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PROGRAM MODERATOR



The 44th meeting, the last official Club meeting for RY 2023-2024 had **Sec. Edwin H. Hernandez** as Program Moderator. With his wit, flair, and gift of gab, Sec. Edwin efficiently navigated the sequence of the meeting and awarding ceremonies.

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CALL TO ORDER



Sounding the bell for the last time as Club President, the meeting was called to order by **Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III.**

INVOCATION



PP Felix Francisco "Chito" S. Zaldarriaga led the invocation for the membership.

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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM



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

ROTARY HYMN



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FOUR-WAY TEST



Rotarians were again reminded of their commitment to live by the Four-Way Test, with the recitation of this mantra led by **Rtn. Warren S. So**.

WELCOME SONG



RCM guests were serenaded by a uniquely composed welcome song, which was performed by the World Famous Chorale.

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PRESIDENT'S VALEDICTORY MESSAGE



"Tempus fugit is a well-known Roman proverb that translates into 'time flies or flees'. Indeed, it passed so quickly with all the trials, triumphs and personal tragedy bundled in one year during my presidency of this Club, a position I never sought nor campaigned for.

I was happy just being a member, ready to work on worthwhile projects, while I attended to my highest priority which was my ailing wife Elizabeth. I was suddenly thrust into this job. Forced to good, I embraced it, knowing that my attention would now be divided between my duty to the Club and my caregiving duties at home.

It was not meant to be as the love of my life of 58 years passed on four months before I could finish my term in office.

And to my disbelief, throughout this handicapped period, deplorable self-serving behavior hounded the Club. Basic rules of good governance, good manners and right conduct were routinely violated. That would never pass muster in any of the boards of professional organizations I belonged to, multinationals and local conglomerates, that set the tone for ethical behavior from.

Only a few exhibited undulating waves of indifference, hostility, negligence and inexcusable absences that violated the 4-way test. But they managed to affect the majority's mood, bonds and enthusiasm that did not escape the attention of the Rotary community.



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Just like real leadership transcends superficial symbols like suits and titles, true elitism transcends mere status or wealth. The real elite are defined by a relentless pursuit of knowledge, a commitment to integrity and dedication to society's betterment.

True leaders empower their teams not through authority alone but by cultivating trust, empathy and a shared sense of purpose. They live by example, demonstrating resilience in adversity and humility in success.

Titles and attire may convey authority or power, but authentic leadership is earned through dedicated service above self and a relentless commitment to advancing common goals for everyone's benefit.

To be rightfully recognized as a member of the elite, one must embody excellence not only in their achievements but also in their character. The real elite use their influence and resources to uplift others, inspire innovation and drive progress.

They demonstrate leadership through humility and empathy, recognizing that their position comes with the responsibility and devotion to duty. Being truly elite means contributing to the greater good and building a legacy that benefits all.

Real elites are true leaders who bravely navigate uncertainties, make ethical choices and foster an environment where every voice is heard and valued. They possess integrity and the ability to inspire others.

The unusual toxicity that flowed from dysfunctional behavior did not deter RCMers who had the Club's interests at heart. They rejected wrongdoing. They did not engage in petty bickering, obstructionism, and subterfuge. Instead, they engaged to prevent the Club's ruin.

It was in the face of adversity that the real elite in RCM found their true strength to serve above self and remain faithful to Rotary's ideals. They are among the past presidents' council, board of directors, Club officers, committees, regular members, the Secretariat staff, and Rotaractors we nurtured throughout the year, that brought more honor and prestige to RCM.

Their mission-focus, dignity and integrity shone bright that swept aside facades that concealed deceit, evasion, and subterfuge. The real elite in RCM clearly understand that "A club is only as good as its members want it to be."

It reinforced my insight, gained from decades in positions of leadership in the business, civic, and military communities, that "Unity, sincerity, cooperation and collaboration represent the pinnacle of human potential".



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Let me dwell on each of those four crucial intertwined points that constitute the main body of my valedictory address today, namely: unity, sincerity, cooperation and collaboration.

We need to revisit those principles to refresh our minds on the real meaning of each term and why RCM must regain lost ground to live by those principles.

UNITY

Uniting for a common purpose is the foundation upon which great achievements are built. It requires maturity and selflessness to set differences aside and back a shared purpose.

It is in unity where we find the courage to face challenges, the compassion to support one another, and the wisdom to build a brighter future.

Unity is the launching pad for transformation, for making possible the impossible, and demonstrating the true power of collective effort.

SINCERITY

Sincerity ensures that our intentions are pure and our efforts are genuine. It fosters trust and respect. It is the bedrock of genuine human connection. Honest intentions and an open heart create an aura of authenticity that resonate.

Sincerity empowers us to be true to ourselves, to speak our truths, and to act with integrity in the face of adversity. It cultivates a world of transparency and ethos aligned with Rotary's values that pave the way for lasting change.

COOPERATION

Cooperation is the cornerstone of human achievement and progress. It fosters understanding, empathy, and mutual respect, creating a fertile ground for innovation and problem-solving.

It empowers us to overcome challenges that seem insurmountable alone. It forges bonds that enrich our lives and communities and unleash a transformative force transcending individual capabilities.

Through cooperation we cultivate a world where collaboration thrives, where differences are celebrated, and where together, we build a future for all.



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COLLABORATION

Collaboration fosters unity, trust and camaraderie that inspire and uplift. It's the art of weaving together diverse talents, ideas, and passions into a tapestry of collective achievement.

Collaboration harnesses the full spectrum of human creativity and expertise, and transcends individual limitations to achieve extraordinary outcomes.

When we join forces, pool our strengths and perspectives, we create synergy that propels us towards shared aspirations and visions.

For example, the Health Check Survey and related General Assemblies to discuss and process our Club's complex attitudinal and behavioral challenges, was an attempt to foster collaboration amongst the membership.

The aim was to look for innovative solutions that would illuminate the path forward and leave a legacy of collective impact reverberating through succeeding generations of RCMers and Rotaractors to come.

Through these principles of Unity, Solidarity and Teamwork, we transcend our individual limitations and contribute something far greater than ourselves. Had everyone behaved in that manner we would not have convened the Ethics committee nor called for General Assemblies, not once but many times.

In the year that passed quickly by, the real elite RCMers stood by the Club to make things work and stay true to the tenets and values of Rotary.

Because of what they did and because of the stuff that they're made of, they were recognized today, and by District 3810 two weeks ago, for their quiet but effective contributions to the Club and to society.



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These were the awards that RCM received from District 3810:

- Leadership Award
- Governors Challenge Achievement award
- Outstanding Rotary Club
- Outstanding Rotary Club President
- Best in vocational service per category (cat 4)
- Best in club meetings per category (cat 4)
- Best in basic education and literacy
- Best in maternal and child care
- Best in water, sanitation and hygiene
- Best in disease prevention and treatment
- Best in peacebuilding and conflict prevention
- Best in community economic development
- Best in environment
- Best in vocational service per area
- Best in club bulletin
- Best in public image
- Appreciation award for district service - Raoul Creencia
- Appreciation award for district service - Teddy Kalaw

Today, we stand on the precipice of tomorrow, ready to leap to a new beginning with the knowledge, courage, and hopes that have shaped the Rotary Club of Manila during our time here.

A new board will take over in a few days carrying on its shoulders the hopes and aspirations of RCMers for real brotherhood as the fuel for future endeavors at the service of our stakeholders, especially those who have less in life.

I'm, however, declaring before you today my temporary disengagement from my duties as IPP and board member as I need to pick up the pieces of my shattered life to put things in order for my family.

Extrajudicial settlements in various places will require hands-on management and close monitoring to ensure trouble-free outcomes. And the worsening geopolitical environment is drawing me back to a familiar arena requiring my utmost focus.

As the Club steps forward into the future, it should carry the strength of our shared experiences, the lessons and insights we derived from it, and the unyielding belief that we possess the power to do right and be right for the betterment of RCM, first in Asia.



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I wish the new board the best of everything to raise RCM to the next level and soon to be District 3810 Governor Jackie Rodriguez who will take his oath on July 4. It will likely be my last appearance for some time in RY2024-2025 until I meet my personal goals. On occasion when time permits, I will engage.

I also wish to thank

- District Governor Lai dela Cruz;
- District Officers particularly the gentle but dynamic shepherds in the persons of Gary Pua and Eman Avengoza;
- our sister and daughter clubs;
- the PDGs from our District and other Districts;
- my fellow Hope Creating Presidents;
- PPs from other clubs'
- donors and sponsors throughout the year;
- the hospitality staff and security of Manila Polo Club;

all of them, too many to mention, who collaborated with RCM one way or another, or provided much needed moral support. I know who you are, you know who I'm referring to, and God certainly knows.

I now bid the presidency of RCM farewell, a lessons-filled presidency that enriched my life, to which I dedicate to God who kept me whole throughout, and to my better half Elizabeth who patiently waited for me to come home without complaint. I cannot ever thank you enough.

Let my footsteps echo the journey we've shared, knowing that our collective efforts were built on the triumphs of past administrations spanning 105 years and will serve as the springboard for future achievement.

Congratulations to every RCMer who pulled his own oar to serve above self for others! My profound appreciation and gratitude extends especially to the Secretariat, RCM's backbone, who sacrificed for the Club without counting the hours. And thank you Anna for your enduring service to RCM beyond the call of duty.

I shall pray fervently that our shared Rotary vision and values endure, and for God's guidance all the way. Thank you all. It was my distinct honor and privilege to have served with you.

Mabuhay ang Rotary Club of Manila!
Mabuhay ang District 3810!
Mabuhay ang Rotary International!
Mabuhay tayong lahat!

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AWARDING CEREMONIES

LOYALTY RECOGNITION AWARD

5-Year Loyalty Recognition Awardees



Pres Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan, III
– 8 Years



DGE Joaquin "Jackie" C. Rodriguez, Sr.
– 8 Years



Rtn. Benedicto "Dong" T. Benedicto, III
– 8 Years



Rtn. Abdulgani "Gani" Macatoman
– 7 Years

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Rtn. Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B. Nolido
– 6 Years



Dir. Albert "Hans" C. Palacios
– 6 Years



Treas. Paul Joseph "PJ" M. Garcia
– 5 Years



Rtn. Victor "Vic" G. Garcia, III
– 5 Years



DE Nagi Zeitouni – 5 Years



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- Rtn. John Emyl G. Eugenio – 9 Years
- Rtn. Steve “Momo” Mommaerts – 9 Years
- Rtn. Jerry A. Agnes – 8 Years
- Rtn. Raymund Arnold “Mon” Alberto – 8 Years
- Rtn. Richard T. Ang – 8 Years
- Rtn. Wilhelm “Bollie” Bolton – 8 Years
- Rtn. Virgilio “Vee” David – 8 Years
- Rtn. Lutz H. Kunack – 8 Years
- Rtn. Jovee K. Ong – 8 Years
- Rtn. Miguel Antonio “Mike” L. Ozaeta – 8 Years
- SAA Jason Bogovich – 7 Years
- Rtn. Andries Francois Engelbrecht – 7 Years
- Rtn. Fernando “Nando” L. Gaspar – 7 Years
- Rtn. Wolfgang Kurt Harle -7 Years
- Rtn. Romeo “Romy” “C. Nones – 7 Years
- Rtn. Ricardo “Rocco” M. Sarmiento – 7 Years
- Rtn. Michael Allan “Mike” E. Sicat – 7 Years
- Rtn. Shalimar “Sha” Tamano – 7 Years
- Rtn. Isidro “Butch” C. Alcantara – 6 Years
- Rtn. Pardeep Bhalla – 6 Years
- AT Karlo Eugene Josef M. Castro – 6 Years
- PD John Michael “John” Cutter – 6 Years-
- Rtn. Artemio “Art” F. Dela Cruz – 6 Years
- Rtn. Dante “Dan” A. Gierran – 6 Years
- Rtn. Raymund Joseph Ian Mendoza – 6 Years
- Rtn. Juan Montel “Juan” C. Montel – 6 Years
- Rtn. John Nico “Nico” P. Valencia – 6 Years
- PS Ariel Abriam – 5 Years
- Rtn. Jose Fernando B. Camus – 5 Years
- Rtn. Michael G. Go – 5 Years

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10-Year Loyalty Recognition Awardees



Rtn. Aldous "Rex" Alingog
– 11 Years



PDG Alexander "Alex" P. Cureg
– 12 Years



PD Oscar Del Rosario, Sr.
– 11 Years



Dir./PE Eduardo "Jujut" V. Enriquez, III
– 11 Years



Rtn. Ricardo S. Guevara, Jr.
– 11 Years



Rtn. Colin David "Colin" Patterson
– 11 Years

- Rtn. Ike Edward "Ike" Stranathan – 14 Years
- PVP Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R. Liamzon, Jr. – 13 Years
- Rtn. Avenilo "Jun" L. Aventura, Jr. – 12 Years
- Rtn. Geronimo "Jun" Bella, Jr. – 12 Years
- Rtn. Enrique "Ricky" Y. Yap, Jr. – 12 Years

- Rtn. Raymond "Ray" N. Davis – 11 Years
- IPP Herminio "Hermie" S. Esguerra – 11 Years
- Rtn. Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H. Guarin – 11 Years
- Rtn. Noel V. Tanglao – 10 Years
- Rtn. Geoffrey C. Yu – 10 Years

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15-Year Loyalty Recognition Awardees



IA Arsenio "Nick Z. Locsin – 19 Years



Rtn. Wilfredo "Willie" M. Pelino – 19 Years



PD Abraham "Abe" F. Pascual – 15 Years



PD Patricio "Bebot" F. Pineda, Jr. – 15 Years

- Rtn. Daniel "Danny" C. Go – 19 Years
- PP Teodoro "Teddy" J. Ocampo – 19 Years
- PDG Roberto "Obet" M. Pagdanganan – 19 Years
- Dir. Albert S. Alday – 18 Years
- Rtn Ramon Jesus "Mon" Quisumbing – 18 Years
- PD Amado "Amading" D. Valdez – 18 Years
- Rtn. Rolando "Roy" Zosa – 18 Years
- Rtn. Ferdinand "Ferdie" C. Co – 17 Years

- PP Eusebio "Ebot" V. Tan – 17 Years
- PAT Raoul A. Villegas – 17 Years
- PD Arthur "Art" M. Lopez – 16 Years
- Rtn. Jeric J. Jucaban – 16 Years
- PVP Benjamin "Ben" E. Diokno – 15 Years
- PD Issam Eldebs – 15 Years
- PD Alvin D. Lacambacal – 15 Years

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20-Year Loyalty Recognition Awardees



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30-Year Loyalty Recognition Awardees



35-Year Loyalty Recognition Awardee



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40-Year Loyalty Recognition Awardee



45-Year Loyalty Recognition Awardee



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BEST ATTENDANCE AWARDEES



Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan, III



VP Reginald "Reggie" T. Yu



Dir. Albert "Hans" C. Palacios

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IA Arsenio "Nick" Z. Locsin



PDG Vicente "Vince" J. Carlos



DGE Joaquin "Jackie" C. Rodriguez, Sr.



PD Oscar Del Rosario, Sr.



Rtn. Carlos "Caloy" G. Serapio

PDG Rodolfo "Rudy" P. Bediones

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PRESIDENTIAL AWARDEES



VP Reginald "Reggie" T. Yu



Sec. Edwin H. Hernandez

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Dir. Albert "Hans" C. Palacios



PP Arsenio "Archit" M. Bartolome III



PP Domingo "Boy" S. Guevara, Jr.



PP Felix Francisco "Chito" S. Zaldarriaga



PT Joselito "Lito" H. Sibayan

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DGE Joaquin "Jackie" C. Rodriguez, Sr.



Rtn. Carlos "Caloy" G. Serapio
(Ethics Committee)



Rtn. Aldous "Rex" A. Alingog



Rtn. Wilfredo "Willie" M. Pelino



Rtn. Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B. Nolido

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Former Executive Secretary Anna Kun Toledo



RCM Secretariat

Dir. Antonio "Tony" S. Lopez
PVP Manuel "Manny" C. Dy
SAA Jason Bogovich (Ethics Committee)
PD John Michael "John" Cutter (Ethics Committee)
Rtn. Steve "Momo" Mommaerts (Ethics Committee)
Rtn. Raymond "Ray" N. Davis (Ethics Committee)
ABLA Teodoro Alejandro "Teddy" Y. Kalaw, IV (Ethics Committee)
Rtn. Jose Fernando "Nando" B. Camus – (Ethics Committee)
Rtn Francisco "Paco" D. Magsaysay (Ethics Committee)
Rtn. Jacques "Jack" Branellec
Rtn. Ralph L. Joseph
Rtn. Jose Angel "Joel" Talampas

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The 'X Men'



From left: Treas. Paul Joseph "PJ" M. Garcia, Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III, Sec. Edwin H. Hernandez, and IA Arsenio "Nick"Z. Locsin



From left: SAA Jason M. Bogovich, AT Karlo Eugene Josef M. Castro, BLA Raoul C. Creencia, AS Rami Chahwan, and AIA Jordan M. Pizaras

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CLUB SERVICE AWARDS

Posthumous Award



PP FRANK EVARISTO
Inducted 2009; Paul Harris Fellow +1
Leon Lambert Fellow 2019
President, RY 2014-2015

Received by Ms. Marieliese Evaristo

International Service Award



PD Arsenio "Nick" Z. Locsin

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Vocational Service Award



Centennial Pres Jesus M. Pineda, Jr.
(Chairman, Tower Awards)

Youth Service Award (New Generation)



VP Reginald "Reggie" T. Yu

Community Service (Maternity and Child Care)



PD John T. Cenica

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Community Service Award (Civic Action)



PD Ner & Spouse Femy Lonzaga

Community Service Award (Civic Action)



Asst. Secretary Rami & Spouse Flor Chahwan

Community Service (Civic Action)



PD Oscar Del Rosario, Sr.

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Community Service (Public Relations / Media)



Rtn. D. Edgard A. Cabangon

Community Service (Disease Prevention & Treatment)



PD John Michael "John" Cutter

Community Service (Disease Prevention & Treatment)



PD Philip "Phil" Ong

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Community Service (Disease Prevention & Treatment)



Rtn. Raymond "Ray" N. Davis

Community Service (Disease Prevention & Treatment)



Rtn. Joshua Rueben Aragon

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Community Service (Sunshine Committee)



Rtn. Ricardo "Ricky" S.B. Guevara

Community Service (Golf Fellowship)



Rtn. Michael Ray "Micray" L. Gonzalez

Community Service (Fellowship)



PD Oscar Del Rosario

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ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR



BLA Raoul C. Creencia

LEON LAMBERT AWARDEE



PDG Rodolfo "Rudy" P. Bediones



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	June 27, 2024 CLUB AWARDS
MEMBERS PRESENT	41	18	15	51
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	7	3	21	20
EXEMPTED FROM ATTENDANCE	5	2	2	6
ON LEAVE	0	0	0	0
Total Active Members	43	19	34	65
Total # of Members	240	240	240	240
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	18%	8%	14%	27%
ROTARACTORS	0	0	0	0
MEDIA	3	4	0	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	0	0	0
GOHS / GS	2	1	0	0
Visiting Rotarians	1	0	0	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	15	1	1	4
TOTAL ATTENDEES	59	20	16	55



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

LIST OF ATTENDEES

1	Albaña, Michael Jaey C
2	Alingog, Aldous A.
3	Alunan III, Rafael M.
4	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.
5	Benedicto III, Bernardo T.
6	Benedicto, Sixto T.
7	Bertelsen Bertel, Ingmar
8	Carlos, Vicente J.
9	Carranceja, Arvin Arik B
10	Cenica, John T.
11	Cureg, Alexander P.
12	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.
13	Dela Cruz, Joseph Emmanuel A.
14	Egan, Brendan W.L.
15	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.
16	Garcia, Paul Joseph M.
17	Garcia,III Victor G.
18	Go, Henry S.
19	Gonzalez, Michael Raymond L.
20	Guevara, Jr., Domingo S.
21	Guevara, Ricardo S.
22	Hernandez, Edwin H
23	Klebs, David
24	Locsin, Arsenio Z.
25	Lonzaga, Reinerio C.
26	Macatoman, Abdulgani M.

27	Magsaysay, Jesus Vicente E.
28	Mauricio, Antonilo DC
29	Mendoza, Miguel
30	Nolido, Ramon Alberto B.
31	Ong, Phillip L.
32	Palacios, Albert C.
33	Pascual, Abraham F.
34	Patterson, Colin David
35	Payumo, Felicito C.
36	Peliño, Wilfredo M.
37	Pineda, Jr. Patricio F.
38	Pineda, Jr., Jesus M.
39	Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
40	Serapio, Carlos G.
41	Shimoda, Shigeru
42	Sibayan, Joselito H.
43	So, Warren S.
44	Tagaysay, Hector O.
45	Valencia, Rodolfo G.
46	Yu, Reginald Tieng
47	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco S.
48	Zeitouni, Nagi
49	Yasushi, Iwata
50	Simon, Juanito A.
51	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	Ampil, Alvin R.
9	Andal, Avelino L.
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	Bediones, Rodolfo P.
19	Bella Jr. Geronimo P.
20	Bhalla, Pardeep
21	Biltz, Olivier
22	Blanco, Manuel M.
23	Bogovich, Jason M.
24	Bolton, Wilhelm
25	Branellec, Jacques
26	Buendia, Carlos C.
27	Caasi, Jr., Urbano S.
28	Cabangon, Edgard A.
29	Cabuñag, Rogelio R.
30	Camat, Nathaniel
31	Campos, Jr., Joselito D.
32	Camus, Jose Fernando B
33	Canon, Raul Jr. E.
34	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef M.
35	Catalan, Rodillo R.
36	Chahwan, Rami
37	Chien, Liang-Tah Steve
38	Chotrani, Johnny N.
39	Co, Ferdinand C.
40	Coyiuto, Jr., Robert G.
41	Creencia, Raoul C.
42	Cutter, John Michael
43	David, Virgilio
44	Davis, Raymond N.
45	Dayang, Jr Juan E.
46	De Castro, Juan Arturo Iluminado C.
47	De Venecia, Jr., Jose C.

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



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97	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
98	Liamzon Jr., Romeo Thaddeus R.
99	Lim, David Eduardo T.
100	Lim, Richard
101	Locsin, Roberto R
102	Lopa, Antonio A.
103	Lopez, Antonio S.
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Outgoing RC Manila president Rafael Alunan delivers poignant valedictory address

'It was in the face of adversity that the real elite in RCM found their true strength to serve above self and remain faithful to Rotary's ideals. Let my footsteps echo the journey we've shared, knowing that our collective efforts were built on the triumphs of past administrations spanning 105 years and will serve as the springboard for future achievement'



Rafael M. Alunan III, former secretary of Interior and Local Government under then President Fidel V. Ramos, ended his term as (RY) 2023-2024 Rotary Club of Manila president on 30 June 2024. He will be succeeded in that post by Eduardo V. Enriquez III. photograph courtesy of rafael alunan/lyb

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Rafael M. Alunan III, (Rotary Year) 2023-2024 Rotary Club of Manila president ended his term on 30 June 2024. Last Thursday, 25 June, before RC Manila members and officers gathered at the Manila Polo Club, he delivered his valedictory speech, as follows:

Tempus fugit is a well-known Roman proverb that translates into "time flies or flees." Indeed, it passed so quickly with all the trials, triumphs and personal tragedy bundled in one year during my presidency of this Club, a position I never sought nor campaigned for.

I was happy just being a member, ready to work on worthwhile projects, while I attended to my highest priority — my ailing wife Elizabeth. I was suddenly thrust into this job. Forced to good, I embraced it, knowing that my attention would now be divided between my duty to the Club and my caregiving duties at home.

It was not meant to be as the love of my life of 58 years passed on four months before I could finish my term in office.

And to my disbelief, throughout this handicapped period, deplorable self-serving behavior hounded the Club. Basic rules of good governance, good manners, and right conduct were routinely violated. That would never pass muster in any of the boards of professional organizations I belonged to, multinationals and local conglomerates.

Only a few exhibited undulating waves of indifference, hostility, negligence and inexcusable absences that violated Rotary's 4-way test. But they managed to affect the majority's mood, bonds, and enthusiasm that did not escape the attention of the Rotary community.

Just like real leadership transcends superficial symbols like suits and titles, true elitism transcends mere status or wealth. The real elite are defined by a relentless pursuit of knowledge, a commitment to integrity and dedication to society's betterment.

True leaders empower their teams not through authority alone but by cultivating trust, empathy and a shared sense of purpose. They live by example, demonstrating resilience in adversity and humility in success.

Titles and attire may convey authority or power, but authentic leadership is earned through dedicated service above self and a relentless commitment to advancing common goals for everyone's benefit.

To be rightfully recognized as a member of the elite, one must embody excellence not only in their achievements but also in their character. The real elite use their influence and resources to uplift others, inspire innovation and drive progress.

They demonstrate leadership through humility and empathy, recognizing that their position comes with the responsibility and devotion to duty. Being truly elite means contributing to the greater good and building a legacy that benefits all.

Real elites are true leaders who bravely navigate uncertainties, make ethical choices and foster an environment where every voice is heard and valued. They possess integrity and the ability to inspire others.

The unusual toxicity that flowed from dysfunctional behavior did not deter RCMers who had the Club's interests at heart. They rejected wrongdoing. They did not engage in petty bickering, obstructionism, and subterfuge. Instead, they engaged to prevent the Club's ruin.

It was in the face of adversity that the real elite in RCM found their true strength to serve above self and remain faithful to Rotary's ideals. They are among the past presidents' council, board of directors, Club officers, committees, regular members, the Secretariat staff, and Rotaractors we nurtured throughout the year which brought more honor and prestige to RCM.

Their mission focus, dignity and integrity shone bright and swept aside facades that concealed deceit, evasion, and subterfuge. The real elite in RCM clearly understands that "A club is only as good as its members want it to be."

It reinforced my insight, gained from decades in positions of leadership in the business, civic, and military communities, that "Unity, sincerity, cooperation, and collaboration represent the pinnacle of human potential."

Let me dwell on each of those four crucial intertwined points that constitute the main body of my valedictory address today, namely: unity, sincerity, cooperation and collaboration.

We need to revisit those principles to refresh our minds on the real meaning of each term and why RCM must regain lost ground to live by those principles.

UNITY

Uniting for a common purpose is the foundation upon which great achievements are built. It requires maturity and selflessness to set differences aside and back a shared purpose.

It is in unity that we find the courage to face challenges, the compassion to support one another, and the wisdom to build a brighter future.

Unity is the launching pad for transformation, making possible the impossible, and demonstrating the true power of collective effort.



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SINCERITY

Sincerity ensures that our intentions are pure and our efforts are genuine. It fosters trust and respect. It is the bedrock of genuine human connection. Honest intentions and an open heart create an aura of authenticity that resonates.

Sincerity empowers us to be true to ourselves, to speak our truths, and to act with integrity in the face of adversity. It cultivates a world of transparency and ethos aligned with Rotary's values that pave the way for lasting change.

COOPERATION

Cooperation is the cornerstone of human achievement and progress. It fosters understanding, empathy, and mutual respect, creating a fertile ground for innovation and problem-solving.

It empowers us to overcome challenges that seem insurmountable alone. It forges bonds that enrich our lives and communities and unleash a transformative force transcending individual capabilities.

Through cooperation we cultivate a world where collaboration thrives, where differences are celebrated, and where together, we build a future for all.

COLLABORATION

Collaboration fosters unity, trust, and camaraderie that inspire and uplift. It's the art of weaving together diverse talents, ideas, and passions into a tapestry of collective achievement.

Collaboration harnesses the full spectrum of human creativity and expertise and transcends individual limitations to achieve extraordinary outcomes.

When we join forces and pool our strengths and perspectives, we create a synergy that propels us toward shared aspirations and visions.

For example, the Health Check Survey and related General Assemblies to discuss and process our Club's complex attitudinal and behavioral challenges was an attempt to foster collaboration among the membership.

The aim was to look for innovative solutions that would illuminate the path forward and leave a legacy of collective impact reverberating through succeeding generations of RCMers and Rotaractors to come.

Through these principles of Unity, Solidarity and Teamwork, we transcend our limitations and contribute something far greater than ourselves. Had everyone behaved in that manner we would not have convened the Ethics committee nor called for General Assemblies, not once but many times.

In the year that passed quickly, the real elite RCMers stood by the Club to make things work and stay true to the tenets and values of Rotary.

Because of what they did and because of the stuff that they're made of, they were recognized today, and by District 3810 two weeks ago, for their quiet but effective contributions to the Club and society.

These were the awards that RCM received from District 3810:

Leadership Award, Governors Challenge Achievement Award, Outstanding Rotary Club, Outstanding Rotary Club President, Best in Vocational Service per category (cat 4), Best in Club Meetings per category (cat 4), Best in Basic Education and literacy, Best in Maternal and child care, Best in water, sanitation and hygiene, Best in disease prevention and treatment, Best in peacebuilding and conflict prevention, Best in community economic development, Best in environment, Best in vocational service per area, Best in club bulletin, Best in public image, Appreciation award for district service — Raoul Creencia.

Teddy Kalaw

Today, we stand on the precipice of tomorrow, ready to leap to a new beginning with the knowledge, courage, and hopes that have shaped the Rotary Club of Manila during our time here.

A new board will take over in a few days carrying on its shoulders the hopes and aspirations of RCMers for real brotherhood as the fuel for future endeavors at the service of our stakeholders, especially those who have less in life.

I'm, however, declaring before you today my temporary disengagement from my duties as IPP and board member as I need to pick up the pieces of my shattered life to put things for my family.

Extrajudicial settlements in various places will require hands-on management and close monitoring to ensure trouble-free outcomes. And the worsening geopolitical environment is drawing me back to a familiar arena requiring my utmost focus.

As the Club steps forward into the future, it should carry the strength of our shared experiences, the lessons and insights we derived from them, and the unyielding belief that we possess the power to do right and be right for the betterment of RCM, first in Asia.

True leaders empower their teams not through authority alone but by cultivating trust, empathy and a shared sense of purpose. They live by example, demonstrating resilience in adversity and humility in success.

I wish the new board the best of everything to raise RCM to the next level and soon-to-be District 3810 Governor Jackie Rodriguez who will take his oath on 4 July. It will likely be my last appearance for some time in RY2024-2025 until I meet my personal goals. On occasion when time permits, I will engage.

I also wish to thank District Governor Lai dela Cruz; the District Officers particularly the gentle but dynamic shepherds in the persons of Gary Pua and Eman Avengoza; our sister and daughter clubs; the PDGs from our District and other Districts; my fellow Hope Creating Presidents; PPs from other clubs; donors and sponsors throughout the year; and the hospitality staff and security of Manila Polo Club; all of them, too many to mention, who collaborated with RC Manila one way or another, or provided much needed moral support.

I now bid the presidency of RC Manila farewell, a lessons-filled presidency that enriched my life, to which I dedicate to God who kept me whole throughout, and to my better half Elizabeth who patiently waited for me to come home without complaint. I cannot thank you enough.

Let my footsteps echo the journey we've shared, knowing that our collective efforts were built on the triumphs of past administrations spanning 105 years and will serve as the springboard for future achievement.

Congratulations to every RCMer who pulled his oar to serve above self for others! My profound appreciation and gratitude extend especially to the Secretariat, RCM's backbone, who sacrificed for the Club without counting the hours. And thank you Anna for your enduring service to RCM beyond the call of duty.

I shall pray fervently that our shared Rotary vision endures. Thank you all. It was my distinct honor and privilege to have served with you.

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