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GILISM FOR THE WEEK

#GILISM

**Growth is the
 only sign of life.**



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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



Lunch Meeting

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

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



Lunch Meeting

Mr. Roberto Juanchito T. Dispo
Director
COSCO Capital Group

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
RTN. JAN ANTONIO CAMPOS

Introduction of Guest Speaker
PP BOBBY CABRAL

Philippine National Anthem (video)

1:00 PM Speech
HON. PAUL R. DAZA
1st District Representative of
Northern Samar
House of Representatives

12:30 PM RC Makati West Hymn
RCMW Members

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and
Guest;

MR. ROBERTO JUANCHITO T. DISPO
Director
COSCO Capital Inc.

Introduction of Personalities at the
Presidential table;

Committee announcements

Moderator
RTN. JUDD BALAYAN

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



February 1
RTN. LITO MERCADO
Birthday



February 2
RTN. RAMON ARNAIZ
Birthday



February 2
SPS. TRISHA PERTIERRA
Birthday



February 3
SPS. LULU AVELLANA
Birthday



February 6
RTN. NELSON AQUINO
Birthday



February 8
SPS. KANDY WITTIG
Birthday



February 4
PP ERNIE FAJARDO & SPS. NINING
Wedding Anniversary



February 8
SAA JAVI BERENGUER-TESTA & SPS. LEXI
Wedding Anniversary



February 8
RTN. DANIEL LIBIRAN & SPS. MARIE
Wedding Anniversary



GUEST SPEAKERS

HON. PAUL R. DAZA

1st District Representative, Northern Samar

PAUL R. DAZA is a forward-thinking legislator and social development advocate who believes strongly in the importance of health and social protection, education, housing, and local development in lifting Filipinos out of poverty.

A graduate of Bachelor of Arts in Economics/Business (cum laude) and Juris Doctor from the University of the California in Los Angeles, Rep Daza served the Province of Northern Samar as governor in 2010 to 2013, and representative in 2007 to 2010, 2019 to 2022, and the current congress (2022-2025).

In the Committee on Appropriations this 18th Congress, Rep Daza chaired the sub-committee on anti red tape, housing, and state universities and colleges (SUCs). Considered a feat, three of Rep Daza's principally authored bills became Republic Acts just within the term of a single congress: Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act (RA 11642), Vintage Vehicle Regulation Act (RA 11698), and An Act establishing the UEP campuses in the towns of Allen, Victoria, and Lavezares towns (RA 11860).

RA 11642, which mandates administrative adoption—a significant milestone from the days when adoption was only possible through the courts. Prior to this law, it would usually take two to five years and a lot of expenses including the significant costs of hiring of lawyers—for a parent to legally adopt a child.

In the current 19th Congress, Rep. Daza is the Senior Deputy Minority Leader, taking the role seriously, not as an obstructionist but a fair and objective fiscalizer.

Rep Paul Daza—whether serving the government or in the private sector—will always have the heart for the people. On his personal time, he enjoys building memories with his family, playing basketball, watching movies, and driving classic hobby cars.



MR. ROBERTO JUANCHITO T. DISPO

Director, COSCO Capital Inc.

Roberto Juanchito "Jojo" T. Dispo is currently a Board Director and Execom Member of Cosco Capital Group. He is also President and CEO of League One Financial of the Lucio Co Group of Companies, and Adviser to the PBCOM Board.

Prior to this, from 1998-2015, he served as Adviser to the Metrobank Board, and President of First Metro Investment Corporation, Metrobank's investment banking arm.

From 1987 to 1998, he held the post of Deputy Treasurer of the Philippines with an Assistant Secretary rank at the Department of National Defense, the Department of Trade Industry, and the Department of Finance.

His capital market initiatives include establishing the Registry of Scrippless Securities (ROSS) for the National Treasury, introducing the Retail Treasury Bonds (RTBs) program of the Government, and creating and listing the country's first Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) in the PSE.

He also co-wrote the book on 'The Philippine Emerging Bond Markets', and wrote and produced the Movie 'Magtanggol', an award-winning film for the OFWs.

He was named "CEO of the Year" at the Asia CEO Awards 2015.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello February

I am glad that January is over. Well, for no particular reason. Just joining the bandwagon of people saying that the first month of the year has taken a bit longer to finish. But the last time I checked, January still has the same number of days.

In today's lunch meeting. I promised to make my speech short but sweet to give way to not only one but two distinguished speakers - our very own Cong. Paul Daza and our guest investment banker, Jojo Dispo of Cosco Capital.

We are excited to hear from these gentlemen about the much-talked about Maharlika Fund and about investment prospects in general. Cong. Paul will provide his political perspective while Jojo will give us his business perspective on this matter. Thank you!



Scuba diving in beautiful Coron with my apos (grandkids)

I was not in our meeting last Thursday because I spent vacation time with my grandchildren in Coron, Palawan. So I was able to check an item off my bucket list - that is, to dive with my grandkids! It's such an awesome experience.

And sorry for the miscommunication. I was neither on an official nor on a business trip. Thanks PE Dax Carlos for filling in for me.



(1st photo) We are the Champion! In photo (L-R): District Golf fellowship Chair PP Caloy Yturzaeta; PP Mon Guerrero; Gov. Mildred Vitangcol; Rtns. RJ Tabuena, Ryan Kern and Wilson Goh; and Treas. Gerry Laperal.

Governor's Cup Champion

A big congratulations to our team for winning the Championship trophy at the second leg of the Governor's Cup Golf Tournament!

When we hosted the 1st Leg, we did not even make it as Finalist because our club is a generous host, so we let the others win.

But this time around, when we're not the host, we became the Champion! So congrats to our golf players, team captain RJ Tabuena, PP Mon Guerrero, Rotarians Gerry Laperal, Ryan Kern, and Wilson Goh.

Allow me to express my appreciation for our club members, family and friends who generously gave personal donations or raised funds for our Gift of Life program. Bravo, guys! We will give you all proper recognitions before I end my term.

Our global grants and your donations have definitely made saving lives possible!

Just to let you know, an amount of Php 55,000 can already save a child needing heart operation. So let us know if you want to make a donation.

As of today, we have already done 132 surgeries during my term. We have five months to go until my term ends. So I hope we can do more heart surgeries and achieve the goal that I and Project Chair Gerry Limcaoco wish to achieve.

Membership Fees & Project Updates

It's good news that most of our members have already paid their membership fees. According to Kai, 81.15% of our 122 regular members excluding the satellite club are paid already, but there are 23 members



Find Larry: RCMW's Artificial Limbs Project started during PP Larry Ocampo's term in RY 2004-2005.

who may have forgotten to pay. Please check your inbox or mail for the club's invoice.

For our Mass Wedding project, I am happy to announce that we already have a definite date for the ceremonies to be held at the San Fernando de Dilao Parish in Paco, Manila. Mark the time and date - 9:00 am on April 29. You may want to volunteer as sponsors and bring gifts for the newlyweds.

As for our Artificial Limbs Project, I wish to clarify that the project started during PP Larry Ocampo's term in Rotary Year 2004-2005 with then President Baboo Kannan of RC Coimbatore Midtown-India. The club also wants to acknowledge PRID Guiller Tumangan for introducing this international partner that led to the club's establishing one of our signature projects today.

This year, we are nearing our target list of 85 amputee patients to be implemented soon under a global grant. We already got referrals for amputee patients from The Rotary Club of ManPaSan (Mandaluyong—Pasig—San Juan), that is, through PP Jun Alvendia who endorsed the list to our club. There were also additional referrals from PWD Makati.

Thank you, everyone, for your support. Maraming salamat!

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



FORETHOUGHT

by: Craig Lonnee

AI

I asked OpenAI's recently released ChatGPT, a new AI tool to write me a blog about Artificial Intelligence, here's the response ...

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a rapidly growing field that has the potential to revolutionize the way we live and work. At its core, AI is about creating intelligent machines that can think and act like humans, but with a level of precision and speed that is beyond our capabilities.

There are many different types of AI, ranging from simple rule-based systems to more complex machine learning algorithms that can learn and adapt on their own. Some examples of AI include:

1. Natural language processing (NLP): This is the ability of a machine to understand and interpret human language, whether written or spoken. This has applications in areas like language translation, voice recognition, and chatbots.
2. Computer vision: This is the ability of a machine to see and understand the world around it, using sensors and cameras. This has applications in areas like image and video analysis, self-driving cars, and facial recognition.
3. Machine learning: This is the ability of a machine to learn from data without being explicitly programmed. Machine learning algorithms can identify patterns in data and make predictions or decisions based on those patterns.

There are many potential applications for AI, including healthcare, finance, education, and transportation. In healthcare, for example, AI can be used to analyze medical images and diagnose diseases, while in finance it can be used to analyze market trends and make investment decisions.

While AI has the potential to bring many benefits, it also raises ethical concerns. For example, there is a risk that AI could be used to automate jobs and replace human workers, or that it could be used to make biased decisions if the data it is trained on is biased.



To ensure that AI is developed and used responsibly, it is important to consider these ethical concerns and to have proper regulation and oversight in place. This can help to ensure that AI is used to benefit society and to address the challenges we face, rather than creating new ones.

Then I asked - Tell me what the Rotary Club of Makati West do?

ChatGPT's response ...

Rotary International is a global network of volunteer leaders who work to improve communities around the world. The Rotary Club of Makati West is a local chapter of this organization, and as such, the specific activities and projects that they undertake would depend on the interests and priorities of the members of the club. In general, Rotary clubs work on projects that address issues such as poverty, hunger, and lack of access to education and healthcare, as well as promoting peace and understanding between cultures. The club members also volunteer their time and resources to support community projects, such as providing clean water, supporting local schools, and fighting diseases like Polio.

As a follow up I asked what's the vision of Rotary?

The vision of Rotary International is to be a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. This vision is reflected in Rotary's mission statement, which is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. Rotary's main focus is to serve their communities and to promote peace, understanding and service throughout the world. The organization's objective is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Like more on AI? https://hbr.org/2022/12/chatgpt-is-a-tipping-point-for-ai?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter_weekly&utm_campaign=weeklyhotlist_activesubs&utm_content=signinnudge&deliveryName=DM238172

I invite you to explore <https://openai.com/>

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 26, 2022 - Ladies day



Sps. Paz Balayan as Moderator



Sps. Nikki Jimenez as Invocator



President Elect Dax Carlos during the President's Time on behalf of Pres. Gil G. Chua



FL Gigi Chua Introduces the Guest Speaker



Dr. Abigail R. Tud during her talk



Dr. Abigail R. Tud receives a Gift of Life certificate from the club









RC Makati West was the **TEAM CHAMPION** at the 2nd Leg of the Governor's Cup held last January 29, 2023 at the Caliraya Springs Golf Club.



RCMW awarded as Team Champion! In photo (L-R): District Golf fellowship Chair PP Caloy Yturzaeta; PP Mon Guerrero; Gov. Mildred Vitangcol; Rtns. RJ Tabuena, Ryan Kern and Wilson Goh; and Treas. Gerry Laperal.





RCMW Secretariat's Lunar New Year lunch with
Pres. Gil Chua and FL Gigi, PP Lou del Rosario,
and Rtn. Judd Balayan and Sps. Paz.





Some of the Amputee Patients who have been prequalified for measurements prior to receiving prosthetics under the RCMW Artificial Limbs Project



FEBRUARY IS

PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

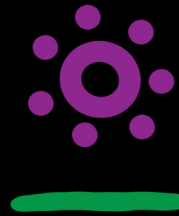
"Imagine all the people living life in peace..."

John Lennon



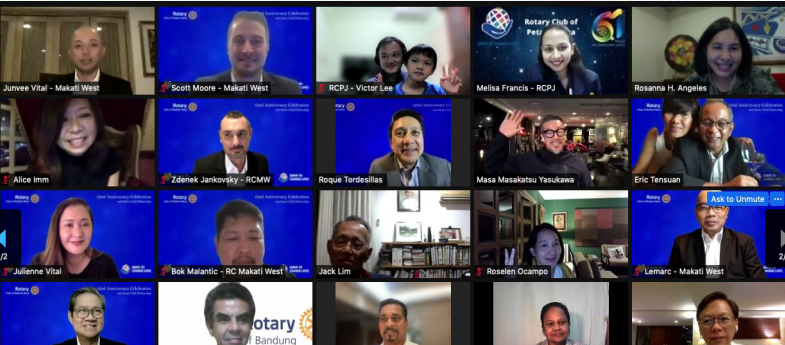
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THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

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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