

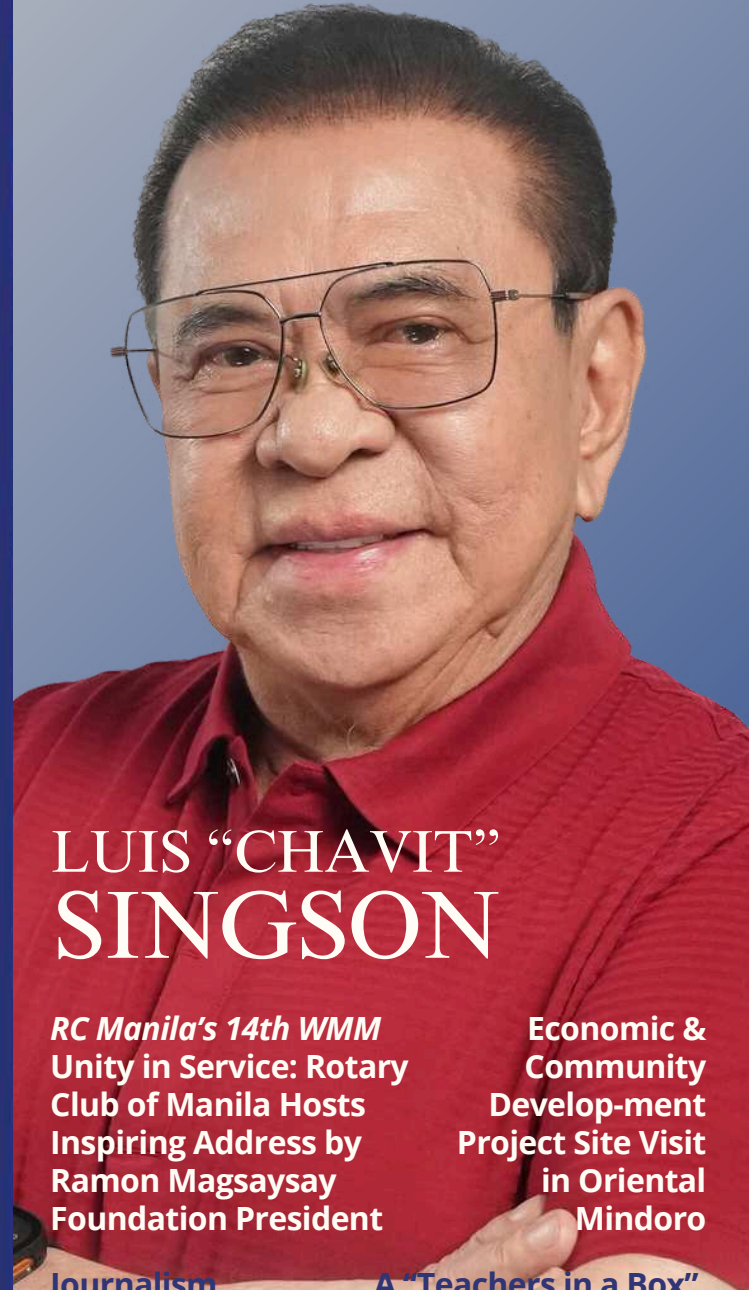
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PROGRAM

15th Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2024-2025
Thursday, 21 November 2024, 12:30 PM
Manila Polo Club

Moderator: **DE ALBERT "Hans" C. PALACIOS**

PART I

12:00 PM Registration

12:30 PM CALL TO ORDER
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ

Invocation
RTN. JOHN NICO "Nico" P. VALENCIA

Philippine National Anthem | **AVP**

Rotary Club of Manila Hymn | **RCM WF MUSIC CHORALE**

The Four (4) Way Test | **RTN. MICHAEL RAYMOND "Micray" L. GONZALES**

Acknowledgement of Guests
DE ALBERT "Hans" C. PALACIOS

Welcome Song | **RCM WF MUSIC CHORALE**

Birthday Celebrants

Nov. 19 **PDG Vince Carlos**

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

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

PETA Report & Funds Turnover
PDG ALEXANDER "Alex" P. Cureg

PART II

1:00 PM Introduction of the Guest Speaker
DIST. GOV. JOAQUIN "Jackie" RODRIGUEZ

Guest of Honor and Speaker

Address:

MR. LUIS CRISOLOGO "Chavit" SINGSON
Former Ilocos Sur Governor

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

Luis “Chavit” SINGSON

Former Ilocos Sur Governor



LUIS “Chavit” Singson, a well-known public servant and businessman, stands out as a transformative figure in Philippine politics. As former governor of Ilocos Sur, Singson brought prosperity to a province once counted among the poorest in the country. His leadership helped turn Ilocos Sur into a thriving province, with robust infrastructure, a booming tourism sector, and a vibrant local economy. As he runs for a Senate seat, Singson’s track record shows he has the vision, determination, and experience

to deliver meaningful change across the nation.

During his tenure as governor, Singson focused on improving Ilocos Sur's economy by developing industries and modernizing infrastructure. One of his most notable initiatives was his push for tourism, which not only raised the province’s profile but also provided livelihoods for thousands of Ilocanos. He revitalized the historic city of Vigan, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site,

and helped establish festivals, events, and attractions that drew both local and international visitors. This transformation created a ripple effect, boosting local businesses and opening new opportunities in hospitality, retail, and agriculture.

Singson's influence also extended beyond provincial borders. His support for major events, such as the Miss Universe pageant in 2016, showcased his vision to promote the Philippines to the world. Hosting Miss Universe brought international attention and highlighted Filipino hospitality, beauty, and culture. For Ilocos Sur, the event meant a significant boost in tourist numbers and economic activity, benefiting the community and providing new avenues for growth. This large-scale event is just one example of how Singson's initiatives had far-reaching impacts, enhancing the Philippines' image on the global stage.

Moreover, Singson has been an avid supporter of Filipino sports, recognizing the potential of sports to unite communities and uplift the youth. His sponsorship of basketball teams, boxing matches, and other athletic events shows his commitment to investing in young Filipino talent. Through sports, Singson aims to instill values of discipline and hard work in the next

generation, which he sees as essential to building a stronger, more resilient country. His sponsorships have not only provided opportunities for young athletes but have also helped uplift Filipino pride on both the local and international levels.

Singson's journey has not been without challenges. He has faced controversies and political battles that tested his resolve and resilience. However, he has consistently proven his capacity to overcome adversity, using each challenge as an opportunity for growth. His experiences have strengthened his understanding of the complex issues that ordinary Filipinos face. Singson's practical approach to governance, honed through years of handling real-world problems, is a strength he promises to bring to the Senate.

Chavit Singson is now asking Filipinos to consider his solid record of public service and tangible achievements as they vote for Senators of the Republic in May. He cites his experience in transforming Ilocos Sur from a struggling province to one of the richest in the Philippines as a testament to his capability. Should he win, Singson's avowed areas of focus as a senator include modernizing public transport, "to bank the unbanked" and his push for a universal basic income to benefit Filipinos nationwide.

EDITORIAL

Reginald T. Yu
Editor-in-Chief



THIS week, the Rotary Club of Manila will host former Ilocos Sur Governor Luis “Chavit” Singson as its guest-of-honor and speaker, inviting him to share lesser-known stories that illuminate the colorful life behind his often-controversial public persona. As a businessman, politician, and media figure, Singson has been a fixture in Philippine public life for decades. His candid storytelling, which he promises to deliver at the Rotary Club’s General Membership Meeting, offers an opportunity for Rotarians to gain insights into both the public and private dimensions of a man whose life has spanned the spectrum of Philippine society and politics.

Governor Singson's career has traversed politics, business, and entertainment, making him one of the country's more complex and recognizable figures. With experience that extends from the Ilocos region to

the national stage, Singson has never shied away from the spotlight or from challenges that would test his resilience and adaptability. His history includes both achievements in public service and involvement in high-profile controversies, which have added layers to his reputation.

Beyond the political headlines, Singson's life story is a reminder of the multi-faceted nature of public figures and the personal experiences that often shape their approach to leadership. Attendees of the Rotary Club of Manila’s meeting will have the rare chance to hear these stories directly from Singson, offering a glimpse into the motivations and moments that have defined his life.

Rotary’s commitment to fostering dialogue aligns well with this engagement, recognizing that community leaders benefit from understanding the complexities of those who have played significant roles in Philippine society. Governor Singson's reflections will not only enrich the Rotarians' perspectives but also encourage thoughtful discussion on how experiences shape leadership and public life in our country.

cover story

Unity in Service: Rotary Club of Manila Hosts Inspiring Address by Ramon Magsaysay Foundation President

by PVP Reginald T. Yu

JOAQUIN "JACKI" C. RODRIGUEZ, SR.
District Governor
Rotary Year 2024-2025

Rotary
District 3810

ON Thursday, November 7, 2024, members of the Rotary Club of Manila gathered at the Manila Polo Club for their 14th Weekly Membership Meeting, marking another significant day in Rotary Year 2024-2025. The luncheon event brought together members and guests, celebrating camaraderie, milestones, and service ideals. A strong lineup of speakers, led by President **Jujut Enriquez** and overseen by Program Moderator President-Elect **Raoul Creencia**, underscored the values of Rotary and set the stage for a memorable afternoon. But it was the guest speaker, Ms. **Susan Bautista-Afan**, President and CEO of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, who captivated the audience with her compelling narrative about the Foundation's transformative work across Asia.



PE Raoul C. Creencia moderated the meeting.



President Jujut Enriquez called the meeting to order.

Opening Ceremonies and Acknowledgments

The program commenced at 12:00 PM with registration, followed by an inspiring invocation by Rotarian **Ray Davis**. The Manila Polo Club came alive as the **World Famous Music Chorale** performed the Philippine National Anthem and the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn. The iconic Four-Way Test was led by Past Director **Oscar Del Rosario**, and the meeting recognized the special birthdays of Rotarians **Steve Chien** and Past Director **Beda Fajardo** with a heartwarming rendition of “*Maligayang Bati*” by the Chorale.



Rotarian Ray Davis led the invocation.



Past Director Oscar Del Rosario led the recitation of the Four-Way Test.

President **Jujut Enriquez** then took to the podium, sharing updates and reflections on recent Rotary activities. His remarks further emphasized Rotary’s commitment to service and excellence, before giving way to the highlight of the afternoon — the introduction of the guest speaker.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez during the President’s Time.

Guest Speaker Spotlight: Ms. Susan Bautista-Afan, Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation

Rotarian **Paco Magsaysay** introduced Ms. Bautista-Afan, sharing insights into her impactful career and dedication to honoring individuals with a strong “greatness of spirit.” As Ms. Bautista-Afan took the stage, she brought with her stories of Ramon Magsaysay Award laureates who have shown extraordinary courage and resilience in advancing peace, social justice, and sustainable progress across Asia.



Rotarian Paco Magsaysay introduced the guest of honor and speaker, Ms. Susan Bautista-Afan.

Ms. Bautista-Afan began by expressing her fascination with the Rotary Club of Manila’s long history, as the oldest all-male Rotary club in the Philippines. She highlighted the shared values between Rotary and the Magsaysay Foundation, noting a common commitment to promoting peace, education, and better livelihoods — a promising foundation for future collaboration.

"The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation is dedicated to honoring individuals who go beyond the call of duty, not just with technical solutions, but with deep-seated empathy and a commitment to community," she remarked. With 352 awardees from 23 Asian countries, the Foundation has spotlighted leaders who possess both practical skills and a selfless devotion to others.

In an engaging PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Bautista-Afan detailed the unique criteria for the Ramon Magsaysay Award, which emphasizes a heart-driven approach to problem-solving. *"Unlike other awards, we do not allow self-nominations. The Magsaysay laureates are chosen for their dedication to the greater good, often sacrificing personal gain for the welfare of their communities," she explained.*

Highlights of Notable Awardees

Ms. Bautista-Afan went on to profile some of the Foundation's remarkable honorees, including the legendary **Mother Teresa** of Calcutta, who humbly responded to the Foundation's request for her curriculum vitae with, *"Dear Madam, I have no curriculum vitae. May God bless you."* The **Dalai Lama**, honored in 1958, was another example of an awardee embodying resilience and spiritual leadership.



Mother Teresa

India * 1962



Dalai Lama

Tibet Tibet * 1959

This year's awardees include prominent figures from diverse fields:

- **Sonam Wangmo from Bhutan:** Founder of the Loden Foundation, Wangmo empowers Bhutanese youth to pursue modern careers while preserving cultural values.



Phuntsho, Karma

Bhutan * 2024

- **Dr. Nguyen Thi Phuong from Vietnam:** A physician and advocate for victims of Agent Orange, Dr. Phuong is committed to raising awareness about the multi-generational impacts of chemical warfare.



Nguyen Thi Ngoc Phuong

Vietnam * 2024

- **Thailand's Rural Doctors Movement:** Spearheaded by doctors who have established universal healthcare in Thailand, this group demonstrates the potential of grassroots healthcare reforms.



Rural Doctors Movement

Thailand * 2024

Ms. Bautista-Afan noted, "Their system has surpassed even that of the United States, a true testament to community-driven healthcare."

- **Hayao Miyazaki, co-founder of Studio Ghibli:**

While initially reluctant to accept further recognition, Miyazaki was convinced by the Foundation’s mission to recognize not only technical achievements but also his films’ powerful message of environmental stewardship and social consciousness.



Miyazaki Hayao
Japan * 2024

- **Farwiza Farhan, environmental activist from Indonesia:**

The emergent leader awardee, Farhan, is on the frontlines of preserving the Leuser Ecosystem, often called the “lungs of Asia,” threatened by industries such as palm oil and mining.



Farhan, Farwiza
Indonesia * 2024

Future Directions and Collaboration Opportunities

In closing, Ms. Bautista-Afan extended an invitation to the Rotary Club of Manila for potential partnerships. The Magsaysay Foundation, she said, is eager to collaborate with Rotarians in promoting their values on an international scale. She also encouraged members to visit the Magsaysay Center, where lectures, exhibits, and the upcoming public awarding ceremony on November 16 will be open to all.

Reflecting on the intersection of history and progress, Ms. Bautista-Afan noted the importance of preserving legacy while evolving to remain relevant. “Rotary has a glorious past; just like the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, it must continually adapt to engage new generations and foster meaningful connections worldwide,” she remarked.



Ms. Susan Bautista-Afan engaged in an interactive conversation with Rtn. Paco Magsaysay, Pres. Jujut Enriquez, PD Oca Del Rosario, PDG Alex Cureg, Ms. Barbara Pauli (Goethe Institut), and Rtn. Ramby Nolido.



A Closing of Gratitude and Shared Aspirations

As Ms. Bautista-Afan concluded, the room was filled with inspiration, a testament to the enduring legacy of Ramon Magsaysay's vision of compassionate leadership. Her speech left a resonant message with all in attendance — a call to action that aligns seamlessly with the values of the Rotary Club of Manila.

Following her talk, the Rotary Club of Manila expressed its appreciation, eager to explore future collaborations with the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation and to carry forward the ideals of service, peace, and community advancement.



Ms. Susan Bautista-Afan received RCM's Plaque of Appreciation, witnessed by PE Raoul Creencia, Rtn. Francisco "Paco" Magsaysay, Pres. Jujut Enriquez, Rtn. Raymond Davis, PD Oscar "Oca" Del Rosario, and Program Chair Carlos "Caloy" Serapio.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Fellowship



by PE/PBLA Raoul Creencia



ROTARY IS POSITIVITY

BE a Gift to the World. Be the Inspiration. Lead the Way. Goodwill Begins with You. Create hope in the World. You are the Key. Kindle the Spark Within. Take Time to Serve. Be a Friend. Lend a Hand. Make Dreams Real. Serve to Change Lives. Sow the Seed of Love. Peace Through Service. Create Awareness – Take Action. These are just a few of the Rotary International themes over the years – the ones that have shaped Rotary and the thinking of every Rotarian, the ones that have inspired us to be better persons, and better Rotarians. This year, we are exhorted to experience and spread the “Magic of Rotary”, clearly by being the best we can be in the service of our community.

Looking at the various themes adopted by RI Presidents over the years, Rotary is unquestionably about serving and promoting goodwill and friendships. It is all about positivity. Thus, spreading negativity, exhibiting unkind behavior, besmirching somebody’s reputation, and shaking the hornet’s nest are acts that categorically militate against Rotary tenets and values. In fact, these acts go against basic human values. Remember, each Rotarian is a key to creating

hope in the world and making dreams real. So, let us take time to serve, lead the way by being a gift to the world, and sow the seed of love.

This year, Rotarians are exhorted to spread the “Magic of Rotary.” This is another positive invitation that is worth accepting. In this regard, it bears stressing that the conduct and thinking of each Rotarian must not be anchored only on the current theme, but must also reflect a combination of all the past themes and exhortations. “Be a Friend” was the RI theme thirty years ago (1994-1995), but it does not mean that being and offering oneself as a friend was applicable only that year. Today, let us continue to be a friend to all. Applying this to our Club, let us continue to be a brother to all RCMers.

According to Rotary.org, “(t)he tradition of crafting a theme is credited to Percy C. Hodgson, Rotary’s president in 1949-50. When Hodgson addressed the International Assembly in 1949, he impressed upon the incoming leaders that they had a ‘glorious opportunity to impart Rotary knowledge’ and that ‘lack of Rotary knowledge can be a deterrent to the successful operation of a Rotary club.’ Hodgson’s 83-word theme, which included a list of four objectives, was substantially longer than today’s punchier themes, but it captured his hope that incoming leaders have essential knowledge of Rotary.”

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2024-2025

November 2024

NOVEMBER 2024	November 07, 2024 RMAF PRESIDENT & CEO SUSAN B. AFAN	November 14, 2024 NO WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MEMBERS PRESENT	30	0
MEMBERS PRESENT %	13%	0%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	24	0
EXEMPTED	0	0
ON LEAVE	0	0
Total Active Members	50	0
Total # of Members	234	234
TOTAL %:	21%	0%
ROTARACTORS	4	0
MEDIA	0	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	0
GOHS / GS	1	0
VISITING ROTARIAN	0	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	7	0
TOTAL ATTENDEES	42	0

LIST OF ATTENDEES
14th Weekly Membership Meeting
November 7, 2024

1 Alcantara, Isidro C.	16 Katigbak, J Alfonso L.
2 Aragon, Joshua Reuben	17 Lonzaga, Reinerio C.
3 Bartolome III, Arsenio M.	18 Magsaysay, Francisco D.
4 Bogovich, Jason M.	19 Mauricio, Antonilo DC
5 Chahwan, Rami	20 Nolido, Ramon Alberto B.
6 Co, Val Constantine L.	21 Patterson, Colin David
7 Creencia, Raoul C.	22 Payumo, Felicitio C.
8 Cureg, Alexander P.	23 Pizaras, Jordan M.
9 Cutter, John Michael	24 Reynolds, David J.
10 Davis, Raymond N.	25 Serapio, Carlos G.
11 Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.	26 Sibayan, Joseilto H.
12 Egan, Brendan W.L.	27 Tagaysay, Hector O.
13 Eldebs, Issam	28 Tarnano, Shalimar H.
14 Enriquez III, Eduardo V.	29 Bagatsing, Valentino S.
15 Guevara, Ricardo S.	30 Rankl, Peter

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

As of November 19, 2024

1 ABOY, VALENTINO G	87 LEE, RICHARD L
2 ACOSTA, CRISPINIANO G	88 LIM, DAVID EDUARDO T
3 ALBAÑA, MICHAEL JAEY C	89 LIM, RICHARD
4 ALCANTARA, ISIDRO C	90 LOSCIN, ARSENIO Z
5 ALDAY, ALBERT	91 LONZAGA, REINERIO
6 ALINGOG, ALDOUS A	92 LOPEZ, ARTHUR M
7 ANDAL, AVELINO L	93 LORENZANA, DELFIN
8 ARAGON, JOSHUA REUBEN G	94 MACAPAGAL, MICHAEL T
9 ARGUELLES, PABLO C	95 MACATOMAN, ABDULGANI
10 AVENTURA, AVENILO JR L	96 MAGBANUA, GERRY P
11 BAGATSING, VALENTINO S	97 MAGSAYSAY, FRANCISCO D
12 BALANAY, ARIES B	98 MANALAYSAY, CESAR P
13 BARTOLOME, ARSENIO III M	99 MANGALILE, SENEN T
14 BEDONES, RODOLFO P	100 MARTINEZ, RONALD J
15 BELLA, GERONIMO JR. D	101 MATSCHUCK, GUENTER GERHARD G
16 BELLO, CHRISTIAN CESAR	102 MAURICIO, ANTONILO DC
17 BENEDICTO, SIXTO T	103 MENDOZA, ESTELITO P
18 BERTELSEN, BERTEL I	104 MENDOZA, MIGUEL
19 BLANCO, MANUEL M	105 MENDOZA, RAYMUND JOSEPH IAN O
20 BOGOVICH, JASON M	106 MOMMAERTS, STEVE
21 BOTTON, WILHELM	107 NOLIDO, RAMON ALBERTO B
22 BRANELLEC, JACQUES	108 NOMURA, KAZUHIRO
23 BUENDIA, CARLOS C	109 NONES, ROMEO C
24 CABANGON, EDGARDO A	110 NUÑEZ, JOSE A
25 CAMAT, NATHANIEL	111 OBRADO, DANIEL CALZADO
26 CAMPOS, JOSELITO JR	112 ONG, PHILIP L
27 CANNON, RAUL JR C	113 OZAETA, MIGUEL ANTONIO L
28 CARLOS, VICENTE J	114 PAGDANGANAN, ROBERTO M
29 CARRANCEJA, ARVIN ARIK B	115 PALACIOS, ALBERT C
30 CASTRO, KARLO EUGENE JOSEF M	116 PALLASIGUE, JOHN BRIAN
31 CATALAN, RODRILLO R	117 PANARES, BEN THOMAS P
32 CENICA, JOHN T	118 PASCUAL, ABRAHAM F
33 CHAHWAN, RAMI	119 PATTERSON, COLIN DAVID
34 CO, VAL CONSTANTINE L	120 PAYUMO, FELICITO C
35 CORTEZ, LORENZO R	121 PELINO, WILFREDO
36 COYILTO, ROBERT JR. G	122 PINEDA, JESUS JR M
37 CREENCIA, RAOUL C	123 PINEDA, PATRICIO JR. F
38 CUREG, ALEXANDER P	124 PIZARRAS, JORDAN M
39 CUTTER, JOHN MICHAEL	125 PREYSLER, FAUSTO JR. D R
40 DAVIS, RAYMOND N	126 PUJALT, JOSE JR
41 DAYANG, JUAN E	127 RA, INGILL
42 DE CASTRO, JUAN ARTURO ILLUMINADO C	128 RANKI, PETER
43 DEL ROSARIO, OSCAR SR	129 RECTO, PHILIP H
44 DOMINGO, RICO V	130 REYNOLDS, DAVID J
45 DOMINGUEZ, CARLOS III G	131 RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN ANTHONY H
46 DY, MANUEL C	132 RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN SR. C
47 EGAN, BRENDAN W.L	133 ROXAS, MICHAEL D
48 ELDEBS, ISSAM	134 SARMIENTO, RICARDO MANUEL M
49 ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III V	135 SCHMITZ, STEFAN
50 ESQUERRA, HERMINIO S	136 SCHNEIDER, BERND
51 ESQUIVIAS, JOAQUIN PABLO A	137 SERAPIO, CARLOS C
52 EUGENIO, JOHN EMYL G	138 SEVILLA, LUIS ANGELO L
53 FAJARDO, BEDA G	139 SHIMODA, SHIGERU
54 FERNANDEZ, ANTONIO JAIME JOSE V	140 SIBAYAN, JOSELITO H
55 FOLLOSICO, CEFERINO JR G	141 SIMON, JUANITO
56 GARCIA, THEODORE Q	142 SO, WARREN
57 GARCIA, VICTOR III G	143 SOBREPENA, ROBERT JOHN L
58 GO, HENRY S	144 SYRICO, JOSE JR. A
59 GONZALES, JONAS R	145 TAGAYASAY, HECTOR O
60 GUARIN, MICHAEL ARCATOMY H	146 TALAMPAS, JOEL ANGEL L
61 GUEVARA, DOMINGO JR	147 TALANAN, FERDINAND E
62 GUEVARA, RICARDO S B	148 TALLAN, SHALIMAR HOFER
63 HALLARE, DELFIN JR. T	149 TAMAYO, VICTOR L
64 HALLARE, NICOLAS S	150 TAN, EUSEBIO V
65 HALLERBACK, MATTHIAS	151 TAN, JOHN G
66 HANADA, TAKAHIRO	152 TAN, LAWRENCE L
67 HERNANDEZ, EDWIN H	153 TANG, JIMMY T
68 HESSE, UWE	154 TEE, TEDDY JR B
69 HORTALEZA, ROLANDO B	155 TEJUMAI, SHAM MICHAEL
70 IBUYAN, BENEDICT JULIUS F	156 TELISMAN, HANSEL JOSEPH MICHAEL
71 IWATA, YASUSHI	157 VALDES, JOEL C
72 JOSEPH, RALPH L	158 VALDEZ, AMADO D
73 JUCABAN, JERIC J	159 VALENCIA, JOHN NICO P
74 KALAW, TEODORO ALEJANDRO IV J	160 VALENCIA, RODOLFO G
75 KATIGBAK, J ALFONSO L	161 YAP, ENRIQUE JR. Y
76 KLEBS, DAVID	162 YU, GEOFFREY C
77 KOH, PAUL ANTHONY T	163 YU, REGINALD T
78 LACAMBACAL, ALVIN D	164 ZALDARRAGA, FELIX FRANCISCO S
79 LAYA, JAIME C	165 ZEITOUNI, NAGI
80 LAZARO, JUAN MIGUEL	166 ZIALCITA, XAVIER Y
81 LEDDA, JAIME VICTOR B	167 ZIMMER, CHRISTOPHER

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Council of Past Presidents' Meeting with President-elect Raoul Creencia



The Council of Past Presidents' meeting with President-elect Raoul Creencia was held last Thursday, November 7, 2024 2:00 PM in the boardroom of Manila Polo Club.



**Philippine
Airlines**

The Heart of the Filipino



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

THE Membership Committee met last Thursday, November 7, 2024, at the Manila Polo Club to discuss and deliberate various membership concerns regarding honorary membership, termination of members, and new membership proposals.



Present from the Membership Committee were Chairman/PVP Fausto Preysler, Co-Chair/PT Lito Sibayan, Pres. Jujut Enriquez, CP Susing Pineda, Chairman, Innovation & Sustainability/Rtn. Anton Mauricio, and PDG Vince Carlos.



With invitee/nominee Mr. Stefan Yordanov (Bulgarian), proposed by President Jujut Enriquez



The membership committee also met with invitees Messrs. Stefan Yordanov, Vice President of Finance, Strategy and Corporate Projects of Lufthansa Technik Philippines, Inc., and Dean Cid, Chief Operating Officer of Phinma Hospitality, Inc., last Thursday, November 7, 2024 at the Sports Café, Manila Polo Club.



With invitee/nominee, Mr. Dean Y. Cid, proposed by Director Mike Albaña



Rotary Club of Manila's Journalism Awards 2024-2025 Planning Meeting



The Rotary Club of Manila Journalism Awards 2024-2025, chaired by Past Director Amading Valdez, convened an organizational meeting last Monday, November 12, 2024, at 5:30 PM via Zoom.

Present at the meeting were President Jujut Enriquez, District Governor Jackie Rodriguez (Consultant), Vice President Joel Valdes (Director in Charge of Vocational Service), President-elect and DSAA Raoul Creencia, Director-elect Edwin Hernandez, Past Vice President and RCMFI Chairman Reggie Yu, and Ex-Officio/Program Chair Rtn. Caloy Serapio.

The meeting covered the planned schedule for the awards ceremony, the award categories, and the venue for the event.



ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RC Manila's Economic and Community Development Project Site Visit in Oriental Mindoro

A project site trip to develop one of Rotary's 7 areas of focus on Economic and Community Development, aimed at providing water for Mangyans in Oriental Mindoro, was held on November 10, 2024 by President Jujut Enriquez together with RCManila Foundation Trustee Anton Mauricio (Chair of the RCMFI Screening Committee).

Project Chair Nico Valencia coordinated the *roro* transport with Ferry Montenegro and hosted the overnight stay at the Filipiniana Hotel.



Rotary Club of Manila's ocular inspection and consultation for identifying the water source and expanding the water distribution system for a Mangyan IP community of over 100 families in Oriental Mindoro, with Pres Jujut Enriquez, Project Chair Nico Valencia, and RCM Chair for Innovation & Sustainability Anton Mauricio (Trustee of RCManila Foundation), with community stakeholders.



Dir. Rod Valencia and Project Chair Nico Valencia joined Pres. Jujut Enriquez and RCMFI Trustee Anton Mauricio for the return trip to Manila.

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Empowering Education: A “Teachers in a Box” Donation to a School in Kauswagan, Davao

RCMANILA Foundation Trustee/
Rtn. Ingmar Bertelsen donated two
“Teacher in a Box” units, in the name
of the Rotary Club of Manila, to a school in
the remote area of Kauswagan, Davao.

The teachers can access the internet but not
Facebook and other social media platforms.
The total cost of this shared donation by
Trustee Bertelsen was US\$ 551.00.



"Education is
the most powerful weapon
you can use
to change the world."

- NELSON MANDE

“Teacher in a Box” is a humanitarian project initiated by the Rotary Club of Paddington, Australia, that is using donated technology to bring on-line education to the off-line world through the Rotary network. It makes it possible for these underprivileged students to access free online education resources without internet connection.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=68aZpMtEVgM

WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Meeting to Discuss the Proposed Water Basin Project for Two Schools in Manila

A virtual meeting was held on November 19, 2023 at 5:30 PM to discuss the proposed Water Basin Project for two government schools in the City of Manila.

Present at the meeting were Pres. Jujut Enriquez, WASH Chair Emman Dela Cruz, and RCManila Foundation Screening Committee Co-chair Ingmar Bertelsen.



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RCM World-Famous Chorale Kicks Off Christmas Serenade Rehearsals to Spread Holiday Cheer



The RCM "World-Famous" Chorale began rehearsing for the Christmas Serenade to spread holiday cheer to RCM members' families and friends. The first of the series of planned rehearsals with Musical Director Domino Marcos was held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at the office of District Governor Jackie Rodriguez.



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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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The DCRO Institute, the world's leading source of risk governance training and credentials for board members and C-suite executives, announced today the award of the prestigious Certificate in Risk Governance® to

Teodoro Alejandro Yujico Kalaw IV, an independent director of the Gothong Southern Group of Companies, in Metro Manila, Philippines. He is the first in the Philippines to be awarded this global recognition.



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Teddy is the corporate secretary, thought leadership chair, past trustee, and youngest Life Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Directors of the Philippines, where he was primarily responsible for launching its Family Firm Governance as well as Sustainability Strategy & Reporting programs. He is also president emeritus and past chair of the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators, as well as a professor of law at Ateneo Law School, where he teaches corporate governance, intellectual property management, and governance, law, and development. He is also currently serving simultaneously as the president of both the Fellowship of IP Counselors of the Philippines, Inc., the national association for the Philippines of the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys (FICPI), as well as the Institute of Philippine Real Estate Appraisers, the representative member for the Philippines of the International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC).

Teddy is the senior partner at Kalaw Prasad & Hoflana Law, where his practice is focused on corporate governance and securities, intellectual property, realty transactions, commercial litigation and dispute resolution, and public policy representation. He is a member of the bars of the Republic of the Philippines, the State of New York in the United States, and the United States Supreme Court. He is also a Fellow of the Family Firm Institute, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators, and the Asian Institute for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

RCMFI Chairman Reggie Yu Represented the Philippine Paint Industry at the APIC Conference in Bangkok



RCManila Foundation Chairman Reggie Yu represented the Philippines as the chief delegate and President of the Philippine Paint and Coatings Association Inc. (formerly, Philippine Paints Manufacturers) at the Asian Paint Industry Council (APIC) Conference in Bangkok, Thailand. The event was attended by more than 100 esteemed industry leaders and practitioners from 12-member paint and coatings associations across Asia and Oceania.

Chairman Yu presented the state of the Philippine paint industry, including the current challenges with regulatory agencies, emerging trends, and economic outlook.

The APIC was founded in 1995. It served as a vital forum for open dialogue and collaboration among members, fostering connection with World Coatings Council (WCC), A United Nations-listed NGO working tirelessly on global issues for the industry.

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Mrs. Beth Rivera-Valdez Appointed as New Assistant Secretary of DHSUD



Mrs. Beth Rivera-Valdez, wife of RCMer Rtn./Dr. Jason Valdez, was appointed as the new Assistant Secretary of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD).

RCM Members Received Asian Heroes 2024 Awards



RCM members PE Raoul Creencia, DIS Anton Mauricio, and IPP Raffy Alunan received the Asian Heroes 2024 Awards on November 15, 2024.

The Asian Heroes Awards 2024 is a prestigious event to honor individuals for their inspiring and impactful life stories.

Through the Asian Heroes Awards, present-day champions and everyday heroes are recognized by elevating their stories and achievements. Featuring the life stories of 40 remarkable individuals in a coffee table book seeks to inspire a new breed of trailblazers, innovators, and visionaries.

Among those honored were Chief Justice Alexander G. Gesmundo, GSIS President “Wick” Veloso, PCCI Chairman Emeritus Sergio Ortiz, Jr., and Philanthropist Alice Escudero.

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Rtn. Jerry Agnes Speaks at Bengaluru Tech Summit



Rtn. Jerry Agnes (in the middle) was a speaker during the Bengaluru Tech Summit. Rtn. Agnes was hired as the CEO of CG SEMI Pvt Ltd. to set up a semiconductor company in Gujarat, India.

RCM, RCMFI and PETA Asia Pacific Joint Community Initiative: Spaying, Neutering, and Vaccination Project for Stray Animals in Baseco, Manila

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PVP/Balita Chair Reggie T. Yu Attends Rotary Club of Bangkok's Luncheon Meeting

A photograph of two men in suits standing in front of a presentation screen. The man on the left, wearing a grey suit, is handing a book to the man on the right, who is wearing a blue suit and a Rotary International medal. The screen behind them displays the Rotary Club of Bangkok logo and a list of events, including a book launch for 'The Magic of Bangkok' and a presentation of a book to the Rotary Club of Bangkok.





Our luncheon meeting

Date:	Thursday 7 th November 2024
Time:	12.15-13.00 Hours
Where:	Grand Hyatt Erasam Bangkok, Union Hall
Topic:	Refugees, Forced Displacement and Missed Opportunities
Speaker:	Dania Bepkutasikin



Dania Bepkutasikin is a UN professional serving as Senior Regional Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Officer for Asia Pacific. Currently, she oversees employment and skills training programs for refugees and displaced persons across 15 countries, striving to provide self-reliance. With a 19-year career spanning the private sector and UN agencies, she has worked in multiple countries including Turkey, Kosovo, and Egypt. An entrepreneur and author, she has contributed to development projects, served as the Thailand Resettlement Program coordinator, and is a Board Member of the Global Entrepreneurship Network.




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RC Bangkok President Danu Chotikapanich during the President's Time



RC Bangkok's guest speaker Damla Buyuktasik, United Nations Senior Regional Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Officer in the Asia-Pacific, who talked about "Refugees, Forced Displacement and Missed Opportunities"



Full house at Union Hall of Grand Hyatt Erawan. Five tables composed of RC Bangkok members, visiting Rotarians, and guests. Membership consists of 70% Thai and 30% foreign expats.



PVP/Balita Chair Reggie T. Yu with Ms. Valaiporn Pornpruethianan, RC Bangkok's Executive Secretary

A NIGHT OF MUSIC with PP BABES

AN evening to reminisce friendship at the weekly Friday Fellowship of the RCM Music Committee that spanned over three decades at the Central Colleges of the Philippines was held last Friday, November 8, 2024. Then chairman for over three decades of the RCM Music Committee, Past Pres. Babes Reyes renamed the group as “World Famous” Chorale.



With Spouse Lennie Reyes, children, grandchildren, World Famous Chorale and friends





President-elect Raoul Creencia and President Jujut Enriquez



From left: PD Beda Fajardo, PDG Rudy Bediones, PD Nick Locsin, former member PVP Glicer Sicat, PP Francis Juico, DE Hans Palacios, PE Raoul Creencia, and Pres. Jujut Enriquez



From left: PD Nick Locsin, WF Chorale Chairman PD Oscar del Rosario, and Musical Director Domino Marcos (standing extreme right)



Standing, from left: PP Francis Juico, Pres. Jujut Enriquez and DE Hans Palacios



With Musical Dir. Domino Marcos (extreme left) directing the WF Chorale during the serenade on PP Babes Reyes – from left: former member Past Vice Pres. Glicer Sicat, DE Hans Palacios, Rtn. Caloy Buendia, PD Nick Locsin and Chairman PD Oscar del Rosario, Sr.



Standing, from left: Pres. Jujut Enriquez, WF Chair PD Oscar del Rosario Sr., PD Nick Locsin and Rtn Caloy Buendia

Solo performers

President-elect Raoul Creencia, Past District Governor Rudy Bediones, WF Chorale Chairman Oscar del Rosario, PD Nick Locsin, and Rtn Caloy Buendia





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