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The end of each year, as much as its beginning, is a unique milestone in the life of every Rotary Club. Today, Asia's First Club is celebrating the successes and triumphs of a memorable Hope Creating year. The ever-resilient Manila Rotarians will end this year on a high note. With challenges bravely faced, obstacles purposively addressed, and projects single-mindedly pursued, the Club President and the officers can take a bow for heroically completing and hurdling a formidable Rotary Year. Finis coronat opus. Congratulations, Team RCM!

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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

44th Weekly Membership Meeting

Rotary Year 2023-2024
Thursday, 27 June 2024, 12:30 PM
MANILA POLO CLUB

Moderator: SEC. EDWIN H. HERNANDEZ

12:00 PM	Registration	
12:30 PM	Call to Order	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III
	Invocation	PP FELIX FRANCISCO "Chito" S. ZALDARRIAGA
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	Rotary Club of Manila Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	The Four (4) Way Test	RTN. WARREN S. SO
	Acknowledgment of Guests (Optional)	SEC. EDWIN H. HERNANDEZ
	Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale

Birthday Celebrants

June 22	PT Chito Tagaysay
June 23	Rtn. Jason Valdez
June 24	Rtn. Geof Yu
June 26	Rtn. Bernd Schneider

Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song **RCM WF Chorale**

12:50 PM	Awarding Ceremony	
1:45 PM	Valedictory Message	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III
2:00 PM	Adjournment	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III

EDITOR'S NOTE

FINIS CORONAT OPUS.

The end crowns the work; the goal gives value to the labor that produced it. With indefatigable hearts as volunteers, Manila Rotarians led by President Raffy Alunan have certainly done well in this eventful Hope Creating Rotary year.

This is exactly what I wrote last year as RCM marked the end of Imagine Rotary year. Hopefully, this will be a yearly tribute to the Club President who self-effacingly steered the Club to another fruitful year.

To be sure, each year presents a different kind of challenge, a host of novel problems and issues, and a unique set of dynamics. But this is how the grit and determination of the leaders, as well as the resilience and discipline of the members are tested. Despite of the numerous hurdles, Team RCM still chose to emerge victorious, ending the year on a truly high note. Indeed, this year, RCM passed with flying colors.

Continuing its long tradition of excellence, and building on the excellent performance of past presidents, Asia's First Club once again exhibited a sterling and awe-inspiring performance this year, garnering numerous awards during the June 15 year-end District gathering. With this, RCM again firmly cemented its premiere position not just in the District, but in the Philippines.



Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

After two years as Editor-in-Chief of our beloved BALITA, I will be officially handing over the position to a new appointee. I am told that it will be VP Reggie Yu, who I believe is an excellent choice, and who I am sure will do an impeccable job next year. Although I initially accepted PE Jujut Enriquez's invitation to again serve as EIC during his term, I had to eventually express my inability to handle the weekly newsletter due to other pressing work commitments.

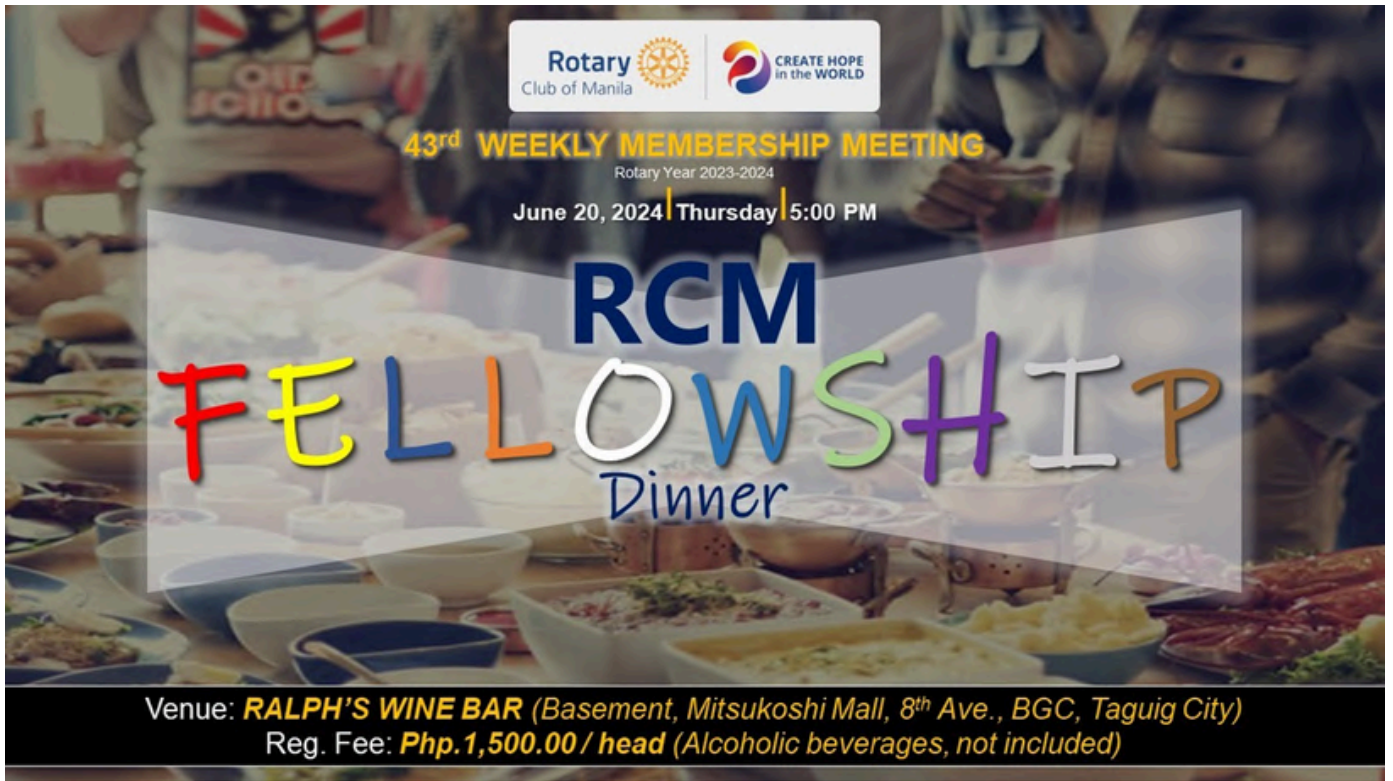
Serving as BALITA's Editor-in-Chief for two years has indeed been fulfilling for me. Moreover, working alongside a hardworking staff (Rhea, Jeff, Anna, Lhea, and Jonathan) has been a joy. BALITA religiously came out every week because of their hard work, and I could not have done it without them. I also thank VP Reggie and Rtn. Senen for the support by contributing articles and giving counsel on sensitive editorial policy matters.

Finally, I thank Team RCM — the constant inspiration behind BALITA. Each Manila Rotarian is the one which animates the pages of our newsletter. Each Manila Rotarian is the reason why we have colorful stories of service and evocative photos of volunteerism, fellowship and fraternal bond.

BALITA, as a vessel of positivity and instrument showcasing the best in our Club, will surely continue to shine not only as the oldest Rotary newsletter in this part of the world, but as the faithful chronicler of the continuing legacy build-up of Asia's First Club — the Rotary Club of Manila.

43rd WMM | FELLOWSHIP

Ralph's Wines and Spirits, BGC | June 20, 2024



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43rd WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Rotary Year 2023-2024
June 20, 2024 | Thursday | 5:00 PM

RCM FELLOWSHIP Dinner

Venue: **RALPH'S WINE BAR** (Basement, Mitsukoshi Mall, 8th Ave., BGC, Taguig City)
Reg. Fee: **Php.1,500.00 / head** (Alcoholic beverages, not included)

FELLOWSHIP



43rd WMM | FELLOWSHIP

Ralph's Wines and Spirits, BGC | June 20, 2024



The attendees were DGE Jackie Rodriguez, BLA Raoul Creencia, Dir. Hans Palacios, Sec. Edwin Hernandez, DE Henry Go, Rtn. Carlos Serapio, PSAA Bollie Bolton, PP Boy Guevara, Rtn. Brendan Egan, DE Mike Albaña, Rtn. John Tan, STAR Rtn. Val Co, IA Nick Locsin, and Attorney Ramon Posadas (guest of PSAA Bollie Bolton).



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2023-2024

JUNE 2024	June 06, 2024 BAGUIO MAYOR HON. BENJAMIN MAGALONG	June 13, 2024 GILAS COACH EARL TIMOTHY "TIM" CONE	June 20, 2024 FELLOWSHIP @ RALPH'S WINE
MEMBERS PRESENT	41	18	15
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	7	3	5
EXEMPTED FROM ATTENDANCE	5	2	2
ON LEAVE	0	0	0
Total Active Members	43	19	18
Total # of Members	240	240	240
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	18%	8%	8%
ROTARACTORS	0	0	0
MEDIA	3	4	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	0	0
GOHS / GS	2	1	0
Visiting Rotarians	1	0	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	15	1	0
TOTAL ATTENDEES	59	20	15



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

LIST OF ATTENDEES

1	Albaña, Michael Jaey C
2	Alcantara, Isidro C.
3	Bolton, Wilhelm
4	Creencia, Raoul C.
5	Egan, Brendan W.L.
6	Go, Henry S.
7	Guevara, Jr., Domingo S.
8	Hernandez, Edwin H
9	Locsin, Arsenio Z.
10	Palacios, Albert C.
11	Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
12	Serapio, Carlos G.
13	Tan, John G.
14	Simon, Juanito A.
15	Co, Val Constantine L.



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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	Alday, Albert Singson
7	Alingog, Aldous A.
8	Alunan III, Rafael M.
9	Ampil, Alvin R.
10	Andal, Avelino L.
11	Ang, Richard T.
12	Angara, Marius
13	Aragon, Joshua Reuben
14	Arguelles, Pablo C.
15	Aventura Jr. Avenilo L.
16	Balanay, Aries B.
17	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.
18	Batur, Sinan
19	Bautista, John Jr. I.
20	Bediones, Rodolfo P.
21	Bella Jr. Geronimo P.
22	Benedicto III, Bernardo T.
23	Benedicto, Sixto T.
24	Bertelsen Bertel, Ingmar
25	Bhalla, Pardeep
26	Biltz, Olivier
27	Blanco, Manuel M.
28	Bogovich, Jason M.
29	Branellec, Jacques
30	Buendia, Carlos C.
31	Caasi, Jr., Urbano S.
32	Cabangon, Edgard A.
33	Cabuñag, Rogelio R.
34	Camat, Nathaniel
35	Campos, Jr., Joselito D.
36	Camus, Jose Fernando B
37	Canon, Raul Jr. E.
38	Carlos, Vicente J.
39	Carranceja, Arvin Arik B
40	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef M.
41	Catalan, Rodillo R.
42	Cenica, John T.
43	Chahwan, Rami
44	Chien, Liang-Tah Steve
45	Chotrani, Johnny N.
46	Co, Ferdinand C.
47	Coyiuto, Jr., Robert G.
48	Cureg, Alexander P.
49	Cutter, John Michael
50	David, Virgilio
51	Davis, Raymond N.
52	Dayang, Jr Juan E.
53	De Castro, Juan Arturo Iluminado C.
54	De Venecia, Jr., Jose C.
55	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.
56	Del Valle, Randolph T

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



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LIST OF ABSENTEES

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

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

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

(As of June 26, 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	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"
26	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.
27	Bogovich, Jason M.
28	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"
29	Branlec, Jacques
30	Caasi, Ubano Jr.
31	Cabangon, Edgard
32	Cabuñag, Rogelio R. "Roger"
33	Camat, Nathaniel
34	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
35	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
36	Canon, Raul Jr. E. "Butch"
37	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
38	Carranceja, Arvin Arik
39	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
40	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
41	Cenica, John
42	Chahwan, Rami
43	Chein, Steve
44	Co, Ferdinand
45	Co, Val Constantine "Val"
46	Cortez, Lorenzo Ruiz
47	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
48	Creencia, Raoul
49	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
50	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
51	David, Virgilio "Vee"
52	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
53	Dayang, Juan E. "Jed"
54	De Castro, Juan Arturo Ilumindo C. "Johnny"
55	De Venecia, Jose Jr. "Joe"
56	Del Rosario, Oscar

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



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114	Lim, Richard
115	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
116	Locsin, Roberto R. "Boj"
117	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.
118	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
119	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
120	Lorenzana, Delfin
121	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
122	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
123	Magbanua, Gerry
124	Magpale, Jose Paolo A.
125	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
126	Magsaysay, Jesus Vicente Enciso "JV"
127	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
128	Mangalile, Senen
129	Martinez, Ronald
130	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
131	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"
132	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
133	Mendoza, Miguel "Mico"
134	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
135	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"
136	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
137	Nolido, Ramby
138	Nomura, Kazuhiro
139	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.
140	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.
141	Obrado, Daniel C.
142	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.
143	Ong, Jovee K.
144	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.
145	Ozaeta, Mike Rtn
146	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
147	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.
148	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"
149	Pañares, Ben Thomas "Toby" P.
150	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.
151	Patterson, Colin David
152	Payumo, Felicitio C.
153	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.
154	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.
155	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
156	Pizaras, Jordan M.
157	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.
158	Pujalte, Jose Jr. "Brix"
159	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.
160	Ramos, Claver P.
161	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"
162	Recto, Philip H.
163	Reyes, Crispino P. "Babes"
164	Robertz, Constantin Franz Josef

165	Reynolds, David John "Dave"
166	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.
167	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.
168	Romualdez, Ferdinand "Martin"
169	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.
170	Roño, Marlon
171	Roxas, Michael D. "Mike"
172	Sarasola, II, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.
173	Sarmiento, Ricardo Manuel M. "Rocco"
174	Schimitz, Stefan
175	Schneider, Bernd
176	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"
177	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.
178	Shimoda, Shigeru
179	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.
180	Simon, Juanito Ayson
181	So, Warren
182	Sobrepeña, Robert John I. "Bob"
183	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
184	Souvlakis, Nicolas
185	Star Rtn Almenor, Manny
186	Steley, Collin
187	Stranathan, Ike Edward "Ike"
188	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.
189	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
190	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
191	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"
192	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.
193	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
194	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.
195	Tan, John G.
196	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.
197	Tang, Jimmy
198	Tanglao, Noel V.
199	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
200	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.
201	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"
202	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"
203	Valdes, Joel C.
204	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.
205	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.
206	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
207	Vazquez, Evaristo Jr. "Junjie"
208	Villarica, Henry R.
209	Villegas, Raoul A.
210	Wombwell, Philip Brian
211	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.
212	Yu, Geoffrey C. "Geof"
213	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.
214	Yujico, Brendon M.V.
215	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.
216	Zeitouni, Nagi
217	Zheng, Zhihao "Jerry"
218	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.
219	Zimmer, Christopher "Chris"

PARTIALLY PAID

1	Agnes, Jerry A.
2	Buendia, Carlos C. "Caloy"
3	Chotrani, Johnny N.

4	Dela Cruz, Artemio F "Art"
5	Dela Cruz, Joseph Emmanuel A. "Emman"
6	Valdez, Jason Roland N.

RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC.

RCMFI Golf Committee Meeting for 2nd RCM Golf Cup Preparations



The RCMFI Golf Committee met at the residence of Golf Chair Rtn. Micray Gonzalez last Wednesday, June 18, 2024, to finalize the last details of the 2nd RCM Golf Cup, which will be held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at Sta. Elena Golf and Country Club.



After close to 6 months of planning, preparations, and solicitations, the 2nd RCM Golf Cup was held last Monday, June 24, 2024 at the pristine Santa Elena Golf Club, which was the same venue as last year's 1st RCM Golf Cup.

Close to 140 golfers participated and were divided into 3 Classes (A, B, and C) in accordance with their handicap levels.

The opening was kicked off under rainy conditions by an Invocation from PP Boy Guevarra. Fortunately, his prayers were answered as the skies gradually lightened up and showed some sun. Surprisingly, the rains never returned until the last foursome holed out.

We had the traditional ceremonial tee shots from President Raffy Allunan, RCMFI Chair Lito Sibayan, and RCMFI President Willie Peliño. At exactly 8 a.m., the shotgun start was highlighted by close to 70 golfers (A flights; B flights were next) hitting their first tee shots from all 18 holes.

At around 230pm, as the players and other participants were concluding lunch and after the first set of songs from an Entertainer we know very well, Ms. Kate Castillo, Co-Hosts PE Jujut Enriquez, and RCMFI Trustee Anton Mauricio started the Program. Pres. Raffy opened with his Welcome Remarks and the Co-hosts proceeded to acknowledge our 78 Sponsors. Chris Tiu, son-in-law of Hospicio Co-Chair Phillip Ong, shared details of the

upcoming Hospicio Art Exhibit in September. At last year's Art Exhibit, RCM grossed over 2.2 million from art sales, where 2.0 million was used for Hospicio's infrastructure needs. Over 130 raffle prizes were given out, followed by the awarding of Tournament winners. Chair Lito then delivered the Closing Remarks where he announced that with the net proceeds, RCM's charitable projects in RY 2024/2025 are fully funded. Lito also thanked everyone who had helped, including our Event Organizers led by Ting Puzon-Yupangco and the RCM Secretariat. He also noted the significant contributions by our top 3 Solicitors for Sponsors, Trustee and Treasurer Karlo Castro who brought in the Presentor for a 500k sponsorship, Rtn. Aldous Alingog who brought in the Platinum Sponsor for 300k, and Rtn. Rocco Sarmiento who brought in 9 Sponsors. The day concluded with the awarding of the major prizes, which included a Lambretta worth PhP 300,000 which was donated by Ropali of Rtn. Aldous Alingog's family and won by Rtn. Val Co. Aldous recovered a bit of his family's major donation as he won the 100k PhP cash raffle prize.

Although we are still completing the Golf Cup's financial reports, it is safe to assume that this year's RCM Golf Cup will net at least 3.3 Million PhP, which is a 15% improvement from last year's 1st RCM Golf Cup.

Congratulations again to all of us!!

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The accompanying players' kit

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List of 129 Registered Players

ABOGADO, NINO	CRUZ, ENZO	GUEVARRA, BOY	MENDOZA, LEO	SIDIANGCO, PERRY
ABUEL, LULET	CUREG, ALEX	GUEVARRA, RICKY	MENDOZA, MIGUEL	SIM, JONATHAN
AFRICA, FRIX	DATOR, ANTON	GUEVARRA, ROBERTO DAVID	MENDOZA, VINCENT	SORIANO, JOAQUIN ANTONIO
ALBANA, MICHAEL	DAVID, JR LUIS G	HERNANDEZ, EDWIN	MONDONEDO, ABELARDO	SUAREZ, RAYMOND
ALINGOG, ALDOUS	DE CASTRO, FIRST	HERNANDEZ, JEROME	MORADO, ART	SUAREZ, VAL
AMBATALI, ANDREW	DE JESUS, DJ	HIPOLITO, JERENEAL	MORALES, MIKE	TABAMO, JR GABRIEL
ANG, BENEDICT	DE LEON, NANDO	HORTALEZA, ALFONSO INIGO	NAVARATTE, CHRIS	TALAMPAS, JOEL
ANONUEVO, REY	DELA CRUZ, EMMAN	JACINTO, PAUL	NIEMINEN, MARKKU	TALAUE, TIM
ANORICO, ARNOLD	DELA RUZ, RICO	JALBUENA, LAWRENCE	NONES, ROMY	TAN, DR MICHAEL
ARAGON, JOSHUA	EDWARDS, ALVIN	JAVIER, EM	OCAMPO, JEFF	TANGLAO, NOEL
ARTAJO, BJ	ENRIQUEZ, MANOLO	JIANG, WILLIAM	PASCUAL, JAPPY	TANSECO, KRITOFFER
BENEDICTO, NOY	ESPERON, JUN	JOSUE, TONY	PELIÑO, WILFREDO	TIONGSON, NORMAN
BILANGO, JEN	ESQUIVIAS, JOP	KATIGBAK, JOSEPH	PEREZ, THERESA	TIU, CHRISTOPHER JOHN
BINCE III, FELIPE	FELUSMINO, FRANCISCO S	LAYCO, BENJIE	PIZARRO, COMMODORE DANII	TURINGAN, NORMAN PAUL A
BUENAVENTURA, MARGA	FERNANDEZ, JAY	LAZARO, MIGUEL	POBLADOR, HONORIO III	URRIZA, WARREN
CADIZ, JANO	FERNANDEZ, RICARDO MOY	LEY, CARLOS	POTES, HEA ISAGANI	VALDES, NOEL
CASTRO, LUIS	FUENTES, BOYET	LIGOT, HENRY	PUNZALAN, GERRY	VALENCIA, NICO
CHAHWAN, RAMI	GARCIA, PAUL JOSEPH	LIRIO, RICHIE	REYES, ROSS	VARGAS, RENATO BUTCH
CHAN, NICOLE	GARCIA, SID	LOANZON, MARTIN	RIVERA, MEL	VAZQUEZ, ENRICO
CHAN, ROMMIE	GAYTANO, JOSEPH	LOCSIN, NICK	ROXAS, MICHAEL	VELASCO, GOV PRETIBITERIO
CHANG, JOHNSON	GONZALES, GILBERT	MAGO, STEEVE	SAMIA, SONNY	YAZAKI, HAYATO
CHONG, RALPH	GONZALEZ, LAO EMILIO	MAGPALE, PAOLO	SARMIENTO, RICARDO	YUSON, FRANCIS STEPANIE
CO, VAL	GONZALEZ, MICRAY	MAGSAYSAY, MIGUEL	SERAPIO, CALOY	ZEITOUNI, NAGI
CO, WILLIAM	GREGORIO, GLEN	MANLAPAZ, PENG	SHIGERU, SHIMODA	ZHOU, WEI
CREENCIA, RAOUL	GUANZON, ANTHONY LUIS	MAPA, MARTIN	SIBAYAN, LITO	ZIALCITA, XAVY
		MARTINEZ, RONALD	SIBAYAN, MICA	
		MARTIREZ, JAIME	SID, DEAN	

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**POST-REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST BEFORE THE FORMAL OPENING
OF THE 2ND RCM GOLF TOURNAMENT**



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OPENING PROGRAM



Invocation by Past Pres. Boy Guevara



Ceremonial Tee-off led by
RCM President Raffy Alunan

Tee-off by RCM Manila Foundation, Inc.
Chairman Lito Sibayan



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Ceremonial Tee-off by RCM Manila Foundation, Inc. President Willie Peliño



A posterity pose after the ceremonial tee-off by RCM President Raffy Alunan, RCM Manila Foundation, Inc. Chairman Lito Sibayan and President Willie Peliño

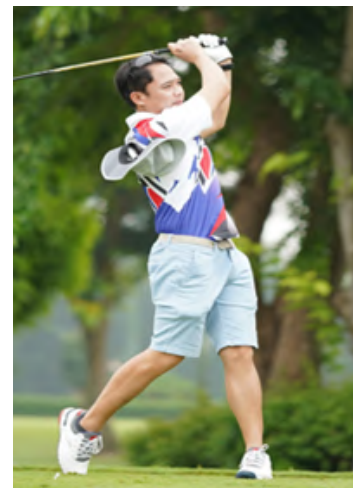
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Group photo before proceeding to the game proper

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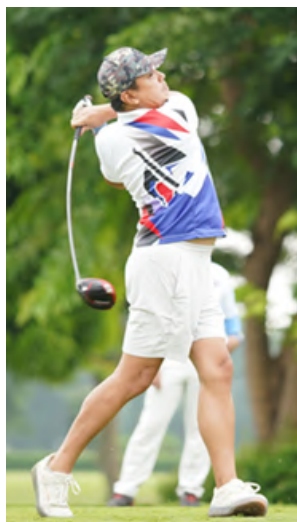
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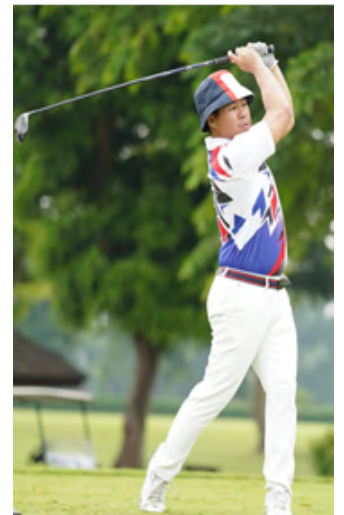
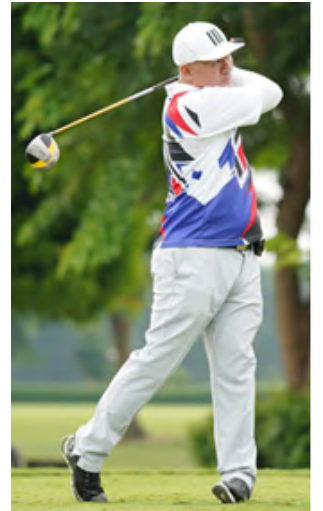
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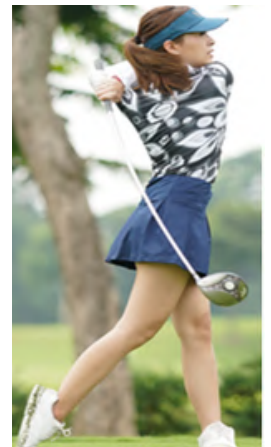


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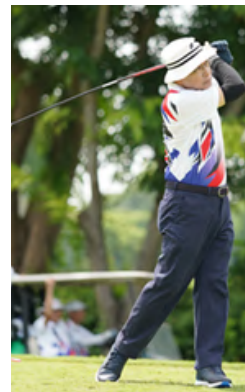
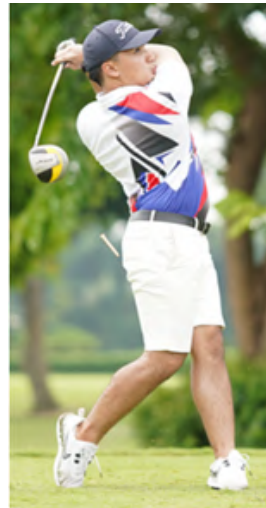
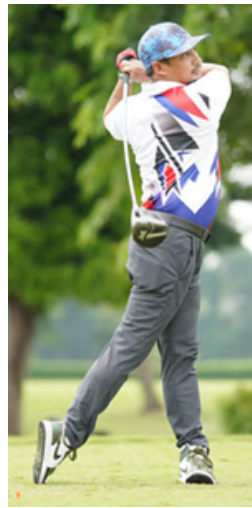




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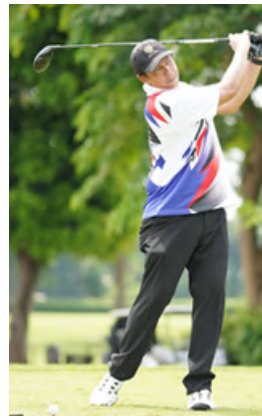


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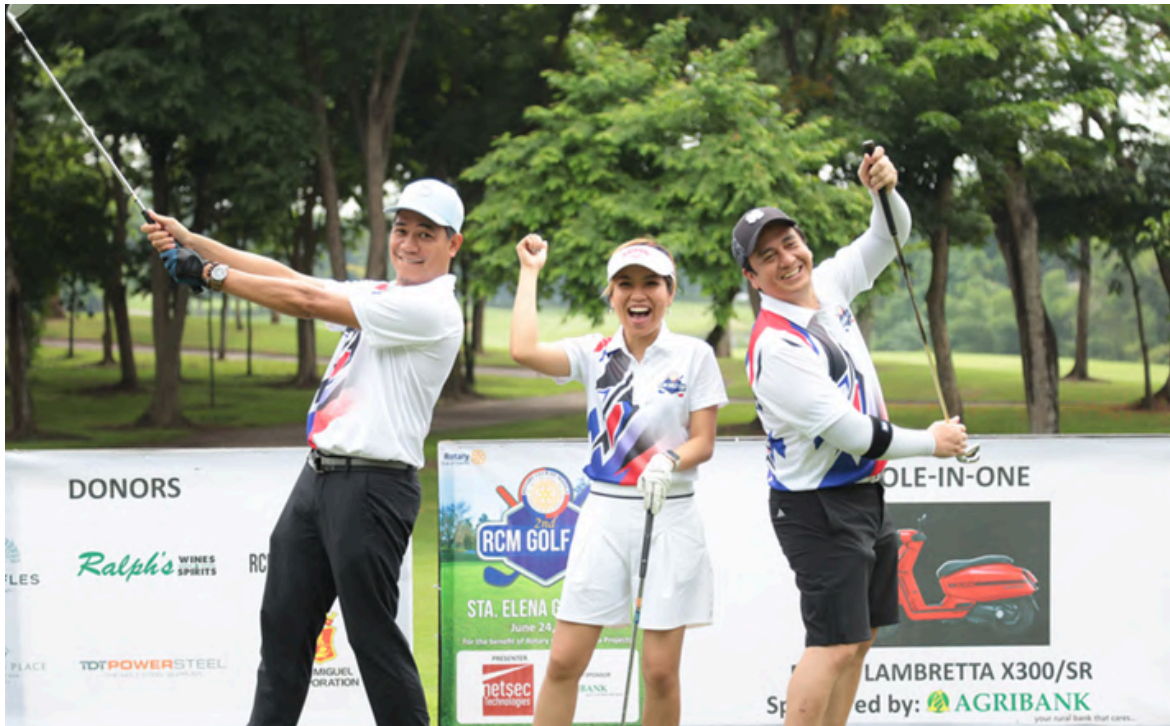
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AWARDING OF WINNERS



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Winners of 'Gaz Lite' Camping Griller

Frix Africa	Mel Riviera
Rtn. Joshua Aragon	Rtn. Shigeru Shimoda
PD Noy Benedicto	Tim Talaue
Johnson Chang	Norman Paula Turingan
Anton Dator	Noel Valdes
Nando De Leon	Enrico Vasquez
Roberto David Guevara	Francis Stephanie Yuson
Jenereal Hipolito	Jun Rey Royo
Chris Navaratte	Joel Morata
Gerry Punzalan	Rey Anonuevo



Winner of Restaurant Voucher (Raffles & Fairmont Makati)
Nino Abogado

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Winners of Php 5,000.00 Cash Prize (in no particular order)

Ralph Chong	Art Morado
Anthony Luis Guanzon	PT Lito Sibayan
Rtn. Ricky Guevara	Dr. Michael Tan
Paul Jacinto	Noel Tanglao
Joseph Katigbak	Anna Cureg



4 winners of Php 6,000.00 Cash Prize

Rtn. Jop Esquivas
Mike Morales
Commodore Danilo Pizzaro
Felipe Bince III



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3 winners of Gift Certificate (Taal Vista & Lanson Hotel)

DE Michael Albaña
Arnold Anorico
Martin Loanzon



Winner of Hotel Voucher (Raffles Makati)

Miguel Magsaysay

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11 Winners of Hotel Voucher (Microtel)

Lilet Abuel
Jun Esperon
Sid Garcia
Joseph Gaytano
Tony Josue
Miguel Mendoza

Markku Nieminen
Jappy Pascual
Ricardo Sarmiento
Rtn. Caloy Serapio
Joaquin Antonio Soriano

MAJOR RAFFLE PRIZES



2 Winners of Office Chairs

Micah Sibayan (Herman Miller Aeron Chair)
Rtn. Miguel Lazaro (Herman Miller Sayl Office Chair)

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Winner of Jewelry prize from Jeweler
Jun Esperon



Winner of Php 100,000.00 Cash Prize
Rtn. Aldous Alingog



GRAND PRIZE WINNER OF LAMBRETTA MOTORBIKE
Star Rtn. Val Co

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Winner of Nearest to the Pin (Hole #2)

Jeff Ocampo



Winner of Longest Drive

Luis Castro



Winner of Most Accurate Drive (Hole #5)

Rey Anonuevo



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Winner of Longest Putt (Hole #18)
Stephanie Yuson



Winner of 'Golf Mirror'
Jerome Hernandez

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10 Winners of Php 10,000.00 Cash Prize
(in no particular order)

DE Nagi Zeitouni
IA Nick Locsin
Incoming Treas. Mike Roxas
BLA Raoul Creencia
Perry Sidiangco

Honorio Poblador III
Andrew Paolo Ambatali
Anna Margarita Buenaventura
Leo Mendoza
Richard Lirio



2 Winners of Php 20,000.00 Cash Prize
Rico Dela Cruz
Jeff Ocampo

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3 Winners of Php 20,000.00 Cash Prize (Hole in One)

(in no particular order)

Rtn. Nico Valencia
Christian Felismino
Ted Villanueva



2 Winners of Php 30,000.00 Cash Prize (Raffle Prize)

Dr. Michael Tan
Anna Cureg

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3 Trophy Winners of Super Seniors Division

Danilo Pizzaro (2nd runner-up)
Carlos Ley (1st runner-up)
Jun Esperon (Champion)



Trophy Winner of Class C Division (2nd Runner-up) Ross Reyes

Trophy Winner of Class C Division (1st Runner-up) Jonathan Sim

(Note: Mr. Sim left early that's why he was not able to receive his trophy.)



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Trophy Winner of Class C Division (Champion)
Leo Mendoza



Trophy Winner of Class B Division (2nd Runner-up)
Martin Mapa



Trophy Winner of Class B Division (1st Runner-up)
Johnson Chang



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Trophy Winner of Class B Division (Champion)
Nino Abogado



Winners - Women's Division
Micah Sibayan (2nd runner-up)
Marga Buenaventura (1st runner-up)
Stephanie Yuson (Champion)



Trophy Winner of Class A Division (2nd Runner-up)
Jerome Hernandez

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Trophy Winner of Class A Division (1st Runner-up)
Yazaki Hayato



Trophy Winner of Class A Division (Champion)
Rtn. Micray Gonzalez



Trophy Winner of Overall Champion
Luis Castro

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All trophy winners of the 2nd RCM Golf Tournament 2024

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District Assembly 2024 (DISTAS 2024) “The Magic of Rotary”

SMX Convention, Pasay City | June 22, 2024



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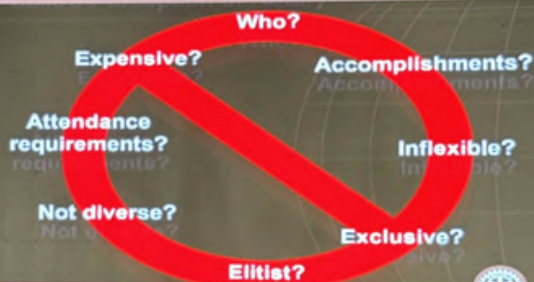
What is Rotary's Reach?

- 1.38 m Rotarians/Rotaractors
- 46,924 Rotary/Rotaract Clubs
- 2,471 newly chartered clubs
- 200+ countries & geographic areas
- 55 organizations that partner with Rotary to increase impact together

HOW DO WE EXPAND OUR REACH?

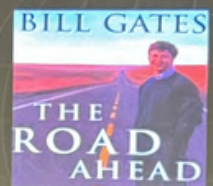
- Improve Public Image
- Increase Membership
- Expand Leadership Training
- Retain Membership

Public's Perception of Rotary



Establish a Vision

Rotary's vision is to be the service organization of choice with dynamic, action-oriented clubs whose contributions improve lives in communities worldwide.



Core Values



All of these core values are reflected in the Object of Rotary and The Four-Way Test, which we use in our daily lives. They inspire us to foster and support the ideal of service for developing and maintaining high ethical standards in human relations.

Mission Statement

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



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Our Clubs – Bold or Old?

- Engagement or attendance?
- Too structured or having fun getting it done?
- Representative of your diverse community?
- A good environment for newer members?
- Inspiring projects and programs?
- A force for good?



Being a Rotarian

- Why did I join?
- What is it I belong to?
- Why am I here?
- Why do I stay?
- Why don't I share the joy of Rotary service by asking someone to join?



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ENHANCING OUR REACH



"We must never permit ourselves to become a super-exclusive, hide-bound little body..."
Paul Harris, 1918 RI Convention



RCM members who attended DISTAS 2024 were President-Elect Jujut Enriquez, Director-Elect Mike Albaña, Incoming Treasurer Mike Roxas, Director-Elect Henry Go, and District Governor-Elect Jackie Rodriguez.

A LEADER'S TALE

WEBCOMICS ABOUT LEADERSHIP

BLOWING OUT SOMEONE
ELSE'S CANDLE WON'T
MAKE YOURS BRIGHTER.



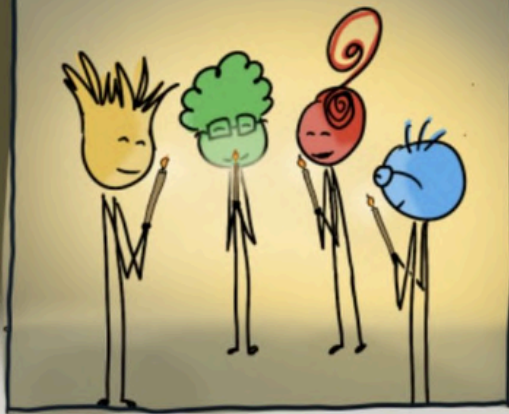
IT JUST MAKES THE
ROOM DARKER.



LIGHTING OTHER
PEOPLE'S CANDLES



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DOMINGO M. GUEVARA, REDEEMING AN INDUSTRIALIST: A PASSAGE FROM SOIL TO COIL

From the novel, TEARS OF SOLITUDE: Journey of Twin Sisters (682 pages manuscript done)

'FORGOTTEN' MAY BE A STRONG WORD FOR someone whose ideals and deeds touched the lives of many, yet understood by a few. 'Forgotten' may be a strong term for someone, whose vision and acumen provided livelihood in the tens of thousands and countless more. Yet, when the tables are turned, the exact case is forgotten: Filipinos somehow forgot to honor a beautiful mind that gave us a spark of imagination, life can scarcely do without.



Prized and pride of his peers, he visualized in graphic clarity an industrialized Philippines long before the word 'industrialization' entered the national psyche. Born and raised in colonial Philippines, he grew up, seeing the teeming entry of Chinese and Japanese migrants skimping for a tiny living space in a country billed with "the highest living standards in Asia." As the US possession in the Pacific, the economic windfalls were self-evident. There was so much money to be made here. The needles pointed in that direction: the compass couldn't be all wrong. Colonial Philippines was the sailing point of Chinese migrant workers, whose offsprings today govern the controlling stakes of GNP. "Inggoy" to his friends, Domingo Guevara first saw light in the heart of Bicolandia on Saturday, 2 January 1909. The same year coinciding his birth saw the introduction of the world's first washing machine — a staple of home electronics today — by the Hurley Machine Company of Chicago. As if by

ominous co-incidence, his birth foresaw his imprints on his country's electronics industry.

His birth was cradled in the gentle folds of Iriga's verdant landscapes, where the seasons meld seamlessly, in a town where the monsoon's return whispered through the lush canopy beneath the majestic Mayon, a murmur of raindrops patterning the broad leaves and the distant thunder rolling like a slow drum across the sky. This son of Camarines Sur was rooted deeply in the soil of his birthplace, growing under the shade of family and the wide expanse of sapphire skies, until the winds of ambition beckoned him far from the paddy fields of Pili to the burgeoning city streets of Manila.

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Barely in his teens, his temper met its baptism of fire. An American doctor had the audacity to move his fence way beyond his perimeter, encroaching on the adjacent property. When he learned the transgression, his friends joined him to confront his offending neighbor. But his friends soon backed out upon learning that Inggoy was pitted against an American. Left alone and deserted, he confronted Dr. Richmond, "I am warning you not to force me to fight back; I'm prepared to fight! The teen stood his ground. Many years later, when two (2) Japanese soldiers attempted to extort money by selling him radios they looted from his other shop on Calle Raon, his mettle locked horns, "Why should I pay you for something that's mine? Embarrassed the Imperial soldiers departed, leaving his radios returned.

If your eyes grace my narratives, forget not the microchips embedded in your MacPro or iPhone. Yet the success of microchips is the direct outcome of transistors and cathode tubes on the circuit boards. In his early twenties, Guevara's imprints were trolling on the circuit boards where his hands toiled copper coils wired together. His life journey from genteel landowner found its mark: a passage from soil to coil.

Manila, with its relentless pulse and chaotic beauty, became the canvas upon which Guevara painted his dreams. In 1935, from a modest radio repair shop, he birthed a brand name, marking the inception of a journey that would thread through the fabric of Philippine industrial history. The name

"Radiowealth" was an offshoot in the rhythm of times. When Manuel Quezon was sworn in as president of the Commonwealth Republic, it ignited a trend that was hard to resist. Many businesses started using the name "Commonwealth". Guevara's brainchild was no exception: "Commonwealth Radio". Soon, it became clear that the need to distinguish itself from the rest was overwhelming. Since then, "Radiowealth" was both as a household term and a brand name, flourishing under Guevara's nurturing hand, a beacon of innovation — a promise of what Filipino ingenuity could achieve. It stood against the backdrop of a country teetering on the cusp of war and later martial law, a period that draped shadows over his aspirations like the heavy monsoon clouds that darkened Manila's skyline.

Through the decades, as the city heaved with the growing pains of independence and identity, Guevara's ventures mirrored this struggle. The rise of Radiowealth, from radios to a pantheon of home appliances, was a testament to resilience, echoing the persistent hum of Manila's heart. Yet, there was also the quiet tragedy of the *Sakbayan* — his vision of a vehicle entirely conceived by Filipino minds and hands. Though the *Sakbayan* might be bare and basic, it was a moving object in kinetics on the roads, decades before Korean's *Hyundai*, Malaysia's *Proton Saga*, China's *BYD*, Vietnam's *Vinfast* and India's *Mahindra* were still in blueprints on the drawing board. In sum, Guevara was the visionary, but sadly for non-Filipinos. He knew in his heart, that only an industrialized Philippines, with manufacturing on the



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frontlines could command dignity and respect within the family of nations. It was a dream that bloomed like the brief and brilliant flame of an orchid in the rainy season, luminous against the Hagabab storm yet ultimately fleeting.

On Tuesday, 10 November 1971, Guevara was elected to represent his region to the 1971 Constitutional Convention, yet he was no politician. But he felt he had little choice. With laws stacked against Filipino entrepreneurs, the framing of a new Constitution could result in prioritizing local industries — just as foreign countries protect their own skin. Among other economic provisions, he fought for: a) banning of luxury goods importation; b) tax exemptions for foreign loans; c) prohibition of raw material exports such as iron, copper and aluminum ores, and d) reducing public holidays. But what bedeviled him the most was the behavioral infraction of his fellow delegates. Rampant absenteeism and notorious tardiness were costly. A committee deliberation calendared for 9 am would be held at 2 pm for lack of quorum — assuming there would be no *walking out*. But there was a glaring exception; absolute punctuality in collecting one's salary, and when one is scheduled to deliver a speech. He wondered aloud whether non-punctuality can be criminalized? Politicians did not quite get him right that in business, time is money. He ditched the idea, imagining the guilty party will show up late anyway in reporting to prison. As for discipline, he was equally ruthless. It started at home, not imposed from above. His children who inherited DMG

companies reported at factories and warehouses, toiling grits and grease, and initiating a bond with the lowest co-worker. An hour late meant salary cuts, a method of instilling the rigors of discipline and punctuality. Recalling that politicians were non-punctual with time appointment, they were all the more stark with non-payment. Two Philippine president never paid him for goods delivered. When asked to pay up for helicopter rentals, Ferdinand Marcos kept saying, "tomorrow." When Imelda Marcos ordered the installation of computer mainframe in her office, the same gripe pounded him. Somehow he had to cover it from his pocket to his supplier and creditor. Dealing with non-paying clients, he was strongly allergic to doing business with the Government. He might as well be a lawyer offering his services *pro bono*. Instead, the revered businessman found himself in the thick of deals: *puro abono*.

As Guevara roamed the streets of Mandaluyong, transforming it into a hub of light industry, his path often crossed with the city's lesser-seen residents. Sparrows, locally known as "maya" bird flitted through the open windows of his factories, their cheerful chirping a stark contrast to the whirl of machinery. In quieter moments, he would watch these small heralds of nature weave through the air, a reminder of the delicate balance between man's creations and the natural world.

His priorities were even more pronounced. When tempted to buy consumer goods, he would first create a business that will *in turn*

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buy those goods. He made his wife and children wait before they had their own sprawling house in San Juan, though he had the money all the while. Simply because he wanted to buy from the profits instead of buying from the principal. As a result, *both* the principal and the house stayed under his name. In his mind, life need not be a zero-sum game when you can have both.

In the December 1969 issue of *Reader's Digest*, DMG firms were identified as "attuned to the needs of a growing nation." Guevara was pinpointed as "a self-made industrialist" rising to the helm through "sheer business ingenuity," inspite the consecutive aftermath of the Second World War, Korean War and Vietnam War. In 1954 barely after its reconstruction, Radiowealth was cited as "The electronic firm of the year," manufacturing a complete line of home electronics from radios, electric fans, color televisions, stereos, electronic organs, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and laundry machines. And mind you. That was 1954 when today's Sony, Panasonic, Toshiba and Matsushita were his pliant students.

The narrative of Domingo Guevara is woven with threads of hope and melancholy — of grand visions often dimmed by the turbulent storms of external forces. His legacy, etched in the corridors of industry and the streets named in his honor, speaks of both the triumphs and trials of a man whose heart beat in sync with the rhythmic

lashings of rain on nipa huts, whose dreams soared as high as the Philippine eagle, and whose spirit was as indomitable as the storm of monsoon season itself.

Three (3) consecutive Philippine presidents, Carlos Garcia, Diodado Macapagal and Ferdinand Marcos personally awarded Guevara as "industrialist of the year." The first Filipino automotive manufacturer was distributing 70,000 (Volkswagen and Sakbayan) cars per year and the undisputed leader in home electronics, Guevara was well within his sights to usher the gateway of Philippine industrialization. Sadly, politics intervened to the detriment of the nation. Buy-in offers of shares were made without payment. Resistance would mean outright retaliation; government banks squeezed financing, BIR recalculated taxes by adding more zero digits, Customs levied higher tariffs and Mayor's permits were nowhere renewed for the flimsiest reason, or no reason. For Marcos kleptocrats, DMG was the prized loot; it symbolized the green lane to industrialization. With martial law enforced, the sinister hands of theft were untied. His companies were seized, falling like houses of cards. With DMG companies slipping from his hands, Guevara was no longer half the shell he once knew. He was dead accurate about industrialization; Philippine neighbors were dead right about following him; but Filipinos were dead wrong about both.

DOMINGO M. GUEVARA, REDEEMING AN INDUSTRIALIST: A PASSAGE FROM SOIL TO COIL

From the novel, TEARS OF SOLITUDE: Journey of Twin Sisters (682 pages manuscript done)

The cycle of life returns to whence it came, when death ends, begetting where life begins. Battered and blued, his dreams refused to cave in. His ability to emerge from the bruises of depravity and from the wounds of despair was exceptional — more to others than to himself. The country's economic history is indeed a better place, forever enriched with his presence in the tunnels of time. Throughout his struggles from zero to hero, as his credo battles Nero, his spirit neither flinched nor faltered — much like the flickering light of a midnight candle in the wind. In the end, his mettle had the last word.

He was *unvanquished*.

VEE DAVID
Prisoner of Literature
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