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# MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



## Meet & Greet with Happy Hearts Kids

Date: October 22, 2023/ Sunday  
Venue: Valenzuela Ampitheater  
People's Park, Valenzuela City  
Time: 8:30am to 3pm



## Rotary District 3830 Awards RY. 22-23 Imagine Rotary

Date: October 23, 2023/Monday  
Venue: Hilton Manila Newport Blvd.  
Pasay City  
Time: 4pm onwards



## Lunch Meeting

Mr. Michael Raeuber  
Chairman  
Group Chief Executive Officer  
Royal Cargo, Inc.

Date: October 26, 2023/ Thursday  
Venue: Dusit Thani  
Time: 12nn to 2pm



## Lunch Meeting

Rtn. Tony del Rosario  
and  
Mr. Luis Oquiñena  
Chairman, Gawad Kalinga

Date: November 9, 2023/ Thursday  
Venue: Dusit Thani  
Time: 12nn to 2pm



## NOTICE OF NO LUNCH MEETING

on November 16, 2023

in lieu of the 62nd Anniversary  
Rotary Club of Kowloon West

November 16 to 18, 2023





# TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order  
PRES. DAX CARLOS

Invocation

Philippine National Anthem (video)

RC Makati West Hymn

12:30 PM RCMW Members

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests;

Introduction of Personalities in the Presidential Table;

Committee announcements

President's Time  
PRES. DAX CARLOS

12:45 PM Induction of new members:

1. MR. JOEY V. JIMENEZ  
President & COO, ZIRCON Group

2. MR. KRISTOPHER S. CATALAN  
Partner, Assurance, SGV & CO.

1:00 PM Introduction of new members  
PP LITO JIMENEZ &  
PRID GUILLER TUMANGAN

Charging of new members  
PP FRANCO DEL ROSARIO

Inducting Officer of New member  
PRES. DAX CARLOS

Moderator  
PP LITO JIMENEZ

## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



October 18  
SPS. FRANCESCA DIONISIO  
Birthday



October 20  
RTN. JAVI BERENGUER-TESTA  
Birthday



October 20  
SPS. MALU DEL ROSARIO  
Birthday



October 19  
SAA PATRICK DIONISIO & SPS. FRANCESCA  
Wedding Anniversary

Meet and Greet  
with  
**Happy Heart**  
**KIDS**

DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2023 (SUNDAY)  
TIME: 8:30 AM - 3:00PM  
WHERE: VALENZUELA AMPITHEATER  
PEOPLE'S PARK, VALENZUELA CITY



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Hanoi

I, together with some of our RCMW golfers are back from Hanoi, Vietnam where we had a weeklong golf fellowship (October 6 to 12) with members of our sister club RC Petaling Jaya. We all had fun and I hope we can invite more members to join us next time.

For today's special lunch meeting at Red Lantern in Solaire, we will celebrate, among other things, the club's achievements in the past Rotary year under IPP Gil Chua. Our club has been awarded for having sustained the club's membership of over 100 active members - ending last Rotary year with 141 members. I hope the club will get more recognitions for its marvelous achievements last Rotary year at the District Awards to be held this coming Monday, October 23, at the Hilton Manila.



For our next weekly meeting on October 26, the last one for this month, we will have our usual lunch meeting at Dusit Thani with guest speaker Michael Raeuber, Group CEO of Royal Cargo, a well-respected multinational logistics company.

Let me take this opportunity to thank our members and their families for supporting and participating in Rural Rising (RuRi) Philippines' Box-All-You-Can (BAYC) rescue sale of vegetables and fruits at Dusit Thani (October 15). I heard this helped 100 plus farmers and started RuRi's Hotel BAYC sale series previously held in Ayala Malls.

For our project updates, we have already done a total of 85 GOL surgeries for this Rotary year as of now, including yesterday's (Oct. 18) heart procedures on five patients at DLSMC. Next schedule of procedures at DLSMC is next Wednesday, Oct. 25. We have also extended medical assistance for 1,124 patients through Cong. Paul Daza.

For our Gift of Mobility - Artificial Limbs project, we had turned over prostheses to seven beneficiaries at the UERM last October 18.



We also co-organized another Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening (BCCS) activity at the Riviera Golf Club at Silang Cavite last Monday, October 16, in partnership with the Philippine Cancer Society (PCS) Mobile Clinic. There were 76 women tested, three of whom were found to have breast mass, while one tested positive during the cervix screening. These findings will definitely help them in seeking treatment early before it's too late.

There will be another schedule of BCCS on Nov. 13 and Nov. 20 at the Summit Golf and Country Club and the Manila Golf and Country Club, respectively, also benefiting caddies and staff in these golf courses.

This Sunday, October 22nd, as mentioned previously, there will be a Meet-and-Greet event among GOL beneficiaries and Heart Doctors led by Dra. Louisa Go. This was co-organized by Jaden & Friends. Venue will be at the Amphitheater, People's Park in Valenzuela City. Please coordinate with the secretariat if you want to join this activity and/or donate some gifts for the GOL beneficiaries and their families at the venue.





So that's our updates for this week. Just approach us if you want to join any of our club activities and projects. As I love to say, we appreciate all kinds of support, most especially your presence.

Thank you very much. God bless us all!

**Juan Antonio "Dax" T. Carlos**  
President, RY 2023-2024  
Rotary Club of Makati West



# THE WEEK IN REVIEW

## October 13, 2023 - Joint Fellowship Meeting







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## Hanoi Sojourn 1.0 by: PP Dennis D. Decena



A long planned golf fellowship trip between RC Makati West and RC Petaling Jaya turned out to be a smash hit among the participants that will be talked about for a long time. A Hanoi trip 2.0 is already being slated. But that's going ahead of the story.

The trip was all about brotherhood, fellowship, gamesmanship, competition, blossoming of friendship, culinary adventure, cultural assimilation, personal discovery and much more.

The painstaking preparations for the trip were made by PP Eric Tensuan and PP Capt. Shashi. The two ironed out in fine detail the itinerary which turned out magnificently. For the record, the Zesters included Pres Dax Carlos, PP Dennis Decena, PP Eric Angeles, PP Junvee Vital, PP Eric Tensuan, PN Dino Dumatol, Director Robbie Leviste and baby Rotarian Atul Lall. For RCPJ, the team was led by PP Datu Kevin Yong, PP Capt Shashi, and Rotarians Anthony Feng and Dr. Malvinder.

The PAL flight to Hanoi was at the unholy hour of 1230 am on Oct 7, Saturday. Arriving after three hours and picked up promptly by our guide Victor, we flopped into our beds at Hanoi Hotel, a comfortable lakeside hotel in the heart of Hanoi, for a few hours of sleep.



After breakfast, Victor herded us to the Old Quarter of Hanoi and walked along narrow alleyways topped with our first taste of delicious Vietnamese coffee in a quaint coffeeshop atop a wall beside a railroad station stop. It was our pleasant introduction to the Vietnamese way of life. The hustle and bustle of the French Quarter with the cacophony of sights and sounds had us mesmerized amid the throngs of motorbikes zooming past us.

Going back to the hotel to meet our RCPJ counterparts, who had just arrived from KL, we all hurried back to the old town to partake of lunch at the Michein 2023 rated restaurant favored by Barack Obama when he visited Hanoi, called Huong Lien. Most of us tried the Obama combo, which consisted of buncha (meat and bun), seafood roll and Hanoi beer. Going around the center of town, we stopped at another highly rated coffeeshop, Cafe Giang, for egg coffee. Robbie had his topped with beer. We strolled past a car less boulevard in the French Quarter beside Kiem Lake and crossing the main shopping street, Pho Trang Tien, on our way for a joyride aboard an electric trolley.

We ended up for dinner at a must place to eat recommended by the GM of Hanoi Hotel, Richard Yit, who joined us. True enough, the variety, color and taste of the healthy Vietnamese dishes served to us were unforgettable. We were starting to gain weight even before playing golf.

Sunday was the real start of the friendly competition. It was agreed the format would be Ryder Cup style, four player's scores to count . The handicaps of the 12 players ranged from 11 to 32. The eight players with the lowest handicaps played to win. The four other players played in the fun flight. Variations of the match play were adopted in the succeeding games. Each day, a team was declared the winner till a final winner on the third day was declared. The games went back and forth as the players were almost evenly matched. Throughout the games, much ribbing, joking, laughter and comic displays were the order of the day. The ironic part was that some serious plays of golf were accomplished. Birdies and pars were made with regularity no matter the newness of the courses to most of the players.





For the record, the first game on Sunday was played at the Kings Course, one of three courses at Kings Island, an exclusive haven for golf reachable only by a 10 minute ferry from the mainland. A par 72, one needed a cart to traverse its long layout. Uniquely it has a 19th hole across the water for a bonus play.

Again, a hot pot dinner in a lovely Vietnamese restaurant filled the hungry bellies of the golfers accompanied by beer and hard drinks.

Monday was devoted for a trip to Ha Long Bay, a three hour ride to the UNESCO Heritage site. Capt Shashi arranged an overnight stay in a cruise ship, the Mon Cheri 2. We all boarded a 30 minute ferry boat at the tourist wharf to bring us to the cruise ship amidst the 2,000 bizarrely shaped limestone outcrops jutting out of the emerald waters of Ha Long Bay. The Mon Cheri 2 has 24 cabins and we occupied 12 of them. Quite luxurious, it was an opportunity to cocoon ourselves in a balmy paradise. Lunch, dinner, breakfast and brunch were served in a span of 24 hours by liveried staff. It was

time to indulge, including cocktails atop the boat under a cloudless sky. Capt Sashi, PP Eric T and Robbie went kayaking around the outcrops and nearly got lost looking for the cruise ship with many look alikes all around. Eric T and Robbie also went cave trekking. Eric T had an easy time as the cave was tight and low slung. Datu Kevin had no luck squid fishing in the evening.

The boat cruise was the perfect opportunity to get up close and personal with our RCPJ brethren. This interlude really brought our two Clubs immensely closer.

Getting back to the mainland the next day, Tuesday, we were just in time to tee off at the FLC Golf Club, Ha Long Bay, a 30 minute ride away. A mountain par 71 golf course, it was the most challenging course of the three. With no golf carts allowed on the fairways and the undulating, sometimes 45 degree angle of the fairways, it was quite unforgiving to players with less stamina and weak joints. What made up for this physical strain was the magnificent backdrop of the bay and the cool gentle breeze under an azure sky.





Dinner was arranged by the assistant GM of Hanoi Hotel, Ms Van, at Pearl Hotel in Ha Long City which she was managing also. It was a Vietnamese seafood lauriat, consisting of dishes we have not had before. Like true golfers after a tiring golf game, we devoured all the dishes with gusto. Again accompanied by beer and whisky. Then we all fell asleep on the way back to Hanoi three hours away.

Wednesday was our last full day in Hanoi. we had the luxury of a full breakfast buffet as we embraced the warmth of Hanoi Hotel. GM Richard, a dear friend of Datu Kevin, made sure we enjoyed all the trappings of the hotel. Midmorning, we checked out to travel to Thanh Lanh golf course, two hours away and past the airport.

The golf course is a component of the bigger Thanh Lanh resort. A par 72, it also offers night golf and open to the public. It is a garden course, relatively flat and very walkable. Fairways are wide and greens are easily accessed. Many of the golfers made pars and a few birdies.

Cocktails and dinner followed in the clubhouse. The flight to Manila was at 145 am the next day. So we stayed at the clubhouse till 830 pm. We took the bus ride to Noi Bai international Airport an hour away. Our RCPJ brothers were going back to the hotel till their flight the next morning. We all said our teary goodbyes.

We checked in by 9 pm, cleared immigration and security. Went to the duty free shops and waited and waited. With all the Manila bound passengers getting restless, the PAL agent at the counter informed the crowd that the plane turned around due to a technical reason, no specifics. We were stranded . We were offered hotel rooms and meals. Since PAL does not fly daily to Hanoi, we were not sure of flying out the next day.

Quick thinking Pres Dax asked us if we want to take the Cebu Pacific flight out of Hanoi at 845 am that morning. We all chorused YES. He promptly booked us online. Great to know there were still seven seats available. So we spent the early morning hours of Thursday at Noi Bai. SLEEPLESS IN HANOI!





Tired and sleepy, we landed at Naia 3 at 130 pm. Safe above all. The comforts of home.

Overall, it was an incredulous and amazing trip. Full of discovery and little adventures. Fulfilling friendships. One less from the bucket list!

Oh, I almost forgot, RCPJ won the match! Redemption next year for RCMW!

We are You are RCMW Zest Cup Team (ZCT)







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## Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening at Riviera Golf Club Inc. on October 16, 2023















# PROJECT UPDATES GIFT OF MOBILITY

Turnover of Artificial Limbs to  
Amputee Patients (GG# 22345517 with Rotary Club of Onah)  
October 18, 2023 at UERM Memorial Medical Center











Maria Abby Briones Marquez  
2 years old, female  
Bauang, La Union

PDA Device Closure  
De Los Santos Medical Center  
October 18, 2023



Daizelle Jane Buenaflor Raciles  
9 years old, female  
Cabugao, Ilocos Sur

PDA Device Closure  
De Los Santos Medical Center  
October 18, 2023



## PROJECT UPDATES

### GIFT OF LIFE

GOL RY 2023-2024



Mark Denielle Andres Santos  
16 years old, male  
Guimba, Nueva Ecija

VSD Device Closure  
De Los Santos Medical Center  
October 18, 2023



Theo Jaiross Lanoria Tagasa  
8 years. old, male  
San Joaquin, Pasig City

PDA Device Closure  
De Los Santos Medical Center  
October 18, 2023





Frinz Jimenez Casilla  
8 mos. old, male  
Naguillan, La Union

PDA Device Closure  
De Los Santos Medical Center  
October 18, 2023



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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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