





OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI WEST Vol. 2 RY 2024-2025 | 2,428th Meeting (since 1969) | July 18, 2024

## Thursday Lunch Meeting Pres. Gerry Laperal Club Assembly July 11, 2024





Today's Guest Speaker:

FRANCIS TOSEI HASEGAWA CO-OWNER LIT (BAR) MANILA

www.rcmakatiwest.ph www.fb.com/RCMWD3830

# In this issue:

Monthly Activities	3
Today's Program	
Guest Speaker	5
President's Message	
The week in review	8
Rotaract 1st Leader's Meeting	13
Gift of Life	15
RI Theme & Links	16
Acknowledgements	17









MR. FRANCIS TOSEI HASEGAWA Co-Owner LIT (BAR) Manila Date: July 18, 2024/ Thursday Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel Time: 12nn-2pm



# <text><section-header><section-header><section-header>





#### LUNCH MEETING

Guest Speaker: TBA Date: July 25, 2024/ Thursday Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel Time: 12nn-2pm

#### **MEMBERSHIP GROWTH WORKSHOP**

Date: July 27, 2024/ Saturday Venue: Makati Rotary Foundation Building Time: 1pm-5pm

#### LUNCH MEETING

Guest Speaker: TBA Date: August 1, 2024/ Thursday Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel Time: 12nn-2pm

#### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION WORKSHOP

Date: August 10, 2024/ Saturday Venue: UMak Auditorium Time: 1pm-5pm



12:15 PM Call to Order VP ROBBIE LEVISTE

> Invocation RTN. BINKY DIZON

Philippine National Anthem (video)

<sup>12:30 PM</sup>RC Makati West Hymn RCMW Members

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guest:

Introduction of Personalities at the Presidential Table;

Committee announcements

12:45 PM President's Time VP ROBBIE LEVISTE

Introduction of Guest Speaker PP JUNVEE VITAL

1:00 PM Speech MR. FRANCIS TOSEI HASEGAWA Co-Owner LIT (Bar) Manila

Token of Appreciation

Moderator DIR. LEMARC LIMOSNERO

> July 31 PP LARRY OCAMPO

Birthday

#### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS





July 21 SPS. ANNETTE DEL ROSARIO Birthday



July 23 SPS. ASRA CONLU Birthday



July 25 RTN. RJ TABUENA Birthday









July 19 DIR. DODIE POBLETE & SPS. MARA Wedding Anniversary



July 24 DIR. EPIFANIO DELOS SANTOS & SPS. JENNY Wedding Anniversary



#### GUEST SPEAKER FRANCIS TOSEI HASEGAWA CO-OWNER, LIT (BAR) MANILA

Francis is a seasoned professional with a diverse background. They have extensive experience in international trade, having run their own trading firm, Afrodasia Co. Ltd., in Tokyo for nearly 25 years. Their fluency in multiple languages (English, Japanese, French, Chinese, and Hoklo) further bolsters their trade expertise.

Beyond business, they are a passionate whisky connoisseur. They are a member of the prestigious Scotch Malt Whisky Society and have honed their knowledge through various courses and masterclasses. This passion translates into their current role as a partner and Whisky Concierge at BAR LIT Manila. They actively share their knowledge by conducting whisky appreciation classes and events, including masterclasses for reputable brands like Berry Brothers & Co. and Mars Whisky. Their educational background in Fine Arts further enriches their overall skillset.





### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Never say never

My fellow Zesters,

I am writing to share some exciting updates and express our gratitude for the remarkable contributions that make our Gift of Life and Artificial Limbs programs possible.

Gift of Life Activity at De Los Santos Medical Center

On Wednesday, July 17th, 2024, we will be participating in a life-changing Gift of Life activity at De Los Santos Medical Center. Thanks to the referrals from Dra. Louisa Go and Jaden and Friends, eight patients have been scheduled for crucial procedures:

• 6 patients will undergo PDA device closures, four funded by Gift of Life International and two funded by Rtn. Chris Moriarty and PP Noel Laman of RCMW.

- 1 patient will undergo hemodynamic studies (HS).
- 1 adult patient will undergo a PDA device closure.

We are incredibly grateful to Cong. Paul Daza for generously covering the hospital bills for all eight patients through DOH-MAIP funds.



Please keep these individuals and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they undergo these procedures.

#### Generous Donation from PP Gil Chua

We extend our deepest gratitude to PP Gil Chua for his extraordinary donation of \$100,000 direct gift to The Rotary Foundation, specifically earmarked for our Gift of Life program.

But wait! There's more! PP Gil also donated his honorarium from being the commencement speaker at FEU to GOL. He will dedicate the surgery in the name of the Montinola family. Please give PP Gil a wink, hug or high-five when you see him.

#### Gift of Nature Project Update

Rotarian Jan Campos is making significant progress on his Global Grant application for the Gift of Nature project. This project aims to address environmental concerns in Samal, Bataan, by promoting sustainable rice production and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. We are eager to share more details about this exciting initiative as it develops.

#### Artificial Limbs Program

Dra. Josephine Bundoc, our partner rehab doctor at UERM, has requested appointment slots for eight patients endorsed by Gina Campos. The preferred dates are July 18th or any Tuesday and Thursday between 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the UERM PMR Clinic on the ground floor of UERM Hospital.

Out of the initial list of 12 patients, two have already received limbs from the club, one requires a wheelchair, and one is currently in the province.

We express our sincere gratitude to Chairman/ VP Robbie Leviste for his unwavering support of our Artificial Limbs program.

If you are still reading this, congratulations. Just whisper "never say never" in my ear next time and I'll hook you up with a short massage, possibly with a happy ending (happy because we will have come up with more fantastic ideas to further help individuals and families through our zesty programs.)

Thank you for your continued dedication to the Rotary Club of Makati West and our mission to make a positive impact in our community and beyond.

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





Rtn. Patrick Dionisio as Moderator



Rtn. Miguel Pertierra as Invocator



PP Jun Alvendia Introduces Pres. Gerry Laperal



Pres. Gerry Laperal in his President Address



Open Forum



























































Rotaract on Track Course & First Leaders' Meeting









#### Rotaract on Track Course & First Leaders' Meeting

**UPON THE** 





Cris Gavin Reyes 1 year old, male Sablig, Anda Pangasinan

PDA Device Closure De Los Santos Medical Center July 17, 2024



Dessa Mei Alvasan 16 years old, female Paniqui, Tarlac

PDA Device Closure De Los Santos Medical Center July 17, 2024



Missed out on past events? We've got them in archives you can access in just a few clicks.



#### 55th Induction & Handover Ceremony Click to explore >

# WEST SIDE STORY

Click to explore >



**Project Photos** 

Click to explore >

# **Believe** in Market in

#### RY 2024-2025 Officers, Directors & Club Advisers

President Vice President Secretary/ PE Treasurer Director Director Director Director Director Director Director Sgt.-At-Arms Gerardo Oliverio V. Laperal Lauro S. Leviste II Christopher Dino C. Dumatol Judd B. Balayan Epifanio V. Delos Santos Wilson Goh Davy Lim Lemarc B. Limosnero Jose Conrado Poblete Charlie S. Rufino Lars Wittig Monsour del Rosario Mark Sambar

Ex-Officio Dir. Juan Antonio T. Carlos

Club Adviser PRID Guiller E. Tumangan Club Adviser IPDG Antonio Juan C. Tambunting III PP Carmelino P. Alvendia, Jr. Club Adviser Club Adviser PP Dennis D. Decena Club Adviser PP Noel A. Laman PP Jose Teodoro K. Limcaoco Club Adviser Club Adviser PP Amando Jesulito V. Jimenez Club Adviser PP Lorenzo T. Ocampo Club Adviser PP Roque S. Tordesillas Club Adviser PP Fernando Martin O. Peña Club Adviser PP Enrico V. Angeles Club Adviser PP Ramon Jose F.L. Guerrero Club Adviser PP Edgardo G. Balois Club Adviser PP Aurelio Paulo R. Bartolome PP Victor L. Vital **Club Adviser Club Adviser** PP Ruy Y. Moreno **Club Adviser** PP David R. Caldwell **Club Adviser** PP Enrico B. Tensuan Club Adviser PP Alasdair J.W. Thomson PP Gil G. Chua Club Adviser

#### Honorary Members

Hon. Secretary Albert del Rosario(+), Dr. Sol Alvarez Mr. Rob Raylman, PDG Joey Benedicto and PDG Leo de Guzman

#### THE WEST SIDE STORY STAFF

Secretariat: Shekinah Yarra Jameson Manlangit

Thank you for your continuous service. <u>Click here to see the list of payees</u>.

Remain part of our cause by sending your dues & donation to:

ROTARY FOUNDATION OF MAKATI WEST, INC.

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

ACCOUNT NO: 0011192572 BRANCH: MAKATI-MAIN BRANCH BANK NAME: BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES ISLANDS

If you have paid but don't see your name on the list of payees, please send proof of deposit to the Secretariat:

> jamesonrcmw@gmail.com kai.rcmw2@gmail.com

Stay up to date with club happenings via

http://rcmakatiwest.ph www.fb.com/RCMWD3830 rcmakatiwest2020@gmail.com (63-2) 7753 3098

Unit 1903 Cityland Herrera Tower, V.A. Rufino cor. Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City, 1227