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Rotary Club of Manila 2nd General Assembly

14 December 2023, 12:30 – 2:00 P.M.

Manila Polo Club



Kabalita

Diagnosis and treatment constitute a process, not a one-time event. This holds true to organizational introspection and recalibration. After the first General Assembly in October, the Rotary Club of Manila, as envisioned, is again wisely undertaking a serious self-assessment of its current state and performance. The Club, through a candid and constructive discourse, hopes to have “a fresh look at what's working and what's not, with an opportunity to fix issues before they became debilitating.” Buoyed by the richness of its past, coupled with the boldness and single-minded desire to seize and secure its future, Asia’s First Rotary Club will surely pull through and surmount all challenges.

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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

2nd General Assembly

Rotary Year 2023-2024
Thursday, December 14, 2023 12:30 PM
MANILA POLO CLUB

Moderator: Rtn. Francisco "Paco" D. Magsaysay

I.

11:30 – 12:30 LUNCH

II.

12:00 PM Registration

12:15 PM Call to Order

PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III

Invocation

STAR RTN. CHRISTIAN CESAR "Chris" BELLO

Philippine National Anthem

RCM WF Music Chorale

The Four (4) Way Test

VP REGINALD "Reggie" T. YU

Rotary Club of Manila Hymn

RCM WF Music Chorale

President's Time

PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III

- *Designating Club Elder PDG Roberto "Obet" Pagdanganan as Presiding Officer of the General Assembly*
- *Turning Over of the Gavel to PDG Roberto "Obet" Pagdanganan*

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

2nd General Assembly

III.

12:45 – 2:00 PM

TRANSITION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Opening Statement of Presiding Officer on the objectives and Expected Outcomes of the GA
2. Approval of:
 - 2.1 Formation and Organization of GA Ad Hoc Leadership and Management Structure;
 - 2.2 Rules of Procedures
3. Declaration of Quorum
4. Items For Discussion
 - 4.1 Ethics Committee - EC Reports and BOD Action
 - 4.2 Discussion Items Arising Out of the EC Reports
 - 4.3 Explanation on the Excluded Portions of the Reports
 - 4.4 Relevant & Material parts that directly affect RCM
 - 4.5 Open Forum/Deliberations
5. Resolutions and Next Steps
6. President's Closing Remarks
7. Adjournment

EDITOR'S NOTE

RCM's Brillianteering Process: *partie deux*

As the Club conducts its second General Assembly, the October 26 Note on *brillianteering* deserves reiteration.

There is no doubt that at the heart of every Rotary Club is the membership. Without them, everything will come to a screeching halt. Without them, there is no Club. Truly, without planners and implementors, service projects will cease to exist. Without dreamers and visionaries, problems that are otherwise easily solvable through cooperative and civic efforts will continue to fester and pester a community.



Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, *balita*

The men of RCM, the band of brothers fueled by volunteerism and service, are what makes the Club pulsate with life and enable it to implement life-changing projects.

But to be able to sustain the various service efforts of the club, all members must ensure that they are acting with one mind, pursuing the same direction, marching to the beat of a single drum, and being guided a common creed. Towards this end, there must be a regular introspection and examination of where the membership, as a collective whole, is currently at, and reassess where they are going, and address wrinkles that have arisen.

For a club to keep moving on, there must be a constant evaluation whether the members are beautifully in sync with Rotary's service mantra.

As an aggrupation of civic volunteers, the Rotary Club of Manila must constantly check and address gaps and unresolved issues that could adversely affect its luster and effectiveness as a premiere service organization.

As any other club, RCM has experienced and continues to face unique challenges. But, as has been reiterated here, this phase must be considered as simply going through the crucible of severe testing. To be sure, even after more than a century of existence, Asia's first Rotary Club still needs to go through not only sharpening and polishing, but re-sharpening and re-polishing. This is how a priceless creation is perfected. In fact, a billion years creation of nature, the natural diamond, still needs to undergo a cutting and polishing process to let it achieve a perfect shape, and make it sparkle and shine.

In a process called *brillianteering*, the facets of the cut diamond are polished so that it reflects and refracts the optimal amount of light. It is the polishing of the natural diamond that determines how much fire, brilliance, and sparkle it will have.

The Rotary Club of Manila, just like a diamond, must go through the same process. Hopefully, today's second General Assembly, through everyone's active participation and positive contribution, will turn out to be a brave and bold step towards achieving and completing RCM's own *brillianteering* process.

21st WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

December 7, 2023



PROGRAM MODERATOR



Rtn. Raoul Villegas was the week's aptly chosen Program Moderator. He began by inviting Manila Rotarians to be seated to allow the meeting to officially commence.

21st WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

December 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER



Sounding the bell, **Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III** called the 21st weekly membership meeting to order.

INVOCATION



With a beautifully written prayer, **PP Chito Zaldarriaga** led the invocation for the membership.

21st WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

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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.

FOUR-WAY TEST



Rotarians were reminded anew of their commitment to live by the 4-Way Test, with the recitation of this mantra led by **Rtn. Emilio La'O**.

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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.

PRESIDENT’S TIME



President Raffy reminded the RCM members regarding the forthcoming activities of RCM for the week/month, such as: Christmas gift-giving at the Montessori School of Mithing Pangarap, Smokey Mountain, Tondo; handover of check donations and Christmas gifts to PGH Pediatric Cancer Ward; Gen. Assembly, and finally, the food pack distribution to indigent residents of Bgy. Cupang in Muntinlupa.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER



VP Reginald Yu introduced the guest of honor and speaker, broadcast journalist and news anchor Ms. Karen Davila.

SPEECH OF THE GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



Broadcast journalist and news anchor Ms. Karen Davila gave an interesting, engaging, and insightful talk.

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OPEN FORUM



President Raffy Alunan immediately started the fireside chat with Ms. Karen Davila, followed by **VPE Joel Valdes**. **Ms. Karen Davila** gamely answered the questions propounded to her.

TOKEN OF APPRECIATION



Pres. Rafael Alunan presented the club's token of appreciation to Ms. Karen Davila.

21st WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

December 7, 2023

PERFORMING GUESTS



The **Rotary Fellowship of International Voices and Performing Arts** serenaded the Rotarians and guests, especially **Ms. Karen Davila**, with well-chosen Christmas carols.

From left: PP Hector Bongat - RC Manila Friedens, CP Lineth Espineli - RC Tagaytay City, PP Marcy Bautista - RC Manila Villamor, TP Joel Gobot - RC Manila Diamonds, PDRR Heidy Elizan - RC Manila Bay, HCP Ezra Canlas - RC Manila Diamonds, RTN. Melanie Garcia-Bacle - RC Tagaytay City, PDRR Servillana Berlee Magdayao - RC Manila Bay



As is customary, the **Rotary Fellowship of International Voices and Performing Arts (RFIVPA)** exchanged bannerettes with **RC Manila**.

From left: Dir. Johnny Chotrani, STAR Rtn. Dr. Manny Almelor, PDG Rudy Bediones, PDG Oscar Del Rosario, PP Hector Bon (RFIVPA, RC Manila Friedens) Pres. Raffy Alunan III, CP Lineth Espineli (RFIVPA, RC Tagaytay City), PDRR Heidy Elizan (RFIVPA, RC Manila Bay), Rtn. Melanie Garcia-Bacle (RFIVPA, RC Tagaytay City), PP Marcy Bautista (RFIVPA, RC Manila Villamor), HCP Ezra Canlas (RFIVPA, RC Manila Diamonds), TP Joel Gobot (RFIVPA, RC Manila Diamonds), and RCMFI Chairman Lito Sibayan.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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MEETING FELLOWSHIP



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CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2023-2024

DECEMBER 2023	December 07, 2023
	KAREN DAVILA
MEMBERS PRESENT	36
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	3
EXEMPTED FROM ATTENDANCE	3
ON LEAVE	0
Total Active Members	36
Total # of Members	241
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	15%
ROTARACTORS	0
MEDIA	1
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	1
GOHS / GS	9
Visiting Rotarians	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	2
TOTAL ATTENDEES	47



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

LIST OF ATTENDEES

1	Alcantara, Isidro C.
2	Alunan III, Rafael M.
3	Andal, Avelino L.
4	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.
5	Bediones, Rodolfo P.
6	Benedicto, Sixto T.
7	Camus, Jose Fernando B
8	Carlos, Vicente J.
9	Chotrani, Johnny N.
10	Cutter, John Michael
11	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.
12	Flameño, Franco Martell Sacramento
13	Garcia, Paul Joseph M.
14	Go, Henry S.
15	Koh, Paul Anthony T
16	La'o Emilio, Gonzales
17	Locsin, Arsenio Z.
18	Magsaysay, Francisco D.

19	Matschuck, Guenter Gerhard G.
20	Nolido, Ramon Alberto B.
21	Obrado, Daniel Calzado
22	Palacios, Albert C.
23	Pascual, Abraham F.
24	Roxas, Michael D.
25	Serapio, Carlos G.
26	Shimoda, Shigeru
27	Sibayan, Joselito H.
28	Valdes, Joel C.
29	Villegas, Raoul A.
30	Yu, Reginald Tieng
31	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco S.
32	Cortez, Lorenzo
33	Yasushi, Iwata
34	Nomura, Kazuhiro
35	Simon, Juanito A.
36	Almelor, Manuel G. MD



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LIST OF ABSENTEES

1	Aboy, Valentino G.
2	Abriam, Ariel
3	Acosta, Crispiniano G.
4	Agnes, Jerry A.
5	Albaña, Michael Jaey C.
6	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.
7	Alday, Albert Singson
8	Alingog, Aldous A.
9	Ampil, Alvin R.
10	Ang, Richard T.
11	Angara, Marius
12	Aragon, Joshua Reuben
13	Arguelles, Pablo C.
14	Aventura Jr. Avenilo L.
15	Balanay, Aries B.
16	Batur, Sinan
17	Bautista, John Jr. I.
18	Bella Jr. Geronimo P.
19	Benedicto III, Bernardo T.
20	Bertelsen Bertel, Ingmar
21	Bhalla, Pardeep
22	Biltz, Olivier
23	Blanco, Manuel M.
24	Bogovich, Jason M.
25	Bolton, Wilhelm
26	Branellec, Jacques
27	Buendia, Carlos C.
28	Caasi, Jr., Urbano S.
29	Cabangon, Edgard A.
30	Cabufiag, Rogelio R.
31	Camat, Nathaniel
32	Campos, Jr., Joselito D.
33	Canon, Raul Jr. E.
34	Carranceja, Arvin Arik B.
35	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef M.
36	Catalan, Rodillo R.
37	Cenica, John T.
38	Chahwan, Rami
39	Chien, Liang-Tah Steve
40	Co, Ferdinand C.
41	Coyuto, Jr., Robert G.
42	Creencia, Raoul C.
43	Cureg, Alexander P.
44	David, Virgilio
45	Davis, Raymond N.
46	Dayang, Jr Juan E.
47	De Castro, Juan Arturo Iluminado C.
48	De Venecia, Jr., Jose C.
49	Del Valle, Randolph T.
50	Dela Cruz, Artemio F.
51	Dela Cruz, Joseph Emmanuel A.
52	Diokno, Benjamin E.
53	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio S.
54	Domingo, Rico V.
55	Dominguez III, Carlos G.
56	Dy, Manuel C.
57	Echavez, Antonio V.
58	Egan, Brendan W.L.
59	Eldebs, Issam
60	Engelbrecht, Francois
61	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.
62	Esguerra, Herminio S.
63	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo A.
64	Eugenio, John Emyl G.
65	Evaristo, Frank
66	Fajardo, Beda G.
67	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V.
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 Arcatomy H.
79	Guevara, Jr., Domingo S.
80	Guevara, Ricardo S.
81	Hallare, Jr., Delfin T.
82	Hallare, Nicolo S.
83	Hallerbach, Mathias
84	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt
85	Hernandez, Edwin H
86	Hesse, Uwe
87	Hortaleza, Rolando B
88	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius F.
89	Jang, Jae Jung
90	Joseph, Ralph Lim
91	Joseph, Robert Ian M
92	Jucaban, Jeric J.
93	Juico, Francis E.
94	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro Y IV
95	Katigbak, J Alfonso Leonor
96	Klebs, David
97	Kunack, Lutz H.
98	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
99	Lacson, Sebastian Arsenio R.
100	Laurel, Ricardo P.
101	Laya, Jaime C.
102	Lazaro, Juan Miguel G
103	Ledda, Jaime Victor B.
104	Lee, Richard L.
105	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
106	Liamzon Jr., Romeo Thaddeus R.
107	Lim, David Eduardo T.
108	Lim, Richard
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	Manalaysay, Cesar P.
120	Mangalile, Senen T.
121	Martinez, Ronald
122	Mauricio, Antonilo DC
123	Meloto Jr., Antonio
124	Mendoza, Estelito P.
125	Mendoza, Miguel
126	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian O.
127	Mommaerts, Steve
128	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
129	Mueller, Klaus
130	Nones, Romeo C.
131	Nuñez, Jr., Jose A.
132	Ocampo, Teodoro J.
133	Ong, Jovee K.
134	Ong, Phillip L.
135	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L.
136	Pagdanganan, Roberto M.
137	Pallasigue, John Brian
138	Pañares, Ben Thomas P.

139	Patterson, Colin David
140	Payumo, Felicito C.
141	Peliño, Wilfredo M.
142	Pineda, Jr. Patricio F.
143	Pineda, Jr., Jesus M.
144	Pizaras, Jordan M.
145	Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
146	Pujalte, Jr., Jose S.
147	Quisumbing, Ramon De Jesus DP
148	Ramos, Claver P.
149	Rast, Tobias
150	Recto, Philip H.
151	Reyes, Crispino P.
152	Reynolds, David J.
153	Robertz, Constantine Franz Josef
154	Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
155	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean
156	Rodriguez, Joaquin Anthony H.
157	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin G.
158	Romualdez, Jose Manuel G.
159	Roño, Marlon R.
160	Sarasola II, Jose Ma. I.
161	Sarmiento, Ricardo M.
162	Schmitz, Stefan
163	Schneider, Bernd
164	Schoucair, Farid Alain
165	Sevilla, Luis Angelo L.
166	Sicat, Michael Allan E.
167	So, Warren S.
168	Sobrepeña, Robert John L.
169	Soler, Jose Antonio A.
170	Stranathan, Ike Edward
171	Syjuco, Jr., Jose A.
172	Tagaysay, Hector O.
173	Talampas, Jose Angel L.
174	Talusan, Ferdinand E
175	Tamano, Shalimar H.
176	Tamayo, Victor L.
177	Tan, Eusebio V.
178	Tan, John G.
179	Tan, Lawrence Li
180	Tang, Jimmy T.
181	Tanglao, Noel V.
182	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
183	Tee, Teddy Jr. B.
184	Tejuma, Sham Michael
185	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael L.
186	Uy, Ivan John Enrie
187	Valdez, Amado D.
188	Valdez, Jason Rolando N.
189	Valencia, John Nico P.
190	Valencia, Rodolfo G.
191	Vazquez, Evaristo Jr.
192	Villarica, Henry R.
193	Wombwell, Philip B
194	Yap, Enrique Y. Jr.
195	Yu, Geoffrey C.
196	Yujuico, Brendon M.V.
197	Zeitouni, Nagi
198	Zheng, Zhi Hao
199	Zialcita, Xavier Y.
200	Zimmer, Christopher
201	Steley, Colin
202	Bello, Christian Cesar P.
203	Co, Val Constantine L.
204	Lorenzana, Delfin
205	Zosa, Rolando M.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of December 13, 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	Coyiuto, 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	Steeley, 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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190	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.
191	Yu, Geoffrey C. "Geof"
192	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.
193	Yujico, Brendon M.V.
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198	Zimmer, Christopher "Chris"

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6	Dela Cruz, Joseph Emmanuel A. "Emman"
7	Tan, Lawrence Li "Lance"
8	Valdez, Jason Roland N.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

WASH Committee Projects



BLA Raoul Creencia with the Property Custodian and WINS Coordinator of Lakan Dula Elementary School

Behind is the future site of a 10-faucet handwashing station for kindergarten students, another RCM WASH Committee project.



BLA Raoul Creencia with the Property Custodian and WINS Coordinator of F. Benitez Elementary School in Tondo, Manila.

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RCM - Mithing Pangarap Christmas Party for 140 school children in Tondo, Manila

December 9, 2023

Montessori School of Mithing Pangarap, Smokey Mountain, Tondo, Manila

This event was a partnership between RC Manila and Mithing Pangarap Educational Foundation, Inc., with the valuable support of the RCM Community Oral Committee, RCM WASH Committee, Rotaract Club of Manila, and TeethCloud.



A group snapshot captured the joyful conclusion of the Christmas Party at the Montessori School of Mithing Pangarap. In the photo are President Raffy Alunan, PD John Cutter, BLA Raoul Creencia, SAA Jason Bogovich, Ms. Lora Woellhaf, Ms. Iluminada Woellhaf (President of Mithing Pangarap Educational Foundation, Inc. - MPEFI), Rotaract Club of Manila, and the children of MPEFI.



Pres. Raffy Alunan warmly extended his greetings to the delightful children of Montessori School of Mithing Pangarap.

RCM - Mithing Pangarap Christmas Party



Ms. Iluminada Woellhaf, President of Mithing Pangarap Educational Foundation, Inc., gave her welcome address.



PD John Cutter, with Dr. Grace Libero from Teethcloud, delivered his message regarding the importance of oral health, such as brushing after every meal. PD John Cutter also distributed booklets to the schoolchildren to further encourage them to take care of their teeth.



BLA Raoul Creencia of the WASH committee, together with the Rotaract of Manila, demonstrated to the school children the importance of proper washing of hands.

RCM - Mithing Pangarap Christmas Party



Standing, from left: BLA Raoul Creencia, Hans Villamor of RAC Valenzuela West, Maecy Calipusa of RAC Valenzuela West, Mhey Reizen Ocampo of RAC Valenzuela East, Pres. Lene Desiree Wong of RAC DLSU, Shawn Aldrean Maayo of RAC STI College Pasay-Edsa, John Michael Pelagio of RAC STI College Pasay-Edsa, Charles Razon of RAC STI College Pasay-Edsa, and PD John Cutter | Sitting, from left: Paola Mae Floro from RAC Valenzuela, Summer Bonifacio from RAC Manila, and Jenna Aguilar from RAC Manila



RCM - Mithing Pangarap Christmas Party



Pres. Raffy Alunan and SAA Jason Bogovich handed out Christmas packages/gifts to the children.



The Mithi students performed their "May Pasko pa rin sa Smokey Mountain" Christmas song presentation.

Spreading Christmas Cheer to the Children at the PGH Pediatric Cancer Ward

December 11, 2023
Cancer Institute Building
Philippine General Hospital, Manila



At the PGH Children's Cancer Institute to donate money for vital medicines needed by young cancer victims. About 300 children are confined in PGH.

Spreading Christmas Cheer to the Children at the PGH Pediatric Cancer Ward

Some of the children from PGH Pediatric Cancer Institute who received RCM's Christmas presents through the initiative of Rtn. Emilio La'O



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Kaohsiung Rotary Zone Institute 2023



IPP Hermie Esguerra participated in the 4th Plenary Session, Open Forum at the Kaohsiung Rotary Zone Institute 2023.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Kaohsiung Rotary Zone Institute 2023



A slide presentation on "Increase our Impact: Grant Funds and Transparency" topic by DGN Shalul Hameed of RID3310, Singapore during the Fourth Plenary Session at the 2023 Kaohsiung Rotary Institute.

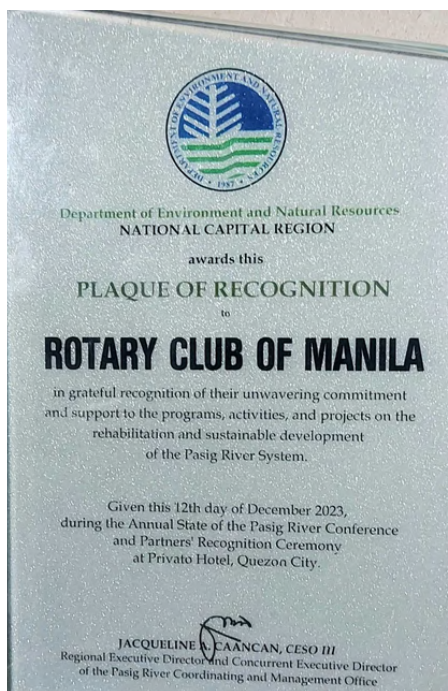
I am so proud that this was chosen and presented in the plenary. Thanks for the support.
- IPP Herminio S. Esguerra

Our DISCON (last April 2023) was featured by one of the international speakers during the District Governor Nominee Training (GNTS) at the Rotary Zone Institute in Kaohsiung.



RECOGNITION CORNER

DENR-NCR Awards RC Manila for its Contributions to the Rehabilitation of the Pasig River



In attendance were DGE Joaquin "Jackie" Rodriguez, Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III, IPP Herminio S. Esguerra, IPDG Joyce Ambray, Rtn. Evaristo "Junjie" Vazquez, and Rtn. Rafael Ignacio "Raf" S. Dionisio.

RCM remains a staunch partner of DENR for the environment and will sustain its various initiatives.



RECOGNITION CORNER



Letran Alumni Association

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The LAA congratulates Jackie Rodriguez (HS 1957), recently elected as District Governor of the Rotary Club District 3810. The Honorary Consul of the Republic of Serbia, Grandes Figuras honoree (2022), and LAA Outstanding Professional Alumnus Award for Business Management (1983), is a successful businessman, environmentalist, and civic leader who counts six decades of experience in real estate, renewable energy, mining, food and beverage, finance, and telecommunications. He is Chairman of Iridium Holdings Asia and seven other corporations, including the Philippine-American Chamber of Commerce in Florida. He has served the Rotary Club of Manila since 2015 in various capacities including as its President. His energy and commitment to Letran's values even at an advanced age inspires younger generations of alumni to keep the Arriba spirit alive.



RECOGNITION CORNER

BusinessMirror

NDC invests P40M in biodegradable waste management pioneer DTBC

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(Left to right, standing): Masanori Sugiura (DTBC Director), Francis Estrada (DTBC Chairman of the Board), Yasuhiro Matsuzawa, Business (Development General Director & Board Member), Kiyonori Nakamura (Director for Overseas Development), Thaddeus Acuña (DTBC CFO), Rene Paraba (DTBC Director for Local Government Engagement), Mrs. Charita Puentespin (matriarch and shareholder), Jose Santillan (DTBC Financial Consultant), Atty. Hector Belisario (DTBC Corporate Secretary) (Seated L to R): NDC GM Anton Mauricio, DTBC President Olive Puentespin.

THE National Development Company (i.e. NDC), an investment arm of the Philippine government, recently signed a P40-million commitment into Davao Thermo Biotech Corporation (i.e. DTBC) via an investment agreement.

The signing ceremony between NDC General Manager Anton Mauricio and DTBC President Olive Puentespin was held at Matina Aplaya, Davao City on December 7, 2023, in the presence of DTBC top management and DTBC's key Japanese technology partner, Kyowa Kako.

The timely P40-million investment by NDC will be used to fund further expansion plans by DTBC, such as the installation of a dashboard at the plant by 2024, in order to monitor air and composting activity, among other key expansion plans.

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Besides the key speeches by NDC Undersecretary and General Manager Anton Mauricio and DTBC Chair Francis Estrada, the ceremony was also highlighted by a key message of support coming from Trade and Industry Secretary Alfredo E. Pascual.

During his warm message of support, Pascual highlighted the innovative nature of the DTBC business venture, that converts biodegradable waste into biofertilizer.

Aside from such environmental sustainability, Pascual also highlighted how such investments by the government (through the NDC) further demonstrated the government's thrust in diversifying and promotion investments in other part of the country.

The DTI Secretary expressed hope to also visit the DTBC plant and see first-hand the plant's conversion process in the near future.

Davao Thermo Biotech Corp, established in 2015, is a Filipino company engaged in biodegradable waste management through the use of a patented hyper-thermophilic aerobic composting. This novel Japanese technology is environmentally safe, natural, and is compliant with local laws and regulations. The composting plant is appropriately designed to prevent any leachate contamination during the mixing & composting process, thereby preventing any negative impact on public health and the water table.

To date, more than 30 million kilos of biodegradable waste have been diverted from landfills and other traditional dump to its composting plant in Binugao, Toril, Davao City. To complete the cycle, at the end of the composting period, all biodegradable wastes is turned into biofertilizer, a necessary component in healing the deteriorating Philippine farm lands to support farm productivity and food security.

DTBC believes that waste is not the problem. Their circular reframing views waste as a resource, not refuse, and by managing waste through biodegradable composting, waste itself becomes generative, useful, and productive.

With its mission to help clean Philippine environment and revolutionize Philippine agriculture, and the inspired leadership of the late Dr. Roberto "Doc Bo" Puentespina, a passionate wildlife veterinarian with great experience in environmentalism, DTBC's operations transform biodegradable wastes into an agricultural resource through novel biotech technologies; becoming a leading sustainable enterprise that acts as a powerful catalyst for the effective management of Philippine ecosystems.

NDC, the government's investment arm, is the Philippines's leading state-owned enterprise—investing in diverse industries, serving as an effective catalyst for inclusive growth.

As mandated in its Revised Charter (PD 1648) NDC, may on its own, or in joint venture with the private sector, undertake vital projects when necessary or when the private sector is not willing or able to undertake such projects due to high risks or to lack of funds/resources.

PR NEWS CLIPPINGS

54th Anniversary Fund Raising Ball of RC Manila's Sister Club, RC Kowloon East



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST, HK

THE Rotary Club of Manila group led by the Club's president, Rafael Alunan III (shown at center, 7th from left), attending the 54th Founding Anniversary Fundraising Ball of the Rotary Club of Manila's sister club, Rotary Club of Kowloon East, HK, at the Kowloon Shangrila, Hong Kong last 4 December 2023. Shown (from left to right) are Mrs. Joi Santos Cutter, PD John Cutter, Mrs. John Tan, Rotarian John Tan, May Andrea Locsin Katigbak, STAR Rotarian J. Alfonso Katigbak, RC Manila president Rafael Alunan III, RC Manila director Hans Palacios, Mrs. Marge Palacios, Ms. Iana Palacios, RC Manila Treasurer PJ Garcia, Rotarian Teddy Tee and Mrs. Len Tee.

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How Karen Davila's passion for fashion led to broadcast success

She dreamt of being a fashion designer but fate had other plans; she pivoted to communication and today is one of the country's most acclaimed personalities in broadcast journalism

BY PAULINE JOYCE PASCUAL

Karen Davila is a living example of the capricious web that fate can create in the quick-paced world of journalism. Speaking during the Rotary Club of Manila's week's 21st weekly Membership Meeting at the Manila Polo Club last Thursday, 7 December, the distinguished broadcast journalist offered insights into her incredible 33-year career.

A twist of fate

"Destiny may actually have another plan," Davila stated as her journey began with a dream of becoming a fashion designer. Yet fate had other plans.

Unable to secure a full scholarship for her dream in New York, she pivoted to communications, driven by a family's financial turmoil during the aftermath of Ninoy Aquino's death.

Despite initial reluctance, a college professor recognized her potential during her Mass Communications studies,

setting her on a path she hadn't anticipated.

Throughout her college journey, the idea of being on television never crossed her mind. "I took Mass Communications without knowing that this would be where I would shine," she said.

Graduating from UP's College of Mass Communications in 1993, Davila embarked on a journey that would redefine her destiny.

From auditions to primetime

Her career took a diversified turn when she was hired for her first job at GMA-7's "Business Today" following auditions.

After working on "Brigada Siete" and hourly news breaks, Davila's big break came in 1995 when she was hired as the news anchor for GMA's primetime Tagalog newscast, "Saksi."

Subsequently, she experienced training at CNN's Atlanta headquarters in 1996 and contributed to CNN World Report. In 1997, she was named a finalist for Best Environmental Reporter.

A pivotal move led her to ABS-CBN, where she contributed to the shaping of the Philippine broadcast journalism landscape.

Reinventing Journalism in the Digital Age

"I've done it all on television," Davila asserts, underscoring her multifaceted approach to journalism.

"I've tried it all, done it all. I've never been just a face on television. I really started writing, producing, and going out on the field. I built a track record of doing what needs to be done to build a credible person that comes out on television," she added.

As a result, beyond traditional media, she embraced the digital realm, launching her YouTube channel in May 2021.

Despite doubting her star power, she garnered 1.71 million subscribers, attributing her success to "journalistic practice" and understanding evolving viewer habits.

Recognizing the changing broadcast media landscape,

she adapted content to suit modern attention spans, producing light stories on her channel. This digital reinvention showcased her adaptability and commitment to remaining relevant in an ever-evolving world of media.

Awards and accolades

Davila's dedication hasn't gone unnoticed. Throughout her career, she received accolades such as a bronze medal from CNN World Report and the grand prize in the UNICEF Child Rights Awards. Her impact resonates globally after being selected in 2010 as a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum.

This year, she added Best News Anchor at the Asian Academy Creative Awards, Most Outstanding Female News Anchor at the fifth Gawad Lasalliana, and News Anchor of the Year at the fourth VP Choice Awards to her list of achievements. Her influence extends beyond borders, earning her a Asia's Most Influential PH citation in 2021, 2022 and 2023.



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MUCH-ACCLAIMED, multi-awarded broadcast journalist Karen Davila in a fireside chat with Rotary Club of Manila president Rafael Alunan III and RC Manila members last Thursday at the Manila Polo Club in Makati, Metro Manila. Ms. Davila was the Club's guest of honor during its 21st weekly membership meeting at the MPC last 7 December 2023.

FELLOWSHIP

Philconsa Christmas Lunch Party



Philippine Constitution Association (Philconsa) Governor and Manila Overseas Press Club (MOPC) Chairman Tony Lopez at the presidential table with Dr Nona Ricafort, former SEC Chair Fe Barin, Philconsa SecGen Atty. Michelle Lazaro, Philconsa President Speaker Martin Romualdez, Philconsa Chair former Chief Justice Reynato Puno at the Philconsa Christmas lunch party at Manila Golf on December 10. Speaker Martin discussed with CJ Puno and Tony the need to accelerate constitutional reforms to open up the economy and achieve inclusion.



RC MANILA'S *Christmas* PARTY

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
5:00 PM

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