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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



HON. RICHARD ELZINGRE BACHMANN
Chairperson, Philippine Sports Commission

Kabalita

The country's fundamental law provides that "(t)he State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competition, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry." Towards this end, Republic Act 6847 created the Philippine Sports Commission as a "regulatory national agency with the responsibility of coordinating all amateur sports development programs and institutions in the Philippines and formulating policies on said programs/institutions." Sports development must indeed be pursued and encouraged, for it helps in elevating qualities like discipline, determination, teamwork and a passion for fitness in the psyche of a nation.



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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

18th Weekly Membership Meeting Rotary Year 2023-2024

Thursday, November 09, 2023 12:30 PM
MANILA POLO CLUB

Moderator: SAA NAGI ZEITOUNI

12:00 PM	Registration	
12:30 PM	Call to Order	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III
	Invocation	BLA RAOUL C. CREENCIA
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	Rotary Club of Manila Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	The Four (4) Way Test	PD ISSAM ELDEBS
	Acknowledgment of Guests	SAA NAGI ZEITOUNI
	Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
	<i>Birthday Celebrants</i>	
	Nov. 04 PD Beda Fajardo	
	Nov. 08 PVP Babe Romualdez	
	DE Henry Go	
	<i>Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song</i>	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:50 PM	President's Time	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III
	<i>Presentation of Philippine Taekwondo Team</i>	
	Introduction of RCM's "Outstanding Athlete"	MR. TERRY CAPISTRANO
	ERNEST JOHN "EJ" UY OBIENA	<i>President</i>
	Filipino Olympian Pole Vaulter	<i>Philippine Athletics Track and Field</i>
	Gold Medalist in 2023 Asian Games	<i>Association (PATAFA)</i>
	World's No. 2 In Men's Pole Vault	

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

1:05 PM Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker **RTN. SEBASTIAN ARSENIO R. "Basti" LACSON**

Guest of Honor and Speaker

Address

HON. RICHARD E. BACHMANN

Chairman

Philippine Sports Commission

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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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



HON. RICHARD ELZINGRE BACHMANN

Chairperson

Philippine Sports Commission

- 12th Chairperson of the Philippine Sports Commission
- Born January 11, 1968
- Graduated at De La Salle University with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce, Major in Business Management
- Former Basketball player who played for the DLSU Green Archers in College and played for the PBA with the Alaska Milkmen
- Worked for Alaska Aces from 1998 to 2022
 - Assistant Coach (1998 to 2012)
 - Assistant Team Manager (2012 to 2013)
 - Sports Development Head, Alaska Milk Corporation (2015 to 2020)
 - Team Governor (2015 to 2022)
- Commissioner, University Athletic Association of the Philippines (2022 to January 2023)
- Chairman, PBA 3X3 Basketball Tournaments (2022 to January 2023)
- Division Chief of Operations, FIBA World Cup 2023 (2022 to January 2023)

EDITOR'S NOTE

SPORTSFEST and the RCM TEAM

Our Sports Committee headed by its indefatigable Chair, SAA & DE Nagi Zeitouni, has scheduled this year's sportsfest on Saturday, November 11. It is hoped that many Manila Rotarians, ideally with family members in tow, will be able to join this exciting event.

Last year, there was a good number of participants, but given the size of our Club, the number could have been much more. This year, let us troop to The Palms and participate in the various sports activities with our brothers in RCM. Let us take this chance to once again bond not only with fellow Rotarians, but with members of the family who will be there to join the sportsfest.



Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

As we all know, nations engage in sports activities as a means to promote global understanding. Indeed, sport's role in establishing world peace and comity lies in its unique ability to go beyond national, political, cultural and socio-economic limitations and barriers. The social nature of sport enables it to foster camaraderie and fraternity. Sports events open opportunities to bring sports officials, coaches, players, spectators and volunteers around the world together under a common goal. In this regard, former UN Secretary General Kofi Aanaan correctly observed that "sport is a universal language. At its best it can bring people together, no matter what their origin, background, religious beliefs or economic status."

With this, the upcoming RCM sportsfest can be a perfect venue for Manila Rotarians to come together and simply enjoy one day of friendly sports competition, banter, laughter, and fraternal camaraderie.

Equally important, the sportsfest can be an occasion for us to be reminded that RCM is not just a Club, but a Team; and we must all see ourselves as members of a great and pioneering Philippine Rotary Team. Thus, we all need to participate, proactively and purposively, for our Team to win; for our Club to achieve its objectives; and for us all to realize our collective dream to make RCM a beacon of service above self.

In fine, as we continue to dream big for our Club, let our sports activity on Saturday be a perfect reminder that "team work makes the dream work."

17th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

October 26, 2023

PROGRAM MODERATORS



Sec. Edwin Hernandez and **BLA Raoul Creencia** were tasked to be the General Assembly moderators. They began by inviting Manila Rotarians to be seated for the proceedings to officially commence.

CALL TO ORDER



Sounding the bell, **Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III** called the General Assembly (17th weekly membership meeting) to order.

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October 26, 2023

INVOCATION



With a beautifully written prayer, **PP Felix Francisco S. "Chito" Zaldarriaga** led the invocation, which set the tone for the General Assembly.

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM / RCM HYMN

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

PRESIDENT'S TIME



President Raffy Alunan reiterated his call for unity, solidarity, and team work; punctuating his message with carefully chosen songs, which were played and to which the membership sang in unison. The full text of the President's message is featured in another page.

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President Raffy Alunan's Opening Remarks

Good afternoon fellow RCMers. Thank you for being here. Today, we will discuss the health of our club and our brotherhood. In preparation for this meeting, the EXCOM and Council of Past Presidents were consulted. A health check questionnaire was also circulated weeks ago to feel the pulse of the membership.

To set the mood, let's direct our attention to this song I'd like to play for you. I invite everyone to sing-a-long to energize ourselves with the WFC at the lead. (Play video "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother")

Thank you for that. That song tugs my heart and speaks to me that life is short. Instead of wasting time fighting each other, we should spend our precious time developing loving relationships. Because we're brothers.

Let's refresh our memories.

Rotary started with the vision of one man – Paul Harris – who formed the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905, to enable professionals with diverse backgrounds to exchange ideas and from meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. That's what Roger Pinneo and Leon Lambert set out to do in 1919 to organize the Rotary Club of Manila, first in Asia, and the only Philippine club for 13 years.

We are therefore and inter-generational club of men that band together for

camaraderie and connectivity at the service of humanity. In short, we're a brotherhood, a band of brothers.

But we're not just, in the ordinary sense, a collection of men. We're supposedly the elite that the Rotary community in the look up to for leadership by example. We're the beacon on the hill that they look to for them to find their bearings.

We're supposed to be a select group of people imbued with intrinsic qualities such as maturity, character, personality, high intellect, wealth, power, special skills and experience, who are more constructive to society than other organizations.

However, from the time I joined RCM in 2016, I detected disturbing dynamics affecting our brotherhood that persists. Our high sense of humanitarian service and achievements are being obstructed by petty in-fighting, toxic griping and whining over personal agendas.

That unbecoming conduct, though limited to what I believe is a handful, is destabilizing RCM. It's the reverse of service above self. It's polarizing us. It's subverting the principles of Rotary. If unchecked, it could turn into an insurgency that could fatally split the Club.

At my induction last July, I emphasized on Unity, Solidarity and Teamwork as the foundations for our brotherhood. I received assurances of your support. In reality, there's much to be desired.

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For some, my message held sway. For others, personal divisions remain as toxic as ever. For most, apathy seems to have set in. It's reflected in low attendance rates; back seat driving; sniping and timidity.

That's truly alarming and we must put an end to it now, not later. Now with a keen sense of urgency. If we're truly elite, we ought to know that a club or brotherhood is only as good, or bad, as its members.

Our club's worth is the sum total of what we, as individual members, do right AND wrong. Our image and reputation are shaped by what we think, say and do. But even the elite can be forgetful. We need to reboot.

So, here we are to assess if we're living up to the 4-Way test and our oath of membership: *"... to abide by, follow and uphold, all the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws of Rotary International and my club; and fulfill to the best of my ability all the duties and responsibilities of my membership."*

I end with this music video sung by the group Brotherhood of Man. The song is entitled "United we stand, divided we fall." If you know the lyrics, sing it with gusto! (Play video)

Thank you. Back to Edwin and Raoul.



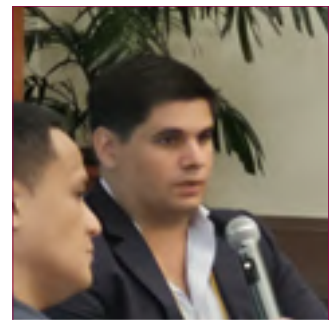
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PROFESSIONAL FACILITATOR



Mr. Michael Santos of Brick Management Consulting was called upon to navigate the proceedings of the General Assembly. He navigated the discussion which touched upon crucial topics, and presented the result of the Health Check Questionnaire that was circulated to the RCMers. Mr. Santos also led the discussions and group work sessions among the members.



There was an active participation on the members in attendance, who all shared their inputs and answers to the questions that were posed.

ADJOURNMENT

After thanking the facilitator and all attendees, the meeting was adjourned by **Pres. Raffy Alunan**.



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2023-2024

OCTOBER 2023	October 05, 2023 PEZA DG. TERESO PANGA	October 12, 2023 DTI SEC. ALFREDO PASCUAL	October 19, 2023 BCDA CHAIR. DELFIN LORENZANA	October 26, 2023 RCM GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MEMBERS PRESENT	44	52	34	56
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	15	5	19	11
EXEMPTED FROM ATTENDANCE	5	5	4	5
ON LEAVE	0	0	0	0
Total Active Members	54	52	49	62
Total # of Members	239	242	246	246
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	23%	21%	20%	25%
ROTARACTORS	2	2	2	0
MEDIA	3	10	5	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	3	3	2	3
GOHS / GS	3	5	3	0
Visiting Rotarians	1	0	0	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	12	18	12	0
TOTAL ATTENDEES	62	77	51	56

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of November 08, 2023, 6:00 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	Ampil, Alvin R.
11	Aragon, Joshua
12	Arguelles, Pablo
13	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.
14	Balanay, Aries
15	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.
16	Batur, Sinan
17	Bautista, John
18	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.
19	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz
20	Bello, Christian Cesar "Chris"
21	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.
22	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar
23	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.
24	Bogovich, Jason M.
25	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"
26	Branelec, Jacques
27	Cabangon, Edgard
28	Cabuñag, Rogelio R. "Roger"
29	Camat, Nathaniel
30	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
31	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
32	Canon, Raul Jr. E. "Butch"
33	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
34	Carranceja, Arvin Arik
35	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
36	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
37	Chahwan, Rami
38	Co, Val Constantine "Val"
39	Cenica, John
40	Cortez, Lorenzo Ruiz
41	Coyuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
42	Creencia, Raoul
43	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
44	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
45	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
46	De Castro, Juan Arturo Ilumindo C. "Johnny"
47	De Venecia, Jose Jr. "Joe"
48	Del Rosario, Oscar
49	Domingo, Rico V.
50	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio

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

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101	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
102	Magbanua, Gerry
103	Magpale, Jose Paolo A.
104	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
105	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
106	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
107	Magsaysay, Jesus Vicente Enciso "JV"
108	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
109	Mangalile, Senen
110	Martinez, Ronald
111	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"
112	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
113	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
114	Mendoza, Miguel "Mico"
115	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
116	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"
117	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
118	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.
119	Nolido, Ramby
120	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.
121	Obrado, Daniel C.
122	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.
123	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.
124	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
125	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"
126	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.
127	Pañares, Ben Thomas "Toby" P.
128	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.
129	Patterson, Colin David
130	Payumo, Felicitio C.
131	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.
132	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
133	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susang" M.
134	Pizarra, Jordan M.
135	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.
136	Pujalte, Jose Jr. "Brix"
137	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.
138	Ramos, Claver P.
139	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"
140	Recto, Philip H.
141	Reyes, Crispino P. "Babes"
142	Reynolds, David John "Dave"
143	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.
144	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.
145	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.

146	Romualdez, Ferdinand "Martin"
147	Roño, Marlon
148	Roxas, Michael D. "Mike"
149	Sarasola, II, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.
150	Sarmiento, Ricardo Manuel M. "Rocco"
151	Schneider, Bernd
152	Schimitz, Stefan
153	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.
154	Shimoda, Shigeru
155	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.
156	Simon, Juanito Ayson
157	So, Warren
158	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
159	Souvlakis, Nicolas
160	Steley, Collin
161	Stranathan, Ike Edward "Ike"
162	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.
163	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
164	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
165	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"
166	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.
167	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
168	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.
169	Tan, John G.
170	Tanglao, Noel V.
171	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
172	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.
173	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"
174	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"
175	Valdes, Joel C.
176	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.
177	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.
178	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
179	Vazquez, Evaristo Jr. "Junjie"
180	Villarica, Henry R.
181	Villegas, Raoul A.
182	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickey" Y.
183	Yu, Geoffrey C. "Geof"
184	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.
185	Yujico, Brendon M.V.
186	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.
187	Zeitouni, Nagi
188	Zheng, Zhihao "Jerry"
189	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.
190	Zimmer, Christopher "Chris"

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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.

TIDBIT ABOUT ARCH KLUMPH



Source: *The Rotarian Magazine* (October 2016)

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

Pres. Raffy Alunan is Guest of Honor and Speaker at Rotary Club of Davao's 85th Charter Anniversary



Pres. Raffy Alunan graced the 85th Charter Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Davao as Guest of Honor and Speaker. The momentous event took place on October 24, 2023 in Davao City.





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Pres. Raffy Alunan's Speech at Rotary Club of Davao's 85th Charter Anniversary

Let's Create More Hope in the World

May I request everyone to kindly rise on this most auspicious occasion to give yourselves a standing ovation! Happy 85th birthday RC DAVAO!

Thank you President May Divino for your kind invitation for me to speak before you today. And congratulations to your board, officers and members for successfully hosting this event. I guess that deserves another round of applause for a job well done!

I'm glad to be back here before you. I believe I was here sometime in 2017 with Jackie Rodriguez, himself a PP of RCM and now DGE of District 3810. I bring with me the best wishes of your fellow Rotarians from my club, your founding club, the Rotary Club of Manila.

We pray that you will have for many more meaningful and fruitful years of service for your stakeholders in Davao. Your medical and dental missions, and advocacies to End Polio and address the problem of HIV/AIDS, are recognized and well-appreciated.

In our regional town hall meeting last Friday with RI President Gordon McNally on the End Polio campaign, I was happy to know that polio has been practically eradicated

worldwide. However, vigilance and immunization must continue without letup to PREVENT polio from returning with a vengeance.

We Rotarians belong to a globally recognized and highly trusted humanitarian organization that serves humanity in 7 areas of focus that I presume we all know only too well.

At my end, RCM has drawn up and is in the process of conceptualizing projects for each area of focus, some with longer timelines beyond one year given the scale or magnitude of the concern.

For example, I suggested a Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution idea to the Centennial Circle of Rotary Clubs in Melbourne last May, and followed through earlier this month in Manila with RI PE Stephanie Urchick.

It centers on leveraging the global influence of Rotary to host a virtual town hall meeting on the need for restraint and the return of reason to prevent the slide to total war in Europe, the ME and Indo-Pacific. Target audience: leaders of warring nations. The message: pull back and reset relations to save mankind's future.

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My inspiration is drawn from Native Americans of the Onondaga Nation. Whenever they come together to decide on vital matters with long-term implications, they consider the costs and benefits up to the 7th generation.

Another example is the campaign to end malnutrition and stunted development where the Management Association of the Philippines is the lead convenor. Over 80 coalition partners have signed up, including various Rotary Clubs. Are you aware of this?

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, malnutrition as "a state in which a deficiency (or excess) of energy, protein, and other nutrition causes measurable adverse effects on the body and on growth in children."

According to The Hunger Project, 33% of Filipino children below 5 years old is malnourished due to extreme poverty and basic health ignorance of parents.

According to UNICEF, 95 children in the Philippines die from malnutrition every day. 3.6 million Filipino children aged five and below are underweight, while about 4 million are stunted, or short for their age. Stunting after 2 years of age can be permanent, irreversible and even fatal.

27 out of 1,000 Filipino children don't get past their fifth birthday. Those who do make it face an uncertain future. Apart from high rates of stunting and neonatal deaths, low routine immunization coverage and lack of access to clean water and sanitation facilities also threaten our children's survival and development.

Related to this is iodine deficiency which has a huge impact on the learning abilities and intelligence quotient (IQ) of children. The average IQ in the Philippines is 81.64 and ranks one hundred and sixth in terms of average IQ. An IQ score between 85 and 100 on a standardized IQ test is considered average.

I truly believe in this initiative. We cannot build our nation when our people are getting dumber. These are the people that end up in our work force. We must help to stem our slide to the bottom.

As such, I suggested to President Benedicta du-Baladad, herself a Rotary PP, to invite all ten Rotary District Governors in order to mobilize the entire Rotary in the Philippines, and to treat this like the End Polio campaign.

Our participation - whether it is in education and awareness building, strategic policy

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reforms or interventions – is very much needed in 12 regions and in at least 6,600 barangays belonging to 235 municipalities. That's just the initial survey.

Preventing child stunting is both a national and global concern. If nothing is done about it, chronic malnutrition will leave 130 million children stunted around the world by 2025. That's just 2 years away.

The future of our children and our country should matter to all of us. Each of us is called to action and help save a generation. Being the stewards of our future generation, child stunting is a shared responsibility.

I'm also pursuing projects that will benefit Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs, and those affected by Post-traumatic stress disorders. Both fall under the banner of Mental Health which is being championed by RI President Gordon McNally.

These two subjects are close to my heart. First, I have 5 PWDs in my family. 2 have autism spectrum disorders, 2 have muscular dystrophy, 1 has Parkinson's and mood disorder which are medically related. All are incurable. Second, I know of people who suffer or suffered from PTSD – combatants, hostages, victims of natural disasters, victims of violence against their persons.

Both share the same problem. Their numbers are huge and growing, while the

numbers of those caring for them are small and constantly being depleted. So, I've tasked a committee to look into this matter; obtain actionable evidence; and, propose appropriate courses of action.

I know the humanitarian spirit of the people of Davao, exemplified by your various contributions to disaster response initiatives. Who can forget former President Rody Duterte delivering relief goods to Tacloban in behalf of the kind and generous people of Davao?

And Bong Año's Team Humanity that collaborated with RCM in 4 medical and disaster relief missions for the refugees temporarily scattered in Marawi, Balo-i, Iligan and Cagayan de Oro, during and after the Battle for Marawi.

I'm confident that once RC Davao initiates its projects like these under President Divino's leadership, it will be done successfully and extraordinarily well to create more hope in the world.

On that note, thank you for inviting me to speak before as I look forward to a spirited night of fellowship. May God bless each and every member of the RC of Davao.

Mabuhay ang RC Davao! Mabuhay si President May, her directors, officers at committee chairs! Mabuhay tayong lahat!

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

VP Reggie Yu and DE/Dir. Albert Alday Attend Rotary Club of Cebu's Weekly Membership Meeting



VP Reggie Yu and DE/Dir. Albert Alday attended the Weekly Membership Meeting of the Rotary Club of Cebu, daughter club of the Rotary Club of Manila, last October 26, 2023 at the Cafe Uno of the Waterfront Hotel and Casino, Lahug, Cebu City.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Despedida for PVP Lance Masters



The Sunshine Committee, headed by Chair Ricky Guevara, organized the Despedida for PVP Lance Masters on October 30, 2023 at Savoy Newport Hotel. Present were (seated from left) PD Oscar Del Rosario, PD Tony Lopez, Rtn. Warren So, IA Nick Locsin, PD John Cutter, Dir. Hans Palacios, (standing) Rtn. Anton Mauricio, DE/ABLA Teddy Kalaw, VPE Joel Valdes, VP Reggie Yu, Rtn. Teddy Tee, DGE Jackie Rodriguez, PD Sam Eldebs, AT Karlo Castro, PDG Rudy Bediones, Rtn. Phillip Ong, (seated) PVP Lance Masters, SAA Nagi Zeitouni, PD Beda Fajardo, PP Boy Guevara and Rtn. Philip Recto.



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Despedida for PVP Lance Masters



Prayers for PVP Lance Masters and blessings of the food led by PP Boy Guevara



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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Honoring PVP Lance Masters with recollection of fond events and memories were Dir. Hans Palacios, PD Beda Fajardo, Treas. Karlo Castro, PD John Cutter, Dir. Tony Lopez, ABLA Teddy Kalaw, VP Reggie Yu, Rtn. Teddy Tee, Rtn. Phillip Ong, SAA Nagi Zeitouni, PD Oscar del Rosario, DGE Jackie Rodriguez and IA Nick Locsin.

RECOGNITION CORNER



November 3, 2023

DR. CARLOS BUENDIA
Dental Medicine

Dear Dr. Buendia,

Greetings!

On behalf of Tagaytay Medical Center family, we would like to invite you to attend our Annual **Doctors' Gala Night with the theme Modern Filipiniana**. The event will be held at Taal Vista Hotel on December 7, 2023, Thursday, 5:30pm. Part of the activity in the event is the **MD Recognition**, wherein outstanding consultants will be recognized in our Medical Assembly.

It is our great honor to have you as our **AWARDEE** of the night. As usual, many gifts and raffles will be given. I hope that together we will enjoy this party a lot and it will be memorable for you as well. We will be eagerly waiting for your precious presence!

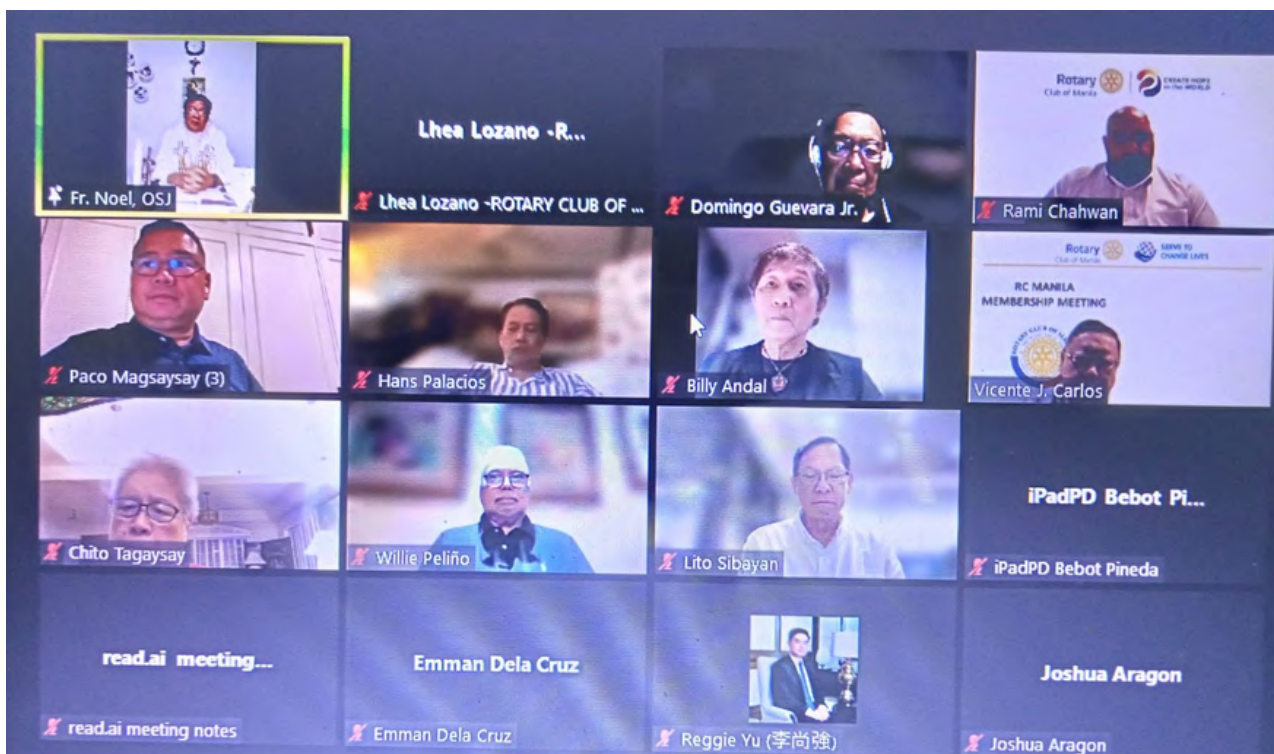
See you on December 7.

With love,


DR. RAFAEL E. RODRIGUEZ
Medical Director

FELLOWSHIP

First Friday Mass



The RCM members celebrated the First Friday Virtual Mass on Nov. 4, 2023. The presider for the mass was Reverend Father Noel Magtaas of the Oblates of St. Joseph (OSJ). Present were PP Boy Guevara, VP Reggie Yu, Rtn. Joshua Aragon, Dir. Hans Palacios, Rtn. Emman Dela Cruz, PT Chito Tagaysay, Rtn. Billy Andal, AS Rami Chahwan, PDG Vince Carlos, PD Bebot Pineda, Rtn. Paco Magsaysay, PT Lito Sibayan, and Rtn. Willie Peliño.

FELLOWSHIP



SPORTS FEST

NOVEMBER 11, 2023

**VENUE AT THE PALMS COUNTRY CLUB, ALABANG
FROM 8:30 AM UP TO 9:00 PM**

I PROMISE YOU, THIS WILL BE A DAY TO REMEMBER. LET'S KICK BACK, HAVE A BLAST, AND STRENGTHEN THE BONDS THAT MAKE OUR BROTHERHOOD SO SPECIAL. GET READY TO LET LOOSE AND LET THE FUN BEGIN!

CHECK OUT THE SLIDE SHOW TO GET A TASTE OF LAST YEAR AND A TASTE OF WHAT IS COMING. CHEERS

THE COST PER PERSON WILL BE 3,200.00 PHP (EVERYTHING)
THE COST PER PERSON WILL BE 2,800.00 PHP (DINNER ONLY)
I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO PAY 3,200.00 PHP

THAT WILL INCLUDE:

- LUNCH BUFFET.
- DINNER BUFFET.
- PING PONG,
- TENNIS,
- BADMINTON,
- BASKETBALL,
- FOOT SALE.
- SELF-DEFENCE
- BOWLING,
- BILLIARDS,
- DARTS,
- FOOSBALL
- THE WEIGH-IN FOR LAST YEAR'S PARTICIPANTS IN THE "BIGGEST LOSER" COMPETITION.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL OR MESSAGE ME AT ANY TIME.





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