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EDITORIAL

Reginald T. Yu
Editor-in-Chief



THE partnership between the **Rotary Club of Manila (RCM)** and **Hospicio de San Jose** has stood the test of time, spanning more than eight decades. Rooted in a shared mission to serve humanity and demonstrate God's love through action, this collaboration has transformed countless lives and continues to be a beacon of hope and compassion.

Hospicio de San Jose and RCM first crossed paths in 1946 with a unified purpose: to respond to God's love by uplifting the marginalized and vulnerable. Their enduring relationship has seen numerous impactful projects. One such milestone occurred in 2012, when RCM assisted in the installation of solar panels for Hospicio's Sanctuary Dormitory. This facility shelters survivors of abuse and exploitation, providing them a haven of safety and healing.

Another noteworthy initiative was the establishment of a bakery through a grant provided by RCM's Paul Harris Project. The bakery continues to operate today, producing baked goods that not only bring joy to its patrons but also provide a vital source of income for Hospicio.

Though modest, the earnings from the bakery help augment the institution's finances, offering a tangible reminder of RCM's enduring support.

In 2017, RCM played a pivotal role in transforming an old building into a Livelihood and Skills Training Center located in Norzagaray, Bulacan. This facility became a lifeline for eight homeless families temporarily housed by Hospicio, equipping them with skills that enabled successful reintegration into society. By 2021, these families were thriving in permanent homes provided by the National Housing Authority. Additionally, the center has trained hundreds of individuals, opening doors to new opportunities for employment and self-sufficiency.

One of the most heartwarming projects took place in 2019 with the renovation of the Blessed Rosalie Rendu Building, which houses persons with special needs, including those with cerebral palsy and autism. Prior to the renovation, three groups of residents were crammed into the original Rendu Building, named after Blessed Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity known for her unwavering dedication to the poor. The project was initiated by Mr. Ong and supported by RCM members. Through charity art exhibits, where Hospicio's clients collaborated with volunteer artists, funds were raised to construct the Rendu B Dormitory for persons with cerebral palsy.

The transformation didn't stop there. A second phase focused on renovating the dormitory for girls with special needs, followed by a third phase for boys. These projects not only improved living conditions but also highlighted the creative potential of Hospicio's residents, who contributed their art to the exhibitions. The renovated spaces stand as symbols of dignity, care, and compassion, made possible through the unwavering commitment of RCM and its partners.

As Hospicio prepares to celebrate its 215th anniversary in 2025, it looks to the future with hope and faith. The institution continues to care for around 300 residents, addressing their daily needs, providing education, and supporting programs for the elderly, persons with special needs, and vulnerable individuals. Hospicio has reached out to RCM for additional support, including assistance with the repair and replacement of roofing and ceilings for a building that houses female children, their library, a function hall, and the Physical-Occupational Therapy department.

Furthermore, Hospicio envisions a sustainable future with the help of solar energy. With monthly electricity bills amounting to approximately ₱400,000, the installation of solar panels could significantly reduce costs and allow funds to be allocated toward other essential services. This initiative would not only benefit the residents but also contribute to environmental conservation.

Another heartfelt appeal from Hospicio involves sponsorship opportunities for its residents. Individuals can sponsor a child or elderly person, either partially or fully, on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. This initiative allows benefactors to share their blessings while creating a lasting impact on the lives of the less privileged.

The partnership between RCM and Hospicio de San Jose is a testament to what can be achieved when compassion and purpose align. The daily miracles made possible through this collaboration remind us of the power of service and the enduring faith that sustains these efforts. Guided by God's providence and inspired by the intercession of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Joseph, RCM and Hospicio continue their shared journey of transforming lives.

As we celebrate this remarkable partnership, we extend our gratitude to the past and present members of RCM, the Rotary Club of Manila Foundation, and Rotary International. Your contributions have not only improved living conditions but also uplifted the human spirit. Let us move forward with renewed commitment, strengthening this partnership and embracing the opportunities to make a difference.

May God bless our collective efforts, and may the legacy of service and compassion continue to thrive for generations to come.

cover story

Ampon Alaga: Compassion in Action

by PVP Reginald T. Yu



IN the heart of Baseco, one of Manila's most impoverished communities, an extraordinary event unfolded on November 30, 2024. Thanks to the combined efforts of the **Rotary Club of Manila (RCM)**, its charitable arm, the **Rotary Club of Manila Foundation, Inc. (RCMFI)**, and the **People for the Ethical**

Treatment of Animals (PETA) Asia, hundreds of companion animals received much-needed care in a free sterilization and vaccination clinic. This initiative, aptly named "Ampon Alaga," reflects a shared vision of compassion, community upliftment, and responsible animal guardianship.



The Ampon Alaga Project: A Vision for Change

Ampon Alaga, the companion animal welfare branch of PETA Asia, focuses on rescue, adoption, spay and neuter services (locally known as "*kapon*" and "*ligation*"), and veterinary care for indigent communities. Its mission aligns with addressing the pressing issue of overpopulation among stray cats and dogs, which plagues Metro Manila. Homeless animals are a common sight, left to scrounge for food and water while navigating the dangers of street life.

Financial barriers prevent many Filipino

families in areas like Baseco from accessing even the most basic veterinary services for their pets. This leads to a rapidly growing population of stray animals, increased risks of disease transmission, and heightened community health concerns, including the threat of rabies.

Recognizing these challenges, the Ampon Alaga project organized a one-day clinic with an ambitious goal: to provide free sterilization and vaccination services to 500 animals. This noble endeavor aimed not only to curb overpopulation but also to educate residents about responsible animal guardianship.

Baseco: A Community in Need

Baseco, officially Barangay 649, is home to nearly 60,000 residents living in cramped conditions. It is estimated that 70% of the 13,000 families in the area own at least one cat or dog, translating to a staggering population of over 9,000 companion animals. Most of these animals roam freely, adding to the community's already significant challenges.

In 2023, PETA Asia held a similar clinic in Baseco, sterilizing 304 animals. However, the overwhelming demand for services left many residents on a waiting list, hoping for another opportunity. This year, with the financial support of RCM and RCMFI, the Ampon Alaga team returned to Baseco to address this urgent need.

An Extraordinary Collaboration

The November clinic, held in a covered court within the community, was a testament to what collaboration can achieve. A team of veterinarians, supported by over 50 volunteers, sterilized and vaccinated 373 animals. This included 247 cats (125 males and 122 females) and 126 dogs (79 males and 47 females).

Veterinary students played a critical role, administering vaccines, cleaning ears, and trimming nails, while volunteers managed administrative tasks, prepared vaccines, and monitored animals in the recovery area. Each animal received rabies vaccinations and treatments for common health issues like mange and flea infestations, ensuring their well-being beyond sterilization.



Funding the Mission

The clinic was made possible through a generous donation of ₱339,000, covering surgery, rabies vaccinations, and operational logistics. The expenses broke down as follows:

- **Surgery Costs:** ₱151,200 for 126 dogs and ₱98,800 for 247 cats
- **Vaccinations:** ₱18,650 for rabies vaccines
- **Transport:** ₱5,500
- **Volunteer Meals:** ₱7,800
- **Miscellaneous Costs:** ₱5,000 (sanitizing supplies, cleaning materials, stationery)

The total expenditure was ₱286,950, leaving a remaining balance of ₱51,050. PETA Asia, led by its Director, Canadian **Ashley Bruno**, has proposed several impactful ways to utilize the surplus, including treatments for dogs with TVT cancer, a bulk purchase of 1,021 rabies vaccines, or funding the next clinic in Mandaluyong on December 14, 2024.



Transformative Impact

Beyond the numbers, the clinic's impact resonates deeply within the Baseco community. It not only addressed the immediate health needs of animals but also alleviated the financial burden on their guardians. Moreover, it contributed to public health by reducing the risks associated with stray animal overpopulation and rabies transmission.

The presence of over a dozen Rotarians from RCM highlighted the club's unwavering commitment to making a difference. Their active participation underscored the importance of partnerships between organizations like PETA Asia and civic groups such as RCM in addressing pressing social and environmental challenges.



A Call to Action

While the Ampon Alaga project has made significant strides, the journey is far from over. With more clinics planned and an ever-growing need for services, support from compassionate individuals and organizations is vital. Those interested can contribute by sponsoring future clinics, funding treatments for sick animals, or supporting PETA Asia's broader initiatives.

The success of the Ampon Alaga project serves as a powerful reminder of what is possible when communities come together with compassion and purpose. It is a call to action for everyone to play a role in creating a world where every companion animal is loved, cared for, and valued.

As Rotary Club of Manila President **Jujut Enriquez** aptly puts it, "Ampon Alaga is not just about sterilizing animals; it's about transforming lives—both human and animal—and building a more compassionate society."



Looking Ahead

The partnership between RCM and PETA Asia exemplifies how innovative collaborations can address systemic issues and create lasting change. Together, they have set a remarkable precedent, inspiring others to contribute to the noble cause of animal welfare and community health.

Ampon Alaga is more than a project; it is a movement of hope, compassion, and shared responsibility. It reminds us that even in the most underserved areas, love and care can thrive, changing lives one animal—and one community—at a time.



Random Conversations and Musings

by PE/PBLA Raoul Creencia



CHRISTMAS!

CHRISTMAS is indeed a joyous occasion as we commemorate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It marks the beginning of a life of service and sacrifice of God's only begotten son, and his humble birth should be a reminder for us all about the virtue of humility, and living for others. His birth in such humble surroundings, and the fact that he later identified himself with the marginalized sector highlights to us the importance of serving the least, the lost, and the last in our society. Indeed, the work of Rotary, which is to serve the community and make the world a better place for everyone, is consistent with God's loving design for mankind.

"Service above self" was a life lived by Jesus, the First Rotarian. His life epitomizes how it is to truly serve and uplift a community. His teachings underscore the importance of actually doing, saying and thinking in a manner that promotes the good and noble, very much in line with the Four-Way Test that we have today. Verily, Jesus has shown us what it

takes to truly serve and sacrifice, and he remarkably demonstrated that is by offering himself totally, to the point of dying on the cross.

Over the past couple of months, RCM already had several projects aimed at helping those in need, including the victims of natural calamities. This week alone, we have our gift-giving to indigent children of Mithing Pangarap at Smokey Mountain in Balut, Tondo; as well as a special program and gift distribution to the children, teens and elderly community at Hospicio de San Jose. This is what ROTARY is about – giving, serving, putting smiles in people's faces, and touching their lives through our presence and presents. I am happy to note that Manila Rotarians find true joy in pursuing these projects and noble pursuits.

This is the final issue of The *Balita* for the year, and I would like to sincerely wish all my brothers in Rotary a most meaningful and blessed Christmas, and all good cheer for another faith-filled 2025! Cheers to you all, and may God's grace and guidance be constantly animate us as we all forge ahead in this worthy Rotary mission!

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2024-2025

December 2024

DECEMBER 2024	December 05, 2024 US AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES H.E. MARYKAY L. CARLSON	December 12, 2024 ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA CHRISTMAS PARTY
MEMBERS PRESENT	54	28
MEMBERS PRESENT %	23%	12%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	6	0
EXEMPTED	5	4
ON LEAVE	0	0
Total Active Members	55	24
Total # of Members	230	227
TOTAL %:	24%	11%
ROTARACTORS	5	0
MEDIA	0	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	0
GOHS / GS	2	0
VISITING ROTARIAN	2	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	23	5
TOTAL ATTENDEES	86	33

LIST OF ATTENDEES
RC Manila Christmas Party
December 12, 2024

1	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.	15	Locsin, Arsenio Z.
2	Bediones, Rodolfo P.	16	Magsaysay, Francisco D.
3	Bello, Christian Cesar P.	17	Matschuck, Guenter Gerhard G.
4	Bogovich, Jason M.	18	Mauricio, Antonilo DC
5	Carlos, Vicente J.	19	Payumo, Felicitio C.
6	Roxas, Michael D.	20	Roxas, Michael D.
7	Chahwan, Rami	21	Serapio, Carlos G.
8	Creencia, Raoul C.	22	Sibayan, Josefito H.
9	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.	23	Tee, Teddy Jr. B.
10	Eldebs, Issam	24	Valdes, Joel C.
11	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.	25	Valdez, Amado D.
12	Esguerra, Herminio S.	26	Valencia, John Nico P.
13	Garcia, Paul Joseph M.	27	Zeitouni, Nagi
14	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro Y IV	28	Ra, Ingil
	Klebs, David		

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

As of December 17, 2024

1	ABOY, VALENTINO G	86	LEDIDA, JAIME VICTOR B
2	ACOSTA, CRISPINIANO G.	87	LEE, RICHARD L
3	ALBANA, MICHAEL JARY C	88	LIANZON, ROMEO THADDEUS
4	ALCANTARA, ISIDRO C	89	LIM, DAVID EDUARDO T
5	ALDAY, ALBERT	90	LIM, RICHARD
6	ALINGOG, ALDOUS A	91	LOCIN, ARSENIO Z
7	ANDAL, AVELINO L	92	LONZAGA, REINERIO
8	ARAGON, JOSHUA RUBEN G	93	LOPEZ, ARTHUR M
9	ARAMBULO, JOAQUIN	94	LORENZANA, DELFIN
10	ARGUELLES, PABLO C	95	MACAPAGAL, MICHAEL T
11	AVENTURA, AVELINO JR L	96	MACATOMAN, ABDULGANI
12	BAGATINSO, VALENTINO S	97	MAGBANUA, GERRY P
13	BALANAY, ARTES B	98	MAGSAYSAY, FRANCISCO D
14	BARTOLOME, ARSENIO III M	99	MANALAYSAY, CESAR P
15	BEDIONES, RODOLFO P	100	MANGALILE, SENEN T
16	BELLA, GERONIMO JR. D	101	MARTINEZ, RONALD I
17	BELLO, CHRISTIAN CESAR	102	MATSHUCK, GUENTER GERHARD G
18	BENEDICTO, SIXTO T	103	MAURICIO, ANTONILO DC
19	BERTILSEN, BEKTEL I	104	MENDOZA, ESTELITO P
20	BLANCO, MANUEL M	105	MENDOZA, MIGUEL
21	BOGOVICH, JASON M	106	MENDOZA, RAYMUND JOSEPH IAN O
22	BOTTON, WILHELM	107	MOMMAERTS, STEVE
23	BRANELLIC, JACQUES	108	NOLDO, RAMON ALBERTO B
24	BUENDIA, CARLOS C	109	NOMURA, KAZUHIRO
25	CABANGON, EDGAR A	110	NONES, ROMEO C
26	CAMAT, NATHANIEL	111	NUNEZ, JOSE A
27	CAMPOS, JOSELITO JR	112	OBRADEO, DANIEL CALZADO
28	CANON, RAUL JR C	113	ONG, PHILIP L
29	CARLOS, VICENTE J	114	OZAZETA, MIGUEL ANTONIO L
30	CARRANCEJA, ARVEN ARIK B	115	PAGDANGANAN, ROBERTO M
31	CASTRO, KARLO EUGENE JOSEF M	116	PALACIOS, ALBERT C
32	CATALAN, RODELLO R	117	PALLASQUE, JOHN BRIAN
33	CENICA, JOHN T	118	PANARES, BEN THOMAS P
34	CHAHWAN, RAMI	119	PASCUAL, ABRAHAM F
35	CO, FERDINAND C	120	PATTERSON, COLIN DAVID
36	CO, VAL CONSTANTINE L	121	PAYUMO, FELICITO C
37	CORTEZ, LORENZO B	122	PILINO, WILFREDO
38	COYUTO, ROBERT JR. G	123	PINEDA, JESUS JR M
39	CREENCIA, RAUL C	124	PINEDA, PATRICIO JR. F
40	CUREG, ALEXANDER P	125	PIZARRAS, JORDAN M
41	CUTTER, JOHN MICHAEL	126	PREYSLER, FAUSTO JR. D.R
42	DAVIS, RAYMOND N	127	PUGALTE, JOSE JR
43	DAYANG, JUANIE	128	RA, INGIL
44	DE CASTRO, JUAN ARTURO ILLUMINADO C	129	RAMOS, CLAUER P
45	DEL ROSARIO, OSCAR SR	130	RANKI, PETER
46	DOMINGO, RICO V	131	RECTO, PHILIP H
47	DOMINGUEZ, CARLOS III G	132	REYNOLDS, DAVID J
48	DY, MANUEL C	133	RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN ANTHONY H
49	EGAN, BRENDAN W L	134	RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN SR. C
50	ELDEBS, ISSAM	135	ROVAS, MICHAEL D
51	ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III V	136	SARMIENTO, RICARDO MANUEL M
52	ESGUERRA, HERMINIO S	137	SCHMITZ, STEFAN
53	ESQUIVAS, JOAQUIN PABLO A	138	SCHNEIDER, BERND
54	EUGENIO, JOHN EMYL G	139	SERAPIO, CARLOS C
55	FABRADO, BEIDA G	140	SEVILLA, LUIS ANGELO L
56	FERNANDEZ, ANTONIO JAIME JOSE V	141	SHIMODA, SHIGERU
57	FOLLOSCO, CEFERINO JR G	142	SIBAYAN, JOSELITO H
58	GARCIA, THEODORE Q	143	SIMON, JUANITO
59	GARCIA, VICTOR III G	144	SO, WARREN
60	GASPAR, FERNANDO L	145	SORREPEÑA, ROBERT JOHN L
61	GO, HENRY S	146	SYLICO, JOSE JR. A
62	GONZALES, JONAS R	147	TAGAYSAY, HECTOR O
63	GUARIN, MICHAEL ARCATOMY H	148	TALAMPAS, JOEL ANGEL L
64	GUEVARA, DOMINGO JR	149	TALISAN, FERNANDO
65	GUEVARA, RICARDO S B	150	TAMANO, SHALIMAR HOFER
66	HALLARE, DELFIN JR. T	151	TAMAYO, VICTOR L
67	HALLARE, NICOLAO S	152	TAN, EUSEBIO V
68	HALLERBACH, MATHIAS	153	TAN, JOHN G
69	HANADA, TAKAHIRO	154	TAN, LAWRENCE L
70	HERNANDEZ, EDWIN H	155	TANG, JIMMY T
71	HESSE, UWE	156	TEE, TEDDY JR B
72	HORTALEZA, ROLANDO B	157	TEJUMAL, SHAM MICHAEL
73	IBUYAN, BENEDICT JULIUS F	158	TILLMAN, HANSEL JOSEPH MICHAEL
74	IWATA, YASUSHI	159	VALDES, JOEL C
75	JONEPH, RALPH L	160	VALDEZ, AMADO D
76	JUCABAN, JERIC J	161	VALENCIA, JOHN NICO P
77	KALAW, TEODORO ALEJANDRO IV J	162	VALENCIA, RODOLFO G
78	KATIGBAK, J ALFONSO L	163	VILLARICA, HENRY R
79	KLEBS, DAVID	164	VAP, ENRIQUE JR Y
80	KOH, PAUL ANTHONY H	165	YORDANOV, STEFAN
81	KLENACK, LUTZ H	166	YU, GEOFFREY C
82	LACAMBACAL, ALVIN D	167	YU, REGINALD T
83	LAUREL, RICARDO P	168	ZALDARRIAGA, FELIX FRANCISCO S
84	LAYA, JAIME C	169	ZEITOUNI, NAGI
85	LAZARO, JUAN MIGUEL	170	ZALCITA, XAVIER V
		171	ZIMMER, CHRISTOPHER

GUIDELINES IN THE CONDUCT OF THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE RCMFI BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RCMFI Election Committee Members

Chairman, RCMFI PP Issam Eldebs
Member, Director Nagi Zeitouni
Member, PD Ner Lonzaga

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A. In order for the elections to be valid, a quorum as per By-Laws Article III, Sections 4 stated that **“At all meetings of the members of the Foundation, a majority of the members entitled to vote, whether present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum.”** A majority of such quorum shall decide any question at the meeting, save and except in those matters where the Corporation Code of the Philippines requires the affirmative vote of a greater portion.
- B. To be eligible to vote, and be voted upon, the nominee should have paid the one-time admission fee by **January 14, 2025**.
- C. The start of nomination is on **December 16, 2024**, and will end on **January 14, 2025**.
- D. Members who are nominated will be accordingly informed by the RCMFI Secretariat and will have until **January 14, 2025**, to accept or decline their nomination.

- E. The election of the Board of Trustees (BOT) will be held on **January 16, 2025**. The election process will be held via manual voting at the Turf Room, Manila Polo Club, 17A. McKinley Road Forbes Park, Makati City from **9:30 am to 12:30 pm**.
- F. The duly elected BOT will elect among themselves on **January 30, 2025**, the Foundation officers for the Rotary Year 2025-2026.
- G. Before the start of the election, the Election Committee must ensure the existence of a quorum which is equivalent to fifty percent of the membership plus one of 1 (50% plus 1). Once a quorum is declared, the election may start. Members present, or those who submitted their proxy are included in the determination of a quorum.
- H. Each member of the Foundation shall be entitled to one vote and can vote by proxy duly appointed in writing. *Please see the attached PROXY form.*

II. NOMINATION & ELECTION GUIDELINES

A. NOMINATION

- 1. Please use the attached **Nomination Form** to nominate.
- 2. The nominees will be informed and will be requested to sign the attached Acceptance Form. Acceptance of the nomination will be valid up to the set deadline of acceptance. If a nominated member declines his nomination, an email or Viber message to any of the **RCMFI Election Committee Members** will suffice.

3. Members nominated shall be informed in writing. The Secretary should see that the nominated member has actually received the notice
4. The official list of candidates for the Board of Trustees shall be posted in the Viber Group of RCManila Foundation, Inc. every week following the nomination day until Election Day on **January 16, 2025**.

B. ELECTION REGISTRATION AND VOTING PROCESS

It is imperative for the member to attend the scheduled election meeting on **January 16, 2025**, to be held at the Turf Room, Manila Polo Club, 17A. McKinley Road Forbes Park, Makati City for quorum purposes and to vote.

How to participate in the Election:

- Register your attendance between **9:30 am – 12:30 pm**.
- The voting will start at **9:30 am** and end at **12:30 pm**.
- Members in the Qualified Voters List will be issued an **Election Stub**.
- The Election Stub should be presented to the ELECOM Representative at the designated polling place in exchange for the ballot.
- Member should fill up the ballot by voting for no less than 8 or more than 15.
- Ballots with less than 8 or more than 15 will be invalidated
- Polls will be closed at exactly **12:30 PM**.

C. REMINDERS ON ELECTION DAY

- To be eligible to vote, please be present in the Room designated for election or designate a proxy.
- Please choose a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 15 candidates. Ballots with less than 8 or more than 15 will be invalidated.
- Upon receipt of the ballot, please submit it when you are done
- The vote cannot be changed after submitting the ballot.
- The election process will take 2 to 3 hours and the result of the election will be released within 3 hours from the closing of the election process.

D. RESULT

- Using the Plurality method, the candidates with the most votes win. Since 15 trustees are needed to occupy the position of the Trustees in the Foundation, the first 15 candidates who receive the greatest number of votes win.
- The outgoing Chairman of the Board of Trustees will then declare the official closing of the election and declare the winners as the new Board of Trustees of the coming rotary year.

Rotary



THE FOUR-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do

- I. Is it the TRUTH?
- II. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- III. Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- IV. Will it be **BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**



Philippine Airlines

The Heart of the Filipino

Rotary Club of Manila Spreads Christmas Cheer in Tondo

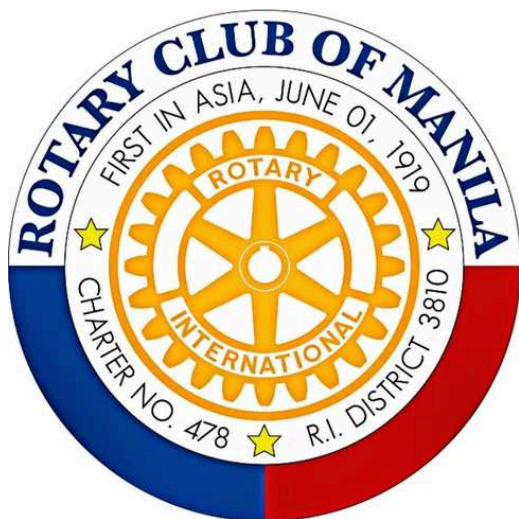


The Rotary Club of Manila shared some Christmas joy with the children of Smokey Mountain in Balut, Tondo, on December 17, 2024

In a gift-giving program, over a hundred students from Mithing Pangarap received presents consisting of children's books, school supplies, candies, and other treats.

RCM was represented by PE Raoul Creencia, SAA/DE Jason Bogovich, Oral Health Care Committee Chair John Cutter (who also distributed toothpaste and toothbrushes), and Rtn. Daniel Obrado. Also present were PE Raoul's wife (Myls) and daughter (Mikee), as well as DE Jason's wife (Laura). Summer Bonifacio (President, RAC Manila) and Shawn Ramos of RAC PLM were also present.





**SERVICE
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RECOGNITION CORNER

DIS & RCMFI Trustee Anton Mauricio: 2024 Man of the Year for Innovation at the Asia Leaders Awards



Indonesia Ambassador Agus Widjojo, Elton See Tan, Anton Mauricio, Grace Nicolas, & Robert Yupangco

Asia Leaders Awards honors outstanding leaders and organizations in Manila

By Becky Garcia, December 14, 2024

The Asia Leaders Awards (ALA) took place last November 28 at the residence of Indonesia's ambassador Agus Widjojo, where honorees were recognized for operational excellence and global business practices.

Usec. Anton Mauricio of the National Development Company was named Man of the Year for Innovation. Victor Consunji received the award for Real Estate, Jojie Dingcong for Talent Management, and Customs Commissioner Bienvenido Rubio for Public Service.

The Philippine awards followed the ALA-Indonesia last Oct. 9 in Jakarta.

Source: The Manila Times

Rtn. Art Lopez with President Bong Bong Marcos at the Ceremonial Signing of the VAT Refund for Non-Resident Tourists Act





RC MANILA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024



December 12, 2024
McKinley Hill Clubhouse, BGC, Taguig City



DIS/RCMFI Trustee Anton Mauricio and Pres. Jujut formally opened the RC Manila and RCMFI Christmas program as the emcees of the night.



Pres. Jujut delivered a short welcome remark and message.



Fellowship Program Chair Rtn. Nico Valencia gave a short message to the RCMers and guests .











FELLOWSHIP

Rotary District 3810 Presidents-elect Christmas Party



PE Raoul Creencia joined the other Presidents-elect of the District in a fun-filled Christmas Party on December 16, 2024 hosted by District Governor-elect Mary Mei Victorino.

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The RCM World Famous Chorale delights RCMers and Aleco group members with a heartwarming serenade of Christmas songs at Z-Lounge, G.A. Towers, Mandaluyong City on December 16, 2024.





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