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Means to the Philippines and to Asia

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Manila's 13th Weekly
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Convergence of Service,
Insight, and Global
Discourse

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PROGRAM

14th Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2024-2025
Thursday, 7 November 2024, 12:30 PM
Manila Polo Club

Moderator: **PE RAOUL C. CREENCIA**

PART I

- 12:00 PM Registration
- 12:30 PM CALL TO ORDER
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ
- Invocation
RTN. RAYMOND "Ray" N. DAVIS
- Philippine National Anthem | **AVP OF RCM MEMBERS**
- Rotary Club of Manila Hymn | **RCM WF MUSIC CHORALE**
- The Four (4) Way Test | **PD OSCAR DEL ROSARIO**
- Acknowledgement of Guests
PE RAOUL C. CREENCIA
- Welcome Song | **RCM WF MUSIC CHORALE**
- Birthday Celebrants**
- Nov. 02 **Rtn. Steve Chien**
Nov. 04 **PD Beda Fajardo**
- Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song* | **RCM WF Chorale**
- 12:50 PM President's Time
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ

PART II

- 1:00 PM Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker
RTN. FRANCISCO "Paco" D. MAGSAYSAY
- Guest of Honor and Speaker**
Address:
- SUSAN BAUTISTA-AFAN**
President and CEO, Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation
- 1:45 PM Open Forum / Q.A.
- 1:55 PM Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ
- 2:00 PM Adjournment
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ

Susanna B. AFAN

**President
Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation**



After a distinguished 30-year career with Robert Half International, a Fortune 500 global staffing firm, where she retired as a District President in Southern California, Susan Afan returned to the Philippines to dedicate her efforts to the non-profit and development sectors. In 2014, she became the Managing Director of the ABS-CBN Foundation, a role she held until 2020.

In 2021, Susan took on the role of President of the Ramon Magsaysay Award

Foundation, the international non-profit organization that confers the Ramon Magsaysay Award, widely regarded as Asia's premier prize and highest honor.

Under her leadership, the Foundation has broadened its mission of celebrating Greatness of Spirit, transformative leadership, and selfless service across Asia by amplifying the works of the Magsaysay Laureates through creative collaborations with regional and global partners.

EDITORIAL

Reginald T. Yu
Editor-in-Chief



AS we approach the 66th Ramon Magsaysay Awards Festival Week in the second week of November, the Rotary Club of Manila has an opportunity to reflect on the profound significance of this award for the Philippines, Asia, and the world. Known as Asia's Nobel Prize, the **Ramon Magsaysay Award** has, since its inception in 1957, celebrated individuals and organizations who demonstrate extraordinary commitment to leadership, service, and compassion — qualities that embody the legacy of President Ramon Magsaysay himself.

The Philippines, as the birthplace of this prestigious award, stands as a beacon of these values. The award celebrates and elevates stories of courage, resilience, and integrity — qualities that are integral to Filipino identity. When a Filipino or a Philippine-based organization receives this honor, it reinforces the country's role as a leader in championing human

dignity and community service. As the award promotes the ideals of President Magsaysay, it also amplifies the Philippines' commitment to democratic values, transparency, and public service. Magsaysay's short-lived presidency left an indelible mark through his emphasis on clean governance and genuine empathy for the masses. Thus, the award does not just recognize remarkable contributions; it also reminds us, especially in Rotary, of our duty to uphold these values in our personal and professional lives.

Beyond the Philippines, the Ramon Magsaysay Award has played a crucial role in unifying Asia through the celebration of shared values across diverse cultural contexts. By highlighting achievements across multiple fields — such as peace-building, social justice, environmental conservation, and economic reform — the award has honored individuals from countries including India, Thailand, South Korea, Japan, Indonesia, and beyond. This recognition transcends national borders, fostering a sense of solidarity across Asia in addressing pressing regional issues such as poverty, social inequality, and environmental

degradation. By acknowledging these contributions, the Magsaysay Award fosters collaboration and cross-cultural understanding, allowing countries across Asia to learn from each other's successes and challenges.

Each year, as we witness new recipients from across the region, we are reminded that Asia has no shortage of individuals and institutions willing to champion positive change. Take, for instance, recent recipients like Muhammad Yunus of Bangladesh, who pioneered microfinance, or Kim Jong-ki of South Korea, who provided youth counseling to prevent juvenile delinquency. Their work embodies the award's spirit, demonstrating that solutions to Asia's challenges often come from within the region itself. For Rotarians, who uphold service above self, the stories of these awardees are testaments to what can be achieved when vision meets action. They provide inspiration, reinforcing our Rotary mission to foster goodwill, peace, and community service.

As we celebrate the Ramon Magsaysay Awards Festival Week, let us consider how we, as members of Rotary Club of Manila, can further the ideals that President Magsaysay championed. The award reminds us that the most

profound leadership is often found not in power but in service — a principle that aligns deeply with Rotary's values. It's a call to action for us to continue building a world where integrity, compassion, and courageous leadership shine.

The Ramon Magsaysay Award may be given to few, but it ultimately belongs to all of Asia, as it represents the spirit of unity, resilience, and hope that binds us all.



A photograph of two men in suits speaking at a podium. The man on the left is older, with grey hair and glasses, holding a microphone. The man on the right is younger, with light brown hair, also holding a microphone. Behind them are several flags, including the United States flag on the left and the Philippine flag on the right. The text 'cover story' is in the top left corner.

cover story

The Rotary Club of Manila's 13th Weekly Membership Meeting: A Convergence of Service, Insight, and Global Discourse

by PVP Reginald T. Yu

OCTOBER 17, 2024 — *Manila Polo Club*. On a brisk Thursday afternoon, the **Rotary Club of Manila (RCM)** convened its 13th weekly membership meeting for Rotary Year 2024-2025. The event was steeped in camaraderie and intellectual exchange as Rotarians gathered under the elegant halls of the Manila Polo Club. Moderated by Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms Dr. **John Michael “John” Cutter**, the meeting began promptly at 12:00 PM, marking another milestone in RCM's enduring legacy of service.



Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms Dr. John Michael "John" Cutter moderated the meeting.

Opening the Doors to Fellowship

As attendees registered, the atmosphere buzzed with anticipation. At 12:15 PM, President **Eduardo "Jujut" Enriquez III** officially called the meeting to order, setting the tone for the afternoon. Rotarian **Raymond "Ray" N. Davis** then delivered the invocation, a heartfelt moment of reflection on the values and mission of the Rotary Club. The familiar strains of the Philippine National Anthem followed, presented via an audio-visual tribute featuring the dedicated members of RCM. The RCM World-Famous Music Chorale serenaded the crowd with the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn, invigorating the spirit of service among those in attendance. Director-Elect **Edwin Hernandez** led the audience in the recital of the Four-Way Test, an ethical compass that guides Rotarians worldwide.

President Eduardo "Jujut" Enriquez III called the meeting to order.



Rotarian Raymond "Ray" N. Davis led the invocation.

Director-Elect Edwin Hernandez led the recitation of the Four-Way Test.



Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms **Dr. John Cutter** then acknowledged the guests, followed by the rousing “Welcome Song” performed by the **RCM World Famous Music Chorale**, embracing all attendees in the warmth of Rotary fellowship.



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

A Moment of Growth

The induction of new members commenced at 12:30 PM, marking an important chapter for the club. Rotarian **Bernd Schneider** introduced **Peter Rankl**, General Manager of Plant Calamba and President of the Automotive Region ASEAN, who joins the RCM with a wealth of expertise in the Automotive Industry — specifically in Intelligent Automotive Technologies. Meanwhile, DG **Joaquin “Jackie” Rodriguez** introduced **Ingill Ra**, Regional President of the Global Peace Foundation Asia Pacific, bringing a distinguished background in humanitarian service to the club. Both new members took their oaths of membership, led by President Jujut Enriquez, with high hopes for their contributions to the club’s continued success.



Mr. Ingill Ra and Mr. Peter Rankl taking their oaths as new members of RCM, administered by Pres. Jujut Enriquez.



STAR Rotarian Inggil Ra with his proposer DG Jackie Rodriguez



STAR Rotarian Peter Rankl with his proposer Rtn. Bern Schneider

Service in Action and Global Perspectives

The energy in the room shifted as President **Eduardo "Jujut" Enriquez III** took the podium. The customary gravity of his "President's Time" gave way to an exciting and heartwarming presentation, signifying Rotary's commitment to service beyond personal and professional boundaries. President Jujut introduced Ms. **Ashley Fruno**, Director of **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) Asia**, who was on hand to unveil the "*Ampon Alaga*" project, an initiative focused on rescue and adoption for the thousands of stray animals roaming the streets of the Philippines.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez made announcements of the upcoming events/activities, which are the Halloween Party and Sportsfest this October.

The project, aptly named "*Ampon Alaga*" (Adopt-a-Pet), embodies the spirit of compassion, aiming to provide abandoned and homeless animals with shelter, care, and, most importantly, loving families. In her presentation, Ms. Fruno explained the harrowing conditions faced by these animals and how simple acts of kindness from ordinary citizens could transform their lives. She illustrated the urgent need for collective action through powerful visuals that documented the plight of these strays, stirring emotions across the audience.



PETA Asia's Dir. Ashley Fruno, introduced and presented their "Ampon Alaga" rescue adoption program, as introduced by PDG Alex Cureg.

Ms. Fruno emphasized the role that the Rotary Club of Manila could play in this campaign — not just as advocates, but as active participants in promoting responsible pet ownership and providing the support necessary for PETA's shelters. Several members of the club, many of whom were pet lovers, visibly reacted to the emotional appeal. It was a call to service — one that aligned perfectly with Rotary's long-standing mission to uplift and serve the community. The presentation concluded with applause and pledges from members to support the "*Ampon Alaga*" initiative, both personally and through the club's collective resources.

Following the uplifting presentation from PETA, the tone of the afternoon shifted once more to a discussion of international political landscapes. With **Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms Dr. John Michael "John" Cutter** at the helm, the next segment featured two heavyweight guest speakers: **James "Jay" Savage**, Chairman of **Democrats Abroad Philippines**, and **George M. Drysdale**, Chairman of **Republican Overseas Philippines**. This dialogue, aptly titled "Global Perspectives: The US Election and Its Impact on International Relations," aimed to provide Rotarians with critical insights into the upcoming 2024 US Presidential elections.

As Dr. Cutter introduced the speakers, he highlighted the unique opportunity for club members to witness a dialogue between two seasoned leaders representing both ends of the US political spectrum. The engagement that followed was not merely an exchange of partisan viewpoints but a deeper discussion on how US politics reverberate globally, particularly in the Philippines and other countries within Southeast Asia.



DSAA John Michael Cutter introduced the guest speakers.

Jay Savage began his address with a reflective tone, invoking the ideals of past Republican luminaries like **Abraham Lincoln** and **Dwight Eisenhower**, as he stressed the need for balance in political discourse. He praised the Democrats' vision of an inclusive future — one that fights for economic equality, accessible healthcare, and environmental sustainability. Savage also voiced his concerns about the potential resurgence of policies under Donald Trump, touching on issues like immigration, civil rights, and America's role in global environmental efforts. His speech brimmed with statistics and anecdotes that provided clarity on how current US policies directly affect not only Americans but also the international community, including American expatriates in the Philippines.



George Drysdale, on the other hand, offered a Republican perspective, underlining the importance of free-market economics and deregulation, with a focus on empowering American businesses, both domestically and abroad. He provided data-driven insights into how a potential Republican win in the Senate and House could shift global trade policies, particularly with Southeast Asia. Drysdale's use of an electoral map and real-time polling data kept Rotarians engrossed as he broke down the key swing states that could determine the next US president. His experience in agribusiness and his time working for high-ranking officials during the Reagan administration lent authority to his analysis.



In a particularly striking moment, Drysdale raised the issue of double taxation on American expatriates — a point of convergence for both speakers. This longstanding issue impacts many Americans living abroad, including several Rotarians in the audience. Both Savage and Drysdale agreed that reform in this area was overdue, demonstrating that, despite their political differences, common ground can still be found on issues that transcend party lines.

The engaging presentations were followed by an open forum, moderated by veteran journalists **Antonio "Tony" Lopez** of *BizNews Asia* and **Conrado "Ding" Generoso** of *Malaya Business Insight*. The two moderators deftly balanced humor with sharp political analysis, as they facilitated a spirited Q&A session between the speakers and the audience. Rotarians eagerly asked questions ranging from foreign policy and international trade to climate change and workers' rights. The discussion was peppered with witty digs and insightful commentaries from Lopez and Generoso, keeping the atmosphere lively yet thought-provoking.



PD Antonio "Tony" Lopez and journalist/political analyst Mr. Conrado "Ding" Generoso served as moderators during the open forum.



Mr. James "Jay" Savage and Mr. George M. Drysdale engaged in an interactive conversation with PD Amading Valdez, Rtn. Ray Davis, PDG Rudy Bediones, DE Hans Palacios, PD Abe Pascual, and Rtn. Butch Alcantara.

As the open forum drew to a close, President Jujut returned to the stage to present Certificates of Appreciation to both Savage and Drysdale, thanking them for their time and insights. The day's program had not only provided Rotarians with valuable perspectives on critical global issues but had also reinforced the club's dedication to fostering meaningful dialogue across diverse ideologies.





Moderators Mr. Conrado “Ding” Generoso and PD Antonio “Tony” Lopez, and guest speakers Mr. James “Jay” Savage and Mr. George M. Drysdale received RCM’s Plaque of Appreciation, witnessed by PE Raoul Creencia, District Gov. Joaquin “Jackie” Rodriguez, and Program Chair Carlos Serapio.

At 2:00 PM, the meeting was officially adjourned, yet the discussions continued long after. Members lingered in groups, exchanging thoughts on the presentations they had just witnessed. There was a shared understanding that, whether in service or in political discourse, the Rotary Club of Manila remains a vital space for dialogue, learning, and

collective action — always striving to create positive change both locally and globally.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Fellowship





Random Conversations and Musings

by PE/PBLA Raoul Creencia



BEATING MALNUTRITION

ON October 23-26, my coughing worsened and I was unable to report for work and attend to my Rotary commitments — the signing of the Collaboration Agreement between RCM and Abbot Laboratories, and the RCM Sportsfest at Palms. While I was already feeling a little better on the 26th, I opted to no longer attend the event, considering that physical and sports activities were involved. Indeed, good health and wellness are always staple ingredients to being able to attend to things we are passionate about. This affirms that the preparation to assume the RCM's Presidency next year includes ensuring one's physical well-being, as there will certainly be numerous activities and matters that will surely be taxing to the body. Thus, there is now a more urgent imperative to ensure one's health and well-being to meet the exacting demands of spearheading the Club's projects and various programs.

The RCM-ABBOT Collaboration Agreement which was signed on October 24 officially marks the beginning of a meaningful partnership between our Club and Abbot to jointly pursue a noble program entitled “Beat Malnutrition”, a program initiated by the Abbot Center for Malnutrition Solutions.

This laudable joint undertaking aims to drive awareness on childhood malnutrition. The key objective of the program is “to and empower community volunteers and leaders and educate children/parents about healthy living and train communities to identify malnutrition in children so they can be referred for treatment and intervention x x x.” The training of community volunteers and health workers will be done to prepare them to serve as frontline educators. Aside from training of volunteers, the program also includes malnutrition screening, which is the screening of children utilizing tools and materials that accurately determine the children's nutritional status. Finally, the program will pursue nutrition education sessions for impoverished families and children in the designated barangay or community.

A mid-year planning for the Rotary Club of Manila will be jointly undertaken and participated by the current Board as well as the 2025-2026 Directors-elect. This joint planning is truly a step towards the right direction; a worthwhile and helpful pursuit especially that almost all of the incoming Directors are first timers in the Board (except for two). The joint planning session should be able to ensure a seamless transition from one Rotary year to the next. It should also enable all participating Club Directors and Officers to carefully plan and pave the way to continue and improve our on-going projects, especially those that have traditionally been bannered by our Club. Mabuhay ang RCM!

NEWS CLIPPINGS

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA, NAGSAGAWA NG PULSO NG MASA SURVEY PARA SA U.S 2024 ELECTIONS



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CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2024-2025

October 2024

OCTOBER 2024	October 03, 2024 DR. WILMIDA M. GUEVARA	October 10, 2024 BDO PRESIDENT & CEO MR. NESTOR V. TAN	October 17, 2024 PANEL DISCUSSION WITH MR. JAMES SAVAGES AND MR. GEORGE DRYSDALE
MEMBERS PRESENT	29	51	39
MEMBERS PRESENT %	12%	22%	16%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	10	6	11
EXEMPTED	4	4	4
ON LEAVE	0	0	0
Total Active Members	35	53	46
Total # of Members	236	236	236
TOTAL %	15%	22%	19%
ROTARACTORS	2	5	5
MEDIA	1	1	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0
DO, DSE, DON, PDG	0	0	0
GOHS / GS	1	1	3
VISITING ROTARIAN	7	18	2
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	7	23	13
TOTAL ATTENDEES	46	98	82

LIST OF ATTENDEES
13th Weekly Membership Meeting
October 17, 2024

1	Aboy, Valentino G.	21	Nolido, Ramon Alberto B.
2	Alcantara, Isidro C.	22	Nomura, Kazuhiro
3	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.	23	Ong, Phillip L.
4	Bediones, Rodolfo P.	24	Palacios, Albert C.
5	Bogovich, Jason M.	25	Pascual, Abraham F.
6	Carlos, Vicente J.	26	Pellico, Wilfredo M.
7	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef M.	27	Recto, Philip H.
8	Creencia, Raoul C.	28	Reynolds, David J.
9	Cureg, Alexander P.	29	Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
10	Cutter, John Michael	30	Rodriguez, Joaquin Anthony H.
11	Davis, Raymond N.	31	Schneider, Bernd
12	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.	32	Serapio, Carlos G.
13	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.	33	Shimoda, Shigeru
14	Garcia, Paul Joseph M.	34	Tagaysay, Hector O.
15	Guevara, Jr., Domingo S.	35	Tamano, Shalimar H.
16	Guevara, Ricardo S.	36	Valdez, Amado D.
17	Hernandez, Edwin H.	37	Yu, Reginald Tieng
18	Lonzaga, Reinerio C.	38	Ra, Ingill
19	Lopez, Antonio S.	39	Rankli, Peter
20	Macatoman, Abdulgani M.		

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

As of November 5, 2024

1	ABOY, VALENTINO G	79	LIM, DAVID EDUARDO T
2	ACOSTA, CRISPINIANO G.	80	LIM, RICHARD
3	ALBAÑA, MICHAEL JAEY C	81	LOCSIN, ARSENIO Z
4	ALCANTARA, ISIDRO C	82	LONZAGA, REINERIO
5	ALDAY, ALBERT	83	LOPEZ, ARTHUR M
6	ALINGOG, ALDO'S A	84	LORENZANA, DELFIN
7	ARAGON, JOSHUA REUBEN G	85	MACAPAGAL, MICHAEL T
8	ARGUELLES, PABLO C	86	MACATOMAN, ABDULGANI
9	AVENTURA, AVENILO JR I	87	MAGBANUA, GERRY P
10	BAGATSUNG, VALENTINO S	88	MAGSAYSAY, FRANCISCO D
11	BALANAY, ARIES B	89	MANALAYSAY, CESAR P
12	BARTOLOME, ARSENIO III M	90	MANGALIL, BENNY T
13	BEDIONES, RODOLFO P	91	MARTREZ, RONALD I
14	BELLA, GERONIMO JR. D	92	MATTSCHUCK, GUENTER GERHARD G
15	BELLO, CHRISTIAN CESAR	93	MAURICIO, ANTONILO DC
16	BENEDICTO, SIXTO T	94	MENDOZA, ESTELITO P
17	BLANCO, MANUEL M	95	MENDOZA, MIGUEL
18	BOGOVICH, JASON M	96	MENDOZA, RAYMUND JOSEPH IAN O
19	BOTTIN, WILHELM	97	NOLIDO, RAMON ALBERTO B
20	BRANILLES, JACQUES	98	NOMURA, KAZUHIRO
21	BRENDIA, CARLOS C	99	NONES, ROMEO C
22	CABANGON, EDGARD A	100	NUÑEZ, JOSE A
23	CAMAT, NATHANIEL	101	OBRADEO, DANIEL CALZADO
24	CAMPOS, JOSELITO JR	102	ONG, PHILLIP L
25	CANON, RAUL JR C	103	OZETA, MIGUEL ANTONIO L
26	CARLOS, VICENTE J	104	PAGDANGANAN, ROBERTO M
27	CARRANCEJA, ARVIN ARIK B	105	PALACIOS, ALBERT C
28	CASTRO, KARLO EUGENE JOSEF M	106	PALLASGUE, JOHN BRIAN
29	CATALAN, RODOLFO R	107	PASCUAL, ABRAHAM F
30	CENICA, JOHN T	108	PATTERSON, COLIN DAVID
31	CHAHWAN, RAMI	109	PAYUMO, FELICITO C
32	CO, VAL CONSTANTINE L	110	PELINO, WILFREDO
33	CORTEZ, LORENZO R	111	PINEDA, JESUS JR M
34	COYUTO, ROBERT JR. G	112	PINEDA, PATRICIO JR. F
35	CREENCIA, RAUL C	113	PIZARRAS, JORDAN M
36	CUREG, ALEXANDER P	114	PREYSLER, FAUSTO JR. D.R.
37	CUTTER, JOHN MICHAEL	115	PUJALTE, JOSE JR
38	DAVIS, RAYMOND N	116	RA, INGILL
39	DAYANG, JUAN E	117	RANKLI, PETER
40	DE CASTRO, JUAN ARTURO ILLUMINADO C	118	RECTO, PHILIP H
41	DEL ROSARIO, OSCAR SR.	119	REYNOLDS, DAVID J.
42	DOMINGO, RICO V	120	RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN ANTHONY H
43	DOMINGUEZ, CARLOS III G.	121	RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN SR. C
44	DY, MANUEL C	122	ROJAS, MICHAEL D
45	EGAN, BRENDAN W L	123	SARMIENTO, RICARDO MANUEL M
46	ELDEBS, ISSAM	124	SCHMITZ, STEFAN
47	ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III V	125	SCHNEIDER, BERND
48	ESGUERRA, HERMINO S	126	SERAPIO, CARLOS C
49	ESQUITIAS, JOAQUIN PABLO A	127	SEVILLA, LUIS ANGELO L
50	FAJARDO, BEDA G	128	SHIMODA, SHIGERU
51	FERNANDEZ, ANTONIO JAMIE JOSE V	129	SIBAYAN, JOSELITO H
52	FOLLOSOCO, CEFERINO JR G	130	SIMON, JUANITO
53	GARCIA, THEODORE Q	131	SO, WARREN
54	GARCIA, VICTOR III G	132	SOBREPEÑA, ROBERT JOHN L
55	GO, HENRY S	133	SVINCO, JOSE JR. A
56	GONZALES, JONAS R	134	TAGAYSAY, HECTOR O
57	GUARIN, MICHAEL ARCATOMY H	135	TALAMPAS, JOEL ANGEL L
58	GUEVARA, DOMINGO JR	136	TALUSAN, FERDINAND E
59	GUEVARA, RICARDO S.B	137	TAMANO, SHALIMAR HOFER
60	HALLARE, DELFIN JR. T	138	TAMAYO, VICTOR L
61	HALLARE, NICOLAS	139	TAN, EUSEBIO V
62	HALLERBACH, MATHIAS	140	TAN, JOHN G
63	HANADA, TAKAHIRO	141	TAN, LAWRENCE L
64	HERNANDEZ, EDWIN H.	142	TANG, JIMMY T
65	HESSE, UWE	143	TEL, TEDDY JR B
66	HORTALEZA, ROLANDO B	144	TERUMAL, SHAM MICHAEL
67	BRUAN, BENEDICT JULIUS F	145	TILLMAN, HANSEL JOSEPH MICHAEL
68	HWATA, YASUSHI	146	VALDES, ROEL C
69	JOSEPH, RALPH L	147	VALDEZ, AMADO D
70	JUCABAN, TERRI J	148	VALENCIA, JOHN NICO P
71	KALAW, TEODORO ALEJANDRO IV J	149	VALENCIA, RODOLFO G
72	KATIGBAK, I ALFONSO I	150	YU, GEOFFREY C
73	KLEBS, DAVID	151	YU, REGINALD T
74	KOH, PAUL ANTHONY T	152	ZALDARRIAGA, FELIX FRANCISCO S
75	LACAMBRACAL, ALVIN D	153	ZEITOUNI, NAGI
76	LAZARO, JUAN MIGUEL	154	ZIALCITA, XAVIER Y
77	LEDDA, JAMIE VICTOR B	155	ZIMMER, CHRISTOPHER
78	LEE, RICHARD L		

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Know Your Baby Rotarians



BAGATSING, VALENTINO "VAL" S.

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2024 September 5, Filipino
Finance & Investment - Venture Capital
Chairman & CEO, INVESTMENT & CAPITAL
CORP. OF THE PHILIPPINES
17th Flr, Robinson Summit Center, Ayala Avenue,
Makati City



GONZALES, JONAS R.

Sponsor: PAT KARLO CASTRO
2024 September 5, Filipino
Telecommunication (Utilities) - Telephone Service
Head of Commercial Strategy, GLOBE TELECOM
Globe Tower, BGC, Taguig City



RA, INGILL

Sponsor: DG JACKIE RODRIGUEZ
2024 October 17, Korean
Foundation - Global Peace
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PROJECT:

Kalusugan Para sa Lahat

A coordination meeting with the local government of San Juan City through the office of San Juan City Councilor Franco Tañada-Yam was held on October 18, 2024, at the Office of Councilor Tañada-Yam.



Clockwise from left: Kalusugan Para sa Lahat Chairman Nico Hallare, Exakt Med's MC Mendoza, Ryan Groves, Ross Groves, RCM President Jujut Enriquez, San Juan City Health Officer Dra. Mitzi Tanchoco, and Councilor Franco Tañada-Yam.

The *Kalusugan Para sa Lahat* project intends to institutionalize primary care in the country through the Universal Health Care Act of the Philippines. Primary Care is the first line of defense of the Filipinos against diseases. It captures health issues early and prevents them as an objective.

The project will enroll the Filipinos in a community into a Philhealth Konsulta Provider in the area of implementation, do the First Patient Encounter, Doctor Check-Up and succeeding laboratory and dispensing of Medicine for free. (Specific primary care labs and medicines are defined by Philhealth.) As a continuing service, the patient may go back to the Provider every year free of charge as part of his Philhealth Konsulta Benefit.

Rotary will assist in initiating this Primary Care project in multiple areas where it is needed.

The building up of Primary Care in the country is essential. Currently, the Primary Care needs are still serviced in Hospitals, contributing to the overcrowding and unnecessary treatment of simple cases in the “Secondary Healthcare Facilities.”

The current Primary Care initiative in the Philippines is under the Philhealth Konsulta Program. It has tasked the local governments to spearhead this initiative with the help of the private sector to serve ALL Filipinos as envisioned. As of the end of last year (2023), three years after the law has been passed, <1% has been serviced by the program.

Issues arise in the implementation as currently, local government units and its health care units are already swamped with activities and initiatives reason for the Primary Care Program not being established.

We believe in this project of the government and that the private sector can help in its success. Rotary Club of Manila can help augment LGUs with the Primary Care Service so that we will be closer to “Kalusugan Para sa Lahat”



Photo after a thorough discussion on the need-to-do list before proceeding with the implementation of the Kalusugan Para sa Lahat Project.

Seated from left: Kalusugan Para sa Lahat Chair Nico Hallare, Councilor Franco Tañada-Yam, and Pres. Jujut Enriquez. Standing from left: EXAKT Med's MC Mendoza, Ryan Groves, and Ross Groves

MOU *Signing* BEAT Malnutrition



Signing of “Beat Malnutrition” MOU between RCM and Abbott Laboratories (AL) in Taguig City, October 24, 2024

From left: DSAA John Cutter; Pres. Jujut Enriquez; Dr. Jose Rodolfo Dimaano Jr., Medical Affairs Director - Asia Pacific (AL); SAA Jason Bogovich; Ms. Sharon Mak, Public Affairs Director - Asia Pacific (AL); Mr. Shantanu Parihar, Marketing Director (AL); Mr. Angelico Escobar, General Manager (AL); Ms. Geisell Santos, Associate Marketing Director (AL); and Ms. Rachel Queenie Dizon-Rodolfo, Government Affairs Director (AL)



Pres. Jujut Enriquez and Dr. Jose Rodolfo Dimaano, Jr. (Medical Affairs Director - Asia Pacific) signed the MOU between RCM and Abbott, witnessed by DSAA John Cutter, SAA Jason Bogovich, and Abbot Laboratories officials.



RC Manila Mobilizes Disaster Relief for Typhoon Kristine Victims



THE Rotary Club of Manila's Emergency Disaster Relief Committee quickly responded to the nutrition needs of communities affected by Typhoon Kristine in specific areas, including Noveleta, Cavite and Legaspi, Albay; Sorsogon, and Camarines Sur in the Bicol region.

After assessing which community required the most assistance, the committee coordinated with sister club President Neil Andal of the Rotary Club of Legaspi Central for Legaspi, Albay; Past Dir. Beda Fajardo, who coordinated for Sorsogon through the Rotary Club of Metro Sorsogon; Assistant Secretary Arick Carranceja, whose hometown is in Camarines Sur; and Past President Hermie Esguerra.

Thanks to these efforts, the Emergency Disaster Relief Fund for Typhoon Kristine was successfully utilized to support the affected communities.

On Sunday, October 27, 2024, President Jujut Enriquez and Rtn. Inov Talusan, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Manila, together with some members of RC Cavite Aguinaldo and Magdiwang, assisted by barangay personnel, distributed the following items to over 400 families in Barangay San Rafael III:

- 10 sacks of denurado premium rice (25 kilos per sack)
- 1,000 bottles of drinking water
- 2,000 pieces of hard-boiled eggs, packed in bags of five for over 400 families in Barangay San Rafael III



The Rotary Clubs of Cavite-Aguinaldo Magical Pres. Xiarmela Samonte, Past Pres. Romeo Benitez, and Magdiwang PP Maridel A. Benitez, together with Barangay San Rafael III Chairman Elvis Estores, presented a certificate of appreciation to the Rotary Club of Manila.



Members of the Rotary Club of Metro Sorsogon with beneficiaries of calamity assistance.

Relief assistance amounting to Php 50,000.00 has been provided for Sorsogon. PD Beda Fajardo coordinated with the Rotary Club of Metro Sorsogon, who received the relief assistance fund.



The Rotary Club of Legaspi Central, Albay received financial relief assistance amounting to Php 140,000.00.

Relief assistance was provided to Camarines Sur through Assistant Secretary Arick Carranceja, amounting to Php 100,000.00.



This initiative was also supported by Palawan Pawnshop/ Express/ Pay in collaboration with RCManila Foundation Trustee Karlo Castro.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

Rtn. LA Sevilla Promotes Philippines as 2026 JCI World Congress Host



Rtn. LA Sevilla formally presented the bid of the Philippines as the host of the 2026 JCI World Congress in Clark in the 2024 JCI World Congress in Taoyuan, Taiwan last October 30, 2024. After the bid's formal approval, he officially became the 2026 JCI World Congress Conference Director.



Rtn. LA Sevilla, as 2026 Conference Director, promoted the 2026 JCI World Congress to JCI delegates during the Clark Night last October 31, 2024 at Meet Night Club, Taoyuan, Taiwan.

PDG Obet Pagdanganan Speaks on Poverty and Food Security at 13th Philippine Professional Summit



PDG Obet Pagdanganan was a plenary speaker at the 13th Philippine Professional Summit held in Manila Hotel on October 15-16, 2024. PDG Obet discussed "Poverty and Food Security".



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LAUNCH OF THE PHILIPPINE HOTEL INDUSTRY STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN (PHISAP) ROLL OUT
16 October 2024 (Wednesday) | 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
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PHOA President Arthur M. Lopez and DOT Secretary Christina Garcia Frasco led the unveiling of the Philippine Hotel Industry Strategic Action Plan (PHISAP) 2023-2028.



The Philippine Hotel Owners Association (PHOA), in partnership with the Department of Tourism (DOT), is proud to announce the **Launch of the Philippine Hotel Industry Strategic Action Plan (PHISAP) 2023-2028**. The landmark initiative marks a pivotal moment for tourism and hospitality in the Philippines, setting a strategic course to build a resilient, innovative, and sustainable tourism ecosystem.

Thanks to the tireless efforts and collaboration between the DOT and PHOA in the last two years, the PHISAP was finally completed to address long-standing challenges and set a framework to foster growth amidst increasing global and domestic demand.

DOT Secretary Christina Garcia Frasco and PHOA President Arthur M. López led the unveiling of the plan on October 16, 2024 at The Westin Manila, Ortigas Center.



INTERCLUB RELATIONS

Rtn. Ingmar Bertelsen and Rtn. Dante Gierran represented the Rotary Club of Manila at the 86th Charter Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Davao.



RC Davao was chartered by the Rotary Club of Manila in 1938, the fifth club chartered since the organization of the Rotary Club of Manila in 1919.



Rtn. Dante Gierran (left photo, extreme left) and Rtn. Ingmar Bertelsen (above photo, right)

Senator Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa (above photo, left) was the guest of honor and speaker at the RC Davao Charter Anniversary.

FELLOWSHIP

'TUHOG' Mooncake and Oktoberfest



Jonathan Lagarto and Joselito Lord, representing Rtn. Carlos Serapio (one of the sponsors), attended the 'TUHOG' Mooncake and Oktoberfest event of Rotaract along with CP Rose Andria Paguia (RAC Mla. Supreme 198) and Rtn. Ellaine Alfonso (RC Manila Villamor), held on October 19, 2024 at Inngo-Ingels Restaurant, CCP Complex, Pasay City.

The following Rotaract Clubs from District 3810 participated: RAC Chinatown Manila, RAC Supreme Manila 198, RAC Manila Business College, RAC Pasay Libertad, RAC Kabataang Maynila, and RAC Tondo.



SPORTSFEST & BIGGEST LOSER

2024



Clockwise: Sportfest Chair Nagi Zeitouni, Alfonso Enriquez (son of Pres. Jujut), Pres. Jujut Enriquez, Dir. Mike Albaña, Rtn. Ferdinand "Inov" Talusan, Rtn. Benedict "Ben" Ibuyan, Rtn. Carlos "Caloy" Serapio, PT Joselito "Lito" Sibayan, Ms. Michelle Zeitouni, and PT Karlo Eugene "Karlo" Josef Castro



Ms. Michelle Zeitouni and Rtn. Ramby Nolido

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Pres. Jujut and son, Alfonso Enriquez;
Rtn. Ramby Nolido and wife



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