

WEST SIDE STORY

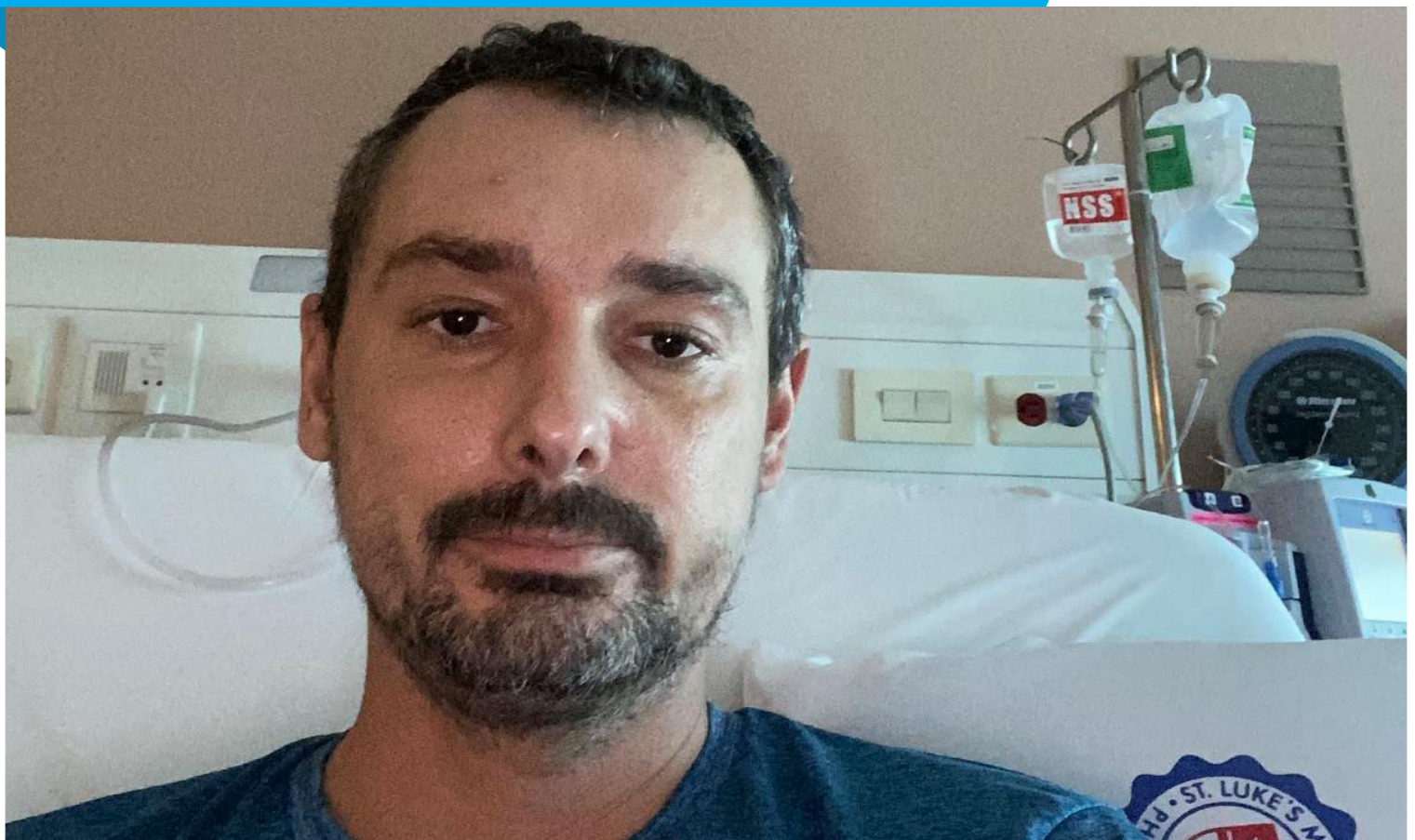
Rotary Club of Makati West



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2,265th Meeting (since 1969)
July 9, 2020

Get well soon Zdenek - Baby Rotarian of the Year 2019-2020!



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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

LUNCH MEETING

Date: July 16, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm
GS: Rtn. Newton Smith
 Vice President, Head of Digital
 Business, Cognizant
Topic: The Future of Work

LUNCH MEETING

Date: July 23, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm
GS: Mr. Henry Motte-Nunez
 EdukasyonPH
Topic: Education Post COVID

LUNCH MEETING

Date: July 30, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm
GS: Mr. Nico Bolzico
 Founder, LM10 Inc.

LUNCH MEETING

Date: August 6, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm
GS: Ms. Maria Necita "GiGi"
 Geronimo
 General Manager
 Crawford & Company Global
 Business Services Center

TODAY'S PROGRAM

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

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

12:20 PM Invocation
RTN. RON CANG

12:40 PM Introduction of the Guest Speaker
RTN. PAUL DAZA

Philippine National Anthem
 RCMW Hymn
 Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and
 Guest
 Introduction of Personalities
 at the Presidential Table
 Committee Announcements

Speech
MS. RACHEL RENUCCI-TAN
 President
 TAN-EU Capitalas

Moderator
PP BOBBY LIM

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Rtn. Patrick Dionisio	Jul 6
Sps. Catherine Smith	Jul 9
PDG Oskie De Venecia	Jul 10
PP Noel Laman	Jul 10
Rtn. Roman Azanza	Jul 12
Sps. Maritoni Tordesillas	Jul 13
IPP Eric Tensuan	Jul 15

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

PDG Oskie De Venecia	
Sps. Connie	Jul 7
Rtn. Jon Rocha	
Sps. Ana	Jul 10
Rtn. Tope Narciso	
Sps. Maria Isabel	Jul 15



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!

Gratitude is always a good place to start or end your day, and as I write this first message as your President for 2020-21 I find myself full of that sentiment.

I'm grateful to all of you who attended our Handover and Induction meeting in person or via Zoom last week, and to all those in our team who helped to put it together so successfully. Worthy of special mention of course are: your Board, who's performance of Zoom on Zoom maintained a tradition of "entertainment" despite the difficult circumstances; your Secretariat, who made sure all the specifics of the day were fulfilled despite my ignorance of what was required; the production team of Rem, GA and Roselyn who delivered the videos and the broadcast in their usual high-quality, HD way; the owners, management and staff of Barcino who fed us all so deliciously and provided a safe environment in which we could meet.

I'm sure we are all especially grateful to hear that our brother Zdenek is slowly on the mend after his very worrying encounter with Covid-19. The irony that one of our members who has done most in the current crisis should be the one to find himself ill is a bitter one. His ordeal should surely remind us to take the relevant precautions for our own health and well-being as best fits our circumstances. There is a long way to go with this pandemic.

I'm grateful to Rachel Renucci-Tan for having agreed to be the first of what I am sure will be many thought-provoking and inspirational speakers over the next year. Rachel is my fellow alumna from INSEAD and her story is one that makes all who hear it sit up and question their role in life. There aren't many in the world who give up a comfortable life overlooking the Eiffel Tower to work in the rice fields of Leyte!

I'm very grateful to have the opportunity to lead our Club, and to do so on behalf of such a great group of members. It is truly an honour.

Finally, I'm grateful to those of you who have paid your dues already, and to those who have committed Paul Harris donations, for without those funds we can achieve nothing. I look forward to being even more grateful in the weeks to come!

Yours in Zest,
Al Thomson

Today's word is:

“Dreich”

This is a particularly onomatopoeic word to describe miserable, cold wet weather, usually accompanied by low grey skies and a steady drizzle or rain. We seldom have this in Scotland of course, unless we have English visitors, in which case we have it non-stop in an attempt to encourage them to return home.

Scottish Heritage

IRN BRU

This carbonated, non-alcoholic (yes, not ALL drinks in Scotland contain alcohol) soda is a National Treasure. Apparently, Scotland is the only country in the world where the best-selling soda is not either Coke or Pepsi. This drink is a legendary hangover cure, though recent tampering with the recipe to reduce the sugar content has led to near revolution.

There is a solid underground trade in Balikbayan Boxes full of the stuff between Scots in Manila.



A can of Irn Bru on a dreich day in Scotland.



ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER



MS. RACHEL RENUCCI-TAN

President of Chen Yi Agventures Inc.
Producers of Rennuci Rice

Born and raised in the Philippines, Rachel Renucci Tan is an entrepreneur with over 20 years' experience in international business, across different sectors.

After having lived abroad for more than half of her life, Rachel returned to the Philippines and founded Chen Yi Agventures ("CYA") in 2015. CYA is a sustainable and fully-integrated rice processing business whose profits depend on uplifting farmers from poverty, increasing their productivity and providing Filipinos with locally produced, high quality rice. CYA is also committed to helping our country achieve national selfsufficiency in rice.

Rachel founded TAN-EU Capital in 2009 – a real estate funds investment management company based in Hong Kong and investing in China real estate. TAN-EU provides access to global capital across Europe, the Middle East and Asia. TAN-EU successfully raised US\$400 million from blue-chip institutional investors at the height of the global financial crisis in 2009. TAN-EU also restructured and managed a troubled US\$1 billion China real estate fund from 2012 – 2015.

For over 15 years, Rachel worked in real estate investment banking in London and Paris. She was Managing Director for Europe of the Real Estate Private Group at Macquarie Capital in London, Managing Director and Global Head for Real Estate and Private Equity at Société Générale Asset Management in London and Paris, Director at HSBC Real Estate Investment Specialists in London and Associate Director at DTZ Corporate Finance in London.

In 1993, in her twenties, Rachel founded Maxi-Media International which developed into one of the largest entertainment companies in the Philippines. She exited that investment in 1999 as the Asian financial crisis gripped the country, using the proceeds to fund her education at INSEAD.

Rachel was educated in the Philippines, the United States and France and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Hampshire College and an MBA from INSEAD. Rachel is fluent in English, Pilipino, French, Mandarin and Fookien.

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HANDOVER & INDUCTION

Barcino UpTown Mall, BGC Taguig

July 2, 2020



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ATTACHING LINKS TO THE HANDOVER & INDUCTION

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Full Induction Video

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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ygTBmuacsNdATQqsgSC0NHrED6ZE2eCC/view?usp=sharing>



**RC Makati West Board of Directors
Induction Performance - ZOOM!**

<https://youtu.be/S4Yqxpzo0D4>



IPP Eric B. Tensuan the Giant

<https://youtu.be/48AOQ5MLiSA>



You can call me Pres. Al

<https://youtu.be/n8BaQwBPa7I>



GIVE A DUCK, SAVE A LIFE

Early in June, PP Jay Tambunting announced that Gift of Life International would be holding a fun fund raising event on 4th July: 300 plastic ducks would be set afloat to race down the Hudson River, with the first past the finishing post raising \$5,000 for its owner.



1 in 300 Chance to Win \$5,000 Cash

All proceeds will benefit
Gift of Life International
to heal more
little hearts around the world.

**Duck Race will take place
while social distancing**

Live on
Gift of Life International Facebook
Saturday, July 4th, 2020

www.giftoflifeinternational.org

To support our long-time partners at GOL International, President Al offered the first 10 members to sign up a "Buy One Get One Free" promotion. We would like to recognise the following members for their generous support, the first 10 of whom had two chances to win the prize.

#	Donor	#	Donor
97,130	Treas. Tristan Choa	104,136	PP Eric Angeles
98,131	Rtn Chito Santiago	105,137	Sec. Javi Berenguer-Testa
100,132	Rtn Elmer Francisco	138	PP Jay Tambunting
101,133	Dir Lito Mercado	128,139	Rtn Jimmy Bautista
102,134	Dir Gerry Laperal	129,140	Rtn Mark Sambar
103,135	Rtn RJ Tabuena	141	IPP Eric Tensuan
		155	Chairman Gerry Limcaoco

The race went ahead as planned, though sadly the winning number #89 was not bred by one of our fine members. Maybe we should stick to Sabong...

Thanks to all who contributed. Ultimately the winners will be children with heart problems both here in the Philippines and overseas.

P.s. for the record, Rob Raylman (our GOLI best pal and honorary member of Makati West) was able to round up over \$5k in funding for our latest GOL Global Grant application, which we hope will be matched by The Rotary Foundation when approved.

FACE MASK DONATION TO HOPE WORLDWIDE PHILIPPINES

Together with RC Makati Uptown, RCMW turned over to HOPE Worldwide Phil (HWP) the Face Masks donated by RC Kowloon West which will be distributed in turn to social workers and children in Payatas. PP Jay Tambunting represented Makati West during the event, held last 1st July - the very first project impact during the term of Pres. Al!



For two decades and a half, HWP has provided child protection and advocacy services, education, health and nutrition services, life-saving emergency supplies during disasters, community support services, professional services and most importantly the presence of caring full-time staff, donors, partners and volunteers who work directly with poor children and families.

RY 2020-2021 Officers Directors & Club Advisers

President	Alasdair Thomson
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Director	Epifanio Delos Santos
Director	Christopher Dino Dumatul
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Director	Lauro Leviste
Director	Davy Lim
Director	Lito Mercado
Sgt.-at-Arms	Juan Antonio Carlos
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Club Adviser	PDG Tony Rufino
Club Adviser	PDG Oscar De Venecia
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Club Adviser	PP Antonio Tambunting III
Club Adviser	PP Phillip Hagedorn
Club Adviser	PP Fern Peña
Club Adviser	PP Eric Angeles
Club Adviser	PP Ramon Guerrero
Club Adviser	PP Aurelio Paulo R. Bartolome
Club Adviser	PP Victor L. Vital

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Thank you for paying your dues!!!

Pres. Al Thomson
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Treas. Tristan Choa
Rtn. Timmy Chuidian
PDG Oskie De Venecia
Rtn. Patrick Dionisio
Rtn. Elmer Francisco
Rtn. Nono Ibazeta
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Rtn. Gerry Limcaoco
PP TG Limcaoco
Rtn. Aris Malantic
Rtn. Scott Moore
PP Ruy Moreno
Rtn. Tonito Payumo
Rtn. Jon Rocha
PDG Tony Rufino
Rtn. Timmy Tan
PRID Guiller Tumangan
Rtn. Cesar Villanueva

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Dir. Gerry Laperal
PP Eric Angeles
PP Jay Tambunting
Rtn. Gerry Limcaoco
PDG Oskie De Venecia
PP Jun Alvendia
PRID Guiller Tumangan

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must be payable to:

ROTARY FOUNDATION OF MAKATI WEST, INC.

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BANK NAME: BANCO DE ORO

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you have already paid it is important for us to
receive your deposit slip so we can account.
Thank you"