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GILISM FOR THE WEEK

#GILISM

**In any crisis, there are
 always opportunities
 to help or be better.**





MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



Lunch Meeting - Ladies' day

Dr. Abigail Rivera Tud
Consultant, Orthopaedic Oncology
Philippine Orthopaedic Center

Date: January 26, 2023/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit & Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn to 2pm



Lunch Meeting

Hon. Paul R. Daza
District Representative
Northern Samar, 1st District
House of Representative

Date: February 2, 2023/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit & Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn to 2pm



Lunch Meeting

Her Excellency Hae Kyong Yu
Ambassador
Australian Embassy in The Philippines

Date: February 9, 2023/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit & Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn to 2pm



Lunch Meeting

Atty. Agnes Devanadera
President & CEO
Clark Development Corporation

Date: February 23, 2023/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit & Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn to 2pm



Lunch Meeting

Prof. Benjamin Sandoval
Professor
UP Virata School of Business

Date: March 2, 2023/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit & Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn to 2pm



TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order
PRESIDENT GIL G. CHUA

12:45 PM President's Time
PRESIDENT GIL G. CHUA

Invocation
SPS. NIKKI JIMENEZ

Introduction of Guest Speaker
FL GRACE CHUA

Philippine National Anthem (video)

1:00 PM Speech
DR. ABIGAIL R. TUD, MBA, FPOA
Consultant, Orthopedic Oncology
Philippine Orthopedic Center

12:30 PM RC Makati West Hymn
PP LITO JIMENEZ

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest;

Moderator
SPS. PAZ BALAYAN

Introduction of Personalities at the
Presidential table;

Committee announcements

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



January 23
RTN. MARIO CHAN
Birthday



January 25
SPS. ANA DE OCAMPO
Birthday



January 26
SPS. GINA PAYUMO
Birthday



January 31
SPS. SHEILA CARLOS
Birthday



January 31
RTN. JON ROCHA
Birthday

GUEST SPEAKER

DR. ABIGAIL RIVERA TUD

Consultant, Philippine Orthopedic Center

Dr. Abigail Tud, MD, is an orthopedic oncologist consultant at the Musculoskeletal Tumor Unit of the Philippine Orthopedic Center, where she was recognized as Employee of the Year in 2021. She is concurrently a clinical and research fellow at the Therapeutic and Research Center for Musculoskeletal Tumors at the Taipei Veterans General Hospital in Taiwan.

She was also a clinical and research fellow in Orthopedic Oncology at the Philippine Orthopedic Center for one and a half years until June 2020. She took up her Residency Training in Orthopedic Surgery at the Department of Orthopedics of The Medical City in Pasig, where she was awarded as Most Outstanding Trainee.

She graduated from a double degree program in Medicine and Master of Business Administration at the Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health on full scholarship.

Her recent publications include: "Functional Outcome of Displaced Intra-Articular Fractures of the Distal Radius" and "A Comparison of Complication rates between early and delayed surgery among patients with fragility fractures of the hip".





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Economic Outlook

For businessmen like most of us, the country's economic growth rate is an important piece of information as it serves as an indicator of the business environment that we will be dealing with for the rest of the year.

Online news sites have it that Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno has reported that government is forecasting 6.5% GDP growth rate for this year, which is a bit lower than 2022's full-year target due to the expected slowdown of the global economy.

Nonetheless, he said that we can expect the country to remain resilient amidst a looming global recession given our stable banking system, our vibrant local manufacturing sector, and record-low unemployment. Secretary Diokno also said that at the backbone of the country's growth is the public-private partnership that will further expand the Build, Better, More infrastructure agenda of the Marcos administration.

With our Past President TG Limcaoco leading one of the country's largest banks, I truly believe in the stability of the banking system. We heard it straight from him last week during his talk



that BPI is even growing larger and stronger this year. I would love to say that “we are in good hands” with PP TG leading BPI, but I just remembered that that’s the tagline of another universal bank.

And speaking of unemployment, the country’s jobless rate significantly decreased to 5.2% in July 2022 from 7.2% in the same period the prior year according to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). This is the lowest unemployment rate since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the lowest recorded by PSA’s Labor Force Survey since 2005.

I saw this in our businesses, and my partners, Rtn. Judd Balayan and Rtn. Jeff Dytuco, can attest that our FOSA Group, a DDB Group affiliate that is in the services sector, is definitely back and even busier than it was before the pandemic. Through FOSA, we have now given employment to over 5,000 Filipinos nationwide, uplifting them and their families from poverty, and enabling them to dream once again for their children’s future.

With all these, I believe that 2023 will really be a good year for all of us.

Still on the country’s economy, Sec. Diokno mentioned the planned launch of the Maharlika



Our FOSA Group led by Rtn. Jeff Dytuco now employs over 5,000 Filipinos nationwide.

Investment Fund, the country’s first sovereign wealth fund, to diversify the country’s financial portfolio and support the goals set by the administration in the Philippine Development Plan for 2023 to 2028.

With the proposed Maharlika Investment Fund making investments in the basic areas of agriculture, energy, digitalization and climate change, President Bongbong Marcos said that he hopes that “the wealth fund will be a mechanism to increase the country’s economic stability and alleviate poverty”.

A lot is being said about the Maharlika Fund, so I asked our dear member, Congressman Paul Daza to talk about it in our February 2 Weekly Lunch Meeting. Thanks Cong. Paul for accepting this invitation to do the talk.

After Cong. Daza, we will have the Australian Ambassador to the Philippines, Her Excellency Hae Kyong Yu, talk before us on February 9. I would love to hear from her about updates on PH’s bilateral trade and relations with Australia. As you know, foreign trade and investments are important fuels to the nation’s economy.

We also have Clark Development Corporation President Agnes Devanadera lined up as speaker on February 23. Her track record in the Energy Regulatory Commission makes me excited to know her vision and plans for the Clark Freeport.

So that’s our February speakers. February 16 is reserved for our Valentine’s fellowship party. I look forward to seeing you all.

Project Updates

As I mentioned during the Governor’s visit last December 20, we have a new Global Grant for our Artificial Limbs Project, which targets to benefit 85 indigent persons with disability.



Previous year's Artificial Limbs Project with Project Chair, Rtn. Robbie Leviste.

Our social workers, Cynthia and Mike, are already doing the initial screening for this, and 33 beneficiaries will be scheduled for a final screening by Dr. Josephine Bundoc of the Philippine General Hospital.

For the benefit of our new members, let me give a short background on this project. The Rotary Club of Makati West started the Artificial Limbs Project in 2004 in partnership with the Rotary Club of Coimbatore-Midtown, India.

The project aims to help individuals who have lost their legs (both above and below the knee) due to military service and accidents in line of duty, civilians who met accidents, people who have suffered from severe diabetes, as well as those born with this condition. People who suffer from severe diabetes or those who met accidents or have birth disorders make up most of the amputee patients. Mostly indigent, these amputees could not afford to buy artificial limbs.

Fortunately, the club's arrangements with hospitals enable us to have more amputees undergo operation at much less costs. These have brought down the costs of operations from hundreds of thousands of pesos to just about Php17,000 per limb for below-the-knee and Php30,000 per limb for above-the-knee amputee patients.

Our club was able to bring the miracle of hope, mobility, freedom, dignity, independence, and change in the lives of the less fortunate members of society through this project.

So if you want to be of any help and participate in this project, please reach out to our Artificial Limbs Project Chair Robbie Leviste and Co-Chair Alex Floro, and/or our secretariat.

Please continue to support our other projects as well.

Meanwhile, for our last speaker in January, we have Dr. Abigail Tud, Consultant on Orthopedic Oncology at the Philippine Orthopedic Center. Our Rotary Anns reached out to her last December to prepare a Christmas gift-giving party for young bone-cancer patients at the Philippine Orthopedic Center. It's Ladies' Day so I hope our Rotary Anns get to learn a lot from our speaker while enjoying their time together.

I have to apologize for not being with you in today's weekly meeting. Our ever-reliable President-Elect Dax Carlos will be taking over as acting president for today. I am currently in Coron, Palawan to attend the planning for the upcoming District Conference. Our club will be in charge of this district event's Communications.

Thank you very much for all your support.

Maraming salamat po!

Gil G. Chua
President, RY 2022-2023
Rotary Club of Makati West



FORETHOUGHT

by: Craig Lonnee

BE PREPARED

In 1907, Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, coined the motto – Be Prepared.

His idea was that Scouts should prepare themselves to become productive citizens and strong leaders, being able to handle anything life puts in front of them.

Having been actively involved in the Scouting Movement since age 8 for around 25 years, I'd like to think I've done my best to live up to its guiding beliefs and ideals.

Over recent times, I've had the good fortune of teaching young people who could very well be working for you soon. They are curious, thinking and questioning. Their inquiries were certainly thoughtful and intelligent.

Talking of questions, a constant one was what prospective employers are likely to ask them during job interviews.

With the view to being prepared, I was thinking you may like to contemplate your responses to these questions. It's my experience, young people are rather knowledgeable of your company, before they go into interviews these days. I've been asked some of these questions recently and I must admit, a few of them surprised me, putting me on the spot.



- What are the current goals that the company is focused on, and how does this team work to support hitting those goals?
- What gets you most excited about the company's future?
- How would you describe the company's values?
- How has the company changed over the last few years?
- How do you typically onboard employees?
- If the position will be remote – how are remote employees integrated into the company culture?
- What do new employees typically find surprising after they start?

ABOUT CRAIG LONNEE

Lonnee is the Chief Development Officer at DDB Group Philippines, where he provides strategic and operational counsel to clients and DDB's senior leadership. He also leads The Bernbach School, DDB Group Philippines' exclusive learning hub.

He had worked for worldwide marketing communications network DDB for over two decades, gaining vast and varied experience across Asia and the Pacific. Over this time, he held local, regional, and global responsibilities, including co-chief operating officer of regional operations of DDB Asia and chief development officer across 23 offices in 14 countries.



THE WEEK IN REVIEW

January 19, 2022 – Weekly Meeting



Rtn. Timmy Chuidian as Moderator



Rtn. Gerry Limcaoco as Invocator



President Gil G. Chua during his President's Time



PP Junvee Vital Introduces the Guest Speaker



PP TG Limcaoco during his talk



PP "TG" Limcaoco receives a Gift of Life certificate from the club





Pres. Gil Chua introduces Rtn. Wilson Goh



Rtn. Lars Wittig introduces Rtn. Florian Gottein



Induction of new members of RCMW, Wilson Goh and Florian Gottein on January 19, 2023 at Dusit Thani Hotel



Charging of new members by IPP Franco del Rosario



Induction of new members by Pres. Gil Chua



Newly inducted members, Rtn. Wilson Goh with Sps. Joie(left) and Rtn. Florian Gottein (right).





Pedia Cardio Screening Mission at Ospital ng Palawan, Puerto Prinsesa on January 22, 2023




Happy Heart
Pedia Cardio
Screening Mission
Free

Screening, 2d Echo and Consultation to Pedia Cardio Patients
(18 years old below)
When: January 22, 2023
9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m
Where: Ospital ng Palawan
Contact Details: 09937694127









Mike Gabriel Monta Paulo
1 year and 2 mos, male
Talugtug, Nueva Ecija

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
January 25, 2023



Carl Adrian Monta Paulo
10 years old, male
Talugtug, Nueva Ecija

PDA Device Closure
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PROJECT UPDATES

GIFT OF LIFE

GOL RY 2022-2023



Tristan John Tungpalan Regnim
2 years old, male
Antipolo City

PPBV- Percutaneous Pulmonary Balloon Valvuloplasty
De Los Santos Medical Center
January 25, 2023



Justine Dave Pascual Somera
11 years old, male
San Jose, Nueva Ecija

VSD Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
January 25, 2023



Princess Caroline Puerto Orara
7 years old, female
Angono, Rizal

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
January 25, 2023



Briella Elourah De Jesus Pangco
3 years old, female
Pililla, Rizal

Open Heart Surgery
National Children Hospital
January 12, 2023



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In photo with DLSMC's Dra. Louisa Go our Project Chair Gerry Limcaoco and Rtn. Judd Balayan.



PP Lou del Rosario with a GOL beneficiary.



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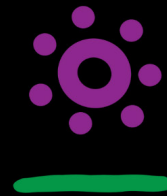
VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

"Vocational service gives Rotarians the opportunity to help others escape poverty and gain a measure of self-respect. As business and professional leaders, we have a duty to lead and encourage good ethics through vocation."
Carlos Frum, PDG D6440



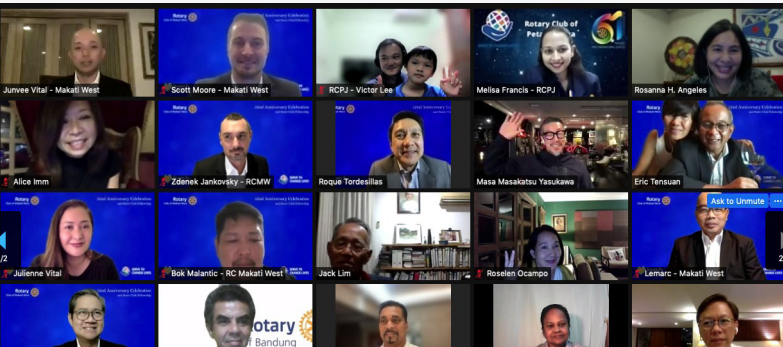
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THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

- I. Is it the **Truth**?
- II. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- III. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- IV. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI WEST

- I. Is it **RECOGNITION**?
- II. Is it **RETENTION**?
- III. Is it **RECRUITMENT**?
- IV. Is it **FUN**?





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