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for Rotary Club of
Manila's Cleft Lip
Project (Year 2)**



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PROGRAM

25th Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2024-2025
Thursday, 13 March 2025, 12:30 PM
Manila Polo Club

Moderator: **PVP REGINALD "Reggie" T. YU**

PART I

12:00 PM Registration
12:30 PM Call to Order | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**
Invocation | **RTN. JOHN NICO P. VALENCIA**
Philippine National Anthem | **AVP of RCM Members**
Manila Rotary Hymn | **RCM WF Music Chorale**
The Four (4) Way Test | **TREAS. MICHAEL "Mike" D. ROXAS**
Acknowledgment of Guests | **PVP REGINALD "Reggie" T. YU**
Welcome Song | **RCM WF MUSIC CHORALE**
Birthday Celebrants
Mar. 17 BLA Hansel Tillman
Rtn. Kazuhiro Nomura
Mar. 19 PD Issam Eldebs
Rtn. Joel Talampas
Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song | **RCM WF Chorale**

PART II

12:50 PM President's Time | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**
12:55 PM Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker
SAA JASON M. BOGOVICH
Guest of Honor and Speaker
MR. AJIT SHARMA
Speaker Coach for TED Talks
Global TEDx Ambassador
Consultant & Producer, ADB
1:30 PM Open Forum / Q.A.
1:50 PM Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**
2:00 PM Adjournment | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**

EDITORIAL

Reginald T. Yu
Editor-in-Chief



IN today's fast-paced world, where attention spans are shorter than ever, the ability to communicate effectively has become a necessity. For organizations like the Rotary Club of Manila, which dedicate themselves to service and community building, the challenge is not only in executing meaningful projects but also in ensuring that these efforts resonate with a wider audience. Too often, the most transformative initiatives go unnoticed — not because they lack significance, but because they are not shared in ways that inspire action.

Storytelling, therefore, is not just an art but a strategic necessity. It has the power to bridge the gap between intention and impact, turning noble causes into movements and passive observers into engaged participants. For Rotary, the ability to tell a compelling story about its humanitarian work, its advocacy, and its legacy can mean the difference

between an initiative that fades into the background and one that galvanizes widespread support.

The essence of Rotary's mission is service above self, but for this mission to gain momentum, it must be communicated in ways that connect deeply with people. Facts and figures can demonstrate success, but numbers alone do not move people — stories do. A well-crafted narrative has the unique ability to touch hearts, evoke emotions, and drive people to action.

Consider how the greatest leaders and changemakers in history have influenced others. From Mahatma Gandhi to Nelson Mandela, from Mother Teresa to Bill Gates, their impact was not only a result of their work but also how they framed their work in ways that inspired belief and participation. They understood that storytelling is not about merely relaying information — it is about making people feel part of something greater than themselves.

In the context of Rotary, this means telling the stories of lives changed by scholarships, communities uplifted by healthcare programs, or families given a second chance through disaster relief

efforts. These narratives make the mission real and personal. They allow others to see that behind every initiative is a person, a struggle, a victory — something they can relate to and support.

Despite Rotary's long-standing commitment to service, there remains a challenge: how do we ensure that our stories are heard, remembered, and acted upon? In an age of social media and digital saturation, simply sharing updates or reports is not enough. To truly make an impact, Rotary must adopt more strategic and engaging ways of storytelling. Authenticity is key — people connect with real, human stories. The best narratives do not just highlight success; they also show struggles, setbacks, and perseverance. A story that showcases the journey — not just the outcome — is far more powerful.

Additionally, emotional connection often outweighs data. While statistics matter, they must be paired with compelling narratives. Instead of simply stating that 500 children received school supplies, a more engaging approach would be telling the story of a single child whose education was transformed because of the initiative. Personal testimonies can also be incredibly moving. When

beneficiaries, volunteers, and partners share their personal experiences, it creates a ripple effect that draws others into the cause.

In today's digital age, storytelling must go beyond traditional formats. Rotary can maximize its reach by creating engaging video documentaries, impactful social media campaigns, and interactive storytelling experiences that captivate audiences.

To help the Rotary Club of Manila harness the power of storytelling, this week's meeting will feature **Ajit Sharma**, an internationally recognized storytelling and communication coach. With over 15 years of experience mentoring changemakers, he has worked with TED Global, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and organizations across Asia and Africa. His expertise in helping individuals and organizations craft compelling narratives will be invaluable in equipping Rotarians with the skills to amplify their message.

Ajit's "*What Are You Saying*" system is designed to help leaders communicate their vision effectively, ensuring that their message does not just inform but inspires action. As a TEDx Global Ambassador and a graduate of Harvard Kennedy School's

Public Narrative, Storytelling & Leadership program, his insights will be particularly relevant for Rotary's efforts in showcasing its contributions to society.

Rotary has no shortage of meaningful stories — what it needs is a stronger, more deliberate strategy for telling them. As Rotarians, the challenge is not only to serve but also to make service visible, relatable, and inspiring. The more effectively we communicate our mission, the greater our ability to attract support, forge partnerships, and ultimately create a larger, more lasting impact.

As we look ahead, let us embrace storytelling not just as a communication tool but as a fundamental part of Rotary's advocacy. Because in the end, service is not just about what we do — it is about how we inspire others to join us in doing it.



**Philippine
Airlines**

The Heart of the Filipino

Guest of Honor and Speaker

Ajit Sharma

International Storytelling & Communication Coach

AJIT Sharma is a storytelling and communication coach with over 15 years of experience mentoring leaders, entrepreneurs, development professional, authors, media personalities, social innovators, and changemakers across Asia and Africa. His work helps individuals and organizations craft compelling narratives, powerful presentations, and high-impact communication strategies.

Ajit has spent more than 15 years with the global TED community. He has been serving as a Global TEDx Ambassador since 2012 and has received the prestigious TEDx Change Award from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for his contributions. He spoke at TED Global in Edinburgh in 2011 about the history of tribal storytellers from India. In 2016, he became the Speaker Coach for TED Talks India, where he worked on TED's first-ever global television series hosted by Shah Rukh Khan. His work also includes coaching for Asian Development Bank (ADB Knowledge & Innovation Talks) and also leading the Restoration Academy Talks with GIZ in Africa.



Ajit is a graduate of Harvard Kennedy School's prestigious Public Narrative, Storytelling & Leadership program. Through his experience over the years he has now developed a unique program called 'What Are You Saying' where he coaches individuals & organizations to use storytelling to inspire action, drive change, and build influence. He is widely acknowledged for his human-centred engaging style and his focus on authentic storytelling & powerful idea.

cover story

Rotary Club of Manila Welcomes GSIS Chief Wick Veloso: A Vision for Financial Security and Nation-Building

by PVP Reginald T. Yu



JOAQUIN "JACKI" C. RODRIGUEZ, SR.
District Governor
Rotary Year 2024-2025

IN the hallowed halls of the Manila Polo Club, where history and tradition intertwine with modern aspirations, the Rotary Club of Manila convened its 24th Weekly Membership Meeting last Thursday, 6 March 2025. As the country's first and most prestigious Rotary Club, RCM remains steadfast in its mission to bring together visionary leaders, business magnates, and civic-minded individuals to uphold the values of service, fellowship, and nation-building.

A Gathering of Esteemed Rotarians

The meeting commenced with the authoritative call to order by **President Eduardo "Jujut" Enriquez III**, setting the tone for an afternoon dedicated to camaraderie and meaningful discourse. **Star Rotarian Dean Y. Cid** led the invocation, calling upon divine guidance to illuminate the paths of the assembled Rotarians. The stirring strains of the **Philippine National Anthem**, rendered through a captivating



audiovisual presentation, were followed by the club's proud tradition—the **Manila Rotary Hymn**, performed by the world-famous **RCM Music Chorus**.



PD Amado "Amading" D. Valdez moderated the meeting.



Rotarian Francisco "Paco" D. Magsaysay led the gathering in reciting The Four-Way Test.

Rotarian Francisco "Paco" D. Magsaysay then led the gathering in reciting **The Four-Way Test**, a solemn affirmation of ethical principles that every Rotarian upholds in personal and professional life.

President Jujut Enriquez called the meeting to order.



STAR Rotarian Dean Y. Cid led the invocation.



Exchange of bannerette with Rtn. Antwan Malouhi, of RC Melbourne, Australia, guest of PDG Rudy Bediones

As the meeting warmed with the presence of distinguished guests, the **RCM Music Chorale** once again took center stage, welcoming them with their signature melodies. The club also honored its birthday celebrants—**PVP Fausto Preysler (March 2)**, **STAR Rotarian Jonas Gonzales (March 4)**, and **Rotarian Tong Payumo (March 7)**—with the rousing strains of **Maligayang Bati** and **Happy Birthday**, a tradition that underscores the club’s familial bond.

Presidential Address: Charting the Course Forward

At precisely 12:50 PM, **President Jujut Enriquez** took the podium, his steady voice resonating with the collective aspirations of the club. He spoke of recent projects, ongoing initiatives, and the boundless opportunities that lay ahead for RCM. His words served as both a rallying cry and a reminder that service, when undertaken with sincerity and dedication, remains the most noble of pursuits.



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



Rtn. and Fellowship Chair John Nico Valencia announced the upcoming Golf Tournament and invited the members to participate.



PVP and RCMFI Chair Reginald 'Reggie' T. Yu announced the recent approval of RCMFI's accreditation by the Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC) as a non-stock, non-profit corporation.

The Keynote Address: Mr. Jose Arnulfo "Wick" Veloso

It was then time for the most anticipated segment of the afternoon. Introduced by **Rotarian Delfin “Del” N. Lorenzana**, the Guest of Honor and Speaker, **Mr. Jose Arnulfo "Wick" Veloso**, President and General Manager of the **Government Service Insurance System (GSIS)**, took center stage.

Rtn. Delfin N. "Del" Lorenzana introduced the guest speaker.



Veloso, a veteran banker and financial luminary, addressed the room with a blend of authority and warmth, his narrative woven with experience, wit, and insight. He opened with an anecdote about his unwavering commitment to service—how he never hesitated when asked to share his thoughts with the Rotary Club of Manila. His lighthearted remark about playing golf with the **Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff, General Romeo Brawner Jr.**, at Camp Aguinaldo set the tone for a speech that was both engaging and profound.

Veloso traced his journey from the private sector to the corridors of government service, reflecting on his years at **Urban Bank, HSBC, and Philippine National Bank (PNB)**. He recounted how, in 2018, the **Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor** personally urged him to take on a leadership role in a local bank—a pivotal moment that led him to the presidency of **PNB**. His transition into the Marcos administration in **July 2022** as the head of **GSIS** was, by his own admission, an unexpected turn, but one he embraced with the spirit of duty and patriotism.

Transforming GSIS: A Vision for Progress

Veloso then delved into his core mandate at **GSIS**, entrusted to him by **President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.** upon his appointment. Three key priorities defined his leadership:

1. **Ensuring the security of government properties and assets** – Veloso candidly admitted that there was no master list of all government assets when he assumed office, an oversight he was determined to rectify.
2. **Advancing digitalization** – He emphasized the President's directive for government agencies to integrate their systems to enhance efficiency and ease of doing business.
3. **Growing GSIS members' contributions through strategic investments** – As a seasoned banker, Veloso saw this as an opportunity to bring his financial acumen to the service of the country's public sector workers.



Guest of Honor and Speaker, Mr. Jose Arnulfo "Wick" Veloso, President and General Manager of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS)

He spoke at length about the GSIS loan programs tailored to help government employees, particularly **public school teachers**, who make up **51% of GSIS members**. Many of them, he noted, were caught in a cycle of debt with high-interest loans from private lending institutions. To address this, GSIS introduced the **MPL Flex and MPL Lite** programs, lowering interest rates to **6%** and extending loan terms to **15 years**—a bold move that allowed more than **1 million borrowers to access financial relief** within a year.

Additionally, Veloso highlighted the **GSIS Emergency Loan Program**, which provides immediate financial assistance to government employees in calamity-stricken areas. The institution, he reminded the audience, is not merely a pension fund but a critical financial pillar supporting the nation's workforce.

GSIS as a Partner in Nation-Building

Beyond pensions and loans, Veloso emphasized GSIS's role as **the primary insurer of government properties and equipment**. He revealed a little-known fact: **enterprises in export processing zones (PEZA locators) are required to insure their assets exclusively with GSIS**. He saw this as an untapped opportunity and embarked on an awareness campaign to educate stakeholders, starting with business hubs **in Clark and Subic**.

In line with the administration's **Pambansang Pabahay Program**, Veloso announced that

GSIS was exploring new housing initiatives tailored specifically for **government employees**, further cementing its role as a vital partner in national development.



A Legacy of Leadership and Service

As Veloso concluded his speech, his message was clear: **GSIS is not merely an institution; it is a lifeline for millions of Filipinos**. He called on the members of the **Rotary Club of Manila, as business leaders and influencers**, to support initiatives that uplift government workers and strengthen the nation's financial resilience.

His words struck a chord with the audience. In the room were **captains of industry, thought leaders, and philanthropists**, each carrying the weight of their own legacies. Yet, in that moment, they were reminded that **true leadership is not about power or prestige, but about service and responsibility**.



Mr. Jose Arnulfo "Wick" Veloso engaged in an interactive conversation with VP Joel Valdes, DIS Anton Mauricio, PP Archit Bartolome, IT PJ Garcia, and PD Tony Lopez.



Mr. Jose Arnulfo "Wick" Veloso received RCM's Plaque of Appreciation from Pres. Jujut Enriquez, witnessed by Rtn. Francisco "Paco" D. Magsaysay, PD Amado "Amading" D. Valdez, Rtn. Delfin "Del" Lorenzana, and STAR Rotarian Dean Y. Cid.

The Rotary Spirit Lives On

As the meeting drew to a close, the room buzzed with inspired conversations. The **Rotary Club of Manila**, now in its **106th year**, continues to stand as a beacon of hope, a testament to the enduring power of collective action. The afternoon had been more than just a routine assembly; it was a reaffirmation of the club's commitment to service above self.

And so, as the last notes of the **RCM Hymn** echoed through the Manila Polo Club, the Rotarians left with renewed purpose, knowing that through their hands, and through gatherings like this, they would continue to shape a better future for the nation they love.



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CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2024-2025

March 2025

MARCH 2025	March 06, 2025
	GISIS PRESIDENT AND GEN. MANAGER JOSE ARNULFO VELOSO
MEMBERS PRESENT	46
MEMBERS PRESENT %	20%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	14
EXEMPTED	0
ON LEAVE	0
Total Active Members	54
Total # of Members	226
TOTAL %:	24%
ROTARACTORS	10
PEGA	2
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0
DG, DGE, DOM, PDG	0
GOWS / GS	6
VISITING ROTARIAN	1
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	13
TOTAL ATTENDEES	76

LIST OF ATTENDEES
March 6, 2025

1	Albaña, Michael Jary C	24	Magsaysay, Francisco D.
2	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.	25	Matschuck, Guenter Gerhard G.
3	Bediones, Rodolfo P.	26	Mauricio, Antonilo DC
4	Benedicto, Sixto T.	27	Pascual, Abraham F.
5	Bogovich, Jason M.	28	Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
6	Bolton, Wilhelm	29	Recto, Philip H.
7	Carlos, Vicente J.	30	Reynolds, David J.
8	Co, Val Constantine L.	31	Roxas, Michael D.
9	Creencia, Raoul C.	32	Serapio, Carlos G.
10	Cureg, Alexander P.	33	Sibayan, Joselito H.
11	Cutter, John Michael	34	Simon, Juanito A.
12	Davis, Raymond N.	35	So, Warren S.
13	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.	36	Tagsaysay, Hector O.
14	Egan, Brendan W.L.	37	Valdes, Joel C.
15	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.	38	Valdez, Amado D.
16	Garcia, Paul Joseph M.	39	Valencia, John Nico P.
17	Guevara, Jr., Domingo S.	40	Yasushi, Iwata
18	Katigbak, J Alfonso L	41	Yu, Reginald Tieng
19	Koh, Paul Anthony T	42	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco S.
20	Locsin, Arsenio Z	43	Gonzales, Jonas R.
21	Lonzaga, Reinerio C.	44	Ra, Ingill
22	Lopez, Antonio S	45	Yordanov, Stefan
23	Lorenzana, Delfin	46	Cid, Dean Y.

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

As of March 11, 2025

1	ABOY, VALENTINO G	93	LEDRA, JAMES VICTOR B
2	ABRIAS, ARTEL	94	LEE, RICHARD L
3	ACOSTA, CRISPINIANO G.	95	LIAMZON, ROMEO THADDEUS
4	ALBAÑA, MICHAEL JARY C	96	LIM, DAVID EDUARDO T
5	ALBERTO, RAYMUNDO ARNOLD S	97	LINA, RICHARD
6	ALCANTARA, ISIDRO C	98	LOCOSIN, ARSENIO Z
7	ALDAY, ALBERT	99	LONZAGA, REINERIO
8	ALINGOG, ALDOUS A	100	LOPEZ, ANTONIO
9	ANDAL, AVELINO L	101	LOPEZ, ARTHUR M
10	ARAGON, JOSHUA REUBEN G	102	LORENZANA, DELFIN
11	ARAMBULO, JOAQUIN	103	MACAPAGAL, MICHAEL T.
12	ARGUELLES, PABLO C	104	MACATOMAN, ABDULGANI
13	AVENTURA, AVELINO JR L	105	MAGBANIA, GERB P
14	BAGATINO, VALENTINO S	106	MAGSAYSAY, FRANCISCO D
15	BALANAY, ARIES B	107	MANALAYSAY, CESAR P
16	BARTOLOME, ARSENIO III M	108	MANGALLIE, NENEN T
17	BEZONES, RODOLFO P	109	MARTINEZ, RONALD I
18	BELLA, GERONIMO JR. D	110	MATSHUCK, GUENTER GERHARD G
19	BELLO, CHRISTIAN CESAR	111	MAURICIO, ANTONILO DC
20	BENEDICTO, SIXTO T	112	MENDOZA, ESTELITO P
21	BERTILSEN, BERTIL I	113	MENDOZA, MIGUEL
22	BLANCO, MANUEL M	114	MENDOZA, RAYMUNDO JOSEPH IAN O
23	BOGOVICH, JASON M	115	MONMAGNETS, STEVE
24	BOTTON, WILHELM	116	NOLDO, RAMON ALBERTO B
25	BRANILLIC, JACQUES	117	NOMURA, KAZUHIRO
26	BUTENIA, CARLOS C	118	NONES, ROMEO C
27	CABANGON, EDGARDO A	119	NUNEZ, JOSE A
28	CABRAG, ROGELIO R	120	OBRAIDO, DANIEL CALZADO
29	CAMAY, NATHANIEL	121	OCAMPO, TEODORO J
30	CAMPOS, JOSELITO JR	122	ONG, PHILLIP L
31	CANON, RAUL JR C	123	OSARIA, ARNOLD ANTONIO L
32	CARLOS, VICENTE J	124	PAGDANGANAN, ROBERTO M
33	CARRANCEJA, ARVIN ARIK B	125	PALACIOS, ALBERT C
34	CASTRO, KARLO EUGENE JOSEF M	126	PALLASQUE, JOHN BRIAN
35	CATALAN, RODRIGO R	127	PANABRES, BEN THOMAS P
36	CENIZA, JOHN F	128	PASCUAL, ABRAHAM F
37	CHAPMAN, RAMI	129	PATTERSON, COLIN DAVID
38	CHEN, LIANG TA	130	PATUANO, FELICITO C
39	CID, DEAN Y	131	PELINO, WILFREDO
40	CO, FERDINAND C	132	PENEDA, JESUS JR M
41	CO, VAL CONSTANTINE L	133	PENEDA, PATRICIO JR. F
42	CORTIZ, LORENZO R	134	PIZARRAS, JORDAN M
43	COTILTO, ROBERT JR. G	135	PREYSLER, FAUSTO JR. D.R.
44	CREENCIA, RAOU C	136	PUJALTE, JOSE JR
45	CUREG, ALEXANDER P	137	RA, INGILL
46	CUTTER, JOHN MICHAEL	138	RAMOS, CLAUER P.
47	DAVIS, RAYMOND N	139	RAUKI, PETER
48	DAYANG, JUAN E	140	RECTO, PHILIP H
49	DE CASTRO, JUAN ARTURO ILLUMINADO C	141	REYNOLDS, DAVID J
50	DEL ROSARIO, OSCAR SR.	142	RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN ANTHONY H
51	DIONISIO, RAFAEL IGNACIO	143	RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN SR C
52	DOMINGO, RICO V	144	ROMUALDEZ, FERDINAND MARTIN G.
53	DOMINGUEZ, CARLOS III G.	145	ROMUALDEZ, JOSE MANUEL G
54	DY, MANUEL C	146	ROÑO, MARLON R
55	EGAN, BRENDAN W.L	147	ROXAS, MICHAEL D
56	ELDERS, ISSAM	148	SABAGITO, EDUARDO MANUEL M
57	ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III V.	149	SCHMIDT, STEFAN
58	ESQUELERA, HERMINIO S	150	SCHNEIDER, BERND
59	ESQUETIAS, JOAQUIN PABLO A	151	SEAPRO, CARLOS C
60	EUGENIO, JOHN EMILY G	152	SEVILLA, LUIS ANGELO I.
61	FAJARDO, BIDA G	153	SHIMODA, SHIGERU
62	FERNANDEZ, ANTONIO JAMES JOSE V.	154	SIBAYAN, JOSELITO H
63	FOLLOSCO, CEFERINO JR G	155	SHIBEN, JIAN-YU
64	GARCIA, THEODORE Q	156	SO, WARREN
65	GARCIA, VICTOR III G	157	SORREPEÑA, ROBERT JOHN L
66	GASPAR, FERNANDO L	158	SOLER, JOSE ANTONIO A
67	GO, HENRY S	159	STILCO, JOSE JR. A.
68	GONZALES, JONAS R	160	TAGAYSAY, HECTOR O
69	GONZALEZ LAVO, EMILIO P	161	TALAMPAS, JOEL ANGEL L
70	GUARAN, MICHAEL ARCATOMY H	162	TALUNAN, FERNANDO E
71	GUEVARA, DOMINGO R	163	TAMANO, SHALMAR HOFER
72	GUEVARA, RICARDO S B	164	TAMAYO, VICTOR L
73	HALLARE, DELFIN JR T	165	TAN, EUSEBIO V.
74	HALLARE, NICOLAS S	166	TAN, JOHN G
75	HALLERBACH, MATTHIAS	167	TAN, LAWRENCE L
76	HANADA, TAKAHERO	168	TANG, JIMMY T
77	HERNANDEZ, EDWIN H	169	THE, TEDDY JR B
78	HESSE, UWE	170	THUMAL, SHAM MICHAEL
79	HORTALEZA, ROLANDO B	171	THILMAN, HANSEL JOSEPH MICHAEL
80	HUYAN, BENEDICT JULIUS F	172	VALDES, JOEL C
81	IWATA, YASUSHI	173	VALDEZ, AMADO D
82	JOSEPH, RALPH I	174	VALENCIA, JOHN NICO P
83	JUCANAN, JERIC J	175	VALENCIA, RODOLFO G
84	KALAW, TEODORO ALEJANDRO IV J.	176	VACQUEZ, EVARISTO JR
85	KATIGBAK, J ALFONSO L	177	VILLARICA, HENRY R
86	KEERS, DAVID	178	YAP, ENRIQUE JR Y
87	KOH, PAUL ANTHONY T	179	YORDANOV, STEFAN
88	KUNACK, LUTZ H	180	YU, GREGORY C
89	LACAMBAL, ALVIN D	181	YU, REGINALD T
90	LAURE, EDUARDO P	182	ZALDARRAGA, FELIX FRANCISCO S
91	LAYA, JAMES C	183	ZETTONI, SAGI
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		185	ZIMMER, CHRISTOPHER

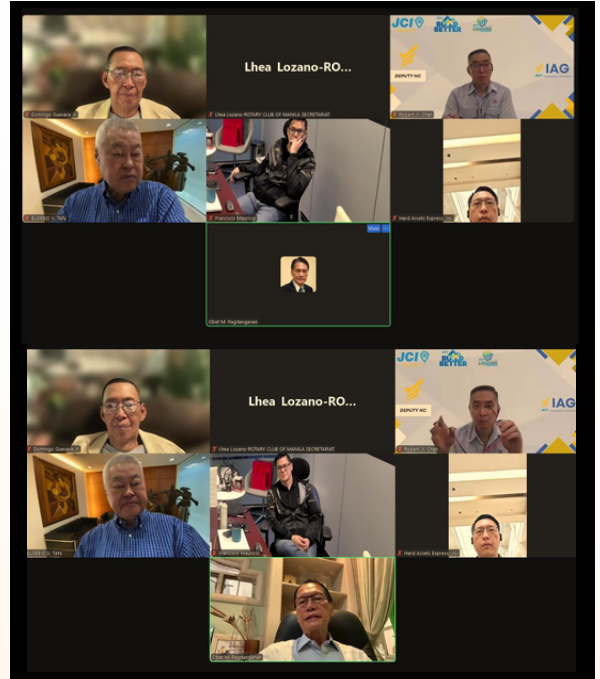
CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Program Committee Meeting



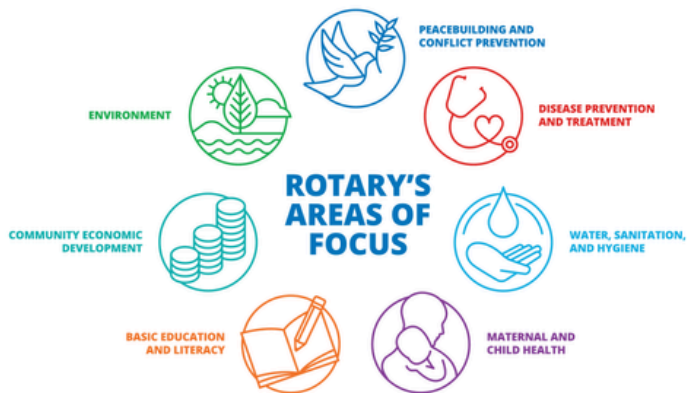
THE Program Committee, led by Chair Carlos Serapio and Pres. Jujut Enriquez, held a meeting on March 6, 2025 at the Manila Polo Club. Also present were committee members Rtn. Del Lorenzana, PP Archit Bartolome, VP Joel Valdes, and DIS Anton Mauricio.

Rotary Briefing Information Session



ON March 11, 2025, a Rotary Briefing Information session was held virtually via Zoom for Messrs. Robert Chan, Jr, Francisco Roberto Mauricio, and Rowel Janson Ong.

Present to provide a glimpse of Rotary and Rotary Club of Manila were Chairman/ PDG Obet Pagdanganan, Co-Chairman/PP Boy Guevara, and PP Ebot Tan.



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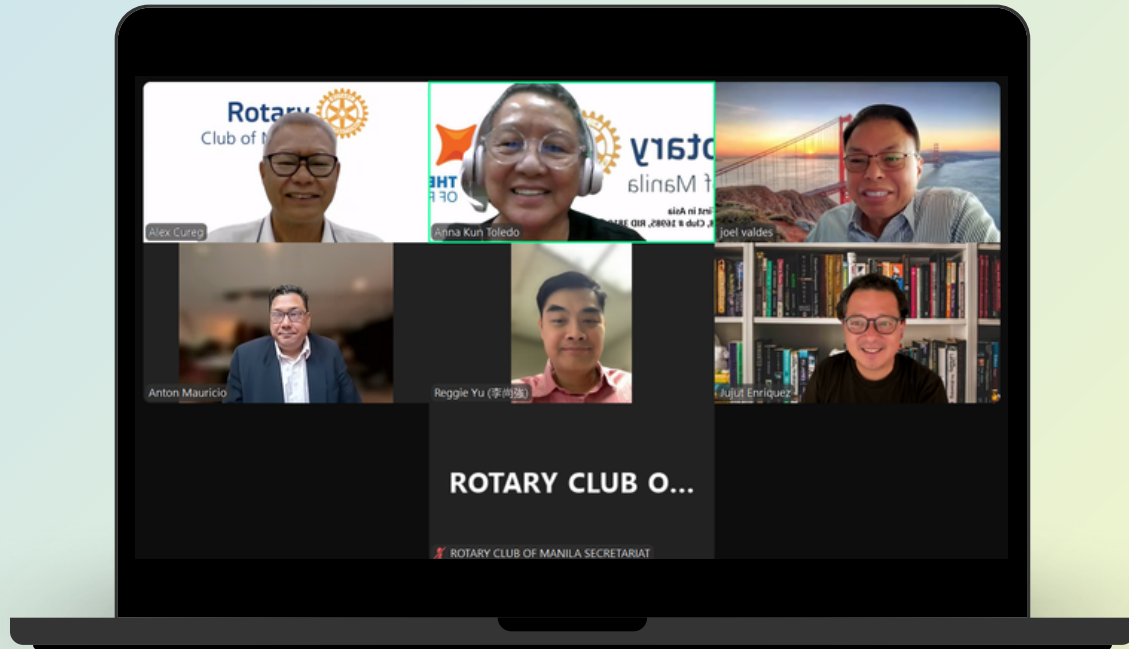


THE FOUR-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do

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

GLOBAL GRANT PROJECT

Global Grant Approval for Rotary Club of Manila's Cleft Lip Project (Year 2)



THE Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) has received exciting news last February 20 with the approval and payment of the Global Grant for the Cleft Lip Project (Year 2) from The Rotary Foundation. This initiative, designated as Global Grant fund 2572214, aims to provide corrective surgeries for children suffering from cleft lip and palate conditions, significantly enhancing their quality of life.

Collaboration with Operation Smile Philippines

In a strategic move to streamline the project's execution, Past District Governor Alex Cureg has recommended a meeting with Operation Smile Philippines (OSP). This gathering aims to finalize critical details, including the project schedule, payout schedule, and closing timeline. Importantly, the fund will be remitted in pesos, according to the Rotary exchange rate, ensuring that financial transactions align smoothly with local practices.

The disbursement of the Global Grant fund will follow a progressive billing model based on OSP's surgical program. This structure is designed to accommodate the varying number of patients requiring surgery, which can fluctuate based on school schedules. In anticipation of Vice President Joel Valdes's upcoming trip to the USA, it is suggested that this meeting with OSP occur before the Lenten break to ensure timely planning.

Project Scope and Coverage

VP Joel Valdes highlighted the successful execution of the first global grant in 2022-2023, where the entire grant amount was deposited into RCM's bank account and subsequently transferred to Operation Restore Hope. The first grant covered surgeries for 70 patients over two weeks, while the current grant (GG 2572214) is set to expand its reach, providing corrective surgeries for 96 to 100 children over a six-month period.

To maximize the project's impact, it is crucial to announce the availability of screenings for children aged between six months and 17 years. This outreach is essential to ensure that eligible children are considered for this life-changing surgery.

Payment Structure and Reporting

The funding strategy for the new grant involves an initial payment of approximately 10,000 USD, which will convert to a startup operating fund for OSP in pesos. Subsequent payments will be based on a reimbursement model, allowing

for financial flexibility as the project progresses.

Operation Smile Philippines will also be tasked with submitting a Final Report upon completion of the project. This report will not only document the outcomes but also outline lessons learned, which will be reviewed by The Rotary Foundation to officially close the project and its associated bank account.

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Enhancing Public Image and Engagement

One of the key components of the project is to enhance its public image. Plans are underway to host a meeting involving Operation Smile Philippines, Rotary clubs in the district, and the Mayor of Manila. During this event, the down payment check will be presented to OSP, fostering collaboration and encouraging other Rotary clubs to refer patients in need.

In tandem with this, the RCM Foundation is preparing for a separate public engagement initiative that will document project support and the beneficiaries' experiences, further solidifying RCM's commitment to Global Grant #2572214.

Future Collaboration and Meetings

Moving forward, VP Joel Valdes will reach out to OSP to coordinate the project activity and payment schedule, ensuring that international project partners, including the Rotary Club of San Bruno, are involved from the outset. The collaboration meeting will focus on reaching an agreement with OSP on the project timeline, with a kick-off planned for April 2025, although preparations may commence sooner if funds become available.

Indeed, the Rotary Club of Manila's Cleft Lip Project stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and community service, poised to make a significant difference in the lives of many children in need. With strong partnerships and a clear plan in place, this initiative is set to achieve great success in the coming months.



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DISTRICT EVENTS

RCMFI Chairman Reggie Yu Represents RCM at AG District Team Training Seminar



The event, running from **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**, was a crucial session aimed at refining leadership skills, deepening Rotary service knowledge, and strengthening the collective impact of **Rotary International District 3810** as it aligns with the **Rotary International Presidential Theme for 2025-2026: “Unity for Good.”**

PASAY City, Philippines – March 8, 2025. Rotary Club of Manila Foundation, Inc. (RCMFI) Chairman **Reggie Yu** proudly represented the **Rotary Club of Manila (RCM)** as the sole delegate at the **Rotary Assistant Governor District Team Training Seminar (AG DTTS)** held at **Golden Phoenix Hotel Manila**.



Organized by **RC Hiyas ng Bacoor** under the leadership of **PP Babes Catre**, the AG DTTS provided a platform for **Assistant Governors and district leaders** to exchange best practices for club support and engagement, foster stronger connections within the Rotary network, and build confidence in preparation for the upcoming **Rotary Year 2025-2026**.

DISTRICT EVENTS

As the **Senior Deputy Governor for the “Governor’s Monthly Ledger”** — the official news publication of **Rotary International District 3810** — Reggie Yu is set to play a key role in promoting the district’s initiatives under **District Governor-elect Mary Mei Rodrigo**. His inclusion in the elite **Management Committee of District 3810** reflects his dedication to amplifying the impact of **Rotary’s mission of “Service Above Self”** and advancing the **“Unite for Good” R.I. Presidential Theme for R.Y. 2025-2026** through effective leadership and communication.



SERVICE ABOVE SELF



By attending this **highly specialized training**, Yu has reaffirmed his commitment to fostering **collaboration, inclusivity, and impactful service** projects that unite Rotarians for the greater good. His leadership ensures that **RCM remains a driving force in shaping a stronger, more unified Rotary District 3810** — one that leverages collective strength to create lasting, positive change in communities.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Forging Partnerships: PE Raoul Creencia Meets DGE Huang In Jae



A handshake to mark a promising partnership. PE Raoul Creencia with DGE Huang In Jae of District 3661 (Busan, South Korea). Taken at the prosthetic laboratory of the Philippine General Hospital on March 10, 2025.



PE Raoul Creencia was accompanied by PDG Rudy Bediones and PD/IIA Nick Locsin.



COGS IN THE WHEEL



DIRECTOR Albert S. Alday attended the Weekly Membership Meeting of the Rotary Club of Cebu, daughter club of the Rotary Club of Manila, last March 6, 2025 at the Waterfront Hotel and Casino in Lahug, Cebu City. The club is headed by President Shigejiro Onda for this RY 2024-2025.

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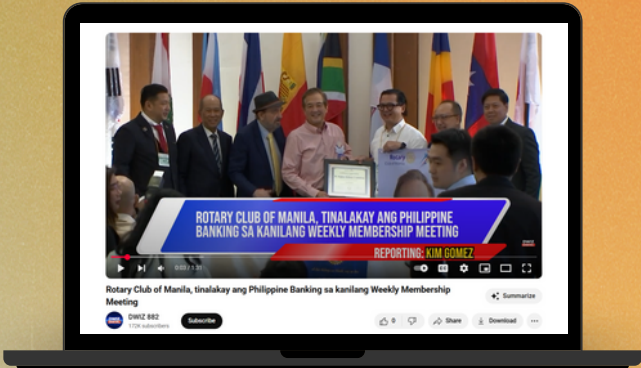
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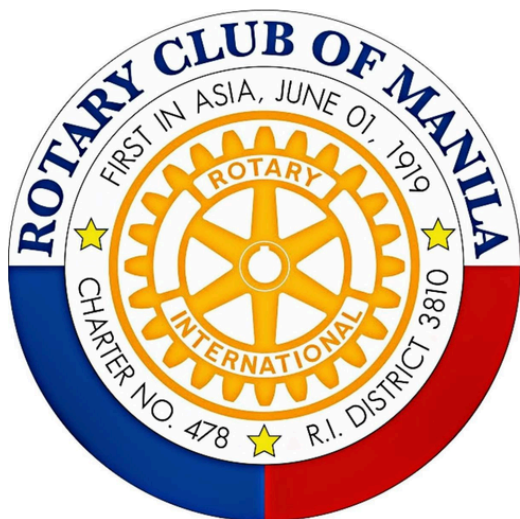


THE RCM members celebrated the First Friday Virtual Mass on March 7, 2025. The presider for the mass was Father Larry Tan, SDB. Present were PP Boy Guevara (Commentator), PT Chito Tagaysay (Pre-Mass Intercessory Prayer) Rtn. Chris Bello (First Reading and Responsorial Psalm), Rtn. Inggy Bertelezen (Prayer of the Faithful), Pres. Jujut Enriquez (Spiritual Communion Prayer), PD Phil Ong (Oratio Prayer for Peace), DE Rami Chahwan (Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus), PDG Alex Cureg, and PVP Reggie Yu.

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