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Inspiration from An
Esteemed Thought
Leader**

RCM's Incoming
Board and Officers
Meet to Discuss
Membership and
Treasury Matters

RCM-RCMFI
Reading Literacy
Teacher Training
Project

Journalism Awards & TOWER Awards
Committee Meetings

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PROGRAM

24th Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2024-2025
Thursday, 6 March 2025, 12:30 PM
Manila Polo Club

Moderator: **PD AMADO "Amading" D. VALDEZ**

PART I

12:00 PM Registration
12:30 PM Call to Order | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**
Invocation | **STAR RTN. DEAN CID**
Philippine National Anthem | **AVP**
Manila Rotary Hymn | **RCM WF Music Chorale**
The Four (4) Way Test | **RTN. FRANCISCO "Paco" D. MAGSAYSAY**
Acknowledgment of Guests
Welcome Song | **RCM WF MUSIC CHORALE**
Birthday Celebrants
Mar. 1 PBLA Raji Mendoza
Mar. 2 PVP Fausto Preysler
Mar. 4 STAR Rtn. Jonas Gonzales
Mar. 7 Rtn. Tong Payumo
PP Hermie Esguerra
Mar. 8 Rtn. Brendan Egan
Mar. 9 Rtn. Nilo Aventura
Mar. 11 Rtn. JB Pallasigue
Rtn. Benedict Ibuyan

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

PART II

12:50 PM President's Time | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**
12:55 PM Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker
RTN. DELFIN N. "De!" LOREZANA

Guest of Honor and Speaker

Address:

MR. JOSE ARNULFO VELOSO
President and General Manager, GSIS

1:30 PM Open Forum / Q.A.
1:50 PM Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**
2:00 PM Adjournment | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**

EDITORIAL

Reginald T. Yu
Editor-in-Chief



THE Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) has long been a pillar of financial security for government employees, ensuring their welfare through pensions, insurance, and loan programs. Under the leadership of its President and General Manager, Mr. Arnulfo "Wick" Veloso, GSIS has entered a transformative era marked by enhanced efficiency, improved member services, and strengthened financial stability.

Since assuming leadership, Mr. Veloso has prioritized sound financial management to ensure the long-term sustainability of GSIS funds. His background in banking and finance has played a crucial role in reinforcing investment strategies that generate sustainable returns while maintaining the fund's integrity. By adopting prudent fiscal policies and exploring diversified investment portfolios, GSIS remains resilient amid economic fluctuations.

One of the key areas of improvement under Mr. Veloso's tenure has been the enhancement of GSIS's service delivery. Recognizing the need for a more accessible and member-centric approach, GSIS has expanded digital services, streamlined loan application processes, and improved claims processing times. These initiatives have significantly reduced red tape, allowing government workers to access their benefits with greater ease and efficiency.

Additionally, new programs and enhancements to existing ones have been introduced to provide better support for pensioners and active members. GSIS has also been proactive in addressing members' concerns, ensuring that government employees and retirees receive the assistance they deserve in times of need.

With the rapid evolution of technology, GSIS has embraced digital transformation under Mr. Veloso's leadership. Online platforms have been enhanced, allowing members to check their records, file claims, and apply for loans remotely. This digital shift not only improves convenience but also promotes transparency and accountability within the institution.

Beyond providing financial security to government workers, GSIS plays a critical role in nation-building. Through strategic investments, support for infrastructure projects, and partnerships with various government agencies, GSIS contributes to economic growth and national development. Mr. Veloso's vision extends beyond internal reforms—he seeks to position GSIS as a key player in fostering economic resilience and progress.

As GSIS moves forward under Mr. Veloso's leadership, it continues to uphold its mandate of serving government employees with integrity and commitment. His focus on innovation, financial prudence, and customer service excellence ensures that GSIS remains a reliable institution for generations to come.

Through bold leadership and a dedication to continuous improvement, Mr. Arnulfo "Wick" Veloso is steering GSIS towards a future where public servants can enjoy financial security with confidence and dignity.



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Jose Arnulfo "Wick" Veloso

President and
General Manager
Government Service
Insurance System (GSIS)



JOSE Arnulfo "Wick" Veloso is a highly respected banker with 40 years of experience in banking and finance. He's a recipient of the outstanding alumnus award from the De La Salle University in 2021.

Before becoming the President and General Manager of GSIS, he led Philippine National Bank as its President and CEO and was also the first Filipino CEO of HSBC Philippines. Under his leadership, HSBC and PNB earned prestigious awards, including the Best Global Bank Award, Best Debt Capital Bank Award, from Thee Asset, and Best CEO Response to COVID-19 from the Asian Banker.

Since assuming office as PGM of GSIS in 2022, he has strongly advocated for digital transformation to make services faster, more efficient, and more accessible to members. His goal has always been to provide a seamless customer experience—one where members and pensioners can complete transactions quickly and conveniently. With this, GSIS has strengthened its online platforms, digital payment channels, and automated processing systems to minimize paperwork and reduce the need for in-person visits.

Guest of Honor and Speaker

Side by side with the push for digitalization, GSIS achieved significant financial growth under the leadership of PGM Wick Veloso, driven by strategic investments, efficient insurance operations, and a well-balanced portfolio that ensures both stability and long-term sustainability. His prudent financial management and commitment to digital transformation have strengthened GSIS's services, expanded member benefits, and reinforced its role in national development.

As the Chairman of the USD 1.3 trillion combined funds under management of the ASEAN Social Security Association (ASSA), he continues to champion progress and regional cooperation while reinforcing GSIS's role in supporting national development.



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cover story

A Moment of Sight and Inspiration from An Esteemed Thought Leader

by PVP Reginald T. Yu

THE Manila Polo Club provided a fittingly distinguished setting for the **23rd Weekly Membership Meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila**, a gathering that commenced at precisely **12:00 noon**, an earlier start to accommodate the demanding schedule of the day's honored guest. Against the elegant backdrop of Manila's premier social club, **Rotarians, guests, and distinguished figures in business and civic leadership** came together for an afternoon of fellowship, intellectual discourse, and a call to action for the nation's future.

A Tradition of Excellence: The Opening of the Meeting

The proceedings began with the customary **Call to Order** by **President Jujut Enriquez**, who set the tone for an engaging and thought-provoking session. As the assembly stood for the **Invocation**, led by **Rtn. J Alfonso L. "Al" Katigbak**, a solemn reflection on service and duty filled the air, reinforcing the Rotary's mission to foster goodwill and peace.



With a deep sense of patriotism, the attendees then turned their attention to the **Philippine National Anthem**, presented through an audiovisual performance, followed by the **Rotary Club of Manila Hymn**, beautifully rendered by the **RCM WF Music Chorale**, a musical tribute to the unity and shared purpose of the club's members.



Rtn. Antonilo "Anton" DC Mauricio moderated the meeting.



President Jujut Enriquez called the meeting to order.



Rtn. J Alfonso L. "Al" Katigbak led the invocation.



RCM WF Music Chorale beautifully rendered the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn.

Past Treasurer Paul Joseph M. "PJ" Garcia then led the assembly in reciting the **Four-Way Test**, the guiding ethical principles of Rotary. As always, these words resonated with all present, reinforcing the values of truth, fairness, goodwill, and mutual benefit — ideals that have long been at the core of Rotary's service and leadership.

DIS Antonilo DC. “Anton” Mauricio, serving as the meeting’s moderator, then took the stage to acknowledge the esteemed guests in attendance. A warm and heartfelt **Welcome Song**, performed once more by the **RCM WF Music Chorale**, celebrated the spirit of hospitality that defines the Rotary Club of Manila. The mood was further uplifted with the **Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song**, extending well wishes to members celebrating their special day.

An Address of Gravitas: Mr. Stephen Cu-Unjieng’s Vision for the Nation

As the meeting transitioned to its second part, President Jujut Enriquez took the podium for President’s Time, addressing current matters of the club and setting the stage for the day’s most anticipated segment — the keynote address by **Mr. Stephen Anthony T. Cu-Unjieng**.



President Jujut Enriquez took the podium for President’s Time.

Rtn. Delfin N. “Del” Lorenzana, himself a figure of national significance as a former General and Defense Secretary, introduced the guest speaker with due reverence, underscoring his deep expertise in finance, industry, and economic strategy. Cu-Unjieng, an esteemed investment banker and corporate strategist, took the microphone without the aid of prepared slides or notes — his command of the subject matter and his passion for national progress more than sufficient to captivate the audience.



Rtn. Delfin N. “Del” Lorenzana introduced the guest speaker.

His speech tackled a subject both urgent and complex: **the long-term trajectory of the Philippine economy and the structural barriers preventing it from reaching its full potential**. With a blend of historical insight, economic analysis, and candid assessment, Cu-Unjieng dissected the narrative that the Philippines was once the second most prosperous nation in Asia.

“The idea that we were the second largest economy in the 1960s is misleading,” he remarked. “What we really were, was the

second **least poor**. Our per capita income was not reflective of true economic strength, but rather of relative positioning in an underdeveloped region. Since then, countries like Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, and now Vietnam have all surpassed us.”

He highlighted a painful reality: **the Philippines has been growing, but not at the pace necessary to keep up with its neighbors**. He likened it to a basketball game: “If the score starts at 20-0, and at halftime you manage to tie, but in the second half, you fall behind again, then yes, you are still scoring—but others are scoring faster, and that is the real issue.”



The Power of Long-Term Vision and Manufacturing Imperatives

One of Cu-Unjieng’s central arguments was the **need for long-term planning**, drawing lessons from **Japan, South Korea, and China**, nations that have methodically built industries and global competitive advantages. He cited Japan’s post-war strategy of prioritizing two key sectors: **automobiles and consumer electronics**. By investing decades

into research, development, and incremental innovation, Japan transformed itself from an exporter of cheap, inferior goods into a global industrial powerhouse.

He contrasted this with the **Philippines' lack of a cohesive industrial strategy**, noting the **near-total collapse of its manufacturing sector**. “Manufacturing isn’t just about factory jobs—it’s about the **multiplier effect**. A single factory job creates five additional jobs in supply chains, logistics, retail, and services. By contrast, while overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) send remittances, they do not generate domestic employment at the same scale.”



Cu-Unjieng pointed to **power consumption as a direct measure of industrial development**, revealing a sobering comparison:

- The **Philippines' peak demand** is approximately **16,000 megawatts** for a population of **120 million**.
- **Vietnam, with only 96 million people**, consumes over **60,000 megawatts**, a reflection of its booming industrial base.
- **Thailand, with 70 million people**, has

double the Philippines’ power demand, and even Malaysia, with only a quarter of the Philippine population, consumes more electricity.

“These figures speak volumes,” Cu-Unjieng asserted. “Electricity powers factories. Factories power economies. And economies power national wealth.”

The Fallacy of the Demographic Dividend

Another prevailing economic argument he dismantled was the so-called “**Demographic Dividend**” — the idea that **a large, youthful population automatically translates into economic growth**. While many have touted the Philippines’ young workforce as an advantage, Cu-Unjieng warned that this **only holds true under two conditions: full employment and a high level of national wealth**.

He compared the **population growth rates and GDP per capita of the United States, China, and Japan**:

- **The United States** grew from **\$3,000 per capita in 1960 to \$70,000 today, a 22-fold increase**.
- **China**, despite its restrictive one-child policy, **grew from \$90 per capita in 1960 to \$12,000 today — a 139-fold increase**.
- **The Philippines, despite one of the highest birth rates in the world, has failed to achieve comparable economic gains**.

“Population growth alone is not an advantage,” he stated bluntly. “It must be paired with infrastructure, education, and industrialization. Otherwise, it simply means more mouths to feed, more underemployment, and more strain on national resources.”



A Challenge to the Leaders in the Room

As Cu-Unjieng’s speech drew to a close, he posed a challenge to the assembled leaders: to think beyond political cycles, short-term fixes, and stopgap measures. “There is a great line from Lewis Carroll’s *Through the Looking Glass*,” he mused. “‘You don’t know how much running I have to do just to stay in the same place.’ That is where we are as a nation. We are running, but others are running faster.”

His remarks set the stage for an animated Open Forum, where members of the Rotary Club of Manila engaged him in further discussion, drawing out deeper insights into industrial policy, governance, and strategic direction.



Mr. Stephen Cu-Unjieng engaged in an interactive conversation with Rtn. Butch Alcantara, VP Joel Valdes, and PT PJ Garcia.



Closing and Reflection

As the meeting neared its end, President Jujut Enriquez formally presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Cu-Unjieng, thanking him for his invaluable insights and for challenging the Rotary community to become catalysts for real economic transformation.



Mr. Stephen Cu-Unjieng received RCM's Plaque of Appreciation witnessed by Rtn. Delfin "Del" Lorenzana, DG Joaquin "Jackie" Rodriguez Sr., Pres. Jujut Enriquez, Rtn. J Alfonso L "Al" Katigbak, and PT Paul Joseph M. "PJ" Garcia.



DG Jackie Rodriguez shared a brief history on cleft lip/palate projects undertaken by the Rotary Club of Manila with the Philippine Band of Mercy and the Rotary Club of Nurnberg, Germany, after Pres. Jujut Enriquez thanked him for authorizing US\$ 7,500.00 from the District Designated Fund of RIDistrict 3810 for the applied Global Grant 2572214 Cleft Lip/Palate Project.

With a final call to action, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM, leaving attendees with much to ponder — and, perhaps, a renewed resolve to help steer the country toward a more sustainable and prosperous future.

In the grand tradition of The Rotary Club of Manila, this gathering was more than just a luncheon — it was a forum for vision, leadership, and the unwavering belief that service and action can change the course of history.



President Jujut Enriquez adjourned the meeting.



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2024-2025

February 2025

	February 06, 2025	February 13, 2025	February 20, 2025
FEBRUARY 2025	COMLEC CHAIR, HON. GEORGE ERWIN M. GARCIA	MUSICAL INDUCTION WITH DAVID POMERANZ	MR. STEPHEN COUNIENO
MEMBERS PRESENT	39	35	35
MEMBERS PRESENT %	17%	15%	15%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	10	3	12
EXEMPTED	4	5	5
ON LEAVE	0	0	0
Total Active Members	45	33	42
Total # of Members	226	226	226
TOTAL %	20%	15%	19%
ROTARACTORS	5	10	10
MEDIA	3	0	3
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0
DO, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	0	0
GOVS / GS	10	5	1
VISITING ROTARIAN	0	1	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	7	25	19
TOTAL ATTENDEES	61	76	65

LIST OF ATTENDEES
February 20, 2025

1 Acosta, Crispiniano G.	18 Matschuck, Guenter Gerhard G.
2 Alcantara, Isidro C.	19 Mauricio, Antonio DC
3 Aragon, Joshua Reuben	20 Mendoza, Miguel
4 Bartolome III, Arsenio M.	21 Nolido, Ramon Alberto B.
5 Bello, Christian Cesar P.	22 Obrado, Daniel Calzado
6 Benedicto, Sixto T.	23 Pascual, Abraham F.
7 Carlos, Vicente J.	24 Pineda, Jr., Fausto F.
8 Creencia, Raoul C.	25 Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
9 Cureg, Alexander P.	26 Recto, Philip H.
10 Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.	27 Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
11 Egan, Brendan W.L.	28 Serapio, Carlos G.
12 Enriquez III, Eduardo V.	29 Sibayan, Joselito H.
13 Garcia, Paul Joseph M.	30 Simon, Juanito A.
14 Guevara, Ricardo S.	31 Tagaysay, Hector O.
15 Katigbak, J Alfonso L.	32 Valdes, Joel C.
16 Lorenzana, Delfin	33 Vazquez, Evaristo Jr.
17 Macatoman, Abdulgani M.	34 Yu, Reginald Tieng
	35 Cld, Dean Y.

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

As of March 4, 2025

1 ABOY, VALENTINO G.	91 LEDDA, JANE VICTOR B.
2 ABRILAS, ARTEL	92 LEE, RICHARD L.
3 ACOSTA, CRISPINIANO G.	93 LIAMZON, ROMEO THADDEUS
4 ALBANA, MICHAEL JARY C.	94 LIM, DAVID EDUARDO T.
5 ALBERTO, RAYMENDO ARNOLD S.	95 LIM, RICHARD
6 ALCANTARA, ISIDRO C.	96 LOCSIN, ARSENIO Z.
7 ALDAY, ALBERT	97 LONZAGA, REINERIO
8 ALINGOG, ALDOCS A.	98 LOPEZ, ANTONIO
9 ANDAS, AVELINO L.	99 LOPEZ, ARTHUR M.
10 ARAGON, JOSHUA REUBEN G.	100 LORENZANA, DELFIN
11 ARAMBULO, JOAQUIN	101 MACAPAGAL, MICHAEL T.
12 ARGUELLES, PABLO C.	102 MACATOMAN, ABDULGANI
13 AVENTURA, ARSENIO JR. L.	103 MAGBANUA, GERRY P.
14 BAGATISNG, VALENTINO S.	104 MAGSAYSAY, FRANCISCO D.
15 BALANAY, ARIES B.	105 MANALAYSAY, CESAR P.
16 BARTOLOME, ARSENIO III M.	106 MANGALILE, SENEN T.
17 BEZIONES, RODOLFO P.	107 MARTINEZ, RONALD I.
18 BELLA, GERONIMO JR. D.	108 MATSCHUCK, GUENTER GERHARD G.
19 BELLO, CHRISTIAN CESAR	109 MAURICIO, ANTONIO DC
20 BENEDICTO, SIXTO T.	110 MENDOZA, ESTELITO P.
21 BERTELSEN, BERTIE J.	111 MENDOZA, MIGUEL
22 BLANCO, MANUEL M.	112 MENDOZA, RAYMENDO JOSEPH IAN O.
23 BOGOTICH, JASON M.	113 MOMMAERTS, STEVE
24 BOTTON, WILLIE L.	114 NOLIDO, RAMON ALBERTO B.
25 BRANELLIC, JACQUES	115 NOMURA, KAZUHIRO
26 BUENDIA, CARLOS C.	116 NONES, ROMEO C.
27 CABANGON, EDGARDO A.	117 NUNEZ, JOSE A.
28 CABRAG, ROGELIO R.	118 OBRADO, DANIEL CALZADO
29 CAMAY, NATHANIEL	119 OCAMPO, TEODORO J.
30 CAMPOS, JOSELITO JR.	120 ONG, PHILIP I.
31 CANON, RAUL JR. C.	121 OZAEITA, MIGUEL ANTONIO L.
32 CARLOS, VICENTE J.	122 PAGDANGANAN, ROBERTO M.
33 CARRANCEJA, ARVIN ARIK B.	123 PALACIOS, ALBERT C.
34 CASTRO, KARLO EUGENE JOSEF M.	124 PALLASQUE, JOHN BRIAN
35 CATALAN, RODILLO R.	125 PANARES, BEN THOMAS P.
36 CENIZA, JOHN F.	126 PASQUAL, ABRAHAM F.
37 CHAPWAN, RAMI	127 PATTERSON, COLIN DAVID
38 CHEN, LIANG TA	128 PATTYMO, FELICITO C.
39 CID, DEAN V.	129 PELNO, WILFREDO
40 CO, FERNANDO C.	130 PENEDA, JESUS JR. M.
41 CO, VAL CONSTANTINE L.	131 PENEDA, PATRICIO JR. F.
42 CORTIZ, LORENZO R.	132 PEZARAS, JORDAN V.
43 COTOLO, ROBERT JR. G.	133 PREYSLER, FAUSTO JR. D.R.
44 CREENCIA, RAUL C.	134 PUJALTE, JOSE JR.
45 CUREG, ALEXANDER P.	135 RA, INGLI
46 CUTLER, JOHN MICHAEL	136 RAMOS, CLAUDE P.
47 DAVIS, RAYMOND N.	137 RANKI, PETER
48 DAYANG, JUAN E.	138 RECTO, PHILIP H.
49 DE CASTRO, JUAN ARTURO ILLUMINADO C.	139 REYNOLDS, DAVID J.
50 DEL ROSARIO, OSCAR SR.	140 RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN ANTHONY H.
51 DIONISIO, RAFAEL RONALDO	141 RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN SR. C.
52 DOMINGO, RICO V.	142 ROMUALDEZ, JOSE MANUEL G.
53 DOMINGUEZ, CARLOS III G.	143 RONON, MARLON R.
54 DY, MANUEL C.	144 ROMAS, MICHAEL D.
55 IBAN, BERNARDAS W.E.	145 SARMENTO, RICARDO MANUEL M.
56 ELDERS, ISSAM	146 SCHMITZ, STEFAN
57 ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III V.	147 SCHNITZER, BEKOD
58 FIGUERRA, HERMINO S.	148 SERAPIO, CARLOS G.
59 FIGUERRA, JOAQUIN PABLO A.	149 SEVILLA, LUIS ANGELO L.
60 EUGENIO, JOHN EMIL G.	150 SHIMODA, SHIGERU
61 FALUARD, BIDA G.	151 SIBAYAN, JOSELITO H.
62 FERNANDEZ, ANTONIO JADME JOSE V.	152 SIMON, FLANSTO
63 FOLLOSO, CEFERINO JR. G.	153 SO, WARREN
64 GARCIA, THEODORE Q.	154 SOBREPENA, ROBERT JOHN L.
65 GARCIA, VICTOR III G.	155 STILACO, JOSE JR. A.
66 GASPAR, FERNANDO L.	156 TAGAYASAY, HECTOR O.
67 GO, HENRY S.	157 TALAMPAS, JOEL ANGEL L.
68 GONZALES, JONAS R.	158 TALUSAN, FERDINAND E.
69 GONZALEZ LAVO, EMILIO P.	159 TAMASANO, SHALIMAR HOFER
70 GORDON, MICHAEL ARCATONY H.	160 TAMAYO, VICTOR L.
71 GUEVARA, DOMINGO R.	161 TAN, EUSEBIO V.
72 GUEVARA, RICARDO S.B.	162 TAN, JOHN G.
73 HALLARE, DELFIN JR. T.	163 TAN, LAWRENCE L.
74 HALLARE, NICOLAS S.	164 TANG, TIMOTHY T.
75 HALLERBACH, MATTHIAS	165 TEE, TEDDY JR. B.
76 HANADA, TAKAHIRO	166 TERUNAL, SHAM MICHAEL
77 HERNANDEZ, EDWIN B.	167 TILLMAN, HANSEN JOSEPH MICHAEL
78 HESSE, UWE	168 VALDES, JOEL
79 HORTALEZA, ROLANDO B.	169 VALDEZ, AMAIDO D.
80 HUYAN, BENEDICT JULIUS F.	170 VALENCIA, JOHN NICO P.
81 IWATA, YASUSHI	171 VALENCIA, RODOLFO G.
82 JOSEPH, RALPH J.	172 VAZQUEZ, JR. EVARISTO
83 JUCANAN, JERIC J.	173 VILLARICA, HENRY R.
84 KALAW, TEODORO ALEJANDRO IV J.	174 YAP, ENRIQUE JR. V.
85 KATIGBAK, J ALFONSO L.	175 YORDANOV, STEFAN
86 KLEBS, DAVID	176 YU, GREGORY C.
87 KOR, PAUL ANTHONY T.	177 YU, REGINALD T.
88 KUNACK, LUTZ H.	178 ZALDARRIAGA, FELIX FRANCISCO S.
89 LACAMBAL, ALVIN D.	179 ZETOUNI, NAGI
90 LACER, EDUARDO P.	180 ZHALCITA, XAVIER Y.
91 LAYA, JADME C.	181 ZIMMER, CHRISTOPHER
92 LAZARO, JUAN MIGUEL	

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

First Special Board meeting



ON February 27, 2025 at 2:30 PM, the first Special Board meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Present were Pres. Jujut Enriquez, VP Joel Valdez, Directors Teddy Kalaw, Albert Alday, and Nagi Zeitouni.



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CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Incoming Board and Officers Meet to Discuss Membership Concerns



ON February 25, 2025, the incoming board and officers for the Rotary Year 2025-2026 met to discuss membership concerns.

Those present included PE Raoul Creencia, VPE Ricky Guevara, Directors-Elect Warren So, Mike Albaña, Jason Bogovich, Incoming Board Legal Adviser/Program Chair Caloy Serapio, Incoming Internal Auditor/PD Nick Locsin, and Incoming Secretary/Innovation and Sustainability Chair Anton Mauricio.

Incoming Board and Officers Meet to Discuss Treasury Matters



THE incoming board and officers met at the Elks Club on February 27, 2025, to discuss treasury matters.

Attendees included PE Raoul Creencia, Treas. Mike Roxas, DIS Anton Mauricio, PT PJ Garcia, PAT Karlo Castro, and PD Nick Locsin.

JOURNALISM AWARDS

Journalism Awards 2025 Committee Meeting



THE Journalism Awards 2025 Committee met virtually on February 26, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

Present were District Governor Jackie Rodriguez, VP Joel Valdes, PE Raoul Creencia, DE Edwin Hernandez, Chairman/PD Amading Valdez, and RCManila Foundation Chairman/PVP Reggie Yu.

TOWER AWARDS

TOWER Awards 2025 Committee Meeting



THE TOWER Awards Committee held a virtual meeting via Zoom on March 4, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Attendees included Chairman/Centennial President Susing Pineda, Past Director Amading Valdez, Past President Teddy Ocampo, Vice President Joel Valdes, and Consultant Anna Kun-Toledo.

Third RCM Golf Tournament - Ways and Means Committee Meeting



THE third RCM Golf Tournament - Ways and Means Committee held a meeting on February 20, 2025, at 5:30 PM at the Hexagon Lounge, RCBC Plaza.

In attendance were Rtn. Xavy Zialcita, Golf Tour Chair Nico Valenca, IPC Lito Sibayan, Trustee/Treas. Karlo Castro, Trustee Anton Mauricio, Past Chair Pepo Nuñez, Incoming Trustee Raoul Creencia, Incoming Trustee Ricky Guevara, and RCM IT PJ Garcia.



RCMFI Screening Committee Reviews Global Grant # 2572214 Proposal for Rotary Smile Project



RCMANILA Foundation Screening Committee Chair/DIS Anton Mauricio and Co-Chair Ingmar Bertelsen met to review the project proposal submitted for Global Grant # 2572214 Rotary Smile Project. The virtual meeting was held on February 21, 2025 at 11:45 AM.

RCM Golf Cup Souvenir Program



A virtual meeting was held on February 28, 2025 at 4:00 PM to discuss the second RCM Golf Cup Souvenir Program. Present were Trustee/DIS Anton Mauricio, Golf Chair Rtn. Nico Valencia, Past Chairman/PD, Exec Dir. Amy Babiano, Editorial Consultant Rhea Vitto Tabora, and staff of DIS Anton Mauricio - Ms. Gela Antonio, Mr. Renzo Realeza, and Ms. Christine Llagas.

Third RCM Golf Tournament - Second Monthly Meeting



The 3rd RCM Golf Tournament held its second monthly meeting on March 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM at Chair Nico Valencia's house. Present were Golf Chair Nico Valencia, Spouse Zyrene Valencia, Past Chair Pepo Nuñez, Immediate Past Chair Lito Sibayan, Incoming Trustee/Pres. Jujut Enriquez, Incoming Trustee/PE Raoul Creencia, Trustee Anton Mauricio, Event Organizer Ms. Ting Puzon-Yupangco, and Exec. Dir. Amy Babiano.

RCMFI DUALTECH Scholarship Program



A meeting for RCMFI DualTech Scholarship Program was held on March 4, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

Attendees included Trustee Anton Mauricio, PDG Alexander Cureg, President Jujut Enriquez, Vice-President Joel Valdes, PE Raoul Creencia, Director Nagi Zeitouni, Incoming Treas. PJ Garcia, and Executive Director Amy Babiano.

Representing DualTech were (upper rightmost photo, from left) Mr. Leo Calderon, Consultant for Sponsorships; Mr. Jerry Webb Muhi, President and Executive Director; and Mr. Mervin Asoro, Scholarships and Alumni Relations Assistant.



The Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC) approved the accreditation of RCManila Foundation, Inc. for passing the PCNC standards of legitimacy, good governance, transparency, accountability, and quality service.

The accreditation is valid for three (3) years from February 14, 2025 to February 13, 2028.



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RCM - RCMFI Reading Literacy Teacher Training Project



March 1, 2025

Chaired by Rtn. Nico Hallare

*Organized by DepEd, Reading Specialists Inc.,
Pasay City LGU, Jose Rizal Elementary School*

Our first RCM reading teacher training was held on March 1, 2025 at Jose Rizal Elementary School (JRES) in Pasay City. This school serves approximately 2,000 students from Kindergarten to Grade 6.

From our initial meeting, we learned that many of their students are reading 2-5 years below their grade level. Sadly, this is a common situation in public schools across the Philippines. This reading gap tends to widen as students move through the grades, leaving them struggling in high school with reading and comprehension skills equivalent to a third or fourth grader.

The Department of Education has given us a "go" on the teacher training that will be conducted on March 22, 2025 at the Maahas Elementary School. A total of 13 schools will be sending teachers to the free reading training.

We are committed to playing our small part to help reverse this trend, and grateful for your partnership.

Thank you once again for supporting our advocacy as we work to uplift literacy from the grassroots level.

RCM Pres. Jujut Enriquez and RCMFI Trustee Anton Mauricio assured stakeholders that RCM will endeavor to expand support for the project with the District and RI for a possible Global Grant.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez delivered a message on behalf of the Rotary Club of Manila to the teachers participating in the Teachers Training program.



From left: Pres. Jujut Enriquez, Ms. Joanna Montinola (Reading Specialist), Mrs. Victoria Wieneke (President, Kabisig ng Kalahi Foundation), Ms. Norma Jamon (Principal, JRES), Dr. Sharon Sergio (DepEd Superintendent), Ms. Raquel Ner (Reading Specialist), RCMFI Trustee Anton Mauricio



Reading Specialist Ms. Raquel Ner presented a training book to Pres. Jujut Enriquez.



RCMFI Trustee Anton Maurico delivered a message to the teacher-trainees.



Dir. Albert Alday, Reading Specialist Ms. Joanna Montinola, and Program Director & Project Chairman Nico Hallare at the closing of the Teachers Training Program.



Reading Specialist Ms. Joanna Montinola presented the Certificate of Appreciation to the Rotary Club of Manila and RCManila Foundation through Pres. Jujut Enriquez and Trustee Anton Mauricio. Also present, but not in the group photo, was Dir. Albert Alday.

DISTRICT EVENTS



On February 22, 2025, RCM President Jujut Enriquez, MIP Sherill Quentina, and Governor Jackie Rodriguez attended the District 3810's 35th InterAct Sportsfest at Araullo High School.



Empowering Financial Literacy: Rotaract Manila's Successful Kickstart Event



ON February 15, the Rotaract Club of Manila hosted a highly successful financial literacy session at RCBC Plaza - Yuchengco Museum. The event featured insights from Mr. Michael Ricafort, Chief Economist of Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC), who shared his expertise on inflation management, investment diversification, and adapting spending habits for financial success. CP Charlie Chua, CPA, CFO, and Country Manager of ERA Group Philippines, highlighted cost-reduction strategies and the importance of viewing debt as a tool for wealth growth.

A special message was also delivered by an RCManila member, Rtn. Xavier Y. Zialcita, Senior Vice President of Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC).



With 64 Rotaractors in attendance, key representatives from Rotaract Manila included President Summer Stephanie Bonifacio, President-Elect Andrea Cuevas, Past President Abigael Sarmiento, and Professional Development Director Russel Palubon. The event also brought together enthusiastic members from our co-host clubs—the Rotaract Club of Carmen Valley, Rotaract Club of Makati, Rotaract Club of Manila Business College, Rotaract Club of Puerto Princesa, Rotaract Club of Tagbilaran, and Rotaract Club of Zamboanga City West—showcasing the power of collaboration.

Thanks to the support of our knowledge partners, The Rotary Club of Manila and The Rotary Club of Manila Magic, this event strengthened our commitment to fostering financial literacy and equipping our communities with the tools to thrive in challenging economic times.



RECOGNITION CORNER

Two Manila Rotarians Recognized
at the Asia's Influential Leader Awards



Rtn. D. Edgard A. Cabangon was awarded the **Influential Leader in Business Category** by Asia's Influential Leader Awards on February 28, 2025 at Okada Manila, Parañaque City.



Rtn. Wilhelm "Bollie" Bolton was honored as **Asia's Excellence in Hospitality and Tourism Development** at the Asia's Influential Leader Awards on February 28, 2025.



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Rtn. Daniel Obradó Envisions TopHealth as an Agent for Change in the Philippine Healthcare System, Encouraging Filipinos to be Informed, Proactive, and in Control of Their Health

MANILA BULLETIN

HEALTH AND WELLBEING LIFESTYLE

Healthcare that's accessible, affordable, and preventive Spanish national and managing director Daniel Obradó envisions TopHealth as an agent for change in the Philippine healthcare system, encouraging Filipinos to be informed, proactive, and in control of their health

BY AA PATAWARAN Mar 3, 2025 01:01 PM

AT A GLANCE

- 'Healthcare is complex, involving multiple stakeholders, cutting-edge technology, and a commitment to innovation. But at its core, it is a privilege'

Healthcare that's accessible, affordable, and preventive

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asks Daniel. "Each of us is responsible for our wellbeing, but we also need support to create healthier habits."

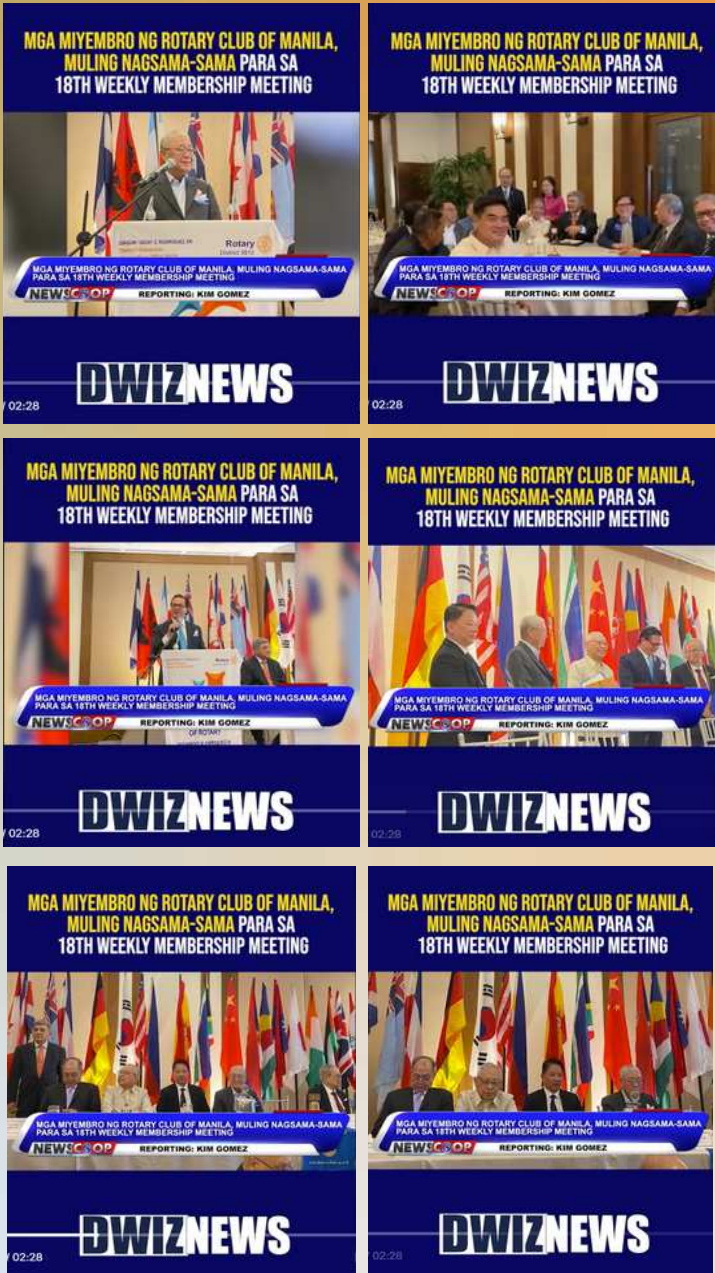
Change begins at home. Asking the difficult questions, encouraging loved ones to make better choices, and



leading by example—these are the first steps. And when the time comes for expert guidance, TopHealth is there to provide the care, expertise, and tools needed for every stage of life. Because at the end of the day, health is not just about treatment. It is about making healthcare accessible, affordable, and focused on prevention.

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