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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



MR. EMMANUEL R. LEDESMA

President and Chief Executive Officer
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Kabalita

Protecting ourselves from unwanted and unexpected conditions is the key function of health insurance. Everyone surely knows that hurdling a health or medical issue is by and in itself a challenge. It will thus be a huge relief for one to know that the financial consequence of such a rueful episode is adequately covered by the state's health insurance fund. No less than the Constitution articulates and upholds the people's right to health and right to health care, and therefore, the government corporate entity tasked to administer the health insurance system must perform its mandate with utmost judiciousness and competence.





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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

32nd Weekly Membership Meeting

Rotary Year 2023-2024
Thursday, 14 March 2024, 11:30 AM
MANILA POLO CLUB

Moderator: RTN. JOSEPH EMMANUEL "Emman" A. DELA CRUZ

11:00 AM	Registration	
11:30 AM	Call to Order	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III
	Invocation	PD ABRAHAM "Abe" F. PASCUAL
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	Rotary Club of Manila Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	The Four (4) Way Test	DIR. ALBERT "Hans" C. PALACIOS
	Acknowledgment of Guests	RTN. JOSEPH EMMANUEL "Emman" A. DELA CRUZ
	Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
	<u>Birthday Celebrants</u>	
	Mar. 8 Rtn. Brendan Egan	
	Mar. 9 Rtn. Nilo Aventura	
	Mar. 11 Rtn. JB Pallasigue Rtn. Benedict Ibuyan	
	<i>Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song</i>	RCM WF Music Chorale
11:50 AM	President's Time	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III
1:05 PM	Introduction of the Guest of Honor & Speaker	RTN. PAUL ANTHONY "Paul" T. KOH
	<u>Guest of Honor and Speaker</u>	
	Address: EMMANUEL R. LEDESMA, JR. President and CEO Philippine Health Insurance Corporation	
12:30 PM	Open Forum / Q.A.	
12:50 PM	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III
1:00 PM	Adjournment	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III

GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER



MR. EMMANUEL R. LEDESMA

President and Chief Executive Officer
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- Earned his degree in Bachelor of Science in Economics, with concentration in Management at the University of the Philippines
- Earned his Master's degree in Business Administration Major in Finance, Management and Strategy at J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management Northwestern University of Evanston, Illinois
- Previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management (PSALM) Corporation for 5 years. PSALM Corp., like PhilHealth, is a GOCC. Thereafter, Mr. Ledesma went into power and energy consultancy.
- His expertise lies in banking and corporate finances, with decades of work experience in both local and international banks, including the Philippine Commercial International Bank, Royal Bank of Canada and PCI Capital Corporation.
- He is likewise an expert in wealth management, having served as Director/Vice President of Morgan Stanley and Co., Inc. Private Wealth Management Group for 12 years.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The HOLE-in-ONE (Last of a 3-Part Series)

For the past two weeks, I have been writing about golf and its various life lessons. In Part 1, I wrote about the golf lessons on humility, perseverance, and the importance of being focused in the moment. In last week's Part 2 of the series, I wrote about the parallelisms of golf course situations with real life scenarios, and on how our golfing instincts should mirror how we address unique situations in our lives. I said it all starts with a wise club selection, and the careful examination of the environment.

The final lesson I wish to share is one I learned in September 2006, when I made my first (and only, to date) hole-in-one.

It happened at a time when I was playing regularly. I think I played more than usual during the entire third quarter of that year, only to slide back once again after being gobbled by my busy work schedule.

On that fateful day, I was playing at Capitol Golf. My first four holes were among the better ones I played in two weeks. I had 3 pars and 1 bogey going to the 5th hole.

Standing at the blue tee, I determined that I needed to make a 157-160 yards shot. Using a Dunlop DDH (#5) ball, and bringing out my trusty 6 iron (RAC COG, Taylor Made), I hit the ball nice and clean and saw it beautifully draw onto the green. "I'm on the green," I thought. "This is good. I have a decent chance for a birdie."

Upon reaching the green, I did not see my ball on the putting surface. I was baffled as I thought I hit a good shot. I then thought that my ball fell off the surface and was gobbled by the rough. There was another ball at the fringe, but it was not mine.

As it happened, there was a house being constructed at the adjoining fairway lot. The construction workers excitedly called our attention and told us that the ball went inside the hole. Inside the hole!

What?? I made a hole-in-one??? I could not believe it.

This experience has again made me realize that golf is very much like life itself. In life, when you endeavor to do your best, some notable, if not exceptional results can follow. In golf, if you give your best swing, you create the real possibility that, one day, your ball will luckily and trippingly roll into the bottom of the cup for that ever-elusive hole-in-one.

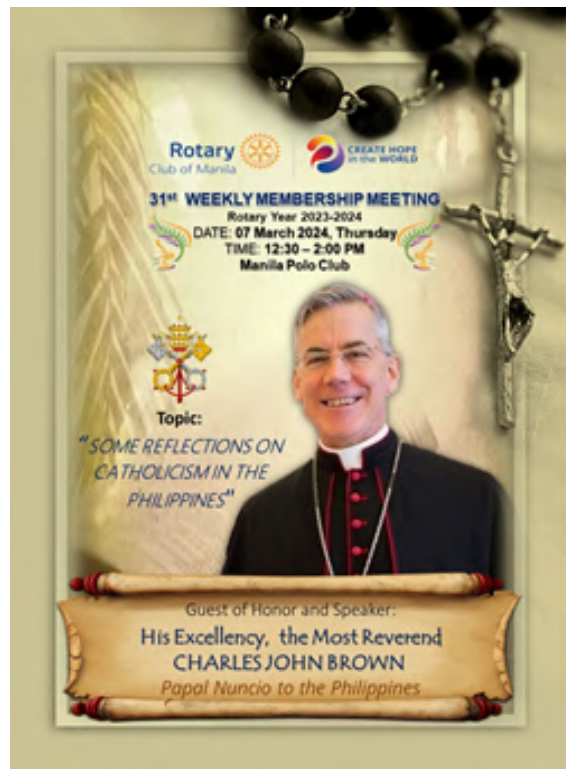
Keep doing your best, and good results will surely follow. Just a couple of days ago, I almost made my second hole-in-one in a 175-yards par 3, missing the cup by about 6 inches. Who knows, it could happen again, despite my inconsistent and sometimes erratic golf swing.



Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

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PROGRAM MODERATOR



The week's Program Moderator, **PD Issam Eldebs**, efficiently navigated the sequence of the meeting, resulting in a flow that made the gathering both enjoyable and exciting. He began by inviting Manila Rotarians to be seated to allow the meeting to officially commence.

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CALL TO ORDER



Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III called the 31st weekly membership meeting to order.

INVOCATION



With a beautifully written prayer, **PDG Alexander "Alex" P. Cureg** led the invocation which set the tone for the meeting.

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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM



Rotarians and guests took a position of respect as they sang the Philippine National Anthem.

FOUR-WAY TEST



Rotarians were again reminded of their commitment to live by the 4-Way Test, with the recitation of this mantra led by **PD Issam Eldebs**.

ROTARY HYMN and WELCOME SONG



The singing of the Rotary Hymn and Welcome Song was again led by the "World Famous" RCM Chorale.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



Rtn. Victor "Vic" G. Garcia III introduced the guest of honor and speaker.

GUEST SPEAKER



Captivating everyone in attendance with his talk, **H.E., the Most Reverend Charles John Brown, Papal Nuncio to the Philippines**, was indeed both an insightful and animated speaker.

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OPEN FORUM



H.E., the Most Reverend Charles John Brown, gamely answered the questions posed by (below photos, from left): **PP Geoffrey Bernard William Little** (visiting Rotarian from RC Sydney, Australia), **Dir. Hans Palacios**, **Treas. PJ Garcia**, **VPE Joel Valdes**, **Rtn. Butch Alcantara**, **Rtn. Caloy Serapio**, **Rtn. Daniel Obradó**, **Rtn. D. Edgard Cabangon**, **PD Beda Fajardo**, **PP Archit Bartolome**, **Rtn. Vic Garcia**, **PD Abe Pascual**, **Pres. Raffy Alunan**, and **DGE Jackie Rodriguez**. Not in photo is **RCMFI Pres. Willy Peliño**.



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TOKEN OF APPRECIATION



H.E., the Most Reverend Charles John Brown was all smiles as he received RCM's Plaque of Appreciation. This auspicious moment was witnessed by **Rtn. Victor "Vic" G. Garcia III**, **PD Issam Eldebs**, **DGE Joaquin "Jackie" C. Rodriguez**, **Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III**, and **PDG Alex Cureg**.

PRESIDENT'S TIME



President Raffy Alunan briefly updated the members on the Board of Directors' deliberation scheduled for next week. The discussion will center on whom to support in the upcoming District Governor election for Rotary Year 26-27. Additionally, he shared that through the initiative of Rotarian John Cutter, a tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed a week ago with RC Manila South and RC South San Francisco (USA), respectively. This agreement, aimed at fostering collaboration in awareness building and future vaccination efforts for cervical cancer, is still pending coordination and approval from local authorities.

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President Alunan expressed hope for the finalization of two additional MOAs involving Knowledge Channel, Abbott Laboratories, and the Parish volunteers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These agreements are focused on awareness building, addressing malnutrition, oral health, water sanitation, hygiene, and disease prevention. They also include interventions such as medical missions and feeding programs for the indigent population in Barangay Cupang, Muntinlupa City. Furthermore, Rotaract members will play a significant role in many of these projects, under the leadership of Committee Chair Joshua Aragon, as part of a recently concluded MOA between RC Manila and the Red Cross. The first blood donation project from this agreement is scheduled for this month, with additional events planned for April and May. More details will be announced shortly.

Lastly, President Alunan mentioned efforts to hold more joint meetings with other Rotary Clubs under the leadership of Program Committee Chair DGE Jackie Rodriguez. This initiative aims to extend RCM's spirit of goodwill, highlighting its status as the first Rotary Club in Asia. This effort is also part of the preparations for RCM's 105th anniversary celebration on June 1 this year, led by VP Reggie Yu in collaboration with the Technical Working Group, comprising PDG Rudy Bediones, PE Jujut Enriquez, Director Mike Albana, and Treasurer PJ Garcia.

President Alunan concluded his message by reflecting on the meaning and essence of the Four-Way Test, especially in the context of the upcoming Lenten season.

ADJOURNMENT



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

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MEETING FELLOWSHIP



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2023-2024

MARCH 2024	March 07, 2024
	THE MOST REV. H.E. CHARLES J. BROWN
MEMBERS PRESENT	31
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	6
EXEMPTED FROM ATTENDANCE	3
ON LEAVE	0
Total Active Members	34
Total # of Members	240
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	14%
ROTARACTORS	2
MEDIA	4
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	0
GOHS / GS	1
Visiting Rotarians	1
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	4
TOTAL ATTENDEES	39



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

LIST OF ATTENDEES

1	Albaña, Michael Jaey C
2	Alunan III, Rafael M.
3	Aragon, Joshua Reuben
4	Aventura Jr. Avenilo L.
5	Benedicto, Sixto T.
6	Bolton, Wilhelm
7	Cabangon, Edgard A.
8	Carlos, Vicente J.
9	Davis, Raymond N.
10	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo A.
11	Garcia, Paul Joseph M.
12	Hernandez, Edwin H
13	Macatoman, Abdulgani M.
14	Palacios, Albert C.
15	Pallasigue, John Brian
16	Pineda, Jr. Patricio F.
17	Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
18	Serapio, Carlos G.
19	Sibayan, Joselito H.
20	Tee, Teddy Jr. B.
21	Valencia, Rodolfo G.
22	Yu, Reginald Tieng
23	Simon, Juanito A.
24	Bello, Christian Cesar P.

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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	Angara, Marius
13	Arguelles, Pablo C.
14	Balanay, Aries B.
15	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.
16	Batur, Sinan
17	Bautista, John Jr. I.
18	Bediones, Rodolfo P.
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	Branellec, Jacques
27	Buendia, Carlos C.
28	Caasi, Jr., Urbano S.
29	Cabuñag, Rogelio R.
30	Camat, Nathaniel
31	Campos, Jr., Joselito D.
32	Camus, Jose Fernando B
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	Chotrani, Johnny N.
41	Co, Ferdinand C.
42	Coyiuto, Jr., Robert G.
43	Creencia, Raoul C.
44	Cureg, Alexander P.
45	Cutter, John Michael
46	David, Virgilio
47	Dayang, Jr Juan E.
48	De Castro, Juan Arturo Iluminado C.
49	De Venecia, Jr., Jose C.
50	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.
51	Del Valle, Randolph T
52	Dela Cruz, Artemio F.
53	Dela Cruz, Joseph Emmanuel A.
54	Diokno, Benjamin E.

55	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio S.
56	Domingo, Rico V.
57	Dominguez III, Carlos G.
58	Dy, Manuel C.
59	Echavez, Antonio V.
60	Egan, Brendan W.L.
61	Eldebs, Issam
62	Engelbrecht, Francois
63	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.
64	Esguerra, Herminio S.
65	Eugenio, John Emyl G.
66	Fajardo, Beda G.
67	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V.
68	Flameño, Franco Martell Sacramento
69	Follosco, Ceferino Jr. G.
70	Garcia, Herbert Joey
71	Garcia, Theodore Q
72	Garcia, III Victor G.
73	Gaspar, Fernando L.
74	Gierran, Dante A.
75	Go, Daniel C.
76	Go, Henry S.
77	Go, Michael G.
78	Goco, Raoul Roberto P
79	Gonzalez, Michael Raymond L.
80	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy H.
81	Guevara, Jr., Domingo S.
82	Guevara, Ricardo S.
83	Hallare, Jr., Delfin T.
84	Hallare, Nicolo S.
85	Hallerbach, Mathias
86	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt
87	Hesse, Uwe
88	Hortaleza, Rolando B
89	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius F.
90	Jang, Jae Jung
91	Joseph, Ralph Lim
92	Joseph, Robert Ian M
93	Jucaban, Jeric J.
94	Juico, Francis E.
95	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro Y IV
96	Katigbak, J Alfonso L
97	Klebs, David
98	Koh, Paul Anthony T
99	Kunack, Lutz H.
100	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
101	Lacson, Sebastian Arsenio R.
102	La'o Emilio, Gonzales
103	Laurel, Ricardo P.
104	Laya, Jaime C.
105	Lazaro, Juan Miguel G
106	Ledda, Jaime Victor B.
107	Lee, Richard L.
108	Li, Richard Joseph Chang

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LIST OF ABSENTEES

109	Liamzon Jr., Romeo Thaddeus R.
110	Lim, David Eduardo T.
111	Lim, Richard
112	Locsin, Arsenio Z.
113	Locsin, Roberto R.
114	Lonzaga, Reinerio C.
115	Lopa, Antonio A.
116	Lopez, Antonio S.
117	Lopez, Arthur M.
118	Macapagal, Michael T.
119	Magbanua, Gerry P.
120	Magpale, Jose Paolo A.
121	Magsaysay, Francisco D.
122	Magsaysay, Jesus Vicente E.
123	Manalaysay, Cesar P.
124	Mangalile, Senen T.
125	Martinez, Ronald
126	Matschuck, Guenter Gerhard G.
127	Mauricio, Antonilo DC
128	Meloto Jr., Antonio
129	Mendoza, Estelito P.
130	Mendoza, Miguel
131	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian O.
132	Mommaerts, Steve
133	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
134	Mueller, Klaus
135	Nolido, Ramon Alberto B.
136	Nones, Romeo C.
137	Núñez, Jr., Jose A.
138	Obrado, Daniel Calzado
139	Ocampo, Teodoro J.
140	Ong, Jovee K.
141	Ong, Phillip L.
142	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L.
143	Pagdanganan, Roberto M.
144	Pañares, Ben Thomas P.
145	Pascual, Abraham F.
146	Patterson, Colin David
147	Payumo, Felicito C.
148	Peliño, Wilfredo M.
149	Pineda, Jr., Jesus M.
150	Pizaras, Jordan M.
151	Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
152	Pujalte, Jr., Jose S.
153	Quisumbing, Ramon De Jesus DP
154	Ramos, Claver P.
155	Rast, Tobias
156	Recto, Philip H.
157	Reyes, Crispino P.
158	Reynolds, David J.
159	Robertz, Constantine Franz Josef
160	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean
161	Rodriguez, Joaquin Anthony H.
162	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin G.

163	Romualdez, Jose Manuel G.
164	Roño, Marlon R.
165	Roxas, Michael D.
166	Sarasola II, Jose Ma. I.
167	Sarmiento, Ricardo M.
168	Schmitz, Stefan
169	Schneider, Bernd
170	Schoucair, Farid Alain
171	Sevilla, Luis Angelo L.
172	Shimoda, Shigeru
173	Sicat, Michael Allan E.
174	So, Warren S.
175	Sobrepeña, Robert John L.
176	Soler, Jose Antonio A.
177	Stranathan, Ike Edward
178	Syjuco, Jr., Jose A.
179	Tagaysay, Hector O.
180	Talampas, Jose Angel L.
181	Talusan, Ferdinand E.
182	Tamano, Shalimar H.
183	Tamayo, Victor L.
184	Tan, Eusebio V.
185	Tan, John G.
186	Tan, Lawrence Li
187	Tang, Jimmy T.
188	Tanglao, Noel V.
189	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
190	Tejuma, Sham Michael
191	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael L.
192	Uy, Ivan John Enrile
193	Valdes, Joel C.
194	Valdez, Amado D.
195	Valdez, Jason Rolando N.
196	Valencia, John Nico P.
197	Vazquez, Evaristo Jr.
198	Villarica, Henry R.
199	Villegas, Raoul A.
200	Wombwell, Philip B.
201	Yap, Enrique Y. Jr.
202	Yu, Geoffrey C.
203	Yujuico, Brendon M.V.
204	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco S.
205	Zeitouni, Nagi
206	Zheng, Zhi Hao
207	Zalcita, Xavier Y.
208	Zimmer, Christopher
209	Cortez, Lorenzo
210	Steley, Colin
211	Yasushi, Iwata
212	Nomura, Kazuhiro
213	Almelor, Manuel G. MD
214	Co, Val Constantine L.
215	Lorenzana, Delfin
216	Hanada, Takahiro
217	Zosa, Rolando M.



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

(As of March 14, 2024)

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

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

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

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3	Chotrani, Johnny N.
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158	Roxas, Michael D. "Mike"
159	Sarasola, II, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.
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161	Schimitz, Stefan
162	Schneider, Bernd
163	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"
164	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.
165	Shimoda, Shigeru
166	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.
167	Simon, Juanito Ayson
168	So, Warren
169	Sobrepeña, Robert John I. "Bob"
170	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
171	Souvlakis, Nicolas
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175	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
176	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
177	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"
178	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.
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180	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.
181	Tan, John G.
182	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.
183	Tang, Jimmy
184	Tanglao, Noel V.
185	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
186	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.
187	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"
188	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hanse!"
189	Valdes, Joel C.
190	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.
191	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.
192	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
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194	Villarica, Henry R.
195	Villegas, Raoul A.
196	Wombwell, Philip Brian
197	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.
198	Yu, Geoffrey C. "Geof"
199	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.
200	Yujico, Brendon M.V.
201	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.
202	Zeitouni, Nagi
203	Zheng, Zhihao "Jerry"
204	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.
205	Zimmer, Christopher "Chris"

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6	Lorenzana, Delfin "Del"
7	Valdez, Jason Roland N.

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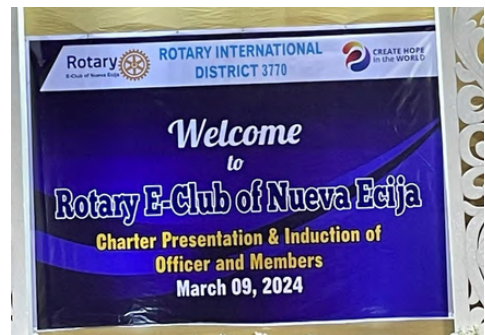
Combined ExCom and Second RCM Cup Ways and Means Committee Meeting



The combined ExCom and Second RCM Cup Ways and Means Committee Meeting was held last March 12, 2024, at Hexagon Lounge, RCBC Plaza, Ayala Ave corner Buendia, Makati City. RCMFI Chairman Lito Sibayan, President Willie Peliño, IPC Jose Nuñez, Assistant Treasurer Mike Roxas, RCM Treasurer PJ Garcia, Rtn. Xavy Zialcita, Rtn. Rocco Sarmiento, Rtn. Aldous Alingog, and Rtn. Trustee Anton Mauricio were present. Assistant Secretary Micray Gonzalez and Rtn. Bertel Bertelsen joined the meeting via Zoom.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

Rotary E-Club of Nueva Ecija Presents Honorary Membership to PDG Alex Cureg



PDG Alexander "Alex" P. Cureg and DGE Ed Trajano of RC Baliuag Uptown (D3770) were formally presented honorary memberships by the Rotary E-Club of Nueva Ecija during the e-club's Charter Presentation and Induction of Officers and Members held on March 9, 2024.



From left: PDG Dindo Ocampo Berino of RC Cabanatuan North (D 3770), DGE Ed Trajano of RC Baliuag Uptown (D3770), PDG Alex Cureg, and PDS/CP Lyndon Wong of Rotary E-Club of Nueva Ecija (D3770).

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Rotary International President Gordon McNally Meets with the Rotary Club of Manila Members

March 4, 2024 - Turf Room, Manila Polo Club



Present were PP Archit Bartolome, DGE Jackie Rodriguez, Pres. Raffy Alunan, PDG Vince Carlos, PDG Obet Pagdanganan and PDG Rudy Bediones, with PRID Raffy Garcia III.



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Send-off Party for RI President Gordon McInally Hosted by PRID Raffy Garcia III

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Some RCM members who attended the event were Pres. Raffy Alunan III, PDG Vince Carlos, PDG Obet Pagdanganan, PP Archit Bartolome, PDG Rudy Bediones, DGE Jackie Rodriguez, and Rtn. Vee David.

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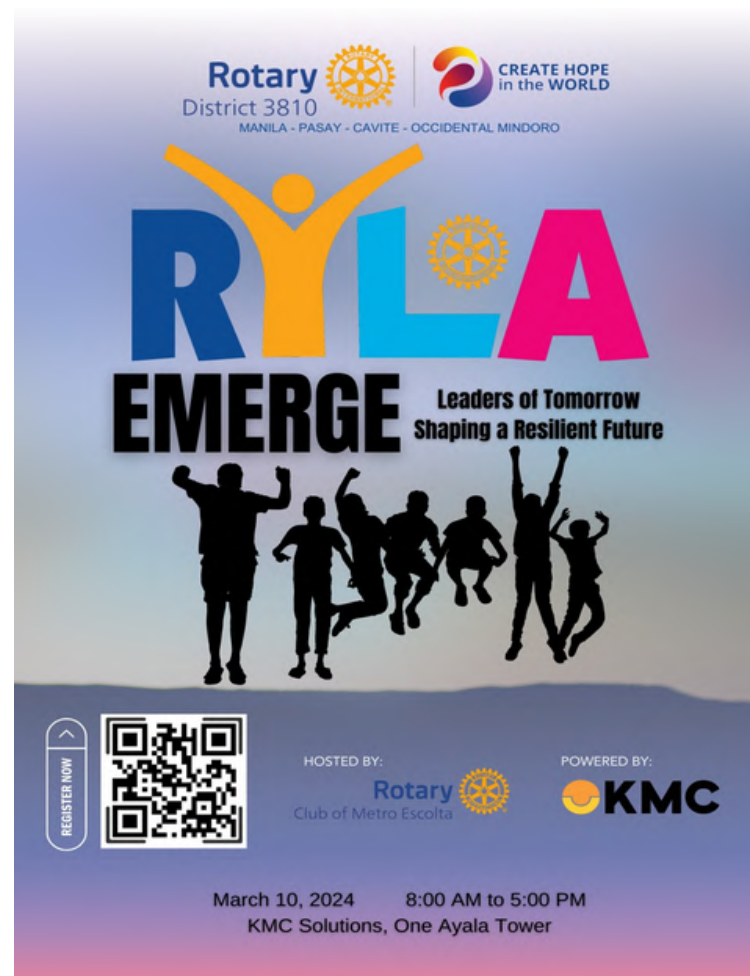
YOUTH SERVICE

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) 2024

RYLA is one of the youth service programs of Rotary International that aims to provide a dynamic and transformative leadership experience to participants aged 16 – 30.

This year's RYLA, hosted by the Rotary Club of Metro Escolta, was held on March 10, 2024, at KMC Solutions, One Ayala Tower, Makati City.

RYLA is open to all Rotaractors or Interactors (with no previous RYLA experience) and non-Rotaractors and Interactors.



Certificate of Appreciation awarded to the Rotary Club of Manila

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There were 41 Rotary and Rotaract Clubs who registered for RYLA and 23 Co-host Clubs, including the Rotary Club of Manila, to support our youth leaders. They have a total of 92 delegates for RYLA 2024.

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Gov. Lai Dela Cruz welcoming the
RYLA 2024 participants



Rotary Club of Manila sponsored 6 RAC Manila participants and 6 RAC DLSU participants
in RYLA 2024.

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Guest Speaker, Honorable Alfred Vargas



Welcome Remarks by SDG Ken Jamandre



Mr. Rainier Ladic, one of the guest speakers

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who passed away peacefully in the grace of the Lord on March 13, 2024*



Wake Schedule:

Heritage Park - Chapel 3
March 14 to 15, 2024 | 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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PR NEWS CLIPPING



Papal Nuncio, the 'happy' witness

THE Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) hosted its 31st Weekly Membership Meeting on March 7, 2024, at the Manila Polo Club, featuring His Excellency, the Most Rev. Charles John Brown, the Papal Nuncio to the Philippines. His Excellency's presence provided a unique opportunity for RCM members to discuss the rich Catholicism in the Philippines, in time with the Lenten season.

In his address, His Excellency remarked, "The Catholic faith in the Philippines is part of your DNA, with 503 years of Catholic history. One of the impressive things to see here, for me as a Catholic and as a Nuncio, is the depth of Catholic faith here."

The Papal Nuncio also highlighted the unique phenomenon of popular religiosity in the Philippines, stating, "And one of the interesting phenomena here that all of you Filipinos better know than I do is the core phenomenon of popular religiosity... Popular religiosity like Santo Niño, Black Nazarene in Quiapo, Peñafrancia, Simbang Gabi Masses, Santacruzan processions, all of those things are connected with the Catholic Church. It's a kind of emanation of Catholic Faith. It's a very special and precious gift that I am entirely in favor of."

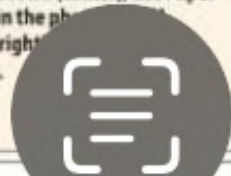
He also commended the Philippines for its beautiful Catholic tradition and culture, stating, "Your beautiful Catholic tradition, beautiful Catholic culture, are something that I applaud and that makes me very happy to see and to witness as a Nuncio."

During the meeting, the Most Reverend Brown also engaged with RCM members, discussing various aspects of Catholicism sparking insightful dialogue and reflection.

The event highlighted RCM's commitment to fostering dialogue and understanding on important issues facing society today.



ROTARY Club of Manila's (RCM) 31st Weekly Membership Meeting, held on March 7, 2024, at the Manila Polo Club, heard from His Excellency, the Most Rev. Charles John Brown (center), the Papal Nuncio to the Philippines. He is joined in the photo by RCM President Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III (right) and Governor-Elect Joaquin C. Rodriguez Sr.



IN THE NEWS

The Bistro Group Seals P175-M Lease with National Development Company (NDC)

The National Development Company has secured roughly P175 million in revenue from the restaurant chain, The Bistro Group, in the next 25 years. This was after TBG Shared Services Inc. sealed a lease agreement with the Department of Trade and Industry attached agency, NDC, a long-term 25-year commercial lease.

"The yearly lease is, (as per) ballpark figures, upwards of P7 million yearly. Funds generated from the lease will be used in other current and/or future projects of NDC," said Rocky Acot, assistant general manager at NDC.

The long-term commercial lease covers a vacant lot owned by NDC along Kamagong Street, Makati City, and will become the site of TBG Shared Services' new corporate head office, consisting of up to five floors of office space, along with planned commercial spaces on the ground floor.



The signing ceremony between NDC General Manager/Rtn. Anton Mauricio and TBG President Jean-Paul Manuud was held at Italianni's Circuit (one of TBG's restaurant concepts) on February 21, 2024.

FELLOWSHIP

Consular Annual Ball

March 9, 2024 | Fairmont Hotel Makati

Consuls CP Susing Pineda and PDG Vince Carlos organized the Consular Annual Ball. Other RCM Members present at the event were PD Issam Eldebs, PD Oscar del Rosario, Rtn. Gani Macatoman, and PDG Rudy Bediones.





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85th Birthday Celebration of Rtn. Felicito "Tong" Payumo

March 7, 2024 | North Forbes Park, Makati City

Members of RCM attended Rtn. Tong Payumo's birthday celebration which was held at his residence in Cambridge Circle, North Forbes Park, Makati City, on March 7, 2024. Some of them were Council of Past Presidents' PP Boy Guevara, PP Archit Bartolome, and PDG Rudy Bediones. Present also at the event were PD Pepo Nuñez, Amb. Vic Garcia, PSAA Gunter Matschuck, PD Abe Pascual, PD Beda Fajardo, and RCMFI Pres. Rtn. Willie Peliño, together with their Rotary Anns Monette Guevara, Sharon Bediones, and Connie Garcia, among others.



FELLOWSHIP

85th Birthday Celebration of Rtn. Felicito "Tong" Payumo



FELLOWSHIP

Pre-90th Birthday Celebration of Rtn. Avenilo Aventura

March 7, 2024 | Avenilo Aventura Hall, Heart Center, Quezon City





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