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**"EVERY NEW YEAR IS A
 NEW BEGINNING THAT
 ALWAYS GIVES HOPE
 FOR A BETTER FUTURE."**



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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



Lunch Meeting

Date: January 5, 2023/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit & Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn to 2pm

Dr. Karl Reyes
Co-Director

Patel Heart Institute
Chief, Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery
St. Joseph's Children's Hospital
Tampa, Florida, United States



SAVE THE DATE

**Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya
Invitation, 62nd Anniversary**

January 11 to 15, 2023

Contact PE Dax Carlos for more details



Lunch Meeting

Date: January 19, 2023/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit & Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn to 2pm

PP Jose Teodoro K. Limcaoco
President
Bank of the Philippine Islands



SAVE THE DATE

**Rotary Club of Makati West
3rd Board of Directors Meeting**

January 19, 2023/ Thursday

Dusit Thani Hotel
2:00pm to 4:00pm



Lunch Meeting

Date: January 26, 2023/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit & Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn to 2pm

Dr. Abi Tud
Orthopaedic Oncologist
Philippine Orthopaedic Center



TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order
PRESIDENT GIL G. CHUA

Invocation
PP JUN ALVENDIA

Philippine National Anthem (video)

RC Makati West Hymn

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest;

Introduction of Personalities at the Presidential table;

Committee announcements

12:45 PM Introduction of new member
PRESIDENT GIL CHUA

Charging of new member
PP MON GUERRERO

Inducting Officer of new member
PRESIDENT GIL CHUA

President's Time
PRESIDENT GIL G. CHUA

Introduction of Guest Speaker
PP LOU DEL ROSARIO

12:30 PM Awarding of Certificate of Recognition
"Feel the Beat Team"

1. Alba Magdala Berenguer-Testa
2. Franco Miguel Reyes
3. Natalia Tordesillas

Induction of new member
MR. WILSON GOH
Business Owner/Founder
C3 Interactive Group

1:00 PM Speech
DR. KARL MICHAEL REYES
Co-Director
Patel Heart Institute
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St. Joseph's Children's Hospital

Moderator
PP ERIC ANGELES

GUEST SPEAKER

DR. KARL MICHAEL REYES

CO-DIRECTOR, PATEL HEART INSTITUTE

Karl M. Reyes, MD, is co-director of the Patel Heart Institute and chief of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, home to Tampa Bay, Florida's only comprehensive congenital heart disease (CHD) program. He is also an associate professor of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

In the Philippines where he graduated with honors from the University of the East College of Medicine, he served as head of Congenital Heart Surgery at St. Luke's Medical Center, where he helped organized the hospital's Center for Congenital Heart Disease, one of the country's premier CHD programs.

He received The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) award in 2013 for his contribution in medicine. His post-doctoral training included clinical fellowships at the Cleveland Clinic in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery and at Boston Children's Hospital – Harvard Medical School in congenital cardiovascular surgery.

A former member of the Rotary Club of Makati West, Dr. Karl was a volunteer doctor in the Gift of Life program, a partnership between the club and New York based Gift of Life International.



THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



January 5
PP FERN PEÑA
Birthday



January 10
RTN. JUNI DEL ROSARIO
Birthday



January 11
SPS. JULIENNE VITAL
Birthday



January 12
SPS. JOJI BAUTISTA
Birthday



January 15
SPS. KATHY LIMCAOCO
Birthday



January 3
RTN. TIMMY CHUIDIAN & SPS. BARBEE
Wedding Anniversary



January 3
RTN. BIBIT FACTORAN & SPS. PAOLA
Wedding Anniversary



January 7
RTN. LITO MERCADO & SPS. CHARY
Wedding Anniversary



January 9
VP JIMMY BAUTISTA & SPS. JOJI
Wedding Anniversary



January 12
RTN. CHARLES RUFINO & SPS. TERESA
Wedding Anniversary



January 13
RTN. TONITO PAYUMO & SPS. GINA
Wedding Anniversary



January 14
RTN. JOEY AVELLANA & SPS. LULU
Wedding Anniversary



January 14
PE DAX CARLOS & SPS. SHEILA
Wedding Anniversary



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2023

I love New Year and what it symbolizes - a chance to start all over again. A new beginning. The calendar begins a new cycle where you can say goodbye to the past and say hello to the present and the future.

During the Holiday break, I hope you all had enough time to reflect on the past year and recharge for the busy year ahead. As for me, I really enjoyed the rare occasion when I could spend time with my family for a much-needed R & R.

Let's cherish the fresh start we got while building on the past year's experiences to make new goals, bringing with us important lessons learned.

According to Chinese Astrology, 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit, specifically Water Rabbit, which symbolizes patience and luck. It is a year that is expected to bring peace and good fortune for most zodiac signs. A year when we can



Spending Christmas with my apos.

hope that the challenges facing the world and the nation will be solved, such as high inflation, the continued threat of COVID-19, and a looming global recession.

As business leaders and company executives, let's do our best to thrive, take advantage of opportunities in the horizon, and overcome all challenges that will come our way in 2023 to further contribute to our companies' success and the country's economic growth.

And as Rotarians, let's also do our best to contribute to the success of the club's and the district's projects - going above and beyond to fulfill the Rotary's Service Above Self motto. The truth is, I am excited to see more

of you participating in our club's activities. It is, after all, the only way to maximize your experience here in our club.

We look forward to a busy and more fruitful 2023 with more opportunities to bond together and help the club be instrumental in giving hope to our less fortunate countrymen. We will see more activities for our Gifts programs and other projects, enjoy more fun fellowships, and have more amazing speakers in our weekly lunch meetings.

In fact, we'll kick off our 2023 lunch meetings with Dr. Karl Reyes, a TOYM awardee and known to us as one of our Gift of Life doctors. Now based in the US, he is back in the Philippines for the holidays and agreed to pay us a visit today. He is Philippines' pride, I should say. He continues to champion revolutionary cardiac surgeries and other procedures, especially with regard to congenital heart disease, here and abroad.

Next week, I will join some of our members in attending the anniversary celebration of our sister club in Malaysia, the Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya, which has been very supportive of our club. This trip will take the place of our weekly meeting on January 12th.

The week after that, on January 19th, don't miss our weekly meeting for we will have our very own Past President TG Limcaoco, president of BPI, to talk



Five days at Balesin was all I needed to recharge for a busy 2023 ahead.

about prospects in the business world especially in the banking industry, as well as the forecasted global recession.

You see, it does not take much to be active in the club - just walk in, whenever you can, to our weekly Thursday meetings at Dusit Hotel, join us in our dinner fellowships, and volunteer in our service projects and other charitable work, a schedule of which our secretariat provides on a weekly basis. And of course, feel free to donate some extra cash to add to the funding of our projects. But all of these are voluntary.



With FL Gigi and my daughter Addy.



Relishing the last sunset of 2022.

Feel free as well to contribute stories and personal milestones to our weekly newsletter. We will be glad to share your pride and fill up the "Member's Spotlight" section of our West Side Story with good news from you.

Let's do more in 2023. As they say, it's teamwork that makes the dream work. I'm counting on you, Men of Zest! The best is yet to come!

Love you, guys! Maraming salamat po!

Gil G. Chua
President, RY 2022-2023
Rotary Club of Makati West



FORETHOUGHT

by: Craig Lonnee

SKEPTICISM

One Christmas morning, many years ago, I woke to find two handsomely wrapped boxes. With frenzied anticipation, I got what I wished for – a chemistry set and a microscope.

On Boxing Day, (the day after Christmas Day) my first scientific expedition was of course to carefully walk down to the creek close to home, armed with glass slides, test tubes and various sized beakers to collect biological samples and tadpoles to observe back at my secret laboratory (a commandeered room at the back of the house).

Now, technology is instrumenting the social world we inhabit. Technology is still running us, not the other way round. Which brings us to the difference between curiosity and skepticism.

Curiosity – a desire to know, interest leading to enquiry, fastidious, particular, demanding a high standard of excellence, difficult to satisfy.

Skeptical – having or expressing doubt, questioning.

Today, I'd like to talk about scientific thinking as it relates to business.

Increasingly, we are all being deluged by data. Over reliance has its pitfalls. Coupled with the fact data may be biased and invariably incomplete. As a piece I read on this topic the other day cited – this can lead to decision makers ignoring information that is harder to obtain or make us more certain than we should.

The article goes on to say ... Skeptics are right that uncritical reliance on data alone can be problematic. So too is over reliance on intuition and ideology. So, if data is unreliable and so is intuition, what is a responsible decision maker supposed to do?

My possible solution – an acknowledgement of the scientific method, which at its core is learning about the world in a systematic, replicable way, a guide to thinking.



What is the scientific method?

First, of course it starts with observation.

From there we move to the formulation of a compelling question. The more well defined the question, the better.

Next, the forming of a hypothesis or conjecture, based on the knowledge you obtained whilst exploring the problem.

Prediction. What are the logical consequences based on your hypothesis? A few predictions are then selected for testing.

Testing. Does the real world behave as predicted by your hypothesis? The purpose of an experiment is to determine whether observations agree or conflict with predictions derived from a hypothesis.

Analysis. What are the results of the experiment, what do they show, what is the learning? Once a hypothesis is strongly supported by evidence, a further question can be put to provide further insight on the same subject of inquiry. Then, perhaps the cycle starts again at a more elevated level, in order to refine the initial question.

Conclusion. Decide on next actions.

So, four thoughts.

1. A scientific mind always remains skeptical of what it knows.
2. Be skeptical of data.
3. Be also skeptical of plausible explanations, conventional wisdom, dogma, ideologies, intriguing anecdotes and most of all, your preconceived intuition.
4. More on the value of experimentation in business? Anything written by Stefan Thomke.

<https://store.hbr.org/product/experimentation-works-the-surprising-power-of-business-experiments/10248>

ABOUT CRAIG LONNIE

Lonnie is the Chief Development Officer at DDB Group Philippines, where he provides strategic and operational counsel to clients and DDB's senior leadership. He also leads The Bernbach School, DDB Group Philippines' exclusive learning hub.

He had worked for worldwide marketing communications network DDB for over two decades, gaining vast and varied experience across Asia and the Pacific. Over this time, he held local, regional, and global responsibilities, including co-chief operating officer of regional operations of DDB Asia and chief development officer across 23 offices in 14 countries.



THE WEEK IN REVIEW

December 20, 2022 – Governor's Visit



PP Lito Jimenez as Moderator



Rtn. Lemarc Limosnero as Invocator



President Gil G. Chua during his President's Time



PP Bobby Lim Introduces the Guest Speaker



Gov. Mildred V. Vitangcol during her talk



Gov. Mildred V. Vitangcol receives a Gift of Life certificate from the club



Gov. Mildred Vitangcol is flanked by DGE Jay Tambunting and Pres. Gil Chua in this group photo with other RCMW members.







Induction of New satellite club members

Club Updates | BULLETIN BOARD





New RCMW Zest satellite club members, Rotarians Rolly Manao & Blessie Canoy, were inducted during the Governor's visit.





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1st September 2022

PRESIDENT GIL G. CHUA
ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI WEST

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Makati City, 1227

Dear President Gil Chua,

INVITATION TO ROTARY CLUB OF PETALING JAYA'S 62ND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER – 14TH JANUARY 2023

On behalf of the Board and Members of your sister club, the Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya, we are truly proud and honoured to invite the Board and Members of the Rotary Club of Makati West to our 62nd Anniversary Celebration Dinner, which will be held on the 14th of January 2023.

After 2 years of the Covid-19 pandemic and our various national lockdowns, we are truly happy to finally be able to welcome our sister clubs back to celebrate our 62nd Anniversary in style. We have indeed missed your presence and look forward to hosting all of you next year.

The tentative itinerary are as follows:

12th January 2023:
Arrival in Kuala Lumpur & Transfer to Hotel
Welcome Dinner by RCPJ

13th January 2023:
Closed Golf Tournament between RCPJ & Sister Clubs
Concurrent: Spouse Program, organized by First Lady, Sumana Lum
Dinner Hosted by President Nicholas Chan

14th January 2023:
RCPJ Project Visits (National Kidney Foundation, Supermum Project)
Cultural Visit (Karyaneka)
62nd Anniversary Dinner

25th January 2023:
Departure from Kuala Lumpur



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The Organizing Committee has humbly requested that during your arrangement for flights, please ensure that your party arrives together to ease our pickup and please channel all hotel arrangements through us.

If you have any enquiries, you may contact me personally on this matter and I will pass your details along to the Committee Chair, alternatively you can also contact our TRF/International Service Director, PP Rianne Chin.

We look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Yours in Service,

Nicholas Chan Yee Soon
President, Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya
Rotary Year 2022/2023

Cc.
Datin Sivaneswari Pillay, Honorary Secretary
PP Rianne Chin, TRF/International Service Director

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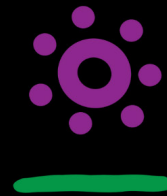
VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

"Vocational service gives Rotarians the opportunity to help others escape poverty and gain a measure of self-respect. As business and professional leaders, we have a duty to lead and encourage good ethics through vocation."
Carlos Frum, PDG D6440



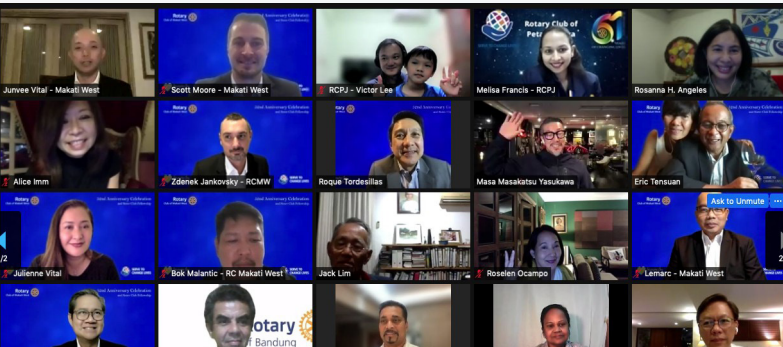
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THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

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- I. Is it the **Truth**?
- II. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- III. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- IV. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI WEST

- I. Is it **RECOGNITION**?
- II. Is it **RETENTION**?
- III. Is it **RECRUITMENT**?
- IV. Is it **FUN**?





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