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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD 2025

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: Apartment 1B, Arya Plaza, BGC
G/F Arya Residence Tower, The Plaza,
2 Mckinley Parkway, Taguig City
Time: 6pm-onwards



PILIPINAS ROTARACT CONVENTION PROCON sa MANILA 2025

Date: February 21-23, 2025
Venue: Manila Prince Hotel
Time: 6pm-onwards



2025 Healthcare Mission Virac Catanduanes Libreng Konsulta Para sa Lahat

Date: February 23, 2025, Sunday
Venue: Plaza Rizal, Virac, Catanduanes
Time: 8am-5pm

LUNCH MEETING

Guest speaker: Ms. Antoinette Taus of CORA Foundation
Date: February 27, 2025, Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm





THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



February 10
RTN. JIMMY BAUTISTA
Birthday



February 11
SPS. CRISTINA CARL
Birthday



February 11
SPS. BARBEE CHUIDIAN
Birthday



February 12
RTN. PAOLO CRISTOBAL
Birthday



February 15
DIR. DAVY LIM
Birthday



February 16
RTN. GERRY LIMCAOCO
Birthday



February 17
RTN. KC CATALAN
Birthday



February 20
RTN. HANS DEL ROSARIO
Birthday



February 22
RTN. MIGUEL PERTIERRA
Birthday



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cadre visit

We have quite a busy week coming up. First, congratulations to everyone who played at the Mango Tee tournament. I wish everyone who did not get a hole-in-one or did not win a car at the raffle next year, or better luck at the Golden Tee going on this week.

Gift of Life Update

Last Saturday, Dra. Go and the Delos Santos Medical Center team wanted to honor Cong. Paul Daza for all his support of our Gift of Life program. During their visit to Northern Samar, Dra. Go and team screened 98 patients, performed 13 open heart surgeries and 12 device closures.

This week, Dra. Go and Jaden and Friends endorsed 10 patients (8 PDA device closures, 1 VSD device closure, and 1 patient for PPBV) for Wednesday, February 12, 2025. This Wednesday will also be our Rotary Cadre visit.

Cadre

What is a Rotary Cadre visit? A Rotary Cadre is basically an audit of large-scale Global Grant projects. It involves a thorough review and evaluation by a trained Rotarian expert who visits the



project site, meets with stakeholders, and examines project documentation. This process helps identify challenges, offer solutions, and ensure the project's long-term sustainability.

Global Grant 2342941 (Gift of Life) is required to receive an Interim Monitor Evaluation. Dr. Edwin Gonzaga, a Rotarian volunteer member of the TRF Cadre of Technical Advisers, will visit the project sites. Clubs who receive more than P5,000,000 in GG funds are mandated to have reviews and evaluations of TRF projects. Ultimately, the Cadre visit benefits both the project and the Rotary Foundation by ensuring responsible use of funds, promoting best practices, and maximizing the positive impact on the community. It's a valuable tool for continuous improvement and learning within the Rotary world.

Valentine's Day

This Friday is Valentine's Day. Contrary to a popular myth, Valentine's Day was not invented by Hallmark. Though companies like Hallmark have indeed commercialized the holiday, producing Valentine's Day cards as early as the 20th century, the origins of Valentine's Day are far older and stem from ancient traditions and legends.

Valentine's Day originated from the Roman festival Lupercalia, which aimed to purify the city and promote fertility. With the spread of Christianity, it transformed into honoring St. Valentine, who secretly

married young lovers. In the Middle Ages, it became an occasion for expressing romantic devotion. Today, it's a global celebration of love, marked by giving gifts and heartfelt messages. Our Valentine's Day party is being planned by no other than PP Junvee. It will happen February 19, 2025 at Apartment 1B in BGC.

More awards

Congratulations to IPP Dax, PP Gil and RCMW for being recognized as the Best for Online Media during the recent Zone Public Image Awards. This accolade is a testament to IPP DAX, PP Gil, the team at DDB and the RCMW secretariat's hard work, creativity, and dedication to excellence in online media. I don't have a Facebook account so I don't think I'll be in the running for this award next year. I'm going for the most handsomest, greatest, super awesome, and least verbose weekly letter award. Fingers crossed!

Peace,

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



THE WEEK IN REVIEW

February 6, 2025



IPP Dax Carlos as Moderator



Rtn. KC Catalan as Invocator



PE Dino Dumatol during President's Time



PP Larry Ocampo Introduces the guest of honor



Dir. Charles Rufino in his speech



PP Roque Tordesillas in his speech



Dir. Charles Rufino received a Gift of Life Certificate from the club



PP Roque Tordesillas received a Gift of Life Certificate from the club





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Northern Samar Mission Pedia Cardio Screening at Northern Samar Provincial Hospital on February 8, 2025







IPDG Jay Tambunting received the award on behalf of the Club for winning the Best Online Media at the Zone 10A Public Image Awards held at SMX Convention Center Clark, Angeles, Pampanga on February 8, 2025

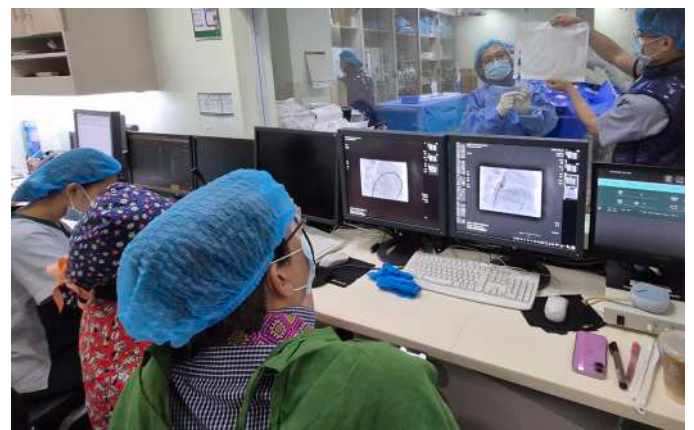




Cadre Interim site visit if Dr. Edwin Gonzaga for the Gift of Life project - Global Grant 2342941 at De Los Santos Medical Center on February 12, 2025















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



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Missed out on past events?

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