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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



LUNCH MEETING

Mr. Samuel Ramos-Jones
Director
Philippine Strategic Associates (PSA)

Date: March 6, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



LUNCH MEETING

Dr. Jose Nicolas M. Cruz
Interventional Cardiologist
St. Luke's Medical Center

Date: March 13, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



LUNCH MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER
To be announced

Date: March 20, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



LUNCH MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER
To be announced

Date: March 27, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



District Conference DISCON 2025

SMX Convention Center, Pasay City
April 4-5, 2025

Kindly RSVP to secretariat



TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order
PE DINO DUMATOL

Invocation
RTN. SCOTT MOORE

Philippine National Anthem (video)

12:30 PM RC Makati West Hymn

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guest:

Introduction of Personalities at the
Presidential Table;

Committee announcement

12:45 PM President's Time
PRES. GERRY LAPERAL

Introduction of Guest Speaker
RTN. ROBIN GARCIA

1:00 PM Speech
SAMUEL RAMOS JONES
Director
Philippine Strategic Associates PSA

Token of Appreciation

Moderator
RTN. PATRICK DIONISIO

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



March 2
SPS. NIKKI JIMENEZ
Birthday



March 3
SPS. ELMA LAGMAN
Birthday



March 5
SPS. JUDITH CANTADA
Birthday



March 5
SPS. SOBBE CHOA
Birthday



March 7
RTN. RJ LEDESMA & SPS. VANESSA
Wedding Anniversary



GUEST SPEAKER

SAMUEL RAMOS JONES

DIRECTOR, PHILIPPINE STRATEGIC ASSOCIATES (PSA)

Sam Ramos-Jones is Director at Philippine Strategic Associates (PSA) – a Manila-based strategic advisory and risk consultancy firm. He is the grandson of the late former Philippine President Fidel Valdez Ramos. Sam's work experience prior to joining PSA include: the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs and a New York City-Based hedge fund.

Sam holds a B.A. in Political Science with a concentration in Political Economy from Yale University and is a graduate of the Management Development Program of the AIM's School of Executive Education. Sam is a Certified Situation Awareness Specialist, a Certified Counter Terrorism Specialist and additionally holds a Certificate in Forensic Accounting and Fraud Detection.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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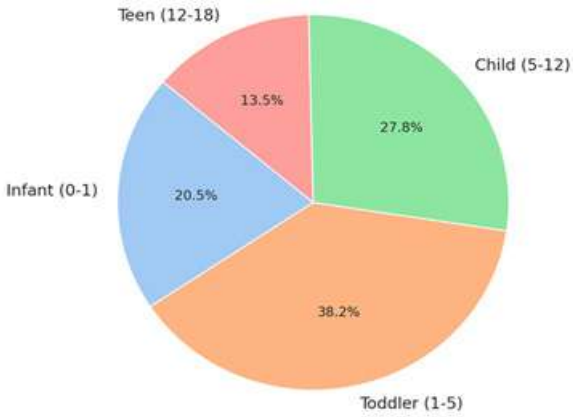
Dear Zesters,

Thanks to Chairman Lemarc Limosnero and Cong/PN Paul Daza, we are pushing the 300 operation mark for Gift of Life. That's right you heard that correct: President Nominee Paul Daza ladies and gentlemen for Rotary Year 2026-2027. The man, the civil servant, the legend himself.

Looking at the data, here are the distributions for all who are interested in this kind of thing.

1. Age Range Distribution - The majority of beneficiaries are toddlers (1-5 years old) and children (5-12 years old):

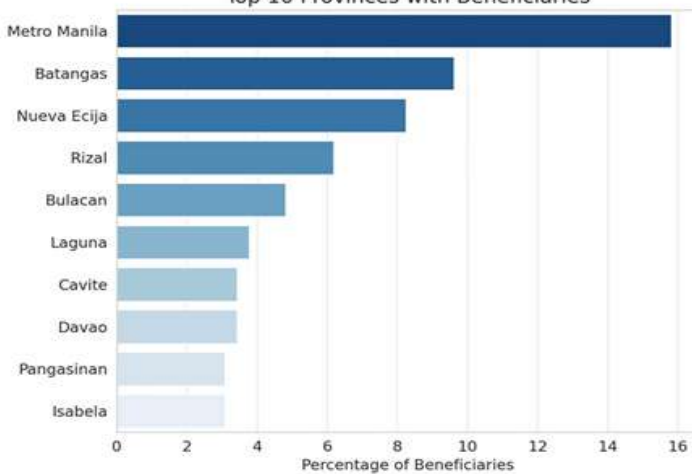
Age Range Distribution



- Infants (0-1 years old): 53 beneficiaries (20.46%)
- Toddlers (1-5 years old): 99 beneficiaries (38.22%)
- Children (5-12 years old): 72 beneficiaries (27.80%)
- Teenagers (12-18 years old): 35 beneficiaries (13.51%)

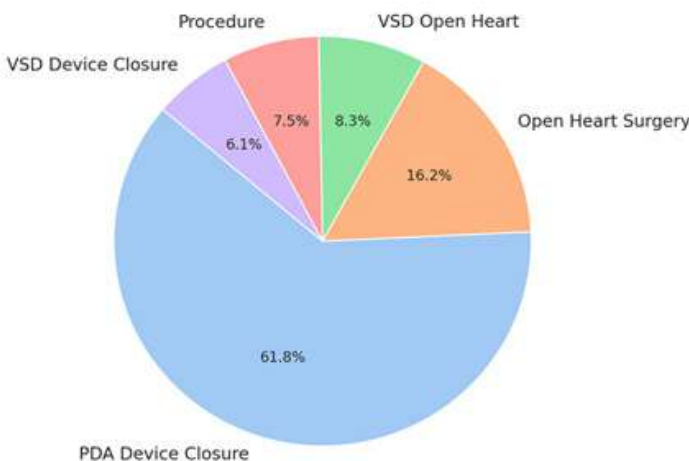
2. Geographical Reach - The program has reached beneficiaries in 44 provinces. The top 10 provinces with the most recipients are:

Top 10 Provinces with Beneficiaries



- Metro Manila: 46 beneficiaries (15.81%)
- Batangas: 28 beneficiaries (9.62%)
- Nueva Ecija: 24 beneficiaries (8.25%)
- Rizal: 18 beneficiaries (6.19%)
- Bulacan: 14 beneficiaries (4.81%)
- Laguna: 11 beneficiaries (3.78%)
- Cavite: 10 beneficiaries (3.44%)
- Davao: 10 beneficiaries (3.44%)
- Pangasinan: 9 beneficiaries (3.09%)
- Isabela: 9 beneficiaries (3.09%)

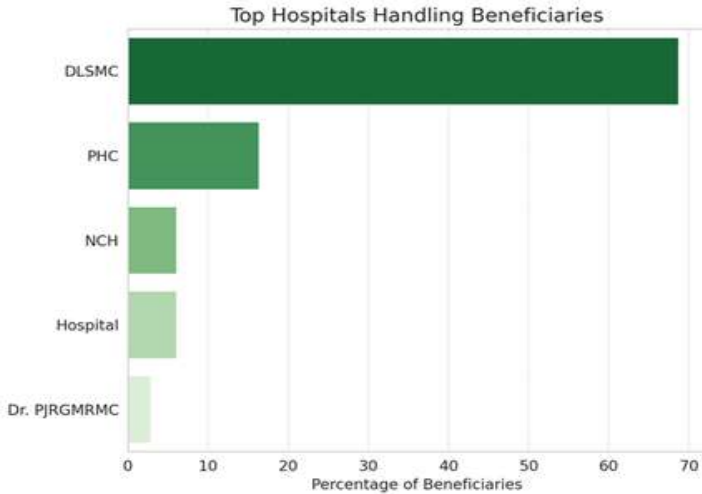
3. Most Common Medical Procedures



- PDA Device Closure: 141 cases (61.84%)
- Open Heart Surgery: 37 cases (16.23%)
- VSD Open Heart: 19 cases (8.33%)
- Procedure: 17 cases (7.46%)
- VSD Device Closure: 14 cases (6.14%)



4. Top Hospitals Handling Beneficiaries



- DLSCM: 193 cases (68.68%)
- PHC: 46 cases (16.37%)
- NCH: 17 cases (6.05%)
- Hospital: 17 cases (6.05%)
- Dr. PJRGMRMC: 8 cases (2.85%)

The last thing I want to do is turn the children into statistics. While these numbers represent our progress, they also symbolize countless stories of hope, resilience, and recovery. Every statistic here is a child whose life has been transformed, and that is the true essence of our mission.

Special shout-out to Cong. Duke Frasco who sponsored two (2) Open heart surgeries this week. These were for children not even in his district. Thanks Cong Duke!

With PE Dino and PN Paul, I'll be out of town for a couple of Thursday meetings. I am looking forward to weekly fun. After all, election season is in full swing!

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



**Featured Guest of Honor and Speaker on April 10, 2025
PDG Jun Farcon invited by PRID Guiller Tumangan**

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: VIRGILIO G. FARCON, JR.
Address: 40 Peter St., Filinvest East, Cainta, Rizal
Date of Birth: September 8, 1959
Age: 65 years old
Occupation: CPA-Lawyer
Civil Status: Married
Name of Spouse: ZENAIDA Y. FARCON
Occupation: Certified Public Accountant
Children: Virgilio Y. Farcon III – Certified Public Accountant
 Lawyer (38) JD, Jose Florinio Farcon – Lawyer (36) JD
 Zarah Julia Farcon – Lawyer (33) JD
Religion: Roman Catholic
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 195 lbs.



EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

	School	Degree
Elementary -	Roosevelt College	
High School -	Roosevelt College	
College -	University of the Philippines LB	B.S. Mathematics (2 years)
College -	San Sebastian College	- BSC, Major in Accounting
	Ateneo de Manila	- Bachelor of Laws, Graduate With Honors

BOARD/BAR EXAMINATION TAKEN:

	Year	Rating
CPA Board Exam.	1981	85.71
Bar Exam.	1987	85.55 (13th Place)

HONORS RECEIVED:

Consistent honor student in Elementary, Graduated 1st Honorable Mention (1972)
 Team Captain - Debating Team, Fourth Year Roosevelt College (1976)
 Silver Medal for Academic Excellence, Ateneo de Manila University
 (Ranked No. 8 Class 1987)
 Member - Ateneo Debating Team against University of San Carlos (1986)
 Thirteenth Placer 1987 Bar Examinations
 Praeses Award Aquila Legis Fraternity (1989, 1990, 1991 to 1994, 2015)
 Plaque of Merit - Philippine Hospital Association (1993, 1994, 2000, 2001)



- Merit Award - Rotary Club of Marikina - (1994, 1995)
- Most Outstanding Rotarian of the Year - (1995-96)
- Most Outstanding Rotary Club President District 3800 (1996-97)
- Leadership Award, RC Marikina (1997)
- Competent Toastmaster, Certificate from Toastmasters International (1994)
- Paul Harris Fellow (1996)
- Rotary International, District Governor's Award (1997)
- Major Donor, Level 1, The Rotary Foundation (2010)
- Major Donor, Level 2, The Rotary Foundation (2017)
- Major Donor, Level 3, TRF (2019)
- Rotary International Service Above Self Awardee (2020)
- Citation for Meritorious Service TRF (2021)
- Benefactor (2023)
- Created Endowment Fund Share Virgilio Farcon Jr and Zenaida Farcon (2022)
- Created Endowment Fund Share PP Ver Farcon+ and PP Lourdes Farcon+ (2024)
- Bequest Society Level 2 (2023)
- Polio Plus Society Since 2023 to present
- Paul Harris Society since 2008 to present
- Major Donor, Level 4, TRF (2024)

CLUB AFFILIATIONS & CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS:

Name	Position
Interact Club of Marikina	Member (1975)
Rotaract Club of Marikina North	Charter President (1976) District Rotaract Rep. (1982-83)
Rotary Club of Marikina Central	Charter Member and Director (1985)
Rotary Club of Marikina	Member since 1988 up to present with the classification of Taxation President (1996-97)
Rotary International District 3800	District Governor (2010-11)
Marikina Rotary Foundation	Board of Trustees (Since 2002)
Toastmasters Club of Marikina	Treasurer (1994)
Alpha Phi Omega	Prime Chancellor (1980)
Aquila Legis Fraternity	Most Honorable Praeses (1986)
United NGO Leaders Against Drug Abuse (UNLAD)	Chairman (1996)
Marikina CITYHOOD	Chairman (1996)
Marikina Marathon, Inc.	President (1997)



Marikina Golfers Association	President (2005)
KC St. Paul of the Cross Parish	Lifetime Member, 4th Degree
Lawyers for Christ	Founding Member (1998)
Couples for Christ	Mission Support Group East B Sector
Integrated Bar of the Philippines	Member, Since 1988
Rizal Chapter	Director (1997-1999)
Philippine Bar Association	Member, Since 2014
Phil. Institute of Certified Public Accountants	Member, Since 1981
Forrest Hills Golf & Country Club	Member, Since 1997
Celebrity Sports & Country Club	Member, Since 2008
Royal Northwoods Golf & Country Club	Member Since 2002

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Year	Company	Position and Work Assignments
1981-1983	Sycip, Gorres, Velayo & Co.	Staff Auditor
1983-1988	V.S. Farcon & Associates, CPAs	Managing Partner
1988-1991	Tanjuatco, Oreta, Tanjuatco Berenguer & Corpus Law Firm	Senior Associate Attorney
1999 to 2014	Farcon Yungco Raz & Associates CPAs	Partner
1991 to Present	Farcon, Baggayan, Farcon Law Firm	Managing Partner

COMPANY AFFILIATIONS:

Year	Company	Position
Since 1997	INC Navigation Co., Inc.	Corporate Secretary
Since 2002	REBAP Corporation	Corporate Secretary
Since 2008	Carrascal Nickel Corporation	Corporate Secretary
Since 2013	Giant Stone Mining Corporation	Asst. Corporate Secretary
Since 2013	CPO Mine Unlimited Inc.	Asst. Corporate Secretary
Since 2006	Jayjoza Trading Corporation	President
Since 2019	Philippine First Insurance, Inc.	Independent Director Chairman – Audit Committee
Since 2023	Shinagawa Lasik and Aesthetics Corp.	Independent Director Chairman – Audit Committee



THE WEEK IN REVIEW

February 27, 2025



Rtn. Paul Daza as Moderator



Rtn. Paolo Pineda as Invocator



Pres. Gerry Laperal in his President's Time



Treas. Judd Balayan Introduces the guest of honor



Ms. Antoinette Taus in her speech



Ms. Antoinette Taus received a Gift of Life Certificate from the club



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Please contact Treas. Judd Balayan as the delegation head
or the Secretariat for the RC Honolulu West visit.



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

MARCH



"Life is a perspective and for me, if a human being has access to school, clean water, food, proper health care, that is the basis of human rights."
Gelila Bekele

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH



TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE



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Officers, Directors & Club Advisers

President	Gerardo Oliverio V. Laperal
Vice President	Lauro S. Leviste II
Secretary/ PE	Christopher Dino C. Dumatol
Treasurer	Judd B. Balayan
Director	Epifanio V. Delos Santos
Director	Wilson Goh
Director	Davy Lim
Director	Lemarc B. Limosnero
Director	Jose Conrado Poblete
Director	Charlie S. Rufino
Director	Lars Wittig
Sgt.-At-Arms	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
Club Adviser	PP Carmelino P. Alvendia, Jr.
Club Adviser	PP Dennis D. Decena
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Club Adviser	PP Enrico B. Tensuan
Club Adviser	PP Alasdair J.W. Thomson
Club Adviser	PP Gil G. Chua

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

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Jameson Manlangit



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your continuous service.

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ROTARY FOUNDATION
OF MAKATI WEST, INC.

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ACCOUNT NO: 0011192572
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BANK NAME: BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES
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