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MR. GEORGE M. CANSECO SR.

*Rotary Past President
Songwriter | Composer, Rotary Hymn*

Kabalita

The musical genius who wrote Philippine Rotary hymn is regarded by music critics as one of the best sentimental music makers of his time. Amazingly, he did not undergo any formal training in music schools. He self-studied piano and learned to interpret, write and compose notes at a very early age. His parents were not into music, as his father was a doctor, while his mother was a mathematician. Giving a tribute to the late George Canseco, a veritable Rotarian and the country's premier songwriter is thus timely as it is appropriate.

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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

20th Weekly Membership Meeting

Rotary Year 2023-2024
Thursday, November 30, 2023 5:00 PM
Manila Polo Club

Moderator: RTN. ROBERT IAN "Robi" JOSEPH

5:00 PM	Registration	
6:00 PM	Call to Order	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III
	Invocation	PP FELIX FRANCISCO "Chito" S. ZALDARRIAGA
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	Rotary Club of Manila Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	Acknowledgment of Guests	RTN. ROBERT IAN "Robi" JOSEPH
	Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
	<i>Birthday Celebrants</i>	
	Nov. 24 Rtn. Ricky Laurel	
	Nov. 25 PD Tony Lopez	
	Nov. 26 Rtn. Raymond Alberto	
	Nov. 27 PDSAA Tony Lopa	
	Nov. 29 Rtn. Brendon Yujuico	
	<i>Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song</i>	RCM WF Music Chorale
6:25 PM	President's Time	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III
6:30 PM	AVP: The Life of George Canseco, Sr.	
6:30 PM	To Remember George Canseco, Sr.	
7:45 PM	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III
	Presentation of Plaque of Appreciation in Honor of the (late) GEORGE CANSECO, SR.	
8:00 PM		PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III

Commemorating the 89th Birth Anniversary of George Masangkay Canseco Sr.

(b. April 23, 1934 – d. November 19, 2004)

George Canseco is a Filipino prolific composer, lyricist, songwriter - one of the greatest we have produced. Wrote some movie themes and ballads that are now considered Filipino classics and Pinoy POP or OPM - original Filipino music.

Mr. Canseco is credited in writing more than 160 songs in a career which spanned three decades. Words such as timeless, classic, and unforgettable may describe his music however, Mr. Canseco's contribution to the development of Original Pilipino Music through the extensive use of the Filipino language can never be measured. For generations to come, his music will be performed by artists looking to express the genuine form of Filipino music composed by a brilliant Filipino from the innermost layers of his soul. One, if not the most sentimental man of his time, Canseco gave birth to songs that allowed hearts to heal over cathartic bliss in the hundreds of songs he wrote.

Unlike most masters of music, multi-awarded composer Canseco had no formal training in music. He learned to interpret, write and compose notes at a very early age and he taught himself to play the piano. Canseco finished journalism at the University of the East

and worked for the Philippines Herald and Associated Press as an editor. Aside from being a journalist, he also worked as a part-time scriptwriter for the Manila Broadcasting Co and news director at Eagle Broadcasting. When Martial Law was declared in 1972, he turned to composing songs.

His first composition was "I Will Never Be Yours," followed by "You're all I Love." He translated the latter into Tagalog in 1970, when Eddie Rodriguez asked him to write a theme song for the movie "Kapantay ay Langit." The song became a big hit and gave Canseco instant popularity. "Kapantay ay Langit" paved the way to numerous hit songs like "Kailangan Kita," "Ako Ang Nagwagi, Ako Ang Nasawi," "Ngayon At Kailanman," "Dito Ba" and "Langis at Tubig."

Canseco's songs have helped most of our talented performers' rise to fame. He has composed hits for singers like Basil Valdez, Kuh Ledesma, Sharon Cuneta, Dulce, and Pilita Corrales. He also directed the music of such movies as Burlesk Queen, Pagputi ng Uwak, Pag-itim ng Tagak; Atsay, and Miss X. Between 1979 and 1991, he has won a total of 6 FAMAS Awards for Best Movie Theme Song, the Artistic Achievement Award."



Rotary Hymn

Music and Lyrics by PP George Canseco Sr.

I want to be a Rotarian for the world,
Make the Rotary flag be a flag of peace unfurled;
I will serve my community,
Help to seek international unity.
Through Rotary, I will dedicate my all,
World understanding shall be my cherished goal.

Refrain: With the Four Way Test
I will pursue my quest
And if I, in a way help obtain
Peace in the world
Then I won't have lived in vain.

I'll observe service above self,
Lend a hand to all who need my help;
I'll get my spouse to involve in Rotary
And in Rotary ways I will train my family.

Refrain: With the Four Way Test
We'll pursue our quest
And if we, in a way help obtain
Peace in the world
Then we won't have lived in vain.

Build a bridge for tomorrow's youth,
Strengthened by nothing but the truth;
Let's join our hands, there's no reason to divide.
We shall all understand, while the good Lord is our guide.

Refrain: With the Four Way Test
We'll pursue our quest
And if we, in a way help obtain
Peace in the world
Then we won't have lived in vain.

Peace be achieved,
So we won't have lived in vain.

EDITOR'S NOTE

CANSECO and THE ROTARY HYMN

It has been said that music has shaped cultures and societies around the world. This is so true. However, there are situations where it is the prevailing culture that shapes or influences the song – its tempo, beat, and lyrics. Such is the case of the Rotary Hymn composed by musical genius and Past President George Canseco. Indeed, it was the culture and rich history of Rotary which shaped the song. It was Rotary's sway and impact on the composer's life which led and enabled him to write the beautiful lyrics, the beautiful and cascading words that mirror and articulately express the innermost thoughts and mission of a true Rotarian. Truly, when Past President George wrote the Rotary Hymn, he was already influenced, molded and shaped by the richness of Rotary's history, values, and the veritable impact of the latter's various projects in the community. The hymn, therefore, was so ably and perfectly written by a Rotarized and *uber* talented music composer.



Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

The hymn rightly underscores the imperative of building “a bridge for tomorrow's youth,” as well as the importance of these laudable effort being fueled and “strengthened by nothing but the truth.” Yes, nothing but the truth because, as Past President George elegantly puts it, we need to pursue our quest and live our lives with faithful compliance with the Four Way Test.

What is more, the hymn emphasizes on peace, on joining our hands in fellowship because “there's no reason to divide.” Again, yes, there is no reason for petty divisions, there should be no room for politicking and misunderstanding. All Rotarians must see each other as equals, as friends, and as comrades in service.

Mr. Canseco, the quintessential songwriter, is a true Rotarian who has given us not only bequeathed us with a hymn to sing, but a serious thought to ponder and timeless reminder to live by. Let us allow ourselves to be constantly reminded that:

*With the Four Way Test
We'll pursue our quest
And if we, in a way help obtain Peace in the world
Then we won't have lived in vain.*

Life is short. Let us live each day in peace and harmony. Let us purposively seek to obtain peace in the world, but first in ourselves and with our brothers in our beloved Rotary Club of Manila.

19th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

November 16, 2023

A Tribute to Chief Justice and Past President Artemio “Art” Panganiban



PROGRAM MODERATOR



PP Arsenio “Archit” M. Bartolome III was the week’s Program Moderator who, with his wit and charm, efficiently navigated the flow of the meeting. He began by inviting the members of Rotary Club of Manila and Rotary Club of Forbes Park, as well as the other guests, to be seated for the commencement of the joint membership meeting.

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November 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER



Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III and **Pres. Antonio "Anton" P. Jacomina III** (RC Forbes Park) respectively called the 19th joint weekly membership meeting to order.

INVOCATION



With a beautiful prayer, **PP Ruben L. Torres** (RC Forbes Park) led the invocation.

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November 16, 2023

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 recitation of the **4-WAY TEST**.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA HYMN and WELCOME SONG



The "World Famous" WF Chorale led in the singing of the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn and the Welcome Song, followed by RC Forbes Park club's song.

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PRESIDENT'S TIME



On the part of RCM, **President Raffy** made a brief update on the forthcoming trips to Taipei and Hong Kong. From Nov. 24 to 26, he will lead the group in visiting RCM's sister club — the Rotary Club of Taipei. Also, upon the invitation of RC Kowloon East, a trip to Hongkong is set on Dec. 02 to 06. He also advised those who have not signed yet to express their intention to join while there's still time. Finally, he encouraged everyone to book in advance in preparation for the Rotary International Convention to be held in Singapore in May 2024.

Pres. Raffy shared the information he received during the recently held RCM Board meeting, saying that PVP Lance Masters may not be able to continue his membership with the RCM. Said information is still yet to be confirmed, as he already sent words to PVP Lance Masters.

Lastly, on the request of IPP Hermie Esguerra, Pres. Raffy informed everyone that he (IPP Hermie) expressed to the Board his intent to run for Governorship for District 3810, for Rotary Year 2026-2027. In this regard, he said that the Board has taken his intention, which it will tackle and formally pass a board resolution as soon as the District officially opens the nomination process.

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On the part of RCFP, **Pres. Antonio "Anton" P. Jacomina III** of the Rotary of Forbes Park shared their successful outreach program last November 14, benefitting elderlies and children.

TESTIMONIALS



Justice Presbitero "Presby" Velasco, Dir. Antonio "Tony" S. Lopez, and Rtn. Cesar "Citos" P. Manalaysay shared their personal and working experiences with the former Supreme Court Chief Justice and RCM Past Pres. Artemio "Art" V. Panganiban.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER



PD Beda G. Fajardo introduced the guest of honor and speaker, Chief Justice and Past President Artemio "Art" V. Panganiban.

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



Chief Justice and Past President Artemio "Art" V. Panganiban delivered his inspiring message to the Rotarians and guests of Rotary Club of Manila and Rotary Club of Forbes Park.

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OPEN FORUM



Chief Justice and Past President Artemio “Art” V. Panganiban gamely engaged in an interactive conversation, triggered by questions propounded by (from left) Rtn. Willie Pelino, BLA Raoul Creencia, PD Vince Carlos, and PP Raj Bhattee (RCFP), among others.



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TOKEN OF APPRECIATION



Pres. Raffy Alunan presented the club's token of appreciation to **Chief Justice and Past Pres. Artemio "Art" Panganiban**. From left: STAR Rtn. Delfin N. Lorenzana, PP Arsenio "Archit" M. Bartolome III, PP Ruben L. Torres (RCFP), Pres. Raffy Alunan, Pres. Anton Jacomina (RCFP), District Governor-Elect Jackie C. Rodriguez (Chairman, Program Committee), PD Beda G. Fajardo, and Rtn. Cesar "Citos" P. Manalaysay

ADJOURNMENT



Rotary Club of Manila Pres. Raffy Alunan and **Rotary Club of Forbes Park Pres. Anton Jacomina III** sounded the bell for the adjournment of another memorable and insightful meeting.

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MEETING FELLOWSHIP

Rotary Club of Manila and Rotary Club of Forbes Park members during pre-meeting fellowship





CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2023-2024

NOVEMBER 2023	November 02, 2023 HOLIDAY	November 09, 2023 PSC CHAIR. RICHARD E. BACHMANN	November 16, 2023 CJ & PP ART PANGANIBAN
MEMBERS PRESENT	0	38	50
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	0	16	16
EXEMPTED FROM ATTENDANCE	0	5	6
ON LEAVE	0	0	0
Total Active Members	0	49	60
Total # of Members	246	246	246
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	0%	20%	24%
ROTARACTORS	0	0	0
MEDIA	0	5	3
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	2	0
GOHS / GS	0	3	3
Visiting Rotarians	0	0	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	0	4	7
TOTAL ATTENDEES	0	45	60



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

LIST OF ATTENDEES

1	Albaña, Michael Jaey C
2	Almelor, Manuel G. MD
3	Alunan III, Rafael M.
4	Angara, Marius
5	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.
6	Bediones, Rodolfo P.
7	Buendia, Carlos C.
8	Camat, Nathaniel
9	Camus, Jose Fernando B
10	Carlos, Vicente J.
11	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef M.
12	Cortez, Lorenzo
13	Creencia, Raoul C.
14	Cureg, Alexander P.
15	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.
16	Egan, Brendan W.L.
17	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.
18	Fajardo, Beda G.
19	Garcia, Paul Joseph M.
20	Go, Henry S.
21	Guevara, Jr., Domingo S.
22	Guevara, Ricardo S.
23	Hernandez, Edwin H
24	Lorenzana, Delfin
25	Magsaysay, Francisco D.

26	Manalaysay, Cesar P.
27	Matschuck, Guenter Gerhard G.
28	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
29	Nolido, Ramon Alberto B.
30	Nomura, Kazuhiro
31	Nuñez, Jr., Jose A.
32	Obrado, Daniel Calzado
33	Palacios, Albert C.
34	Pascual, Abraham F.
35	Payumo, Felicito C.
36	Peliño, Wilfredo M.
37	Pineda, Jr. Patricio F.
38	Recto, Philip H.
39	Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
40	Rodriguez, Joaquin Anthony H.
41	Roxas, Michael D.
42	Schneider, Bernd
43	Serapio, Carlos G.
44	Sibayan, Joselito H.
45	Steley, Colin
46	Talampas, Jose Angel L.
47	Tee, Teddy Jr. B.
48	Valencia, Rodolfo G.
49	Yasushi, Iwata
50	Yu, Reginald Tieng



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LIST OF ABSENTEES

1	Aboy, Valentino G.
2	Abriam, Ariel
3	Acosta, Crispiniano G.
4	Agnes, Jerry A.
5	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.
6	Alcantara, Isidro C.
7	Alday, Albert Singson
8	Alingog, Aldous A.
9	Alvarez, Servando
10	Ampil, Alvin R.
11	Andal, Avelino L.
12	Andres, Aerold L.
13	Ang, Richard T.
14	Aragon, Joshua Reuben
15	Arguelles, Pablo C.
16	Aslam, Muhammad
17	Aventura Jr. Avenilo L.
18	Balanay, Aries B.
19	Batur, Sinan
20	Bautista, John Jr. I.
21	Bella Jr. Geronimo P.
22	Benedicto III, Bernardo T.
23	Benedicto, Sixto T.
24	Bertelsen Bertel, Ingmar
25	Bhalla, Pardeep
26	Biltz, Olivier
27	Blanco, Manuel M.
28	Bogovich, Jason M.
29	Bolton, Wilhelm
30	Branellec, Jacques
31	Caasi, Jr., Urbano S.
32	Cabangon, Edgard A.
33	Cabuñag, Rogelio R.
34	Campos, Jr., Joselito D.
35	Canon, Raul Jr. E.
36	Carranceja, Arvin Arik B
37	Catalan, Rodillo R.
38	Cenica, John T.
39	Chahwan, Rami
40	Chien, Liang-Tah Steve
41	Chotrani, Johnny N.
42	Co, Ferdinand C.
43	Coyiuto, Jr., Robert G.
44	Cutter, John Michael
45	David, Virgilio
46	Davis, Raymond N.
47	Dayang Jr Juan E.
48	De Castro, Juan Arturo Iluminado C.
49	De Venecia, Jr., Jose C.
50	Del Valle, Randolph T
51	Dela Cruz, Artemio F.
52	Dela Cruz, Joseph Emmanuel A.
53	Diokno, Benjamin E.
54	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio S.
55	Domingo, Rico V.
56	Dominguez III, Carlos G.
57	Dy, Manuel C.
58	Echavez, Antonio V.
59	Eldebs, Issam
60	Engelbrecht, Francois
61	Esguerra, Herminio S.
62	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo A.
63	Eugenio, John Emyl G.
64	Evaristo, Frank
65	Everingham, Richard

66	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V.
67	Flameño, Franco Martell Sacramento
68	Follosco, Ceferino Jr. G.
69	Garcia, Herbert Joey
70	Garcia, Theodore Q
71	Garcia, III Victor G.
72	Gaspar, Fernando L.
73	Gierran, Dante A.
74	Go, Daniel C.
75	Go, Michael G.
76	Goco, Raoul Roberto P
77	Gonzalez, Michael Raymond L.
78	Guarin, Michael Arcatony H.
79	Hallare, Jr., Delfin T.
80	Hallare, Nicolo S.
81	Hallerbach, Mathias
82	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt
83	Hesse, Uwe
84	Hortaleza, Rolando B
85	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius F.
86	Jang, Jae Jung
87	Joseph, Ralph Lim
88	Joseph, Robert Ian M
89	Jucaban, Jeric J.
90	Juico, Francis E.
91	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro Y IV
92	Katigbak, J Alfonso Leonor
93	Klebs, David
94	Koh, Paul Anthony T
95	Kunack, Lutz H.
96	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
97	Lacson, Sebastian Arsenio R.
98	LA'O Emilio, Gonzales
99	Laurel, Ricardo P.
100	Laya, Jaime C.
101	Lazaro, Juan Miguel G
102	Ledda, Jaime Victor B.
103	Lee, Richard L.
104	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
105	Liamzon Jr., Romeo Thaddeus R.
106	Lim, David Eduardo T.
107	Lim, Richard
108	Locsin, Arsenio Z.
109	Locsin, Roberto R
110	Lonzaga, Reinerio C.
111	Lopa, Antonio A.
112	Lopez, Antonio S.
113	Lopez, Arthur M.
114	Macapagal, Michael T
115	Macatoman, Abdulgani M.
116	Magbanua, Gerry P.
117	Magpale, Jose Paolo A
118	Magsaysay, Jesus Vicente E.
119	Mangaliile, Senen T.
120	Martinez, Ronald
121	Masters, Lance
122	Mauricio, Antonio DC
123	Meloto Jr., Antonio
124	Mendoza, Estelito P.
125	Mendoza, Miguel
126	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian O.
127	Mommaerts, Steve
128	Mueller, Klaus
129	Nones, Romeo C.
130	Ocampo, Teodoro J.

131	Ong, Jovee K.
132	Ong, Phillip L.
133	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L.
134	Pagdanganan, Roberto M.
135	Pallasigue, John Brian
136	Pañares, Ben Thomas P.
137	Patterson, Colin David
138	Pineda, Jr., Jesus M.
139	Pizarra, Jordan M.
140	Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
141	Pujalte, Jr., Jose S.
142	Quisumbing, Ramon De Jesus DP
143	Ramos, Claver P.
144	Rast, Tobias
145	Reyes, Crispino P.
146	Reynolds, David J.
147	Robertz, Constantine Franz Josef
148	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean
149	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin G.
150	Romualdez, Jose Manuel G.
151	Roño, Marlon R.
152	Sarasola II, Jose Ma. I.
153	Sarmiento, Ricardo M.
154	Schmitz, Stefan
155	Schoucair, Farid Alain
156	Sevilla, Luis Angelo L.
157	Shimoda, Shigeru
158	Sicat, Michael Allan E.
159	So, Warren S.
160	Sobrepeña, Robert John L.
161	Soler, Jose Antonio A.
162	Stranathan, Ike Edward
163	Syjuco, Jr., Jose A.
164	Tagaysay, Hector O.
165	Talusan, Ferdinand E
166	Tamano, Shalimar H.
167	Tamayo, Victor L.
168	Tan, Eusebio V.
169	Tan, John G.
170	Tan, Lawrence Li
171	Tang, Jimmy T.
172	Tanglao, Noel V.
173	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
174	Tejuma, Sham Michael
175	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael L.
176	Uy, Ivan John Enrile
177	Valdes, Joel C.
178	Valdez, Amado D.
179	Valdez, Jason Rolando N.
180	Valencia, John Nico P.
181	Vazquez, Evaristo Jr.
182	Villarica, Henry R.
183	Villegas, Raoul A.
184	Wombwell, Phillip B
185	Yap, Enrique Y. Jr.
186	Yu, Geoffrey C.
187	Yujuico, Brendon M.V.
188	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco S.
189	Zeitouni, Nagi
190	Zheng, Zhi Hao
191	Zialcita, Xavier Y.
192	Zimmer, Christopher
193	Juanito Simon
194	Bello, Christian Cesar P.
195	Co, Val Constantine L.
196	Zosa, Rolando M.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of November 28, 2023)

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	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
36	Chahwan, Rami
37	Co, Val Constantine "Val"
38	Cenica, John
39	Cortez, Lorenzo Ruiz
40	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
41	Creencia, Raoul
42	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
43	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
44	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
45	Dayang, Juan E. "Jed"
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	Go, Michael Guy
70	Goco, Raoul
71	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.
72	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.
73	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.
74	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.
75	Hallare, Nicolo "Nic" S.
76	Hallerbach, Mathias
77	Hernandez, Edwin
78	Hortaleza, Rolando
79	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius "Ben"
80	Iwata, Yasushi
81	Joseph, Ralph L. "Raf"
82	Jucaban, Jeric J.
83	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A. Y.
84	Katigbak, Alfonso Leonor
85	Klebs, David
86	Koh, Paul Anthony
87	Kunck, Lutz H.
88	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
89	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"
90	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez
91	Laurel, Ricardo "Ricky" P.
92	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.
93	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.
94	Lazaro, Juan Miguel "Miguel"
95	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
96	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
97	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
98	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
99	Lim, Richard
100	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
101	Locsin, Roberto R. "Boj"
102	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.
103	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
104	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.

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

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

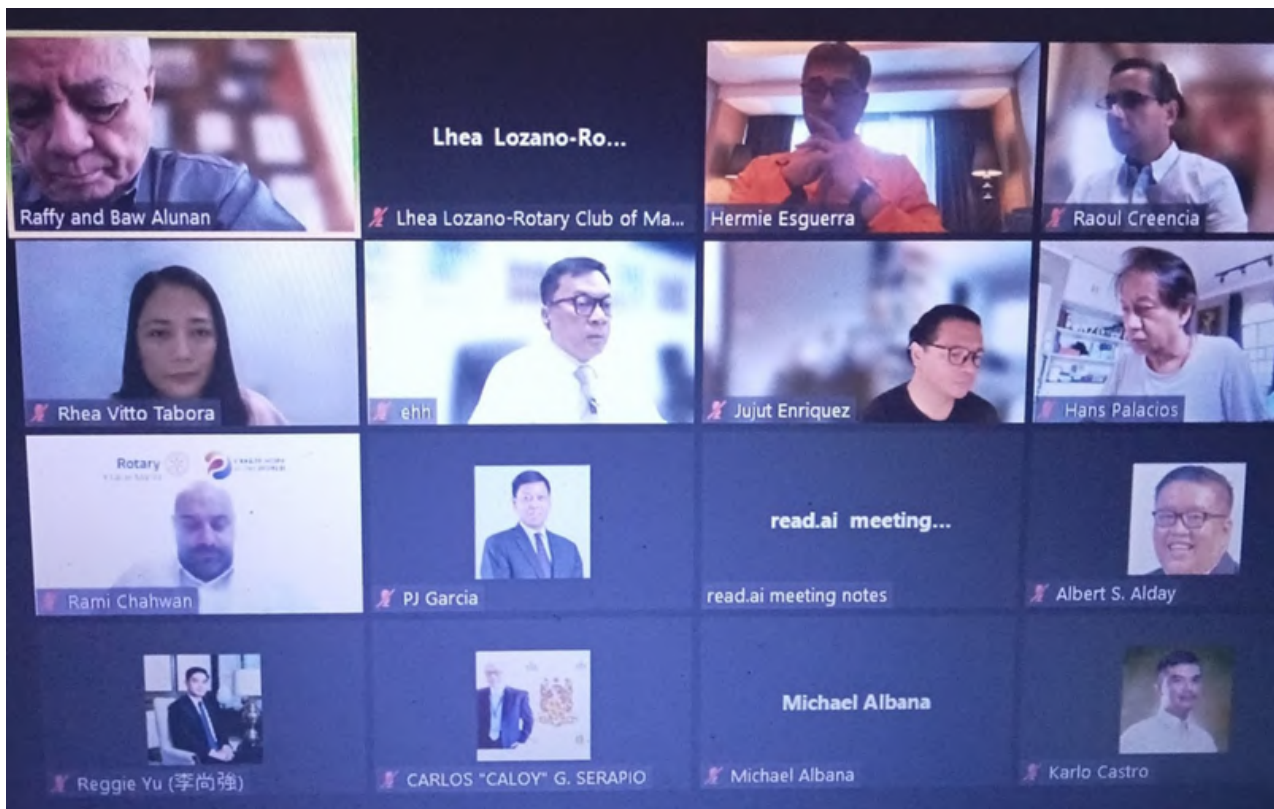
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1	Agnes, Jerry A.
2	Andal, Avelino L. "Billy"
3	Buendia, Carlos C. "Caloy"
4	Chotrani, Johnny N.

5	Dela Cruz, Artemio F "Art"
6	Dela Cruz, Joseph Emmanuel A. "Emman"
7	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"
8	Tan, Lawrence Li "Lance"
9	Valdez, Jason Roland N.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Fourth Regular Board Meeting



The Fourth Regular Board Meeting was held on November 16, 2023 via Zoom. Present were Pres. Raffy Alunan, IPP Hermie Esguerra, BLA Raoul Creencia, Sec. Edwin Hernandez, Dir./PE Jujut Enriquez, Dir. Hans Palacios, AS Rami Chahwan, Treas. PJ Garcia, Dir. Albert Alday, VP Reggie Yu, Dir. Mike Albana, AT Karlo Castro, Dir. Johnny Chotrani, Ethics Committee Chair Nando Camus, Vice Chair Caloy Serapio, RCM Secretariat Lhea Lozano, and Editorial Consultant Rhea Vitto Tabora.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Information Briefing for Minister Takahiro Hanada



The Rotary Information Committee held an information briefing on November 22, 2023 for Minister Takahiro Hanada. Present were PDG Obet Pagdanganan, PDG Rudy Bediones, PP Boy Guevara, Rtn. Manny Blanco, PDG Vince Carlos and Sec. Edwin Hernandez.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

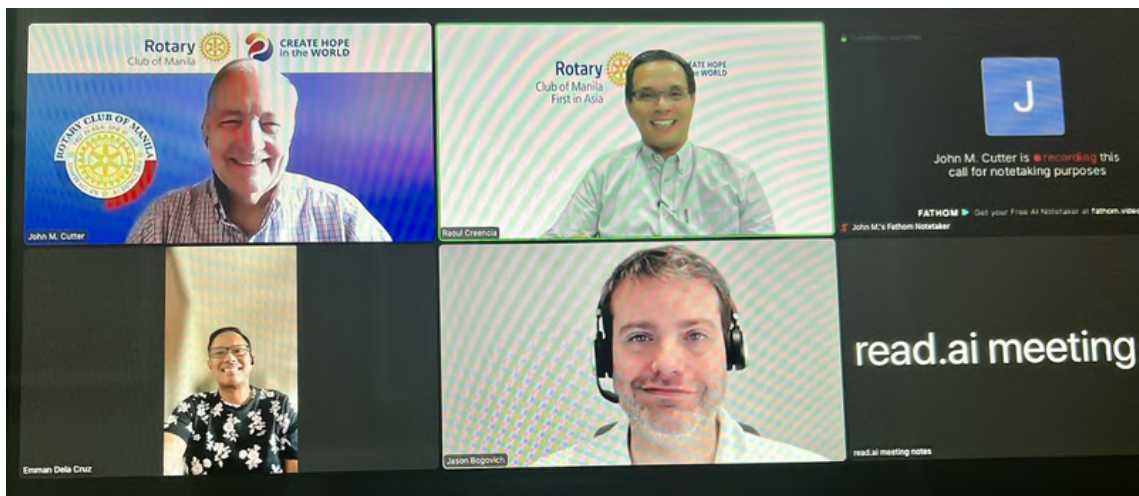
Meeting with Manila Public School Principals and City Councilor to Discuss RCM WASH Projects



WASH Committee Chair / BLA Raoul Creencia and Vice-Chair Emman de la Cruz met Manila public school principals Marites Pamulo-Labaguez and Violeta Labang. The RCM WASH Projects intended for these schools were discussed. Also in the meeting were Manila City Councilor Numero Lim and wife Kartini Lim, who expressed interest in partnering with RCM to pursue these projects.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

Coordination Meeting Between Oral Healthcare and WASH Committees



A coordination meeting was held on November 28, 2023 between Oral Healthcare and WASH Committees with the respective Chair and Vice-Chair: (Oral) John Cutter and Jason Bogovich, (WASH) Raoul Creencia and Emman de la Cruz.

Upcoming Activity of the Oral Healthcare and WASH Committees

RCM - Mithing Pangarap Christmas Program

On December 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., RCM will return to the Montessori School of Mithing Pangarap, Smokey Mountain, Tondo together with support from the RCM WASH Committee, Rotaract Club of Manila and TeethCloud to provide an annual Christmas program for 140 school children.

Beyond gifts and food, RCM will present awareness/education/materials distribution for both hand hygiene and oral health efforts in the community.

Members of RCM are not only encouraged to attend but also participate in this worthwhile effort that has helped over 600 students to date.

Watch our Viber posts for more information and to confirm your attendance.



Last year's photos

YOUTH SERVICE

District Rotaract Representative Visit



Pres. Raffy Alunan delivered an inspirational message to the members and officers of the Rotaract Club of Manila during their District Rotaract Representative Visit (DRR's Visit) held on November 18, 2023, at the RCM Secretariat office.



Call to Order by Jenna Aguilar, Committee Service Trainee



Invocation

YOUTH SERVICE

District Rotaract Representative Visit



CP Charlie Chua of the Rotary Club of Manila Magic, Jose Syguia, PP JM Cuales of the Rotaract Club of Manila, Professional Service Director Andrea Cuevas, Russel Palubon, PP Kristine Karen Cuales, HCP Arvin Reyes, Club Service Director Val John Darilag, HCP Jake Que of the Rotary Club of Manila Magic, HCP Raffy Alunan III of the Rotary Club of Manila, DRR Nikki Parlade, PE Stephanie Bonifacio, Julianne Aguilar, Czamille Oliveros, Rainier Cabungcal, DRRE John Noe Lopez, PP John Carlo de Guzman, HCP Angel Macasieb of the Rotaract Club of Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, DCOS Khate Valena, PDRR Oliver Alvarez of the Rotary Club of Paco Manila



DRR Nikki Parlade provided her comments on the Club's report.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Rotary Club of Taipei's 75th Charter Anniversary



Welcome dinner by sister club RC Taipei. Other RCM sister clubs showed up: RC Singapore and RC Bangkok.

We met our counterparts from RC Tai Po, RC Kuala Lumpur, RC Penang, RC Kota Kinabalu, RC Kyoto and RC Yokohama.

It was a typical Rotarian dinner-fellowship full of banter, good cheer and unabashed singing! We sang "*Pasko na Sinta ko*" led by Nick Locsin plus John Tan, Noy Benedicto, Ferdie Co and yours truly.

- Pres. Raffy Alunan

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Rotary Club of Taipei's 75th Charter Anniversary



Pres. Raffy Alunan and Rotary Club of Taipei Pres. Shirley Ting reaffirmed sister club ties last Friday, November 24, 2023.



On behalf of RC Manila, Pres. Raffy Alunan offered RC Taiwan Pres. Shirley Ting a banner of RCM and gifts from RCM.



At the anniversary celebration... PRIP Gary Huang retrieved the bag of Pres. Raffy from the venue of the lunch stop. The fellow in the center was the messenger who handed the bag to Pres. Raffy.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Rotary Club of Taipei's 75th Charter Anniversary



Group photo of RC Taipei's sister clubs; third from left Dr. Chan Siew Luen, President RC Singapore; to his left Dr. Charles Cheung head of RC Bangkok delegation; RIPE Stephanie Urchick; to her left, RC Taipei President Shirley Ting; RCM Pres. Raffy Alunan; PRIP Gary Huang; RCT PP Jack Tsai; and at the very right, Rtn. Joao Pinot of RC Macau.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Rotary Club of Taipei's 75th Charter Anniversary



At the museum floor dedicated to PRIP Gary Huang.

From left: Chair John Tan, PD Noy Benedicto, Chair Nick Locsin, RIPE Stephanie Urchick, Pres. Raffy Alunan and Karl Benedicto.



Selfie-ing: Pres. Raffy, Karl Benedicto, PD Noy Benedicto, Chair Nick Locsin and Chair John Tan



Group photo of RCMers with members of RC Taipei and RIPE Stephanie Urchick (at the center in blue)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Rotary Club of Taipei's 75th Charter Anniversary



Pres. Raffy Alunan with former Rotary International President Gary Huang at the latter's museum. Also present were International Relations Chair/Dir. Nick Locsin, Chair John Tan, PD Noy and Karlo Benedicto.



PUBLIC IMAGE

Tribute to Chief Justice and RCM Past President Artemio "Art" V. Panganiban

BusinessMirror
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TRIBUTE TO THE 'CHIEF' Rotary Club of Manila President Rafael M. Alunan III (left) and Rotary Club of Forbes Park President Antonio P. Jacomina III (right) lead A Tribute to Chief Justice and Past President Artemio "Art" V. Panganiban (center) at the RCM 19th weekly meeting held at the Manila Polo Club in Makati City on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023. MANILA LACZA

RECOGNITION CORNER

PP Boy Guevara's Granddaughter to Become Part of Global Group KATSEYE



The members who will become part of the girl group KATSEYE, promoting on a truly global stage with the support of HYBE Labels and Geffen Records, are Sophia (granddaughter of PP Boy and Monette Guevara) from the Philippines, Lara from the USA, Yoonchae from South Korea, Megan from the USA, Daniela from the USA, and Manon from Switzerland.

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Final results

#	Name	Nationality
1	Sophia Laforteza	Philippines
2	Lara Raj	USA
3	Daniela Avanzini	USA
4	Yoonchae Jeong	South Korea

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MOPC officers and 2023 MOPC Journalism Awards winners: (From left) MOPC governor and awards chairman Jimmie Policarpio; RMN CEO and MOPC president Eric S. Canoy; Daxim Lucas, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Business Writer of the Year; Globe Telecom EVP Yolanda Crisanto, Leadership in Digitalization and Advancing Journalism Mobile Frontiers Award; Carmela "Mel" Tiangco, Television Broadcaster of the Year; Deo Macalima for DZRH, Radio Station of the Year and Radio Broadcaster of the Year; Press Secretary Cheloy V. Garafil, Distinguished Journalism and Government Service Award; Atty. Felipe L. Gozon, chairman and CEO, GMA Network Inc., Television Station of the Year; Biznews Asia CEO and MOPC chair Tony S. Lopez; former Supreme Court Chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban, Journalist of the Year-Law; The Philippine Star editor-in-chief Ana Maria Pamintuan, Journalist of the Year and Newspaper of the Year (for STAR); TV5 head of News and Information Luchi Cruz-Valdes, Lifetime Achievement Award; Alex Magno, The Philippine Star, Columnist of the Year; Dennis Datu, ABS-CBN Integrated News, TV Reporter of the Year; Glenn Allona, first vice president for Radio Operations of GMA for Mike Enriquez, Lifetime Achievement in Broadcast Journalism Award (posthumous); and MOPC vice president Atty. Mike Toledo

Manila Overseas Press Club: Upholding excellence and integrity in journalism

Asia's oldest press club counts among its roster of members some of the most highly acclaimed personalities in local media.

By JOHANNA L. AÑES-DE LA CRUZ

Misinformation and its ilk—disinformation, malinformation, and propaganda—are not new. Far from it.

These have been part and parcel of human communication since at least the Roman times—from as far back as when the politician Antony met Queen Cleopatra. According to the California-based Center for Information Technology and Society, Octavian, the first Roman emperor, waged a propaganda campaign against Antony that was designed to smear his reputation. This was sometime in the 32 B.C.

Fast forward to more than two millennia later, far more superior innovations in technology have given rise to faster and more sinister ways of spreading what has been called "fake news."

It is high time then for credible media organizations to continue promoting journalism that is founded on truth, fairness, and integrity.

returned to the Philippines to wage the Battle of Manila and put an end to the Japanese occupation of the country during World War II.

A judgment of, for, and by peers, the most coveted journalism awards are always the ones given by press clubs. And the MOPC held its first-ever awards ceremony last Oct. 25 at the Fairmont Hotel Ballroom in Makati.

Asia's oldest press club, it currently counts among its members the owners of the largest media groups, captains of the industry, top professionals, corporate titans, and senior journalists. It goes without saying then that being recognized by the club is an honor of the highest kind.

Specially designed trophies of gleaming golden bells were ordered and flown all the way from Italy to Manila for the occasion. Italy is home to the world's oldest and best bell manufacturing technology, dating back a thousand years. 15 inches tall and weighing three kilos, each MOPC bell trophy "symbolizes freedom,



MOPC chairman Tony S. Lopez

Year was based on four criteria, the first being a proven track record or legacy of at least ten years of journalistic excellence, coupled with a devotion to the pursuit of truth, justice, and fairness, as well as balanced reporting.

Second is a market presence and leadership that "fortifies the media organization's influence and power to mold public opinion and inspire good governance."

Third, according to Lopez, is proven public support through a significant level of subscription or circulation,



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Rtn. Anton Mauricio, General Manager of National Development Company, is Guest Speaker at the Digital Pilipinas Festival held at SMX Aura



From left: Dir. Mike Albana, Amor Maclang (convenor of Digital Pilipinas), Rtn. Anton Mauricio, Department of Trade and Industry Undersecretary Kim Bernardo-Lokin, Maybank Philippines Inc. President and CEO Abigail Tina del Rosario, two other guests at the Digital Pilipinas Festival, and Malaysian Ambassador to the Philippines Dato' Abdul Malik Melvin Castelino bin Anthony

RECOGNITION CORNER

PD Art Lopez Receives Mabuhay Gold Awardee 2023



PD Art Lopez received the prestigious Mabuhay Gold Awardee 2023 from the Association of Human Resource Managers on November 27, 2023 at the Westin Manila.

FELLOWSHIP

RCM Golf Fellowship in Malarayat



IPP Hermie Esguerra hosted the RCM Golf Fellowship in Malarayat last Friday, November 24.

FELLOWSHIP

RCM Golf Fellowship at Esguerra Farms



Late lunch and fellowship was held in IPP Hermie Esguerra's farm.



Christmas Party



You're Invited To RCM's
2023
MERRY
Little
CHRISTMAS
Party

Date: December 12, 2023 | **Time:** 5:00 PM

Venue: Z LOUNGE DINING (Roof Deck)

G.A. Tower 2, EDSA (Beside MRT Boni Stn.), Mandaluyong City



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