

# WEST SIDE Rotary Club of Makati West

# STORY



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2,288th Meeting (since 1969)  
January 7, 2021*

## Turnover of Artificial Limbs Project RY 20-21



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# MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

## FIRESIDE CHAT

**Date:** January 9, 2021/ 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, 2021/ Tuesday  
**Venue:** Zoom Conference  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**GS:** Rtn. Roman Azanza, Rtn. Andy Aguila & PP Noel Laman  
**Topic:** Sailing Basics 101

## LUNCH MEETING - LADIES' DAY

**Date:** January 21, 2021/ Thursday  
**Venue:** Zoom Conference  
**Time:** 12nn-2pm  
**GS:** Hon. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar

# TODAY'S PROGRAM

**12:00 PM** Call to Order  
**PRESIDENT BOBBY JOSEPH (RC MANILA)**

Invocation  
**PP AP BARTOLOME (RC MAKATI WEST)**

Philippine National Anthem  
**AVP OF RC MANILA MEMBERS**

RCM Hymn  
**RC MANILA MEMBERS**

Philippine Rotary Hymn  
**AVP**

The Rotarian Pledge  
**PRESIDENT ATOM MENDALLA (RC BAGUIO)**

The Four Way (4) Test  
**PP ARNOLD HERNANDEZ (RC MALOLOS)**

Introduction of Participating Rotary Clubs, Visiting Rotarians and Guest  
**PP ARCHIT BARTOLOME (RC MANILA)**

Message fro Chairman of RCM Program Committe  
**IPVP HERMIE ESGUERRA (RC MANILA)**

Welcome Song  
**RC MANILA MEMBERS**

President's Time  
**PRESIDENT BOBBY JOSEPH (RC MANILA)**

**1:00 PM** Introduction of the Guest Speaker  
**RTN. JIMMY LAYA (RC MANILA)**

Speech  
**HON. BENJAMIN E. DIOKNO**  
Governor, Banko Sentral Ng Pilipinas

*Topic title: "Financial Forecast for 2021 - in the midst of the pandemic"*

**1:30 PM** OPEN FORUM

**2:00 PM** Meeting Adjournment

Moderator  
**PP ARCHIT BARTOLOME (RC MANILA)**

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS (RC MAKATI WEST)

Rtn. Ariel Miranda	Jan 5
PP Fern Pena	Jan 5
Sps. Julianne Vital	Jan 11
Sps. Joji Bautista	Jan 12

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (RC MAKATI WEST)

Rtn. Timmy Chuidian	
Sps. Barbee	Jan 3
Dir. Lito Mercado	
Sps. Chary	Jan 7
Rtn. Jimmy Bautista	
Sps. Joji	Jan 9
Rtn. Robin Bradshaw	
Sps. Heidrey	Jan 11
Rtn. Charles Rufino	
Sps. Teresa	Jan 12
Rtn. Tonito Payumo	
Sps. Gina	Jan 13



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON**  
President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!

I hope this first message of the year finds you all hail and hearty, well rested over the festive break and re-charged for whatever 2021 has in store for us.

As I write those words, they feel rather fatalistic, but I suppose one of the big lessons of 2020 was the reminder that there is only so much in life that we can control. What is important is how we react to the ups and downs of life. Perspective is everything.

Already this year my “best laid plans” have “gang a-gley” as Robert Burns so aptly put it (look out for more from Burns later this month as I force you to celebrate his birthday). I was meant to be back in Manila, but instead find myself in Dubai for 14 days to avoid the travel restrictions imposed by the Philippine government on arrivals from the UK. Rather than be annoyed about this, I’ve chosen to be thankful for the opportunity to visit with some friends and family.

For sure 2021 will bring its difficulties. The impacts of Covid will continue to dramatically shape our personal and our business lives. We will sadly lose people who are dear to us, to this disease or to others, to tragedy or simply to time. But I think it will always be valuable to us to remember that in this club we are never alone and can always rely on each other for support. I’ve always felt that a huge sign of strength in a person lies in their ability to ask for help. It shows an inner self-confidence when one can admit to not having all the answers.

Anyone who has ever “pinged” the RCMW network knows of its immense power. Each and every member has, as Liam Neeson would say, “a particular set of skills”, and the ability to deploy them to direct and immediate effect. In both my work and my personal life I have been the grateful recipient of help from many of you, and I stand ready to return the favours where and when I best can. I encourage all of you to do the same, repeating my message from the beginning of the year that in tough times we need to pull together, rely on each other, and do more than before to energise and lift each other up.

As we move to elect our Board for 2021-22 in the coming days, let’s be grateful to the members who have agreed to stand for election and ensure they know they have our support. Make sure you cast your votes, and be ready to answer their call!

Yours in Zest,  
**Alasdair Thomson**

# SCOTCH CORNER

## Today's phrase is:

**Erse About Face** [adj. Eng. "Arse about face"]

This describes the situation when things don't turn out the way that they should, or are contrary to what is logical or should happen. "It's nae surprise the show wis a disaster - the whole line-up wis erse about face"

Other helpful uses of the word "Erse" include"

"Your erse!" - actually an abbreviated version of "you're talkin' oot yer erse", means the person addressing you is not making sense or is unconvincing

"He has a face like a skelpit erse" - used to describe one of uninspiring looks, or someone who is enraged

"To erse along" - used to describe someone propelling themselves over the ground on their bottom (usually toddlers but also drunk people)



## Scottish Heritage



### Caol Ila

Getting the pronunciation on this correct is an art in itself! I'm reliably informed it is phonetically [/'kɑl 'i:lə/] or "kuhl eela" by Emma who I trust when it comes to both whisky and Gaelic. The name simply refers to the site of the distillery (Strait of Islay).

As an Islay whisky, this one's a classic "punch you on the nose and rip your throat out" one. It is all peat smoke and seaweed. Definitely one for a late evening in front of a coal fire as the storm rages outside. Only about 5% of the distillery output is used for producing the single malt. Most of the production goes into the various Johnny Walker blends.

### Tasting Note by The Chaps at Master of Malt (18y)

**Nose:** Aromatic, darkness. Herbal, vegetal. Grassy, creamy malt.

**Palate:** Big, refined sweetness, leafy. Well integrated oak, smoke, oily, peat. Barley.

**Finish:** Long, herbal notes, gentle smoke, soft peat. Oily wood.



# One For One! One For All!

Happy New Year!!

We have designated January and February as Membership Recognition Months! The first reason for doing so is to thank you, our loyal members, and show our appreciation for all that you do in keeping our club vibrant, active and effective year after year. We will use these months to celebrate key milestones and also to connect with those who we see less often than we would wish.

The second purpose is challenge ***each one of you to bring one new member*** to the club (or at least to propose a potential new member) so that we can ensure the success of our club into the future. As announced at our Club Assembly in December, PE Franco is offering a special New Membership promotion during this quarter: any member who successfully recruits a new member can ***score up to 35% OFF your membership dues for 2021-22!***

We will be shortly be sharing with you materials to help you get the message across to your contacts. Please enlist the help of anyone on the Membership Committee should you want support in approaching potential new members!

As always, we rely upon the forthright voice of our members to keep us relevant and on track. Please do share with your Board, or the Membership Committee, any concerns you have or ideas for ways that we can continue to build the life and purpose of your Club: in our service, in our fellowship, in our professional capacities.

Building and strengthening our club takes effort. Many hands lighten the load, so please do your part.

YOU are Makati West! TOGETHER, we are Makati West!



Alasdair

## Membership Committee:

PE Franco del Rosario (Chair)  
PDG Tony Rufino  
PP Eric Angeles  
PP AP Bartolome  
PP Mon Guerrero

PP Jay Tambunting  
PP Roque Tordesillas  
Dir Lito Mercado  
Sec Javi Berenguer-Testa  
Rtn Robin Garcia  
Rtn Zdenek Jankovsky



## MODESTY ASIDE



**Full name:** Mark Anderson Ho Sambar

**We call you as:** Mark, Boy Basag, Boy Bigay, B-squared

**Relationship and family:** Married with 3 kids

**Educational and training:** The Culinary Institute of America

**Day job:** Part time cook, part time contractor, full time troublemaker (for my wife)

**Work fulfillment:** Catering for small parties / turning over completed projects

**Work challenges:** Finding time to spend with my kids



**Rotary achievements:** Baby Rotarian of the year, past chairman of the gift of life program, first rotarian to break a whisky glass toasting by himself

**Drink of choice:** Naked Grouse Blended Whisky, Macallan 25 yrs, and everything in between

**Post covid get away plans:** Hong Kong and Japan

**G.O.A.T:** Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen as the best duo

**Favorite movie:** Old school, Inception



# MEETING REVIEW - DECEMBER 17, 2020



*Rtn. Patrick Dionisio acts as Moderator*



*Rtn. Scott Moore acts as Invocator*



*Pres. Al Thomson during his President's Time*



*IPP Eric Tensuan introduces the guest speaker Mr. Kevin Charuel*



*Mr. Kevin Charuel giving his talk*



*Rotarians while listening to our guest speaker Mr. Kevin Charuel*

## ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER

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**HON. BENJAMIN E. DIOKNO**  
Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

Dr. Diokno is the current Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). Prior to his appointment, he served as Budget Secretary from 2016 to 2019. On his third tour of duty at the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), he pursued an expansionary fiscal policy to finance investments in human capital development and public infrastructure. As Governor, he is not only pursuing the BSP mandates of price stability, financial stability, and an efficient payments and settlements system; but also endeavors to bring central banking closer to the people. One of his primary thrusts is to champion digital payments and aims to shift 50% of retail payment transactions to digital ones by the end of his term.

His policy expertise and research contribution extend to various areas of public economics, such as the structure and scope of government, tax policies and reforms, public expenditure management analysis, fiscal decentralization, national budget and public debt among other topics. He has extensive experience in implementing reforms at the public sector, having also served as Budget Undersecretary from 1986 to 1991 and Budget Secretary from 1998 to 2001.

He is Professor Emeritus of the University of the Philippines-Diliman. Over more than 40 years, he taught the following courses: Public Sector Economics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Development Economics and Special Topics (e.g., Public Enterprises Investment and Pricing Policies; Public Sector Reforms; Local Government Finance, etc.). He was also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (City University of Manila).

He served as Fiscal Adviser to the Philippine Senate. He also served as Chairman and CEO of the Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC) and Chairman of the Local Water Utilities Administration.

Some of the major policy reform contributions of Dr. Diokno include: providing technical assistance to the 1986 Tax Reform Program to simplify the income tax system and introduce the value-added tax, helping design the 1991 Local Government Code of the Philippines, initiating a What-You-See-Is-What-You-Get policy to streamline the release of funds, sponsoring the internationally-lauded Government Procurement Reform Act to modernize, regulate, and standardize government procurement activities in the Philippines.

He served as an adviser and consultant to various multilateral agencies like the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Commission, and USAID for work in the Philippines, China and transitioning economies like Vietnam, Cambodia, and Mongolia.

He has also participated in numerous international conferences hosted by the IMF, ADB, World Bank, APEC, UN among other international organizations. Beyond this, he has authored numerous publications and discussion papers regarding his research interests that have been published in academic journals and policy reports.

He finished his Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from the University of the Philippines (1968), and earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration (1970) and Economics (1974) from the same university. He also holds a Master of Arts in Political Economy (1976) from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, USA and a Ph.D. in Economics (1981) from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York, USA.



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

*De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City*

*December 16, 2020*



Sofia Jane Salamanca. 7 years old, Antipolo City  
PDA Device Closure



Francheska Flores, 5 years old, San Fernando City La  
Union - PDA Device closure



Zarniah Castro, 2 years old, Ilocos Sur  
PDA Device Closure

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Victory Liner, Quezon City

December 21, 2020



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# YOUR CLUB IN THE CLOUD

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

**Weekly Meeting Videos**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RHNBRUCUvP6vbvb4sMV3000T?usp=sharing>

**Induction & Handover**

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1B3VwucxVYyERj8ioFTWO\\_HbZC8loHuLNP?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1B3VwucxVYyERj8ioFTWO_HbZC8loHuLNP?usp=sharing)

**Fireside Chat Archive**

**West Side Story**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1oa3zrZT6FzmWOYRX7i3Y6TYKAiyQsct3?usp=sharing>



# RY 2020-2021 Officers Directors & Club Advisers

President	Alasdair Thomson
VP / Pres. Elect	Franco Del Rosario
Secretary	Javier Berenguer-Testa
Treasurer	Tristan Choa
Director	Gil G. Chua
Director	Epifanio Delos Santos
Director	Christopher Dino Dumatul
Director	Gerardo Oliverio Laperal
Director	Lauro Leviste
Director	Davy Lim
Director	Lito Mercado
Sgt.-at-Arms	Juan Antonio Carlos
Ex-Officio Director	Enrico B. Tensuan
Club Adviser	PRID Guiller Tumangan
Club Adviser	PDG Tony Rufino
Club Adviser	PDG Oscar De Venecia
Club Adviser	PP Carmelino P. Alvendia, Jr.
Club Adviser	PP Roque Tordesillas
Club Adviser	PP Antonio Tambunting III
Club Adviser	PP Phillip Hagedorn
Club Adviser	PP Fern Peña
Club Adviser	PP Eric Angeles
Club Adviser	PP Ramon Guerrero
Club Adviser	PP Aurelio Paulo R. Bartolome
Club Adviser	PP Victor L. Vital

## Honorary Members:

Hon. Secretary Albert del Rosario, PDG  
Lito Colona, Mr. Rob Raylman and Dheeraj  
Wadhwani

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## THE WEST SIDE STORY STAFF

**Secretariat:** Shekinah Yarra &  
Royce Ann Ladan

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

PDG Tony Rufino  
Rtn. Elmer Francisco  
Rtn. Timmy Chuidian  
Rtn. Nono Ibazeta  
Rtn. Gerry Limcaoco  
Rtn. Gerry Laperal  
Pres. Al Thomson  
PP Jun Alvendia  
Rtn. Tonito Payumo  
PP TG Limcaoco  
PP Ruy Moreno  
Rtn. JP Delgado  
PP Junvee Vital  
PP Eric Angeles  
Treas. Tristan Choa  
Rtn. Jon Rocha  
PP Dave Caldwell  
Rtn. Bok Malantic  
Rtn. Serge Arroyo  
Rtn. Scott Moore  
Rtn. Hiro Koro  
Rtn. Timmy Tan  
Rtn. Patrick Dionisio  
PDG Oskie De Venecia  
PRID Guiller Tumangan  
Rtn. Cesar Villanueva  
PP Larry Ocampo  
PP Dennis Decena  
PE Franco Del Rosario  
PP Lou Del Rosario  
Dir. Dino Dumatul  
PP Ed Balois  
PP Jay Tambunting  
Rtn. Isaji Minoru  
Rtn. Toshi Ishikawa  
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Rtn. Ron Cang  
Rtn. Charles Rufino  
Rtn. Luis Cantada  
PP Lito Jimenez  
Rtn. Luis Elizaga  
Rtn. Tope Narciso  
Rtn. Chito Santiago  
SAA Dax Carlos  
Rtn. Bern Reyes  
Rtn. Mike Bailon  
Rtn. Rj Tabuena  
PP Phillip Hagedorn  
Rtn. Mark Sambar  
Rtn. Mark Puyat  
Rtn. Robert Yupangco  
Rtn. Javi Berenguer Testa  
Rtn. Zdenek Jankovsky  
Rtn. Lars Wittig  
Rtn. Newton Smith  
Rtn. Ryan Kern  
Rtn. Peter Hager  
Rtn. Hans Del Rosario  
Rtn. Edsa De Los Santos  
Rtn. Jun Cuaresma  
Rtn. Chris Beshouri  
Rtn. Roman Azanza  
Rtn. Paul Daza  
Rtn. Davy Lim  
Rtn. Ramon Roño  
Rtn. Nory Reyes Lao  
Dir. Robbie Leviste  
Rtn. JP Sarabia  
Rtn. Ian Ocampo  
Rtn. Christophe Lejeune  
Rtn. Butch Hidalgo  
Rtn. Matthieu Benedicto  
Rtn. Steven Carl  
Rtn. Rob Bradshaw

**“Calling on the 16 members with annual  
dues that remain unpaid. Please contact  
Kai at ((0917) 543-1709 if you would like  
your payment picked up.”**

**Please be informed that checks  
must be payable to:**

**ROTARY FOUNDATION  
OF MAKATI WEST, INC.**

**Bank Details:**

ACCOUNT NO: 001680053572  
BRANCH: PHILAM TOWER VALERO  
BANK NAME: BANCO DE ORO

**Please send deposit slip to the Secretariat**

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[kai.rcmw2@gmail.com](mailto:kai.rcmw2@gmail.com)

**If you are unavailable to send your  
deposit slip, your payment will  
remain outstanding in our records.**

**“We have unidentified deposits in our account, if  
you have already paid it is important for us to  
receive your deposit slip so we can account.  
Thank you”**