

WEST SIDE STORY

Rotary
Club of Makati West



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*Volume 21, RY 2020-2021
2,285th Meeting (since 1969)
December 3, 2020*

Save the Date - December 17, 2020 Remy Martin Class Master



 **RÉMY MARTIN**

VIRTUAL MASTERCLASS
DECEMBER 17, 2020 | 6:00PM

Virtual Masterclass by Kevin Charuel
Remy Martin Brand Advocate

EXCLUSIVE FOR ROTARY MAKATI WEST & GUESTS ONLY

 **Apt. 1B**
GOURMET COMFORT FOOD

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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

FIRESIDE CHAT

Date: December 5, 2020/ Saturday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 4:30pm
GS: Rtn. Nono Ibazeta
Topic: Been There, Done That, Still Doing

FIRESIDE CHAT

Date: December 8, 2020/ Saturday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 6:00pm
GS: Rtn. Paolo Delgado
Topic: Non Traditional Investments: A Practical Guide to Investing in Art, Whiskey, Wine, Furniture, Antiques, Classic Cars

LUNCH MEETING - CLUB ASSEMBLY

Date: December 10, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm

FIRESIDE CHAT

Date: December 15, 2020/ Saturday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 6:00pm
GS: Rtn. Newton Smith, Rtn. Chris Moriarty, Rtn. Luis Arcangel
Topic: (1) Best Kept Travel Secrets Australia Travel Adventures
(2) Everything You Need to Know About Amazing Bhutan

EVENING MEETING - COGNAC TASTING

Date: December 17, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 6pm - 8pm
GS: Mr. Kevin Charuel

TODAY'S PROGRAM

6:15 PM Call to Order
PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON

6:20 PM Invocation
RTN. ALEX FLORO

Philippine National Anthem (Video)

RCMW Hymn
RTN. JOEY AVELLANA

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest

Introduction of Distinguished Personalities at the e-presidential table

Committee Announcements

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Sps. Maura Miranda	Dec 1
Sps. Lisa Alvendia	Dec 3
PP Bobby Cabral	Dec 4
PDG Tony Rufino	Dec 5
Sps. Elvia Hidalgo	Dec 6
Rtn. Ron Cang	Dec 7
Rtn. Timmy Chuidian	Dec 9
Rtn. Paolo Pineda	Dec 9

6:30 PM President's Time
PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON

Introduction of the Guest Speaker
RTN. RON CANG

6:40 PM Speech
MR. IAN PARADIES
Founder, Engkanto Craft Brewery

Moderator
PP JUNVEE VITAL

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rtn. Derrick Santos	
Sps. Ria	Dec 5
PP Dennis Decena	
Sps. Sarah	Dec 7



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

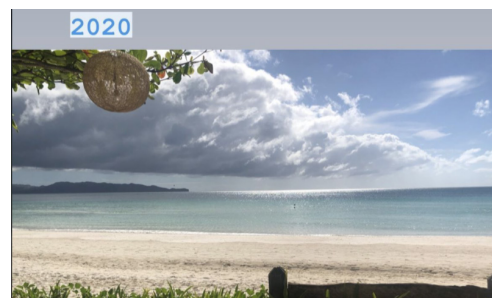


ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!

As you may be aware, I unfortunately missed our joint meeting with RC Makati San Lorenzo and a host of our District clubs last week. Thanks again to PE Franco for stepping into the gap. Fortunately for me the reason was because I was en route to Boracay for a bit of mid-pandemic R&R and exploration. The irony of being there was that I also missed the Fireside Chat on Vacation Exploration! Luckily for me (and for all of us) all of our meetings and most of our Fireside Chats are available to watch online via our Google Drive links. Make sure you check those out!

I hadn't been to Boracay since 2008, because Chinot and I decided around then that it was too painful to watch its demise. Like many of you, we were blessed to experience the island in the early days, pre electricity, when the beach was pristine and the only music was the swish of the waves on the shore, the wind in the trees and maybe some Rick Astley floating across from Basura Bar. As the uncontrolled expansion of tourism overtook the island, as greed overpowered custodianship of its beauty and concrete literally replaced its lush vegetation, I found it too depressing to enjoy it.



Well, this trip was almost like time travel back to the early 90s. The beaches are almost empty, the algae swamp in the shallows is no more and it is possible to really relax and enjoy the beauty again. Just so long as you are looking seawards from the beach and not shorewards from the sea (where the concrete jungle cannot be forgotten). If you are able, go now! We won't see Bora again like this in my opinion.

With the silky sand still clinging to my feet, I'm back in Manila and preparing for a couple of big weeks ahead at our Club. Assuming my head is still clear after our unique Craft Beer Tasting talk at our Thursday Weekly Meeting (thanks to PP Junvee for the organization), we are preparing for an important Club Assembly on Thursday 10th December. That is your opportunity to catch up on all that has been going on during the first half of our Rotary Year 2020-21, to quiz your Board and project Chairs on their activities and achievements and to discuss some significant matters of importance to us all: 1) the development and expansion of our membership and 2) the selection of our new home for our weekly lunch meetings when the conditions permit us to meet in person once again.

Please mark your diaries and make the effort to join our Club Assembly. It is your Club.

Yours in Zest,
Alasdair Thomson

**Today's word is:
Crivens**

This is a classic exclamation, usually of surprise. Sadly it now sounds a bit like language from a bygone era, which is a shame because I really love it.

This is something you'd equate to "Goodness me!" or "Gosh!" in English. I remember and associate it mostly with the comic book stories of The Broons or Oor Wullie where it appeared quite frequently.

Other phrases with similar meaning in the same genre might include: "Help mah boab!" or "Jings!". My Dad used to say "Jings" quite a lot, but he seems to have let it slide away, in much the same way he no longer says "groovy" or "crickey".



Scottish Heritage

STIRLING

The city of Stirling (pop: 37,000 or so), always seems to be rather passed by in the Tourist Trails, which is rather a shame as it has hugely rich history and is quite quaint. Strategically it was historically of great strategic importance as it sits almost equidistant between Glasgow and Edinburgh, on the lowest fording point of the River Forth. If you wanted to go North or South, you had to pass by Stirling. Which is why they still say, "If you hold Stirling; you hold Scotland".

Dominated by Stirling Castle, which remains an army garrison to this day (my own uncle actually was stationed there in the 1950s during his military service), the city itself has intriguing medieval streets that are lovely to explore. Standing near the castle, the Church of the Holy Rude is one of the town's most historically important buildings. Founded in 1129 it is the second oldest building in the city after Stirling castle and is reputed to be the only surviving church in the United Kingdom apart from Westminster Abbey to have held a coronation

Nearby lie the fields of Bannockburn (scene of a famous defeat of the English by Robert the Bruce in 1314), and in the surrounding hills is a spectacular monument to William Wallace. I remember that edifice looming over me as a small boy, as my Dad drove us through to St Andrews on a Friday evening after school.



MODESTY ASIDE

Name: Carlos C. B. (Lito) Mercado

Family: Spouse Chary, kids Lucas and Max, foster toddler Gab-gab, 2 doggos: Bear and Marbles, and 3 cats: Nap-nap, Bubu, and Pumpkin

Education and Training: DLSU, LSGH, University of the Philippines (B.S. Electrical Engineering), University of Hawaii / Japan-America Institute of Management Science (Executive MBA), Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter from 2003 til 2019

Day Job: Family driver and Lazada personal shopper of Chary. When the boss doesn't need me, I sideline as a financial consultant at Torre Lorenzo Development Corp. Other rackets include FX, bonds and equities trading, rooftop solar systems, and (cheap) apartelle rentals.



Hidden Talents: I used to cook callos, kare-kare, and paksiw na lechon. Now, I just make my own pork sausages. I was into mixing dance and new wave music back in the 80s, during the mobile disco party days, and back when I still had very thick hair :-D

Poison of Choice: Dark beer, red wine, moscow mule, and whisky from Don Quijote :-)

Weekend Activities: Running, Reading, and Netflix

Post-Covid Plans: Family vacation in Tokyo, or in Lake Tahoe, our winter happy place

G.O.A.T: Nikola Tesla and Elon Musk

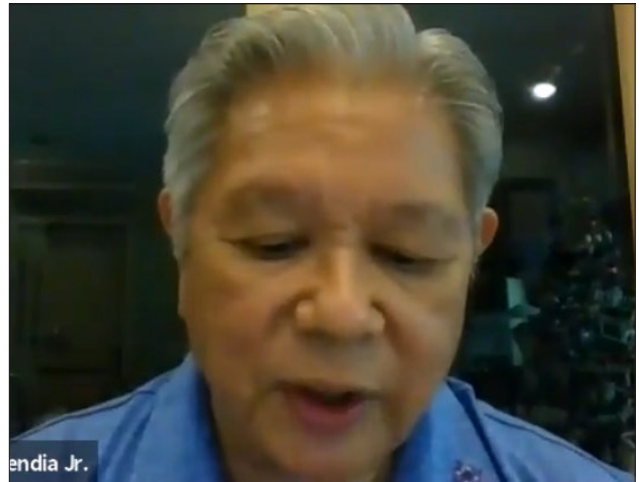
Favorite flicks: Interstellar, Inception, Memento, The Dark Knight, The Prestige



MEETING REVIEW - NOVEMBER 26, 2020



PP Jay Tambunting acts as Moderator



PP Jun Alvendia acts as Invocator



PRID Guiller Tumangan leads the RCMW Hymn



PE Franco Del Rosario during President's Time



PP Maridel Villavicencio introduces the Guest Speaker



Fr. Rocky Evangelista giving his talk

ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER

IAN PARADIES

Founder,
Engkanto Craft Brewery



FOUNDER & PRESIDENT: IAN PARADIES founded Napa Gapa Beverages Corporation in 2016, as the holdings company of Engkanto Brewery. While living in Boston and San Francisco, Ian realized his passion for beer and the opportunity presented by the thriving craft beer culture. Ian developed Engkanto Brewery's operational plans while visiting craft breweries and tradeshow around the world.



JOSH KARTEN

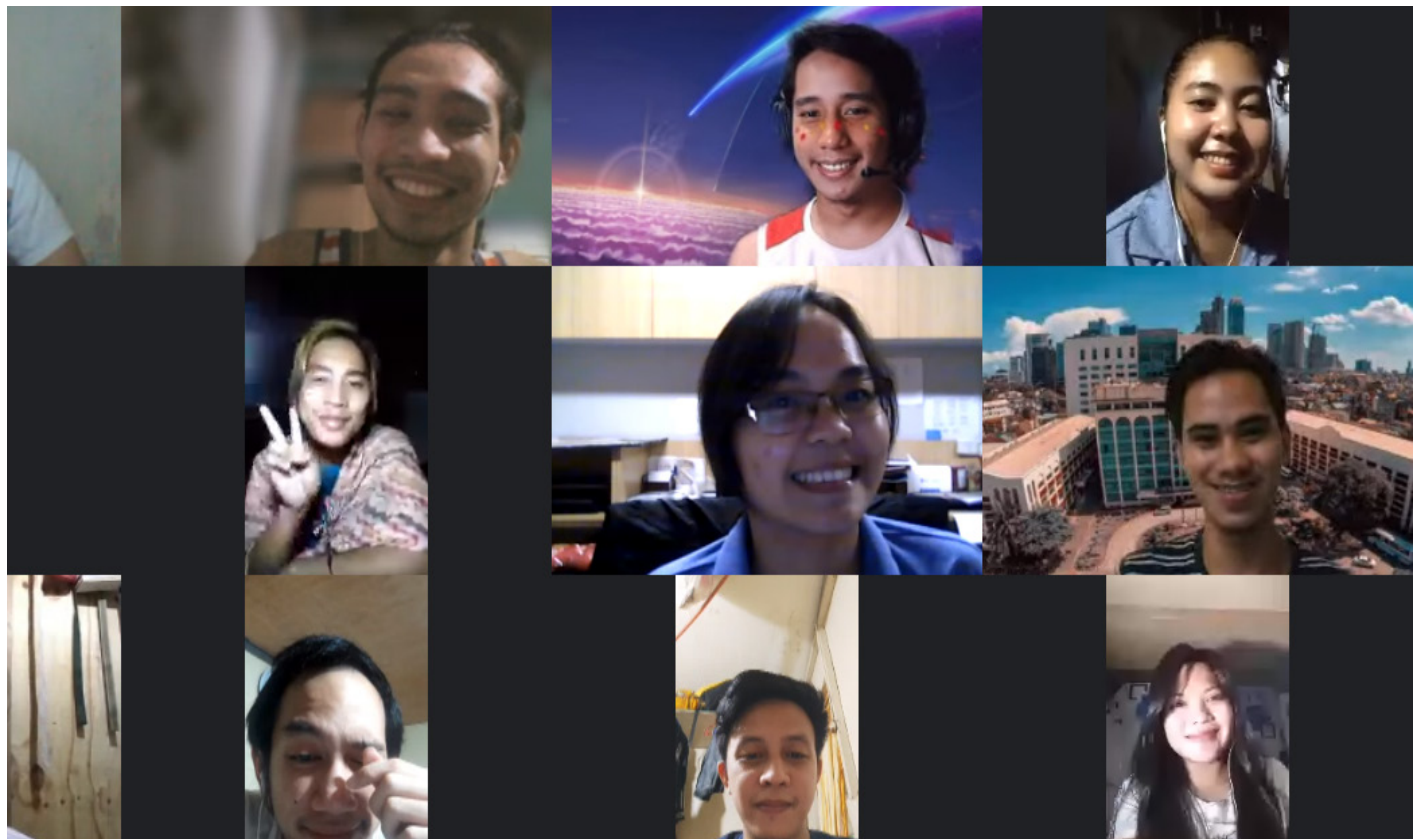
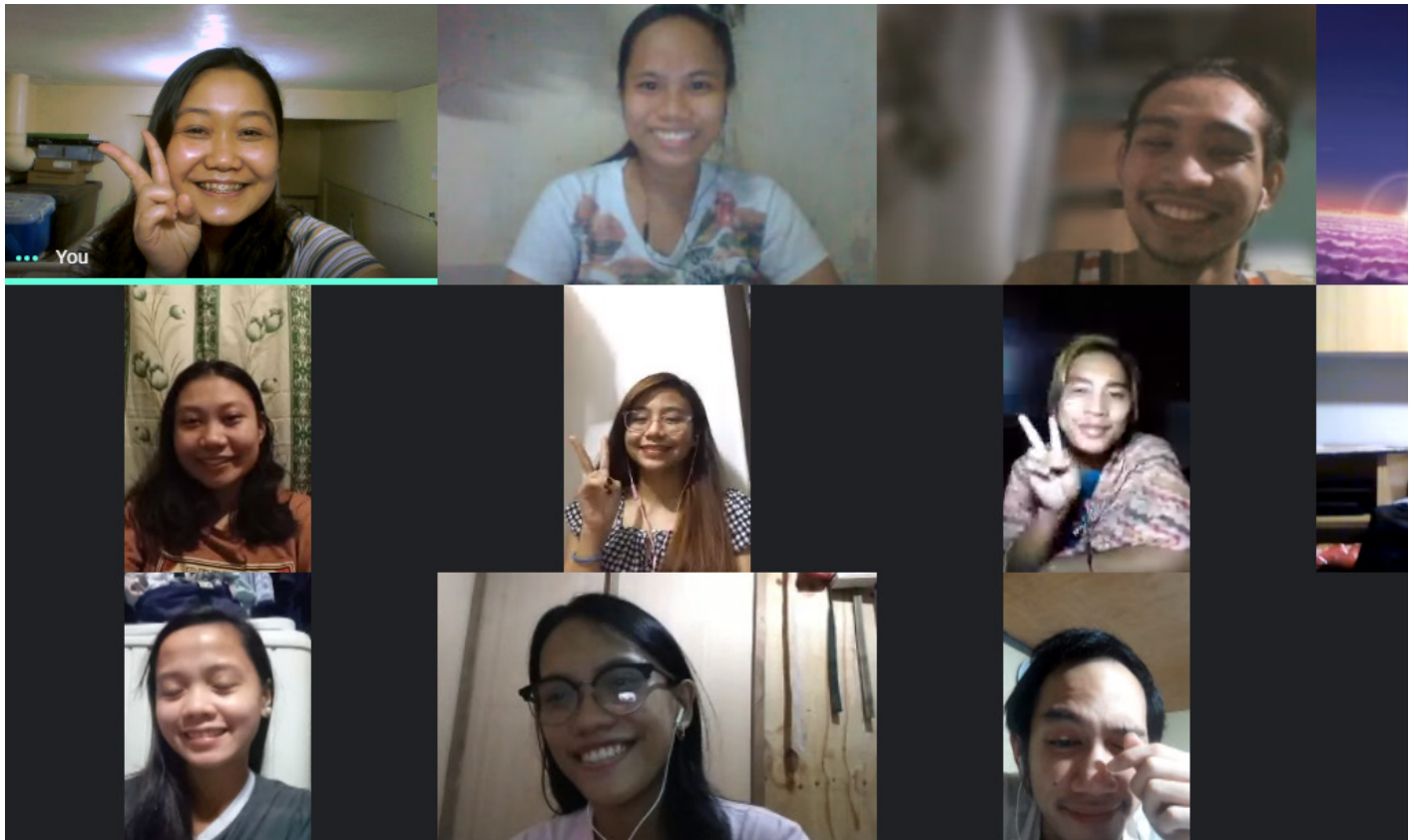
Brewmaster,
Engkanto Craft Brewery

PARTNER & BREWMASTER: JOSH KARTEN is responsible for beer production, product design for Engkanto Brewery. His expertise in recipe development, operations, and distribution network management give him a dynamic perspective on the business of selling beer. Josh holds a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Economics at Stonehill College, a Master's Degree in History at Providence College and a Master's in Education Administration at Providence College. Josh is a Co-Owner and Manager at Proclamation Ale Company, producing a diverse line of award-winning beers based in Rhode Island. As Brewmaster at Engkanto Brewery, Josh oversees Brewery operations, coordination with all raw material suppliers, research and development.



1ST FELLOWSHIP OF RCMW SCHOLARS

November 20, 2020



MR. ROB RAYLMAN OF GOL INTERNATIONAL INTERVIEWS PRES. AL THOMSON

November 30, 2020



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<https://youtu.be/-ehkuvPI5el>

RCMW GIFT OF LIFE (GOL) BENEFICIARY RY 2020-2021

National Children's Hospital, Quezon City

December 1, 2020



Mhaclyd Jazie Saberón, 3 years old, San Roque, Rizal,
NCH - Open Heart Surgery

RCMW GIFT OF LIFE (GOL) BENEFICIARIES RY 2020-2021



Tumanon, Liam Solenn
5 mos old, NCH, 28-Sep-20
PDA Ligation Surgery



Cabacug, Arrienne Miguelle
1yr. old, NCH,
12-Oct-2020
Open Heart Surgery



Leguiz, Desiry
6 years old, NCH
14-October-2020
Open Heart Surgery



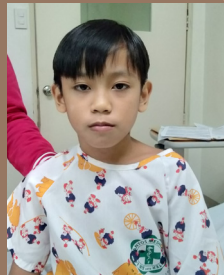
Mina, Makki Isaiah
1 yr & 4 mos. old, DLSMC,
15-Oct.-2020
PDA Device Closure



Bonagua, Sharmaine
10 years old, DLSMC, 15-Oct-20
PDA Device Closure



Solivio, Angel Sachi
9 mos, DLSMC, 21-Oct-2020
PDA Device Closure



Afulgencia, Jay Waslie
9 yrs old., DLSMC,
21-Oct-2020
PDA Device Closure



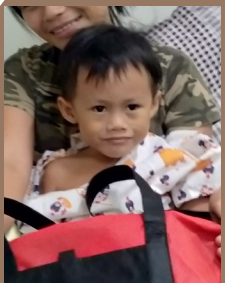
Yabut, Thatianna
6 mos., DLSMC, 21-Oct-20
PDA Device Closure



Butcon, Alesandra
8 mos, NCH, 22-Oct-20
PDA Ligation Surgery



Naval, Scarlet Reigh
1 yr old, DLSMC,
28-October_2020
PDA Device Closure



Papolonias, Jhon Lorence
4yrs old, DLSMC,
28-Oct-20
PDA Device Closure



Rabino, Ally Mitchska
4 y/o, DLSMC, 23-Sep-20
PDA Device Closure



Bawiga, Patricio
2 y/o, DLSMC,
4-Nov-20
PDA Device Closure



Bosing, JV Clyd
2 yrs old, DLSMC, 4-Nov-20
PDA Device Closure



Lumanog, Jamaica
12 yrs. old DLSMC, 5-Nov-20
PDA Device Closure

YOUR CLUB IN THE CLOUD

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nxigVxYpiCR5R09BePZH>

Weekly Meeting Videos

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Induction & Handover

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Fireside Chat Archive

West Side Story

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RY 2020-2021 Officers Directors & Club Advisers

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Director	Lauro Leviste
Director	Davy Lim
Director	Lito Mercado
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Royce Ann Ladan

**Thank you for paying
your dues!!!**

PDG Tony Rufino
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Rtn. Nono Ibazeta
Rtn. Gerry Limcaoco
Rtn. Gerry Laperal
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dues that remain unpaid. Please contact
Kai at ((0917) 543-1709 if you would like
your payment picked up.”**

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BRANCH: PHILAM TOWER VALERO
BANK NAME: BANCO DE ORO

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Thank you”**