

WEST SIDE STORY

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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

FIRESIDE CHAT

Date: November 7, 2020/ Saturday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 4:00pm
Hosted: Rtn. Paul Daza
Topic: "My Experiences as a Congressman, The National Budget Issue and Anti Red Tape"

EVENING MEETING - ARC GIN TASTING

Date: November 19, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 6pm - 8pm
GS: Mr. Matthew Westfall
Founder, Full Circle Craft Distillers

LUNCH MEETING

Date: November 12, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm
GS: Rtn. Butch Hidalgo

LUNCH MEETING

Date: November 26, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm
GS: Fr. Rocky G. Evangelista
Tuloy Foundation

TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order
PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON

Invocation
SPS. JENNY DE LOS SANTOS

12:20 PM Philippine National Anthem (Video)

RCMW Hymn
PP JUNVEE VITAL

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest

FORMER CONGRESSMAN
CESAR SARMIENTO

Topic: Typhoon Rolly - How Can We Help?

Introduction of Distinguished Personalities at the e-presidential table

Committee Announcements

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Rtn. Chris Beshouri	Nov 5
Rtn. Joey Avellana	Nov 9
Rtn. JP Sarabia	Nov 9
Sps. Roselen Ocampo	Nov 9

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rtn. Rany Roño	
Sps. Christine	Nov 5

12:30 PM President's Time
PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON

12:40 PM Introduction of the Guest Speaker
SPS. JUDITH CANTADA

Speech
RTN. MARK & SPS. ALLEN SAMBAR

Topic title: "Quarantine Kitchen by Mark & Allen Sambar: A Cooking Demonstration"

Moderator
SPS. ROSANNA ANGELES



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!

"If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself." Desiderata - Max Erhmann, 1927

I'm a big fan of Desiderata. In a single poem, so many of the themes by which I try to live my life were captured in the simplest yet most meaningful way. I particularly like this little snippet, and it is a lesson that, from the earliest days, we tried to instill in our kids. Someone would always have a better bike, newer sneakers, more pocket money, chocolate in their lunchbox etc. Sometimes that someone might be them. Not comparing is one of many small keys to happiness I think, linked to being truly and thoughtfully grateful for what we have.

Of course, this doesn't mean we should not strive for more, or for better; just that the motivation for doing should come internally, and not from envy. Similarly, it doesn't mean we should rest on our laurels; just that we should find pride and satisfaction ourselves in our own product, rather than need the applause of the crowd.

Yet, there is also a valid reason to make comparisons, and I think it is linked to our work in Rotary. Through comparison we can recognise that we are in a position to help.

As I look around me today I see a garden that is barely touched by Typhoon Rolly and in my mind I compare this to the potential destruction that might have been here instead. When I fire up my media I am aware of the devastation elsewhere in our country. I find it impossible not to compare my enormous good fortune with the misfortune of others. I'm truly grateful that we were spared, but I'm moved (as I am certain you all are) to somehow even out the scales. Which is why I'm grateful that we have people like Director Gil Chua whose immediate reaction was to figure out how we can make even a small difference. Let's get behind him - sometimes to compare is to care.

Staying with the comparing theme, I think one of the great tragedies of my life is that I've not been compared often enough to Sean Connery. Along with whisky and golf he is one my country's most admired exports. He gave men all over the world hope that they could be sexy after the age of 50. There would be no George Clooney were it not for Sean! I reckon Sean would have fitted right in at RCMW, so it's unfortunate that he passed away this week. I hope we can all raise a glass in his memory and act upon his sage observation:

"There is nothing like a challenge to bring out the best in man." - Sean Connery

A new challenge awaits us Gentlemen. What are we waiting for?

Yours in Zest,
Alasdair Thomson

SCOTCH CORNER

Today's word is all too common in my vocabulary:
"Sclaff" v., n., adv. [sklaf,]

This is a verb (and derivative noun), meaning to graze or slap, but the English equivalents fail completely to capture the onomatopoeic nature of the Scots.

We hear this most regularly on the golf course, with a sclaff being that shot where your club hits the ground a few inches before the ball, gets caught for a nanosecond, and then releases in such a way that the ball is struck mid-way up and lifts hopelessly a couple of feet into the air before travelling twenty sad yards or so. The same shot can be found in football and rugby, often leading to a twisted ankle or, at the very least, general ridicule.

In the midst of winter, a sclaff can be extremely painful to the golfer, with the force of the grounding rattling its way up the shaft to hands so frozen they can hardly grip the club. There is something about the frequency caused in this transfer of energy that it feels like being electrocuted.



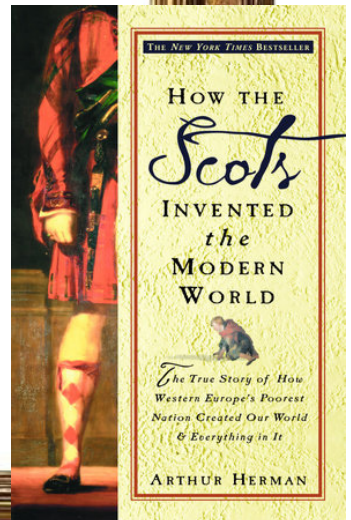
Scottish Heritage

The Modern World

Admittedly, it is a wee bit of a stretch (and uncharacteristically immodest) for the Scots to claim they invented or inspired most of what we know today to be the Modern World, but for those of you who are brave enough to read it, this book contains plenty of evidence that we in fact did so.

Coming out of Scotland were the tenets of modern democracy, the first public education system, the public health system, modern geology, the Social Sciences, modern economic theory, the historic novel, the Central Bank, medical revolutions such as antiseptics, antibiotics, modern surgery, engineering developments such as the industrial steam engine, modern road building, the carbine rifle, revolutionary ideas such as the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution, We'll also take credit for AC/DC and the Ramones.

On the other hand, lets just say that we are trying to make up for our role in the slave trade, the founding of the Ku Klux Klan and The Skye Boat Song by sharing our whisky with the world. Happy reading!!



MODESTY ASIDE



Full name: Charles Bernard H. Reyes

We call you as: Bern

Relationship and family: Happily married for almost 17 years to my dentist and longtime girlfriend, Trina. I have 3 sons, Ethan (16), Dylan (13) and Liam (8). Proud to say that I am a contributor to the large number of Reyeses in the Philippines.

Education and Training: Green blooded education in De La Salle Zobel (GS-HS). I took up BS Architecture in the University of the Philippines, Diliman. Had a great time there and managed to graduate with cum laude honors.

I apprenticed in the Hong Kong based design firm, Recio+Casas Architects for 5 years before setting up my own office in 2002.



Day job: I am the Principal Architect and Owner of Bern Reyes Architects (CBH Reyes Architects). An Architectural Design Firm that specializes in high-end Residential Houses, Institutional and Commercial Projects.

Work fulfilment: To finally behold the physical edifice of what you have planned and created in your mind and sketched on paper.

Work challenges: To plan and create in your mind and sketch on paper.

Special talents/ interesting facts: I enjoy painting still life and portraits using oil pastel sticks. This pandemic has also turned me into an Urban farmer/ Plantito.



Weekend activities: Pre-covid, a typical weekend would be spending time with my family, eating out and watching a movie. During covid... basically the same but done at home.

G.O.A.T: Michael Jordan!

Dream car: A vehicle that could bring me to my meeting in 5 minutes from anywhere... it's called Zoom.

Favorite movie: Gladiator

MEETING REVIEW - OCTOBER 29, 2020



PE Franco Del Rosario acts as Moderator



Rtn. Ramesh Dargani acts as Invocator



Pres. Al Thomson during his President's Time



IPP Eric Tensuan introduces the Guest Speaker



Ms. Rina Bautista Lopez giving his talk



Ms. Rina Bautista Lopez recieves a Gift of Life Certificate from the Club



ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER



RTN. MARK SAMBAR
SPS. ALLEN SAMBAR

Quarantine Kitchen by Mark and Allen

Mark Anderson Sambar graduated Bachelor's of Professional Studies from Culinary Institute of America back in 2007. He lived in New York for a time where he did his externship at Nobu Next Door. Upon graduating, he then moved to Hong Kong and worked under Harlan Goldstein at Tuscany by H. When he moved back to Manila in 2010, he met Allen, and they were able to bring in Vom Fass, a franchise that primary sells specialty Oils, Vinegars, Whiskies and Spirits. After a few years they ventured into construction that led to stopping anything related to food.

During the pandemic, Mark was always requested to make different dishes for his neighbors and family friends, and, after consistent orders, turned his hobby into a home business, thus Vans Kitchen PH was founded. (Which is found in Facebook and Instagram @vanskitchenph). Their main products are chicken dishes such as Hainanese Chicken and Samgyetang (Ginseng Chicken Soup).

Allen's role, as always, is to organize the schedule, manage all the finances and, most importantly, make sure Mark doesn't spend all his time and money on booze. Emphasis on the last part.

RCMW GIFT OF LIFE (GOL) BENEFICIARIES RY 2020-2021

De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City

October 28, 2020



Clarence David, 5yrs old, Antipolo City
PDA Device Closure



Jhon Lorence Papolonians, 4yrs old,
Marikina City - PDA Device Closure



Scarlet Reign Naval, 1yr old, Nueva Ecija
PDA Device Closure

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De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City

October 28, 2020



RCMW CATARACT PROJECT III RY 20-21

Med Surg Eye Center, BF Homes Paranaque City

October 31, 2020



**PRE-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



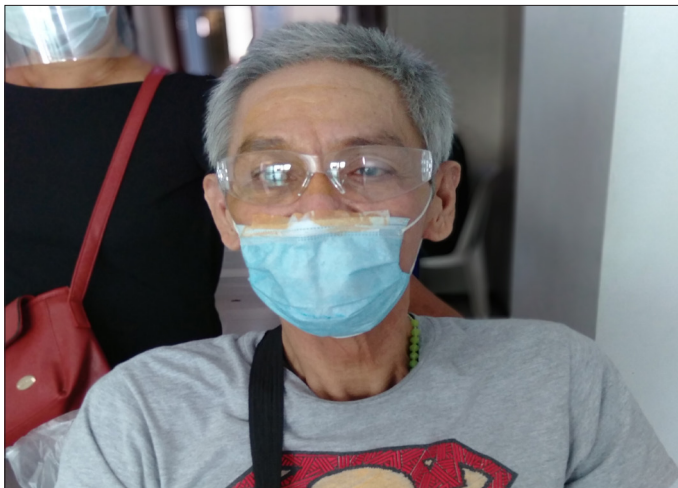
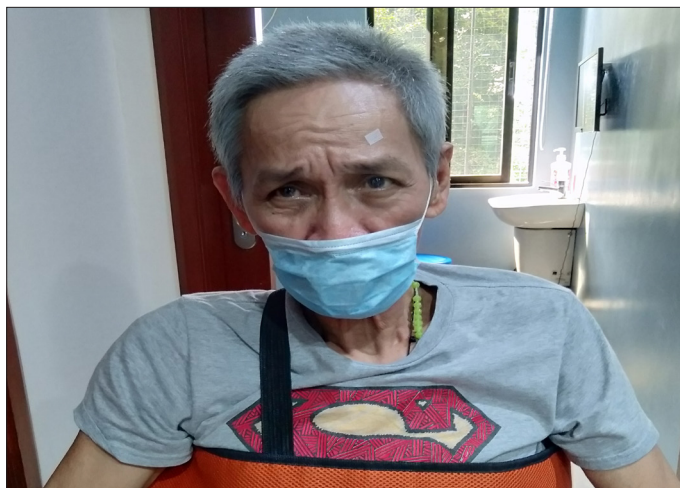
**POST-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



Cecilia Acelajado, 72 years old, Las Pinas City



Domingo Samar, 73 years old, Makati City



Edwin Del Castillo, 65 years old, Las Pinas City

**PRE-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**

**POST-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



Imelda Reyes, 51 years old, Magallanes Cavite



Reinhard Reggie Alvarez, 37 years old, Dasmarinas Cavite



Marilyn Fermin, 68 years old, Novaliches City

**PRE-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



**POST-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



Moises Joven, 63 years old, Paranaque City



Rolando De Jesus, 65 years old, Las Pinas City



Zosimo Agustin, 62 years old, Imus Cavite

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Induction & Handover

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Fireside Chat Archive

West Side Story

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