

WEST SIDE STORY

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Club of Makati West



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2,282nd Meeting (since 1969)
November 12, 2020*



IN LOVING MEMORY
**SPS. LUZVIMINDA
"MINDA" LAMAN**

1938 - 2020

2 Corinthians 5:15 For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.

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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

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

EVENING MEETING - ARC GIN TASTING

Date: December 3, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 6pm - 8pm
GS: Mr. Ian Paradise Founder, Engkanto Craft Brewery

LUNCH MEETING

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

LUNCH MEETING - CLUB ASSEMBLY

Date: December 10, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm

TODAY'S PROGRAM

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

Invocation
RTN. PAUL DAZA

12:20 PM Philippine National Anthem (Video)

RCMW Hymn
RTN. NEWTON SMITH

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest

Introduction of Distinguished Personalities at the e-presidential table

Committee Announcements

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Sps. Lexi Berenguer-Testa	Nov 12
Rtn. Lars Wittig	Nov 13
Rtn. Paul Daza	Nov 16
Sps. Winnie Santiago	Nov 16

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rtn. Lars Wittig	
Sps. Kandy	Nov 12
Rtn. JP Sarabia	
Sps. Romina	Nov 15
Dir. Dino Dumatol	
Sps. Mitch	Nov 17

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

12:40 PM Introduction of the Guest Speaker
RTN. ROMAN AZANZA

Speech
RTN. BUTCH HIDALGO

Topic title: "What a CEO needs to tell his Board of Directors about the Climate Change Movement"

Moderator
PP MON GUERRERO



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!

Thirty years ago today (I'm writing this on the 9th), I gate crashed the birthday party of a golfing acquaintance. It turned out to be a decision that totally transformed my life as I met Chinot that evening. A year ago, I was invited last minute to an impromptu barbeque, where I met Emma. As I headed for an early flight to the US the next morning, I figured I'd risk my dignity in asking her out. A year later, and here I sit a very happy man.

I don't know the circumstances that led to PP Noel meeting Tita Minda. But for sure at some point they had a choice to make, a risk to take, and thankfully the path they chose led to a lifetime of happiness for them. We've all shared in the joy of their loving union, just as today we share in the grief of her loss, and smile inwardly at our memories of her. She was a beautiful lady.

The best speaker I ever saw in person is a gentleman called Miles Hilton-Barber. Told as a young man that he would go completely blind, he went badly off the rails. But then one day, aged 50, he decided to stop his self-pity and to live his life. Since then he has completed various crazy adventures that you need to read about to believe. They include running the Marathon des Sables (150 miles across the Sahara), setting the Malaysian Grand Prix lap record for a blind driver (230kph in a Lotus), circumnavigating 38,000 miles around the world using 80 different forms of transport, man-hauling a sledge over 400kms across the Antarctic, and climbing to over 17,500 feet in the Himalayas.

Miles' key messages are as follows: 1) the only limits in our lives are the ones we accept ourselves 2) you are only truly living when you step out of your comfort zone.

Life, as we all know, is a series of choices, risks and decisions. Since I heard him over twenty years ago, I've often forgotten Miles's words of wisdom, but every so often I remember them. And then I choose to do something uncomfortable, something different or simply something I've never tried before. Like joining a Rotary Club, or asking a girl out on a date for the first time in thirty years. Almost always, those choices lead to amazing improvements in my life, and they reinvigorate my sense of purpose. I feel alive.

2020 has certainly been a challenge for all of us, but it has also given us decisions to make about what we allow to limit us. We can sit in our comfort zone or we can expand it by learning new things, meeting new people, trying new foods, getting involved in new projects, taking on new challenges.

At RCMW we've each had our own decisions to make, and many of you have stepped forward. You've stepped forward to lead talks, to arrange events, to donate funds in difficult times, to put yourselves on the front line, to adopt new technologies, to try new formats for meetings and fellowships, to taste new gins. I have no doubt at all that in doing so, in stepping beyond our prior limits, we have grown and seized more of what the world has to offer..

Life is a risk. But the greatest risk is in not living it.

Yours in Zest,
Alasdair Thomson

SCOTCH CORNER

Today's word is:
"Heid" n., v. adj. [heed]

The Scottish equivalent of "head", seems a fairly simple word to learn but has many derivatives of interest to the scholar:

"Heidnipper" someone who is always nagging at you or scolding you

"Stick the heid on" / "Pit the heid on" / to headbutt someone, a common enough fighting technique in Scotland, also known as a "Glasgow kiss". Can also be used as an instruction to head the ball in football.

"Heid-the-baw" nominally a game involving heading a football off a wall, sort of like squash, but more commonly a kindly reference to an idiot (presumably because of the damage done from all that brain bashing), or sometimes a nickname for an unnamed person: "dinna look now but heid-the-baw's just turned up"



Scottish Heritage

BUNNAHABHAIN

Congratulations go first to anyone who knows how to pronounce this! It is Gaelic for "mouth of the river", and phonetically is something like "boon-a-have-an". It is a lovely Islay (pronounced "eye la") whisky and probably my personal favourite from that region. It has the peatiness that you would expect but without the harsh iodine / seaweed throat grab of some others.

The distillery was founded in 1883 and for almost 80 years, the only way to connect to it was by boat, before a new road in 1960 provided room for expansion. The last boat docked at the distillery in 1993. The company has changed hands in recent decades, resulting in more modern facilities and updated branding, but has also gone back to producing non-chillfiltered malts with natural colour at 46.3%.

Tasting Note by The Chaps at Master of Malt

Nose: Fresh, sweet. Seaweed, malt.

Palate: Soft, supple. Sherry, nutty. A little sweetness, malty, juicy sultana. Slightly coastal.

Finish: Sherried, mochaccino, herbal, balanced salty tang.



MODESTY ASIDE

Full Name: Alejandro M. Recto

Relationship and Family: Happily married for 29 years. I have 3 girls (Tres Marias), Felicia, Inez and Nina

Education and Training: Graduated Ateneo from Prep to 3rd Year High School with my last year spent in a Rotary Student Exchange program for a year in Bushnell, Illinois. Graduated BS Architecture in UST. Worked for 8 years then took my MBA in AIM.

Joined Amon Trading from 1995 to 2010. Formed my own company by swapping out of Amon Trading for the company I am still running today.



Amon Marketing Corporation



Day Job: I develop and manufacture my own products under the brand Nviro. These products are primarily used for construction. We sell both to products and dealers. I also make waterproofing products under the brand Nevada.

Work Fulfillment: To produce high quality performance products for my customers.

Work Challenge: Equipment and raw materials.

Special talents/interesting facts: I love to cook especially when it involves large meat pieces. I love taking my family with me on travels. Like our last trip to the US before the lockdown.



MEETING REVIEW - NOVEMBER 5, 2020



Sps. Rosanna Angeles acts as Moderator



Sps. Jenny De Los Santos acts as Invocator



Pres. Al Thomson during his President's Time



Visiting Rotarian Former Congressman Cesar Sarmeinto giving talk



Sps. Judith Cantada introduces the Guest Speaker



Rtn. Mark Sambar & Sps. Allen Sambar giving their talk

ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER



RTN. BUTCH HIDALGO

Mr. Augusto Hidalgo, Climate & Resilience Hub Practice Leader, SE Asia, Willis Towers Watson

Augusto leads WTW's Climate and Resilience Hub practice and works closely with Asian Development Bank, United Nations agencies, governments, regulators and other public and private sector institutions in the areas of climate and environmental resilience through development of risk-smart capital and innovative approaches to risk management. Augusto was the former CEO of the Nat Re, a publicly listed reinsurance company.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/09/2002 – 01/07/2003

MBA INCLUDING COURSES IN SUSTAINABILITY, FINANCE, ECONOMICS OPERATIONA – MBA Kellogg School of Management

01/09/2002 – 01/07/2003

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – York University – Schulich School of Business

01/09/1984 – 01/07/1988

BSC BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – University of the Philippines

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Co-chair, United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) – Principles of Sustainable Insurance.

National Resilience Council, Philippines – Policy advocacy on disaster risk financing and insurance with Philippine government, NGOs and the private sector

Chair, Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association (PIRA)

The insurance trade association advocates to, and interacts with, the Philippine Government and other sectors to create public awareness of the benefits and risk management and risk transfer, especially as it relates to disaster resilience

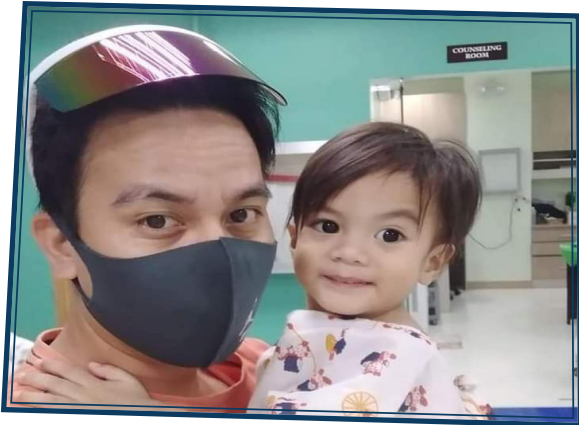
Countries of Work Experience

Australia, Cambodia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, VietNam

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

De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City

November 4-5, 2020



Bawiga, Patricio, 2 years old,
Pampanga, PDA Device Closure,
DLSMC



Lumanog, Jamaica 12 years old,
Benguet, PDA Device Closure, DLSMC



Gonzales, Samantha Nicole 9 yrs old,
Pampanga, Pre & Post Operation
(Closed Heart Surgery), PGH



JV Clyd Bosing, 2 years and 7 months,
Balacbac, Baguio City, PDA Device
Closure, DLSMC



Regunan, Kian Roeiz, 9 years old,
Taytay Rizal, PDA Device Closure,
DLSMC

RCMW ARTIFICIAL LIMBS PROJECT RY 20-21

Victory Liner, Quezon City

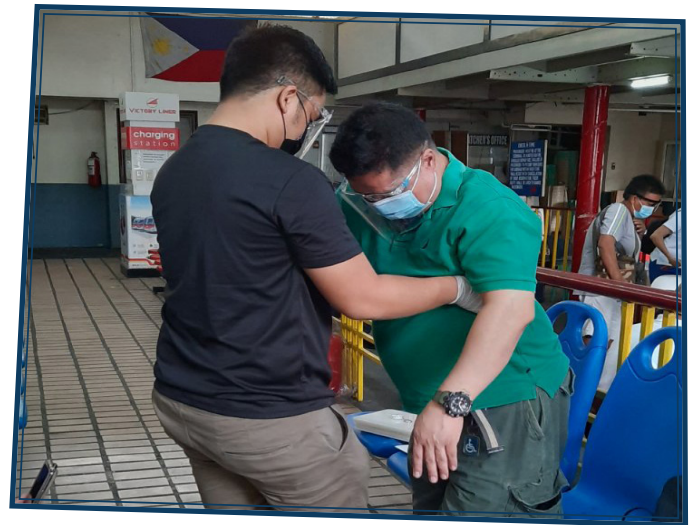
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THANK YOU LETTER FROM RCMW CATARACT PROJECT BENEFICIARY

November 3, 2020

MR. AL THOMSON
P r e s i d e n t
Rotary Club of Makati West
c/o Ms. Cynthia Andrade
via email: Cynthia.rcmw2@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Thomson:

My name is Rolando G. de Jesus and I am a recipient of the Rotary Club of Makati-West cataract eye surgery project conducted last October 31, 2020 at Med Surge Eye Center. My whole family joins me in extending our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to your Organization and all your officers and members, in sponsoring my operation.

No words could possibly express how happy I was when my wife, Luz, received a text message from Ms. Cynthia Andrade that I had been chosen by your good organization to receive a free cataract surgery. There are many challenges that come with living with cataract: difficulty in reading, driving was a chore, and I even thought television was going out because the picture quality seemed so bad. Now, my television has a great picture!

It is so nice to feel support from Rotary Club of Makati-West's invaluable project of free cataract surgery which I could not afford if I will spend for it myself. I feel so blessed and words really could not explain how appreciative I am of your generosity.

First and foremost, I thank God is really in control; and second, people like you who have care enough and able to donate funds to people like me who struggles and could not afford such operation. The Rotary Club of Makati-West went above and beyond to give us the help we needed – even reimbursing us the cost of the laboratory tests needed in preparation for the operation and providing our transportation costs going to Med Surge Eye Center and going to the doctor's clinic for checkup. These seem so rare these days and we were so appreciative.

My gratitude goes too to Drs. Timothy Tan and Dr. Eduardo Gomez, and Dra. Ma. Veronica Sanchez for getting me through surgery, keeping me comfortable, and staying so positive. Thank you for your knowledge and expertise in performing my recent cataract surgery and for caring for me (Dr. Tan during my post-op visit) today. I appreciate your professionalism and care. You are so gifted, and I thank God that you are the surgeons that did this for me. There is nothing more precious than the gift of sight, and I appreciate so much your efforts to improve mine.

Special thanks too to Cynthia Andrade of Rotary Club of Makati-West; Grace & Anne, secretary & staff of Dr. Timothy. They were kind, efficient, informative, and professionals.

Not to forget the Med Surge Eye Center staff who cared for me so well. They are alert, friendly and meticulous. They, personally, epitomize the word 'caring' in terms of treatment of patients. They were truly are health care professionals. These combinations made my experience so easy and the results outstanding

Apologies for this long letter, Sir Al Thomson. I just feel so inspired to write now that I can see clearly with my left eye. Know that your organization – the Rotary Club of Makati-West have truly made a difference in my life. I am thankful to God for people like you whom He has given the desire, resources, talent and expertise to help human kind.

With many thanks and prayer,
(Sgd.) ROLANDO G. DE JESUS

YOUR CLUB IN THE CLOUD

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

Weekly Meeting Videos

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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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Director	Christopher Dino Dumatul
Director	Gerardo Oliverio Laperal
Director	Lauro Leviste
Director	Davy Lim
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Royce Ann Ladan

Thank you for paying
your dues!!!

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Rtn. Elmer Francisco
Rtn. Timmy Chuidian
Rtn. Nono Ibazeta
Rtn. Gerry Limcaoco
Rtn. Gerry Laperal
Pres. Al Thomson
PP Jun Alvendia
Rtn. Tonito Payumo
PP TG Limcaoco
PP Ruy Moreno
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“Calling on the 21 members with annual dues that remain unpaid. Please contact Kai at ((0917) 543-1709 if you would like your payment picked up.”

Please be informed that checks
must be payable to:

**ROTARY FOUNDATION
OF MAKATI WEST, INC.**

Bank Details:

ACCOUNT NO: 001680053572
BRANCH: PHILAM TOWER VALERO
BANK NAME: BANCO DE ORO

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deposit slip, your payment will
remain outstanding in our records.

“We have unidentified deposits in our account, if you have already paid it is important for us to receive your deposit slip so we can account. Thank you”