

# WEST SIDE STORY



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Today's Guest Speaker:




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# MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



## JOINT LUNCH MEETING Rotary Club of Manila

Nestor V. Tan  
President & CEO  
BDO Unibank, Inc

Date: October 10, 2024/ Thursday  
Venue: Manila Polo Club  
Time: 12nn-2pm



## Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening

Date: October 12, 2024/ Saturday  
Venue: Talaba, Bacoor, Cavite  
Time: 9am onwards



## Rotaract Club of Makati West and UMak Institute of Psychology - Student Council partnered in the Mental Health Week

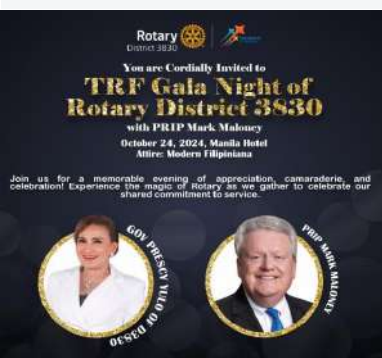
Date: October 14-18, 2024  
Venue: University of Makati  
Time: 8am - 5pm



## LUNCH MEETING

Alfredo "Al" S. Panlilio  
President & CEO  
PLDT

Date: October 17, 2024/ Thursday  
Venue: Dusit Thani  
Time: 12nn-2pm



**Rotary District 3830  
TRF GALA NIGHT**  
Date: October 24, 2024/ Thursday  
Venue: Manila Hotel  
Time: 5pm-onwards



# TODAY'S PROGRAM

**12:15 PM** Call to Order  
PRES. GERRY LAPERAL RC Makati West  
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ RC Manila

Invocation  
PP JUN ALVENDIA RC Makati West

Philippine National Anthem (video)

**12:30 PM** RC Makati West Hymn  
RC Manila Hymn

The Four (4) Way Test  
RTN. RON CANG

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guest:

Introduction of Personalities at the Presidential Table;

Committee announcements

**12:45 PM** President's Time  
PRES. GERRY LAPERAL RC Makati West  
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ RC Manila

Introduction of Guest Speaker  
JOSELITO H. SIBAYAN

Speech  
NESTOR V. TAN  
President & CEO  
BDO Unibank Inc.

**1:00 PM** Token of Appreciation

Moderator  
PT KARLO CASTRO RC Manila

## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



October 3  
RTN. TIMMY JIMENEZ  
Birthday



October 4  
RTN. SED HODGENS  
Birthday



October 5  
RTN. WILSON GOH  
Birthday



October 6  
RTN. CHITO SANTIAGO  
Birthday



October 8  
SPS. TRINA REYES  
Birthday



October 5  
RTN. ALEX RECTO & SPS. MARYASIA  
Wedding Anniversary



October 7  
RTN. JUN LAGMAN & SPS. ELMA  
Wedding Anniversary



**GUEST SPEAKER  
NESTOR V. TAN  
BDO UNIBANK, INC**

Nestor V. Tan is the President and CEO of BDO Unibank, Inc. He was elected to the Board of Directors on June 27, 1998. In addition to his role in BDO Unibank, Inc., he also holds the following positions in the BDO Group: Chairmanship of BDO Strategic Holdings, Inc. and BDO Network Bank, Inc.; Vice chairmanships and/or directorships in BDO Capital & Investment Corporation, BDO Finance Corporation, BDO Life Assurance Company, Inc., BDO Private Bank, Inc., and SM Keppel Land, Inc., and Trusteeship of BDO Foundation, Inc.

In addition, he is currently Chairman of Bancnet, the operator of the electronic payment system, InstaPay, and the ATM switching utility for Philippine banks; and Chairman of Mastercard Asia Pacific Advisory Board. He is the past president, director, and chairman of the Bankers Association of the Philippines. He is also the past chairman of the De La Salle University Board of Trustees.

Prior to joining BDO Unibank, Mr. Tan was Chief Operating Officer of the Financial Institutions Services Group of BZW, the investment-banking subsidiary of the Barclays Group. His banking career spans nearly four decades and includes posts at global financial institutions, among them Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, PA; Bankers Trust Company in New York, NY; and the Barclays Group in New York and London. He holds a bachelor's degree in Commerce from De La Salle University and an MBA from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Continuation of Preparation

Dear Zesters,

After a couple of “bye” weeks for our weekly meetings, we are back this Thursday in conjunction with RC Manila. Nestor Tan, President of BDO Unibank will give an insightful talk on the Philippine economy and banking landscape. I hope you can join us at the Manila Polo Club from 12-2pm on October 10, 2024.

Just a quick update on our projects the last couple of weeks. Shout out to Scott Moore and Patrick Dionisio for arranging our fellowship at the German Club last September 28, 2024. The menu was quite, masculine. Think pork knuckles (lechon kawali), sausages and booze—just what the doctor ordered!

Also special shout out to PRID Guiller, PP Dennis, PP Noel, PP Ernie, PP Lito Jimenez, PP Mon, PP Eric Bro, IPP Dax, Treas. Judd, PE Dino, Dir. Charlie, Dir. Wilson, Dir. Edsa, Dir. Robbie, Rtn. Toshi & Rtn. RJ Tabuena (and of course their better halves) for going to the RC Nagoya 50th anniversary celebration. We can't wait to hear about it.

At the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening held at Alabang Country Club on September 30,



2024, Chairman Dodie and team were able to screen 77 total patients. Unfortunately, 9 of the people screened had breast masses for further checking. What is more surprising is that 1 of those screened who has a breast mass is male. This is a reminder to us all that though unlikely, it is possible for males to get breast cancer and we should all be mindful of our health and check for “black swans”-- events that are incredibly unlikely, but have a large impact on our life.

On October 1, 2024, Chairman Lemarc and I went to Delos Santos Medical for a truly open heart surgery. The patient, Alfred, is 6 years old. Fortunately, the surgery was a success. Upon speaking to the parents of Alfred, I learned that they had applied to Gift of Life in 2018. The reason why they did not qualify sooner is that they needed an echocardiogram. However, in Puerto Princesa (where Alfred and his family are from), the echo machine only comes around once a year when the Philippine Air Force and the medical mission team (of which Dra. Go is part of) come to visit.

Dra. Go said that for the VSD (ventricular septal defect) procedure, it is best done as early as possible in a child's life. First, there is less trauma since the child will most likely not remember the surgery. Second, it is more likely that surgeons can perform the less invasive VSD procedure where they do not have to cut open the patient's sternum but rather use thin catheters to fix the defect.

I remember what Rob Raylman said, we cannot help everyone, but we can help some. While this holds true today, the fact that Alfred had to wait 6 years before getting the surgery simply because they could not fulfill the application requirements (having an echocardiogram) seems like something we could strive to fix.

Gift of Life This Week-October 9, 2024

Dra. Louisa Go and the Jaden and Friends endorsed eleven (11) patients scheduled



for PDA, ASD, VSD, PPBV and Hemodynamic Studies on October 9, 2024 in De Los Santos Medical Center (9 patients) and Chinese General Hospital (2 patients). The procedures in Chinese General will start at 6 am and at 9 am onwards in DLSCM.

The devices for PDA and ASD were funded by the DSWD - Aics of Cong Paul Daza (4 PDA's @ 60,000/patient and 3 ASD's @ 150,000/patient).

The VSD device of 1 patient was approved by DSWD Aics in the amount of 45,000. Their municipal mayor had extended an additional 40,000. There's was shortage of PHP15,700 to make a total of 100,700 which is the cost of the VSD Device. As recommended by Chair Lemarc and PP Gil, the PHP15,700 will be taken from the cash gift of PP Gil during his speech in FEU.

The hospital bills of all 11 patients will be funded by Cong Paul's DOH - Maip funds.

Once again, many thanks to Cong. Paul, PP Gil, Chairman Lemarc, and the Gift of Life team for their continued hard work.

**Gerardo Oliverio “Gerry” V. Laperal**  
President, RY 2024-2025  
Rotary Club of Makati West





### Gift of Life Donation

PP Gil Chua donated to RCMW Gift of Life the honorarium he received from the Far Eastern University (FEU) as its 2024 Commencement Speaker. The donation was made in honor of FEU President Juan Miguel R. Montinola, who in turn received a GOL certificate for the gesture.

The donation was used in the heart procedure performed on 5-year-old Maria Cassandra P. Bustamante from Guiguinto, Bulacan.

In photo, FEU Alumni Relations Office Director Celmer L. Santos received, on behalf of Montinola, the GOL Certificate from PP Gil and Rotarian Amel P. Moti.





# THE WEEK IN REVIEW

## September 19, 2024 - Ladies' day



Sps. Nikki Jimenez as Moderator



Sps. Paz Balayan as Invocator



Pres. Gerry Laperal in his President's time



Sps. Roselen Ocampo Introduces the guest of honor



Ms. Angela Lavina in her speech



Ms. Angela Lavina & Ms. Felisa Trinidad Velasco received a Gift of Life Certificate from the club





# WEST SIDE STORY















Induction of new member Mr. Michael Kempf on  
September 19, 2024 at Dusit Thani Hotel









## RCMW golfers as 2nd runner up in the 3830 1st Leg Golf Tournament at Summit Point Golf & Country Club on September 20, 2024







Satellite members Patricia Gunsay and Marielle Santos participated in the District 3830 Public Image Seminar on September 21, 2024







## Rotaract Club of Makati West General Assembly & Induction Ceremony at University of Makati on September 25, 2024







Makati West



















Septemberfest Fellowship at German Club on September 28, 2024







Satellite Charter Chair Kai & Rotaract Jasmine participated at the Inter Rotaract District event The Mooncake Festival on September 28, 2024







Interact Club of Makati West participated in the RIDDLE: Rotaract Interact District Development Learning Experience at Command Center, Multipurpose Hall, DRRMO Bldg., Las Piñas City on September 29, 2024 Sunday











# PROJECT UPDATES

## Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening

Free Clinical Screening for women at risk for cancer  
Ayala Alabang Country Club Inc.  
September 30, 2024











# PROJECT UPDATES GIFT OF MOBILITY

Casting of Artificial Limbs to  
Amputee Patients (GG# 22345517 with Rotary Club of Onah)  
September 25, 2024 at UERM Memorial Medical Center







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OCTOBER IS



**ECONOMIC AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
MONTH**

"To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world."

Dr. Seuss



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