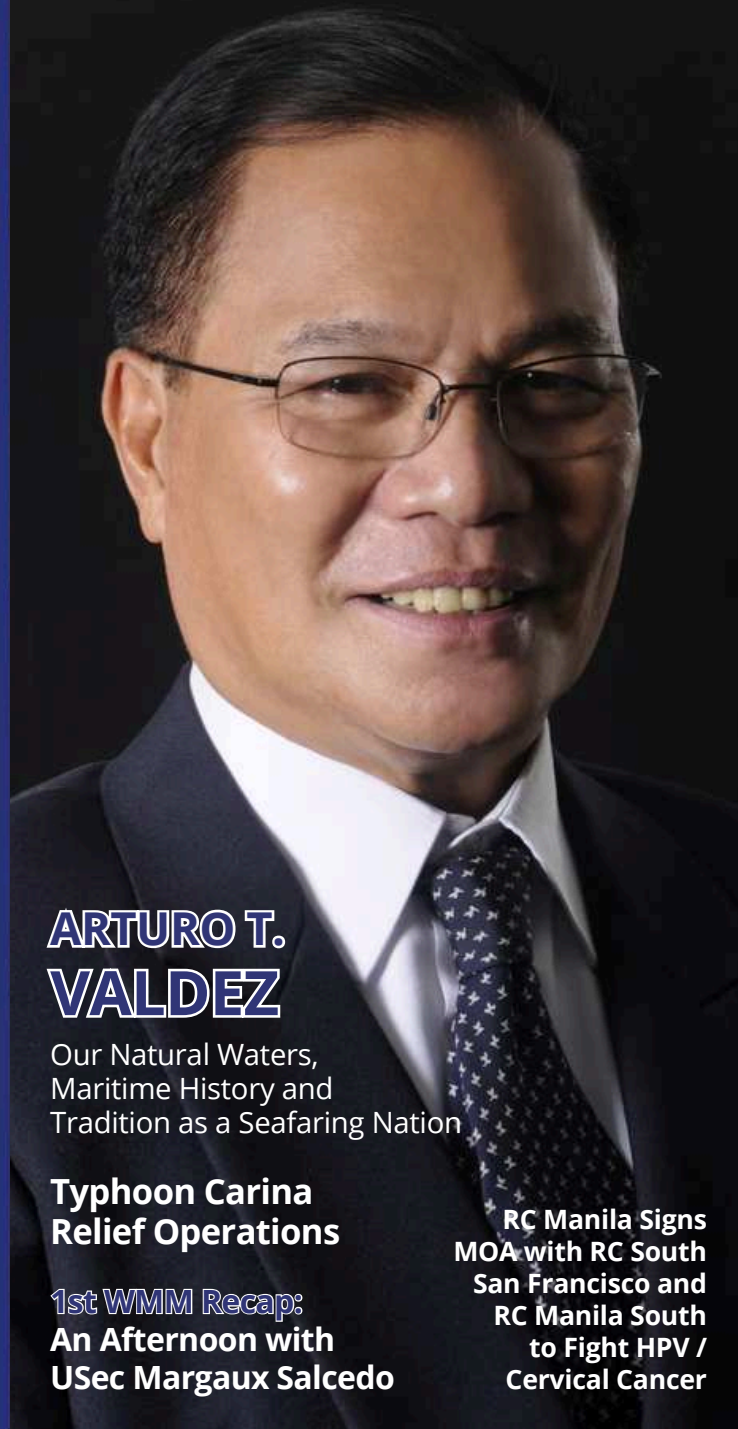


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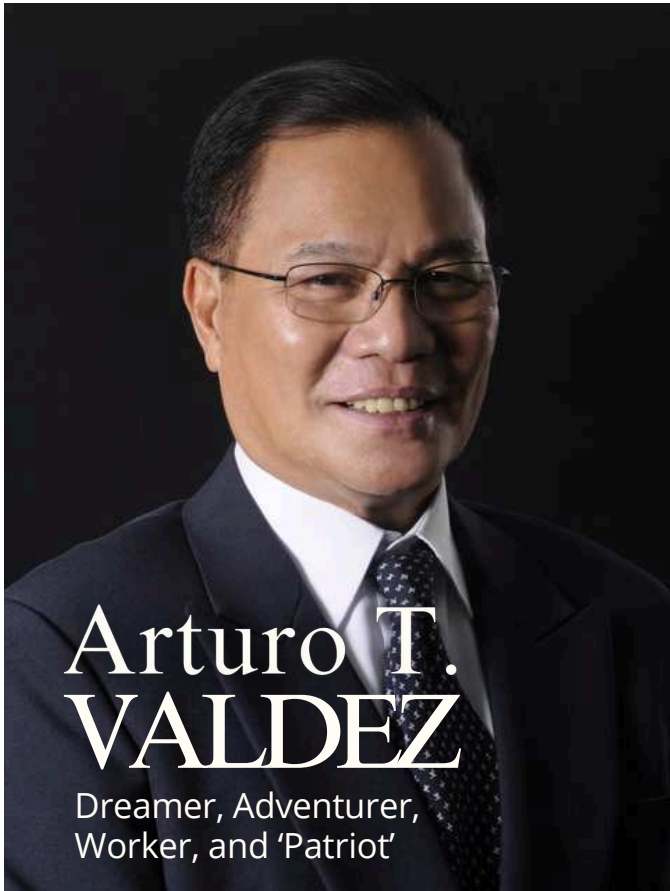
PROGRAM

2nd Weekly Membership Meeting Rotary Year 2024-2025 Thursday, 1 August 2024, 12:30 PM MANILA POLO CLUB

Moderator: PVP REGINALD "Reggie" T. YU

12:00 PM	Registration
12:30 PM	Call to Order PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ
	Invocation RTN. CRISPINIANO "Cris" ACOSTA
	Philippine National Anthem AVP of RCM Members
	Rotary Club of Manila Hymn RCM WF Music Chorale
	The Four (4) Way Test DIR. TEODORO "Teddy" Y. KALAW IV
	Acknowledgement of Guests PVP REGINALD "Reggie" T. YU
	Welcome Song RCM WF Music Chorale
	<u>Birthday Celebrants</u>
	July 26 Rtn. Ivan Uy
	July 28 Rtn. Stefan Schmitz
	July 29 Rtn. Nando Camus
	July 30 Rtn. Senen Mangalile
	Aug 01 Rtn. Mike Sicat
	<i>Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song</i> RCM WF Chorale
12:50 PM	President's Time PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ
1:05 PM	Introduction of the Guest of Honor & Speaker RTN. WARREN S. SO
	Guest of Honor and Speaker
	<i>Address:</i> MR. ARTURO "Art" T. VALDEZ Dreamer, Adventurer, Worker, and 'Patriot'
1:30 PM	Open Forum / Q.A.
1:50 PM	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ
2:00 PM	Adjournment PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ

Guest of Honor and Speaker



**Arturo T.
VALDEZ**

Dreamer, Adventurer,
Worker, and 'Patriot'

Before his public service, Valdez was passionate about the outdoors and mountaineering. He became an active member and eventually president of the Mountaineering Federation of the Philippines, Inc., the largest organization of mountaineering clubs in the country. In 2004, he fully committed to the First Philippine Mt. Everest Expedition, forming the team, raising funds, and embarking on training expeditions in India, New Zealand, China, Pakistan, Tibet, Alaska, and Nepal. This effort culminated in the successful ascent of Mt. Everest by the first Filipinos in May 2006, with the Philippine flag being planted at the peak. In 2007, he led the world record-setting "first and only traverse" of Mt. Everest by three Filipino women, a feat that remains unmatched in Himalayan mountaineering history until today. In 2008, Valdez completed the challenging 42km Mt. Everest Marathon in 10 hours, 5 minutes, and 46 seconds.

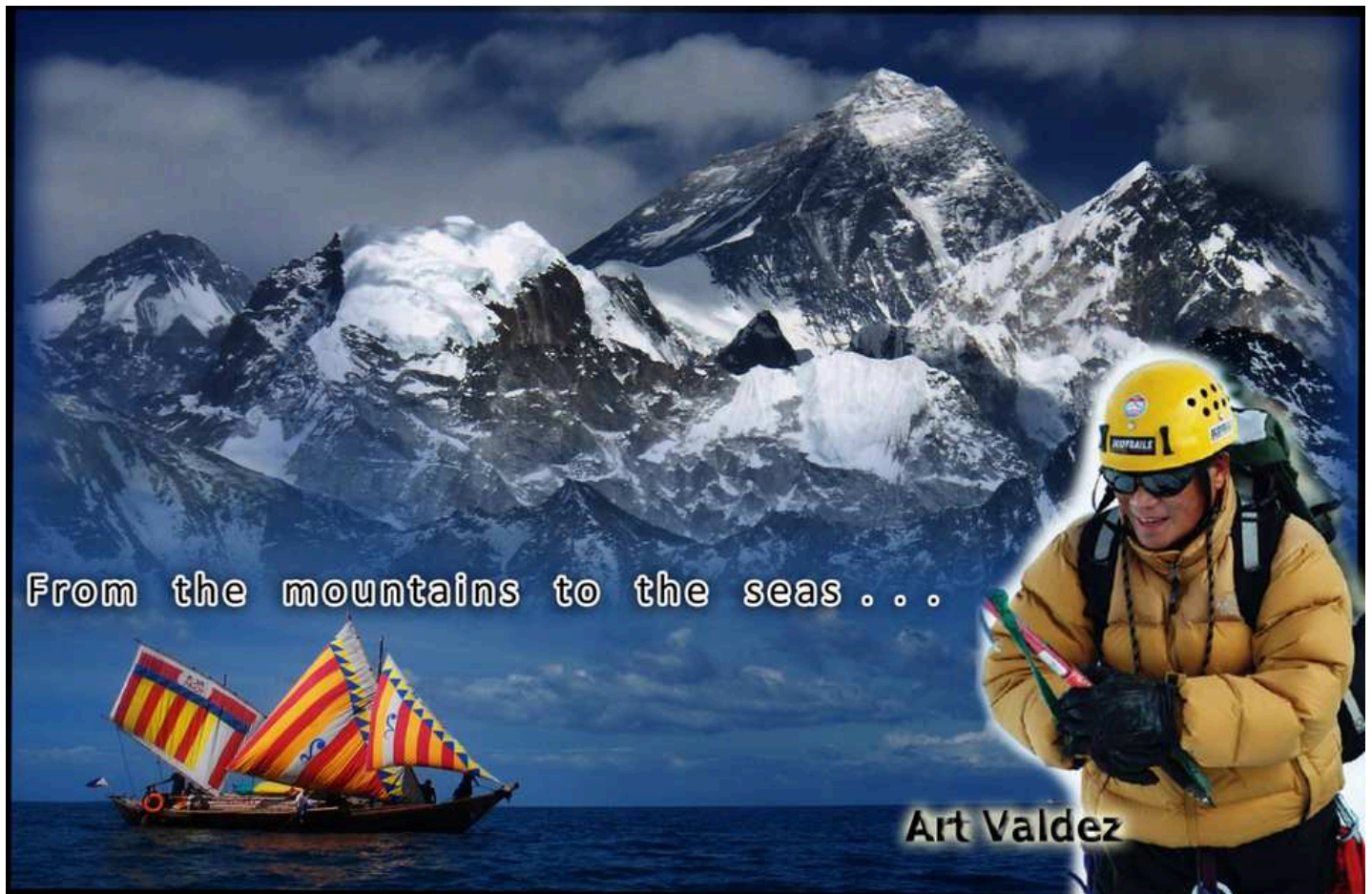
ART Valdez's public service career spanned multiple administrations, serving as Undersecretary in various assignments during the presidencies of Fidel V. Ramos, Joseph Estrada, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and Rodrigo Duterte. He was briefly appointed Special Envoy to the Middle East from October 2007 to March 2008. Throughout his government service, he played a crucial role in reforming the maritime industry, rationalizing the land transport sector, and protecting the environment.



Valdez also served as the Expedition Leader of the Voyage of the Balangay, sailing a replica of an ancient Southeast Asian boat (circa 320 A.D.) around the Philippines and Southeast Asia over 17 months. A few years ago, he successfully crossed the South China Sea on another Balangay voyage to commemorate the 600-year trade and cultural visit of Sultan Paduka Batara of the Sultanate of Sulu

to the Ming Emperor of China in 1417.

Most recently, in May-June 2024, Valdez built his sixth Balangay boat and sailed it into the West Philippine Sea to symbolize the presence of this ancient boat in these waters for thousands of years, long, long before the Chinese ever set foot in these places.



EDITORIAL

Reginald T. Yu
Editor-in-Chief



THIS week, The Rotary Club of Manila is privileged to welcome Arturo T. Valdez, a venerable figure whose career has profoundly shaped Philippine policy. Having served as Undersecretary for both the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Transportation and Communications, Valdez's expertise spans crucial areas including maritime reform, land transport, and environmental stewardship.

Valdez's presentation, "Our Natural Waters, Maritime History and Tradition as A Seafaring Nation," is highly pertinent given the current geopolitical climate. As the Philippines continues to confront ongoing maritime disputes with China, understanding our maritime history and the legacy of our seafaring traditions can provide valuable perspectives on navigating these complex issues.

Amidst these discussions, our nation faces the immediate and pressing aftermath of Typhoon Carina. The storm's devastating flooding has resulted in significant loss of life, injuries, and widespread displacement in a region housing 13 million people. The declaration of a state of calamity highlights the urgent need for coordinated disaster response and relief efforts.

Valdez's insights into our maritime heritage, coupled with the immediate challenge of Typhoon Carina's impact, underscore the interconnectedness of environmental management and national resilience. As we engage with his perspectives, let us also extend our solidarity and support to those affected by the disaster, reflecting our collective strength in the face of adversity.

cover story

An Afternoon with Margaux

The Undersecretary for the Department of Budget and Management makes her case for "Fulfilling Her Agenda for Prosperity."

by Rtn. Reginald T. Yu

ON the auspicious afternoon of July 18, the McKinley Hall of the Manila Polo Club was a hive of anticipation and camaraderie, as the Rotary Club of Manila convened for its first Regular Weekly Membership Meeting. The air was charged with excitement and reverence, for the esteemed guest-of-honor and speaker was none other than Department of Budget and Management Undersecretary Margaux Marie V. Salcedo.

As the clock struck 12:30 PM, President Jujut Enriquez called the meeting to order, signaling the beginning of an event that would be etched in the memories of all present. The solemn invocation by Director Henry Sy Go set a reflective tone, soon uplifted by the stirring rendition of the Philippine National Anthem and the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn, performed with heartfelt passion by the RCM WF Music Chorale.

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The McKinley Room of the Manila Polo Club was filled to the rafters as Undersecretary Margaux V. Salcedo talked about “God Before Country” at the Rotary Club of Manila’s first Weekly Membership Meeting under the new Rotary Year 2024-2025.

The Four-Way Test, eloquently recited by PD Sixto “Noy” Benedicto, reminded everyone of the guiding principles that have long been the foundation of Rotary’s mission. Vice President Joel C. Valdes, with a warm smile and welcoming demeanor, acknowledged the guests, adding a personal touch that made everyone feel at home. The Chorale’s welcome song further infused the gathering with warmth and a sense of belonging.

Amidst the camaraderie, the club took a moment to celebrate the July birthday celebrants. The melodious strains of "Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday" echoed through the hall, as members joined in the joyous occasion.



Program Moderator VP Joel C. Valdes warmly greeted guests, adding a personal touch that made everyone feel at home.



Rotarians were again reminded of their commitment to live by the Four-Way Test, with the recitation of this mantra led by PD Sixto “Noy” Benedicto.



Director Henry Sy Go led the invocation for the membership.



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



The RCM World Famous Singing Chorus belted out a birthday song to PDG Rudy Bediones as one of the celebrants for July.

President Jujut Enriquez, during his address, shared inspiring updates and messages, setting the stage for what was to be a remarkable afternoon. Rotarian D. Edgar “Ed” A. Cabangon then took the podium to introduce the guest speaker, Undersecretary Margaux Marie V. Salcedo, whose presence was met with enthusiastic applause.



President Jujut Enriquez kicked off his inaugural “President’s Time” by expressing gratitude, particularly to those present at the Board of Directors and Officers inauguration on July 11. He highlighted the Governor’s challenge from District Governor (DG) Jackie Rodriguez, which includes increasing and retaining membership throughout the year. He also emphasized The Rotary Foundation (TRF) as one of the DG’s challenges and noted that members with Paul Harris points can donate. He discussed the “Governor’s Bonus,” which involves chartering a new club with a complete set of officers and implementing at least one project related to one of Rotary’s seven areas of focus. He mentioned the application of RC Manila Expat, awaiting approval, with RCM’s Rtn. Romy Nones acting as their adviser. He concluded by announcing the upcoming “ROCKYOKE” fellowship in early August.



Rtn. D. Edgard "Ed" A. Cabangon introduced the guest speaker.

A Talk to Remember: Undersecretary Margaux Marie V. Salcedo's Address

Undersecretary Salcedo began her address with a topic close to her heart, "God Before Country." She captivated the audience with tales of her role as Functional Group Head of the Advocacy, Capacity Development, Economic Affairs, and Stakeholder Relations (ACES) Group, as well as her supervision of the Advocacy, Communications and Training Service of the Department of Budget and Management.

Her narrative took a personal turn as she recounted her involvement with "Dominus Est," an independent online Catholic evangelization ministry where she served as Editor-in-Chief. Since its inception on October 19, 2019, "Dominus Est" has garnered acclaim, winning the "Best Website" award from The Catholic Mass Media Awards for four consecutive years. Her passion for communication and capacity development was also evident in her leadership of the "DBM Bulletin," the Department of Budget and Management's official newsletter.

With eloquence and insight, Salcedo painted a picture of the nation's economic landscape. She shared encouraging metrics from the 2023 Philippine Economic Briefing in Singapore, where she moderated alongside Antonio Joselito Lambino, Managing Director of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, and Secretary Benjamin E. Diokno of the Department of Finance. Key economic indicators, such as the projected decrease in inflation from 6% in 2023 to 2% by 2025, and an anticipated export growth from -4.0% in 2023 to 6.0% in 2025, were met with nods of approval from the audience.

Salcedo's articulation of the government's 8-point socioeconomic agenda resonated deeply. She emphasized goals that touched the very fabric of Filipino life: ensuring food security, reducing transport and logistics costs, lowering energy costs, improving healthcare, addressing learning losses, strengthening social protection, maintaining sound fiscal management, and enhancing bureaucratic efficiency. Her discussion of the Philippine Development Plan for 2023-2028, with its three pillars, provided a comprehensive roadmap for the nation's future.



With pride, Salcedo highlighted the Philippine GDP's 7.6 percent growth in the third quarter of 2022, and its continued expansion by 5.7 percent in the first quarter of 2024, outpacing other Asia-Pacific countries. The World Bank's optimistic projection of the Philippines achieving upper-middle-income status by 2025-2026 was a testament to the nation's resilience and potential.

Her involvement in the Department of Budget and Management Public Financial Management Competency Program for Local Government Unit Budget Officers in CALABARZON, and her advocacy for the "OGPINAS!" campaign, underscored her commitment to transparency and public participation in governance. She proudly noted that the International Budget Partnership had ranked the Philippines as number one in terms of transparency in Asia.

The Undersecretary's address took a spiritual turn as she briefly touched on the Synod of Synodality, a three-year journey of listening and dialogue initiated by Pope Francis. Her words echoed the Pope's vision of a synodal Church, one that learns through shared experiences and reflects on its mission in communion, participation, and openness.

The highlight of her address was a delightful surprise. With a voice full of emotion, Undersecretary Salcedo sang Louis Armstrong's classic "What a Wonderful World," her heartfelt rendition bringing the audience to their feet, singing along in a moment of unity and joy.

Open Forum and Closing

An engaging open forum followed, featuring Past President Hermie Esguerra, Vice-President Joel Valdes, and Rotarian and Philippine Consul-General to Türkiye Jed Dayang. The lively exchange of ideas and insights further enriched the afternoon.



*Past President
Hermie Esguerra*



*Vice-President
Joel Valdes*



*Philippine Consul-
General to Türkiye
Jed Dayang*



*PD Oscar
Del Rosario*



Usec. Margaux Salcedo received RCM's Certificate of Appreciation, witnessed by Vice-President Joel C. Valdes, Rtn. D. Edgard A. Cabangon, President Jujut Enriquez, Past Director Sixto "Noy" T. Benedicto, and Director Henry S. Go.

The meeting concluded with President Jujut Enriquez presenting a certificate of appreciation to Undersecretary Salcedo, a token of gratitude for her inspiring presence and valuable insights. As the clock struck 2:00 PM, the meeting was adjourned, leaving attendees with a sense of fulfillment and renewed purpose.

The first Regular Weekly Membership Meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila was a resounding success, a blend of fellowship, learning, and inspiration that set a high standard for future gatherings. The club remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering informed and engaged leadership, dedicated to serving the community and the nation.



President Jujut Enriquez adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM.

First Weekly Membership Meeting Fellowship



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ROTARIANS WELCOME MARGAUX

Undersecretary Margaux Salcedo, Guest of Honor and Speaker from the Department of Budget and Management, is flanked by (from left) Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) Vice President Joel C. Valdez, Rotarian D. Edgard A. Cabangon, RCM President Jujut Enriquez, PD Sixto "Noy" Benedicto, and Director Henry Go during the Rotary Club of Manila's weekly meeting at the Manila Polo Club in Makati City.

Random Conversations and Musings

by PBLA Raoul Creencia



THE first weekly membership meeting to kick off the 2024-2025 magical

Rotary year held last July 18 was successfully held. We can happily tick all the boxes of what constitutes a great WMM -- good attendance, general positive vibe and optimism, and of course the exciting and insightful guest speaker who graced us with her charm, wit, and informative talk. Undersecretary Margaux Salcedo is a breath of fresh air, and is definitely a good addition to PBBM's official family. Her warm personality and youthful vivacity resonated well with the audience, and her song at the end of her speech was an added surprise. This year is certainly off to a good and magical start.

Everybody was excited to hear last week's scheduled guest of honor and speaker, retired Senior Associate Justice Antonio Tirol Carpio. Had it not been for Carina and the woeful flooding that she brought, Retired SAJ Carpio would have shared his thoughts on a matter that is close to his heart. Thankfully, he is set to resume his guesting in our WMM on August 8.

Former Undersecretary Art Valdez will be this week's guest of honor and speaker. His topic -- Our Natural Waters, Maritime History and Tradition as Seafaring Nation -- is interesting, as this will be a worthy phase 1 before our GOHAS next week discusses a related matter, the West Philippine Sea. According to Program Committee Chair Caloy Serapio, "Mr. Valdez recently gave a lecture at Xiamen University that left his Chinese audience stunned and speechless." Manila Rotarians are excited to have a glimpse of Usec. Valdez's memorable speech in China.

Truly, the West Philippine Sea is a burning issue of our times. As we have observed, the region has seen increased military activities, with China building artificial islands and militarizing them, leading to tensions and confrontations with the Philippines and other claimant countries. News reports about China's behavior is also an increasing concern. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) could play a pivotal role in seeking a peaceful resolution to the problem. Ruefully, the progress has been slow primarily due to differing national interests. Today, the West Philippine Sea dispute remains a complex and evolving issue, and both Usec. Valdez and Justice Carpio could hopefully help us all better understand the significant geopolitical implications for regional stability and international maritime law. It is in this light that this engaging topic will surely engender a provocative exchange and arouse interest and enthusiasm among Manila Rotarians and guests alike. The Club's Program Committee, together with the Board led by President Jujut, must be congratulated for this series of well-organized weekly meetings, tackling a very timely topic.

Our Editor-in-Chief Reggie has notably put together a good team for Balita. With Rhea assisting in the lay-out and presentation, and with the able secretariat lending its usual enthusiastic support, this will surely be another blazing year for our weekly newsletter. It will not be a surprise, therefore, if the District will again confer (at the end of the year) a special award to Balita -- the country's oldest club newsletter. With this legacy, I underscored in my July 11 column that Balita should continue to sublimely mirror Rotary Club of Manila's positive image, legacy, and greatness.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

List of Members Who Have Paid Their Annual Dues for RY 2024-2025

As of July 24, 2024

1	ACOSTA, CRISPINIANO
2	ALDAY, ALBERT
3	ALINGOG, ALDOUS REX
4	BARTOLOME, ARSENIO
5	BEDIONES, RODOLFO "RUDY" P.
6	BELLA, GERONIMO
7	CAMAT, NATHANIEL
8	CANON, RAUL
9	CREENCIA, RAOUL
10	CUREG, ALEXANDER
11	DY, MANUEL "MANNY" C.
12	ELDEBS, ISSAM "SAM"
13	ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III
14	ESGUERRA, HERMINIO "HERMIE" S.
15	FERNANDEZ, ANTONIO JAIME JOSE V. "JJ"
16	FOLLOSCO, CEFERINO
17	GARCIA, THEODORE
18	GARCIA, VICTOR III G.
19	GUEVARA, DOMINGO JR.
20	IWATA, YASUSHI
21	JUCABAN, JERIC
22	KALAW, TEODORO
23	KATIGBAK J ALFONSO L
24	KLEBS, DAVID
25	LONZAGA, REINERIO
26	LORENZANA, DELFIN

27	MACATOMAN, ABDULGANI
28	MAGSAYSAY, FRANCISCO
29	MANALAYSAY, CESAR
30	MATSCHUCK, GUENTER
31	MAURICIO, ANTONIO
32	NONES, ROMEO
33	PALLASIGUE, JOHN BRIAN
34	PINEDA, PATRICIO JR.
35	PREYSLER, FAUSTO
36	RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN SR.
37	ROXAS, MICHAEL
38	SERAPIO, CARLOS
39	SEVILLA, LUIS ANGELO
40	SHIMODA, SHIGERU
41	SIBAYAN, JOSELITO
42	SOBREPEÑA, ROBERT JOHN L.
43	SYJUCO, JOSE, JR. "JOEY" A.
44	TAMANO, SHALIMAR
45	TAMAYO, VICTOR L.
46	TAN, EUSEBIO V.
47	TILLMAN, HANSEL JOSEPH MICHAEL "HANSEL"
48	VALDES, JOEL
49	VALENCIA, JOHN NICO "NICO" P.
50	YU, REGINALD
51	ZEITOURI, NAGI
52	ZIALCITA, XAVIER "XAVY" Y.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2024-2025

JULY 2024	July 04, 2024	July 11, 2024 INSTALLATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR AND OFFICERS - RY 2024-2025	July 18, 2024 DBM USEC. MARGAUX SALCEDO
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MEMBERS PRESENT	0	68	54
MEMBERS PRESENT %	0%	29%	23%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	0	21	17
EXEMPTED	0	3	6
ON LEAVE	0	0	0
Total Active Members	0	96	65
Total # of Members	234	234	234
TOTAL %	0%	37%	28%
ROTARACTORS	0	3	4
MEDIA	0	9	2
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	17	2
GOHS / GS	0	0	1
VISITING ROTARIAN	0	26	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	0	55	8
TOTAL ATTENDEES	0	152	67

LIST OF ATTENDEES

1	Alday, Albert Singson	28	Lorenzana, Deifin
2	Aragon, Joshua Reuben	29	Macatoman, Abdulgani M.
3	Balanay, Aries B.	30	Magsaysay, Francisco D.
4	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.	31	Nomura, Kazuhiro
5	Bediones, Rodolfo P.	32	Obrado, Daniel Calzado
6	Bello, Christian Cesar P.	33	Ong, Phillip L.
7	Benedicto, Sato T.	34	Pascual, Abraham F.
8	Cabangon, Edgard A.	35	Payumo, Felicitio C.
9	Camat, Nathaniel	36	Pelillo, Wilfredo M.
10	Carlos, Vicente J.	37	Pineda, Jr. Patricio F.
11	Carranceja, Arvin Arik B.	38	Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
12	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef M.	39	Recto, Philip H.
13	Creencia, Raoul C.	40	Reynolds, David J.
14	Cutter, John Michael	41	Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
15	Dayang, Jr. Juan E.	42	Roxas, Michael D.
16	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.	43	Serapio, Carlos G.
17	Deia Cruz, Joseph Emmanuel A.	44	Sibayan, Joseito H.
18	Egan, Brendan W.L.	45	Simon, Juanito A.
19	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.	46	Tagaysay, Hector O.
20	Esguerra, Herminio S.	47	Talusan, Ferdinand E.
21	Garcia, Paul Joseph M.	48	Tan, Lawrence Li
22	Go, Henry S.	49	Valdes, Joel C.
23	Guevara, Jr., Domingo S.	50	Valencia, John Nico P.
24	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro Y IV	51	Valencia, Rodolfo G.
25	Katigbak, J Alfonso L.	52	Yu, Reginald Tieng
26	Koh, Paul Anthony T.	53	Zaldarraga, Felix Francisco S.
27	Lopez, Arthur M.	54	Zeitouni, Nagi

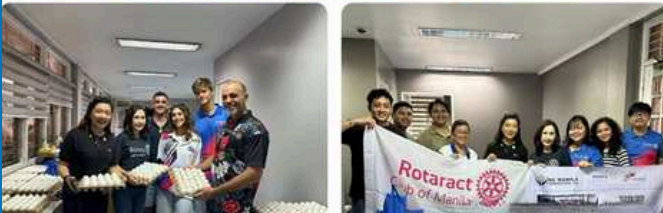


Typhoon Carina *Relief Operations*

THE planning meeting for Typhoon Carina Emergency Disaster Relief was held on Thursday, July 25, 2024 via Zoom to identify immediate appropriate relief undertakings for the families affected by Typhoon Carina. Present were Pres. Jujut Enriquez, Director in Charge Nagi Zeitouni, PP Hermie Esguerra and Chair AT Joshua Aragon.



2,100 pieces of hard-boiled eggs were repacked into 420 small packs at the Corporate Building of The Heritage Park. Participating in the repacking were Spouse Lia Enriquez and son, Dir. Nagi Zeitouni, Michael (son), Olivia (daughter), and Pedro Prats Castaner (family friend); Emergency Disaster Relief Chair/Asst. Treas. Joshua Aragon, Rotaract Club of Manila Pres. Summer Bonifacio and 10 members of Rotaract Club of Manila.



Pres. Jujut, spouse Lia, and son Alfonso Enriquez prepared breakfast for the volunteer team from RAC Manila before proceeding to Valenzuela City.



The Rotaract Club of Manila team volunteers



Family participating in relief operations—Pres Jujut, spouse Lia and Alfonso Enriquez, and family of Dir. Nagi, Michel (son), Olivia (daughter), and Pedro Prats Castaner (family friend) pose before the 8 boxes of 2,100 hard-boiled eggs for delivery to Mayor Wess Gatchalian of Valenzuela City.



After repacking the 2,100 pieces into 420 individual packs, the 8 boxes of hard-boiled eggs were carried by volunteer Rotaractors of RAC Manila, Dir. Zeitouni and family, to the van to begin the drive to the relief center of Valenzuela City.





Presentation of relief donation to Mayor Wess Gatchalian through Mayora Tiffany Gatchalian in the presence of City Social Welfare and Development Chair Dorothy Evangelista at the relief center of Valenzuela City led by Pres. Jujut Enriquez, accompanied by Spouse Lia and son Alfonso Enriquez, Dir. Nagi Zeitouni, with Michael (son), Olivia (daughter), and Pedro Prats Castaner (a family friend); Emergency Disaster Relief Chair /Asst. Treas. Joshua Aragon, and Rotaract Club of Manila.



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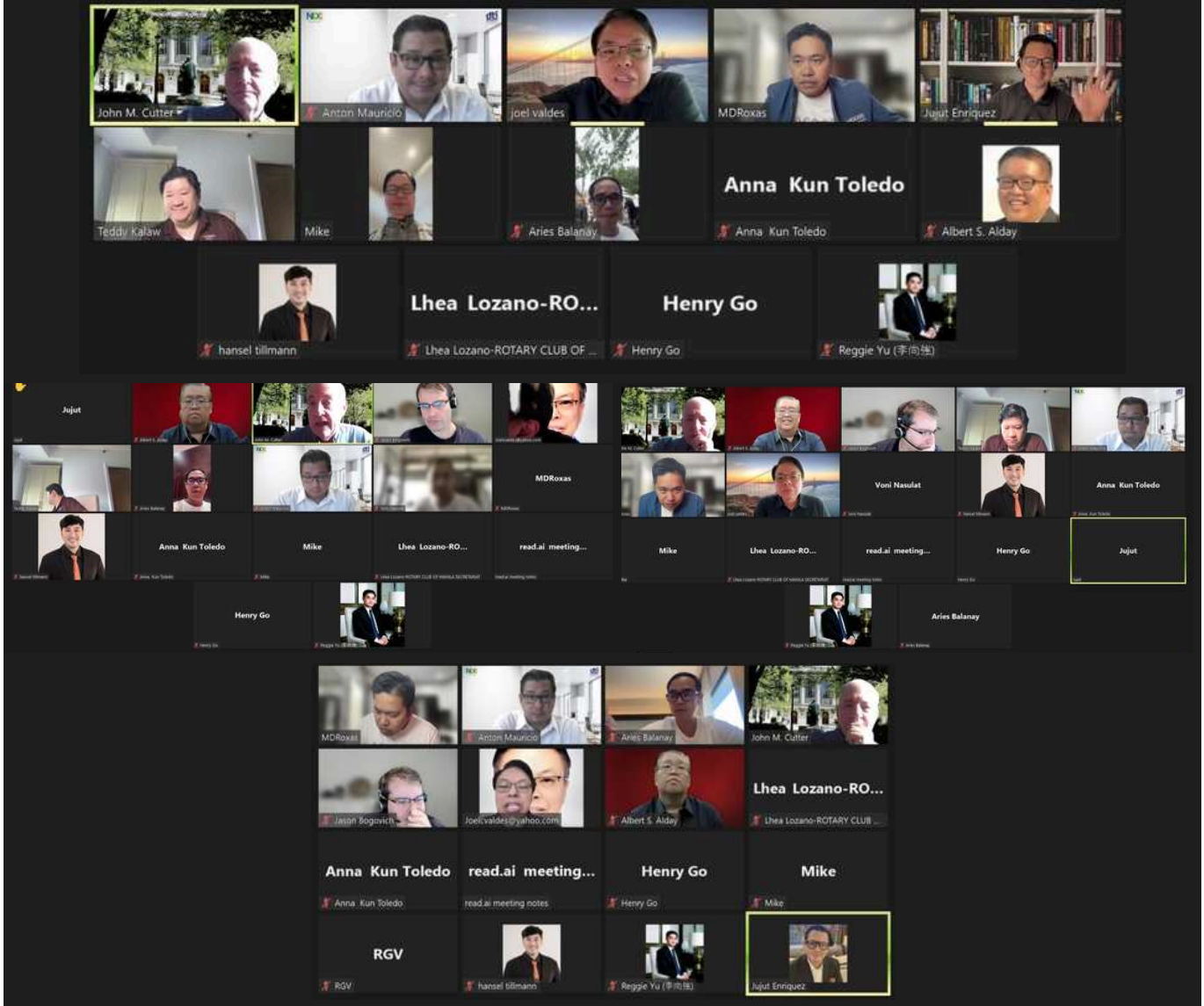
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Second Regular Board Meeting



THE second Regular Board Meeting was held on Saturday, July 27, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. via Zoom. Present were Pres Jujut Enriquez, VP Joel Valdes, Directors Teddy Kalaw, Henry Go, Rod Valencia, and Albert Alday, RCMFI Chair Reggie Yu, Sec. Aries Balanay, Treas. Mike Roxas, SAA Jason Bogovich, BLA Hansel Tillmann. Sustainability and Innovation Chair Anton Mauricio, DSAA John Cutter, and AS Arik Carranceja, with former Digitization Committee Chair Inov Talusan.

Membership Committee Meeting with Invited Guests at Manila Polo Club



THE Membership Committee met with invitees Mr. Valentino Bagatsing and Mr. Jonas Gonzales last Thursday, July 18, 2024 at the Sports Cafe, Manila Polo Club, hosted by Chairman/PVP Fausto Preysler.

Present from the Membership Committee were Chairman/PVP Fausto Preysler, Co-Chair/PT Lito Sibayan (proposer of Mr. Val Bagatsing), PDG Vince Carlos, PD Art Lopez, Pres. Jujut Enriquez (ex-officio) and Dir. Teddy Kalaw (ex-officio). Also in attendance was PAT Karlo Castro, who is the proposer of Mr. Jonas Gonzales.





Our Rotaractors in Action

by SAA John M. Cutter

RCM has begun to train Rotaractors as volunteer docents for awareness and education programs under both the WASH and Medical Prevention & Treatment Committees. Such efforts expand both our initiatives, manpower, and brand in the communities around us.

On June 29, 2024, members of RAC Manila conducted their first independent effort by providing community oral health awareness and education and distributing oral hygiene kits to the children of Barangay 607.



RC Manila Signs MOA with RC South San Francisco and RC Manila South to Fight HPV / Cervical Cancer through Awareness Programs and Vaccination Initiatives

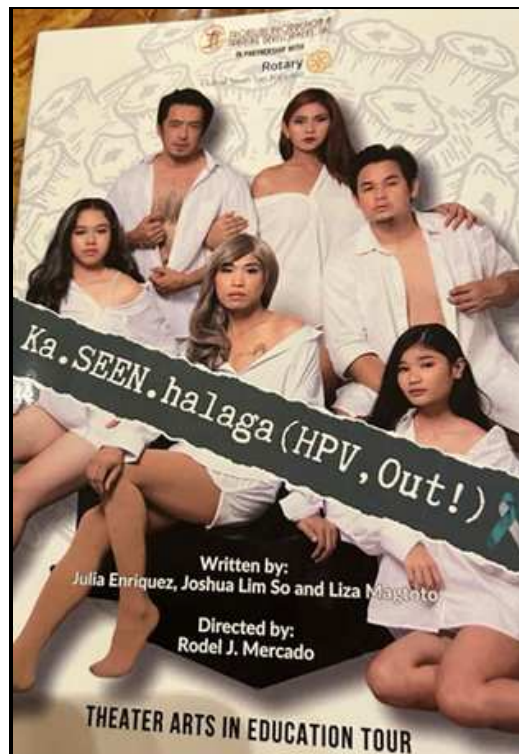
by SAA John M. Cutter

EARLIER this year, the Rotary Club of Manila signed a tripartite Memorandum of Agreement with the Rotary Clubs of South San Francisco and Manila South to create programs focused on HPV / Cervical cancer awareness and education, eventually leading to vaccination and grant creation.



With funding from the RCSSF Foundation, an original program was created by Frontline Production, Inc. titled Ka.SEEN.halaga (HPV, Out!).

This program addresses the facts, issues, and challenges related to HPV and its associated diseases, which tragically lead to a mortality rate of around 50% among those affected in the Philippines. The work was premiered on July 14, 2024 at the RCBC Plaza Forum before an audience of 300.



The performance piece utilizes theatre arts to underscore the importance of prevention, vaccination, and early detection via screening for individuals as early as 9 years of age, as well as stress the value of family support.

Beginning in September, this work will be made available to schools and college campuses. It will also provide entry points for those wishing to be vaccinated as RCM and its partners lead this important preventive healthcare campaign in the Philippines.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Rotary Club of Manila represented at Rotary Club of Bangkok's 94th Installation Banquet



International Relations Chair PD Issam Eldebs and Co-Chair PD Nick Locsin represented the Rotary Club of Manila at the 94th Installation Banquet of sister club, Rotary Club of Bangkok.



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



In Bangkok, July 25, 2024. PD Nick Locsin with RC Bangkok PE Nick Ulander and his wife Ae. The gentleman on the right just greeted PE Nick.



In Bangkok, on July 27, 2024, RC Bangkok members and RCMer Steve Mommaerts hosted a dinner for a visitor from Manila at the Issaya Siamese Club restaurant. From left foreground to left back: guest of PP Abdullah Alawadi, wife of PP and PP Ateeb Maskati, VIP guest, RCMer Steve Mommaerts and his partner Ms. Rose Beeton; from right foreground to right back: PP Abdullah Alawadi, PP Charles Leung, PE Nick Ulander and wife, RC Bangkok member Sayel Cortes and his guest.

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