

WEST SIDE Rotary Club of Makati West

STORY



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2,283rd Meeting (since 1969)
November 19, 2020

Save the Date - December 3, 2020 Craft Beer Master Class



IAN PARADIES

Founder, Engkanto Craft Brewery

JOSH KARTEN

Brew Master, Engkanto Craft Brewery

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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

JOINT 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

EVENING MEETING - BEER TASTING

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

LUNCH MEETING

Date: December 17, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm

TODAY'S PROGRAM

6:00 PM	Call to Order PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON	6:15 PM	President's Time PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
6:05 PM	Invocation RTN. ROBERT YUPANGCO	6:20 PM	Introduction of the Guest Speaker RTN. DERRICK SANTOS
	Philippine National Anthem (Video)		Speech MR. MATTHEW WESTFALL COO & Head Distiller, Full Circle Craft Distillers
	RCMW Hymn PP LITO JIMENEZ		<i>"ARC Gin tasting Evening"</i>
	Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest		Moderator PP JUNVEE VITAL
	Introduction of Distinguished Personalities at the e-presidential table		
	Committee Announcements		
	BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS		
	Dir. Gerry Laperal	Nov 21	
	Rtn. Nory Reyes-Lao	Nov 21	
	Treas. Tristan Choa	Nov 22	
	PP Bobby Lim	Nov 22	



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!

Most of you know that football (the sport you play with your feet, not that American head-bashing fest) is one of my passions. I'm like most Scots in that sense. Football is in our soul. As a young boy, Scotland had some great players and we almost always qualified for major tournaments like the World Cup. The sight of the Tartan Army at a football tournament is truly something to behold: a sea of plaid, a cacophony of singing and bagpipes, plenty of laughter and a determination to make friends. It has long been something I have wanted to share directly with my kids.

Unfortunately, since my eldest son was born, Scotland has failed to qualify for any tournament finals. I always joke with him that he has been a jinx! So this last week, when we beat Serbia in a nail-biting play-off to qualify for the European Championship Finals, the whole nation and the entire Thomson household was on Cloud 9.

The following day, I awoke to the devastating floods across our country as a result of Typhoon Ulysses. And the day after that I rose to beautiful blue skies and flat seas.

I've always struggled to some extent with the flat-palmed, in-your-face, what-you-going-to-do-about-it contrasts of living in the Philippines. The abject poverty right outside the gates of Forbes Park or Ayala Alabang; the cardboard shacks and mange-ridden dogs on the approach to Punta Fuego; the beautiful sunset boat ride when thousands are stranded on their roof-tops; the elation of a football victory when hundreds have died..

It strikes me that there are different ways of dealing with those juxtapositions. One way is simply to learn to turn a blind eye, to focus on your own life and circumstances and find peace in your ignorance. At the other extreme, you can devote yourself to helping on the front line, leaving behind your soft comforts to share in the hardship and make things better from the bottom up, in the way that Roy Moore has done in Payatas with Fairplay For all.

Unfortunately, 99% of us lack Roy's courage and conviction. Fortunately most of us are unable to turn a blind eye.

Critically, for those of us in Rotary, we have an infrastructure through which we can directly assist whilst only stepping as far out of our comfort zone as we feel capable of doing. In our projects, we can be as hands on as we like. We can devote our time and our talent directly, or we can provide funding so others can do so on our behalf. And of course we can do both. But we NEED to do one or the other or else we are no form of Rotarian.

And the more we do so, the harder it is for those around us in equal privilege to turn a blind eye.

What did YOU do yesterday to balance the scales? It is a question I ask myself every morning. I hope you do too

Yours in Zest,
Alasdair Thomson

Today's word is:
SKOOSH, v., n., adv. Also sc(h)oosh. [skuf]

Skoosh is an onomatopoeic word that has come to have many different meanings. Although it may be considerably older, written evidence for skoosh first appears in the late nineteenth century.

Skoosh ably describes the smooth movement of an object, sliding around in liquid-like flow. So your bag of chips (accompaniment to fish) might be "skooshed" down the counter towards you. In days of old, the word became associated with the sound made by tramcars skiting along at speed, with the result that they were known as "skoosh-cars".

In Glasgow at least, it also means a drink, and most notably soda (almost certainly Irn Bru), I suspect because if you squished a plastic bottle it would "skoosh" out of the top. But I certainly remember buying a bottle of "skoosh" at the local shops.

Finally, it also means "easy", or something non-problematic. "How was the long 16th on the back nine?" "Ach, I birdied it again. It's a total skoosh"



Scottish Heritage

Loch Lomond

At 71 square kilometres in surface area, Loch (the "ch" sounds like you are clearing your throat) Lomond is the largest freshwater lake in the UK and is a "must see" destination for anyone visiting Scotland. The famous eponymously titled song tells the story of two Scots imprisoned in England, one of whom is sentenced to die, but who poetically reflects to his companion:

"O ye'll take the high road and I'll take the low road
And I'll be in Scotland afore ye
But me and my true love will never meet again
On the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond"*

Being just 14 miles outside of Glasgow, Loch Lomond sits in a fabulous National Park and offers all sorts of water sports, fishing, camping and climbing activities, and has few decent restaurants. There is also what we in Scotland consider to be a spectacularly exclusive and expensive private golf course, where I once saw a

speedboat sitting in a bunker; the result of too much afternoon wine and not enough caution with the throttle.

The island in the picture, complete with its own population of wallabies, was recently sold for just over \$700k.

*Membership is \$75k! Manila Golfers eat your heart out!!!



MODESTY ASIDE



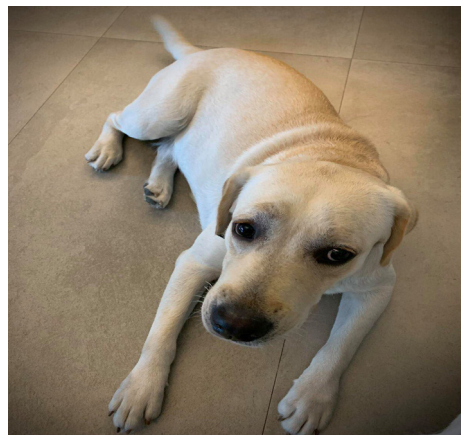
Full name: Charles Raymund S. Rufino

We call you as: Charlie

Relationship and family: Married to Teresa. 2 kids Leandro (13 yrs) and Pablo (10 yrs.) And Kookie (Labrador)

Education: San Francisco State University (Economics)

Day Job: Managing Director RJCM Real Estate/ LeRuf Realty Co. Property Management and Development.



Work Fulfillment: To be able to provide safe, clean and affordable housing to families, students and businesspeople and live comfortably.

Work Challenges: Looking for properties at a great location and affordable price.

Hang out place: There's no place like home

GOAT: Larry Bird and Tiger Woods

Poison/drink of choice: Negroni, Red Wine, Bourbon

Special Talents: Cooking and fixing things around the house.

Post covid getaway plans: Travel to Japan and do a food tour!

Rotary Goals: To join several club projects/missions and learn about the lives of the people we have served and helped.



MEETING REVIEW - NOVEMBER 12, 2020



PP Mon Guerrero acts as Moderator



Rtn. Paul Daza acts as Invocator



Pres. Al Thomson during his President's Time



Rtn. Roman Azanza introduces the Guest Speaker



Rtn. Butch Hidalgo giving his talk



Rotarians while listening to Rtn. Butch Hidalgo

ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER



MR. MATTHEW WESTFALL

COO & Head Distiller, Full Circle Craft Distillers

Matthew Westfall co-founded Full Circle Craft Distillers Co., a passion project that aims to place the Philippines on the global craft spirits map. As Head Distiller and Chief Operating Officer, Matthew heads the team behind Full Circle's award-winning line of artisanal Archipelago spirits, which have quickly emerged as the top craft spirits brand in the Philippines and can now be found in selected markets in Asia, Europe and the US.

Matthew Westfall is an urban planner, documentary filmmaker and writer with over 30 years of experience in the field of international development. Matthew has broad-based expertise in urban infrastructure project operations, economic and sector work, public-private partnerships, regional cooperation, and external relations and communications. He has led multidisciplinary teams on large investment projects, complex training and capacity building programs for local governments and communities, and strategy formulation and policy dialogue with donors and clients.

As an urban sector expert, Matthew provided leadership and strategic management for operations in the Central and West Asia Region (Pakistan, Afghanistan, Central Asia and the South Caucasus) and developed a robust loan pipeline. He established and managed ADB's Azerbaijan Resident Mission in Baku, where he led lending and technical assistance programs that targeted municipal development, transport, urban water supply and sanitation, renewable energy, and education. As regional director based in Frankfurt, Germany, Matthew oversaw operations in 10 Central and West Asia countries. He also served as ADB's country director in Kazakhstan where he led project operations, private sector development and external relations and outreach.

Matthew is an award-winning writer, producer and director of film and video productions that tackle the issues of poverty, megacities, gender disparities, education and the environment. His documentary productions, garnering an array of festival awards, have been broadcast worldwide, narrated by such celebrities as Malcolm McDowell, Willem Dafoe, and F. Murray Abraham. On Borrowed Land, executive produced by Oliver Stone, premiered at the Hawaii International Film Festival, leading to policy changes that have helped address urban poverty in the Philippines. His public service announcements, featuring the music of Enya, have aired globally on CNN and Bloomberg.

In his spare time, Matthew enjoys writing and exploring history. His first work of narrative nonfiction, *The Devil's Causeway*, a story about the early American military experience in the Philippines, was published by Lyons Press in September 2012, garnering a coveted starred review from *Publisher's Weekly*. The paperback edition of *The Devil's Causeway* was released in March 2020.

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

National Children's Hospital, Quezon City

November 10, 2020



Noah Jeron Dris, 2yrs old, San Narciso Zambales, PGH, Closed Heart Surgery



Infante, Janice Eunice 1yr old, Angeles City Pampanga, PGH, Open Heart Surgery



Carl John Nunez, 11yrs old, pulido compound panapaan bacoor cavite, PGH, Open Heart Surgery



Yoona Hernandez, 1 yr and 5 mos old, Tanauan City Batangas, NCH Open Heart Surgery



Zion Gabriel Austria Patulot, 2 yrs old, Rosario Batangas, NCH Open Heart Surgery

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

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13VwucxVYyERj8ioFTWO_HbZC8loHuLNP?usp=sharing

Fireside Chat Archive

West Side Story

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1oa3zrZT6FzmWOYRX7i3Y6TYKAiyQsct3?usp=sharing>



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Thank you for paying
your dues!!!

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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
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BANK NAME: BANCO DE ORO

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