

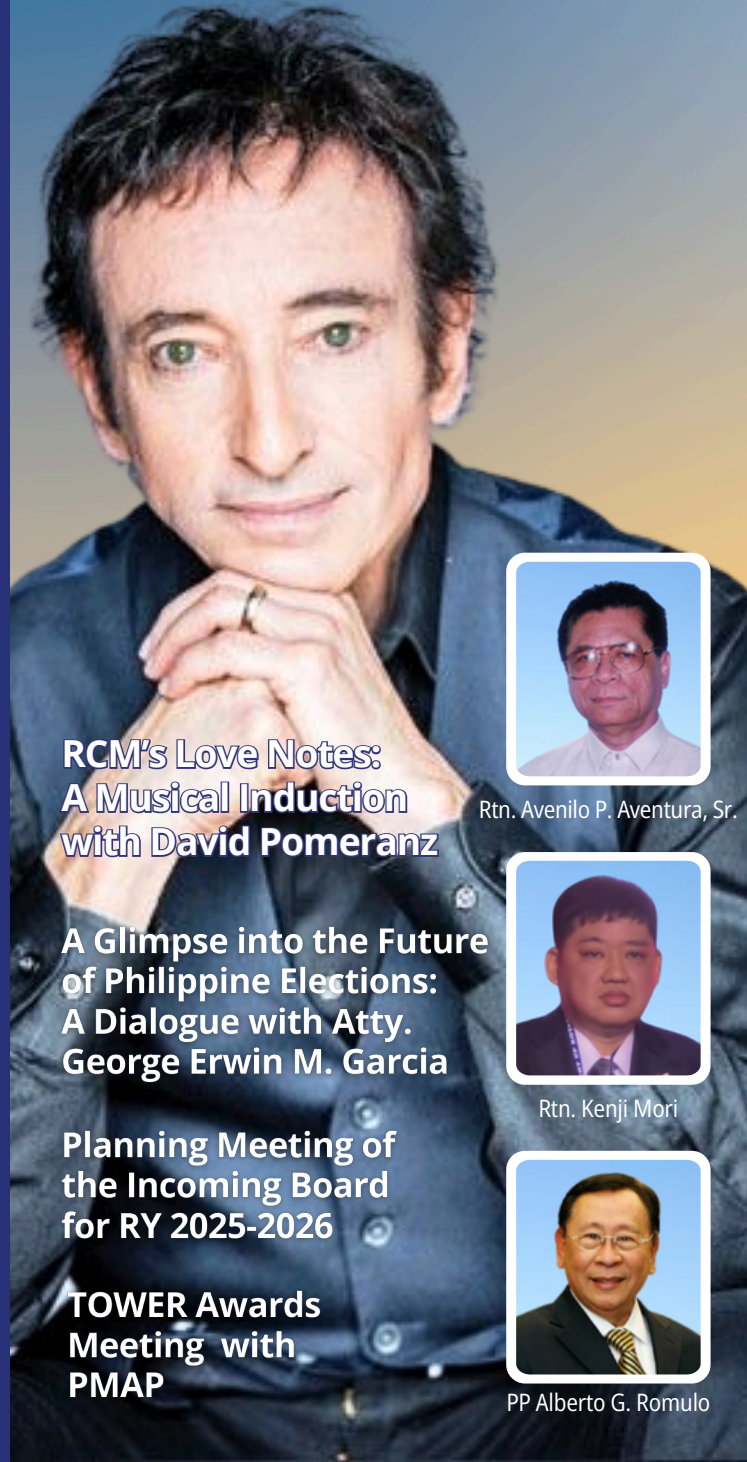
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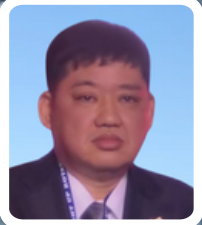


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PROGRAM

22nd Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2024-2025
Thursday, 13 February 2025, 12:30 PM
Manila Polo Club

Moderator: **PVP FAUSTO D.R. PREYSLER, JR.**

PART I

12:00 PM Registration
12:30 PM Call to Order | **VP JOEL C. VALDES**
Invocation | **RTN. RAYMOND "Ray" DAVIS**
Philippine National Anthem | **AVP of RCM Members**
The Four (4) Way Test | **PD ARTHUR "Art" M. LOPEZ**
Acknowledgment of Guests | **PVP FAUSTO D.R. PREYSLER, JR.**
Welcome Song | **RCM WF MUSIC CHORALE**

Birthday Celebrants

Feb. 8	Rtn. Paco Magsaysay	Feb. 10	PP Chito Zalzarriaga
Feb. 9	Rtn. Cris Acosta	Feb. 12	Rtn. Willy Lim
	Rtn. Dong Benedicto		
	Rtn. Val Co		
	Mr. David Pomeranz		

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

PART II

12:50 PM President's Time | **VP JOEL C. VALDES**
1:00 PM Induction of new Honorary Members
a. Introduction of new Honorary Members
PDG Rodolfo P. "Rudy" Bediones
DIS Antonilo "Anton" DC. Mauricio
Rtn. Philip H. Recto
Rtn. Raymond "Ray" Davis

1. Rtn. Kenji Mori
Kuzuha Rotary Club Osaka, Japan

2. Rtn. Avenilo P. Aventura, Sr.
Medicine, Cardio Vascular
Surgeon, Philippine Heart Center
Member of RCM, 1977-2023
Honorary Member, 2023 -present
Paul Harris Fellow, 1996

3. PP Alberto G. Romulo
RC Manila Past President, RY 1978-1979

4. Mr. David Pomeranz
Songwriter, composer, lyricist, and writer for musical theater

Oath of Membership | **VICE PRES. JOEL C. VALDES**
(On behalf of Pres. Jujut Enriquez)

b. Appreciation Remarks by newly inducted Honorary Members
c. RCM World Famous Chorale
d. Song Performance by Jay of 'Cool Rhythm'
e. Serenade: Rtn. David Pomeranz

2:00 PM Adjournment | **VICE PRES. JOEL C. VALDES**

EDITORIAL

Reginald T. Yu
Editor-in-Chief



SINCE its inception on June 1, 1919, the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) has stood as a beacon of service, leadership, and philanthropy. As the first Rotary Club in Asia, it has played a pivotal role in shaping civic engagement and fostering meaningful partnerships to uplift communities. Among its most esteemed traditions is the conferral of honorary membership, a distinction reserved for individuals who have demonstrated meritorious service in advancing Rotary ideals.

The First Honorary Member

Shortly after its founding, the Rotary Club of Manila conferred its first honorary membership upon U.S. Governor-General Francis Burton Harrison. Recognized for his commitment to Philippine self-governance and his efforts in fostering collaboration between Filipinos and Americans, Harrison exemplified the qualities that RCM sought to honor. His inclusion in the club set a precedent for future honorary members—individuals whose impact extended beyond personal achievements to serve the greater good of society.

Notable Honorary Members

Over the decades, RCM has bestowed honorary membership upon many distinguished figures whose contributions have left an indelible mark on the world. Among them:

General Douglas MacArthur –

Recognized for his military leadership and his role in liberating the Philippines during World War II.

President Manuel L. Quezon – The first President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and an advocate for national sovereignty.

President Ramon Magsaysay – Known as the "Champion of the Common Man," he embodied service and integrity in public office.

Pope John Paul II – Honored for his global humanitarian efforts and influence in fostering interfaith dialogue and peace.

Carlos P. Romulo – A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and diplomat, known for his contributions to the United Nations and Philippine foreign policy. He served as President of the Rotary Club of Manila in 1935 and Rotary International's Third Vice-President in 1937–1938.

Qualifications for Honorary Membership

As outlined in Section 11 of RCM's By-laws, honorary membership is granted to individuals who meet the following criteria:

(a) The recipient must be a male individual who resides or has resided within the club's territorial limits and has distinguished himself through meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals.

(b) Honorary members are exempt from admission fees and dues, do not possess voting rights, and are ineligible to hold office within the club. While they are entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy club privileges, they do not have rights or privileges in any other Rotary club.

This distinction serves as a testament to the exemplary character and contributions of those chosen, acknowledging their unwavering dedication to the principles of Service Above Self.

Welcoming New Honorary Members

In continuation of this prestigious

tradition, the Rotary Club of Manila proudly welcomes three new honorary members to its distinguished roster:

Past RCM President and Former Senate President **Alberto Romulo** – A statesman whose leadership has significantly shaped Philippine governance and diplomacy. He served as President of the Rotary Club of Manila in 1978.

Philanthropist Rotarian **Kenji Mori** of the Rotary Club of Kuzuha – An advocate for humanitarian efforts whose generosity has uplifted countless communities.

Celebrated surgeon **Dr. Aveniloventura Sr.** – A doctor who performed many pioneering operations in the country, including the first successful renal transplantation, the first bioprosthesis, and the first Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting. He served as the first President and Medical Director of the Philippine Heart Center.

Acclaimed international singer, composer, and songwriter **David Pomeranz** – An artist whose music has inspired and brought joy to

people worldwide, embodying the spirit of unity and goodwill.

Their inclusion reflects RCM's commitment to recognizing individuals who have not only excelled in their respective fields but have also dedicated themselves to making a lasting impact on society.

The Enduring Significance of Honorary Membership

RCM's honorary membership is more than just a title—it is a tribute to service, a celebration of excellence, and a bridge that connects remarkable individuals to the Rotary movement. As the club continues to grow and evolve, it remains steadfast in upholding the values that have defined it for over a century.

As we honor the legacy of past and present honorary members, we reaffirm our commitment to fostering leadership, service, and camaraderie, ensuring that the Rotary Club of Manila remains a driving force for positive change in the Philippines and beyond.



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Airlines**

The Heart of the Filipino



cover story

A Glimpse into the Future of Philippine Elections: A Dialogue with Atty. George Erwin M. Garcia

by PVP Reginald T. Yu

ON Thursday, February 6, 2025, the illustrious Rotary Club of Manila (RCM), the oldest and largest Rotary club in the Philippines, hosted its 21st Weekly Membership Meeting at the prestigious Manila Polo Club. The event, seamlessly organized with grace and decorum,

attracted key figures from diverse sectors of society. The gathering was a perfect amalgamation of leadership, service, and innovation, as members and distinguished guests came together to discuss pivotal national issues, most notably the future of elections in the Philippines.



The meeting commenced with the formal call to order by President Eduardo "Jujut" Enriquez III. As the room filled with the hum of quiet anticipation, Past President Felix Francisco S. "Chito" Zaldarriaga led the invocation, invoking a spirit of service and reflection, setting a tone of solemnity for the gathering. This was followed by the Philippine National Anthem and the rousing Rotary Club of Manila Hymn, sung with fervor by the club's World-Famous Music Chorale. As the club members collectively recited the Four-Way Test, Former DTI Undersecretary Abdulgani M. "Gani" Macatoman passionately emphasized the values that define Rotary, encapsulating the organization's commitment to service, integrity, and community.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez called the meeting to order.



VPE Ricardo "Ricky" S.B. Guevara moderated the meeting.



PP Felix Francisco S. "Chito" Zaldarriaga led the invocation.

The event's atmosphere was one of camaraderie and warmth as Vice President-Elect Ricardo S.B. "Ricky" Guevara acknowledged the guests in attendance, further elevating the sense of unity within the room. The celebration continued with the recognition of birthday celebrants, notably Past Director Oscar Del Rosario, whose significant contributions to the club were acknowledged with a heartfelt rendition of the "Maligayang Bati" or "Happy Birthday" song, performed by the RCM World-Famous Music Chorale.



VPE Ricardo "Ricky" S.B. Guevara introduced the guest speaker.

Guest Speaker: A Vision for Democratic Innovation

The highlight of the event was the address by the esteemed Guest Speaker, The Honorable Atty. George Erwin M. Garcia, Chairman of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC). With a commanding presence and a profound understanding of the complexities of Philippine democracy, Atty. Garcia delivered an insightful discourse on the state of elections in the country and the innovative steps that the Commission is taking to enhance the voting process.

Atty. Garcia opened his address with gratitude and respect for the Rotary Club of Manila, recognizing its invaluable contributions to society. He emphasized the pivotal role that RCM plays in shaping industry and fostering meaningful change in Philippine society. He then shifted to the core of his address, the state of elections in 2025, marking this year as one of significant challenges and opportunities for reform.



Rtn. Abdulgani M. "Gani" Macatoman led the recitation of the Four-Way Test.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez during the President's Time



Guest Speaker, The Honorable Atty. George Erwin M. Garcia, Chairman of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC)

He pointed to the multi-election year that lies ahead, with three major elections set to occur in 2025—the May 12 national and local elections, the Bangsamoro Parliamentary Election, and the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections. Atty. Garcia acknowledged the complexity of this simultaneous scheduling, particularly as the country prepares for its first-ever Bangsamoro Parliamentary Election, and the logistics involved in such a monumental undertaking.

The Financial Implications of Election Logistics

The financial scope of these elections is staggering, with the cost of conducting the national and local elections alone amounting to a whopping P35 billion. The Barangay and SK elections are expected to cost an additional P13 billion, while conducting the Bangsamoro Parliamentary Election will require an estimated P2.5 billion. This highlights the immense responsibility borne by the COMELEC to ensure that the elections are not only financially feasible but also efficient and transparent.

The challenges also extend to voter participation. With a voting population of over 68 million, including significant numbers of senior citizens, persons with disabilities (PWDs), indigenous people, and even incarcerated individuals, the task of ensuring accessibility and inclusivity becomes even more pressing. Atty. Garcia spoke passionately about the importance of protecting the right of suffrage for all Filipinos, emphasizing that prisoners, unless convicted, retain their voting rights. This right, he explained, is fundamental to the values of democracy.

Innovations in Election Technology and Accessibility

Atty. Garcia provided an exciting preview of the technological innovations that the COMELEC is introducing in the upcoming elections. One of the most significant advancements is the introduction of enhanced voting machines that promise greater accuracy and ease of use for the voters. He emphasized that these machines are designed to enhance voter confidence and ensure that every vote is counted accurately.



Additionally, for the first time, the COMELEC is introducing several innovative measures to ensure that voting is accessible to all Filipinos. Senior citizens, PWDs, and pregnant women will be given exclusive voting hours from 5 AM to 7 AM, ensuring that they can vote in a more comfortable environment. Furthermore, Atty. Garcia proudly shared that, for the first time, mall voting will be introduced, allowing voters to cast their ballots in shopping malls, where the environment will be cool and free from the usual election-related disturbances. This initiative is particularly aimed at improving the voting experience, making it more convenient and comfortable for citizens, particularly in urban areas.

The overseas Filipino community, which has traditionally faced barriers to voting, will also benefit from the introduction of internet voting, a first in Philippine history. This innovation is expected to increase voter turnout significantly, addressing the logistical challenges faced by Filipinos living abroad who previously had to visit embassies or consulates to cast their votes.



The Need for Legal Reforms

While the COMELEC is pushing for innovation and progress, Atty. Garcia highlighted a critical challenge: the outdated Election Code, which was enacted in 1985, is increasingly inadequate in addressing the realities of modern-day elections. He emphasized the need for Congress to pass the revised Omnibus Election Code, which would address new forms of electoral malpractices such as vote-buying through digital platforms like Gcash and Paymaya.

Furthermore, he addressed the issue of premature campaigning, citing the Supreme Court ruling that candidates are not officially recognized until the start of the campaign period. This has left the COMELEC with limited jurisdiction over campaign materials and other election-related actions that occur prior to the official start of the campaign period.





COMELEC Chairman George Erwin Garcia actively engaged in an interactive conversation with PP Boy Guevara, VP Joel Valdes, Rotaract Tristan Mari Ruste, and PE Raoul Creencia.



Recognition and Closing Remarks

The meeting concluded with a heartfelt presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Atty. Garcia by President Eduardo “Jujut” Enriquez III, who thanked the guest speaker for his invaluable insights and his commitment to the democratic process. In his closing remarks, President Enriquez acknowledged the Rotary Club of Manila’s role as a beacon of service and leadership, reinforcing the club’s dedication to fostering positive change in the country.



COMELEC Chairman George Erwin Garcia received RCM's Plaque of Appreciation, witnessed by VPE Ricardo “Ricky” S.B. Guevara, PP Felix Francisco “Chito” S. Zaldarriaga, Pres. Jujut Enriquez, DG Joaquin “Jackie” C. Rodriguez, Rtn. Abdulgani M. Macatoman, and PD Antonio “Tony” S.Lopez.



In his final words, President Enriquez adjourned the meeting, but not without leaving everyone in attendance with a renewed sense of purpose. As members of the Rotary Club of Manila, they are part of a legacy that has long been committed to fostering integrity, leadership, and service to others. Atty. Garcia's speech served as a poignant reminder of the role that each one of us plays in shaping the future, not just through our votes, but through our collective commitment to the values that define a democratic society.

The Rotary Club of Manila's 21st Weekly Membership Meeting was not merely a gathering; it was a reaffirmation of the club's enduring commitment to excellence, transparency, and service to the community, both within and beyond the confines of the club. As Atty. Garcia's words resonated with the audience, it became clear that the future of Philippine elections holds great promise, thanks to the innovations and reforms being championed by the Commission on Elections and the continued dedication of organizations like the Rotary Club of Manila.



by PE Raoul Creencia



MUSIC AND ROTARY

MUSIC has a profound impact on society, shaping culture, emotions and mass behavior. It has even inspired political movements and revolutions. Indeed, music serves as a form of expression, uniting people across different backgrounds, persuasions, and beliefs. And because music can evoke strong emotions, we have anthems and hymns that are meant to unite a people, or call to action the members of an organization. Through music, the values and stories of different communities can be relayed and passed on to the next generation.

Music has had a significant influence on Rotary International, serving as a tool for unity, cultural exchange, and fundraising. In Rotary Club meetings, music plays a central role; and in our very own Rotary Club of Manila weekly membership meetings, we incorporate songs into our gathering to foster camaraderie and create an uplifting atmosphere. We have our hymn, as well as our unique welcome and birthday songs. On some occasions, we also play the Philippine Rotary song composed by no less than the musical genius George Canseco. Notably, Rotary songs emphasize friendship, fellowship, service, and global unity.

Rotary Clubs around the world use music as a

fundraising tool for humanitarian projects. Benefit concerts, musical performances, and competitions help raise funds for causes such as polio eradication. Last September 19, the Rotary Fellowship of International Voices and Performing Arts organized a fundraising musical event concert at the iconic Metropolitan Theater. The fundraising activity was intended to support Rotary's End Polio Now campaign, a well-known and worldwide initiative dedicated to eradicating polio. The concert – *Tinig, Kultura, at Pag-Ibig* – was presented together with the Philippine Opera Company; and the RCM World Famous Chorale proudly participated in this meaningful event. Hopefully, there will be more concerts like this, which not only showcase the musical talent of Rotarians, but also serve as an avenue to increase awareness on Rotary's various projects, and generate funds to implement them. Many Rotary Clubs also support young musicians through scholarships, instrument donations, and music education programs. This is usually done in partnership with schools, orchestras, and community groups. No doubt, Music and Rotary share a common mission -- to bring people together, create a positive change, and inspire hope around the world.

The music of internationally renowned singer and songwriter, David Pomeranz, will take center stage in this week's RCM membership meeting. As we celebrate the Valentine week, David's songs that the whole world has come to love will surely enchant and be a welcome treat for all Manila Rotarians and guests.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2024-2025

February 2025

February 06, 2025	
FEBRUARY 2025	COMECLEC CHAIR, HON. GEORGE ERWIN M. GARCIA
MEMBERS PRESENT	39
MEMBERS PRESENT %	17%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	8
EXEMPTED	4
ON LEAVE	0
Total Active Members	43
Total # of Members	223
TOTAL %:	19%
ROTARACTORS	5
MEDIA	3
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	0
GCHS / GS	10
VISITING ROTARIAN	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	7
TOTAL ATTENDEES	61

LIST OF ATTENDEES
February 6, 2025

1	Albaña, Michael Jaey C	21	Macatoman, Abdulgani M.
2	Bediones, Rodolfo P.	22	Matschuck, Guenter Gerhard G.
3	Benedicto, Sixto T.	23	Pineda, Jr., Jesus M.
4	Bolton, Wilhelm	24	Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
5	Cabangon, Edgard A.	25	Recto, Philip H.
6	Carlos, Vicente J.	26	Reynolds, David J.
7	Carranceja, Arvin Arik B	27	Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
8	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef M.	28	Roxas, Michael D.
9	Cenica, John T.	29	Serapio, Carlos G.
10	Co, Val Constantine L.	30	Shimoda, Shigeru
11	Creencia, Raoul C.	31	Sibayan, Joseito H.
12	Davis, Raymond N.	32	Tagaysay, Hector O.
13	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.	33	Valdes, Joel C.
14	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.	34	Valdez, Amado D.
15	Guevara, Jr., Domingo S.	35	Villarica, Henry R.
16	Guevara, Ricardo S.	36	Yu, Reginald Tieng
17	Lonzaga, Reinerio C.	37	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco S.
18	Lopez, Antonio S.	38	Rankl, Peter
19	Lopez, Arthur M.	39	Yordanov, Stefan
20	Lorenzana, Delfin		

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

As of February 12, 2025

1	ABOT, VALENTINO G.	91	LEDDA, JAIME VICTOR B
2	ACOSTA, CRISPINIANO G.	92	LEE, RICHARD L.
3	ALBAÑA, MICHAEL JAEY C	93	LIAMZON, ROMEO THADDEUS
4	ALBERTO, RAYMENDO ARNOLD S	94	LEM, DAVID EDUARDO T
5	ALCANTARA, ISIDRO C	95	LEM, RICHARD
6	ALDAY, ALBERT	96	LOCIN, ARSENIO Z
7	ALINGGOS, ALDOUS A	97	LOZAGA, REINERIO
8	ANDAL, AVELINO L	98	LOPEZ, ANTONIO
9	ARAGON, JOSHUA REUBEN G	99	LOPEZ, ARTHUR M
10	ARAMBULO, JOAQUIN	100	LORENZANA, DELFIN
11	ARGUELLES, PABLO C	101	MACAPAGAL, MICHAEL T
12	AVENTURA, AVELINO JR L	102	MACATOMAN, ABDULGANI
13	BAGATSING, VALENTINO S	103	MAGRANIA, GERRY P
14	BALANAY, ABIES B	104	MAGSAYSAY, FRANCISCO D
15	BARTOLOME, ARSENIO III M	105	MANALAYSAY, CESAR P
16	BEDIONES, RODOLFO P	106	MANGALLIE, SENEN T
17	BELLA, GERONIMO JR. D	107	MARTINEZ, RONALD I
18	BELLO, CHRISTIAN CESAR	108	MATSHUCK, GUENTER GERHARD G
19	BENEDICTO, SIXTO T	109	MAURICIO, ANTONILO DC
20	BERTILSEN, BERTEL I	110	MENDOZA, ESTELITO P
21	BLANCO, MANUEL M	111	MENDOZA, MIGUEL
22	BOGOTCH, JASON M	112	MENDOZA, RAYMOND JOSEPH IAN O
23	BOTTON, WILHELM	113	MOMAMARTIS, STEVE
24	BRANELLIC, JACQUES	114	NOLINO, RAMON ALBERTO B
25	BUENIA, CARLOS C	115	NOMERA, KAFUNERO
26	CABANGON, EDGARD A	116	NONES, ROMEO C
27	CABUNAG, ROGELIO R	117	NUÑEZ, JOSE A
28	CAMAT, NATHANIEL	118	ORRADO, DANIEL CALZADO
29	CAMPOS, JOSELITO JR	119	OCAMPO, TEOFILO J
30	CANON, RAUL JR C	120	ONG, PHILIP L
31	CARLOS, VICENTE J	121	OZAFETA, MIGUEL ANTONIO L
32	CARRANCEJA, ARVIN ARIK B	122	PAGDANGANAN, ROBERTO M
33	CASTRO, KARLO EUGENE JOSEF M	123	PALACIOS, ALBERT C
34	CATALAN, RODOLFO R	124	PALLASIGUE, JOHN BRIAN
35	CENICA, JOHN T	125	PANARES, BEN THOMAS P
36	CHAPMAN, RAMI	126	PASCUAL, ABRAHAM F
37	CHD, DEAN V	127	PATTERSON, COLIN DAVID
38	CO, FERNANDO C	128	PAVIMO, FELICITO C
39	CO, VAL CONSTANTINE L	129	PELINO, WILFREDO
40	CORTEZ, LORENZO R	130	PENEDA, JESUS JR M
41	COTILLO, ROBERT JR. G	131	PENEDA, PATRICIO JR. F
42	CREENCIA, RAUL C	132	PIZARRAS, JORDAN M
43	CREEG, ALEXANDER P	133	PREYSLER, FAUSTO JR. D JR
44	CUTTER, JOHN MICHAEL	134	PUJALT, JOSE JR
45	DAVIA, RAYMOND N	135	RA, INGLI
46	DATANG, RIAN E	136	RAMOS, CLAYER P
47	DE CASTRO, RIAN ARTURO ILLUMINADO C	137	RANKI, PETER
48	DEL ROSARIO, OSCAR SR	138	RECTO, PHILIP H
49	DIONISIO, RAFAEL IGNACIO	139	REYNOLDS, DAVID J
50	DOMINGO, RICO V	140	RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN ANTHONY H
51	DOMINGUEZ, CARLOS III G	141	ROMERA, MICHAEL D
52	DI, MANUEL C	142	ROMUALDEZ, JOSE MANUEL G
53	IGAN, BRENDAN W L	143	RONO, MARLON R
54	ELDER, ISSAM	144	ROXAS, MICHAEL D
55	ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III V	145	SARMIENTO, RICARDO MANUEL M
56	ESGUERRA, HERMINIO S	146	SCHMITZ, STEFAN
57	ESQUINAS, JOAQUIN PABLO A	147	SCHNEIDER, BERND
58	ELGUENDO, JOHN EMIL G	148	SERRAPIO, CARLOS C
59	FARJADO, BEDA G	149	SEVILLA, LUIS ANGELO L
60	FERNANDEZ, ANTONIO JAIME JOSE V	150	SHIMODA, SHIGERU
61	FOLLOSICO, CEFERINO JR G	151	SIBAYAN, JOSELITO H
62	GARCIA, THEODORE Q	152	SMON, RUANTO
63	GARCIA, VICTOR III G	153	SO, WARREN
64	GASPAR, FERNANDO L	154	SORREPEÑA, ROBERT JOHN L
65	GO, HENRY S	155	STUICO, JOSE JR. A
66	GONZALES, JONAS B	156	TAGAYSAY, HECTOR O
67	GONZALEZ LAVO, EMILIO P	157	TALAMPAS, JOEL ANGEL L
68	GUARIN, MICHAEL ARCATOMY H	158	TALUSAN, FERDINAND E
69	GUEVARA, DOMINGO JR	159	TAMANO, SHALIMAR HOFER
70	GUEVARA, RICARDO S B	160	TAMAYO, VICTOR L
71	HALLARE, DELFIN JR. T	161	TAN, EUSEBIO V
72	HALLARE, NICOLAS S	162	TAN, JOHN G
73	HALLERBACH, MATTHIAS	163	TAN, LAWRENCE L
74	HANADA, TAKAHIRO	164	TANG, JIMMY T
75	HERNANDEZ, EDWIN H	165	TEB, TEDDY JR B
76	HESSE, UWE	166	TERUMAL, SHAM MICHAEL
77	HORTALEZA, ROLANDO B	167	TILLMAN, HANSEL JOSEPH MICHAEL
78	IRIVAN, BENEDICT JULUS F	168	VALDES, JOEL C
79	IRIARTE, JESUS	169	VALDEZ, AMADO D
80	JOSEPH, RALPH L	170	VALENCIA, JOHN NICO P
81	JUCABAN, JERIC J	171	VALENCIA, RODOLFO G
82	KALAY, TEOFILO ALEJANDRO IV J	172	VILLARICA, HENRY R
83	KATIGIBAY, J ALFONSO L	173	YAP, ENRIQUE JR. Y
84	KLEBS, DAVID	174	YORDANOV, STEFAN
85	KORI, PAUL ANTHONY T	175	YU, GEOFFREY C
86	KUNACK, LUTZ E	176	YU, REGINALD T
87	LACAMBACAL, ALVIN D	177	ZALDARRIAGA, FELIX FRANCISCO S
88	LAUREL, RICARDO P	178	ZEITOUNI, NAGI
89	LAYA, JAIME C	179	ZIALCITA, XAVIER Y
90	LAZARO, JUAN MIGUEL	180	ZEMMER, CHRISTOPHER

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Membership Committee Meeting

THE Membership Committee met on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at the Manila Polo Club to get to know the proposed new members.



Mr. Francisco Roberto "Coco" Mauricio proposed by PP Boy Guevara



Present from the Membership Committee were Chair/PVP Fausto Preysler, Co-chair/PT Lito Sibayan, Pres. Jujut Enriquez, PD Art Lopez and PDG Vince Carlos



Mr. Rowel Janson Ong with proposer PVP Reggie Yu



Mr. Robert Chan, Jr.



VOCATIONAL SERVICE

TOWER Awards Meeting with People Management Association of the Philippines



TOWER Awards Chairman Susing Pineda met with the People Management Association of the Philippine Executive Director Gener last Tuesday, February 11, 2025 via Zoom.

Also present during the meeting were Pres. Jujut Enriquez and VP Joel Valdes (Director in charge of Vocational Service).

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Planning Meeting of the Incoming Board for RY 2025-2026

February 7 to 9, 2025
Marriot Hotel Clarkfield
Pampanga

THE Incoming Board of Directors had a planning meeting with the nominated committee chairmen and vice Chairmen last Friday to Sunday, February 7 to 9, 2025 at Marriot Hotel, Clarkfield, Pampanga.

Present at the planning session were President-elect Raoul Creencia, Vice President-elect Ricky Guevara, Directors-elect Warren So, Mike Albaña, Rami Chahwan, Incoming Treasurer PJ Garcia, Incoming Asst. Treasurer Karlo Castro, Incoming Internal Auditor Nick Locsin, Incoming Asst. Auditor Mike Roxas. Joining via Zoom were Directors-elect Edwin Hernandez and Jason Bogovich.



The incoming board gathered for lunch at Binulo Restaurant before heading to the Marriott Hotel for their planning meeting.

Present at the luncheon were President-elect Raoul Creencia, Vice President-elect Ricky Guevara, Director-elect Rami Chahwan, Incoming Treasurer PJ Garcia, and Incoming Internal Auditor PD Nick Locsin.



DAY 1: February 7, 2025

Workshop 1:

Presentation of all Committees and Chairs



Incoming Treasurer PJ Garcia led the invocation.



The Directors-elect gave a 10-minute presentation on the work of their respective committees.



Workshop 2:

Deep Dive – Calendar for RY 2025-2026



As part of their planning session, the incoming board and officers attended the First Friday Mass via Zoom and were each assigned lector duties.

DAY 2: February 8, 2025

Workshop 3:

Putting together the Implementation Plans, Timelines, and Accountabilities

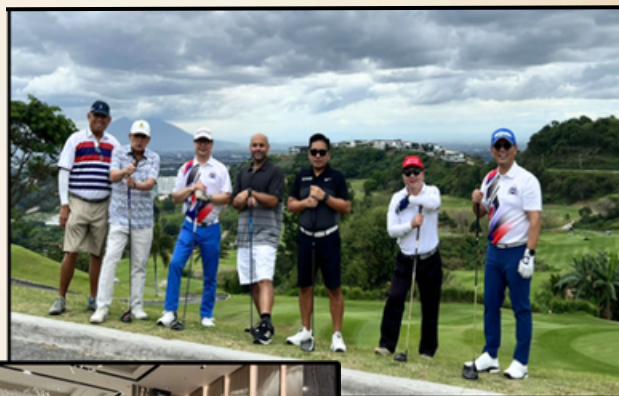
Workshop 4:

Finalizing the Calendar for the RY 2025-2026



IAIA/ Treas. Mike Roxas discussed the club's current financial situation and budget.

Afternoon Golf and Dinner Fellowship of the Incoming Board and Officers



DAY 3: February 9, 2025

Workshop 5:

Finalizing the venue and program of the July 3 Inauguration

Workshop 6:

Transition and Continuation – A session with President Jujut Enriquez



President Jujut Enriquez discussed the projects, initiatives, and other matters that will spill over for the next Rotary Year.



VP Joel Valdes joined President Jujut Enriquez for the final day of the planning session.



ON January 11, 2025, we gathered at Young Focus to honor the incredible journey of the Rotaract Club of Manila—a celebration of purpose, impact, and community.

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank our Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Manila, Dr. John Cutter, and TeethCloud for gracing the event as our special guest and for his generous provision of dental kits, making this day even more meaningful.

This milestone also marks 9 years of partnership with Young Focus—a collaboration that continues to empower and inspire us to serve with passion. Working together has been a privilege, as we witness the lasting change that fellowship and service can bring.





A special congratulations to Sherlene Ramos, our newly elected President Nominee for Rotary Year 2025-2026! Your dedication and vision will surely continue RAC Manila's legacy of excellence.

Here's to many more years of leading boldly, serving selflessly, and inspiring transformation!



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Illuminating Rotary's Magic at the Membership and Public Image Townhall



ON February 8, 2025, the Rotaract Club of Manila, represented by President Summer Stephanie Bonifacio, joined Rotarians and Rotaractors in Clark, Pampanga, for the first-ever Membership and Public Image Townhall. Together with our Rotarian J Alfonso L Katigbak from the Rotary Club of Manila, Rotary Club of Lipa, and Rotaract Club of Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, and fellow changemakers, we explored new strategies to strengthen membership, amplify our impact, and elevate Rotary's storytelling.





Reflection and Aspirations: RAC Manila at Synergy 2025

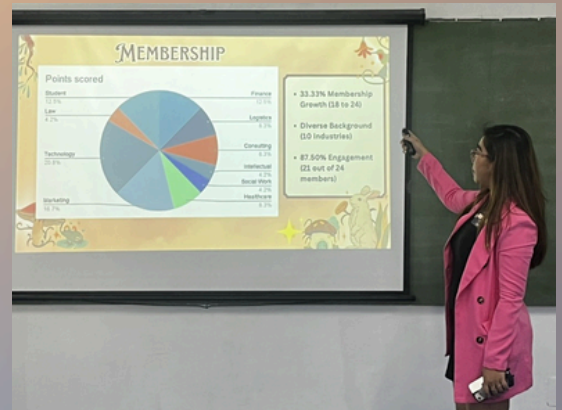
ON January 25, 2025, the Rotaract Club of Manila proudly joined Synergy: The Mid-Year Review 2025 at the Cavite School of Life-Dasmarinas, represented by our very own President Summer Stephanie Bonifacio and supported by International Service Director Rain Cabingcal and IPP Arvin Reyes, who brought their energy and enthusiasm to cheer on during the presentations.

From insightful talks by thought leaders to breakout sessions focused on Impact, Reach, Engage, and Adapt, the town hall empowered us with fresh ideas to grow our clubs and serve our communities better. The night culminated in the Zone 10A Rotary Public Image Awards, recognizing outstanding efforts in enhancing Rotary's presence and influence. Beyond learning, the event fostered deeper connections through fellowship, reminding us that collaboration fuels the magic of service. Let's continue to illuminate Rotary's magic together!



This remarkable event brought together brilliant leaders and inspiring panelists who shared insights, gave valuable feedback, and ignited our drive to make even greater strides in service. RAC Manila took pride in reflecting on the impactful achievements of the first half of the Rotary Year while setting ambitious goals to create even more meaningful change in the months to come.

As we celebrate the progress made, we remain motivated to continue organizing impactful events, fostering collaborations, and leaving a lasting mark on our communities. Here's to achieving more together!



COGS IN THE WHEEL



J Alfonso L Katigbak is in Philippines.

Just now · 🌐

Thank you to the Officers and Members of the **Rotary Club of Manila** for greeting me and my family yesterday. I will always remember how important it is to meet face to face regularly - to promote the First Object of Rotary - Development of Acquaintance as an Opportunity for Service.

Special Mention to Edgard and Sharon for giving us Flowers for Our Office Blessing.



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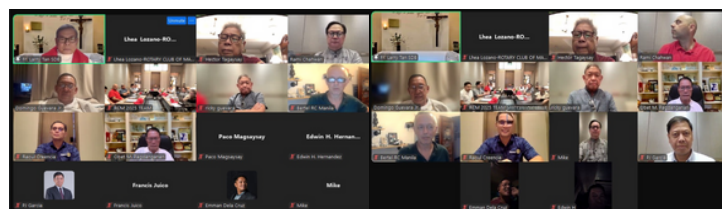
First Friday Mass

07 February 2025, 5:30 PM

1st Friday Mass

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With: Rev. Fr. LARRY TAN, SDB



THE First Friday Novena Mass, with Rev. Fr. Larry Tan, SBD, serving as Mass Presider, was held on February 7, 2025, via Zoom. Attendees included PP Boy Guevara (Commentator) and the Incoming Board of Directors and Officers for the Rotary Year 2025-2026, namely DE Rami Chahwan (Pre-Intercessory Prayer), PE Raoul Creencia (First Reading and Responsorial Psalm), Dir. Mike Albaña (Prayer of the Faithful), VPE Ricky Guevara (Spiritual Communion Prayer), Treas. PJ Garcia (Oratio Prayer for Peace), PD Nick Locsin (Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus), Rtn. Paco Magsaysay, DE Edwin Hernandez, Asst. Treasurer Karlo Castro, DE Warren So, and Treasurer Mike Roxas.

Other RCM members who joined the online mass were PT Chito Tagaysay, Rtn. Bertel Bertelsen, PDG Obet Pagdanganan, PP Francis Juico, and Rtn. Emman Dela Cruz.



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