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**RCMFI DAY &
YEAR-END REPORT**

CLASSIFICATION TALK



STAR RTN. MANUEL "AJ" E. PANGILINAN
Chief Executive Officer, Finasiatech Corp.
Classification: Business Services - Call Center

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PROGRAM



ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA 35th Weekly Membership Meeting Rotary Year 2025-2026

Thursday, June 18, 2026, 12:30 PM
Manila Polo Club

Moderator: Sec. ANTONILO "Anton" DC. MAURICIO

PART I

11:00 AM Registration /Lunch

12:30 PM Call to Order
Pres. RAOUL C. CREENCIA

Invocation
Trustee-elect/BLA CARLOS G. SERAPIO

Philippine National Anthem | **AVP**

Rotary Club of Manila Hymn
RCM WF Music Chorale

The Four (4) Way Test
Trustee DANIEL OBRADO

Introduction of Guests
Trustee SIXTO BENEDICTO

Welcome Song | **RCM WF Music Chorale**

Birthday Celebrants
June 20 - Treas. Paul Joseph "PJ" M. Garcia
June 22 - PT Chito Tagaysay
June 23 - Rtn. Jason Valdez
June 24 - Rtn. Geof Yu

Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song
RCM WF Chorale

PART II

12:35 PM President's Time | **Pres. RAOUL C. CREENCIA**

12:40 PM AVP of 3rd Golf Tournament
Update on 4th RCM Golf Cup
VPE/Trustee-elect KARLO EUGENE JOSEF M. CASTRO

12:50 PM RCMFI Financial Report
DE/TREAS. MICHAEL D. ROXAS

1:00 PM RCMFI Year-End Report
CHAIR/PDG ALEXANDER P. CUREG

PART III

1:10 PM Introduction of the Classification Talk Speaker
Sec. ANTONILO "Anton" DC. MAURICIO

Address:
STAR Rtn. MANUEL "AJ" E. PANGILINAN
Chief Executive Officer, Finasiatech Corp.
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Proposed by Pres. Raoul Creencia

1:35 PM Open Forum

1:55 PM Response
PRES. RAOUL C. CREENCIA

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation

2:00 PM Adjournment | **PRES. RAOUL C. CREENCIA**

EDITORIAL

Reginald T. Yu
Editor-in-Chief



AT first glance, the RCManila Foundation, Inc. (RCMFI) may appear to be simply the fundraising arm of the Rotary Club of Manila.

That description is accurate — but incomplete.

Fundraising, after all, is not the mission.

It is merely the means.
The mission is service.

And in Rotary, service is ultimately measured not by how much money is raised but by how many lives are transformed.

This reality came into sharper focus during the recent RCMFI Day and

Year-End Report, where members reflected on the Foundation's accomplishments and listened to the Classification Talk of Manuel E. "AJ" Pangilinan, Chief Executive Officer of Finasiatech Corp.

Together, the presentations highlighted an essential truth: organizations exist not merely to sustain themselves but to create impact beyond themselves.

That principle applies equally to businesses, charities, foundations, and Rotary clubs.

For more than a century, the Rotary Club of Manila has carried out projects that have touched countless lives. Yet even the noblest ideas require resources. Medical missions require medicines. Educational programs require materials. Disaster response requires logistics. Community development requires funding.

Good intentions alone do not build schools, restore sight, feed children, or rebuild communities after calamities.

Execution does.

And execution requires resources. That is where RCMFI enters the picture.

EDITORIAL

As the official foundation of the Rotary Club of Manila, RCMFI serves as the vehicle through which generosity is transformed into tangible and measurable service. It allows members, donors, partners, and benefactors to convert goodwill into action and compassion into results.

Too often, fundraising is viewed as a necessary inconvenience—something organizations must do before they can pursue their real work.

That mindset misunderstands the nature of philanthropy.

Fundraising is not asking people to give away money.

Fundraising is inviting people to participate in a mission larger than themselves.

Every peso donated represents a vote of confidence in a cause. It reflects trust that the resources entrusted to the Foundation will be used wisely, transparently, and effectively to improve lives.

In that sense, fundraising is not primarily a financial activity.

It is a moral activity.

It is the process of connecting resources with needs, generosity with opportunity, and success with responsibility.

This has become especially important in a society where the gap between need and available resources often appears overwhelming.

The challenges facing the Philippines are immense.

Millions remain vulnerable to poverty.

Children continue to suffer from malnutrition.

Communities remain exposed to natural disasters.

Schools struggle with shortages.

Healthcare remains inaccessible for many families.

Government cannot solve these problems alone.

Neither can the private sector.

Nor can civil society organizations working independently.

Meaningful change requires partnerships.

EDITORIAL

It requires institutions capable of mobilizing resources, building trust, and translating collective goodwill into effective action.

That is precisely the role foundations such as RCMFI play.

The most successful foundations understand that their greatest asset is not money.

It is credibility.

Money can be raised.
Credibility must be earned.

Every successful project completed, every beneficiary served, every donor properly accounted for, and every promise fulfilled strengthens the trust upon which future service depends.

This is why governance matters.
Transparency matters.
Accountability matters.

Without them, fundraising becomes solicitation.

With them, fundraising becomes stewardship.

The recent accomplishments reported by RCMFI demonstrate what can happen when stewardship is practiced well. Through the support of members, partners, and benefactors, the Foundation has continued to expand the Rotary Club of Manila's capacity to serve communities and respond to emerging needs.

Yet perhaps the most important lesson from RCMFI Day is that service organizations must never become complacent.

Success creates new responsibilities.

The more effective an institution becomes, the greater the expectations placed upon it.

The challenge is not merely to maintain momentum but to scale impact.

How can more children be reached?
How can more communities be served?
How can partnerships be expanded?
How can donor confidence be strengthened?

EDITORIAL

How can every peso entrusted to the Foundation create the greatest possible good?

These questions should guide the future of RCMFI.



The Classification Talk by AJ Pangilinan offers a complementary perspective. Every profession, every enterprise, and every organization ultimately exists to create value beyond itself. Businesses create jobs. Entrepreneurs create opportunities. Institutions create platforms through which individuals can contribute to society.

Foundations perform a similar role.

They convert individual generosity into collective action.

They transform isolated acts of kindness into organized programs capable of creating lasting change.

That is why RCMFI deserves recognition not merely as the fundraising arm of the Rotary Club of Manila, but as one of its most important instruments of service.

Its significance lies not in the funds it raises but in what those funds make possible.

A child fed.

A student educated.

A patient treated.

A family assisted.

A community rebuilt.

A life transformed.

These are the true metrics of success.

In the final analysis, RCMFI exists because Rotary's vision extends beyond fellowship.

It extends beyond meetings.
It extends even beyond the Club itself.

Its purpose is to ensure that the generosity, expertise, and leadership of Rotarians become a force for lasting good in society.

Fundraising is simply how the journey begins.

Service is where it ends.

And that is why RCMFI matters more than ever. ■

CLASSIFICATION TALK

SPEAKER

STAR Rtn. Manuel “AJ” E. Pangilinan is a seasoned Chief Executive Officer and a respected leader in both real estate development and sustainable mobility. As the head of Finasiatech Corporation, he has been instrumental in advancing e-mobility initiatives that provide electric vehicle solutions for TODA drivers, promoting both sustainability and inclusive growth.

He has successfully built strategic partnerships with key stakeholders, including EV manufacturers, financial institutions, and government agencies, helping accelerate the transition to cleaner transport systems.

In the real estate sector, he leads multiple companies where he has driven the development of Build-to-Suit office projects for BPO clients, working closely with multinational firms and industry partners to deliver high-impact developments.

He holds a degree in Marketing Management from De La Salle–College of Saint Benilde and a Master in Business Administration from Ateneo de Manila.

A dynamic professional and community



MANUEL “AJ” E. PANGILINAN
Chief Executive Officer, Finasiatech Corp.

leader, Mr. Pangilinan continues to create meaningful impact across industries.

Beyond his professional achievements, he is an active member of the Contact Center Association of the Philippines (CCAP) and the MINI Car Club Philippines. In his leisure time, he enjoys golf and tennis—reflecting his dynamic and well-rounded personality.

With his strong leadership, strategic vision, and commitment to creating long-term value across industries, our speaker continues to make a meaningful impact in both business and community development. ■

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RC Manila Foundation: Stewarding Resources, Sustaining Service

AS I prepare to assume the chairmanship of the Rotary Club of Manila Foundation, Inc. (RCMFI) on 1 July, it is both fitting and meaningful that today's meeting is devoted to the Foundation's Annual Report.

More than a routine presentation, this occasion provides an important opportunity for the membership of the Rotary Club of Manila -- and particularly the members of the Foundation -- to gain a deeper appreciation of the work being undertaken by the organization that serves as the financial backbone of many of the Club's service initiatives.



Raoul C. Creencia
President

The RCM Foundation occupies a unique and indispensable role within our institution. While the Club itself conceives and implements projects that respond to the needs of our communities, the Foundation helps ensure that these worthy endeavors have the resources necessary to succeed. Through prudent stewardship, sound financial management, and strategic support, the Foundation transforms generosity into meaningful and lasting impact.

Today, we recognize the accomplishments of the current

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

officers and trustees of the Foundation, led by Chairman and Past District Governor Alex Cureg. Under their leadership, the Foundation has continued to fulfill its mandate with diligence and integrity. Their efforts have strengthened the Foundation's capacity to support the Club's various programs while safeguarding its assets for future generations of Rotarians.

The projects supported by the Foundation during the past year reflect Rotary's enduring commitment to service above self. From educational and humanitarian initiatives to community development programs, the Foundation has played a vital role in enabling the Club to translate its vision into action. These projects have touched lives, created opportunities, and reinforced RCM's reputation as a force for positive change.

Equally noteworthy are the ongoing preparations for the 4th RCM Cup on June 22, which has become RCMFI's most significant yearly fund mobilization activity. The dedication and hard work invested

in organizing this event demonstrate the Foundation's commitment not only to fundraising but also to building partnerships, promoting fellowship, and expanding the Club's capacity to serve. As final preparations move into high gear, the enthusiasm and cooperation of all those involved are deserving of recognition and appreciation.

As we review the Foundation's achievements over the past year, we do so with profound gratitude for the officers, trustees, donors, and volunteers whose dedication and commitment have enabled the Foundation to fulfill its mission. Their collective efforts have ensured that the resources entrusted to the Foundation were managed responsibly and directed toward projects that advance RCM's enduring commitment to service. Every scholarship granted, every community initiative supported, and all programs successfully implemented this Rotary year stand as a testament to their hard work and faithful stewardship.

At the same time, we look to the future with optimism and confidence.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The challenges confronting our communities continue to evolve, bringing with them new opportunities for Rotary to make a meaningful difference. As the service projects of the Club become more ambitious and far-reaching, the role of the Foundation becomes even more critical. Beyond providing financial support, RCMFI serves as a trusted platform through which the generosity of Rotarians and friends of Rotary is transformed into tangible and lasting impact. It is the bridge that connects resources with purpose, and goodwill with action.

The strength of RCM has always rested upon the willingness of its members to contribute not only their financial resources, but also their time, expertise, leadership, and passion in pursuit of a greater purpose. For more than a century, generations of Manila Rotarians have demonstrated that when individuals unite behind a common vision of service, extraordinary things can be accomplished. RCMFI remains a vital instrument in sustaining that tradition, ensuring that the Club possesses the capacity

and stability necessary to carry out its mission for years to come.

As we embark on another Rotary year, let us reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the Foundation and expanding its ability to support projects that uplift lives and strengthen communities. Let us continue to cultivate a culture of generosity, accountability, and stewardship worthy of the trust placed in us by our members, partners, and beneficiaries.

Together, we will build upon the solid foundation laid by those who came before us, preserving their legacy while creating new opportunities to serve.

In doing so, we honor not only the achievements of the past year but also the enduring ideals of Rotary itself. Together, we will continue to build on this legacy of stewardship, service, and impact, ensuring that RCMFI remains a powerful force for good for the communities we serve today and for the generations that will follow. ■

Pro Patria 2026: Honoring Journalists Who Keep the Nation Free

by PE Reginald T. Yu



As the nation marked its 128th Independence Day, the Rotary Club of Manila gathered leaders from media, government, business, the judiciary, and civil society for one of its most meaningful annual traditions: the Pro Patria Journalism Awards 2026.

Held at the Fairmont Hotel Makati during the Club's 34th Weekly Membership Meeting, the ceremony celebrated journalists, broadcasters, media organizations, and digital storytellers whose work has advanced truth, accountability, patriotism, and public service. More than an awards program, the event served as a reaffirmation of the indispensable role that a free and responsible press plays in safeguarding democracy and strengthening the nation.



The evening opened with a stirring Parade of Colors led by the Philippine Coast Guard, followed by the Doxology, the Philippine National Anthem, and the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn. Rotary Club of Manila President Atty. Raoul C. Creencia formally called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests to a celebration that linked the ideals of Philippine independence with the enduring mission of journalism.



Saxophonist, Datu (John Rey) Mangkalamag Pagalan (Head Datu of the Manobo Tribe of Agusan)



The Leggiero Strings



President Raoul C. Creencia called the meeting to order.



An acapella rendition of the Philippine National Anthem by Ms. Pinky Marquez



Director-elect/Board Legal Adviser & Co-Chair of RCM Pro Patria Journalism Awards Caloy Serapio moderated the meeting.



Rotary Club of Manila Hymn performed by the RCM WF Music Choral



Doxology by Rtn. Caloy Buendia and the RCM "World-Famous" Choral



Dir. Edwin Hernandez acknowledged the visiting Rotarians and guests.



President Raoul Creencia delivered his welcome message and led the membership and guests to a Mabuhay toast in celebration of the Philippine Independence.

The President's Message: Freedom Requires Truth

In his welcome remarks and Independence Day toast, President Creencia reminded the gathering that freedom is sustained not only by those who fought for it on the battlefield, but also by those who continue to defend it through the pursuit of truth.

By hosting the Pro Patria Journalism Awards as part of its Independence Day celebration, the Rotary Club of Manila reaffirmed its belief that journalism remains one of the strongest pillars of a democratic society. The evening paid tribute to media practitioners who continue to serve the public interest with courage, integrity, and professionalism amid increasing challenges to truth and public discourse.

The Chairman's Message: Journalism as Patriotism

The evening's most reflective address came from Past Director Amado "Amading" Valdez, Chairman of the Pro Patria Journalism Awards.

Valdez recounted how the Rotary Club of Manila decided several years ago to rename the awards "Pro Patria"—Latin for "For Country"—during the presidency of Hermie Esguerra. The decision emerged from a desire to create an Independence Day tradition that would celebrate not only freedom but also those who help preserve it through journalism.

Drawing from the example of the Daily Tribune, which prominently displays its previous Pro Patria



Past Director Amado "Amading" Valdez, Chairman of the Pro Patria Journalism Awards, delivered the evening's most reflective address.

award on its masthead, Valdez underscored what the recognition represents: journalism practiced "without fear and without favor."

He described journalism as a form of storytelling that transcends mere narration. At its highest level, journalism creates history. It gives meaning to events, shapes public memory, and provides future generations with an understanding of their time.

"Journalism," he observed, "is storytelling with a special purpose."

Yet for Valdez, technical skill alone is insufficient. The defining quality of great journalists is courage—the willingness to take risks in pursuit of truth, integrity, and hope.

He noted that this common thread united all the evening's honorees. Whether working in traditional media or digital platforms, they demonstrated a commitment to country that went beyond professional achievement. Their work reflected a willingness to confront difficult truths and to place public service above personal comfort.

In one of the evening's most moving moments, Valdez shared how, after the passing of his wife, he found renewed optimism and love for the Philippines through travel vlogs that rediscovered the beauty of Northern Luzon. That personal experience ultimately inspired the recognition of the evening's Vlogger of the Year and underscored the broader message of the awards: journalism and storytelling can deepen our appreciation of country and rekindle hope in difficult times.

The 2026 Pro Patria Journalism Awardees

The Rotary Club of Manila recognized eight outstanding recipients whose work exemplifies the highest standards of journalism and public communication.

ELEAZAR D. CALDONA ELIMOTOUR

Vlogger of the Year



Through authentic motorcycle journeys into remote communities and hidden destinations across Northern Luzon and the Cordilleras, Elimotour has introduced Filipinos to the country's natural beauty, cultural richness, and resilient communities.



The award citation praised his raw and honest storytelling, which enables viewers to experience the challenges, triumphs, and wonder of exploration alongside him. His work encourages viewers to rediscover the Philippines and strengthens appreciation for the nation's heritage.



BOMBO RADYO

Radio Station of the Year

BOMBO RADYO
PHILIPPINES
Relentless Service to Filipinos



For decades, Bombo Radyo has remained one of the country's most trusted sources of news and public service information.

The citation highlighted its extensive provincial reach, disaster coverage, and community-centered programming that has consistently informed and protected Filipinos during emergencies and crises. Its reputation for public service and meaningful broadcasting has made it a pillar of responsible journalism.



CHRISTIAN V. ESGUERRA

Most Outstanding Online Journalist of the Year



Christian Esguerra was honored for elevating public discourse through responsible and impactful digital journalism.

His work promotes truth, accountability, democratic engagement, and critical thinking. Through digital platforms, interviews, and analysis, he has become one of the country's most influential voices in contemporary journalism.



ANGELO PALMONES

Radio Broadcaster of the Year



A respected veteran broadcaster, Angelo Palmones was recognized for sustaining excellence in radio journalism while preserving the relevance and dignity of the medium.

His work embodies integrity, ethical journalism, and faithful service to country—values central to the spirit of the Pro Patria Awards.



BUSINESS MIRROR

Newspaper of the Year

BusinessMirror
A broader look at today's business



BusinessMirror received recognition for its unwavering commitment to development-oriented journalism.

Its extensive coverage of business, infrastructure, agriculture, energy, public policy, and economic development has made it an indispensable source of information for both public and private sector leaders. The newspaper was cited for contributing meaningfully to economic understanding and nation-building.



JARIUS YMZON BONDOC

Opinion Writer of the Year



Through his long-running “Gotcha” column and decades of investigative commentary, Jarius Bondoc has consistently promoted accountability, exposed corruption, and stimulated informed public discourse.

The citation recognized his analytical depth, moral courage, and dedication to public service.



GMA NETWORK

Television Station of the Year



GMA Network was honored for delivering some of the country's most comprehensive and credible news and documentary programming.

The citation specifically highlighted its investigative reporting and documentary work, including the internationally acclaimed POGOLAND documentary and its groundbreaking coverage of the flood-control controversy that brought governance issues into national focus.



ALFONSO TOMAS "Atom" PAGADUAN ARAULLO

Television Journalist of the Year



One of the country's most respected journalists and documentarians, Atom Araullo was recognized for his investigative work through The Atom Araullo Specials: POGOLAND.

The documentary received major international recognition while also contributing to meaningful policy discussions and public awareness regarding governance and law enforcement issues.



Voices of Integrity: The Acceptance Speeches

The awardees' acceptance speeches revealed a common theme: journalism remains both a privilege and a responsibility.

Elimotour: Sharing the Beauty of the Philippines



Receiving the Vlogger of the Year Award, Eleazar Caldonga expressed surprise and gratitude for the recognition.

He explained that he began creating content simply to share adventures in remote and little-known destinations. For him, the award was not merely a recognition of his channel but also a tribute to the beauty, culture, and history of Northern Luzon and the Cordilleras.

He pledged to continue telling the stories of the country with pride and love for the nation.

Angelo Palmones: A Beacon of Hope



Angelo Palmones kept his remarks characteristically brief and humorous, joking about the reputation of journalists for delivering long speeches.

Yet beneath the humor was a serious message. He encouraged journalists to continue serving as “beacons of hope” in a nation often overwhelmed by controversy and division. His remarks reflected radio’s continuing role in informing and encouraging the public.

BusinessMirror: Pro-Development Journalism



Accepting the Newspaper of the Year Award, BusinessMirror reaffirmed its editorial philosophy of being “pro-development, pro-business, and pro-government” while remaining committed to fact-based reporting.

Its representative emphasized that despite the many challenges confronting the Philippines, immense opportunities remain. The newspaper's mission, he said, is to help citizens recognize those opportunities while remaining grounded in verified facts and responsible journalism.

Jarius Bondoc: Patriotism as Inheritance



Jarius Bondoc delivered perhaps the evening's most eloquent and patriotic acceptance speech.

He dedicated the award to his wife, daughter, and longtime assistant before reflecting on the importance of passing patriotism to future generations. Drawing from Andres Bonifacio's poem Pag-ibig sa Tinubuang Lupa, he reminded the audience that love of country remains among the highest virtues citizens can leave behind.

His speech underscored the connection between journalism and citizenship.

GMA Network: Journalism as a Democratic Institution



Accepting on behalf of GMA Network, Vice President Michelle Seva emphasized that the recognition belonged not only to the network but also to the thousands of journalists and media professionals who serve audiences every day.

She observed that recent events have demonstrated how interconnected societies have become and why trustworthy information remains essential. She stressed that democracy is strongest when citizens have access to facts they can trust and affirmed GMA's commitment to fair, responsible, and independent journalism.

Atom Araullo: Following the Evidence



Atom Araullo reflected on the increasingly difficult environment confronting journalists.

At a time when facts are challenged and misinformation proliferates, he emphasized that the journalist's duty remains unchanged: to ask questions, follow evidence wherever it leads, and ensure that ordinary voices are heard.

He accepted the award on behalf of the reporters, researchers, producers, editors, camera operators, and news workers who contribute to investigative journalism, recognizing journalism as a collective endeavor.

Christian Esguerra: Credibility in the Digital Age



Christian Esguerra delivered one of the evening's most thought-provoking speeches.

He noted that in today's digital environment, almost everyone can become a content creator. Yet being believable is not the same as being credible.

Credibility, he argued, is earned through years of disciplined work, adherence to ethical standards, and commitment to truth. Awards such as the Pro Patria recognition, he said, create an obligation to continually prove oneself worthy of public trust.

His remarks served as a powerful reminder that integrity remains journalism's most valuable asset.

Journalism and the Republic

The 2026 Pro Patria Journalism Awards concluded with a special musical performance by actress and singer Pinky Marquez before President Raoul Creencia delivered the response and formally adjourned the meeting.

More importantly, however, the evening ended with a renewed appreciation for journalism's role in nation-building.

In honoring broadcasters, reporters, commentators, media organizations, and digital storytellers, the Rotary Club of Manila reaffirmed a principle that remains as relevant today as it was when the nation first won its independence: a free people require truthful information, courageous journalism, and citizens willing to place country above self.

That is the enduring spirit of **Pro Patria — For Country**.



*President
Raoul C.
Creencia
adjourned
the meeting.*

Meeting Fellowship





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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. to all concerned?

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RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2025-2026



ATTENDANCE REPORT
June 2026

JUNE 2026	June 04, 2026 DOE SEC. SHARON S. GARIN	June 11, 2026 JOURNALISM AWARD
MEMBERS PRESENT	48	39
MEMBERS PRESENT %	24%	20%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	2	0
EXEMPTED	6	5
ON LEAVE	0	0
Total Active Members	50	39
Total # of Members	200	200
TOTAL %:	25%	20%
ROTARACTORS	0	10
MEDIA	0	10
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	0
GOHS / GS	3	11
VISITING ROTARIAN	0	17
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	9	51
TOTAL ATTENDEES	60	128



LIST OF ATTENDEES
June 11, 2026

- 1 Alday, Albert Singson
- 2 Aragon, Joshua Reuben
- 3 Bartolome III, Arsenio M.
- 4 Bediones, Rodolfo P.
- 5 Benedicto, Sixto T.
- 6 Buendia, Carlos C.
- 7 Carlos, Vicente J.
- 8 Carranceja, Arvin Arik B
- 9 Creencia, Raoul C.
- 10 Cureg, Alexander P.
- 11 Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.
- 12 Egan, Brendan W.L.
- 13 Esguerra, Herminio S.
- 14 Guevara, Jr., Domingo S.
- 15 Guevara, Ricardo S.
- 16 Hernandez, Edwin H
- 17 Katigbak, J Alfonso L.
- 18 Locsin, Arsenio Z.
- 19 Lonzaga, Reinerio C.
- 20 Lorenzana, Delfin
- 21 Macaloman, Abdulgani M.
- 22 Magsaysay, Francisco D.
- 23 Mauricio, Antonio DC
- 24 Nuñez, Jr., Jose A.
- 25 Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L.
- 26 Pascual, Abraham F.
- 27 Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
- 28 Ra, Ingill
- 29 Recto, Philip H.
- 30 Reynolds, David J.
- 31 Serapio, Carlos G.
- 32 Sibayan, Josellito H.
- 33 Valdez, Arnado D.
- 34 Yu, Reginald Tieng
- 35 Zeitouni, Nagi
- 36 Pantaleon, Oliver
- 37 Ginez, Winston M.
- 38 Tamesis, Chris C.
- 39 Pangilinan, Manuel E.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

As of June 16, 2026

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

52 DAYANG, JUAN E.
53 DAVIS, RAYMOND N.
54 DE CASTRO, JUAN ARTURO ILUMINADO
55 DEL ROSARIO, OSCAR
56 DIONISIO, RAFAEL
57 DOMINGO, RICO, V.
58 DOMINGUEZ, CARLOS G.
59 DY, MANUEL
60 EGAN, BRENDAN
61 ELDEBS, ISSAM
62 ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III
63 ESGUERRA, HERMINIO S.
64 ESQUIVIAS, JOAQUIN PABLO A.
65 EUGENIO, JOHN EMYL G.
66 EUGENIO, ERIC
67 FAJARDO, BEDA G.
68 FERNANDEZ, ANTONIO JAIME JOSE V.
69 FOLLOSCO, CEFERINO JR. G.
70 GARCIA, HERBERT JOEY
71 GARCIA, PAUL JOSEPH M.
72 GARCIA, THEODORE Q.
73 GARCIA, VICTOR III G.
74 GASPAS, FERNANDO
75 GINEZ, WINSTON M.
76 GO, DANNY C.
77 GO, HENRY S.
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Youth Peace Summit 2026: Voice of the Youth – 3rd National Oratorical Contest



President Raoul Creencia introduced RC Manila Honorary Member Mayor Isko Moreno as the Keynote Speaker during the Voice of the Youth, third national oratorical contest held at Bulwagang Balagtas, PUP Manila Campus on June 10, 2026.



Rotary Club of Manila Visits Asilo de San Vicente de Paul



On June 10, 2026, the Rotary Club of Manila proudly presented a check and conducted an inspection of the previously donated building and van at Asilo de San Vicente de Paul. The event also provided an opportunity to discuss future collaborative initiatives with the newly appointed administrator.



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5th Golf Committee Meeting



The 5th Golf Committee Meeting, led by Golf Committee Chairman Karlo Castro, was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 5:30pm at the Barcino, Uptown Parade, BGC, Taguig City.

Present were Chair Karlo Castro, PC Pepo Nuñez, PC Lito Sibayan, DE Nico Valencia, Treas. PJ Garcia, and Treas./PE Mike Roxas.



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2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan



President Raoul Creencia and International Relations Chairman/Internal Auditor Nick Locsin with RI Past President Gary Huang from the Rotary Club of Taipei (left photo) and RI President Francesco Arezzo (right photo) during the welcome dinner hosted by RC Taipei.



RI President Francesco Arezzo
at the 2026 RI Convention

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan



President Raoul Creencia and President-elect Reggie Yu at the opening of the 2026 RI Convention in Taipei on June 14, 2026



President Raoul Creencia, PDG Vince Carlos, PDG Connie Beltran, and President-elect Reggie Yu at the Taipei-Philippine Friendship Breakfast at the Humble House Taipei by Hilton on June 15, 2026



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SPOTLIGHT

GMA Network is Rotary Club of Manila's Television Station of the Year

By GMA Corporate Communications
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GMA Vice President Michelle Seva and broadcast journalist Atom Araullo | Photo: GMA Network

Leading broadcast company GMA Network has been named "Television Station of the Year" at the 2026 Pro Patria Journalism Awards of the Rotary Club of Manila, held on June 11 at the Fairmont Hotel.

Receiving the award on behalf of GMA Network was Vice President for News Programs and Specials and Officer-in-Charge of GMA News Michelle Seva.

Multi-awarded broadcast journalist Atom Araullo was honored as "Television Broadcaster of the Year."

Speaking on behalf of GMA Network, Seva underscored how the award is not only for GMA and its employees, but for every Filipino who continues to trust the Kapuso Network "in moments of triumph and in moments of loss."

"Their trust is a privilege we never take for granted," she said.

Addressing the crowd which consists mostly of fellow media practitioners, Seva added: "Collectively, all of us in this room share a common responsibility: to ensure that facts remain stronger than fear, rumor, and division. Because democracy is strongest when citizens have access to information that they can trust. *Asahan po ninyo na kami sa GMA ay mananatiling Walang kinikilingan. Walang pinoprotektahan. Noon at ngayon, serbisyonng totoo.*"

The Pro Patria Journalism Award is one of the most respected journalism recognition programs in the Philippines, conferred by the Rotary Club of Manila. The award honors journalism and media work that serve the nation, uphold truth, strengthen democracy, and promote patriotism through responsible reporting. Over the years, GMA Network has been recognized by the Rotary Club of Manila for its commitment to nation-building and public service.

For nine consecutive years, GMA Network has been named the Most Trusted TV Network by the Trusted Brand Awards of international magazine Reader's Digest. GMA has also maintained the highest overall brand trust rating among major Philippine news brands in the recent Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism's Digital News Report (DNR). The Network likewise continues to reinforce its digital presence, rising to No. 13 in the Tubular Leadership Worldwide Ranking in the Tubular Labs ranking for April 2026.

Meanwhile, Araullo has produced compelling stories that have made a mark on Philippine viewers and received international acclaim. He anchors GTV's flagship newscast *State of the Nation*, headlines the bi-monthly *The Atom Araullo Specials*, and is one of the hosts of the GMA's legacy documentary show *I-Witness*. At the 2026 New York Festivals (NYF) TV & Film Awards, *The Atom Araullo Specials'* "Golden Tree" won the Bronze Medal under the Environment & Ecology category while another documentary "Baby Makers," received a Finalist Certificate.

Founded in 1919, the Rotary Club of Manila is the first and the oldest Rotary club in Asia.

RCM's Pro Patria Journalism Awards 2026



GMA Network earns top honors at Rotary Club of Manila Pro Patria Journalism Awards 2026

By VONNE AQUINO, GMA News

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GMA Network was awarded as Television Station of the Year at the Rotary Club of Manila Pro Patria Journalism Awards 2026.

The Rotary Club of Manila said this is in recognition of GMA Network's comprehensive and trustworthy reportage and documentaries that are proof of its unmatched public service, journalistic service, and national relevance.

Michelle S. Seva, GMA News OIC and concurrent head for News Programs and Specials, received the award on behalf of the network.

"This recognition belongs to the thousands of men and women across the Kapuso Network. It also belongs to the millions of Filipinos who turn to GMA in moments of triumphs and in moments of loss. Their trust is a privilege we never take for granted," Seva said.

She added that democracy is strengthened further if the people have access to trustworthy information.

The award, she said, is a reminder that press freedom cannot be separated from the freedom enjoyed by Filipinos.

"For freedom is sustained not only by those who fought for it, but also by the institutions that help keep it strong. A free and responsible press is one of those institutions. Asahan po ninyo na kami sa GMA News dito po sa Network ay mananatiling walang kinikilingan, walang pinoprotektahan, noon at ngayon, serbisyong totoo (You can be assured that we in GMA News, in the network, will remain impartial and will not protect anyone, then and now, in the name of true service)," ayon kay Seva.

Award-winning Kapuso journalist Atom Araullo was also recognized as Television Broadcaster of the Year.

"Journalism nowadays is a very difficult job to do, facts are being challenged, disinformation is everywhere and public discourse can sometimes be more distracting than illuminating, but our job remains the same, to ask questions, to follow the evidence wherever it leads and to make sure that the voice of ordinary people aren't drowned out by the noise," Araullo said.

He thanked his colleagues, GMA Network, and the Rotary Club of Manila for recognizing the importance of a free and independent press.

The Rotary Club of Manila Pro Patria Journalism Awards fetes journalists and media institutions who are examples of truthful and responsible journalism.

"To my fellow reporters and journalists, may we continue to do our job with courage and integrity. Maraming salamat po (Thank you)," Araullo said.

Meanwhile, Rotary Club of Manila President Atty. Raoul Creencia commended GMA Network and Araullo.

"I hope we will maintain the kind of level, I mean, the level of journalism, the truthful reporting that we undertake day in, day out. Dahil (Because) you more than anyone else know that this is what we need in our country today," Creencia said.

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MARAMING SALAMAT PO, MGA KAPUSO!

Pinarangalan bilang Television Station of the Year ang GMA Network sa Rotary Club of Manila Pro Patria Journalism Awards 2026.

Tinanggap ni GMA News OIC and Concurrent Head for News Programs and Specials, Michelle S. Seva ang parangal.

Ayon sa Rotary Club of Manila, ito ay para sa pinaka komprehensibo, mapagkakatiwalaang pagbabalita at paglikha ng GMA Network ng mga dokumentaryo na nagpapakita anila ng hindi mapapantayang public service, journalistic excellence at national relevance.

Samantala, pinarangalan naman bilang Television Broadcaster of the year si award-winning Kapuso journalist Atom Araullo.

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Rotary Club of Manila names GMA Network Television Station of the Year

By Manila Standard Showbiz

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Atom Araullo (10th from right) earns Television Broadcaster of the Year for documentary work covering social, environmental, and public-interest issues

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Multi-awarded broadcast journalist Atom Araullo was honored as “Television Broadcaster of the Year.”

Seva, speaking on behalf of GMA Network, underscored that the recognition extends beyond the company and its employees, noting it also reflects the trust of Filipino viewers.

“Their trust is a privilege we never take for granted,” she said.

Addressing fellow media practitioners, Seva

emphasized the role of journalism in safeguarding democracy.

“Collectively, all of us in this room share a common responsibility: to ensure that facts remain stronger than fear, rumor, and division. Because democracy is strongest when citizens have access to information that they can trust,” she said. “Asahan po ninyo na kami sa GMA ay mananatiling Walang kinikilingan. Walang pinoprotektahan. Noon at ngayon, serbisyonng totoo.”

The Pro Patria Journalism Awards, presented by the Rotary Club of Manila, honor media work that upholds truth, promotes patriotism, and supports nation-building through responsible reporting.

Over the years, GMA Network has received multiple recognitions from the Rotary Club of Manila for its public service journalism.

The network has also been named Most Trusted TV Network for nine consecutive years by the Trusted Brand Awards of Reader’s Digest. It likewise topped brand trust rankings among major Philippine news outlets in the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism’s Digital News Report. In digital performance, GMA Network ranked No. 13 in the Tubular Labs Leadership Worldwide Ranking for April 2026.

Araullo, meanwhile, has earned recognition for his documentary work covering social and environmental issues.

He anchors GTV’s State of the Nation, hosts The Atom Araullo Specials, and is part of I-Witness. At the 2026 New York Festivals TV & Film Awards, his documentary “Golden Tree” won Bronze in the Environment & Ecology category, while “Baby Makers” received a finalist certificate.

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Bombo Radyo Philippines named Best Network at Pro Patria Journalism Awards

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Bombo Radyo Philippines has been recognized as the Best Radio Network in the Pro Patria Journalism Awards, a recognition program presented annually by the Rotary Club of Manila.

It is one of the country's most respected journalism recognition programs. The term *"Pro Patria"* is a Latin phrase meaning *"For Country"* reflecting the award's mission of honoring journalists and media organizations that uphold truth, strengthen democracy, promote patriotism, and serve the nation through responsible journalism.

The award was conferred during the Rotary Club of Manila's celebration of the Philippine Independence Day held on June 11, 2026 in Makati City.

It recognizes media practitioners and institutions that demonstrate fairness, fearlessness, truthfulness, moral responsibility, commitment to free expression, and dedication to keeping the public informed.

In its citation, the awards committee cited Bombo Radyo Philippines' long-standing commitment to providing trusted news, information, and public service to Filipinos across the country.

The citation stated that Bombo Radyo Philippines *"has remained one of the most trusted sources of news and information"* and commended the network's strong provincial presence and community-focused programming, which consistently deliver timely news and public service to ordinary Filipinos.

The award also recognized Bombo Radyo's vital role during typhoons, disasters, and emergencies, when its stations help keep communities informed and safe.

According to the citation, Bombo Radyo Philippines has built a reputation for public service and genuine concern for the communities it serves, making it truly deserving of the recognition.

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GMA Network named top TV station by Rotary Club of Manila



Vice president for News Programs and Specials and officer-in-charge of GMA News Michelle Seva and broadcast journalist Atom Araullo. Photograph courtesy of GMA7

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GMA Network has once again earned recognition for its role in Philippine broadcasting after being conferred the "Television Station of the Year" at the 2026 Pro Patria Journalism Awards, organized by the Rotary Club of Manila. The ceremony was held on 11 June at the Fairmont Hotel.

Representing the network at the event was Michelle Seva, vice president for News Programs and Specials and officer-in-charge of GMA News.

She also underscored the importance of responsible journalism in an era of fast-spreading misinformation, stressing that media institutions share a collective duty to prioritize truth and accuracy.

The Pro Patria Journalism Awards is widely regarded as one of the Philippines' most prestigious honors in the field of media. Organized by the Rotary Club of Manila, it recognizes journalists and media organizations that uphold truth, civic responsibility and nation-building through ethical reporting.

Beyond this latest accolade, GMA Network continues to receive international and industry recognition. It has been named the Most Trusted TV Network for nine consecutive years by the Trusted Brand Awards of Reader's Digest. It also recently ranked highest among Philippine news brands in trust ratings in the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism Digital News Report. In addition, its digital performance continues to expand, with the network climbing to No. 13 in the global Tubular Leadership rankings compiled by Tubular Labs for April 2026.

Meanwhile, Araullo's body of work continues to earn both local and international recognition. He currently anchors GTV's flagship newscast *State of the Nation*, leads the documentary program *The Atom Araullo Specials*, and co-hosts the long-running investigative series *I-Witness*.

At the 2026 New York Festivals TV & Film Awards, his documentary "Golden Tree" secured a Bronze Medal under the Environment and Ecology category, while another work, "Baby Makers," was named a finalist.

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Rotary Club of Manila honors outstanding journalists, media outlets at 2026 Pro Patria Awards



DAILY TRIBUNE editors at Rotary Club of Manila 2026 Pro Patria Awards Photo by Yummie Dingding for DAILY TRIBUNE

The Rotary Club of Manila recognized outstanding media organizations and journalists during the RCM Pro Patria Journalism Awards 2026 held Thursday evening at the Fairmont Hotel Makati.

Among the awardees are Bombo Radyo, which received the Radio Station of the Year award, BusinessMirror as Newspaper of the Year, and GMA Network as Television Station of the Year.

Individual honors were also conferred on several media personalities for excellence in journalism and broadcasting. Angelo Palmones was named Radio Personality of the Year, while Jarius Bondoc received the Opinion Writer of the Year award. Veteran broadcast journalist Alfonso "Atom" Araullo was recognized as TV Journalist of the Year.



Meanwhile, journalist and host Christian Esguerra of Facts First was awarded Online Individual Journalist of the Year.

The event also recognized content creator Eleazar D. Caldona of Elimitour as Vlogger of the Year, highlighting the growing influence of digital platforms in informing and engaging the public.

The Pro Patria Journalism Awards annually honor media institutions and practitioners who have demonstrated excellence, integrity, and commitment to public service through journalism and communication.

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BusinessMirror

BusinessMirror named Newspaper of the Year in Rotary Club Pro Patria Journalism Awards

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NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR—BusinessMirror EVP-General Manager Loida S. Virtudazo, Publisher T. Anthony C. Cabangon, and Editor in Chief Lourdes M. Fernandez proudly display the National Newspaper of the Year trophy awarded by the Rotary Club of Manila during its Pro Patria Journalism Awards in Makati. The honor marks the sixth Rotary Club journalism award received by the paper. (Right photo) Cabangon is joined by Pro Patria Awards chairman Amado Valdez and RCM president Raoul Creencia. (BM Photos/Roy Domingo)

FOR the sixth time, the Rotary Club of Manila Journalism Awards has recognized the work of BusinessMirror, bestowing on it the National Newspaper of the Year honors as it held its Pro Patria Awards coinciding with its Independence Day celebration.

In simple but meaningful rites at Fairmont Hotel in Makati, the RCM Pro Patria Awards also bestowed honors on outstanding individuals and media outlets in broadcasting and digital: Bombo Radyo for Radio Station of the Year; GMA News as TV Station of the Year; Jarius Bondoc as Opinion Writer of the Year; Angelo Palmones as Radio Personality of the Year; Alfonso Tomas "Atom" Araullo as TV Journalist of the Year; and Christian Esguerra of "Facts First" as Online Individual Journalist of the Year.

RCM officers, led by club president Raoul Creencia and Pro Patria Awards chairman Amado Valdez, stressed the continuing relevance of efforts to hold up for appreciation the best examples of journalism in the country, at a time, they said, when digital "experts" untrained in the discipline and gatekeeping practices of journalism are quicker to seize the narrative by purveying "fake news" on raging public issues and developments.

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BusinessMirror



BusinessMirror publisher T. Anthony C. Cabangon received from Creencia and Valdez the trophy and plaque for Newspaper of the Year. He is the son of the paper's late founder, businessman-philanthropist and former Philippine ambassador to Laos Antonio L. Cabangon Chua.

The citation in the RCM plaque hailed BusinessMirror "for its unwavering commitment to truthful, development-oriented and social relevant journalism, in comprehensive coverage of business, infrastructure, agriculture, energy, public policy and national development," and efforts to foster an "informed and empowered . . . public and private sectors with clarity, integrity and purpose." The paper, said the citation, "has distinguished itself as a real partner in nation building and a trusted voice in advancing economic understanding, civic awareness and responsible journalism" in the country.

For 20 years, BusinessMirror has remained committed to its mission of providing readers with "A Broader Look at Today's Business." Since publishing its first issue on October 3, 2005, the newspaper has grown from a fledgling business daily into one of the Philippines' most respected and award-winning news organizations, earning recognition for journalistic excellence, public service, economic reporting, innovation, and nation-building.

Through the years, BusinessMirror has received multiple honors from the Rotary Club of Manila Journalism Awards: National Newspaper of the Year (2006, 2011), Business Newspaper of the Year (2013, 2017, 2019), and the Pro Patria Award (2021).

The Economic Journalists Association of the Philippines (EJAP) repeatedly recognized BusinessMirror as a premier source of business and economic reporting, naming it Business News Source of the Year for five consecutive years—2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021. The recognition underscored the newspaper's role as a trusted source of information for policymakers, investors, entrepreneurs, academics, and the broader business community.

Beyond business journalism, BusinessMirror has also earned recognition for promoting data-driven reporting and science communication, earning, among others, the distinction of "Data



Champion" in the inaugural awards organized by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) for helping make official statistics more accessible and meaningful to the public. The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) conferred upon BusinessMirror the Bantog Media Award, for raising public awareness and understanding of science, technology, research, and innovation.

It has been inducted into the Henry Ford Awards Hall of Fame (Best Motoring Section), highlighting excellence in automotive and mobility journalism.

Just two years after its founding, BusinessMirror's special reports by Imelda V. Abano in riots-rocked Haiti in the 2008 financial and food crisis won the Gold Medal for Humanitarian reporting in the United Nations Correspondents Award in New York City.

Over two decades, BusinessMirror has chronicled the events that shaped the Philippines and the world—from economic booms and financial crises to elections, policy reforms, natural disasters, global pandemics, and technological transformations. Through in-depth reporting, investigative journalism, expert analysis, and sector-focused coverage, it has become an indispensable source of information on business, economics, agriculture, trade, energy, infrastructure, tourism, environment, technology, and public policy.

The newspaper's commitment to public service was tested during the Covid-19 pandemic. As lockdowns brought much of the country to a standstill, BusinessMirror rapidly transitioned to a work-from-home newsroom and production system, ensuring uninterrupted delivery of news and information at a time when reliable reporting was more critical than ever. The systems developed during the pandemic continue to support newsroom operations today, demonstrating the organization's resilience and adaptability. Throughout the crisis, BusinessMirror embodied a simple but powerful principle: the business of living never stops.

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Department of Journalism academic staff and [Research Center for Culture, Arts, and the Humanities](#) research fellow Asst. Prof. Christian V. Esguerra, MA, was named Online Journalist of the Year at the Pro Patria Journalism Awards 2026 on June 11, 2026, at the Fairmont Hotel.

Pro Patria Journalism Awards, staged by the Rotary Club of Manila, recognize media institutions and practitioners who demonstrate excellence, integrity, and commitment to public service through journalism and communication.

A political journalist and an educator, Esguerra hosts "Facts First," an online political talk show that tackles issues in politics and governance and is devoted to combating disinformation.

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ALECO Monday breakfast on June 15, 2026, hosted by Ph e-trike pioneer VP Ricky Guevara. Resolved, public transport franchises should be required to comply with the e-vehicle transition laws, which have been enacted but are not being enforced due to pressure from public vehicle operator franchise holders.

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Wanted: Senator-heroes

The gridlock plaguing the Senate has plunged the nation into a political purgatory. Day after day, the Senate deadlock befuddles our people, who are already reeling from high prices, rising criminality, flood control corruption, the impeachment trial of the Vice President, and, recently, a devastating earthquake. Amid a clamor for the Supreme Court to step in, the Senate's salvation, in my humble view, should come from a senator (or senators) willing to attend the sessions and cast the decisive 13th (and 14th, 15th, etc.) vote without need of judicial intervention.

TO BE FAIR, LET ME BRIEFLY TAKE UP THE TWO OPPOSING VIEWS on the Senate deadlock. On one hand, the "Gatchalian group," led by recently elected Senate President Pro Tempore Sherwin Gatchalian, maintains that the 12 senators who remained in the Senate session on June 3 constituted a valid quorum. Consequently, they could continue—as in fact they did continue—tackling the Senate's work.

They anchor their stance on *Avelino v. Cuenco* (Mar. 14, 1949, en banc), which held that only senators who are physically present in the session, excluding a member who was in the United States for medical treatment, should be counted in computing a quorum. In short, 12 constituted a quorum, and a majority vote of the 12 could validly deliberate and decide.

The Court stressed that "[w]hen the Constitution declares that a majority of 'each House' shall constitute a quorum, the House does not mean 'all' [its] members." The Gatchalian bloc insists that the 1987 Constitution's relevant provision stating that "[a] majority of each House shall constitute a quorum to do business ..." (Article VI, Section 16[2]) is exactly the same as that used in the 1935 Constitution under which the *Avelino* case was decided.

On the other hand, the "Cayetano bloc," led by previously elected Senate President Alan Peter Cayetano, contends that to elect a Senate president, or ANY OTHER SENATE OFFICER, requires an absolute majority of 13



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votes out of the 24 members, including those detained in prison or hiding as fugitives.

They rely on a strict textual interpretation of the 1987 Constitution mandating that "[t]he Senate shall elect its President ... by a majority vote of all its respective Members" (Article VI, Section 16[1]). However, the two contending blocs agree that this "majority vote" to elect the Senate president (but not the others) should be computed at 13.

VERILY, THE CONTROVERSY LIES IN THE VOTE REQUIRED for the presence of a quorum and for the election of the "other" Senate officers, particularly that of the Senate president pro tempore. *Defensor-Santiago v. Guingona* (Nov. 18, 1998, en banc), which I had the honor of writing, observed that though the 1987 Constitution was explicit on the election of the Senate president, it was "dead silent on the manner of selecting the other officers ..." The Constitution merely authorized each House to "determine the rules of its proceedings" (Article VI, Section 16[3]) in choosing "... such other officers as it may deem necessary" (Article VI, Section 16[1]). Under Rule II, Section 2 of the Rules of the Senate, "[t]he officers of the Senate shall be elected by the majority vote of all its members."

This decision placed the election of the Senate president pro tempore squarely on the sound judgment of the upper chamber,

which may change from time to time, as the need may arise. In short, the Senate remains the sole judge of its own choices.

For this reason, I firmly believe that the solution to the Senate paralysis rests on the heroism of the honorable senators, or even just one of them, just one patriotic member. While the judiciary has the expanded power and duty to check grave abuse of discretion, historical wisdom warns against prematurely and unnecessarily dragging the nonpolitical robes of justice into partisan landmines.

Until all internal political remedies within the chamber have been fully exhausted, the Court should be spared the job of legislative intervention.

LOOKING AT THE SENATE STALEMATE, I am reminded of Saint Paul. Before he became a great apostle, he was a flawed persecutor of Christians until he was dramatically blinded on the road to Damascus. His very blindness restored his vision to the beatific truth that an imperfect sinner could be redeemed and transformed into a biblical saint.

I believe the current impasse offers a unique opportunity for a similar redemption. The elusive 13th (and 14th, and 15th ...) senator possesses the singular power to break this paralyzing deadlock. Should that heroic lawmaker(s) step forward to resolve the crisis, history will long and well remember him/her as an institutional hero, wiping away any past transgressions and partisan unworthiness.

Just as the road to Damascus required a flawed Paul to see the light of truth, our democratic architecture today requires a senator (or senators) willing to step out of the shadows of political sins. By restoring legislative stability, this solon(s) can find the clear-sighted courage of Paul and safely steer our Senate and our people from stagnation and confusion.

History never forgets the sinners, but more so, those who find the courage to redeem themselves.

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