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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



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Kabalita

Journalism has a special and unique power to touch the lives of ordinary citizens. Through responsible gathering, recording, verifying, and reporting of information of public importance, journalists indeed play a key and impactful role in society. Thankfully, we have in our midst a number of print and broadcast media personalities who have remained true to the ideals of the profession; and whose impressive and expansive careers have clearly and positively contributed in building a well-informed citizenry. Specifically in talk shows and public affairs programs, the charisma, wit, and erudition of hosts make the discourse helpful, more interesting, and intellectually stimulating.





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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

21st Weekly Membership Meeting

Rotary Year 2023-2024
Thursday, December 07, 2023 12:15 PM
Manila Polo Club

Moderator: PD RAOUL A. VILLEGAS

11:45 AM	Registration	
12:15 PM	Call to Order	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III
	Invocation	PP FELIX FRANCISCO "Chito" S. ZALDARRIAGA
	Philippine National Anthem	RCM WF Music Chorale
	Rotary Club of Manila Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	The Four (4) Way Test	RTN. EMILIO GONZALEZ LA'O
	Acknowledgment of Guests	PD RAOUL A. VILLEGAS
	Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
	<i>Birthday Celebrants</i>	
	Dec. 01 PP Teddy Ocampo	
	Dec. 02 Rtn. Raul Canon	
	Dec. 03 AT Karlo Castro	
	Dec. 05 Rtn. Christopher Zimmer	
	<i>Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song</i>	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:40 PM	President's Time	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III
	- <i>Rotary Fellowship of International Voices and Performing Arts</i> (To serenade the guest speaker)	

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

21st Weekly Membership Meeting

1:00 PM Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker **VP REGINALD "Reggie" T. YU**

Guest of Honor and Speaker

Address:

MS. KAREN DAVILA

Broadcast journalist, Television news anchor
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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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Kristen Karen Lising Davila-Sta. Ana, born November 21, 1970, known professionally as Karen Davila, is a Filipino journalist and news anchor.

EARLY LIFE

Davila went to high school at the Colegio San Agustin – Makati, where she was batchmates with Kris Aquino and Pinky Webb. She took a degree of Bachelor of Arts major in Mass Communication at the University of the Philippines Diliman in Quezon City.

ACHIEVEMENTS

As a professional journalist, she has received awards internationally, including an award from the New York Festival and the Ten Outstanding Young Men Awards for Broadcast Journalism in 2008. She has more than 20 awards in the professional journalism field from both local and international organizations. She was one of People Asia magazine's "People of the Year" in 2013. She was also recognized by the Philippine Senate as one of the Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS). Esquire magazine named her the "Sexiest Woman Alive" in 2015, citing beauty and brains as the sheer formula for the declaration.

PERSONAL LIFE

Davila is married to DJ Sta. Ana, with two children: David and Lucas. She is an advocate for people with special needs, children's rights, government transparency, and journalism.

She is the aunt of Filipino-American actor and YouTube content creator Wil Dasovich.

Source: Wikipedia

EDITOR'S NOTE

LET US WASH OUR HANDS

It is said that if you wash your hands of someone or something, you refuse to be involved with them or to take responsibility for them. In other words, if you wash your hands of something that you were previously responsible for, you intentionally stop being involved in it or connected with it in any way.

This is not the kind of washing of hands that we want to pursue and promote. Instead, the Rotary Club of Manila's WASH Committee seeks to propagate and radiate to communities and partner schools the importance and proper way of hand washing.

Aside from constructing washing stations (the Committee has already identified two elementary schools in Tondo, Manila), there is also a purposive intent to roll out the WASH Education (WASHed) component. This involves teaching children proper hand hygiene.



Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita



An exciting development about our Club's pursuit to instill proper hygiene among school children is that the WASH Committee and the Oral Hygiene Committee (led by its hardworking Chairman John Cutter) have joined forces to incorporate oral health and hygiene in the orientation.

On Saturday, December 9, our Community Oral Health, as well as the WASH Committee hand hygiene awareness education materials distribution will be held at the Mithing Pangarap Montessori School in Tondo. It will be at two o'clock in the afternoon, which hopefully will be supported by Manila Rotarians. The Rotaract Club of Manila is proudly joining and supporting the project, together with several other Rotaract Clubs.

Let us not wash our hands of this project, but fully support this initiative on proper hand washing.

20th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

November 30, 2023



PROGRAM MODERATOR



The unique and musically charged weekly membership meeting had **Rtn. Robi Joseph** as Program Moderator who, with his affable style and wit, successfully steered the program with memorable song numbers.

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CALL TO ORDER



Sounding the bell, **Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III** called the 20th weekly membership meeting to order.

INVOCATION

With a beautifully written prayer, **PD Issam Eldebs** 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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THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA HYMN and WELCOME SONG



The “World Famous” RCM Chorale led the singing of the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn and the Welcome Song, to the delight of the guests in attendance.

PRESIDENT’S TIME

To give way and more time for the much-awaited musical numbers, **President Raffy** opted to forgo with the usual allotted time for him to address the Club.

THE LIFE STORY OF THE LATE GEORGE CANSECO SR.



Born in Naic, Cavite on April 23, 1934, **George Masangkay Canseco** is considered by many as one of the greatest OPM songwriters, if not the greatest of all time.



An AVP of the awe-inspiring life story of the late **George Canseco Sr.** was shown before the singing of the invited artists.

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CANSECO's ENDURING CONTRIBUTION TO ROTARY: THE PHILIPPINE ROTARY HYMN



An enduring legacy of the late George Canseco Sr., himself a Rotarian and Past President of RC Kamuning, is his beautifully composed Philippine Rotary Hymn. As a tribute to the musical genius, the World Famous RCM Chorale sang the hymn during the program.

SERENADE TIME

One of the highlights of the program was the performance of invited guests as a tribute to Maestro Canseco, and to relive his timeless music and songs.

(From Left): Hector Bongat, Dolly Cater, Marcy Bautista, Melanie Garcia-Bacle, The Angelos, and Dominique



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Rotarians and guests were pleasantly surprised by the impromptu song numbers of international celebrity **David Pomeranz**. The enchanting evening indeed became more magical with his soulful and enchanting vocals reverberating in the meeting venue.



Another surprise visitor, **Mr. Stanley Engle**, a Rotarian from Oklahoma and a musician himself, joined David. The two rocked the house with their impromptu collaboration of the Beatles' classic 'Get Back.'

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Martin Nievera's captivating singing performance stole the spotlight, becoming a highly anticipated and unforgettable moment that left the audience swooning in admiration.

GIFT FROM A VISITING ROTARIAN and MUSICIAN



Aside from showcasing his musical talent during the program, **Rotarian Stanley Engle** (RC of Abilene, Kansas, USA) also presented some tokens to the Rotary Club of Manila, through **Pres. Rafael Alunan**. Witnessing the hand-over of the token is Governor-Elect Jackie C. Rodriguez (Chairman, Program Committee).

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TOKENS OF APPRECIATION

For gracing the event and lending their musical talents, the invited performers were acknowledged and presented with Certificates of Appreciation. From left: Melanie Garcia-Bacle, Marcy Bautista, Hector Bongat, Dolly Cater, and Dominique



FINALE SONG



As a finale, the RCM World Famous Chorale, together with the invited artists, sang one of the most iconic song composed by the late George Canseco Sr. – AKO AY PILIPINO.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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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	November 23, 2023 NO WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING	November 30, 2023 TRIBUTE TO MR. GEORGE CANSECO SR.
MEMBERS PRESENT	0	38	50	0	48
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	0	16	16	0	20
EXEMPTED FROM ATTENDANCE	0	5	6	0	3
ON LEAVE	0	0	0	0	0
Total Active Members	0	49	60	0	65
Total # of Members	241	241	241	241	241
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	0%	20%	24%	0%	27%
ROTARACTORS	0	0	0	0	1
MEDIA	0	5	3	0	3
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	2	0	0	2
GOHS / GS	0	3	3	0	14
Visiting Rotarians	0	0	0	0	39
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	0	4	7	0	56
TOTAL ATTENDEES	0	45	60	0	158



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LIST OF ATTENDEES

1	ARCHIT BARTOLOME
2	ARIK CARRANCEJA
3	BEBOT PINEDA
4	CALOY SERAPIO
5	CHRIS BELLO
6	DAVE REYNOLDS
7	DEL LORENZANA
8	ED CABANGON
9	EMIL GONZALEZ
10	GUNTER MATSCHUCK
11	HANS PALACIOS
12	ISSAM ELDEBS
13	JACKIE RODRIGUEZ
14	JJ FERNANDEZ
15	JOEL TALAMPAS
16	JOEL VALDES
17	JOEY GARCIA
18	JOHN SIMON
19	JOHN TAN
20	JUJUT ENRIQUEZ
21	JUN HALLARE
22	KARLO CASTRO
23	LITO SIBAYAN
24	MANNY ALMELOR

25	MICRAY GONZALEZ
26	MIKE ALBAÑA
27	MIKE ROXAS
28	NANDO CAMUS
29	NATE CAMAT
30	NER LONZAGA
31	NICK LOCSIN
32	NOY BENEDICTO
33	OSCAR DEL ROSARIO
34	PACO MAGSAYSAY
35	PEPO NUÑEZ
36	RAFFY ALUNAN
37	RAMBY NOLIDO
38	RAOUL CREENCIA
39	REGGIE YU
40	RICKY GUEVARA
41	ROBI JOSEPH
42	ROMY NONES
43	RUDY BEDIONES
44	STEFAN SCHMITZ
45	TEDDY TEE
46	VINCE CARLOS
47	WARREN SO
48	WILLIE PELIÑO

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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	Ampil, Alvin R.
10	Andal, Avelino L.
11	Ang, Richard T.
12	Aragon, Joshua Reuben
13	Arguelles, Pablo C.
14	Aslam, Muhammad
15	Aventura Jr. Avenilo L.
16	Balanay, Aries B.
17	Batur, Sinan
18	Bautista, John Jr. I.
19	Bella Jr. Geronimo P.
20	Benedicto III, Bernardo T.
21	Bertelsen Bertel, Ingmar
22	Bhalla, Pardeep
23	Biltz, Olivier
24	Blanco, Manuel M.
25	Bogovich, Jason M.
26	Bolton, Wilhelm
27	Branellec, Jacques
28	Caasi, Jr., Urbano S.
29	Cabuñag, Rogelio R.
30	Campos, Jr., Joselito D.
31	Canon, Raul Jr. E.
32	Catalan, Rodillo R.
33	Cenica, John T.
34	Chahwan, Rami
35	Chien, Liang-Tah Steve
36	Chotrani, Johnny N.
37	Co, Ferdinand C.
38	Coyiuto, Jr., Robert G.
39	Cutter, John Michael
40	David, Virgilio
41	Davis, Raymond N.
42	Dayang, Jr Juan E.
43	De Castro, Juan Arturo Iluminado C.
44	De Venecia, Jr., Jose C.
45	Del Valle, Randolph T.
46	Dela Cruz, Artemio F.
47	Dela Cruz, Joseph Emmanuel A.
48	Diokno, Benjamin E.
49	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio S.
50	Domingo, Rico V.
51	Dominguez III, Carlos G.
52	Dy, Manuel C.
53	Echavez, Antonio V.
54	Engelbrecht, Francois
55	Esguerra, Herminio S.
56	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo A.
57	Eugenio, John Emyl G.

58	Evaristo, Frank
59	Flameño, Franco Martell Sacramento
60	Follosco, Ceferino Jr. G.
61	Garcia, Theodore Q
62	Garcia, III Victor G.
63	Gaspar, Fernando L.
64	Go, Daniel C.
65	Go, Michael G.
66	Goco, Raoul Roberto P
67	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy H.
68	Guevara, Domingo Jr.
69	Hallare, Nicolo S.
70	Hallerbach, Mathias
71	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt
72	Hesse, Uwe
72	Hortaleza, Rolando B
73	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius F.
74	Jang, Jae Jung
75	Joseph, Ralph Lim
76	Jucaban, Jeric J.
77	Juico, Francis E.
78	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro Y IV
79	Katigbak, J Alfonso Leonor
80	Klebs, David
81	Koh, Paul Anthony T
82	Kunack, Lutz H.
83	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
84	Lacson, Sebastian Arsenio R.
85	Laurel, Ricardo P.
86	Laya, Jaime C.
87	Lazaro, Juan Miguel G
88	Ledda, Jaime Victor B.
89	Lee, Richard L.
90	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
91	Liamzon Jr., Romeo Thaddeus R.
92	Lim, David Eduardo T.
93	Lim, Richard
94	Locsin, Roberto R
95	Lopa, Antonio A.
96	Lopez, Antonio S.
97	Lopez, Arthur M.
98	Macapagal, Michael T
99	Macatoman, Abdulgani M.
100	Magbanua, Gerry P.
101	Magpale, Jose Paolo A
102	Magsaysay, Jesus Vicente E.
103	Mangalile, Senen T.
104	Martinez, Ronald
105	Masters, Lance
106	Mauricio, Antonilo DC
107	Meloto Jr., Antonio
108	Mendoza, Estelito P.
109	Mendoza, Miguel
110	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian O.
111	Mommaerts, Steve
112	Mueller, Klaus
113	Ocampo, Teodoro J.
114	Ong, Jovee K.

115	Ong, Phillip L.
116	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L.
117	Pagdanganan, Roberto M.
118	Pallasigue, John Brian
119	Pañares, Ben Thomas P.
120	Patterson, Colin David
121	Pineda, Jr., Jesus M.
122	Pizarra, Jordan M.
123	Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
124	Pujalte, Jr., Jose S.
125	Quisumbing, Ramon De Jesus DP
126	Ramos, Claver P.
127	Rast, Tobias
128	Reyes, Crispino P.
129	Robertz, Constantine Franz Josef
130	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean
131	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin G.
132	Romualdez, Jose Manuel G.
133	Roño, Marlon R.
134	Sarasola II, Jose Ma. I.
135	Sarmiento, Ricardo M.
136	Schmitz, Stefan
137	Schoucair, Farid Alain
138	Sevilla, Luis Angelo L.
139	Shimoda, Shigeru
140	Sicat, Michael Allan E.
141	Sobrepeña, Robert John L.
142	Soler, Jose Antonio A.
143	Stranathan, Ike Edward
144	Syjuco, Jr., Jose A.
145	Tagaysay, Hector O.
146	Talusan, Ferdinand E
147	Tamano, Shalimar H.
148	Tamayo, Victor L.
149	Tan, Eusebio V.
150	Tan, Lawrence Li
151	Tang, Jimmy T.
152	Tanglao, Noel V.
153	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
154	Tejuma, Sham Michael
155	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael L.
156	Uy, Ivan John Enrile
157	Valdez, Amado D.
158	Valdez, Jason Rolando N.
159	Valencia, John Nico P.
160	Vazquez, Evaristo Jr.
161	Villarica, Henry R.
162	Villegas, Raoul A.
163	Wombwell, Philip B
164	Yap, Enrique Y. Jr.
165	Yu, Geoffrey C.
166	Yujuico, Brendon M.V.
167	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco S.
168	Zeitouni, Nagi
169	Zheng, Zhi Hao
170	Zialcita, Xavier Y.
171	Zimmer, Christopher
172	Co, Val Constantine L.
173	Zosa, Rolando M.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

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

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

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

153	Roxas, Michael D. "Mike"
154	Sarasola, II, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.
155	Sarmiento, Ricardo Manuel M. "Rocco"
156	Schimitz, Stefan
157	Schneider, Bernd
158	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"
159	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.
160	Shimoda, Shigeru
161	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.
162	Simon, Juanito Ayson
163	So, Warren
164	Sobrepeña, Robert John I. "Bob"
165	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
166	Souvlakis, Nicolas
167	Steley, Collin
168	Stranathan, Ike Edward "Ike"
169	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.
170	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
171	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
172	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"
173	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.
174	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
175	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.
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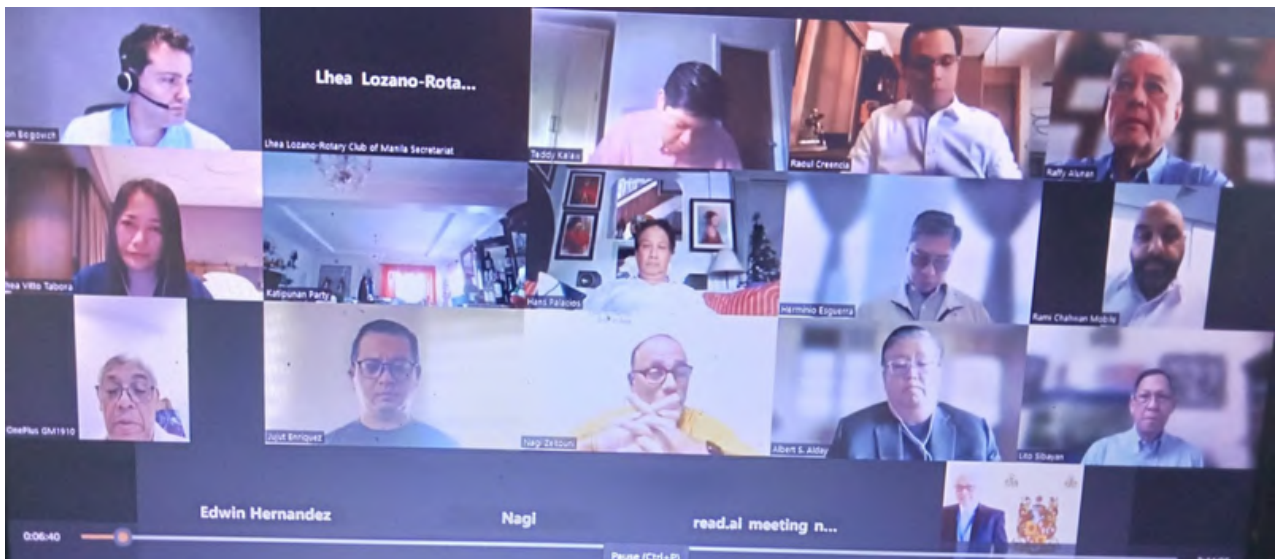
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CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Fifth Special Board Meeting



The Fifth Special Board Meeting was held on November 16, 2023 via Zoom. Present were: SAA Jason Bogovich, DE Teddy Kalaw, BLA Raoul Creencia, Pres Raffy Alunan, Dir. Hans Palacios, IPP Hermie Esguerra, AS Rami Chahwan, Dir. Johnny Chotrani, PE Jujut Enriquez, SAA Nagi Zeitouni, Dir. Albert Alday, PT Lito Sibayan, Sec. Edwin Hernandez, Ethics Committee Vice Chair Caloy Serapio, ES Lhea Lozano, and Editorial Consultant Rhea Vitto Tabora.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

RC Manila and Abbott Laboratories Meeting



RC Manila & Abbott Laboratories meeting on collaboration for our club's malnutrition project, together with WASH & Oral Hygiene. President Raffy, Chairman John Cutter, BLA Raoul Creencia, and Co-Chair Jason Bogovich met with Abbott's Sharon Mak and Dr. Jose Dimaculangan.

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

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The International Beat

by: **Arsenio “Nick” Z. Locsin**
Chairman, International Relations Committee



Working to serve humanity and creating hope in this world never stops with Rotarians. Your International Relations Committee is here to try to keep us in step with the rest of the Rotary world.

After a fun-filled and productive visit to Seoul, President Raffy and your IRC Chair headed a small group of Manila Rotarians to visit and celebrate with the Rotary Club of Taipei on the 75th anniversary of their founding.

RC Taipei is one of RCM’s sister clubs. During this visit, we signed a reaffirmation of our commitment to maintain, develop and nurture our relationship with RC Taipei and its members.

It was a relatively short two day visit but we achieved significant goals that we had for this visit.

Firstly we had an excellent opportunity to bond with our Taiwanese counterparts. We reconnected with Past RI President Gary Huang, we bonded with President Shirley Ting and her board of directors. Then we had the rare opportunity to spend a few casual hours with RI PE Stephanie Urchick.

RCs Singapore and Bangkok, both sister clubs of RC Taipei were represented in the celebrations. We had the opportunity to bond with RC Singapore President Chan and some of his members as well as Dr. Charles Cheung who represented RC Bangkok.

Secondly, we reaffirmed our support for RC Taipei by celebrating with them and by reaffirming our mutual commitments to each other through a written document. President Raffy represented RCM. This reaffirmation of mutual support augurs well for cooperation in future projects.

Thirdly, our small group attended the welcome dinner, the main celebration and a day tour hosted by PRIP Gary Huang. We had fun bonding among ourselves, those two days. We were treated to a tour of a small museum of a highly regarded Taiwanese sculptor. We saw amazing wooden sculptures that awed everyone as to how they were completed.

The activities began with a welcome dinner at the Shangri-La Pavilion on the 59th floor of the five-star Far Eastern Shangri-La Hotel in Taipei.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Before dinner was served, RC Taipei signed renewals of and reaffirmations of commitments to its sister clubs. Our other sister clubs, RC Bangkok and RC Singapore also signed their respective renewals/reaffirmations.

After dinner, we chatted, drank and laughed with each other. Then every visiting club was asked to sing. After some trepidation, President Raffy led our small group in presenting a much loved Tagalog song, *Pasko Na Sinta Ko*.

The next day, we went on a day tour. We visited a small museum dedicated to the accomplishments of Past RI President Gary Huang. Then we visited a site where the works of a known Taiwanese wood sculptor were exhibited.

In the evening, we attended the main event of the celebration. Musical performances, excellent food and continuous interaction with all the Rotarians present. Through our presence and action, we were able to remind every Rotarian we met that RC Manila was strong and solid and always ready to be an active Rotary force in Asia.

Before our departure on Sunday we had a few hours to ourselves to shop, walk around, while some caught a last-minute opportunity to savor Taiwanese cuisine.

It was a brief but very happy trip, which was succeeded by another memorable visit to Hongkong from December 3 to 5 to celebrate with RC Kowloon East their 54th Charter anniversary. The photos the trip to Taipei were featured last week, while the photos of the Hongkong trip are featured in this week's Balita.

One final reminder, the Rotary International Convention for 2024 will be held in Singapore from May 25-29 2024. This will be another opportunity to meet, greet and listen to Rotarians from around the world. A first world Singapore can offer much to any tourist. Please sign up early.

Till next time....

The International Relations Committee

Arsenio "Nick" Z. Locsin
Chairman

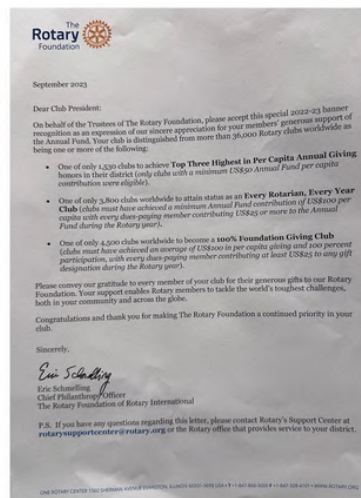
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Rotary Club of Kowloon East's 54th Anniversary Fund Raising Ball



RECOGNITION CORNER

RC Manila Receives Prestigious Accolades from Rotary International



We received these recognitions from Rotary International on November 30, 2023

Congratulations to all of us for achieving:

- 100% Foundation Giving Club
- Every Rotarian, Every Year Club
- End Polio Now Donor
- One of only 1,530 clubs worldwide to achieve Top Three Highest in Per Capita Annual Giving Honors in the District
- One of only 3,800 clubs worldwide to attain status as an EREY Club
- One of only 4,500 clubs worldwide to become a 100% Foundation Giving Club

Thank you for your support, my fellow RCMers.



- IPP Herminio S. Esguerra

RECOGNITION CORNER

IPP Herminio S. Esguerra Inducted to the Hall of Fame by the Philippine Racing Commission



I am deeply honored and humbled to receive this prestigious recognition for my contributions to the Philippine Horseracing Industry. This award is not just a personal milestone for me but a celebration of our collective passion and dedication to the world of thoroughbred racing.

My journey in the horseracing industry, particularly with Esguerra Farms and Stud Inc., has been an extraordinary adventure driven by a profound love and respect for these magnificent animals. The process of studying bloodlines, genetics, physical conformation, and pedigrees, and seeing these efforts come to fruition through the champions we've bred, has been incredibly rewarding. Their speed, stamina, and grace continue to inspire and motivate me every day.

- IPP Herminio S. Esguerra

FELLOWSHIP

Dir. Tony Lopez's Birthday Celebration



The BizNewsAsia party

At the 22nd anniversary dinner of BizNewsAsia last Nov. 25, 2023, a Saturday, 200 guests showed up despite heavy rains and a competing event in Malacañang.



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They included the owners or heads of the Philippines' five largest conglomerates: Ramon S. Ang, President-CEO, San Miguel Corp.; Lance Gokongwei, president-CEO JG Summit Holdings (Gokongwei Group); Sabin Aboitiz, president-CEO, Aboitiz Equity Ventures; Amando Tetangco Jr., chair, SM Investments Corp.; and Lorenzo V. Tan, president-CEO, House of Investments (Yuchengco-RCBC Group). Plus of course, the head of President Marcos Jr.'s economic team, Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno, with Trade and Industry Secretary Alfredo Pascual

and Information Communications Technology Secretary Ivan John Uy.

In 2022 revenues (billions), the largest are: 1. SMC P1,506 (P1.5 trillion); 2. SM Investments Corp. P553.77; 3. Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. P306.75; 4. JG Summit Holdings P301.9; and 5. Ayala Corp. P263.82. In market capitalization, the rankings (in billions) are: 1. SM Investments Corp., P1,019.16; 2. Ayala Corp., P404.1; 3. JG Summit, P289.18; 4. Aboitiz Equity Ventures, P273.4; and 5. SMC, P254.83.

Also present at the party were: Capt. Stanley Ng, president of Philippine Airlines, and Florido Casuela, president of PNB, representing the Lucio Tan Group of companies; George Barcelon, president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the country's largest business organization; prominent architect Jun Palafox, a former president of the Management Association of the Philippines; and the Rotary Club of Manila leaders. Atty. Perry Pe of Romulo Mabanta law offices; and Atty. Francis Lim of ACCRALaw and founder of the Shareholders Association of the Philippines.





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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