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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



LUNCH MEETING

GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM
PP Roque S. Tordesillas & Dir. Charles S. Rufino

Date: February 6, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm




Rotarians are invited to join the

**CADRE SITE VISIT
GG# 2342941**

Gift of Life program
at De Los Santos Medical Center
February 12, 2025, Wednesday
9am-12nn

Cadre Interim site visit for Global Grant No. 2342941

Gift of life Program
Date: February 12, 2025/ Wednesday
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Time: 9am-12nn



LUNCH MEETING

PP Erwyn Alcomendras
Chair, Global Grants, D3830
Past President
Rotary Club of Makati San Lorenzo

Date: February 13, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



RYLA'25
ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS
Making Magic to a Reality!

FEBRUARY 15-16, 2025 AT
BAKASYUNAN TANAY RESORT

**JOIN NOW!
REGISTER NOW!**



ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Date: February 15-16, 2025
Venue: Bakasyunan Tanay Resort

RC Makati West sponsored
2 Rotaractors & 2 Interactors



Valentine's Dinner Fellowship

Date: February 19, 2025 Wednesday
Venue: TBA
Time: 6pm-onwards



TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order
PE DINO DUMATOL

Invocation

Philippine National Anthem (video)

12:30 PM RC Makati West Hymn

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guest:

Introduction of Personalities at the
Presidential Table;

Committee announcement

12:45 PM President's Time
PE DINO DUMATOL

Introduction of Guest Speaker
PP LARRY OCAMPO

1:00 PM Speech
PP ROQUE S. TORDESILLAS
Past President, RY. 2005-2006

DIR. CHARLES S. RUFINO
CHAIR, GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM
RY. 2024-2025

Token of Appreciation

Moderator
IPP DAX CARLOS

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



February 1
RTN. LITO MERCADO
Birthday



February 2
RTN. RAMON ARNAIZ
Birthday



February 2
SPS. TRISHA PERTIERRA
Birthday



February 3
SPS. LULU AVELLANA
Birthday



February 6
RTN. NELSON AQUINO
Birthday



February 8
SPS. KANDY WITTIG
Birthday



February 4
PP ERNIE FAJARDO & SPS. NINING
Wedding Anniversary



February 8
RTN. JAVI BERENQUER-TESTA & SPS. LEXI
Wedding Anniversary



GUEST SPEAKER
PP ROQUE S. TORDESILLAS
PAST PRESIDENT, RY. 2005-2006

2025 marks Roque's 26th year of service as an active member of the Rotary Club of Makati West, (RCMW). He served the club as President in RY 2005-2006.

In 2014, Roque was one of the founding committee members of the Guardian Angel Program (GAP); a program organized to look after and provide sustainable support to the RCMW Gift of Life beneficiaries and their families.

He has spent the last 3 decades of his professional career growing businesses in both entrepreneurial and corporate roles including 11 years as a senior executive and member of the board of directors of the Marsh & McLennan Risk Management and insurance group's Philippine office.

Prior to joining Marsh, Roque was the country president of US Trading (Philippines), Inc., an industrial trading company engaged in the sales and distribution of non-ferrous metals, chemicals, paper, and related products.

Roque also previously served as president of Balesin Corporation, managing the resort and agricultural operations on Balesin Island, Quezon Province.

Roque is also currently president of Ramroc Corporation. Ramroc is a privately owned Philippine company with business in real estate, renewable energy, and industrial trading.

Roque was one of the original founders of Urbasolar Philippines, a renewable energy development company which is today named Telos Energy Philippines.

In 2025, Roque joined ACEN Renewables Corporation, to head the Large Scale Solar Development Team for the firm.

Roque is 56 years old, He attended grade school and high school in Southridge, and college in the University of the Philippines, majoring in History.

Roque is married to Maritoni and they have two children, Emilio (26 years old) and Tessa, (20 years old). Together they are proud to be a "Makati West family."



GUEST SPEAKER
CHARLES S. RUFINO
CHAIR, GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM

Charles brings two decades of experience in property management to his role. He oversaw the development of a portfolio of mid- to low-rise mixed-use buildings in Makati, Cubao, Manila, and Taguig for his family's business.

His background also includes a strong foundation in finance. Before real estate, Charles worked in San Francisco as a mutual fund trader for Bank of America Investment Services and Morgan Stanley. Upon returning to the Philippines in 1999, he served as Marketing Manager for All Asia Asset Management and subsequently led the bancassurance services group at Citicorp beginning in 2001.

Charles is a graduate of Burlingame High School and holds a degree in Economics from San Francisco State University. He is married to Teresa and has two sons, Leandro and Pablo.

Charles is a dedicated Rotarian and a proven leader within RCMW. He joined the Club in 2014. Under the presidency and his Proposer PP AP Bartolome, His commitment is evident in his three consecutive years (2022-2025) chairing the Guardian Angel Program. He also demonstrated exceptional leadership during the challenging pandemic year of 2020-2021, leading the Cool Summer project. Beyond these key roles, Charles has contributed significantly as co-chair of the Mass Wedding event, served two years (2023-2025) on the Board of Directors, and regularly participates in cast performances for inductions and anniversaries.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Guardian Angel Program

TLDR: Become a ward. Join the Guardian Angel Program. If you don't know what TLDR is, you're probably entitled to a 20% discount at restaurants (VAT free too.)

Dear Zesters,

I don't have much to report other than the DSWD struggles, so this is going to be a short one (that's what she said.)

Last meeting, Professor Dante Canlas spoke about the Philippine economy and the policy challenges the current administration is facing. The Philippine economy in 2024 faced challenges due to global inflation, but the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) successfully managed to reduce inflation through interest-rate hikes without causing a recession. The main challenge for the economy in 2025 and beyond is the chronic budget deficits and ballooning public debt inherited from the previous administration. The huge public debt poses risks like crowding out development projects and potentially leading to a debt default. To address these challenges, a consensus on a responsible deficit-reduction program is needed, along with measures to improve fiscal space and economic diplomacy to strengthen regional trade. Additionally, policymakers need to focus on recovering lost grounds in per capita GDP and implement development strategies to accelerate sustained and



inclusive growth. Nonetheless, one cannot help but admire the Filipino capacity to persevere and thrive.

This weekend Dra. Go, Dr. Cheng, and the Delos Santos Medical Center team will be going to Cong. Paul Daza home province of Northern Samar for a medical mission. Cong. Paul has been absolutely instrumental in the growth of our flagship program, Gift of Life. We can finally say, Gift of Life is present in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. Last week, Dra. Go and team were in Davao Doctor's Hospital cementing our partnership through action. Cong. Paul, thank you. From the bottom of the pretending to be tough but really are soft as marshmallow hearts of RCMW, thank you.

This week, we are dedicating an entire meeting to the Guardian Angel Program. Dafuq is it? Well, first judge a book by its cover. The Guardian Angel Program is led by PP Roque and Dir. Charlie Rufino. Do women want to be with them? Do men want to be them? Ya.

The Guardian Angel program provides vital support to children who have received heart surgeries through our Gift of Life program. Recognizing that these children, from disadvantaged backgrounds in developing countries, require more than just medical intervention, the program offers a comprehensive network of care that extends beyond the operating room. Knowing that someone believes in you, knowing that you are enough makes all the difference in the world. Basically, giving a sh*t.

The Guardian Angel program (GAP) ensures that each child's journey to recovery is as smooth and comfortable

as possible. Further, GAP looks out for children well past their surgery. The surgery is an event. What follows is a journey. You too can be part of a journey. One that makes a difference in someone's life.

Dedicated volunteers serve as "Guardian Angels," offering personalized support, companionship, and guidance every step of the way. This includes checking up on one's wards, providing some financial assistance, and offering unwavering emotional support to both the child and their family during this challenging time.

By addressing the physical, emotional, and financial needs of these young patients, the Guardian Angel program embodies the true spirit of Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self." It demonstrates the profound impact that dedicated individuals can have on the lives of vulnerable children, ensuring they receive not only the gift of life, but also the gift of hope, healing, and a brighter future.

Peace.

PS. TLDR = too long, don't read.

Gerardo Oliverio "Gerry" V. Laperal
President, RY 2024-2025
Rotary Club of Makati West



THE WEEK IN REVIEW

January 30, 2025



Rtn. Lemarc Limosnero as Moderator



Rtn. Scott Moore as Invocator



Pres. Gerry Laperal during his President's Time



PP Ruy Moreno Introduces the guest of honor



Dr. Dante B. Canlas in his speech



Dr. Dante B. Canlas received a Gift of Life Certificate from the club





WEST SIDE STORY











Monierashayne Zaileene B. Cabrera
4 years old, female
P2, Ibung, Villaverde, Nueva Vizcaya

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
February 5, 2025



Alyzza Kim C. Banggawan
5 years old, female
Taga, Pinukpuk, Kalinga

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
February 5, 2025



PROJECT UPDATES

GIFT OF LIFE

GOL RY 2024-2025



Asher James S. Salazar
6 years old, male
Gahol, Taal, Batangas

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
February 5, 2025



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GIFT OF LIFE

GOL RY 2024-2025



**Salloman
Nathalie Guin
M.**

Nathalie Guin M. Salloman
3 years old, female
Ilocano compd., Sta. Rosa 2
Marilao, Bulacan

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
February 5, 2025



**SOPHIA P.
TABOTABO**

Sophia P. Tabotabo
1 year old, female
Purok Pioneer, Barangay Poblacion, Santo
Nino South Cotabato

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
February 5, 2025



January 21, 2025

Dear President Gerry Laperal and the Rotary Club of Makati West,

On behalf of our President Elect Cleigh Pang and 75th Anniversary Celebration Chair Derek Tenn, ALOHA from Hawaii!

We are currently planning to celebrate our Club's 75th Anniversary and are considering different venues to hold our events. It will be of much help with our planning if you can provide a rough estimate of how many people plan on attending our 75th Anniversary Celebration from your club. At this time, we are only asking for an estimated head count.

An Official Invitation and Sign-Up sheet will be sent to your club in the next few months.

Here are the dates of our 75th Anniversary. We will greatly appreciate it if you can provide us with your estimate by February 12, 2025.

75th Anniversary Celebration: October 16, 17, 18, 2025

October 16, 2025: Golf at Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course. Optional day for those wanting to play golf. Limited to 30 spots.

October 17, 2025: Welcome Reception Dinner at Honolulu Elks Lodge 616

October 18, 2025: 75th Anniversary Banquet Dinner at Prince Waikiki

Sincerely,
Cleight Pang, President Elect 2025-26
Derek Tenn, Past President and 75th Anniversary Chair



Dear President Gerry Laperal
Rotary Club of Makati West

We are excited to announce that the Rotary Club of Singapore West (RCSW) will be celebrating a major milestone - our 65th Anniversary - in 2025!

This momentous occasion will be celebrated with the Installation of our 67th President.

Save the date: Thursday, 3rd July 2025!

We want to give you a heads up, so you can keep this date in mind when planning your own Club activities.

A formal invitation with more details will follow in due time.

We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you in Singapore.

Best regards,

Dr Libin Ma
President, RY 2024-2025

Kong Chee Hoh
President Elect, RY 2024-2025
President, RY 2025-2026

Rotary Club of Singapore West

FEBRUARY IS



PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/ RESOLUTION MONTH

"Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict -- alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence." Dorothy Thompson



TAKE ACTION: Engage Rotary, Change Lives



Missed out on past events?

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55th Induction & Handover Ceremony

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