ANNOUNCEMENT

THE FINAL CANDIDATES



1 ALBAÑA, MICHAEL
"Mike"
JAEY C.
DIRECTOR
Club Administration



2 ALDAY, ALBERT S.
DIRECTOR
Interclub and Youth
Concerns



3 ARAGON, JOSHUA
"Josh"
CHAIRMAN
Emergency & Disaster Relief
Committee



**4. EDUARDO "Jujut" V.
ENRIQUEZ III**
DIRECTOR
Membership Concerns



5. GO, HENRY SY
PAST ASST. SECRETARY
CHAIRMAN
Attendance Committee



6 KALAW, TEODORO ALEJANDRO Y. IV
ASSISTANT BOARD LEGAL ADVISER
CHAIRMAN
Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee



7 MACATOMAN, Gani,
Rotarian



8 PALACIOS, ALBERT "Hans" C.,
DIRECTOR
Special Projects



9 TALUSAN, FERDINAND "Inov"
CHAIRMAN
Digitization Committee



10 VALDES, JOEL V.
PAST ASST. SECRETARY;
CHAIRMAN
Global Grant Cleft Palate/Lip Project



11 VALENCIA, RODOLFO G.
Past Director



12 ZEITOUNI, NAGI,
SERGEANT AT ARMS
CHAIRMAN
Sports Committee
Most Outstanding Athlete
Committee

ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RY 2024-2025

II ELECTION SCHEDULE

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
TIME: 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
VENUE: ZOOM (open video to be registered)

III ELECTION REGISTRATION

It is imperative that you attend the scheduled Zoom meeting in order to be registered. All members who are in good standing and attend the Zoom meeting shall be registered by the RCM office. Kindly ensure to open your video in Zoom to be identified and counted in quorum during the meeting and to receive the link to your e-ballot. An electronic mail containing the link to the election will be dispatched to your email address registered with RCM. This email shall be sent forthwith upon the opening of the election.

IV EMAIL ADDRESS:

For multiple email users, please send to the RCM Secretariat thru rotaryclubofmanila@gmail.com the preferred email for use during Election Day. Otherwise, the email address used for the weekly meeting advisories will be the default in use. Please be sure to have good internet access.

ELECTION E-MAIL

- You will receive an E-Mail from noreply@electionrunner.com
- Please click the link

ELECTION

- Please choose a minimum 5 and maximum of 8 candidates
- Please click "Submit Ballot" when you are done
- The vote can't be changed after submitting it

Rotary Club of Manila

Rotary Club of Manila has invited you to vote in the election: **Test AGM**

Voting is open from 09/21/20 4:00 pm to 09/21/20 5:00 pm

Login Information:	
Voter ID:	NCYYM6KV
Voter Key:	B7DRPXG9

[Click Here to Vote](#)

(Clicking the above link will automatically log you in to vote)

V QUALIFICATION TO VOTE AND BE VOTED

- For A Member To Vote: He Must Have Paid One Semester of his Dues for RCM year 2023 and proof of payment submitted not later than 1 PM on 31 AUGUST 2023. If we don't receive proof of payment by 1 PM on August 31, 2023, the concerned member will not receive the e-ballot link.
- For A Nominated Member: To Be A Qualified Candidate, He Must Have Fully Paid His Annual Dues for 2023 not later than 31 AUGUST 2023. Please send proof of payment no later than 1 PM on 31 AUGUST 2023 to be a qualified candidate.

**RESULT
12:30 PM**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
ELECTED BOARD OF
DIRECTORS FOR RY 2024-2025**



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2023-2024

AUGUST 2023	<u>AUG. 3, 2023</u> DR. BERNARDO M. VILLEGAS, PHD	<u>AUG. 10, 2023</u> STAR RTN. DR DAVID KLEBS/ RTN. HERBERT JOEY GARCIA	<u>AUG. 17, 2023</u> SECRETARY JAIME BAUTISTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	<u>AUG. 24, 2023</u> MR. ROMEL CAÑETE	<u>AUG. 31, 2023</u> SEC. CHRISTINA GARCIA-FRASCO DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM
All Members Present	70	53	61	51	63
Make Up	8	2	5	7	7
Less: Exempt from Attendance	7	2	3	4	5
On Leave	0	0	0	0	0
Total Active Members	71	53	63	54	65
Total # of Members	238	241	242	242	242
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	30%	22%	26%	22%	27%
ROTARACTORS	15	1		5	0
MEDIA	0	0	10	2	7
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	7	0			
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	27	0			
GOHS / GS	1	0	4	1	11
Visiting Rotarians	83	0	37	7	4
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	66	0	14	7	24
Total Attendees	269	54	126	73	109

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of September 6, 2023, 5:00 PM)

FULLY PAID

1	Aboy, Valentino "Val" G.
2	Abriam, Ariel
3	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.
4	Albaña, Michael Jaey "Mike"
5	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.
6	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"
7	Alday, Albert S.
8	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.
9	Alunan, Rafael "Raffy" M.
10	Aragon, Joshua
11	Arguelles, Pablo
12	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.
13	Balanay, Aries
14	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.
15	Batur, Sinan
16	Bautista, John
17	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.
18	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz
19	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.
20	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar
21	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.
22	Bogovich, Jason M.
23	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"
24	Cabangon, Edgard
25	Camat, Nathaniel
26	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
27	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
28	Canon, Raul
29	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
30	Carranceja, Arvin Arik
31	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
32	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
33	Chahwan, Rami
34	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
35	Creencia, Raoul
36	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
37	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
38	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
39	De Castro, Johnny
40	Del Rosario, Oscar

41	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.
42	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.
43	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.
44	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"
45	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.
46	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.
47	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.
48	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.
49	Fajardo, Beda G.
50	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"
51	Flameno, Franco Martell S.
52	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.
53	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.
54	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"
55	Garcia, Theodore
56	Garcia, Victor
57	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.
58	Go, Henry Sy
59	Goco, Raoul
60	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.
61	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.
62	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.
63	Hallerbach, Mathias
64	Hernandez, Edwin
65	Hortaleza, Rolando
66	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius "Ben"
67	Jucaban, Jeric J.
68	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A. Y.
69	Katigbak, Alfonso Leonor
70	Klebs, David
71	Koh, Paul Anthony
72	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
73	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"
74	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.
75	Lazaro, Juan Miguel "Miguel"
76	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.
77	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
78	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
79	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
80	Lim, Richard

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

81	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
82	Locsin, Roberto R.
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87	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
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91	Mangalile, Senen
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97	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
98	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
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104	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.
105	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"
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114	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.
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116	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"
117	Recto, Philip H.

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124	Schneider, Bernd
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126	Shimoda, Shigeru
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135	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"
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139	Tan, John
140	Tanglao, Noel V.
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143	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"
144	Valdes, Joel C.
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9	Valdez, Jason

CLUB MEETINGS

Membership Committee Meeting



Membership Committee met with invitees last Thursday, August 31, 2023 at the Sports Cafe, Manila Polo Club, that was hosted by PDG Vince Carlos.

Present from the Membership Committee were Chairman/Rtn. Caloy Serapio, Co-Chair PDG Vince Carlos, PP Chito Zaldarriaga, Rtn. Inov Talusan, PDSAA Bollie Bolton, with proposers IPP Hermie Esguerra, PP Boy Guevara, Rtn. Dong Benedicto, and Director Jujut Enriquez.

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Membership Committee Meeting



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CLUB MEETINGS

Executive Committee Meeting



Executive Committee meeting of the Board was held last Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 3 pm. Present were Pres. Raffy Alunan, VP Reggie Yu, Treas. PJ Garcia and AT Karlo Castro.

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Initial Meeting on PTSD and Special Needs Support Initiatives



Initial meeting with Dr. Dulce Gust who presented her proposal on addressing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to Dr. John Cutter and to me. We engaged in exploratory discussions to see how RCM could promote mental health in alignment with RI's thrust.

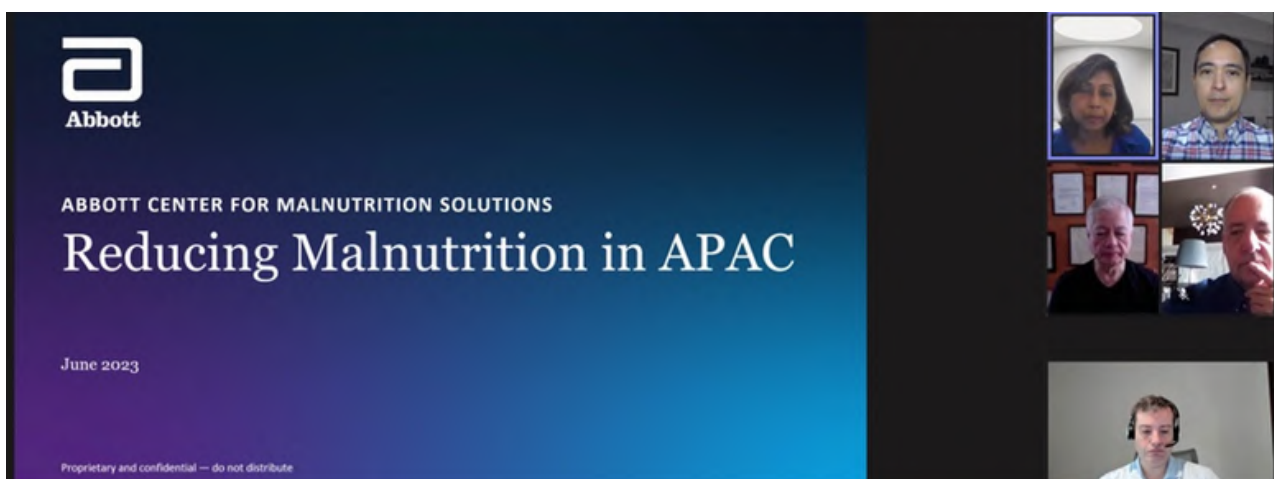
The other concern we're looking into is how we could be of help to persons with special needs, including those with autism, Down syndrome, and physical disabilities. Our due diligence process has begun.

- Pres. Raffy Alunan

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH



On September 4, President Raffy Alunan, PD Dr. John Cutter and SAA Jason Bogovich met with the Norfil Foundation to discuss their various programs that support children with special needs and adoption services.



On September 5, President Raffy Alunan, PD John Cutter and SAA Jason Bogovich met with Abbott to discuss their Center for Malnutrition Solutions and ongoing advocacy activities in the Philippines.

RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC.

Final Touches for Hospicio de San Jose's Art Exhibit



Final preparations are underway for the opening cocktail event of Hospicio de San Jose's Fundraising Art Exhibit at LRI Plaza, scheduled for September 14. Chairman Lito Sibayan hosted the meeting at his residence.

Present at the meeting held last Saturday Sept 2, 2023 were Immediate Past Chair/PD Pepo Nuñez, People with Disability Chair Rtn. Ray Davies, Rtn. Philip Wombwell, Chair/PT Lito Sibayan, People with Disability Co-chair/PD Phillip Ong, and Executive Asst. Amy Babiano.

RC Manila Supports Kids with Disability Art Exhibit

By Balita Vice Chair Billy L. Andal

The Rotary Club of Manila (RCM), the oldest Rotary Club in Asia, continues to support children and or kids with disability (KWD) or special needs as part of its year-on-year program and projects dedicated for the purpose. The Club announced that the prestigious organization, chartered in June 1, 1919, in partnership with Hospicio de San Jose is conducting an art exhibit of the children's fine works belonging to the Angels of Rendu under this year's theme called Expanding Horizons to be held on September 14, 2023.

The exhibit aims to raise enough funds to complete the renovation of the Rendu Ward inside the Hospicio where it houses and serves the special children like a painter-resident who paints with her foot. The other kids are from the other wards are either abandoned or abused.

The Angels of Rendu Art Club, named in honor of Rosalie Rendu, a worker and leading organizer of care for Paris slum dwellers during the 19th century, was beatified by the Catholic Church for the holiness of her life.

The Club members are based in Hospicio de San Jose who started with just a couple of kids in the 2019 exhibit but grew to 12 children whose works differ from most artists who have a wide array of life experiences in the open world to draw their subjects and interpretations. Whereas, the artworks in this exhibit are simply testaments of wonder and hope as the children, inch by inch, push their limits outside their shelter in the Hospicio de San

Jose. It is like the child artists are staring at the end of the sea. However, their social and physical limitations have not prevented them to explore and expand their artistic horizons.

For the forthcoming exhibit running from September 14 - October 1, 2023, established artists like Solen Heussaff, Melissa Yeung Yap, Spencer Ozo, Kate Bautista, Jean Uy Yam and the Club Founder Mr. Phillip Ong were especially invited to do collaborative works with the children.

Some other artists who did the artwork over the children's paintings included Ms. Susan Pua, Rishab Tibon, Carlo Ongchango, Andrick Francisco and Jonathan Dangué.

The Rotary Club of Manila never wavers in its support to the under privileged poor kids with disability and those in need. Meanwhile, former DILG Secretary and current RC Manila President Raffy Alunan III explained that aside from the funds going to the complete renovation of the Rendu Ward, everything from the exhibit sales proceeds will all go to the Hospicio de San Jose.

In this regard, Alunan and the entire Rotary Club of Manila officers and general membership calls on our generous countrymen to support the noble yearly undertaking for the unfortunate kids with disability at Hospicio de San Jose.

RCMers hope that with this exhibit and formalization of the art group, Hospicio can become a permanent hub for arts and crafts in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Manila.

RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC.

RCMFI Attends Training on “Building a Strong Social Welfare and Development Agency: Strategies for Management and Sustainability”



RCManila Foundation, Inc., represented by Executive Assistant Amy Babiano, participated in the two-day training of NCR ABSNET West Cluster - Manila held on September 4-5, 2023 at Tagaytay Haven Hotel. The training, which was one of the requirements of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) for the renewal of RCMFI license, was sponsored by DSWD.



Executive Asst. Amy Babiano with guest speakers
Dr. Herbert Carpio and Executive Director Mr. Christer Go



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MGA BATANG SINUBOK NG PANAHOON

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NAKAKATUWANG isipin na maraming bata o kabataan na dumaan sa matitinding pagsubok sanhi ng kawalan nila ng pamilya ay natutong lumaban at ipakita ang angkin nilang talino.

Ganito ang ilang bata sa Hospicio de San Jose kung saan ipinamalas nila ang kanilang galing sa pagguhit.

Hindi kaila sa atin na ang Hospicio de San Jose ay isa sa institusyong pangkawanggawa sa Pilipinas. Ito'y isang bahay ampunan na itinatag noong 1778 upang magsilbing tahanan o kanlungan ng mga mahihirap at may kapansanan sa Maynila.

Naging matunog na ang pangalan ng institusyong ito kung saan marami ang tumulong upang mas higit na matulungan ang mga nakatira rito na halos iniwan na ng kanilang pamilya.

Hinubog sa kagandahang asal ang mga kabataan at dito rin lumabas ang kanilang mga angkin talino.

Kung matatandaan natin noong taong 2019 may dalawang bata na nag -exhibit ng kanilang artwork na may temang Angel of Rendu.

Sinuportahan sila ng mga kilalang artist katulad nina Solenn Heussaff, Melissa Yeung Yap, Spencer Ozo, Kate Bautista, Jean Uy Yam.

Ngayong taon ay mas ipinakita hindi lamang ng dalawang bata (nakalimutan ko lang name nila) ang galing sa pagguhit ng 12 kabataan na may tema namang Expanding Horizons.

Dito'y mas lalong pinalawak ang talino nila sa pagguhit sa pamamagitan ng pagtatanghal na pinangunahan ng Angels of Rendu Art Club.

Mas pinalalim pa ng mga artist ang kanilang imahinasyon sa pagguhit at kakayahan kung ano ang buhay sa labas ng bahay ampunan.

Kaya naman ang club founder na si Philip Ong ay nag- isip pa ng paraan upang mas mapalawak pa ng mga batang ito ang kanilang kakayahan sa larangan ng pagguhit.

Nakipag- collaborate sila sa Rotary Club of Manila's RC Manila Foundation sa pangunguna ni Celistino Palma 111.

Ang mapagbebentahan sa nasabing exhibit ay mapupunta lahat sa Hospicio de San Jose.

Naniniwala tayo na sa mga painting or art nakikita at nasasalamon ang bahagi ng ating buhay. Kung saan ang ating mga kaluluwa ay mas pinayayaman sa magagandang bagay, ngunit kailangan din natin silang suportahan upang mas mapayabong ito.

FELLOWSHIP

Heartwarming Meet and Greet Visit to PVP Thad Liamzon



PVP Thad says Hi



Sunshine Committee Chair Ricky Guevara organized a meet and greet visit on PVP Thad Liamzon who was accompanied by son Ramon Liamzon at Diamond Residences. PVP Thad is on the mend and looks forward to returning soon to RCM.

Present to meet PVP Thad were AS Rami Chahwan, Rtn. Joel Talampas, PD Abe Pascual, Dir Albert Alday, PP Boy Guevara, PD Alvin Lacambacal, IA Nick Locsin, DGE Jackie Rodriguez, Chair Ricky Guevara, WF Chair PD Oscar del Rosario, Rtn. Teddy Tee, Dir. Hans Palacios and PDG Vince Carlos.

FELLOWSHIP

First Friday Mass for the Month of September

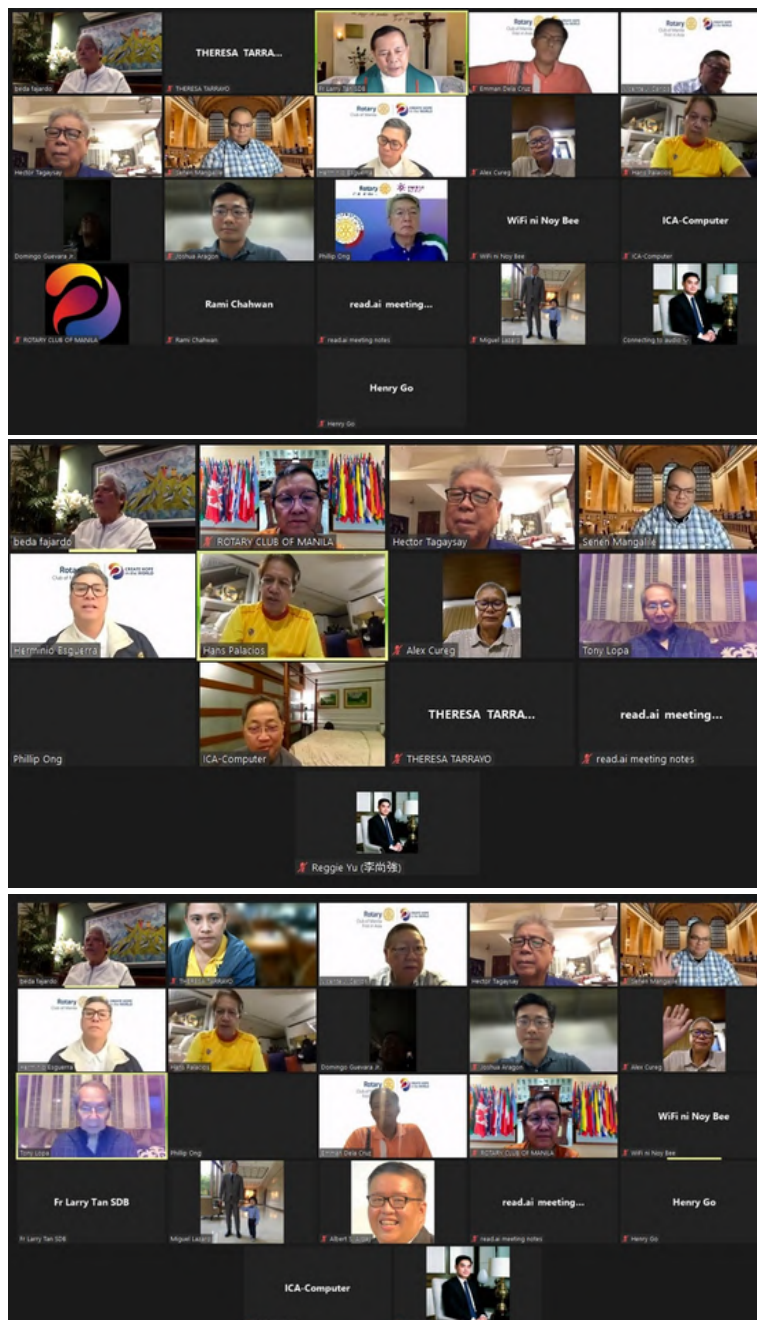


The First Friday Novena Mass for the month of September was officiated by Rev. Larry Tan , SBD. The lector and commentator participants were PP Boy Guevara, PD Beda Fajardo (Intercessory Prayer), Rtn. Emman dela Cruz (First Reading and Responsorial Psalm), Rtn. Senen Mangalile (Prayer of the Faithful), Rtn. Joshua Aragon (Prayer for Spiritual Communion), Rtn. Miguel Lazaro (Prayer of Humble Faith and Hope), and PD Phillip Ong (Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus).

Also in attendance were IPP Hermie Esguerra, Dir. Albert Alday, Dir. Hans Palacios, AS Rami Chahwan, PDG Vince Carlos, PDG Alex Cureg, PD Noy Benedicto, PT Chito Tagaysay, PAS Henry Go, PDSAA Tony Lopa, and Rtn. Butch Alcantara.

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