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RC Manila and
28th WMM of
RC Makati**

**Global Grant
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Surgery Mission**

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Welfare Programs**

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PROGRAM

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

Moderator: **PE RAOUL C. CREENCIA**

PART I

12:00 PM Registration

12:30 PM Call to Order | **VP JOEL C. VALDES**

Invocation | **RTN. RAYMOND "Ray" N. DAVIS**

Philippine National Anthem | **AVP of RCM Members**

Manila Rotary Hymn | **RCM WF Music Chorale**

The Four (4) Way Test | **DIR. NAGI ZEITOUNI**

Acknowledgment of Guests | **PE RAOUL C. CREENCIA**

Welcome Song | **RCM WF MUSIC CHORALE**

Birthday Celebrants

Apr. 11 Rtn. Mike Ozaeta
Rtn. Caloy Serapio

Apr. 12 Rtn. Vic Garcia

Apr. 17 Treas. Mike Roxas

Apr. 18 Rtn. Caloy Buendia
Rtn. Teddy Garcia

Apr. 19 PT Pepo Nuñez
Rtn. Brix Pujalte
Rtn. Dan Obradó

Apr. 23 PD Jun Hallare

Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song
RCM WF Music Chorale

PART II

12:50 PM President's Time | **VP JOEL C. VALDES**

12:55 PM Introduction of the Guest Speaker
RTN. CARLOS "Caloy" G. SERAPIO

Guest Speaker

MR. DEVIN FIDLER
CEO, Rethinkery Foresight

1:30 PM Open Forum / Q.A.

1:50 PM Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation
VP JOEL C. VALDES

2:00 PM Adjournment | **VP JOEL C. VALDES**

EDITORIAL

Reginald T. Yu
Editor-in-Chief



IN the face of relentless technological advancement, Filipino organizations stand at a critical inflection point. Artificial intelligence, machine learning, and emerging digital tools are no longer distant innovations — they are now embedded in the bloodstream of modern enterprise. As the Fourth Industrial Revolution accelerates, the question is no longer **if** we will adapt, but **how well** we will navigate the disruption.

Enter Devin Fidler, Principal of Rethinkery Foresight and guest-of-honor at the Rotary Club of Manila, whose work with Fortune 500 firms and global institutions has redefined how organizations perceive the future. Fidler's concept of "software-defined organizations" offers a powerful lens through which we must re-examine our own: structures that are fluid, adaptive, and governed not solely by human hierarchy but also by algorithms and real-time data. This model challenges our legacy institutions — often slow-

moving and bureaucratic — to evolve into nimble ecosystems of learning and innovation.

In the Philippine context, this shift poses both a daunting challenge and a remarkable opportunity. On one hand, our public and private institutions tend to be rooted in traditional models of leadership and workflow. On the other, the Filipino workforce is uniquely agile, globally competitive, and culturally predisposed to collaboration — a key trait in human-computational systems that integrate machines and people into cohesive decision-making frameworks.

What's needed now is more than just digital transformation — it is **institutional transformation**. The organizations that will thrive are those that embrace foresight as a discipline, much like Fidler has championed throughout his career. His background — from Singularity University to his work in understanding the societal implications of AI — reflects a belief in blending technological literacy with humanistic insight. This is precisely what Filipino institutions must emulate: a synthesis of tech-savviness with ethical governance, social resilience, and visionary leadership.

Already, sectors like fintech, education, and business process outsourcing are beginning to adopt AI-driven solutions. But without a comprehensive strategy that includes governance reform, upskilling, and inclusive innovation, we risk widening gaps between the digitally empowered and the digitally excluded. Fidler's approach reminds us that the future doesn't happen to us — it happens through the choices we make as organizations.

The Rotary Club of Manila's invitation to Devin Fidler signals a timely and urgent conversation — one that calls on our nation's leaders to design systems that don't merely survive disruption but are defined by it. Filipino organizations must become anticipatory, not reactive; experimental, not rigid; purpose-driven, not just profit-seeking.

In a rapidly evolving world, the capacity to rethink, redesign, and regenerate is no longer optional. It is the defining competency of the 21st-century Filipino institution.



**Philippine
Airlines**

The Heart of the Filipino



Guest Speaker

Devin FIDLER

Principal
Rethinkery Foresight

DEVIN Fidler is the Principal of Rethinkery Foresight, a strategic consultancy focused on helping organizations navigate disruptive technological change. With more than fifteen years of experience working with Fortune 500 companies and government agencies, Devin has conducted extensive research on how artificial intelligence and emerging technologies are reshaping organizational structures. His work on "software-defined organizations" and human computational systems has been featured in the Harvard Business Review, New York Times, and other leading publications.

Prior to founding Rethinkery, Devin held research and strategic planning roles at several prominent think tanks and innovation-focused organizations in the United States. His diverse background includes studying at Singularity University (a NASA and Google sponsored program to explore possible futures), earning an MBA with highest honors from Budapest University of Economic Sciences, and working on projects examining the societal implications of emerging technologies. This multidisciplinary experience positions him to address the complex systemic challenges and opportunities that AI presents for institutions.

Guest Speaker



As a practitioner in strategic foresight, Devin combines analytical rigor with accessible insights to help decision-makers understand not just the technological aspects of AI, but its implications for organizational design, governance structures, and society. His approach focuses on designing institutions that can effectively channel new technologies toward beneficial outcome.



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**CHANGING LIVES:
ONE SMILE AT A TIME**
**The Joint 29th Weekly
Membership Meeting
of The Rotary Club
of Manila and 28th
Weekly Membership
Meeting of The Rotary
Club of Makati**

by PVP Reginald T. Yu

IN a world ever in need of compassion and collective action, the hallowed halls of the Manila Polo Club bore witness to a resplendent convergence of service and fellowship. The occasion: a joint meeting of titans in Philippine civic leadership — the 29th Weekly Membership Meeting of The Rotary Club of Manila and the 28th Weekly Membership Meeting of The Rotary Club of Makati. A union marked not only by camaraderie but by a

resounding call to impact lives in the most profound and enduring ways.

The afternoon's affair began with stately grace, ushered in by the solemnity of tradition and the vibrancy of shared purpose. At precisely 12:30 PM, the gavel struck in unison, heralding the Call to Order by **President Eduardo “Jujut” Enriquez III** of RC Manila and **President Keith A.D. Harrison** of RC Makati — men



RC Manila President Eduardo "Jujut" Enriquez III (left) and RC Makati President Keith A.D. Harrison (right) called the meeting to order.



of vision, whose steady leadership continues to embolden their respective clubs.

In the spirit of solemn invocation, **Rotarian Carlos "Caloy" G. Serapio** lifted the assembly in a prayer that resonated with humility and hope, followed swiftly by the Audio-Visual presentation of the Philippine National Anthem — a sonic tapestry of patriotism that reverberated through the room like a rising tide. The famed **RCM World Famous Music Chorale** then lent their voices to the **Rotary Club of Manila Hymn**, followed by the **Rotary Club of Makati Hymn**, played with reverence, a melodic embrace of two proud legacies.



Rotarian Carlos "Caloy" G. Serapio led the invocation.

PVP Reginald "Reggie" T. Yu moderated the meeting.



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



The famed RCM World Famous Music Chorale lent their voices to the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn.

The ethical heart of Rotary — the Four-Way Test — was recited with stirring conviction by **Rotarian Aaron Virata Mempin** of RC Makati, reminding every heart in the room that true service stands upon pillars of truth, fairness, goodwill, and mutual benefit.



Rotarian Aaron Virata Mempin of RC Makati recited the Four-Way Test.

Past Vice President and Foundation Chairman Reginald “Reggie” T. Yu, the day’s esteemed Moderator, stepped forward to welcome the distinguished guests with his characteristic poise and elegance. With eloquence honed over years of leadership

and service, Reggie’s presence was both anchoring and elevating — his command of the program akin to a maestro guiding an orchestra.

The **RCM World Famous Chorale** returned once more to deliver the Welcome Song, lifting spirits higher, before honoring the month’s birthday celebrants — including **Vice President for External Affairs Ricky Guevara** of RC Manila — who were serenaded with joyful harmonies and warm applause.

President’s Time followed: a moment of reflection and stewardship. **Presidents Jujut Enriquez and Keith Harrison** took to the stage not merely to deliver administrative updates, but to reaffirm their clubs’ unwavering commitment to service above self. Their words, steeped in gratitude and resolve, spoke to a future shaped by unity and shared values.



Presidents Jujut Enriquez and Keith Harrison addressed the gathering during the “President’s Time.”

Then came a pivotal moment: the introduction of the Guest Speaker by **Vice President Joel C. Valdes**, a Rotarian long revered for his discernment and depth of engagement.



Vice President Joel C. Valdes introduced the guest of honor and speaker.

What followed was a stirring, soul-shaping address by **Mr. Emiliano Romano, Regional Director of Operation Smile, Inc., and Executive Director of Operation Smile Philippines**. What began with warm humor and gentle humility quickly blossomed into an extraordinary narrative of purpose and progress.

Mr. Romano spoke of beginnings — in 1982, when Operation Smile first arrived in the Philippines, intending to perform 100 surgeries but greeted by twice the number of hopeful patients. That unexpected tide of need would become a movement, birthing Operation Smile Philippines in 1988, a beacon that has since lit the way for over 34,000 life-changing surgeries across 85 cities, reaching 62,000 patients, and impacting 843,000 lives.

With quiet passion and undeniable conviction, Romano peeled back the veil

on the complex ecosystem behind each smile: the delicate interweaving of surgery, speech therapy, nutrition, dental care, and now, psychosocial support for children who suffer not only physical challenges but also the invisible wounds of bullying and social exclusion.

He spoke of strategic pivots — from fleeting, costly medical missions to sustainable, center-based care models. He praised the partnership with Santa Ana Hospital, where an entire floor is dedicated to Operation Smile, allowing them to deliver top-tier care at a fraction of the private sector's cost — P29,000 per patient, down from P38,000, thanks to relentless refinement of processes and the spirit of collaborative learning.



Guest of honor and speaker Mr. Emiliano Romano, Regional Director of Operation Smile, Inc., and Executive Director of Operation Smile Philippines

Perhaps most movingly, he dismantled misconceptions. The claim to PhilHealth reimbursement, he clarified, does not

double-dip donor funds but merely sustains the hospital's operations, allowing Operation Smile to continue offering care at minimal cost. The model works not because it is profitable, but because it is profoundly principled.

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Manila's generous grant of P2.8 million, the organization is poised to change the lives of 96 children this year — a number they hope to nudge beyond 100. A hundred children who will be given not just a new face, but a new future.

Romano's address closed not with a call to arms, but a call to hearts — to continue giving, supporting, and standing with the voiceless and the vulnerable. "You don't do it for me," he said. "You don't do it for our brand. You do it for the children — for the Filipino children."

As his final words faded into applause, the room was left not with the silence of conclusion, but with the stirring hum of purpose. For in this joint meeting, bound by shared hymns and higher hopes, Rotarians from Manila and Makati had not merely convened — they had conspired, in the noblest sense of the word, to bring more light into the world.

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*You don't do it for me.
You don't do it for our brand.
You do it for the children —
for the Filipino children.*

”



Mr. Romano engaged in an interactive conversation with PD Abe

Pascual, PP Chito Zaldarriaga, DIS Anton Mauricio, PD Issam Eldebs, DSAA John Cutter, PD Nick Locsin, and Dir. Mike Albaña.





Presentation of the ceremonial check to Operation Smile Philippines for the TRF Global Grant of the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary Club of San Bruno. From left: VP Joel Valdes, RCMFI Chair Reginald "Reggie" T. Yu, DIS Antonilo "Anton" Mauricio, Mr. Emiliano Romano (OSP), Pres. Jujut Enriquez, and PDG Alexander "Alex" P. Cureg



Mr. Romano received a Plaque of Appreciation from Presidents Jujut Enriquez and Keith Harrison, witnessed by VP Joel Valdes.

And in the smiles they would help restore, they too would find their own humanity reflected, whole and radiant.

Indeed, this was more than a meeting. It was a movement. A moment where service and solidarity danced together in the daylight.





by PE Raoul Creencia



A Shepherd's Final Journey: Mourning Pope Francis

IT is late Monday evening (April 21), almost midnight in fact. Yet, I still feel the pang of sadness brought about by Pope Francis' death. He was 88, had been unwell for some time, and a part of me feels that, yes, it is time for him to get his well-deserved rest – no less than in the arms of our dear Father God, and in the happy company of martyrs and saints.

I was in the office discussing client matters with my law firm partners when we learned about the sad news. A quiet hush fell across the office. I felt as though a sacred stillness blanketed the world. For sure, bells will toll not with celebration, but with sorrow — a mournful hymn echoing the final chapter of a life lived for others. Pope Francis, the humble shepherd from the ends of the earth, had breathed his last. The news fell like thunder through a broken sky.

To the faithful, Pope Francis was more than a pontiff. He was a voice in the wilderness crying out for the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized. He was a Jesuit. He was a man for others. He was a faithful servant of God.



Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on 17 December 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Papa Francisco or Pope Francis is the 266th pope of the Roman Catholic Church and the first Jesuit and Latin American to hold the papacy. He was elected in March 2013 following the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI. I remember seeing him in person for the first time during his first General Audience on 27 March 2013 in St. Peter's Square. During this gathering, he reflected on Holy Week and expressed gratitude for the support of his predecessor. I, together with my wife and daughter, felt so blessed to be there during this milestone.

From the beginning of his papacy, Pope Francis chose a simpler lifestyle that reflected his values. Rejecting many of the traditional trappings of the papal office, he opted to live in the Vatican guesthouse



rather than the lavish Apostolic Palace. His choice of the name “Francis,” in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, signaled his intention to focus on poverty, humility, and care for creation.

Another defining moment for Pope Francis, in my view, was his visit to my hometown (Tacloban City) on 17 January 2015. No doubt, the visit was a deeply emotional and symbolic moment, especially following the devastation caused by Super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) in 2013. I recall that despite the threat of another storm (Tropical Storm Amang) that day, the Pope pressed on with his trip — a powerful gesture of solidarity with the survivors. In relation to this, a photo that will forever

symbolize Pope Francis’ humility, empathy, and compassion is one that shows him wearing a simple yellow raincoat, just like the crowd gathered to see him. He celebrated Mass at the airport, and was visibly moved as he spoke. It was a courageous and humble act — braving the weather to stand with those who had endured so much. His visit left a lasting impact on my *kababayans*, symbolizing hope, resilience, and the healing power of empathy.

Rest now, Papa Francisco. *Damo nga salamat!* Thank you for your transformative leadership, and for being a shepherd of courage, change and compassion.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2024-2025

ATTENDANCE REPORT
April 2025

APRIL 2025	April 03, 2025 CAPT. STANLEY KUA NG	April 10, 2025 OSP EXEC. DIR. EMILIANO ROMANO	April 17, 2025 HOLIDAY
MEMBERS PRESENT	44	29	0
MEMBERS PRESENT %	19%	13%	0%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	8	9	0
EXEMPTED	3	3	0
ON LEAVE	0	0	0
Total Active Members	49	35	0
Total # of Members	228	228	228
TOTAL %:	21%	15%	0%
ROTARACTORS	9	10	0
MEDIA	0	0	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	0	0
GOHS / GS	3	8	1
VISITING ROTARIAN	0	20	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	4	22	0
TOTAL ATTENDEES	60	89	1

LIST OF ATTENDEES
April 10, 2025

1	Aboy, Valentino G.
2	Agnes, Jerry A.
3	Albaña, Michael Jaey C
4	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.
5	Co, Val Constantine L.
6	Cureg, Alexander P.
7	Cutter, John Michael
8	Eldebs, Issam
9	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.
10	Guevara, Ricardo S.
11	Koh, Paul Anthony T
12	Locsin, Arsenio Z.
13	Lonzaga, Reinerio C.
14	Lorenzana, Delfin
15	Mauricio, Antonilo DC
16	Pascual, Abraham F.
17	Payumo, Felicitio C.
18	Pineda, Jr. Patricio F.
19	Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
20	Reynolds, David J.
21	Serapio, Carlos G.
22	Shimoda, Shigeru
23	Sibayan, Joselito H.
24	Tagaysay, Hector O.
25	Valdes, Joel C.
26	Yu, Reginald Tieng
27	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco S.
28	Ra, Ingill
29	Chan, Robert Sy Jr.

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

As of April 22, 2025

1	ABOY, VALENTINO G
2	ABRIAM, ARIEL
3	ACOSTA, CRISPINIANO G.
4	AGNES, JERRY A
5	ALBAÑA, MICHAEL JAEY C
6	ALBERTO, RAYMUNDO ARNOLD S
7	ALCANTARA, ISIDRO C
8	ALDAY, ALBERT
9	ALINGOG, ALDOUS REX A
10	ANDAL, AVELINO L
11	ANG, RICHARD T
12	ARAGON, JOSHUA RUEBEN G
13	ARAMBULO, JOAQUIN JR
14	ARGUELLES, PABLO C
15	AVENTURA, AVENILO JR L
16	BAGATSING, VALENTINO S
17	BALANAY, ARIES B
18	BARTOLOME, ARSENIO III M.
19	BEDIONES, RODOLFO P.
20	BELLA, GERONIMO JR. D
21	BELLO, CHRISTIAN CESAR
22	BENEDICTO, SIXTO T
23	BERTESEN, BERTEL I
24	BLANCO, MANUEL M
25	BOGOVICH, JASON M
26	BOLTON, WILHELM
27	BRANELLEC, JACQUES
28	BUENDIA, CARLOS C
29	CABANGON, EDGARD A.
30	CABUNAG, ROGELIO R
31	CAMAT, NATHANIEL
32	CAMPOS, JOSELITO JR
33	CANON, RAUL JR C
34	CARLOS, VICENTE J.
35	CARRANCEJA, ARVIN ARIK B
36	CASTRO, KARLO EUGENE JOSEF M
37	CATALAN, RODILLO R
38	CENICA, JOHN T
39	CHAHWAN, RAMI
40	CHAN, ROBERT JR
41	CHIEN, LIANG-TA
42	CID, DEAN Y
43	CO, FERDINAND C.
44	CO, VAL CONSTANTINE L
45	CORTEZ, LORENZO R
46	COYUTO, ROBERT JR. G
47	CREENCIA, RAOUL C.
48	CUREG, ALEXANDER P
49	CUTTER, JOHN MICHAEL
50	DAVIS, RAYMOND N

51	DAYANG, JUAN E.
52	DE CASTRO, JUAN ARTURO ILUMINADO C
53	DEL ROSARIO, OSCAR SR.
54	DIONISIO, RAFAEL IGNACIO
55	DOMINGO, RICO V
56	DOMINGUEZ, CARLOS III G.
57	DY, MANUEL C.
58	EGAN, BRENDAN W.L.
59	ELDEBS, ISSAM
60	ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III V.
61	ESGUERRA, HERMINIO S.
62	ESQUIVIAS, JOAQUIN PABLO A
63	EUGENIO, JOHN EMYL G
64	FAJARDO, BEDA G
65	FERNANDEZ, ANTONIO JAIME JOSE V.
66	FOLLOSCO, CEFERINO JR G
67	GARCIA, PAUL JOSEPH M
68	GARCIA, THEODORE Q
69	GARCIA, VICTOR III G.
70	GASPAR, FERNANDO L
71	GO, DANIEL
72	GO, HENRY S
73	GONZALES, JONAS R
74	GONZALEZ LA'O, EMILIO P
75	GUARIN, MICHAEL ARCATOMY H.
76	GUEVARA, DOMINGO JR.
77	GUEVARA, RICARDO S.B.
78	HALLARE, DELFIN JR. T
79	HALLARE, NICOLÒ S
80	HALLERBACH, MATHIAS
81	HANADA, TAKAHIRO
82	HERNANDEZ, EDWIN H.
83	HESSE, UWE
84	HORTALEZA, ROLANDO B.
85	IBUYAN, BENEDICT JULIUS F
86	IWATA, YASUSHI
87	JANG, JAE JUNG
88	JOSEPH, RALPH L
89	JUCABAN, JERIC J
90	KALAW, TEODORO ALEJANDRO IV Y.
91	KATIGBAK J ALFONSO L
92	KLEBS, DAVID
93	KOH, PAUL ANTHONY T
94	KUNACK, LUTZ H.
95	LACAMBACAL, ALVIN D.
96	LAUREL, RICARDO P.
97	LAYA, JAIME C
98	LAZARO, JUAN MIGUEL
99	LEDDA, JAIME VICTOR B
100	LEE, RICHARD L

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101	LI, RICHARD JOSEPH CHANG
102	LIAMZON, ROMEO THADDEUS
103	LIM, DAVID EDUARDO T
104	LIM, RICHARD
105	LOCSIN, ARSENIO Z.
106	LONZAGA, REINERIO
107	LOPEZ, ANTONIO
108	LOPEZ, ARTHUR M
109	LORENZANA, DELFIN
110	MACAPAGAL, MICHAEL T.
111	MACATOMAN, ABDULGANI
112	MAGBANUA, GERRY P
113	MAGSAYSAY, FRANCISCO D.
114	MAGSAYSAY, JESUS VICENTE E
115	MANALAYSAY, CESAR P
116	MANGALILE, SENEN T
117	MARTINEZ, RONALD I
118	MATSCHUCK, GUENTER GERHARD G
119	MAURICIO, ANTONILO DC
120	MENDOZA, ESTELITO P
121	MENDOZA, MIGUEL
122	MENDOZA, RAYMUND JOSEPH IAN O.
123	MOMMAERTS, STEVE
124	MORTEL, JUAN MANUEL
125	NOLIDO, RAMON ALBERTO B
126	NOMURA, KAZUHIRO
127	NONES, ROMEO C.
128	NÚÑEZ, JOSE A
129	OBRADO, DANIEL CALZADO
130	OCAMPO, TEODORO J
131	ONG, PHILLIP L
132	OZAETA, MIGUEL ANTONIO L
133	PAGDANGANAN, ROBERTO M
134	PALACIOS, ALBERT C.
135	PALLASIGUE, JOHN BRIAN
136	PAÑARES, BEN THOMAS P
137	PASCUAL, ABRAHAM F
138	PATTERSON, COLIN DAVID
139	PAYUMO, FELICITO C
140	PELIÑO, WILFREDO
141	PINEDA, JESUS JR M
142	PINEDA, PATRICIO JR. F
143	PIZARRAS, JORDAN M
144	PREYSLER, FAUSTO JR. D.R.
145	PUJALTE, JOSE JR
146	RA, INGILL
147	RAMOS, CLAVER P.
148	RANKL, PETER
149	RECTO, PHILIP H.
150	REYES, CRISPINO P

151	REYNOLDS, DAVID J.
152	RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN ANTHONY H
153	RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN SR. C
154	ROMUALDEZ, FERDINAND MARTIN G.
155	ROMUALDEZ, JOSE MANUEL G
156	ROÑO, MARLON R.
157	ROXAS, MICHAEL D
158	SARMIENTO, RICARDO MANUEL M
159	SCHMITZ, STEFAN
160	SCHNEIDER, BERND
161	SERAPIO, CARLOS C
162	SEVILLA, LUIS ANGELO L
163	SHIMODA, SHIGERU
164	SIBAYAN, JOSELITO H
165	SIMON, JUANITO
166	SO, WARREN
167	SOBREPEÑA, ROBERT JOHN L.
168	SOLER, JOSE ANTONIO A
169	STRANATHAN, IKE EDWARD
170	SYJUCO, JOSE, JR. A.
171	TAGAYSAY, HECTOR O
172	TALAMPAS, JOEL ANGEL L
173	TALUSAN, FERDINAND E
174	TAMANO, SHALIMAR HOFER
175	TAMAYO, VICTOR L.
176	TAN, EUSEBIO V.
177	TAN, JOHN G
178	TAN, LAWRENCE L
179	TANG, JIMMY T.
180	TEE, TEDDY JR B
181	TEJUMAL, SHAM MICHAEL
182	TILLMAN, HANSEL JOSEPH MICHAEL
183	VALDES, JOEL C.
184	VALDEZ, AMADO D
185	VALENCIA, JOHN NICO P.
186	VALENCIA, RODOLFO G
187	VAZQUEZ, EVARISTO JR
188	VILLARICA, HENRY R.
189	YAP, ENRIQUE JR. Y
190	YORDANOV, STEFAN
191	YU, GEOFFREY C
192	YU, REGINALD T.
193	ZALDARRIAGA, FELIX FRANCISCO S
194	ZEITOUNI, NAGI
195	ZHENG, ZHI HAO
196	ZIALCITA, XAVIER Y.
197	ZIMMER, CHRISTOPHER

FUR-EVER PET FAIR

A Fundraiser for Animal Shelter Welfare Programs



THE Rotary Club of Manila and JCI Manila successfully hosted the Fur-Ever Pet Fair on April 19 at the Mall Activity Center, Ever Commonwealth. The event was organized to generate funds for animal shelter welfare programs through the Rotary Club of Manila Foundation, Inc. (RCMFI).



The fair ran from 10 AM to 5 PM and was well-attended, filled with activities for pet owners and their furry companions. It started with a Pet Blessing at 10:30 AM, offering a spiritual start for participants. At 11 AM, the Rotary Club of Manila and JCI Manila members came together for a fellowship lunch to celebrate the shared effort in organizing the fundraiser.



One of the highlights of the event was an educational talk for pet owners, held from 12:30 PM to 3 PM. This segment provided practical advice on pet care and shared insights into responsible ownership.

Another crowd favorite was the Adorable PAWshion Show, which ran from 3 PM to 5 PM. Pets took the stage in a variety of creative and colorful outfits, delighting the audience and creating joyous moments.

Aside from the scheduled events, attendees were able to take advantage of free pet consultations, health check-ups, rabies vaccinations, and grooming services. Freebies and raffle prizes were also distributed, adding to the excitement.



All funds raised during the Fur-Ever Pet Fair were directed to support the needs of rescue animals. These funds will help improve shelter conditions and ensure the animals receive care, love, and attention.

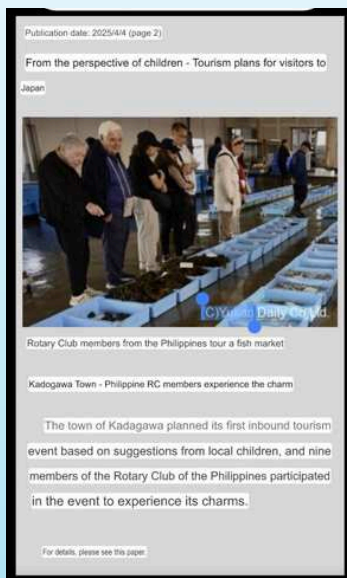


Sponsors of the event were recognized for their contributions, with their logos to be displayed on a plaque at the shelter as a token of appreciation.

Present with JCI Manila from the Rotary Club of Manila were Pres. Jujut and Lia Enriquez, PE Raoul and Mylene Creencia, Dir. Nagi Zeitouni, Dir. Albert Alday, RCMFI Trustee/DIS Anton Mauricio and Ms. Vanessa Montecillo, Asst. Treas. Joshua Aragon (Project Chairman), and fur family members.

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International Relations: Manila Rotarians in Miyazaki, Japan with Rtn. Vee David



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魚市場を見学するフィリピンのロータリークラブ会員

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詳細は、本紙へ。

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The Rotary Foundation Thanks PDG Alexander and Anna Chella P. Cureg for Their Major Gift to the Foundation



7 March 2025

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Kindest regards,

Mark Daniel Maloney
Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2024-25

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Global Grant # 2572214

Cleft Lip and Palate Surgery Mission



Representatives from DWIZ media outlet interviewed Rotary Club of Manila members about the details of GG# 2572214 Cleft Lip/Palate Corrective Surgery Mission.

Meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila and RCManila Foundation, Inc. representatives with Operation Smile Philippines in the Conference Room at Sta. Ana Hospital.

THE approved Global Grant # 2572214 for Cleft Lip and Palate Corrective Surgery screening of beneficiary-aspirants was held on Monday, April 21, 2025, at the Manila Cleft Center in Sta. Ana Hospital.

Members of the Rotary Club of Manila and the RCManila Foundation, Inc. attended the screening day, which included a brief meeting with Operation Smile Philippines Executive Director Emiliano Romano.

The Public Relations Team of Rtn. Edgard Cabangon was also present to cover the screening of aspirant beneficiaries of the corrective surgery mission.



A Season of Seeds: The Pre-Planning Meeting of the RCMFI Board of Trustees-Elect

April 10, 2025 | 1 Raffles Drive, Makati City

by RCMFI Chairman Reginald T. Yu



THERE are days when the future begins — not with fanfare or formal proclamation, but in the quiet gathering of minds stirred by purpose. One such day unfolded on the afternoon of April 10, 2025, as the incoming leadership of the RCManila Foundation, Inc. (RCMFI) convened for their pre-planning meeting high above the city's pulse, on the 9th floor of 1 Raffles Drive. The air buzzed — not with ceremony, but with commitment, vision, and the unmistakable energy of something meaningful being set into motion.

The meeting was graciously hosted by **Chair-Elect Alex Cureg**, who not only offered the venue but would also later open his table to the fellowship of dinner, anchoring the day's deliberations with generosity and camaraderie. With purposeful calm, **Chairman Reggie Yu** called the meeting to order, his voice steadying the room like a keel to a ship. The invocation followed — delivered with grace by **Consultant Anna Toledo**, reminding all in attendance that while strategy and structure would guide the year ahead, it is still faith and shared values that would illuminate the path.

President Jujut Enriquez, together with **Past District Governor (PDG) Alex Cureg**, formally established the quorum — confirming not just attendance, but the collective readiness of a board preparing to author the next chapter of the Foundation’s legacy.

Chairman Yu commenced with the RCMFI Update, a state-of-the-foundation address of sorts. More than a recounting of metrics, it was a reaffirmation of mission: to uplift lives, respond with relevance, and always, to lead with integrity. His words, steeped in institutional memory and seasoned insight, became the compass by which the rest of the meeting would navigate.



The floor then belonged to PDG Alex Cureg — Chairman-Elect not only by designation but in spirit, voice, and vision. In his segment, aptly titled “Chairman-Elect’s Time,” he unveiled the goals for Rotary Year 2025–2026: targets not merely framed in spreadsheets, but sculpted around impact, innovation, and inclusivity. Alongside these ambitions came the formal Rules of Order, duly presented and approved, laying the procedural foundation for governance in the months to come.

The meeting’s heart beat strongest perhaps in the **formation of the new committees**, which promised to bring order to the many moving parts of service. The following key bodies were proposed:

- **Executive Committee** – the inner sanctum of decision-making, where direction meets execution.
- **Ways and Means** – the engine of sustainability, already revving up with plans for a **Golf Tournament on June 16**, and other fundraising endeavors yet to be imagined.
- **Audit Committee** – the ever-watchful steward of transparency.
- **Project Proposal Evaluation Committee** – a crucible of discernment, where proposals are tested not just for feasibility, but for alignment with values.
- **Membership Committee** – tasked with sustaining the human lifeblood of the Foundation through strategies on joining fees and annual dues.
- **Joint Committee (RCMFI)** – ensuring seamless collaboration with the mother club, Rotary Club of Manila.



Special attention was also given to sub-topics relevant to these committees. For the **Executive Committee**, the matter of a **Joint Induction with RCM** was floated — signaling a spirit of unity and ceremonial grace for the incoming leadership. For **Ways and Means**, beyond the golf event, brainstorming on new fundraising channels began to take form, though the conversation was wisely left open-ended to allow creativity its full breadth.

The meeting touched on **Other Matters**, including the important business of **scheduling the next gathering**, along with choosing its **venue and host** — a detail logistical on the surface but essential in nurturing the rhythm and continuity of engagement.



As twilight slipped through the windows, casting long shadows over notepads and resolutions, Chairman Yu brought the meeting to a close. But far from a conclusion, it was merely a pause — the first full stop in a long sentence yet to be written.

Then came dinner. In the relaxed setting of shared food and freer conversation, the lines between colleague and friend softened. Chairman-Elect Cureg, in hosting, had not only opened a table, but reinforced a truth at the heart of Rotary: that service, to be enduring, must also be human. It must taste of laughter and warmth, and the kind of stories that outlive minutes and motions.

In that room above Makati, on a plain April afternoon, the RCMFI Board of Trustees-Elect did more than plan a year — they planted it. And if the deliberations are any indication, the harvest, in time, will be both abundant and kind.





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Aleco Monday Breakfast Fellowship



ON April 14, 2025, the Aleco Breakfast Fellowship took place, hosted by DIS Anton Mauricio, who narrated his professional journey. The event was, as always, an engaging and enjoyable gathering filled with opportunities for learning and connections. Present were (from left) DG Jackie Rodriguez, Former member PP Francis Juico, former member Eric Severino, Rtn. Paco Magsaysay, former member PS Jorge Salazar, PP Ebot Tan, DIS Anton Mauricio, PD Jun Hallare, VPE Ricky Guevara, PT Chito Tagaysay, PD Abe Pascual, PP Archit Bartolome, PD Beda Fajardo, and Rtn. Cris Acosta.



ON April 21, 2025, the Aleco Breakfast Fellowship was held, hosted by PP Ebot Tan. Present were (from left) PD Jun Hallare, former member Eric Severino, former member PS Jorge Salazar, DG Jackie Rodriguez, former member PP Francis Juico, PP Ebot Tan, Rtn. Ferdie Co, Rtn. Cris Acosta, PD Ner Lonzaga, PD Abe Pascual, DIS Anton Mauricio, PP Archit Bartolome and PT Chito Tagaysay.

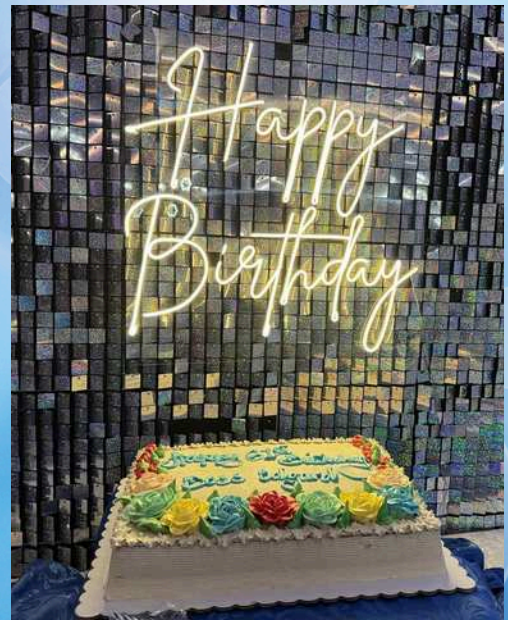
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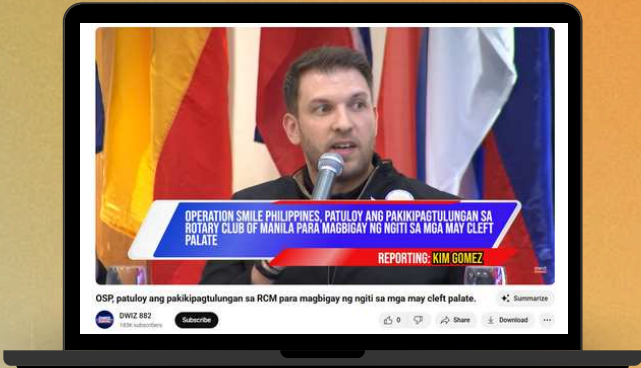
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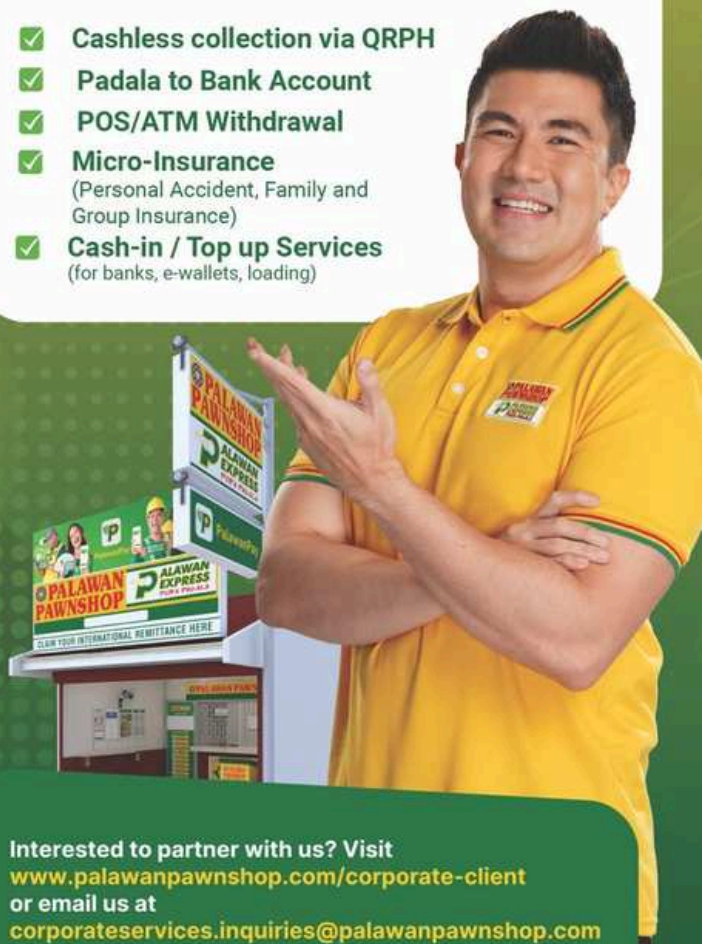


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