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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



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Director General

Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)

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The country's special economic zones have always been a bright spot in the country's continuing effort to provide globally competitive and sustainable business environment for investors and business entities. When complemented by the coherent administration of incentives and efficient delivery of services, these unique business hubs enable and encourage businesses to flourish under a special set of tax and trade laws. A key component to the success of these ecozones, therefore, is their purposeful management, including a keen monitoring and evaluation of their development and requirements. Thankfully, there is the Philippine Economic Zone Authority which is tasked to pursue such an important mandate.



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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

14th Weekly Membership Meeting Rotary Year 2023-2024

Thursday, October 05, 2023 12:30PM
MANILA POLO CLUB

Moderator: BLA Raoul C. Creencia

12:00 PM	Registration	
12:30 PM	Call to Order	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III
	Invocation	RTN. MARIUS ANGARA
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	Rotary Club of Manila Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	The Four (4) Way Test	RTN. ABDULGANI M. "Gani" MACATOMAN
	Acknowledgment of Guests	BLA RAOUL C. CREENCIA
	Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
	<i>RC Manila Birthday Celebrants</i>	
	Sept. 29	Rtn. Michael Go Rtn. Juan Miguel Lazaro
	Oct. 2	ABLA Teddy Kalaw
	Oct. 4	PP Francis Juico
	<i>Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song</i>	RCM WF Music Chorale

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

12:55 PM	President's Time	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III
1:00 PM	Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker	PP FELIX FRANCISCO S. "Chito" ZALDARRIAGA
	Guest of Honor and Speaker	
	Address MR. TERESO O. PANGA <i>Director General</i> <i>Philippine Economic Zone Authority</i>	
1:30 PM	Open Forum / Q&A	
1:50 PM	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III
2:00 PM	Adjournment	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III



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Tereso O. Panga, known in PEZA and industry circles as Theo and by the initials T.O.P., was appointed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. as the first home-grown PEZA Director General on 23 March 2023.

DG Theo started as a Planning Officer III in 1998 and worked his way up to become the Deputy Director General for Policy and Planning in 2010, a position he held until his appointment as Director General. Throughout his career in PEZA, DG Theo was responsible for policy and planning, ecozone development, digital transformation, special projects and programs, and other eco-industrial initiatives.

DG Theo earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Comparative Literature from UP Diliman in 1991 and his Master's degree in Industrial Relations from the same university in 2000. He also completed an Executive Course on Urban, Industrial, and Environmental Management at the National University of Singapore in 2009.

DG Theo is a 2015 Top 10 National Finalist at the annual Presidential Gawad Career Executive Service Awards for best performing career government officials as administered by the Career Executive Service Board. He also won the 2020 Best Policy Foresight Paper in the Executive Course on Leadership, Innovation, Communication, and Knowledge Management (CLICK) for third-level government officials as administered by the Development Academy of the Philippines. Recently, he has been recognized as a Heroes' Outstanding Leader in Economic Development by Asia's Modern Hero Awards Council (2023).

EDITOR'S NOTE

INVENTING ANNA

This is the title of the critically acclaimed American drama television miniseries inspired by the story of Anna Delvey. For those who have not watched this limited drama series, the Shonda Rhimes' created series tells the story of Ms. Delvey, "the Instagram-legendary German heiress who stole the hearts of New York's social scene — and stole their money as well." A journalist named Vivian Kent, portrayed by Anna Chlumsky, is another interesting character in the series. Ms. Vivian assiduously probed into Anna's interesting personality as New York's biggest con woman, which led to the latter's conviction for grand larceny. Julia Garner plays the role of the charismatic yet fake heiress Anna Delvey in this miniseries, which earned her a nomination for Outstanding Lead Actress in a miniseries during the 2022 Primetime Emmy Awards.



Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

There is a Korean telenovela entitled "Anna" which was released in 2022, with beautiful actress Bae Suzy playing the lead role. Suzy would later receive critical acclaim for her performance in this miniseries, and was nominated during the APAN Star Awards for Top Excellence Award by an Actress in an OTT Drama.

Notably, both Julia Garner and Bae Suzy received positive reviews for portraying "Anna." Even Keira Knightley, who portrayed the famous character Anna Karenina in the 2012 movie adaptation of the classic novel, was nominated for Best Actress in the 2013 European Film Awards.

It seems that portraying Anna always results to being accorded critical acclaim.

Manila Rotarians, for their part, have also given their unequivocal and most positive review for Anna Kun Toledo – for her role as RCM's ES Anna. Indeed, in the RCM band of brothers, the name Anna has become synonymous with the quiet efficiency of the Club's backroom support group, and has become unalterably associated with the dependable executive secretary who outstandingly possesses institutional memory of the RCM's recent history, as well as the provider of the context, rationale and back story of official Club decisions made during the past three decades. Most importantly, the name Anna has become equivalent to the sincere regard for the welfare of the First Rotary Club in Asia. The equivalent *Tagalog* words for "Anna" are *sipag* and *malasakit*.

For 29 years, the Rotary Club of Manila's administrative concerns have been adroitly handled by a group led by ES Anna. The directors and officers of the Club have all witnessed the brand of work of the self-effacing and industrious Executive Secretary who immersed herself in a true "service above self" fashion.

To our dear ES Anna, RCM will definitely be unable to invent another you. From the bottom of all our hearts, we thank you for your dedicated and loving service to the Club.

May God be with you always, as you embark on a new exciting chapter in your life.

13th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

September 28, 2023

PROGRAM MODERATOR



Rtn. Warren So was the week's Program Moderator who efficiently navigated the sequence of the meeting. He began by inviting the members of Rotary Club of Manila and Rotary Club of Manila Bay and guests to be seated to allow the membership meeting to proceed.

CALL TO ORDER



Vice Pres. Reggie Yu, in behalf of Pres Raffy Alunan, called the 13th weekly membership meeting to order, which was followed by **Hope Creating Pres. Jonathan Juan "JJ" DC. Moreno**, who likewise called the meeting to order for Rotary Club of Manila Bay to order.

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INVOCATION



Rtn. Ray Davis led the invocation for the membership.

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM / RCM Hymn



Rotary Members and guests took a position of respect as they sang the Philippine National Anthem. This was followed by the singing of the RCM Hymn.

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4-WAY TEST



Rotarians were again reminded of their commitment to live by the 4 Way Test. The recitation of this mantra was led by **RCManila Bay RID 3810 District Senior Deputy Governor Andrew Buencamino**.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA HYMN and THE WELCOME SONG



The "World'Famous" WF Chorale led In the singing of the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn and the Welcome Song.



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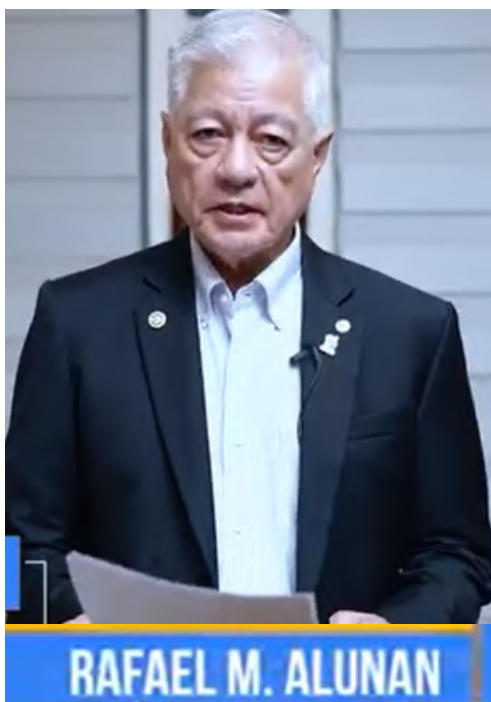
September 28, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENT



PE/Dir. Jujut Enriquez invited members to participate in the Spooktacular Affair in the forthcoming halloween event that will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the Heritage Park Coffee Shop. Members and guests were encouraged to come in their best halloweeny attire. Registration Fee is Php 1,500.00 (if wearing a costume) or Php 2,000.00 (if not wearing any costume).

PRESIDENT'S TIME



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In a video message that was presented during the President's Time, Pres. Raffy Alunan expressed his shock over the video message of RI Pres. Gordon McNally, which the latter addressed to all Filipino Rotarians. The message centered on factionalism and politicking in the various Rotary Clubs and Districts in the Philippines. Pres. Raffy also underscored that RCM has 242 members, but only 1/3 are participating. Some are lethargic and undermining the ideals of Rotary and Rotary Club of Manila. Pres. Alunan appealed to the membership to be one solid group as Rotarians, serving humanity using the motto of Service Above Self. He said: "We are not supposed to be divided. We have to walk our talk. Together as one, let us move Rotary faster, further and higher. Let's return to the old ways to make Rotary great and shine and make it the shining beacon once again. Mabuhay ang Rotary Club of Manila."

VP Reggie Yu, as the caretaker of the club while Pres. Alunan was in China, updated the membership of the activities of the Club and acknowledged the presence of RCM friends from the Rotary Club of Manila Bay, headed by President JJ Moreno.

VP Yu commended the outstanding efforts of the Rotary Club of Calumpit, which, last Saturday, September 23, carried out the second leg distribution of Typhoon Egay relief aid to five barangays. This incredible initiative amounted to a total of Php130,000. He extended the Club's heartfelt gratitude to the Handang Tumulong Foundation for their generous donation, facilitated by our dedicated Emergency and Disaster Committee Chair, Joshua Aragon. The segregation and distribution of the much-needed relief packages were efficiently executed by Committee Chair Joshua Aragon and Co-chair Inov Talusan, along with the support of Rotary Club of Calumpit President Capispisan and its members.

Part of VP Yu's message includes the following:

"Of course, all these would not have been made possible without the invaluable assistance and initiative of our indefatigable Rotarian, PD Oca del Rosario.

Furthermore, we proudly participated in the Alay Lakad event on September 24th at Rizal Park, standing side by side with uniformed contingents, government agencies, and fellow civic organizations. Rotary District 3810 was well-represented by District Governor Lai dela Cruz, while our very own Rotary Club of Manila was proudly represented by RCM President-Elect and Director Jujut Enriquez, RCMFI Chair Lito Sibayan, accompanied by his daughter Mica Sibayan, RCM Alay Lakad Chair and Director of Engagement Nagi Zeitouni, and Music Committee Chair Past Director Oscar del Rosario. We were also joined by the vibrant Rotaract Club of Manila, led by President Arvin Reyes. It was a memorable day, and I'd like to express our appreciation to those who co-hosted the breakfast at the Tap Room of Manila Hotel.

Today, RCM also take a moment to celebrate the personal achievements of our fellow Rotarians:

A historic milestone for our country, as we claimed the first medal, a bronze, in the men's individual poomsae category, thanks to the outstanding performance of the RP team in China, led by our very own President Raffy Alunan.

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A special congratulations to our Treasurer, PJ Garcia, for completing the Berlin Full Marathon, showcasing determination and perseverance.

A special shoutout to our President-elect, Jujut Enriquez, for winning first prize in District 3810's presidents-elect mid-autumn festival dice game hosted by Governor-elect Jackie Rodriguez at the Elks Club last Tuesday.

Lastly, a heartfelt congratulations to Rotarian Junjie Vazquez on the joyous occasion of becoming a grandparent for the first time."

Before the President's Time was concluded, VP Yu warmly invited everyone to the District 3810 Mid-Autumn Festival Extravaganza, which will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Chinatown. This will be on October 4, 2023, from 6:00 PM onward at the Century Seafood Restaurant at the Century Park Hotel, Vito Cruz, Manila.

He also mentioned that the Exhibit at LRI Design Center -- "Expanding Horizons" -- is still ongoing. He thanked those who have supported the Hospicio de San Jose building extension project, and exhorted those who still wish to support this noble project.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER

RCManila Bay Pres. JJ Moreno introduced the guest of honor and speaker, **Hon. Aquilino "Koko" Martin dela Llana Pimentel**, Minority Floor Leader, Senate of the Philippines.



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Senator Koko Pimentel delivered his message to the Rotarians and guests of Rotary Club of Manila and Rotary Club of Manila Bay.

OPEN FORUM



Senator Pimentel gamely engaged in an interactive conversation with (from left) **PP Chito Zaldarriaga**, **Dir. Hans Palacios**, **VPE Joel Valdez**, **PD Oscar del Rosario**, and **PD Beda Fajardo**.



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VP Reggie Yu presented the club's token of appreciation for Hon. Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel, Senate Minority Leader, House of Philippine Senate, in the presence of District Governor Elect Jackie Rodriguez (Chairman, Program Committee), Rotary Club of Manila Bay Pres. Jonathan Juan "JJ" DC Moreno, PP Andrew Buencamino (RI District 3810 Senior Deputy Governor), and Rtn Ray Davis (Chairman, People with Special Needs Committee).



The meeting is co-adjourned by **Rotary Club of Manila Vice Pres. Reggie Yu** (in behalf of Pres. Raffy Alunan) and **Rotary Club of Manila Bay Pres. JJ Moreno**.

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MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS: INDUCTION



Introducing the inductees: After **Rtn. Warren So** introduced the nominee – **Mr. Yasushi Iwata**, the charging rite was led by **PDG Alex Cureg**, who reminded inductee on the obligation of being a Rotarian.



Vice Pres. Reggie Yu inducted **Mr. Yasushi Iwata** (Managing Director and Country Head of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation).



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PRESENTATION OF RCM NAME BADGE AND ROTARY PIN TO INDUCTEE STAR Rtn. Yasushi Iwata by VP Reggie Yu and PDG Alex Cureg



STAR Rtn. Yasushi Iwata delivered a message of commitment as Rotarian and is thankful for being accepted as member.



WF Chorale led the membership in welcoming **STAR Rtn. Yasushi Iwata** with RCM's unique and joyful Welcome Baby Rotarian song.

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MEETING FELLOWSHIP



Rotary Club of Manila Bay during pre-meeting fellowship.



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CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2023-2024

SEPTEMBER 2023	September 07, 2023 PP ALBERTO "BERT" ROMULO/ELECTION OF THE BOARD	September 14, 2023 HON. ERNESTO V. PEREZ	September 21, 2023 ATTY. ANTONIO "TONY" OPOSA JR.	September 28, 2023 HON. AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III	
MEMBERS PRESENT	65	43	31	34	0
MAKE UP ATTENDIES	2	12	2	0	0
EXEMPTED FROM ATTENDANCE	4	2	2	1	0
ON LEAVE	0	0	0	0	0
Total Active Members	63	53	31	33	0
Total # of Members	242	237	238	239	236
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	26%	22%	13%	14%	0%
ROTARACTORS	3	2	2	1	0
MEDIA	9	4	3	10	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	4	0	2	3	0
GOHS / GS	3	2	11	3	0
Visiting Rotarians	0	0	0	0	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	16	1	4	14	0
TOTAL ATTENDIES	87	48	48	52	0

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of October 4, 2023, 4:00 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	Cortez, Lorenzo
35	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
36	Creencia, Raoul
37	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
38	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
39	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
40	De Castro, Johnny
41	Del Rosario, Oscar
42	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.
43	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.
44	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.
45	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"

46	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.
47	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.
48	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.
49	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.
50	Fajardo, Beda G.
51	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"
52	Flameno, Franco Martell S.
53	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.
54	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.
55	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"
56	Garcia, Theodore
57	Garcia, Victor
58	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.
59	Go, Henry Sy
60	Goco, Raoul
61	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.
62	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.
63	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.
64	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.
65	Hallare, Nicolo "Nic" S.
66	Hallerbach, Mathias
67	Hernandez, Edwin
68	Hortaleza, Rolando
69	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius "Ben"
70	Jucaban, Jeric J.
71	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A. Y.
72	Katigbak, Alfonso Leonor
73	Klebs, David
74	Koh, Paul Anthony
75	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
76	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"
77	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez
78	Laurel, Ricardo "Ricky" P.
79	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.
80	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.
81	Lazaro, Juan Miguel "Miguel"
82	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
83	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
84	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
85	Lim, Richard
86	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
87	Locsin, Roberto R.
88	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.
89	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
90	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.

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91	Magbanua, Gerry
92	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
93	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
94	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
95	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
96	Mangalile, Senen
97	Martinez, Ronald
98	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"
99	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
100	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
101	Mendoza, Miguel
102	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
103	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
104	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.
105	Nolido, Ramby
106	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.
107	Obrado, Daniel C.
108	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.
109	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.
110	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
111	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"
112	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.
113	Pañares, Ben Thomas "Toby" P.
114	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.
115	Patterson, Colin David
116	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.
117	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
118	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.
119	Pizarra, Jordan M.
120	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.
121	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.
122	Ramos, Claver P.
123	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"
124	Recto, Philip H.
125	Reynolds, David John "Dave"
126	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.
127	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.
128	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.

129	Romualdez, Ferdinand "Martin"
130	Rono, Marlon
131	Roxas, Michael
132	Sarasola, II, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.
133	Schneider, Bernd
134	Schimitz, Stefan
135	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.
136	Shimoda, Shigeru
137	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.
138	So, Warren
139	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
140	Souvlakis, Nicolas
141	Steley, Collin
142	Stranathan, Ike
143	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.
144	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
145	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
146	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"
147	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.
148	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
149	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.
150	Tan, John
151	Tanglao, Noel V.
152	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.
153	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"
154	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"
155	Valdes, Joel C.
156	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.
157	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.
158	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
159	Vasquez, Evaristo "Junjie"
160	Villarica, Henry R.
161	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.
162	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.
163	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.
164	Zeitouni, Naji
165	Zheng, Zhihao "Jerry"
166	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.

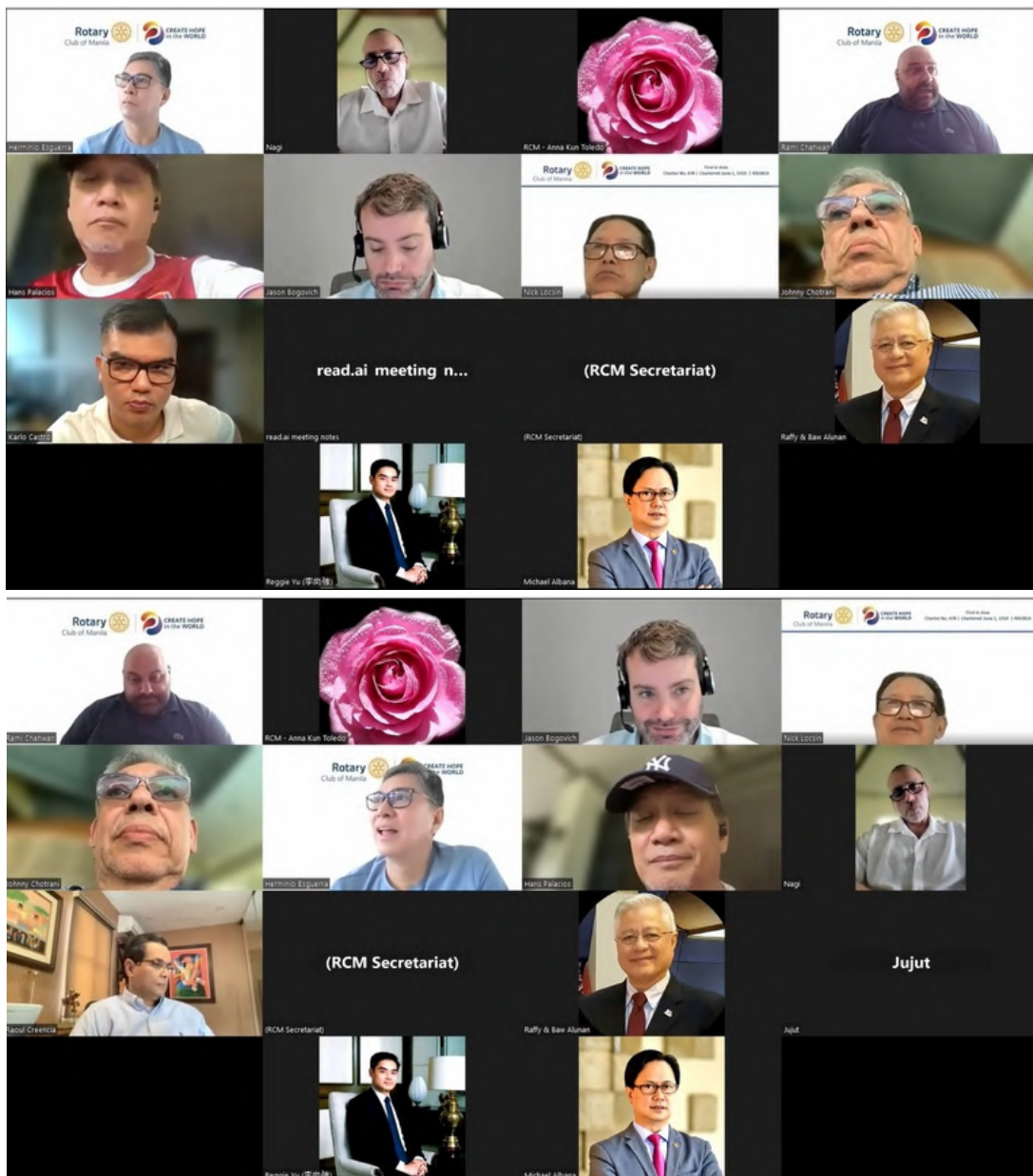
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1	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"
2	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.
3	Andal, Avelino "Billy"
4	Dela Cruz, Emmanuel
5	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.

6	Valdez, Jason
7	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"
8	Chotrani, Johnny N.
9	Agnes, Jerry A.

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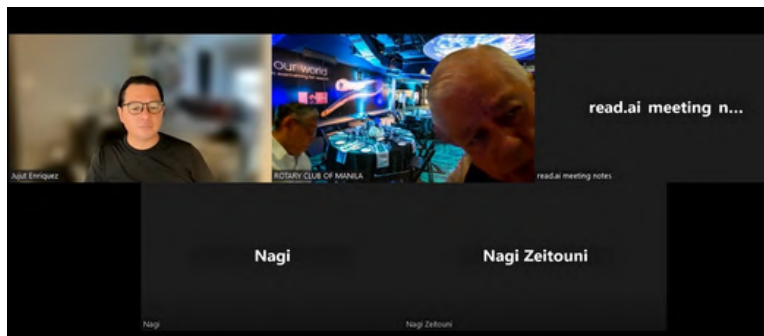
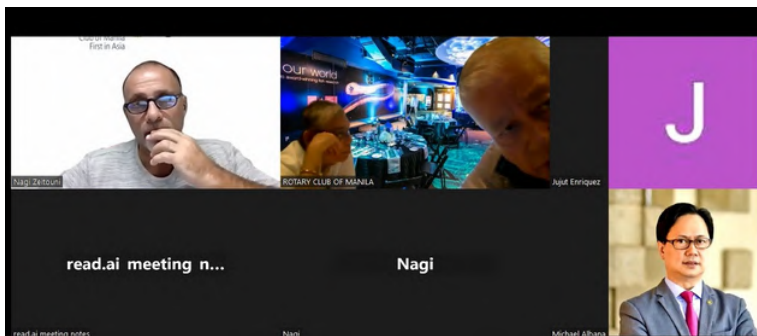
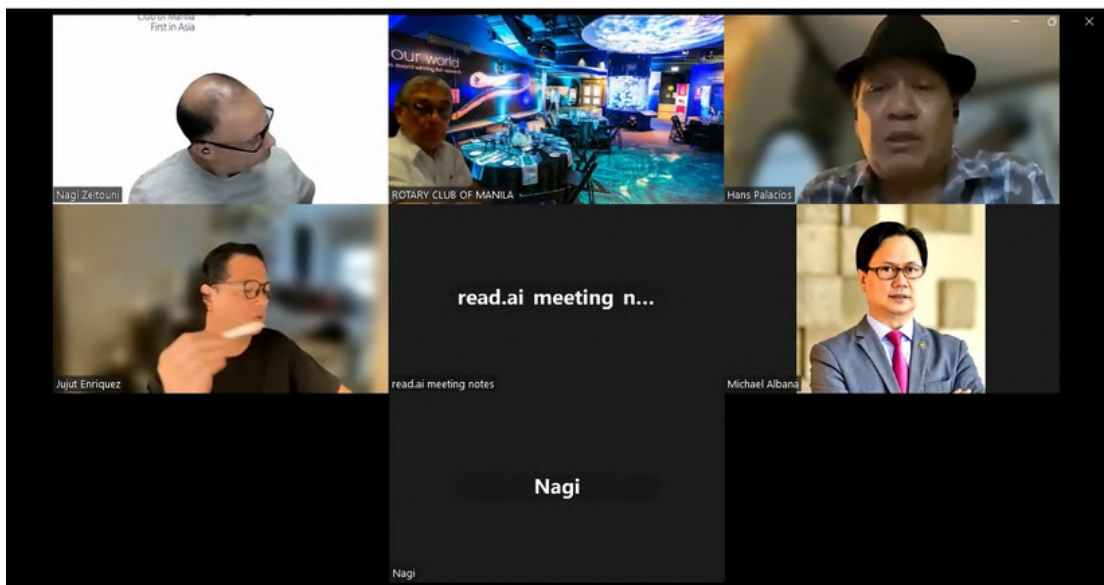
Third Special Board Meeting



The Third Special Board Meeting was held last Saturday, September 30, 2023 via Zoom. Present were Pres. Raffy Alunan, IPP Hermie Esguerra, VP Reggie Yu, Dir. Johnny Chotrani, Dir. Hans Palacios, Dir. Mike Albana, AS Rami Chahwan, DE/SAA Nagi Zeitouni, SAA Jason Bogovich, BLA Raoul Creencia, and Asst. Treas. Karlo Castro.

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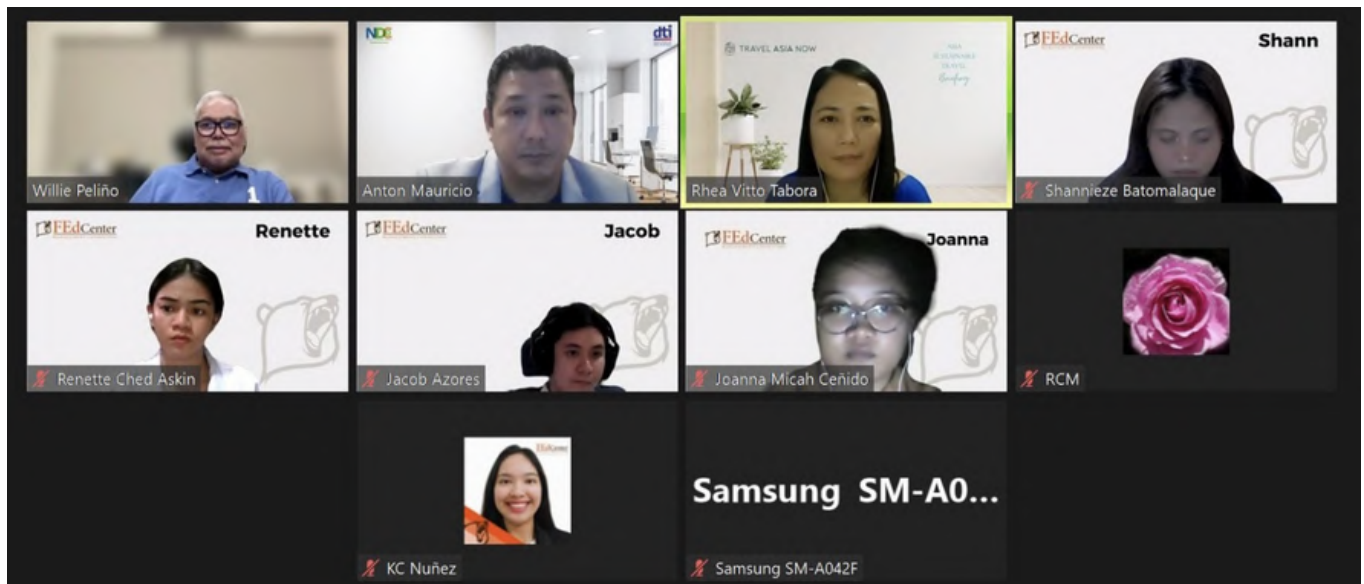
Fourth Special Board Meeting



The Fourth Special Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 3 PM in a hybrid format. Present at Ralph's Wine and Spirits in Arnaiz Street in Makati City were Pres. Raffy Alunan, Dir Johnny Chotrani, BLA Raoul Creencia, Treas. PJ Garcia, and Asst. Treas. Karlo Castro. Present via Zoom were IPP Hermie Esguerra, PE/Dir. Jujut Enriquez, Dir. Hans Palacios, Dir. Mike Albana, and DE/SAA Nagi Zeitouni.

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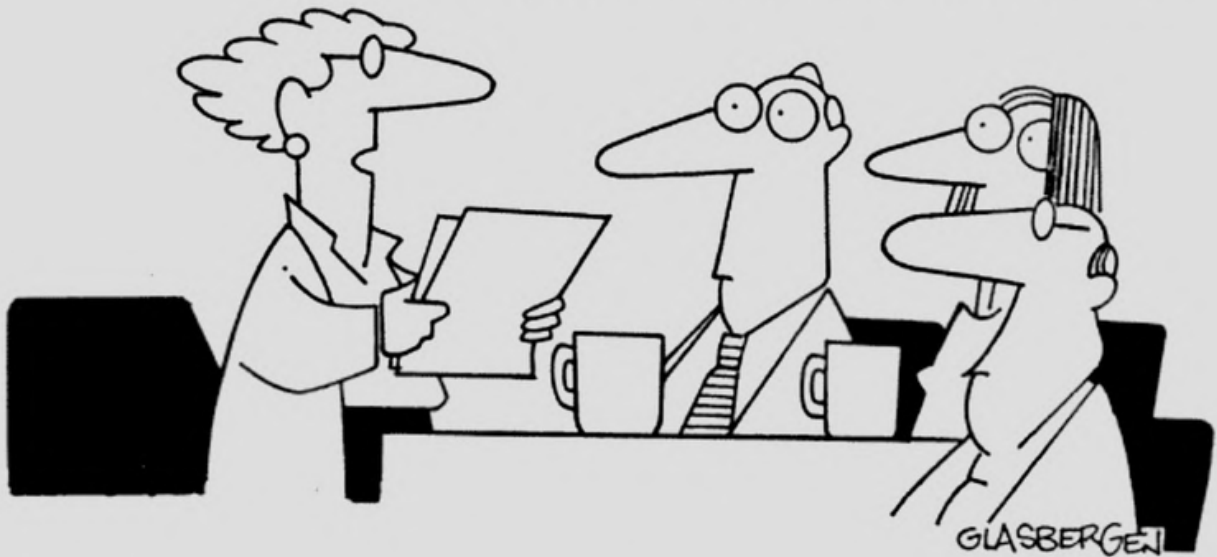
RCMFI Golf 1 Souvenir Program Committee Meeting



RCMFI Golf 1 Souvenir Program Committee met last Thursday, September 29, 2023 5PM via Zoom to plan for the final printing and distribution schedule of RCM Golf 1 Souvenir Program. The Chair of the meeting was Chairman of RCMFI Golf 1 Souvenir Program/Trustee Anton Mauricio, RCMFI Pres. Willie Peliño, Balita Consultant Rhea Vitto Tabora, Amy Babiano (EA RCMFI) and the volunteer team of FedCenter.

COMIC RELIEF

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**“Here are the minutes of our last meeting. Some events
have been fictionalized for dramatic purposes.”**

EVENTS

District Mid-Autumn Festival



The District Mid-Autumn Festival was held at the Century Seafood Restaurant on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. Present were Pres. Raffy Alunan, IPP Hermie Esguerra, DGE Jackie Rodriguez, PDG Rudy Bediones, VP Reggie Yu, Dir Albert Alday, Dir. Hans Palacios, Rtn. Philip Recto, and STAR Rtns. Arik Carranceja and Paul Koh. STAR Rtn. Arik Carranceja also brought two guests: Janelle Aquino and Jestoni Aquino.

EVENTS

District Mid-Autumn Festival



Pres. Raffy Alunan was one of the winners.



PUBLIC IMAGE



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FELLOWSHIP

Farewell Gathering for ES Anna Kun Toledo at Ralph's Wine and Spirits



The Board of Directors and Officers held a send-off for ES Anna Kun Toledo at Ralph's Wine and Spirits in Makati City, following the adjournment of the Second Special Board Meeting at 5 PM. Those present included Pres. Raffy Alunan, IPP Hermie Esguerra, VPE Joel Valdes, DE/Dir. Mike Albana, Treas. PJ Garcia, Asst. Treas. Karlo Castro, BLA Raoul Creencia, Internal Auditor Nick Locsin, and Rtn. Ralph Joseph.

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Farewell Gathering for ES Anna Kun Toledo at Esguerra Farms



The send-off fellowship for ES Anna by IPP Hermie Esguerra and IPDG Joyce Esguerra was held last Saturday, September 30, 2023, at Esguerra Farms in Lipa City, Batangas. Members of the RCM Secretariat attended the event.

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IPP Hermie Esguerra and IPDG Joyce Ambray presented a gift, a special Rotary wrist watch, to ES Anna. Present to witness the presentation of gift were (from left) Dir. Johnny Chotrani, VP Reggie Yu, DE/SAA Nagi Zeitouni, Spouse Michelle Zeitouni, PP May Ann Katigbak of RC Lipa, Batangas, STAR Rtn. Al Katigbak, and Rtn. Inov Talusan.

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The Secretariat and the Rotarians were accompanied on a tour of Esguerra Farms.



Before departing for Manila, the RCM Secretariat Team enjoyed another sumptuous snack, generously hosted by Immediate Past President Hermie Esguerra.

RECOGNITION CORNER

Fairmont Makati Recognized by Fairmont Hotels & Resorts Group as Best Sales Team for 2022 during the General Managers Conference



The globally recognized luxury hotel chain, which manages 90 luxury hotels and resorts worldwide, named its Manila property, Fairmont Makati, as its Best Sales Team for 2022 during the General Managers Conference, which was held at Fairmont Doha last April.

Fairmont Makati's Sales team, led by director of sales and marketing Eugene Tamesis and cluster general manager Rtn. Bernd Schneider, was recognized for its resiliency, creativity and hard work to achieve unprecedented results despite year-end challenges and limitations brought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOGNITION CORNER

Celebrating Academic Achievement: PSAA Gunter Matschuck Receives Golden DoctorCap



In 1972, PSAA Gunter Matschuck presented his dissertation as Doctor of Engineering at the Institute of Thermodynamics of the prestigious Technical University of Aachen (currently ranked 96 worldwide by the faculty). After 6 years of research in a program to reduce harmful emissions caused by the combustion mechanism in a rotation symmetric Methane flame, his Alma Mater, the RWTH Technical University, presented him and the 6 other survivors with the golden DoctorCap and a renewal of their Dr.Ing certificate.

The presentation took place on September 2, conducted by the Rector of the University, in the presence of a festive audience.

RECOGNITION CORNER

Rtn. Lance Tan's PAEC Global Wins Six Awards at Travel Sale Expo



Congratulations, Rtn. Lance Tan and Philippine Amusement and Entertainment Corporation (PAEC) team, for winning six awards at the Travel Sale Expo held at the Megatrade Hall, SM Megamall.

- Amusement Park of the Year
- Most Popular Local Destination
- Most Exceptional Booth
- Travel Sale Expo King awarded to Rtn. Lawrence Tan
- Most Enchanting Booth
- Most Instagrammable Booth

RECOGNITION CORNER

Rtn. Senen Mangalile: Recipient of Honorary Membership at JCI Philippine-New York's Diamond Gala



Rtn. Senen Mangalile was conferred Honorary Membership by JCI Philippine-New York Chapter on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary.

It is an honor rarely bestowed as Consul General Mangalile is only the seventh Honorary Member in the Chapter's six decades of history. Chartered in 1963, JCI Philippine-New York is JCI's first-ever ethnic-based chapter founded on foreign soil.

Rtn. Senen served as Honorary Chair of the Chapter's Diamond Gala Celebrations held on September 30 in New York City. During the program, Rtn. Senen also witnessed his daughter Pao take her oath of membership with JCI Philippine-New York Chapter.



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