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December 17, 2020*

Cataract Project III RY 20-21 Beneficiaries



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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

JOINT LUNCH MEETING W/ RC MANILA

Date: January 7, 2021/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn-2pm
GS: Hon. Benjamin E. Diokno
 Governor of Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Topic: "Financial Forecast for the New Year 2021
 – in the midst of the pandemic", and the
 effect of the monetary / economic policy
 to manage the impact of the Pandemic on
 business and its workforce

FIRESIDE CHAT

Date: January 9, 2020/ Saturday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 6:00pm
Topic: Double Feature: (1) Best Kept Travel
 Secrets Australia Travel Adventure Hosted
 By Rtn. Newton Smith & Rtn. Chris Moriarty
 (2) How To Get A Knock On Your Door in
 Amazing Bhutan Hosted by
 Rtn. Luis Arcangel

GOVERNORS VISIT

Date: January 14, 2021/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn-2pm
GS: Gov Cha Cha Camacho

FIRESIDE CHAT

Date: January 19, 2020/ Tuesday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 6:00pm
GS: Rtn. Roman Azanza, Rtn. Andy Aguila &
 PP Noel Laman
Topic: Sailing Basics 101

TODAY'S PROGRAM

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

6:20 PM Invocation
RTN. SCOTT MOORE

Philippine National Anthem (Video)

RCMW Hymn

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest

Introduction of Distinguished Personalities at
 the e-presidential table

Committee Announcements

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

PP Eric Angeles	Dec 18
Rtn. Steven Carl	Dec 19
Rtn. Jun Cuaresma	Dec 21
Sps. Dahlia Balois	Dec 22
Sps. Jennifer Moriarty	Dec 22
PP Lito Jimenez	Dec 27
Rtn. Robin Bradshaw	Dec 28
Sps. Marivic Lim	Dec 29
Sps. Jenny De Los Santos	Dec 30
Sps. Barbara Del Rosario	Dec 30

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

Introduction of the Guest Speaker
IPP ERIC TENSUAN

6:40 PM Speech
MR. KEVIN CHARUEL
 Remy Martin Brand Advocate

Moderator
RTN. PATRICK DIONISIO

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rtn. Ariel Miranda	
Sps. Maura	Dec 19
PP TG Limcaoco	
Sps. Helen	Dec 28



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!

I arrived in Scotland a couple of days ago to the unique and traditional winter welcome of horizontal drizzle, overcast grey gloom and balmy temperatures in the 5-7 celsius range. Bbbrrrrrrrr! What a huge contrast to the pleasant conditions that I had recently left in Manila!

Our lives are often full of contrasts and juxtapositions. I've said before that to cope with life in the Philippines one needs to be able to adjust to extreme circumstances set in immediate contrast to each other: the calm conditions and beautiful skies before and after typhoons that destroy livelihoods for millions; the overt displays of wealth and privilege shown by some of our public officials who supposedly represent the poorest constituents; the massive houses and slick office buildings of BGC and Makati that sit next to the squalor of Taguig, Pasay and Guadalupe informal settlements. If we cannot somehow live with the contrasts we would go mad. But if we do simply accept them, what kind of people does that make us?

As Rotarians at Makati West, we survive because we are capable of living with those contrasts but we succeed because we refuse to accept them. We strive to make changes that might reduce these obscene gaps, sometimes on a grand scale and sometimes on the modest scale of individual cases and circumstances. We recognise that we are all members of what in Scotland we call "The Lucky Sperm Club", blessed mostly by the lottery of our birth to live in wealth and comfort. And it doesn't sit well with us. It grates and it itches and it nags at our very soul; the recognition of our blessing compels us to "do something" to help balance the scales.

As we take a break for a few weeks over Christmas it does no harm to remember the contrasts that this crazy year has brought us, and to reflect on what we learned from them. The devastation of loss of life from the virus and the incredible harm done to the economy on one side, is balanced by the realisation and the reminder that we are inherently social beings who crave the company and companionship of others. The obvious acts of compassion and the community spirit that sprout spontaneously all around to counterbalance the pain and the suffering show that the Human Condition is far more about solidarity than it is about selfishness.

By the time I am back in January, we will be half way through my term. We will need plenty of energy and resolve to carry us through, so please make sure you refill your emotional and physical reservoirs as best you can over the Christmas period. I recommend time spent with family and friends, plenty of reflective quiet time with a good book, your favourite music and in prayer or contemplation. And a decent Scotch will make all of those far more effective!

With all best wishes to you and your families,

Yours in Zest,
Alasdair Thomson

Today's word is:

Shoogle, v. n. Also shogle, schogle; shoog(g)le, shougle; shuggle [ʃʊɡl]

This is a favourite word of mine and I need to remember to use it more often. It means "to shake" or "to sway" or generally to be unsteady, but there is no real violence implied in the motion. I've tended to hear and use the derived adjective ("shoogly") more than the verb or the noun.

That table in a restaurant that you spend ten minutes trying to balance by putting bits of paper under one leg is classically "shoogly". The movement of a tram car on the rails would be "shoogly". You might say an elderly person with a cane has a "shoogle" or "shoogles along", though the similarly delightful word "dodder" is I think my person preference in those circumstances.



Scottish Heritage



The Old Firm

The Old Firm is the collective name for the Scottish football clubs Celtic and Rangers, which are both based in Glasgow. The two clubs are by far the most successful and popular in Scotland, and the rivalry between them has become deeply embedded in Scottish culture. It has reflected, and contributed to, political, social, and religious division and sectarianism in Scotland, with Celtic largely associated with Roman Catholics and Rangers with Protestants. Personally I love the rivalry and have no time for the bigots on both sides who spoil the whole thing.

Between them the two clubs have won 105 Scottish League championships (Rangers with 54 and Celtic with 51). Celtic and Rangers have played each other 421 times in major competitions: Rangers have won 163 matches, Celtic 159 matches, and 99 ended in a draw. Recently, Celtic have been on a run of 9 winning seasons in a row, which I've found particularly painful to live through. Fortunately it looks like the mighty Rangers will prevail this year and put a stop to the rut!

I've always felt that many in the Philippines can get a sense of what the rivalry is like if only because Rangers wear Blue; Celtic, green. Some take the rivalry a step too far, but it is one that characterises life in all its aspects. We all know whom among our friends is a "Blue Nose" and who is a "Bhoy" and life at work in the city is one of constant banter either side of a game. The Monday when your team loses is a whole day of pain.



MODESTY ASIDE



Full Name: Alexander Verzosa Floro

We call you as: Alex or Lex

Relationship and Family: Spouse Patsy, daughter Bellie

Education and Training: DLSU, Brent School, Ateneo PADI and SSI Scuba Diving Instructor, Trained in Procore and SAP

Day Job: Director of Actuate Builders who moonlights as a dive instructor and marine conservation consultant.



Work fulfillment: Design and build of PCR Biolevel II Laboratories, built 900,000sqm of BPO workspaces and counting, helping with marine conservation programs of Tubbataha Reefs Marine Park

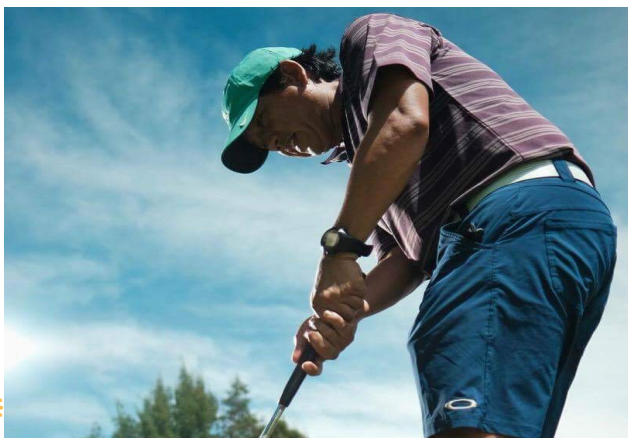
Hang out place: Weekday happy hours in Molito, Alabang and hanging out with the family on weekends in Calatagan.

Poison/ Drink of choice: Enkanto, white wine

Weekend activities: I enjoy being in the sea switching between scuba diving, fishing, wake boarding and learning to surf. On land I like to dirt bike and play some golf.

Post-covid get-away plans: My family dive trip to Socorro Island, Mexico was cancelled due to Covid and we look forward to visiting Socorro post covid.

Favorite movies: Star wars, Matrix



MEETING REVIEW - DECEMBER 10, 2020



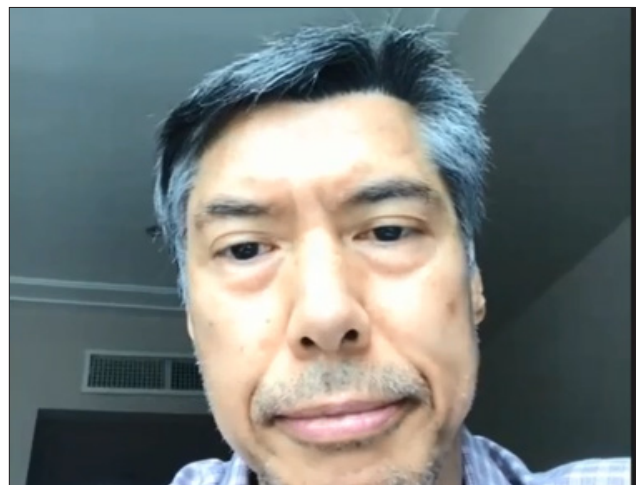
PP Phillip Hagedorn acts as Moderator



Rtn. Rj Ledesma acts as Invocator



Pres. Al Thomson during his President's Time



Rtn. Gerry Limcaoco giving his Gift of Life report



Treas. Tristan Choa giving his financial report



Rotarians during the Club Assembly

ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER



MR. KEVIN CHARUEL

Remy Martin Brand Advocate

Originally from France, Kevin is an expert of fine wine and spirits avid of sharing his passion for exceptional liquors. Kevin has been working in the industry for the past 10 years in Asia, Europe and in the US before settling in the Philippines. He joined Remy Martin as a Brand Advocate to share about the craftsmanship of Cognac and how this unique House is rooted in exception.

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

De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City

December 9, 2020



Joel Andrei Galves, 15 years old, Las Pinas City, PDA Device Closure



Jylyn Dawn Kawi, 7 mos old, Chakchakan, Buntok Province, PDA Device Closure



Misha Masangcap, 1 yr 9 months old, San Mateo Rizal, PDA Device Closure,

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

De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City

December 10, 2020



Gabriel Manahan, 1 year 6 mos, Ibahan, Batangas, PDA Device Closure



Zayne Justin Librando, 1 yr 3 mos, Bacolod City, NCH Open Heart Surgery



Zian Elrich Familara, 5 mos old, Quezon Province, PDA Device Closure

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

National Children's Hospital, Quezon City

December 14, 2020



Alexie Perater, 6 mos old, Jasaan, Misamis Oriental, PDA Ligation Procedure



Janna Shantel Ledesma, 1 year 2 months, Quezon City, Open Heart Surgery



DONATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF CATANDUANES



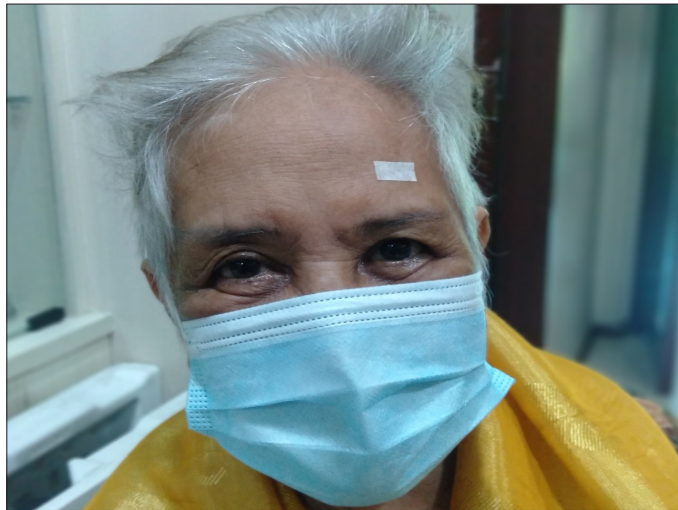
RCMW CATARACT PROJECT III RY 20-21

Med Surg Eye Center, BF Homes Paranaque City

December 12, 2020



**PRE-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



**POST-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



Belen Alejandro, 71 years old, Imus Cavite



Edgardo Vicente Baruelo, 56 years old, Cainta, Rizal



Edwin Del Castillo, 65 years old, Las Pinas City

**PRE-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



**POST-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



Edwin Del Castillo, 65 years old, Las Pinas City



Gerundio Elias, 64 years old, Taguig City



Glenafe Bautista, 52 years old, Imus, Cavite

**PRE-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



**POST-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



Gumerindo Redulla, 55 year old, Paranaque City



Edgardo Vicente Baruelo, 56 years old, Cainta, Rizal



Florence Costosa, 58 years old, Makati City

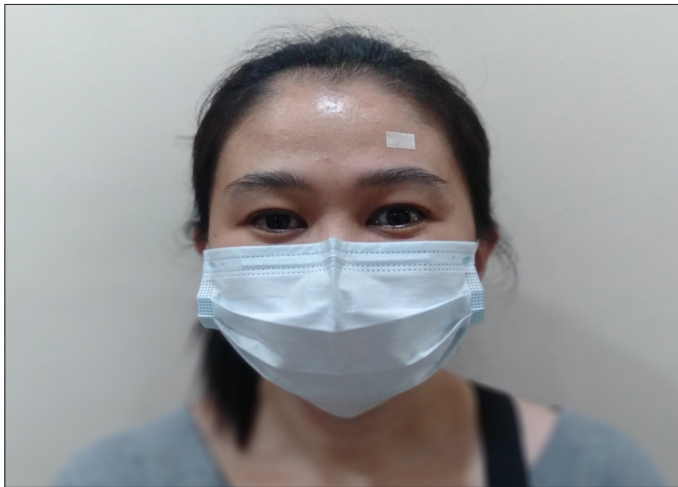
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RY 20-21**



**POST-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



Jesus Brinquez, 74 years old, Taguig City



Laarni Gadong, 37 years old, Imus City



Moises Joven, 63 years old, Paranaque City

**PRE-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



**POST-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



Zosimo Agustin, 62 years old, Imus Cavite



YOUR CLUB IN THE CLOUD

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Weekly Meeting Videos

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Induction & Handover

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Fireside Chat Archive

West Side Story

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Royce Ann Ladan

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

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“Calling on the 18 members with annual dues that remain unpaid. Please contact Kai at ((0917) 543-1709 if you would like your payment picked up.”

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