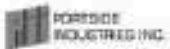


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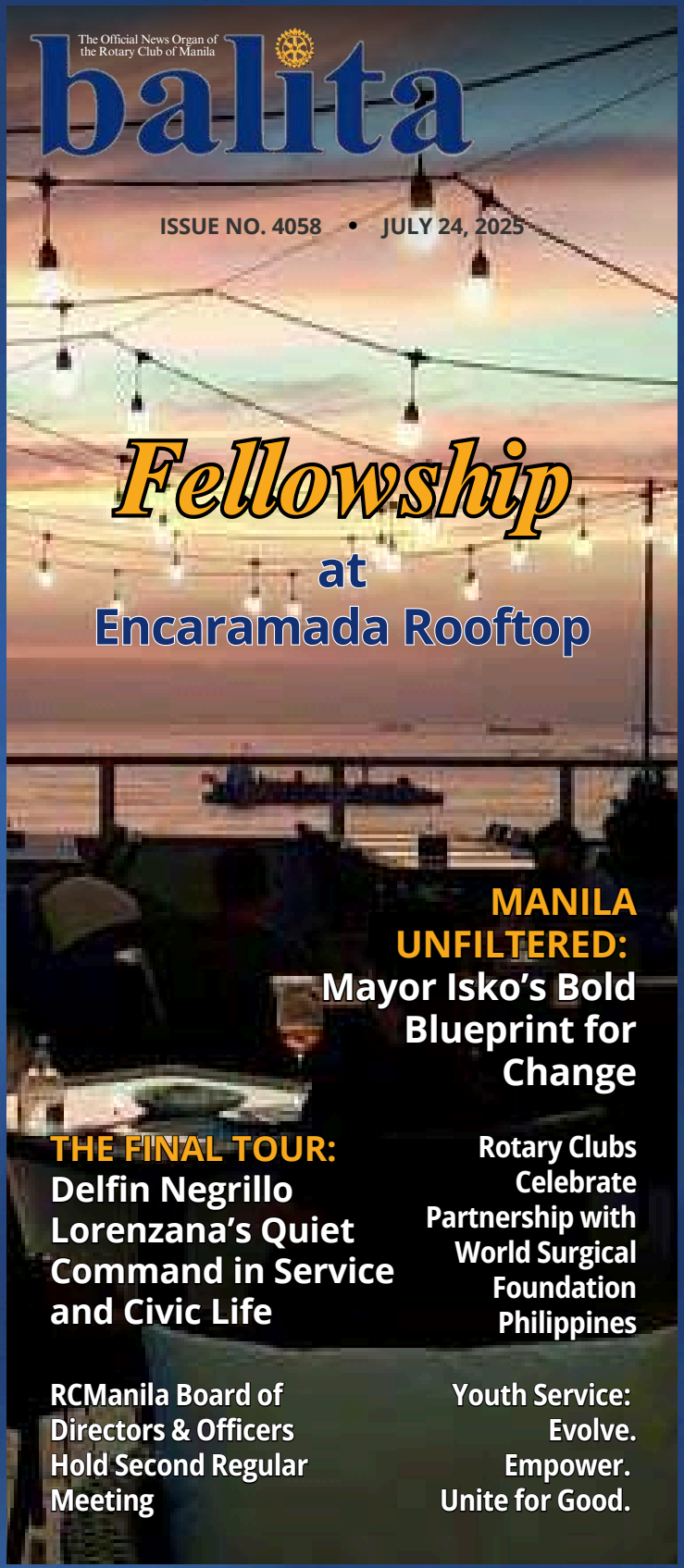


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EDITORIAL

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IN the golden hour of July 24, as the sun begins its descent behind the bay and the horizon blushes with hues of farewell, the Rotary Club of Manila will gather once more — not for a regular meeting, not for a policy forum or project launch — but for something more tender, more human: a Fellowship. A Farewell. A moment suspended between camaraderie and gratitude, dedicated to one of our own — Rotarian Dr. David Klebs.

Held atop the Encaramada Rooftop Bar at the TRYP Hotel in the heart of the MOA Complex, the occasion invites us not merely to say goodbye, but to celebrate the spirit of Rotary that lives in David — one of intellect, engagement, and grace. In a time when transitions often pass with little fanfare, Rotary reminds us that

departures, like arrivals, are sacred rituals. They are bookmarks in the story of shared service.

Rotary, at its core, is a fellowship of journeying minds and hearts. We are global citizens bound not by blood, nationality, or commerce — but by a shared commitment to Service Above Self, to ethical leadership, and to the ceaseless betterment of communities we may not even call our own. And in Dr. David Klebs, we found a kindred soul — an emissary of that ideal who carried with him the dignity of discourse and the decency of a true Rotarian gentleman.

That he now moves on to another chapter is not loss — it is, as the Germans would say, *Gute Reise*. A good journey. One that we must honor not with melancholy, but with mirth. Not with silence, but with stories. For in the quiet corners of our fellowship gatherings — between toasts and laughter, reflections and embraces — we find the very essence of Rotary's strength: its people.

In the memory of fellowship, in the preservation of ties, in the symbolic honoring of a man who gave his time, ideas, and presence. It is a tribute paid

not in grand speeches, but in our collective presence. Because when we show up for one another, we affirm what the Four-Way Test calls us to do: to build goodwill and better friendships.

As the sun dips and the first lights flicker over the rooftops of Manila Bay, let us raise a glass not just for Dr. David Klebs, but for the rare occasion when a goodbye is not an end — but a punctuation mark in a lifelong sentence of service. He may be leaving our midst, but his imprint remains — etched in the programs he championed, the friendships he fostered, and the trust he earned without ever having to demand it.

To you, David, we say: *Auf Wiedersehen*, not farewell. Until we meet again — across time zones, across borders, across paths — may your journey be filled with as much meaning as the one you leave behind.

The Rotary Club of Manila is not simply a club — it is a continuum. And in moments like this, we are reminded why we joined: to belong to something enduring, and to celebrate, always, those who make that belonging worthwhile.

Let this gathering be more than a luncheon and more than a lecture. Let it be a meeting of minds across sectors, stations, and stories — a communion of public purpose.

The Rotary Club of Manila stands at a threshold this Rotary Year with the theme Unite for Good. In welcoming Mayor Isko Moreno to the fold of our weekly dialogue, we are not merely inviting a past mayor — we are welcoming a continuing idea: that public service, when done with authenticity and audacity, can still matter. That it is not too late to restore trust in institutions, in communities, and in each other.

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Because when leaders like Isko speak, it is not only to recount where they've been — it is to awaken in us the urgency of where we must still go.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TODAY, July 23, my resolve and physical limits were tested. But that is getting ahead of the story.

Let me first go back to the two exciting meetings that I had last Thursday, July 17 – the Rotary Club of Manila's Weekly Membership Meeting and the Rotary Club of Davao's Anniversary and Induction Ceremony.

During the lunchtime weekly membership meeting at the Manila Polo Club, Manila Rotarians and guests were treated to an interesting and encouraging speech of Mayor Isko Moreno, Manila's newly elected chief executive (after a 3-year absence). The good mayor, who is RCM's honorary member, arrived early and socialized with and engaged in animated discussion with Manila Rotarians and guests. During his speech, he gave a comprehensive report of his action plan for the city and what he has thus far accomplished to rehabilitate and bring Manila back on track to financial stability and progress.

After the meeting, I had to quickly go to the airport to catch my flight for Davao (which was delayed) to attend the 87th



Raoul C. Creencia
President

Anniversary and Induction Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Davao. As RCM's daughter club, RC Davao is the first club in Mindanao with a rich history. Today, it continues to celebrate and cherish the special and unique foundational bond that it has with the Rotary Club of Manila. I was thus pleased that RC Davao invited me as guest of honor and speaker, and I took it as an opportunity to address their members and the other guests present. In my talk, I pushed for joint meetings and projects. I also highlighted our two clubs' unique relationship, emphasizing that "our relationship is more than just a mother-daughter club. It is a living expression of Rotary's spirit — a connection grounded in mutual respect, collaboration, and the desire to make a

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

difference in the communities we serve. Across islands and regions, we are united by one purpose: to be instruments of peace, development, and transformation. Together, our two clubs bridge not just Luzon and Mindanao, but generations of Rotarians committed to building a better Philippines.”

The woeful weather over the past few days has again brought some hardships to our poor communities. The powerful southwest monsoon has brought moderate to intense rainfall across Metro Manila and western Luzon and has dislocated hundreds of families across cities and provinces -- areas that are covered by RI District 3810. This is why our District, under the leadership of Governor Mary Mei Rodrigo, is working hard to make Rotary’s presence felt in the various communities in need.

Now I go back to my story about my resolve being tested today, July 23. You see, I was nursing a fever and was planning to rest the whole day. As it happened, RCM and a few other Manila-based clubs pooled their resources and bought plastic bed mats which were delivered in the morning. These mats had to be promptly distributed to the evacuees in two barangays in Tondo, Manila. So, with

my wife (Myls) in tow, I trooped to Barangay 128 and 105 to cause the distribution of the much-needed sleeping mats to about 80 families.

Tomorrow, another distribution of grocery packs will be undertaken in Rosario, Cavite (where families of fisherfolks are severely affected). RCM, together with clubs from the Cavite area, will be targeting 180-200 families.

All these efforts are meant to complement the massive and inspiring relief operations of the District led by our dear Governor. RCM has also contributed to this district-wide effort which is impressively being undertaken by the various clubs of the District.

I salute all volunteers who came forward and stepped outside their comfort zone to help those who are in need. To all Rotarians and compassionate volunteers, kudos to you for your tireless efforts in the face of disaster, as these are truly a powerful testament to the strength of the human spirit. All these initiatives – of the District and the cluster of clubs – eloquently show that even in the worst of times, kindness and unity prevail. This is “service above self” in its finest.

cover story

MANILA UNFILTERED: *Mayor Isko's Bold Blueprint for Change*

by PVP Reginald T. Yu

THERE are Thursdays when time seems to idle and routine takes center stage. And then there are Thursdays like July 17, 2025 — when the Rotary Club of Manila's 3rd Weekly Membership Meeting burst into a full-fledged civic encounter, filled with candor, conviction, and the raw pulse of leadership in action. The setting was the stately Manila Polo Club, where the elite walls echoed not with horseplay, but with hard truths and hopeful blueprints for the city of Manila.



Presided over by President **Raoul Creencia**, the meeting was called to order at precisely 12:30 PM, a tone of solemnity established early on through the heartfelt invocation led by Vice-President **Ricky Guevara**, followed by the spirited renditions of the Philippine



President Raoul C. Creencia called the meeting to order.

National Anthem and the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn, performed by the **World Famous RCM Music Chorale**.



Director Edwin Hernandez moderated the meeting.

Vice-President **Ricky Guevara** led the invocation.



STAR Rotarian **Val Bagatsing** stood with steady pride to recite the Four-Way Test, that enduring moral compass of all Rotarians. As the guests and members settled in, Director **Edwin Hernandez**, moderator for the day, extended warm acknowledgements — punctuated by a heartfelt birthday tribute to PDG **Rudy Bediones**, serenaded by the Chorale in a resounding chorus of *Maligayang Bati*.



STAR Rotarian Val Bagatsing led the recitation of The Four-Way Test.



The iconic World-Famous RCM Chorale performed the RCM Hymn.

The President's Time and A Mayor's Report Card

President Raoul's time on the podium was succinct, a precursor to the momentous address that would follow. When he yielded the stage to Board Legal Adviser Atty. **Carlos "Caloy" Serapio** for the introduction of the day's Guest of Honor and Speaker, the mood shifted from ceremonial to anticipatory.



President Raoul Creencia delivered his message during the President's Time.



Board Legal Adviser Atty. Carlos "Caloy" Serapio introduced the Guest of Honor and Speaker.



And then he rose — **The Honorable Francisco “Isko” Moreno Domagoso**, former mayor, former presidential aspirant, and once again the steward of Manila’s destiny. Dressed simply, speaking freely, Mayor Isko stepped not onto a podium but into the lives and livelihoods of the city’s stakeholders. He began not with a slogan, but with self-deprecation, humor, and a deep-seated honesty rarely seen in political theater. “My English is good for two minutes,” he chuckled, before proceeding to deliver an unfiltered, unvarnished report card of his first two weeks back in office.

From Mountains of Trash to a Masterplan of Hope

Isko did not mince words. “I was standing on a heap of trash... and a mountain of debt,” he confessed, his voice firm, his body language resolute. The city’s financial standing? A staggering deficit of ₱10.2 billion. Garbage? So overwhelming it needed backhoes and bulldozers — equipment not used since World War II.

And yet, there was no blame game. Only accountability.

He outlined **Executive Order No. 3**, mandating cleanup drives across 896 barangays every Saturday morning. He spoke of resurrecting the forgotten virtues of GMRC — Good Manners and Right Conduct — and of how governance, like discipline, must be habitual, daily, second nature. He invoked the “Broken Windows” Theory, citing New York’s transformation in the 1980s as a model to emulate.

Then, with clinical precision, he ticked off what had transpired in just 14 days:

- 78 meetings
- 16 field inspections
- 25 executive orders signed
- Multiple fires responded to
- Command conferences with police and health boards convened

His voice rose and fell, not with flourish but with frustration turned into focus. The city’s sewer system? “Disconnected pipes,” he said, “government agencies not talking to each other.” But at least, he added with a note of hope, “we now have a master plan — a bible for future generations.”

Certainty in the City of Contrasts

Manila has always been a city of contradictions — a place where colonial architecture casts shadows on crumbling sidewalks, where gleaming high-rises



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But I can guarantee —
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overlook informal settlements, and where commerce and chaos dance daily in tight embrace. It is a city constantly on the brink: of brilliance or breakdown, depending on the hour, the weather, or the will of its leaders.

Mayor Isko Moreno knows this Manila well — not from the comfort of car windows, but from its asphalt alleys, its flooded underpasses, its sleepless barangays. In his return to the Rotary podium, he didn’t mask the dysfunction with euphemisms. Instead, he confronted it head-on with perhaps the most radical promise a Filipino politician can make: certainty.

“I cannot always stop a crime from happening,” he admitted. “But I can guarantee — we will chase you. We will catch you. We will bring you to justice.” The crowd grew still. This was not a boast. It was a commitment. A warning. A vow.

In a city where unpredictability is often the norm — from traffic to trash, from permits to politics — Mayor Isko’s focus on certainty was both revolutionary and refreshing. He promised that under his watch, governance would no longer be capricious. No more moving the goalposts in the middle of the game. No more “wink-wink” enforcement or sudden shifts in policy that leave businesses reeling and citizens disillusioned.



He recalled case after case — not from briefing papers, but from memory:

- A 35-year-old cold case, the accused now behind bars.
- A heinous TNVS crime, solved within days of his return, with the victim’s remains recovered through persistence and compassion.
- A curfew ordinance for minors reintroduced not as nostalgia, but as a safeguard — an effort to protect

children from the perils of late-night streets and rekindle the forgotten rhythms of family life.

But even more compelling was the moral texture of his message. Law and order, to him, were not merely functions of patrols or penal codes. They were extensions of a deeper principle: respect for life, for law, and for livelihood.

“In Manila,” he said with steel in his tone, “we may not always prevent evil — but we will not let it hide.”

He spoke of noise not as nuisance but as a form of governance — a signal that people are still engaged, still watching, still demanding better. Open governance, he explained, is not about Facebook fame. “We’re not actors anymore,” he quipped. “We’re public servants. And the public has every right to know what we are doing.”

It was governance deglamorized — honest, hard-won, and human. He painted a portrait of a city both bruised and breathing, held together not by perfection but by persistence. A place where government offices stayed open late into the night. Where leaders exchanged bureaucracy for boots-on-the-ground urgency. Where sweeping, de-clogging, and enforcing were not mere tasks but metaphors for deeper institutional reform.

Manila, as he described it, is not Dasmariñas Village. It is not BGC. It is raw, ragged, and real. But it is not hopeless. Not anymore.

Because in this city of stark contrasts — between old and new, rich and poor, chaos and order — Mayor Isko was offering one thing that cuts across all lines: certainty. A certainty of consequence. A certainty of rules.

A certainty that even amid disorder, someone is watching, listening, working, and — most of all — caring.

And in a nation weary of ambiguity and spectacle, that certainty may be the boldest promise of all.

To the Rotarians — many of whom are business owners — he extended a candid invitation: “Come back to Manila. Put up your shops again.” He spoke of the revival of the e-BOS (Electronic Business One-Stop Shop) system, which, in just ten days, collected ₱103 million and welcomed 433 new businesses. “We can’t provide jobs forever,” he declared. “That’s your role. Our role is to make doing business easier.”



***Come back to
Manila. Put up your
shops again.***

A Leader’s Plea, a City’s Promise

Mayor Isko Moreno’s address did not end with applause; it ended with an invocation — not of faith, but of collective responsibility. Beneath the sharp wit and street-smart anecdotes was a deeper appeal: for unity in rebuilding a city too often romanticized in memory but neglected in the present.



“I cannot do it alone,” he declared — not as a catchphrase, but as a confession. Stripped of bravado, it was the voice of a leader who understood that transformational governance cannot be the work of one man, no matter how driven. It must be the undertaking of a community — of citizens who care enough to clean, invest, mentor, build, and believe again.

This was not a performance. It was a plea with purpose. He didn't ask for applause; he asked for accountability. He didn't promise perfection; he pledged persistence. His voice, worn but unwavering, rose with urgency as he looked squarely at the city's business leaders, entrepreneurs, and civic partners seated before him.

"Balik na kayo," he said, half-pleading, half-challenging. *"Sayang naman."*

In those words echoed more than nostalgia for the Manila of yesteryears. It was a call to return — not just physically, but emotionally and economically. To come back with hope. To re-invest not just in property but in possibility. To help stitch together the frayed seams of the capital with enterprise, decency, and resolve.

He spoke of the Minimum Basic Needs — housing, healthcare, education, and jobs — and emphasized the truth that governments cannot carry the burden of employment alone. "Jobs are created by business, not bureaucracy," he said with conviction. "And it is our duty in government to clear the path, to ensure fairness, and to protect your efforts — not frustrate them."

This was Isko's Manila 2.0: stripped of illusions, anchored in urgency, and steered by principles learned not in think tanks but in real trenches — from the

slums of Tondo to the seat of City Hall. It is a Manila that knows it is old, dusty, difficult — but also rich in soul, alive with stories, and worthy of salvation.

"I will not promise a perfect government," he reiterated. "Only Jesus is perfect. But I will promise certainty. Clarity. And consistency. We will not change the rules in the middle of the ballgame."



***The message was clear:
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for. But it cannot — and
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its doers, its Rotarians.***

There, at the threshold between aspiration and action, stood a leader bearing not just statistics or slogans, but truths. A leader asking for partnership, not patronage. A leader inviting others to reimagine the old city of Manila as something more than traffic and trash — but as a terrain of tenacity where, together, real change could finally take root.

The message was clear: This is a city worth fighting for. But it cannot — and will not — rise on the shoulders of the mayor alone. It needs its dreamers, its doers, its Rotarians.



City of Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko" Moreno Domagoso was conferred Honorary Membership to the Rotary Club of Manila.

And perhaps, on that July afternoon at the Manila Polo Club, a new covenant was quietly forged — between City Hall and civil society, between yesterday's fatigue and tomorrow's faith. A promise not of perfection, but of progress. Together.



President. Raoul Creencia presented RCM's Plaque of Appreciation to City of Manila Mayor Isko Moreno Domagoso.

Coda: A Club, A City, and the Courage to Begin Again

The 3rd Weekly Membership Meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila was more than an agenda checked off or a lunch well served. It was, in every sense, a town hall within a gentlemen's club — where suits met sweat, and polite applause gave way to real conversations about potholes, policies, and people. Through the voice of a returning mayor, the city of Manila bared its scars — but also its spirit.

As the meeting adjourned and members mingled, one could almost feel a shared undercurrent of resolve. For if Manila is to rise again, it must not rest on the shoulders of one man, but on the enduring efforts of many.

In this chamber of Rotarians, at least, that partnership had already begun.



President. Raoul Creencia adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Fellowship



Meeting Fellowship



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2025-2026

ATTENDANCE REPORT

July 2025

JULY 2025	July 03, 2025 ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA 106TH ANNIVERSARY & INDUCTION CEREMONY	July 10, 2025 FIRST CLUB ASSEMBLY: PROLOGUE & DIALOGUE	July 17, 2025 MANILA MAYOR FRANCISCO "ISKO" MORENO DOMAGOSO
MEMBERS PRESENT	90	53	39
MEMBERS PRESENT %	42%	25%	18%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	0	0	0
EXEMPTED	6	4	2
ON LEAVE	0	0	0
Total Active Members	84	49	37
Total # of Members	215	215	215
TOTAL %:	39%	23%	17%
ROTARACTORS	20	0	14
MEDIA	0	0	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	0	0
GOHS / GS	0	0	3
VISITING ROTARIAN	75	0	10
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	102	0	13
TOTAL ATTENDEES	287	53	79



LIST OF ATTENDEES

July 17, 2025

1	Angara, Marius
2	Bagatsing, Valentino S.
3	Bediones, Rodolfo P.
4	Bogovich, Jason M.
5	Carlos, Vicente J.
6	Carranceja, Arvin Arik B
7	Chahwan, Rami
8	Co, Val Constantine L.
9	Creencia, Raoul C.
10	Cureg, Alexander P.
11	Cutter, John Michael
12	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.
13	Egan, Brendan W.L.
14	Eldebs, Issam
15	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.
16	Esguerra, Herminio S.
17	Garcia, Paul Joseph M.
18	Guevara, Ricardo S.
19	Hernandez, Edwin H
20	Locsin, Arsenio Z.
21	Lorenzana, Delfin
22	Magsaysay, Francisco D.
23	Mauricio, Antonilo DC
24	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
25	Obrado, Daniel Calzado
26	Pagdanganan, Roberto M.
27	Palacios, Albert C.
28	Pineda, Jr. Patricio F.
29	Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
30	Rankl, Peter
31	Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
32	Roxas, Michael D.
33	Serapio, Carlos G.
34	Shimoda, Shigeru
35	Simon, Juanito A.
36	So, Warren S.
37	Valdez, Amado D.
38	Valencia, John Nico P.
39	Vazquez, Evaristo Jr.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

List of Members Who Have Paid Their Annual Dues for RY 2025-2026

As of July 23, 2025

1. ABRIAM, ARIEL
2. ACOSTA, CRISPINIANO G.
3. BARTOLOME, ARSENIO III M.
4. CANON, RAUL JR C
5. CARLOS, VICENTE J.
6. CHAN, ROBERT, JR. S
7. CREENCIA, RAOUL C.
8. CUREG, ALEXANDER P
9. CUTTER, JOHN MICHAEL
10. DAVIS, RAYMOND
11. ELDEBS, ISSAM
12. ESGUERRA, HERMINIO S.
13. FERNANDEZ, ANTONIO JAIME JOSE V.
14. GARCIA, VICTOR III G.
15. GUEVARA, DOMINGO, JR. S.
16. GUEVARA, RICARDO S.B.
17. HERNANDEZ, EDWIN H.
18. IBUYAN, BENEDICT JULIUS F
19. KALAW, TEODORO ALEJANDRO IV, Y.
20. KATIGBAK J ALFONSO L
21. KLEBS, DAVID
22. LEE, RICHARD L
23. LOPEZ, ANTONIO
24. LOPEZ, ARTHUR M
25. LORENZANA, DELFIN
26. MAURICIO, FRANCISCO ROBERTO DC.
27. NOLIDO, RAMON ALBERTO B
28. NONES, ROMEO C.
29. NUÑEZ, JOSE A.
30. PINEDA, PATRICIO JR. F
31. PREYSLER, FAUSTO Jr.
32. RANKL, PETER
33. SYJUCO, JOSE, JR. A.
34. TAGAYSAY, HECTOR O.
35. YORDANOV, STEFAN
36. YU, REGINALD T.
37. ZIALCITA, XAVIER

ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCManila Board of Directors and Officers Hold Second Regular Meeting



THE Board of Directors and Officers of the Rotary Club of Manila for Rotary Year 2025-2026 convened for their Second Regular Meeting on July 21, 2025, via Zoom.

In attendance were President Raoul Creencia, Vice President Ricky Guevara, Directors Warren So, Rami Chahwan, Jason Bogovich, Mike Albaña, Hans Palacios, and Edwin Hernandez; Secretary Anton Mauricio; Treasurer PJ Garcia; Board Legal Adviser Caloy Serapio; Internal Auditor Nick Locsin; Internal Assistant Auditor/PT Mike Roxas; Assistant Secretary Paco Magsaysay; Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms Dave Reynolds; and Past Director John Cutter.

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Rotary Clubs Celebrate Partnership with World Surgical Foundation Philippines at its 8th Anniversary



ROTARY Clubs supporting the World Surgical Foundation Philippines (WSFP) attended the organization's 8th Anniversary celebration at the Ayala Alabang Barangay Community Center on July 19, 2025.

From left: Rtn. Manolet Salak of RC Makati West, RCM Pres. Raoul Creencia, RC Makati Central Pres. Rico de Guzman, RC Makati Premier IPP Eric Quiason, and RC Makati Central IPP Mark Chua.

RC Manila and RC Makati Central are the two clubs that have formally partnered with WSFP.

PEOPLE

THE FINAL TOUR:

Delfin Negrillo Lorenzana's Quiet Command in Service and Civic Life

by PVP Reginald T. Yu

THE uniform has been folded away. The epaulettes have long since retired to a velvet-lined drawer, and the final bugle call from Fort Bonifacio faded into memory. And yet, when Delfin “Del” Lorenzana walks into the hallowed halls of the Rotary Club of Manila, there remains something unmistakably martial about him — not in decorum, but in discipline; not in salutation, but in service.



It is not every day that a former Secretary of National Defense, a retired Army general, and a once-critical actor in the most decisive moments of the nation's modern history, decides to find kinship not in the corridors of power but in a fellowship of civic-minded professionals. And yet, for Del, this transition from command to camaraderie was neither accidental nor abrupt. It was the next logical chapter in a life guided by duty.

What drew him to Rotary was not its prestige, nor the pull of old boy networks. It was a four-line code — the Four-Way Test — glimpsed over the years along highways and halls, but never forgotten. “I was always intrigued by it,” he shares. “Just as I was by Freemasonry, whose tenet of making good men better resonated with me during my years in service.” And when fellow public servant and RCM Past President Raffy Alunan extended the invitation, Lorenzana responded without hesitation. “I said yes immediately,” he recounts, “and the rest, as they say, is history.”

Two years since that quiet enlistment into the world of Rotary, Del has not only found his rhythm among the gavel, gong, and golden pin — he has emerged as its North Star. This year, he was conferred the rare honor of **STAR Rotarian of the Year**, a recognition he accepted with humility and characteristic humor. “I had

to consult ChatGPT to know what a STAR Rotarian actually is,” he quipped during his acceptance. But if one were to reverse-engineer the criteria, it might just read like a page from his own life: exemplary attendance, quiet leadership, strategic stewardship, and a relentless will to serve — with or without a rifle.



Commanding Without Uniform — The New Rules of Engagement

To Del, leadership is never relinquished; only refashioned. As Chair of the Programs Committee for Rotary Year 2025–2026, he now presides over an equally demanding battleground — not of

armed conflict, but of ideas, engagement, and relevance. “The goal is simple,” he says. “Make the meetings worth coming to. Make Rotary meaningful again.” For a club as storied as Manila, where membership is drawn from captains of industry, statesmen, and visionaries, the bar is high.

And yet, Del is undeterred. Strategy, after all, is his native tongue.

He speaks of thematic alignment — programming that responds to national sentiment, moments that matter. “We must be current,” he says. “Our guests and themes must reflect the pulse of our times.” Already, under his helm, the Programs Committee has featured leaders like Mayor Isko Moreno, and is preparing to host change-makers like Pasig Mayor Vico Sotto and disaster management experts for National Disaster Resilience Month. “We scan the landscape. We listen. We adapt,” he says, in the same way he once coordinated military strikes or mediated high-stakes diplomatic summits.

But Del is not content with good programming alone. He is on a mission to rekindle fellowship and participation. “I see the same faces every week,” he says with quiet concern. “The health of any organization lies in the presence of its members — in body and in spirit.” He advocates for a modest yet earnest

commitment: “Once a week. Or twice a month. Even just once a month, but let it be consistent.”

Service Above Self, to him, is not just a motto. It is a muscle that must be exercised — through attendance, participation, and the courage to carry forward Rotary’s work when no one is watching.



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Valor in Silence — The Unseen Burdens of a Soldier's Life

For all his calm exterior, Delfin Lorenzana's life has been anything but uneventful. His story spans coup attempts and pandemics, diplomacy and insurgency, budget battles and border threats. But what remains constant is his methodical resolve, the ability to keep one's head in a storm, and to speak with wisdom when others only speak with noise.

There are chapters of his life few can imagine, much less shoulder. Like the morning of May 1, 2001, when he stood at the edge of Malacañang with two battalions of armed troops and a singular order: disperse the 50,000-strong pro-Erap mob without causing harm. “It was a delicate mission,” he recalls, “but one I knew could only be achieved by restraint, by presence, by example.” By 1:00 PM, the streets were cleared. No serious injuries. No headlines of horror. Only quiet success, earned the hard way.



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Or take the pandemic — when, as Chair of the National Task Force Against COVID-19, he pushed for a complete lockdown against the objections of the economic cluster. “It was one of the most difficult decisions,” he recalls. “But we chose health over hesitation.” Later data would vindicate the early lockdown as a life-saving call.

Even in international diplomacy, Del proved deft with soft power. During his Washington stint, he helped Filipino World War II veterans secure long-denied benefits, navigating American bureaucracy with tact and tenacity. “It helped that almost every Fil-Am had a veteran relative,” he smiles. “That made the lobbying personal, powerful.”

His worldview, however, was most profoundly shaped in 1986. “We were taught that People Power toppled the Marcos dictatorship,” he reflects. “But it was also foreign influence, particularly from the U.S., that tipped the scale.” Since then, he has remained a realist — a patriot who knows that alliances must be built with eyes wide open. “A small country like ours must align wisely — with neighbors and powers alike — for survival and sovereignty.”

Of Farms, Fathers, and Fortitude — The Inner Compass

Beneath the battle-hardened exterior lies the soul of a farm boy — raised in the rice fields of Parang, Maguindanao, by Ilocano parents who never finished school, yet raised six children to finish college. “My father reached Grade 4. My mother never entered formal school,” he shares with pride. “And yet, they taught us the value of education, work, and frugality — values that shaped every decision I ever made.”

This Ilocano soul — quiet, tireless, unadorned — is perhaps Del's greatest asset. It is what saw him through plebehood at the Philippine Military Academy, where the first year "is a crucible of controlled hardship." It is what fueled his pursuit of higher education across the globe — from Ateneo to ANU to Harvard. And it is what sustains him now, in Rotary and beyond.

"My education taught me one thing," he says. "Think critically. Decide based on facts. And never stop learning."



Cadet Delfin Lorenzana, taken in 1971 when he was a yearling (third class man) at the Philippine Military Academy (Source: Delfin Lorenzana's Facebook page)

At home, his role has always been steady if understated. A loving, if oft-absent, father due to military assignments; a supportive husband to Editha, who held the family together while he served the Republic; and now, a doting grandfather to Mia, his Brooklyn-based apo. "I wish I could spend more time with her," he says with wistful longing. "But that is life. We serve when duty calls."

Rotary as His Final Tour — And the Lessons He Leaves

At 76, Delfin Lorenzana remains a man in motion — consulting, mentoring, chairing, attending. "Only time and health will tell how long I can go on," he says. But make no mistake — he is not slowing down. Not yet.

His decision to withdraw from the 2024 Senate race, despite his conviction to serve, was a concession not to fear but to family. "They were vehemently against it," he admits. "And I could not run without their support." Still, his passion for nation-building burns on — particularly for veterans, whose healthcare needs remain chronically underfunded; and for a military modernization program that, while progressing, still lags behind regional powers.

THE FINAL TOUR: Delfin Negrillo Lorenzana's Quiet Command in Service and Civic Life

And then there are the controversies — the abrogation of the UP-DND Accord, the DITO towers, the COVID vaccine for PSG. “I don’t run from backlash,” he says. “I study the facts. I own my decisions. And when I err — like not informing the UP President — I apologize, and I learn.”

For future leaders, his advice is disarmingly simple:

“Know your job. Keep learning. Stay fit. And keep your nose clean.”

A mantra born not in boardrooms, but in barracks.

If there is one chapter he wants history to remember, it is his time as Secretary of National Defense. “It was there that I made the most impact,” he reflects. From raising the enlistment terms to six years, to neutralizing the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu, to modernizing hospitals and procurement systems — it was during his watch that the AFP began to truly transform.

And yet, perhaps his greatest legacy lies not in weapons acquired or battles won — but in the example he sets now, in Rotary. Here, in a fellowship of equals, he continues to serve — not with power, but with presence; not with force, but with faith.

In a world where too many chase

applause, Delfin Lorenzana remains the kind of man who simply shows up — meeting after meeting, cause after cause — with no expectation of reward, only the quiet satisfaction of duty fulfilled.

In Rotary, they call that the “gold standard.” In military terms, it is known as “leading from the front.”

In either case, for STAR Rotarian Delfin Lorenzana, the mission continues.



Between Diplomacy and Deterrence — The Statesman in Uniform

Long before he raised a glass at the Manila Polo Club or presided over a Rotary program, Delfin Lorenzana was already practicing diplomacy — not in designer suits, but in well-pressed fatigues, with the Philippine flag stitched firmly over his heart.

His years as Defense Attaché to the United States taught him a different art of war: one waged with tact, patience, and relentless follow-through. In Washington, amid polished corridors and congressional gridlock, he lobbied tirelessly for Filipino World War II veterans — many long forgotten by the very nation they served under. “We had history on our side,” he says, “but more importantly, we had stories — Filipino stories that tugged at heartstrings in Capitol Hill.”

Under his leadership, the campaign culminated in two landmark wins: the 2008 passage of the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund and the belated bestowal of the Congressional Gold Medal upon surviving veterans. “It wasn’t about restitution alone,” Del emphasizes. “It was about dignity — about making sure their sacrifice wasn’t erased by paperwork or time.”

These lessons in coalition-building, he admits, have stayed with him. “When you appeal not just to reason but to shared humanity, people listen,” he says. “Even powerful people. Especially powerful people.”

In Rotary, he brings the same approach — bridging ideas, elevating discussions, and ensuring that no good deed is lost in bureaucracy. He understands better than



most that diplomacy, like defense, is ultimately about building trust.

Fortress and Future — The Modernization We Need

When the history of Philippine national defense is written in earnest, Delfin Lorenzana's chapter will read as a pivot point — a time when the country finally began turning away from Cold War dependency and toward self-reliance.

As Secretary of National Defense, he did not mince words: “We are an archipelago. And yet we failed to develop our navy, our shipbuilding industry, and maritime defense.” His assessment was both blunt and accurate.

The modernization program during his term saw ₱300 billion invested into long-overdue capital acquisitions — ships, helicopters, surveillance equipment, missiles, drones. But it wasn't enough. "We started late," he admits, "and we're still catching up."

He recalls the Philippines' once-proud Air Force in the 1960s — then the strongest in Southeast Asia — and how decades of political hesitation and misplaced priorities eroded that legacy. "We were under the American umbrella for too long," he reflects. "We never developed our own spine."

Even today, the urgency remains. "We lag behind every ASEAN neighbor—and far behind China." For Del, defense isn't about sabre-rattling; it's about sovereign dignity. "We must be able to defend our own waters, our own skies. Not just ask others to do it for us."

He is particularly animated when discussing the West Philippine Sea. "We can't stand up alone — but we can stand with others. That's why we need alliances," he insists. "Not just for war, but for trade, development, and shared security."

Bangsamoro, Bloodlines, and the Battle for Peace

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Having served across Mindanao and witnessed its bloodstained chapters firsthand, he speaks not in theories but in lived truths. "Clan wars are real. They're generational. They're cultural," he says. "And they're the greatest obstacles to peace."

He shares stories of vendettas so old that even the participants forget the original grievance — except that vengeance must be exacted. Layered over this is the Muslim warrior tradition: the affinity for arms as a measure of leadership and survival.

Demilitarization efforts, he admits, remain difficult. "You can't ask someone to disarm when their very identity is tied to their weapon," he says. And yet, Del does not lose hope. "What gives me faith are the young Muslims — educated, reform-minded, ready to change the system from within."

Still, he is candid about what holds BARMM back: misgovernance. "It's not by accident that the poorest province in the Philippines is in BARMM," he says. "It's about corruption, poor planning, and lack of political will."

Yet for every obstacle, he sees a window. “The new generation sees how their neighbors progress while they remain behind. That awareness is powerful. It is the beginning of transformation.”

Martial Law, Memory, and Measured Might

One cannot talk about Delfin Lorenzana without confronting the harder chapters — decisions steeped in national urgency, and not without controversy.

The declaration of Martial Law in Mindanao in the aftermath of the Marawi siege was one such moment. Critics feared authoritarian overreach; some invoked Marcosian ghosts. But Lorenzana insists the implementation was judicious. “It wasn’t martial law in the traditional sense,” he says. “There were no mass arrests, no curfews without cause, no suspension of civil rights.”

In fact, he recalls with irony that when the Martial Law order was set to expire, local leaders in BARMM requested its extension. “It made them feel safer,” he says. “And that says a lot.”

On the controversial abrogation of the UP-DND Accord, he is equally reflective. “My only mistake was not consulting UP’s president,” he admits. “But the decision itself? I stand by it.” He questioned why one university had exclusive protections from state oversight.



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“What made UP so special? If we are to sign such accords, let’s do it with all universities — or none at all.”

He is firm in his belief that transparency is essential in both national security and civil society. “You can’t govern a republic if there are pockets of untouchability,” he says.

When the Nation Panicked — COVID-19 and Command Decisions

Of all his peacetime duties, none matched the intensity of the COVID-19 crisis. As Chair of the National Task Force Against COVID-19, Lorenzana stood at the nerve



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center of one of the most disorienting public health challenges in modern history.

The decision to impose a nationwide lockdown in March 2020 was fiercely contested behind closed doors. “Half of the Cabinet resisted it,” he recalls. “The economic cluster wanted more time. We in health and security wanted decisive action.” The President sided with them.



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Later assessments would credit that early lockdown with saving thousands of lives. “We didn’t have all the data. But we had to act. And I believe we did right.”

He also addresses the more controversial actions of the Presidential Security Group, who were later revealed to have received vaccines smuggled in before FDA approval. “It was a panic reaction,” he explains. “They acted in good faith —

to protect the President. In hindsight, it was technically illegal. But morally? Perhaps forgivable.”

Such moments reveal the gray zones leaders navigate — where law, ethics, and urgency do not always align neatly. “Leadership is not about being right all the time,” he says. “It’s about choosing the lesser wrong for the greater good.”

The Unwritten Chapter — A Senator That Might Have Been

In 2024, Del briefly flirted with a new theater of service: the Senate.

His motivation was neither ambition nor ego. “I had seen the ground,” he says, “from Mindanao to the mountains. I knew what our people needed: jobs, health care, education, connectivity.”

And yet, his bid ended not at the polls, but at the dinner table. “My family was against it. Vehemently. And I could not run without them.” It was a rare retreat for a man who had faced bullets and bombs. But in this case, he knew the value of domestic peace.

Still, he remains active in advocacy — especially for veterans’ healthcare, a neglected area that pains him deeply. “They gave their youth to the Republic. We owe them comfort in old age,” he says.

EPILOGUE: Rotary, the Final Formation

There is something poetic about a man who spent half a century defending the Republic now devoting his twilight years to Rotary — an institution rooted in dialogue, service, and the quiet triumph of shared values over sheer might.

To Del, it is a full-circle moment. “In the military, we served because we were paid to,” he says with candor. “In Rotary, we serve because we believe in it. That makes it even more powerful.”

He often wonders if this will be his final post — his last assignment before full retirement. But even he isn't sure. “Only time and health will tell,” he smiles. “But as long as I'm able, I'll keep showing up.”

And that, perhaps, is the secret. He shows up — in barracks, boardrooms, Senate hearings, and now, Rotary meetings. He shows up for soldiers, for veterans, for fellow Rotarians, and for his country.

His legacy will not be measured solely by medals or titles, but by how he lived out three principles — **discipline, dignity, and duty.**

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And in Rotary, among men and women who also believe that service is the highest expression of self, **Delfin Negrillo Lorenzana** has found his newest platoon.

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VITARICH Corporation's CEO, Rotarian Rocco Sarmiento, speaking at the company's 75th year anniversary in Solaire North.

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Assistant Secretary Paco Magsaysay Named 7th LinkedIn Influencer in the Philippines by Favikon

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7. Paco Magsaysay

Paco Magsaysay is a TEDx speaker and managing partner in the food industry, particularly known for his ice cream brand, Carmen's Best. He emphasizes integrity, resilience, and meaningful impact in business, sharing personal experiences as a cancer survivor. His content focuses on entrepreneurship, business development, and life lessons, often reflecting on the importance of family and relationships. Magsaysay has received recognition for his achievements in entrepreneurship and actively engages with his audience through motivational posts.

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Here's the list of the Top 20 LinkedIn Influencers in the Philippines in 2025:

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Secretary Anton Mauricio Speaks at CRIF Forum2025 Philippines



RCMANILA Secretary Antonilo "Anton" Mauricio was honored to be one of the featured speakers at CRIF Forum 2025 Philippines, held on July 17, 2025, at Hilton Manila.

With the theme “Innovate with Trust. Transform with Data,” the forum convened leaders and changemakers from across industries to explore the future of fintech, AI, Big Data, ESG, and AML compliance in the Philippines.

Secretary Anton Mauricio delivered the Opening Keynote, “Why Trust and Data Matter in Building a Better Future,” where he emphasized the critical role of public trust and responsible data use in driving innovation, attracting investment, and achieving long-term, inclusive growth.



He also joined the Fireside Chat session together with his younger brother, Star Rtn Coco Mauricio “Data and Fintech: Fueling the Next Chapter of Financial Inclusion and Innovation,” sharing valuable insights on how technology and strategic partnerships can empower underserved communities and strengthen the financial ecosystem.

#CRIFForum2025 was a strong reminder of the impact we can make when purpose-driven organizations and leaders come together to transform challenges into opportunities for all.



Among those who received the token of appreciation were:

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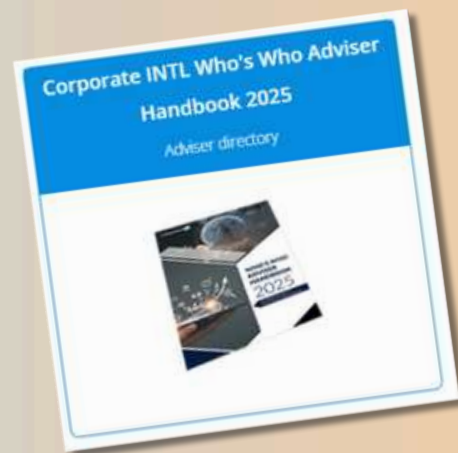
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He has 45 years' experience in corporate litigation before the Securities & Exchange Commission and Regional Trial Courts, as well as appellate practice before the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. He handled intra-corporate controversies involving struggles for control of some of the largest publicly listed companies in the Philippines, and engaged in fields as diverse as universal banking, food manufacturing, telecom, mining, oil exploration and real estate holdings. For 10 years, he was part of the team that handled Philippine legal issues for Fraport A.G., of Germany in connection with the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal III (NAIA III) arbitration suit, at the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in Washington DC. He gives advice and handles litigation on the Philippine Anti-Dummy Law, which penalizes violations of nationality restrictions on certain investments and business activities. He also handles a variety of corporate rehabilitation cases, two of which arose from the bankruptcy proceedings of Lehman Brothers in New York.

He counseled Siemens AG on its (3,500 MW) power generation project in the Philippines and assisted clients on BOT Light Rail and Subway Transportation Systems. He assisted Unilever to establish an ice cream business in the Philippines through a joint venture arrangement, and also helped in its acquisition and sale of other businesses. He has advised Nestlé Philippines on sales, distribution and other related matters.

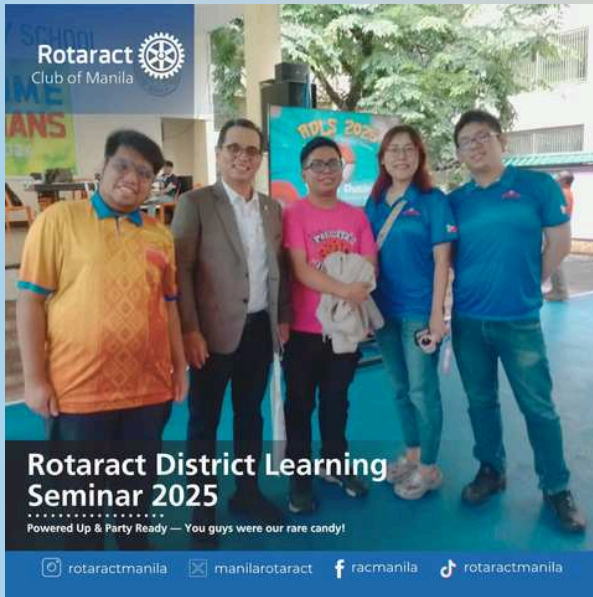
He handled the public listing of shares of one of the largest universities, and counselled the underwriter on the listing of one of the most popular fast food chains in the Philippines. He defended the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) in a lawsuit arising from its refusal to list the shares of a real estate company despite approval by the Securities & Exchange Commission. The Supreme Court affirmed PSE's authority to deny listing. He further assisted a Bermuda company that has interests in manufacturing plants in the Philippines to list in the Singapore Stock Exchange.

He holds several directorship and/or officer positions in key companies, such as: The Thomson (Philippines) Corporation; Amicus Realty, Inc.; Siemens, Inc.; Siemens Power Operations, Inc.; Omni Aviation Inc.; Atos IT Solutions & Services Inc.; XIBS Disposition Subsidiary Philippines, Inc.; Lake-lands Country Club, Inc.; as well as Muntinlupa Development Foundation.

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FROM badge to battle cry, the Rotaract Club of Manila proudly joined the epic journey of the Rotaract District Learning Seminar 2025 last July 6 at Bacood Elementary School, embracing a weekend of transformation inspired by the spirit of Pokémon. Our delegation—led by President Andrea Cuevas, Immediate Past President Stephanie Bonifacio, and three of our dedicated officers—leveled up through impactful sessions on workplace safety, first aid, and team building, deepening our connection to one another and to the greater Rotaract community.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the host and co-host clubs, as well as to everyone who brought this Pokémon-themed learning adventure to life. Through their dedication and collaboration, RDLS 2025 became more than just a seminar—it became a movement. The commitment of Rotaract Manila to God and our community is ironclad, and this weekend reminded us that together, we evolve to lead with greater purpose. What we do, we offer to God, our country, and our fellow people.

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Rotary Club of Manuel A Roxas Boulevard's 14th Handover and Induction Ceremonies



PRESIDENT Raoul Creencia with President Billy James Uy of the Rotary Club of Manuel A. Roxas Boulevard, along with PP Hermie Esguerra (RI District 3810 Secretary General), during the Induction and Handover Ceremonies of the Rotary Club of Manuel A. Roxas Boulevard. The event was held on July 16, 2025, at the Securities and Exchange Tower, BGC, Taguig City.

Rotary Club of Davao's 87th Induction and Turnover Ceremonies



PRESIDENT Raoul Creencia was the Guest of Honor and Speaker at the Rotary Club of Davao's 87th Induction and Turnover Ceremonies held on July 17, 2025. RC Davao is a daughter club of the Rotary Club of Manila. In the photo with President Raoul are RC Davao President Winn Htun, Club Secretary Dexter So, and Manila Rotarian Ingmar Bertelsen.

INTERCLUB EVENTS

Rotary Club of Pasay's 66th Charter Anniversary and 67th Handover Ceremonies



PRESIDENT Raoul Creencia, together with PDG Vince Carlos and PP Jackie Rosriguez, attended the Rotary Club of Pasay's Charter Anniversary and Handover Ceremonies on July 18, 2025. Also in the photo is RC Pasay President Eric Pasion.

PDG Vince Carlos is Guest of Honor and Speaker at Rotary Club of Pasay's Charter Anniversary & Handover Ceremonies



PDG Vince Carlos was presented with a token of appreciation for being the guest of honor and speaker at the Inaugural Meeting of the Rotary Club of Pasay. PDG Vince and his spouse Tina Carlos were joined by IPP Dan Souza and President Eric Pasion.

INTERCLUB EVENTS

Secretary Anton Mauricio Attends Rotary Club of Makati Dasmariñas Meeting



RCM Secretary and Director for Innovation & Sustainability Anton Mauricio attended the Rotary Club of Makati Dasmariñas meeting on July 16, 2025 at 6 PM at the New World Hotel in Makati. This was upon the invitation of RC Makati Dasmariñas PP Juor Buted.



The guests of honor and speakers were DFA Usec. Eduardo de Vega and Israel Chamber Chairman Emeritus Itamar Gero, accompanied by his wife Orna Joyce Gero. The event was hosted by PP Inky Reyes and moderated by PP Philip Nazareno.



INTERCLUB EVENTS

Secretary Anton Mauricio Attends Rotary Club of Makati Dasmariñas Meeting



Among the attendees were officers and past presidents of RC Makati Dasmariñas: President Tet de Guzman, PP Philip Nazareno, PP Inky Reyes, PP Lia Francisco, PP Joji Tan, PN Jake Gacus David Elefant of the Israel Chamber, PP Dada Cua, PP Rhoda Salas, and PP Jun Turla.



From left: PP Dada Cua, RCM Secretary Anton Mauricio, RC Makati Dasmariñas President Tet de Guzman, and RC Makati North President Tito Meneses



RCM Sec. Anton Mauricio with Pres Erica Singson of RC Lex et Salus



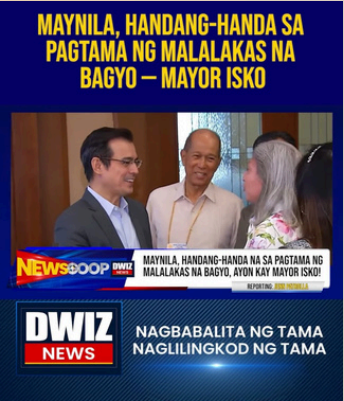
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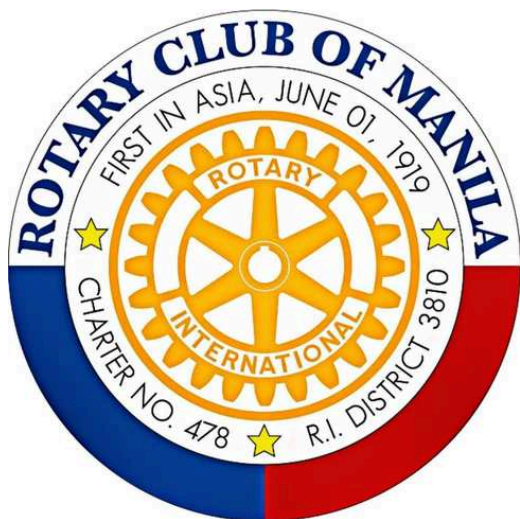
Michelle Manglapus, daughter of RC Mactan Pres. Maita Manglapus with RCM Sec. Anton



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