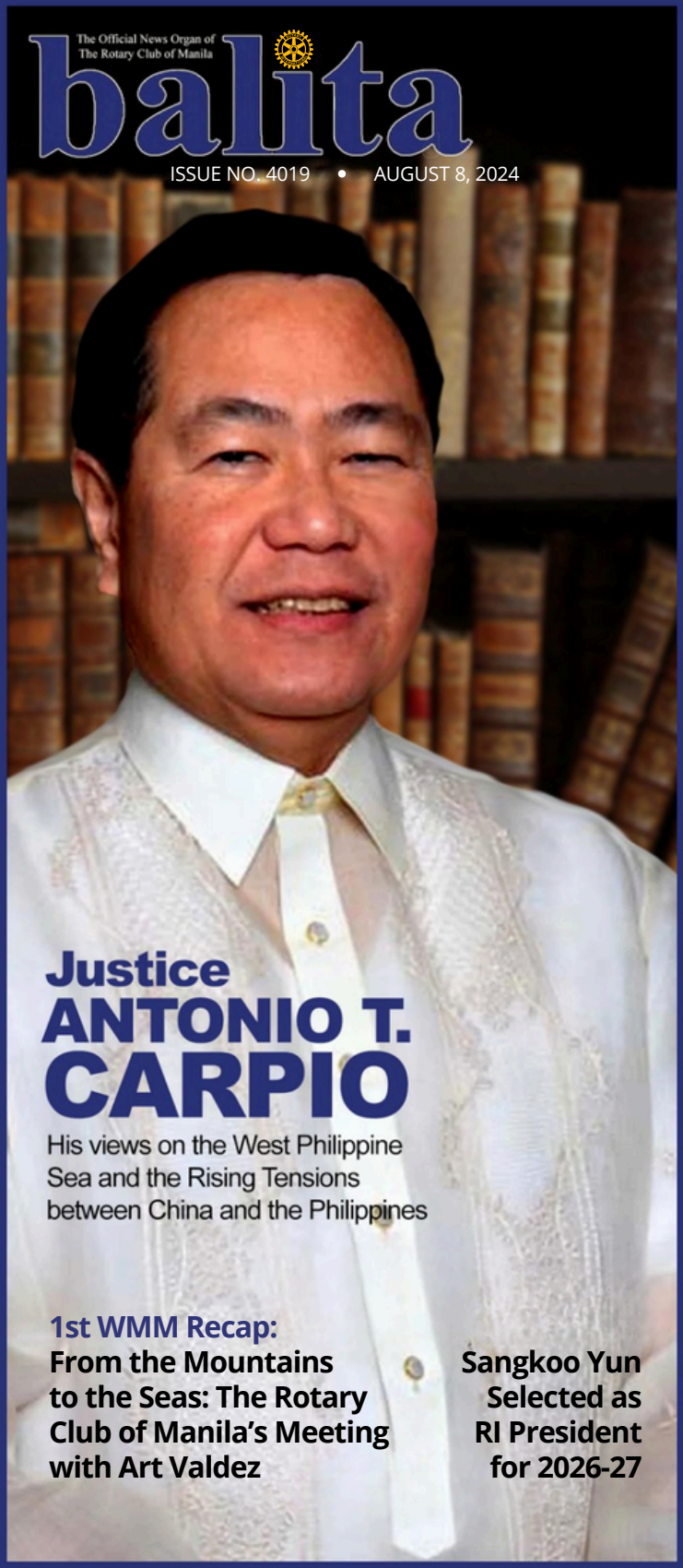
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PROGRAM

3rd Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2024-2025
Thursday, 8 August 2024, 12:30 PM
MANILA POLO CLUB

Moderator: PD BEDA G. FAJARDO

12:00 PM Registration

12:30 PM Call to Order
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ

Invocation
RTN. CRISPINIANO "Cris" G. ACOSTA

Philippine National Anthem
AVP of RCM Members

Rotary Club of Manila Hymn
RCM WF Music Chorale

The Four (4) Way Test
PBLA RAOUL C. CREENCIA

Acknowledgement of Guests
PD BEDA G. FAJARDO

Welcome Song
RCM WF Music Chorale

Birthday Celebrants

Aug. 03	PD Johnny Chotrani
Aug. 05	Rtn. Henry Villarica
	Rtn. Ray Davis
Aug. 07	PS Edwin Hernandez

Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song
RCM WF Chorale

12:50 PM President's Time
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ

1:05 PM Introduction of the Guest of Honor & Speaker
PP EUSEBIO "Ebot" V. TAN

Guest of Honor and Speaker

Address:
HON. ANTONIO T. CARPIO
Retired Senior Associate Justice
of the Supreme Court of the Philippines

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



BORN in Davao City, Philippines, Justice Antonio T. Carpio was sworn in as member of the Supreme Court on October 26, 2001.

Justice Carpio obtained his law degree from the College of Law of the University of the Philippines where he graduated valedictorian and cum laude in 1975. He placed sixth in the 1975 Bar Examinations. He earned his undergraduate degree in Economics from Ateneo de Manila University in 1970. In his student days, Justice Carpio was Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Philippine Law Journal of the U.P. College of Law. He was Editor-in-Chief of The Guidon, the school paper of Ateneo de Manila University. He also served as Managing Editor of the Philippine Collegian, the school paper of the University of the Philippines.

Fresh out of law school, Justice Carpio went into private practice and founded the Carpio Villaraza and Cruz Law firm. He was a Professorial Lecturer of the U.P. College of Law from 1983 until 1992 when President Fidel Ramos appointed him Chief Presidential Legal Counsel, with cabinet rank. As such he worked for major reforms in telecommunications, shipping, civil aviation, and insurance industries.



Justice Carpio was a member of the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines from 1993 to 1998.

In 2001, at the age of 52, he was one of the youngest appointees as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Shortly after his appointment, he launched for the judiciary the Supreme Court e-library, the first full-text searchable and retrievable on-line law library in the Philippines and among the first in Asia. He penned 935 decisions, 79 dissenting opinions, 30 concurring opinions, 13 separate opinions and 4 concurring and dissenting opinions, leaving no backlog in his docket, a feat rarely attained by a Supreme Court magistrate.

For his "distinguished and exemplary service" to the Republic, Justice Carpio was awarded in 1998 the Presidential Medal of Merit by then President Fidel Ramos. In 1991, Justice Carpio received the Outstanding Achievement Award in Law from the Ateneo de Manila Alumni Association. In 2002, he was also the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Ateneo de Davao Alumni Association. In 2009, he was conferred a Doctorate of Laws, honoris causa, by the Ateneo de Davao University. In 2015, the U.P. Alumni Association named him Outstanding U.P. Alumnus in Public International Law. In 2017, the U.P. Alumni Association again named him one of the three Most Outstanding Alumni of the Association. In 2020, the University of the Philippines conferred on Justice Carpio the Doctor of Laws, honoris causa. In 2021, the Ateneo de Manila University also conferred on Justice Carpio the Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.



Justice Carpio has lectured extensively on the West Philippine Sea issue in various local and international fora. In 2015, the Department of Foreign Affairs sponsored Justice Carpio on a world lecture tour on the West Philippine Sea issue. Justice Carpio presented the Philippines' perspective on the issue before think-tanks and universities in 30 cities covering 17 countries.

Justice Carpio published his research and analysis of the West Philippine Sea issue in an e-book titled ***The South China Sea Dispute: Philippine Sovereign Rights and Jurisdiction in the West Philippine Sea.***

Justice Carpio was the Chair of the Second Division of the Supreme Court and Chair of the Senate Electoral Tribunal. He retired from the Supreme Court on October 26, 2019 upon reaching the compulsory retirement age of 70.

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EDITORIAL

Reginald T. Yu
Editor-in-Chief



TODAY, the Rotary Club of Manila is honored to host The Honorable Antonio Tirol Carpio, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, as our distinguished guest-of-honor and speaker. Justice Carpio's tireless advocacy in asserting Filipinos' rights to the West Philippine Sea and the Scarborough Shoal has made him a beacon of hope and steadfastness in the face of adversity. His unwavering commitment to combating disinformation and protecting our nation's sovereignty is both inspiring and essential in these challenging times.

Justice Carpio has long been a vocal defender of our maritime rights, continuously emphasizing the importance of the West Philippine Sea and Scarborough Shoal to the Philippines' territorial integrity and national security. His dedication to this cause is evident in his relentless efforts to educate the public, debunk myths, and counteract the disinformation campaign propagated by external forces. Citing China's low trust ratings among Filipinos, Justice Carpio remains confident that our citizens do not believe the false narratives about the South China Sea. However, he cautions that the fight against disinformation is a long-term battle, one that requires vigilance, unity, and an informed populace.

The issue of maritime sovereignty is not merely a geopolitical concern; it is a matter that impacts the lives of millions of Filipinos. The West Philippine Sea is rich in natural resources, crucial for our fishing industry, and vital for our national security. Yet, it is also a region fraught with tension and disputes. Amidst the worsening maritime dispute between China and the Philippines, the call for de-escalation and diplomacy becomes ever more pressing.

Amidst escalating tensions, we reiterate our call for peaceful resolution through diplomatic channels and constructive dialogue. It is imperative that we address these issues with a balanced approach, advocating for our rights while fostering an environment conducive to peace and cooperation. The complexities of the South China Sea dispute require not only legal and diplomatic strategies but also the active participation of the international community to uphold the rule of law and respect for sovereign rights.

Justice Carpio’s advocacy serves as a powerful reminder that in the face of adversity, we must stand firm in our principles and remain united in our efforts. His work underscores the

importance of vigilance against disinformation, which seeks to undermine our national interests and distort the truth. By fostering a well-informed and critically thinking society, we can better resist such attempts and safeguard our sovereignty.

As members of the Rotary Club of Manila, we are called upon to support these efforts through awareness, education, and advocacy. Our platform allows us to amplify the truth and counteract falsehoods, contributing to the national dialogue on this crucial issue. We must encourage constructive discussions, promote transparency, and uphold the values of justice and integrity that Justice Carpio so exemplifies.

In conclusion, we express our profound gratitude to Justice Carpio for his unwavering dedication to the Filipino people and our national sovereignty. His presence today is a testament to his enduring commitment to the cause. Let us draw inspiration from his resolve and work collectively towards a future where our rights are respected, our voices are heard, and our nation stands proud and sovereign.

Together, let us remain vigilant, informed, and united in the fight for our rightful place in the West Philippine Sea.

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From the Mountains to the Seas: The Rotary Club of Manila's Meeting with Art Valdez

by PVP Reginald T. Yu



ON August 1, 2024, the Manila Polo Club buzzed with a palpable sense of purpose as the Rotary Club of Manila assembled for an afternoon of reflection and inspiration. The event, a masterful orchestration by Programs Chairman Carlos "Charlie" Serapio, attracted a diverse gathering of 63 members, distinguished guests, and media personalities, all united by a common vision.





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

The gathering began with a harmonious blend of tradition and ceremony. President Enriquez, alongside Vice President Joel Valdes, and notable figures such as Director Teodoro "Teddy" Y. Kalaw IV, and Rotarian Christian Bello, set a contemplative tone. The invocation by Bello urged attendees to contemplate their shared mission, while the RCM World Famous Music Chorale's rendition of the Philippine National Anthem and the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn evoked a deep sense of pride.



PVP Reginald "Reggie" T. Yu was the week's Program Moderator, efficiently navigating the meeting's sequence. He began by inviting Manila Rotarians to be seated so that the meeting could officially commence.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez called his 2nd weekly membership meeting to order.



STAR Rtn. Christian Cesar "Cris" Bello led the invocation for the membership.

Director Kalaw's rendition of "The Four-Way Test: The Dispute Resolver's Edition" introduced a modern perspective on resolving conflicts, seamlessly connecting Rotary principles with contemporary issues. The acknowledgment of guests, handled with grace by Past Vice President Yu, was complemented by a spirited welcome song from the chorale, creating a warm atmosphere of camaraderie.



Rotarians were again reminded of their commitment to live by the Four-Way Test with the recitation of this mantra led by Dir. Teodoro "Teddy" Y. Kalaw IV.

The highlight of the afternoon arrived when Rtn. Warren So introduced Arturo “Art” T. Valdez. Valdez, whose impressive achievements span multiple fields, delivered a compelling address that reflected his unwavering belief in the Filipino spirit. He underscored the remarkable accomplishments of Filipinos abroad, achieved through unity and self-belief.



Rtn. Warren S. So introduced the guest of honor and speaker.

Valdez recounted his role in organizing the First Philippine Mt. Everest Expedition, which saw successful summits in 2006 and 2007, including a groundbreaking traverse by Filipino women climbers. His completion of the Mt. Everest Marathon in 2008 further showcased the extra-ordinary limits of human endurance and spirit.

Transitioning from mountains to seas, Valdez detailed his "Voyage of the Balangay," a project inspired by the maritime prowess of ancient Filipinos. The construction of the balangay boat, named "Diwata ng Lahi," and its voyage through treacherous waters demonstrated not only the resilience of the vessel but also the enduring spirit of its crew. The journey highlighted interactions with coastal communities and served as an educational tool for Filipino maritime heritage.



Valdez also addressed his voyage to China via the South China Sea, a symbolic act commemorating Sultan Paduka’s visit to the Ming Emperor. He challenged China’s expansive maritime claims, using historical and legal evidence to counter the nine-dash line. His presentation of historical anecdotes about pre-colonial Filipino seafarers asserted the Philippines' longstanding presence in these waters.

The afternoon was further enriched by the presence of distinguished guests, including Monichiro Tsuchiya, Glenn Mawdseley, Joachim Enenkel, and Commodore Ildefonso Marco T. Tronqued III, among others. The media coverage by the *The Philippine Star*, *Business Mirror*, *The Daily Tribune*, and *ABS-CBN* added another layer of engagement.



Open Forum. *Mr. Art Lopez engaged in an interactive conversation with (clockwise from top left) Rtn. Butch Alcantara, VP Joel Valdes, Rtn. Tong Payumo, and DG Jackie Rodriguez.*

The event concluded with the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Valdez by President Enriquez, acknowledging his significant contributions. As the meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM, attendees left with a renewed sense of purpose and inspiration, reminded of the infinite possibilities that lie beyond the horizon.

The afternoon was not merely an event but a celebration of the indomitable human spirit and a reaffirmation of the Rotary Club of Manila's commitment to service, inspired by the trailblazing example of one of its own.







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ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING

Rotarian Warren So, Arturo "Art" T. Valdez, guest of honor and speaker, and Rotary Club of Manila President Jujut Enriquez are seen at the Rotary Club of Manila Weekly Meeting at the Manila Polo Club in Makati City on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

The gathering brought together esteemed leaders to share insights and foster collaboration for community development and service.

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Random Conversations and Musings

by PBLA Raoul Creencia



THIS week's regular membership meeting will surely be an extension of last week's exciting topic. Our guest of honor and speaker, retired Senior Associate Justice Antonio Tirol Carpio, will share his thoughts on a matter that is close to his heart. As everyone knows, his personal advocacy is "to protect and preserve Philippine territorial and maritime sovereignty specifically in the West Philippine Sea." The Rotary Club of Manila is fortunate to have Justice Carpio, who has been delivering numerous speeches on the subject matter. His eBook (May 2017) titled "The South China Sea Dispute: Philippine Sovereign Rights and Jurisdiction in the West Philippine Sea" features over 140 lectures and speeches "intended to convince the Chinese people that the nine-dashed line has no legal or historical basis." The eminent jurist has underscored the importance of "an understanding by citizens of all claimant states...either to restrain extreme nationalism fueled by historical lies or to give hope to a just and durable settlement of the dispute based not only on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) but also on respect for actual historical facts."

After winning two Olympic gold medals for the Philippines with his sterling performance, Carlos Yulo is easily on top of my personal list for nomination to be RCM's next Athlete of the Year awardee. The talented gymnast has indeed made the country proud, and hopefully the on-going Paris games will yield more medals for the Philippines. Our Olympic athletes have worked so hard to hone and sharpen their skills and abilities, and thus truly deserve our applause and congratulations. They, too, deserve the gifts and incentives (cash and property) that are being given to them both by the government and the private sector. It is hoped, however, that the National Government's support be unconditionally given, not only after our athletes win a competition, but more importantly, during the training phase. A professionally run and patriotically driven sports program must be adopted, and the needed funding must be allocated to develop our young and promising athletes. These medals should inspire the national government to undertake a no-nonsense athletic training program.

Rotary's iconic four questions composed of 24 words, otherwise known as the Four-Way Test, is recited every weekly membership meeting. The recitation of this time-honored test is not just an opportunity to mouth it, but to actually reflect on it. As Rotarians, we are expected to fully abide by the test in the "things we think, say, or do." Relevantly, this preamble of the Four-Way Test provides context and clarity, and as such is equally important to be included in the recitation as well.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2024-2025

AUGUST 2024	August 01, 2024 MR. ARTURO T. VALDEZ	August 08, 2024 RET. SR. JUSTICE ANTONIO T. CARPIO
MEMBERS PRESENT	36	0
MEMBERS PRESENT %	15%	0%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	22	0
EXEMPTED	4	0
ON LEAVE	0	0
Total Active Members	54	0
Total # of Members	234	234
TOTAL %:	23%	0%
ROTARACTORS	2	0
MEDIA	2	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	0
GOHS / GS	3	1
VISITING ROTARIAN	1	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	25	0
TOTAL ATTENDEES	67	1

LIST OF ATTENDEES

1	Alcantara, Isidro C.	19	Mendoza, Miguel
2	Alday, Albert Singson	20	Nolido, Ramon Alberto B.
3	Alingog, Aldous A.	21	Ong, Phillip L.
4	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.	22	Palacios, Albert C.
5	Bello, Christian Cesar P.	23	Pascual, Abraham F.
6	Benedicto, Sixto T.	24	Payumo, Felicito C.
7	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef M.	25	Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
8	Chahwan, Rami	26	Reynolds, David J.
9	Cutter, John Michael	27	Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
10	Davis, Raymond N.	28	Roxas, Michael D.
11	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.	29	Serapio, Carlos G.
12	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.	30	Shimoda, Shigeru
13	Go, Henry S.	31	Sibayan, Joselito H.
14	Guevara, Jr., Domingo S.	32	Simon, Juanito A.
15	Guevara, Ricardo S.	33	So, Warren S.
16	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro Y IV	34	Tagaysay, Hector O.
17	Lonzaga, Reinerio C.	35	Valdes, Joel C.
18	Macatoman, Abdulgani M.	36	Yu, Reginald Tieng

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As of August 9, 2024

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2	ALDAY, ALBERT	35	MACATOMAN, ABDULGANI
3	ALINGOG, ALDOUS A	36	MAGSAYSAY, FRANCISCO
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8	BLANCO, MANUEL M	41	NONES, ROMEO C.
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15	DOMINGUEZ, CARLOS III G.	48	REYNOLDS, DAVID J.
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17	ELDEBS, ISSAM	50	ROXAS, MICHAEL D
18	ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III V.	51	SCHNEIDER, BERND
19	ESGUERRA, HERMINIO S.	52	SERAPIO, CARLOS C
20	FERNANDEZ, ANTONIO JAIME JOSE V.	53	SEVILLA, LUIS ANGELO L
21	FOLLOSCO, CEFERINO JR G	54	SHIMODA, SHIGERU
22	GARCIA, THEODORE Q	55	SIBAYAN, JOSELITO H
23	GARCIA, VICTOR III G.	56	SOBREPEÑA, ROBERT JOHN L.
24	GUEVARA, DOMINGO JR.	57	SYJUCO, JOSE, JR. A.
25	GUEVARA, RICARDO S.B.	58	TAGAYSAY, HECTOR O
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SDG Michael Albaña
Attends Philippine Rotary Magazine Orientation Seminar







SDG Michael Albaña attended the District Governor's Representative to the Philippine Rotary Magazine Orientation Seminar held last July 27, 2024.



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Director Teddy Kalaw Inducted into College of Fellows of the Institute for Solidarity in Asia





Director Teddy Kalaw has been conferred membership in the College of Fellows of the Institute for Solidarity in Asia for his exemplary leadership, steadfast commitment, and significant contributions to governance reforms advocacy.

Sangkoo Yun is selected to be 2026-27 Rotary International president

By Etelka Lehoczky

SANGKOO Yun, of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27. He will be officially declared the president-nominee on 15 September if no other candidates challenge him.

Yun received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Syracuse University School of Architecture in the U.S. and an honorary doctoral degree from The University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He is the founder and CEO of Dongsuh Corp., which engineers and markets architectural materials, and the president of Youngan Corp., which operates in real estate and financial investment. He is involved in many civic organizations and has a special interest in the preservation of cultural heritage.

A Rotary member since 1987, when he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Yun has served Rotary International as a director, trustee, committee member and chair, and RI learning facilitator. He served for eight years as co-chair of the Keep Mongolia Green Project, by Korean members of Rotary. His RI committee roles include the Board Administration Committee (2013-15, vice chair 2014-15), the International Assembly Committee (vice chair, 2020-21), and the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (regional vice chair, 2023-27). He also served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-21) and Programs Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-22).



Sangkoo Yun, of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27.

Yun received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 2021-22. He was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II, awarded the Friendship Medal by the president of Mongolia, and recognized for distinguished services by the president and prime minister of Korea. He is a veteran of the Republic of Korea Army and an emeritus elder at Andong Presbyterian Church.

Yun and his spouse, Eunsun, are Rotary Foundation Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Arch Klumph Society, the Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society. They have two children.

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