

# WEST SIDE STORY

Rotary Club of Makati West



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**RCMWD3830**

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2,275th Meeting (since 1969)  
September 24, 2020

## GOL Beneficiaries at De Los Santos Medical Center



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# MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

## NEXT FIRESIDE CHAT

**Date:** September 29, 2020/ Tuesday  
**Venue:** Zoom Conference  
**Time:** 5:30pm  
**Hosted:** Rtn. Tope Narciso  
**Topic:** State & Future of Philippines Real Estate

## OINT LUNCH MEETING

**Date:** October 1, 2020/ Thursday  
**Venue:** Zoom Conference  
**Time:** 12nn - 2pm  
**GS:** Mr. Rico Hizon  
Senior Anchor, Director for News Content  
Development, CNN Philippines

## FIRESIDE CHAT

**Date:** October 3, 2020/ Saturday  
**Venue:** Zoom Conference  
**Time:** 4:00pm  
**Hosted:** Rtn. Rob Bradshaw  
**Topic:** How to Travel Wisely by Air on Long Haul  
International Flights on Different Airlines

## LUNCH MEETING - LADIES DAY

**Date:** October 8, 2020/ Thursday  
**Venue:** Zoom Conference  
**Time:** 12nn - 2pm  
**GS:** Dr. Ronny Tan  
Urologist, Mount Elizabeth Hospital

# TODAY'S PROGRAM

**12:15 PM** Call to Order

**PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON**

Invocation

**12:20 PM RTN. TONITO PAYUMO**

Philippine National Anthem  
RCMW Hymn  
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest  
Introduction of Personalities  
at the Zoom Meeting  
Committee Announcements  
Classification Talk  
**RTN. SCOTT MOORE**

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Sps. Camille Samson Sept 26  
Dir. Dino Dumatol Sept 28  
Rtn. Mark Sambar Sept 30

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

PP Jun Alvendia  
Sps. Lisa Sept 26  
Rtn. Nory Reyes-Lao  
Sps. Sept 28

**12:30 PM** President's Time

**PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON**

**12:40 PM** Introduction of the Guest Speaker

**RTN. MARK PUYAT**

Speech

**MR. FRANCISCO "PACO" SANDEJAS**

Founding Chairman, Narra Ventures Capital

Moderator

**RTN. BUTCH HIDALGO**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON**  
President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!

A few weeks ago, PE Franco and I were discussing what Rotary could do to make a strong and lasting impact on the Philippines. Without hesitation, I suggested that the greatest long term impact could be ensuring our voting population is encouraged and assisted to cast their votes based solely on the policy, track record and integrity of those standing for office. It is a view that applies to many countries and situations, not least my own.

So I was delighted earlier this month when RC Makati invited us to participate in a District-wide, multi-year project in collaboration with Comelec and the PPCRV to encourage the registration of voters and subsequently to support voter education in a non-partisan way. On Tuesday, on behalf of us all, and with the support of PE Franco and the Board, I signed a MOA together with 48 other clubs in D3830 to assist in this project.

And now, I turn to you again and ask you also to assist in this project. Our assistance can come in many small ways, some of which are outlined in the presentation on our Google Drive [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jTemRAoYbGc29Jh0WmA\\_Zem3GiHsSGfX/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jTemRAoYbGc29Jh0WmA_Zem3GiHsSGfX/view?usp=sharing). Once again, I know that you will heed the call when the tap on the shoulder duly arrives!

I also wish to recognise and thank all those who participated in the Alay Sining online auction that we held last week, and in particular PP Jun Alvendia, Director Dino Dumatol, the fab team at DDB and our secretariat. Over P380k was raised to support our Covid-19 Relief projects, and with four artworks remaining to be sold we hope to surpass the half million mark shortly. Thank you to all who placed bids or who promoted the auction to bidders. Let's push this to the end gents and sell those final pieces!

Having done so, let's now turn to deploying that money in the service of others!

Finally, this coming Saturday sees us kicking off our Cataract project, led as always by our Gift of Sight guru Dr Timmy Tan. Please support him with and the team in any way that you can, and feel free to refer any cases where you believe we can help.

Yours in Zest,  
**Alasdair Thomson**

Today's phrase is:

## “First Footing”

According to the Scottish superstition of first-footing, the first person to enter a household in the new year will dictate its fortunes for that year. A “lucky” first-footer is a dark-haired male who arrives bearing a coin, lump of coal, piece of bread and a drink (which would be whisky, in an ideal world).

I've personally taken this tradition as a way to welcome new neighbours, regardless of the time of year. It's a great way to break the ice, and to check out their whisky credentials



## Scottish Heritage

### Cremola Foam

A dentist's living nightmare, Cremola Foam was a soft drink made from crystals containing such goodness as sugar, fruit acid, sodium bicarbonate and saccharin.

Sold in what looked like mini-paint tins and available in three flavours (orange, lemon and raspberry), a couple of spoonfuls in a glass with water added with a vigorous stir produced a weirdly chemical but deliciously addictive drink.

Served in the right way, it generated a foamy half-inch “head” which is why it was known in many households (or maybe just the Thomson one) as “Boys' Beer”, which of course gave the adults an excuse to have a real one.

Made in Glasgow (that bastion of all things healthy and pure) from the 1950s until it was discontinued by those dastardly Swiss at Nestle in 1998, thereby forcing generations of Scottish youth onto the hard stuff of Red Bull and Lucozade.

The last remaining, unopened tin was sold on eBay for £350 in 2016



## MODESTY ASIDE



**Full name:** Paolo Antonio M. Cristobal

**We call you as:** Paolo

**Relationship and family:** Married for almost 3 years no kid yet

**Education and Training:** I was home-schooled went to Ateneo and took Executive Education and Certificate Courses in Strategy and Finance in HBS and Wharton-UPenn.

I am primarily a general contractor building industrial, energy, and infrastructure projects with few side hustles in food, retail, and digital space.



**Drink of Choice:** Whisky - Macallan

**Post Covid:** I want to go back to Botswana and Cape Town, South Africa and stay for 3 weeks.

**Weekend Activities:** pre-covid it is traveling or reading a book. Now it is researching about new opportunities in the digital and tech space.

**Hangout Place:** Used to be Raffles Long Bar as it is really near to my house. Start of quarantine it is my indoor bike. Now it is my home office.

**GOAT:** Michael Jordan

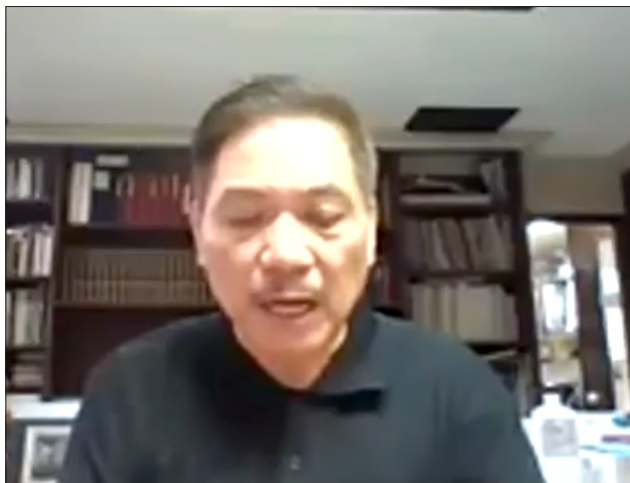
**Dream Car:** I have a love-hate relationship with my Range Rover. But it is still Range Rover and/or Range Rover Sport. A Mercedes G63 will be nice too.



# MEETING REVIEW - SEPTEMBER 17, 2020



*PE Franco De Rosario acts as Moderator*



*Rtn. Robert Yupangco acts as Invocator*



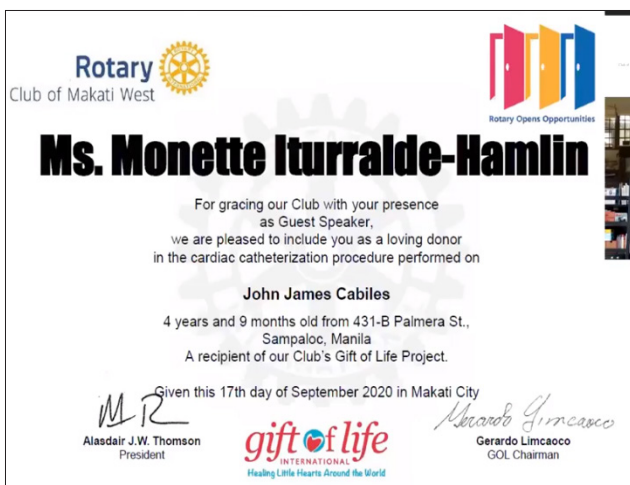
*Pres. Al Thomson during his President's Time*



*Rtn. Joey Avellana introduces the Guest Speaker*



*Ms. Monette Iturralde-Hamlin giving his talk*



*Ms. Monette Iturralde-Hamlin receives a Gift of Life Certificate from the Club*



## ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER

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### **FRANCISCO "PACO" SANDEJAS**

Founding Chairman of Narra Ventures, Xepto Education and Stratpoint Technologies  
Chairman of Philippine S&T Development Foundation, Inc.

"Stanford PhD Inventor -> Entrepreneur -> Venture Catalyst -> PHILDEV Mentor"

Paco Sandejas is Founder and Chairman of Narra Ventures, a technology holding company and boutique early-stage investment group that founded Stratpoint Technologies and Xepto Education. Narra Ventures is SouthEast Asia's first technology focused VC that has invested in over 35 high-technology companies, with some notable companies being Inphi (NYSE: IPHI), SiRF (NASDAQ: QCOM), Amulaire, Quintic (NASDAQ: NXPI), Calypto (NASDAQ: MENT) and Sandbridge.

Paco is also the Founder and CEO of Xepto Education, a system developer and integrator of the most innovative platform for the delivery of Digital Education content and tools for schools of the developing world.

He founded and chairs Stratpoint Technologies, Inc. one of SouthEast Asia's leading software consulting firms for Digital Transformation.

Paco also serves on the board of UnionBank of the Philippines and SunLife of Canada (Philippines).

At Stanford where he completed his Ph.D. and M.S. in Electrical Engineering, he co-invented the Grating Light Valve (GLV), one of Stanford's top IP money-makers. He was the first summa cum laude of University of the Philippines-Diliman's Applied Physics program and was awarded Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines. Paco holds 5 international patents in nanotechnology and optoelectronics.

An active trustee of the Philippine Development Foundation and co-founder of the Brain Gain Network ([www.BGN.org](http://www.BGN.org)), Paco advises various agencies of the Philippine Government, De La Salle University and the University of the Philippines. He has worked at H&Q Asia Pacific, Applied Materials and Siliscape.

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# GIFE OF LIFE PROGRAM 16TH TO 32ND BENEFICIARIES OF PRES. AL THOMSON



**Dorotan, Madison**  
1y old, DLSCMC,  
30-Jul-20  
PDA Device Closure



**Dela Costa, Jackielou**  
12yrs old, PHC,  
3-Aug-2020  
Diagnostic Test



**Singka, Arabella**  
1 year old, DLSCMC,  
3-August-2020  
Diagnostic Test



**Cruz, Adrian**  
16 y/o, DLSCMC, 6-Aug-2020  
PDA Device Closure



**Gatchalian, Jaypee**  
4 y/o, DLSCMC, 6-Aug-20  
PDA Device Closure



**Villanueva, Jervin Grey**  
5 mos, DLSCMC, 13-Aug-20  
PDA Device Closure



**Chumacer, Lyza Ysabelle**  
1 yr & 4 mos., NCH, 13-Aug-20  
PDA Ligation Surgery



**Bagain, Wilhelm Luis**  
13 y/o, NCH, 14-Aug-20  
Diagnostic Test



**Canlas, Cyrus James**  
11 y/o, NCH, 17-Aug-20  
VSD Closure



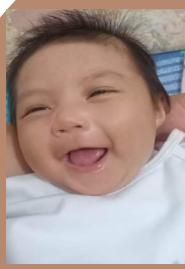
**Gabriel, Venus Aphrodite**  
1 yr & 10 mos, DLSCMC,  
22- August-2020  
PDA Device Closure



**Reyes, Princess**  
4 y/o, DLSCMC, 22-Aug-20  
PDA Device Closure



**Maruquin, Zamhyra**  
1 y/o, DLSCMC, 22-Aug-20  
PDA Device Closure



**Fusin, Michaella**  
6 mos. DLSCMC, 22-Aug-20  
PDA Device Closure



**Gullod, Jude Chritian**  
10 y/o, DLSCMC,  
22-Aug-20  
PDA Device Closure



**Sagayo, Southlene**  
7 y/o, DLSCMC, 22-Aug-20  
PDA Device Closure



**Esperon, Ron Martin**  
1 yr & 3 mos,  
NCH, 24-Aug-20  
PDA Device Closure



# ROTARIANS RECEIVING THEIR 50TH COFFEE TABLE BOOK



Chief Chronicler Santiago Dumlao Jr.  
RCMW 50th Coffee Table Book



## ROTARY MAKATI WEST TURNS GOLD WITH A BOOK

Alfred A. Yuson, The Philippine Star



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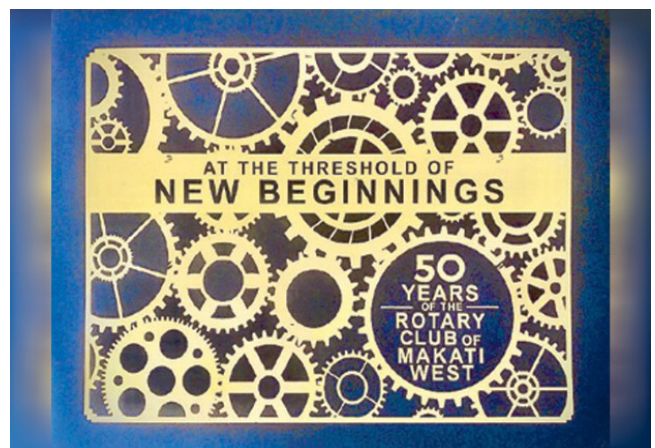
A 200-page coffee-table book, *At the Threshold of New Beginnings*, was launched by the Rotary Club of Makati West (RCMW) on June 29, marking the distinguished organization's golden anniversary that began the year before.

Despite the pandemic's stifling features of scaled lockdowns, the launch wasn't virtual, even as social-distancing protocols were observed at the venue, Spaces Makati, the co-working space facility of the Regus Group. RCMW member Lars Wittig, the Regus Group's senior vice president for ASEAN, saw to the venue's availability.

Over 500 members of this Makati Central Business District-based club are cited in the book, with their colorful stories and photographs featured. Spearheading the commemorative volume was past president Dennis Decena as chairman of the book project, which was carried out during the term of 2019-2020 RCMW president "Eric" Tensuan.

Despite production difficulties owing to the quarantine environment that imposed itself early in the year, the book production team hurdled the challenges of a pressurized timetable by relying on Zoom meetings, with chief chronicler Santi Dumlao, managing editor J. Albert Gamboa, art director Elias Guerrero, photo editor Fides Tensuan, and print production director Edsa delos Santos backstopped by the RCMW's secretariat.

I recall having worked together with Rotarian past president Decena, the "walking archive" Dumlao, and Gamboa on the FINEX golden jubilee coffee-table book a couple of years ago, so I'm not surprised that the team came through with plenty to spare.



I had also been part of the teams that produced the Rotary Club of Makati's commemorative book on its 40th year, in 2005, as well as its 50th anniversary book a decade later, so I'm aware of how Rotarians rise in determination to live up to their commitment to the motto, "Service Above Self." This involvement through the decades is "channeled through Five Avenues of Service: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth Service."

In his Foreword, Golden Jubilee President Enrico B. Tensuan writes:

"This club is a marvelous communal machine, an ingenious lightning rod that attracts the ferociously noble and earnest energies of Men of Zest. The great ability of these gentlemen is only dwarfed by their tremendous compassion for their fellow countrymen. While the name of Rotary was already an established brand when it came to this nation from across the sea, the efforts of those who fill our ranks and manifest its acts have made this chapter its own entity.

## ROTARY MAKATI WEST TURNS GOLD WITH A BOOK

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“Some of its members joined Makati West out of a sense of social obligation. Others wanted exposure to relevant modern issues through its distinguished guest speakers. And a number of them simply wanted to be part of a distinguished fellowship. Whatever their intent, what they ultimately received was purpose; a purpose that led them to causes they could truly believe in and work towards; a purpose that called for deeper involvement in philanthropic pursuits. They were encouraged to become closer with those they had tasked themselves with aiding. Getting to know them as real people rather than far-off beneficiaries encouraged their benevolent passions all the more.”

Chronicler Santi Dumlao flashes back to the first 25 years, beginning on Nov. 22, 1969, when the Rotary Club of Makati West was officially chartered. Historical context, from local to international, provides a welter of memories layering that same year: the creation of the New People’s Army (NPA), man landing on the moon, the Beatles’ final live concert that was held on a rooftop, Miss Philippines Gloria Diaz crowned as Miss Universe, the Woodstock concert, and the reelection of Ferdinand E. Marcos.

Since then, assistance to the handicapped and out-of-school youth, community projects, outreach programs, feeding centers, the “Rotacare” medical/dental healthcare program, a series of community-based Rotary Village Corps, a computer outreach program and similar civic-minded efforts have become cyclical features, in regular complementation of spontaneous big-ticket generosity on the tragic occasion of natural disasters such as the Mt. Pinatubo eruption, Typhoon Ondoy, Supertyphoon Yolanda, and the Taal eruption.

Flashing forward to the present, PP Eric Angeles writes about “50 Years of Service”:

“As of May 15, 2020, the number of COVID-19 infections in the world had passed the 4.5 million mark, leaving more than 300,000 dead and the worst is yet to come. Even with draconian lockdown protocols, RCMW rose to the occasion with many members implementing projects and services needed to put a fight against this unseen enemy.”

Beyond all the fellowship socials, playtime and formal celebrations — the 50th induction at the Conrad Manila Hotel on July 13, 2019, the RCMW’s Golden Celebration at the BGC Maybank Theater on Nov. 23, 2019, and the bestowal of achievement and service awards — what continues to keep the Rotarian “Always in High Gear” is written in this wise:

“We mark the 50th anniversary as a milestone year, and indeed it is, to take pause and look back at accomplishments, and gear up for greater undertakings.

“As all Rotarians know, there’s really no time for any lengthy pause. Let the celebrations proceed, but the work must likewise proceed. The community service projects must continue. New ones must be initiated.

“...The list is long. There are just so many opportunities for Rotary to serve. Indeed, the needs constitute the call. It’s the call to be of Service Above Self.”

# YOUR CLUB IN THE CLOUD

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nxigVxYpiCR5R09BePZH>

**Weekly Meeting Videos**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RHNBRUCUvP6vbb4sMV3000T?usp=sharing>

**Induction & Handover**

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**Fireside Chat Archive**

**West Side Story**

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# RY 2020-2021 Officers Directors & Club Advisers

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