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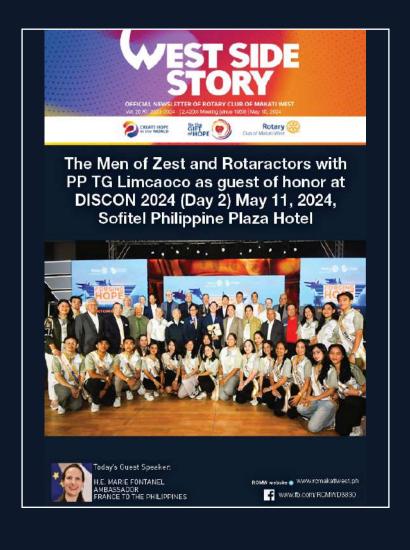
The Men of Zest and Rotaractors with PP TG Limcaoco as guest of honor at DISCON 2024 (Day 2) May 11, 2024, Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel





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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



LUNCH MEETING

H.E. Marie FONTANEL Ambassador France to the Philippines Date: May 16, 2024/ Thursday Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel

Time: 12nn to 2pm

Rotary Anns Fellowship Makeup & Photoshoot

Date: May 16, 2024/ Thursday Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel Time: 5pm to 7pm



LUNCH MEETING

Sps. Paz Balayan President & COO Moward Group Date: May 23, 2024/ Thursday Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel

Time: 12nn to 2pm



Rotary Club of Makati West Rotary Club of Forbes Park

PICKLE BALL DUAL MEET

Date: May 23, 2024/ Thursday Venue: Badminton Court, Manila Polo Club

Time: 4pm to 7pm



The Tournament of Champions District 3830 Golf Cup

Date: May 24, 2024/ Friday Venue: Forest Hills Golf & Country Club Shotgun Time: 7:30am



TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order PRES. DAX CARLOS

Invocation RTN. ROMAN AZANZA

France National Anthem (video)
Philippine National Anthem (video)

12:30 PM RC Makati West Hymn RCMW Members

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guest:

Introduction of Personalities at the Presidential Table:

Committee Annoucements

12:45 PM President's Time PRES. DAX CARLOS

Introduction of Guest Speaker RTN. CHRISTOPHE LEJEUNE

1:00 PM Speech
H.E. MARIE FONTANEL
Ambassador
France to the Philippines

Token of Appreciation

Moderator
PP ROQUE TORDESILLAS

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



May 2 SPS. ELINOR DEL ROSARIO Birthday



May 3 RTN. TERRY FARRIS Birthday



May 7 PP ROQUE TORDESILLAS Birthday



May 8 RTN. CESAR VILLANUEVA Birthday



May 9 PP JUNVEE VITAL Birthday



May 11 RTN. MONSOUR DEL ROSARIO Birthday



May 12 PP AL THOMSON Birthday



May 12 PS. GINA CAMPOS



May 13 SPS. CHARY MERCADO Birthday



May 13 SPS. TERESA RUFINO Birthday



May 14 SPS. PAOLA FACTORAN Birthday



May 16 PP FRANCO DEL ROSARIO Birthday



May 18 RTN. BOBBY VITO Birthday



May 19 PP DAVE CALDWELL



May 8 RTN. HANS DEL ROSARIO & SPS. ELINOR Wedding Anniversary



May 9 DIR. PAUL DAZA & SPS. GIGI Wedding Anniversary



May 15 RTN. CHITO SANTIAGO & SPS. WINNIE Wedding Anniversary





GUEST SPEAKER HER EXCELLENCY MARIE FONTANEL AMBASSADOR, FRANCE TO THE PHILIPPINES

Marie Fontanel Lassalle has about 20 years of experience in French public administration, working in public and European law social and health policies. At present, she is the ambassador of France to the Philippines and Micronesia, which enables her to pursue her interest in travel as shown through her work experience in both Togo and Vietnam.

She was the former Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe Strasbourg. Prior to that, she worked as the Advisor to the President of the Republic on Solidarity and Health. She has also worked as the Acting General Director at the Alsace Regional Health Agency, Director of Public Relations at Musée du quai Branly, and a General Inspector of Social Affairs.

She is a graduate of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, with a Master's in International and European Law at Utrecht University, and a Maîtrise de Droit public in Panthéon-Assas University. She also gained the position of Promotion Senghor for the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in 2004 and has been a certified coach with HEC Coaching since 2017. In addition to this, she has also co-authored and authored several publications and has been a lecturer and part-time lecturer for the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, UCANSS, and the "A nous l' Europe" Association.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kudos

The first thing I would like to talk about today is how awesome our District Conference had been. It made me prouder to be a Top Gun president under the leadership of Governor Jay Tambunting. Who would have thought that we would really fit into a Top Gun theme – with all that amazing backdrop and military-inspired #00TDs. I heard people at the hallway asking whether there's really a military or air force convention that day. We also look good in the photos.

A big congratulations, Gov. Jay and to all the Rotary Club of Makati West members who contributed to the event's success. First on that list of course are DISCON 2024 Committee Chairperson Gil G. Chua, Co-chair PP Lito Jimenez, District Secretary PP Mon Guevarra, Programs Co-Chair PP Eric Angeles, Marshals Team Co-chair PP Bobby Cabral, Treasurer Judd B. Balayan and Rtn. Bobby Vito.

Of course, the DISCON also had Cong. Paul Daza as panel moderator, Rtn. RJ Ledesma as host during the Governors ball, and PP TG Limcaoco as one of the distinguished speakers on Day 2.

I know there are more club members who helped the DISCON come to fruition. On behalf of the club, thank you all for your support that really elevated the club's reputation in such a special gathering as the DISCON.





For those who were able to attend, thanks for giving me the loudest cheer during the Top Gun Presidents' march and to every moment where there's an opportunity to cheer for our club and our club members. These instances include Gov. Jay's speeches and appearances, PP Gil Chua's speeches, and most especially during the speech of PP TG Limcaoco. We all had fun cheering for our fellow Makati West Rotarians.

Thank you also to our RCMW staff - Kai, Jameson, Mike and Von for being there as well. Thanks as well to our Rotaractors and our satellite club members who helped in "Maintaining Peace" as they served as ushers and marshals during the two-day event.

Project Updates

Let me now give you some project updates for this week.

For our Gift of Life (GOL) program, RCMW and the Gift of Life International sponsored 10 patients operated at Batangas Medical Center on May 13 and 14. The medical team from the Philippine Heart Center performed the surgery. These patients are residents of Batangas who are no longer required to travel to Manila.

There were also three PDA Device Closure procedures done on May 9 and 14 at the Phil. Heart Center.

This brings to 240 our total GOL surgeries this Rotary Year. We have also assisted to date a total of 2,396 indigent patients from Cong. Paul Daza fund.

The next schedule of GOL operations will be on May 28 & 30 with 23 patients at the De Los Santos Medical Center, and another batch of 15 patients on June 5.

For our Gift of Sight (GOS) program, we performed the fourth batch of our cataract surgeries with 34 patients on Saturday, May 11, at Medsurg Eye Center, bringing to 134 our total of eye cataract surgeries funded by the Global Grant. Our next schedule will be on June 15, 2024 for 40 to 45 patients.

For our Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Project, we held a screening activity last May 6 in Barangay Apolonio Samson, Balintawak, Quezon City. Of the total of 54 women screened, 10 were found positive for breast mass. They were referred to Quezon City General Hospital for ultrasound, biopsy, and surgery for free.

So that's our updates for this week. Feel free to approach me, our project chairs or our secretariat should you want to know more about our weekly schedules. Feel free to join us in any of these activities.

Our Guest speaker, the French Ambassador

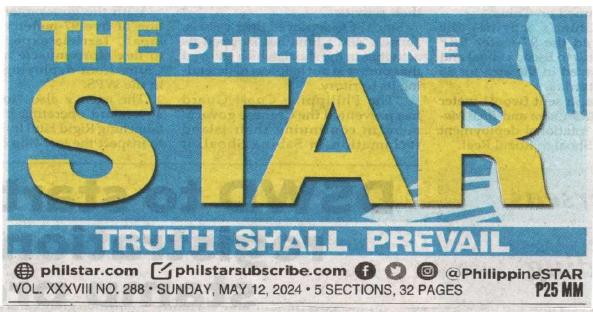
We are very fortunate to have for our guest speaker for today's lunch meeting no other than Her Excellency Marie Fontanel, Ambassador of France to the Philippines.

Her talk will definitely enlighten us on France and Philippines' diplomatic and bilateral trade relations. Be ready with your questions and I hope we can make most our time with her this afternoon.

Big thanks to everyone for your support. God bless us all!

Juan Antonio "Dax" T. Carlos President, RY 2023-2024 Rotary Club of Makati West





Rotary International
District 3830 opens
Day 1 of DISCON 2024,
the district's biggest
gathering for thanksgiving and celebration,
with a ribbon-cutting
ceremony at the House
of Friendship Exhibit Area. In photo are
(from left) immediate
past district governor
Mildred Vitangcol,
DISCON chair and past
president Gil Chua,
Hyunjoo Yang, spouse
of past Ri director
Eunsoo Moon (center),
District 3830 governor Jay Tambunting
and past president
Cynthia Reyes.





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Public Square

MONDAY May 13, 2024

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Rotary District 3830 successfully holds Discon 2024

THE Rotary International District 3830 on May 10 successfully held. Day 1 of its District Conference (Discon) 2024, the district's biggest gathering for thanksgiving and celebration.

Themed "Forging Hope. Taking Flight," which took inspiration from the "Top Gun" film franchise, the two-day event was held at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila.

District 3830's "Top Gun" Governor Jay Tambunting opened Day 1 with the Rotary's ceremonial "Call to Order" and later in the program gave his "State of the District Address."

Discon 2024 Chairman, past president Gil Chua, delivered his spirited welcome remarks with recorded video messages from first lady Liza Araneta-Marcos and Metro Pacific Group and

PLDT Chairman Manny V. Pangilinan.

The keynote speaker for the first day was Rotary International President Gordon McInally's Representative (RIPR), Past Rotary International Director (PRID) Eunsoo Moon of Rotary Club of Cheonan Dosol, South Korea.

Moon was introduced by Immediate Past District Governor Mildred Vitangcol, who also served as the RIPR Aide.

The first day also saw the opening of the House of Friendship Exhibit Area, the entrance of colors by the Philippine Air Force guards, the processional march of Rotarians and dignitaries, and other opening ceremonies.

An overview of the Discon was also presented by Programs Chairman PP



Rotary International District 3830 opens Day 1 of District Conference (Discon) 2024 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the House of Friendship Exhibit Area with (from left) immediate past district governor Mildred Vitangcol; Discon Chairman and past president Gil Chua; Hyunjoo Yang, spouse of past RI director Eunsoo Moon; District 3830 Gov. Jay Tambunting; and past president Cynthia Reyes. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

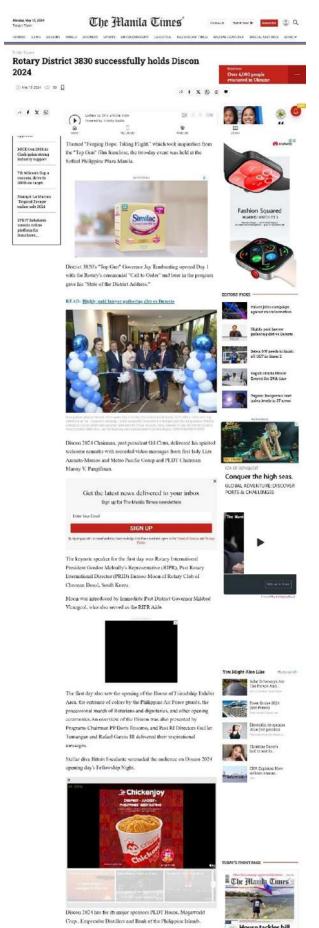
Doris Ensomo, and Past RI Directors Guiller Turnangan and Rafael Garcia III delivered their inspirational messages.

Stellar diva Bituin Escalante serenaded the audience on Discon 2024 opening day's Fellowship Night. Discon 2024 has for its major sponsors PLDT Home, Megaworld Corp., Emperador Distillers and Bank of the Philippine Islands.

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Rotary District 3830 bares lineup of speakers for upcoming DISCON 2024

Program features the Rotary's traditional ceremonies

BY MB LIFESTYLE

May 9, 2024 12:39 PM



The Rotary International District 3830 led by "Top Gun' Governor Jay C. Tambunting has announced its lineup of speakers for its upcoming District Conference (DISCON) 2024, its grand fellowship event scheduled on May 10 to May 11 at Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila.

Keynote Speaker for Conference Day I will be Rotary International President Gordon McInally's Representative, Past Rotary International Director (PRID) Eunsoo Moon of Rotary Club of Cheonan Dosol, South Korea. Tambunting will open Day I with the Rotary's ceremonial 'Call to Order' and later on give his "State of the District Address," while DISCON 2024 Chairperson Gil G. Chua will deliver the welcome remarks, and other District officers will take part in the program in different capacities.

Guest speakers for Day 2 include Philhealth President and CEO Emmanuel Ledesma, Jr., who will talk about "Empowering Progress through Health Care"; Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) President and CEO Jose Teodoro "TG" Limcaoco, who will talk about "Preserving Legacy through Continuous Reinvention;" and PLDT Inc. Senior Vice President and Network Head Menardo "Butch" G. Jimenez, who will talk about "Championing Connectivity for Filipino Homes."



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There will also be a fireside chat on DISCON Day 2 titled 'Making Good Lasting Impact in the Modern World' to be moderated by Cong. Paul Ruiz Daza, Northern Samar's 1st District Representative. Joining the chat are environmentalist and mental health advocate Cat Triviño; actor, model, entrepreneur Enchong Dee; and Agile Intelligence Managing Director Chewy Chua.

These guest speakers will be the part of the program's key highlights, complementing the DISCON 2024 program that features the Rotary's traditional ceremonies, District updates and learning sessions, the presentation of new clubs and the District's next leaders, and the culminating Governor's Ball. The two-day event will also have exciting entertainment numbers.





















THE WEEK IN REVIEW April 25, 2024



PP Dennis Decena as Moderator



Dir. Charlie Rufino as Invocator



Vice Pres. Dino Dumatol in his President's Time



Rtn. Wilson Goh Introduces the Guests of Honor



Mr. Latif Sim during his Speech



Mr. Eugene Ong during his Speech





Mr. Latif Sim and Mr. Eugene Ong receive their Gift of Life Certificates from the Club































































RC Makati West & Heart Warriors of the Philippines in Partnership with the Philippine Cancer Society for a Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Project at Barangay Apolonio Samson Quezon City on May 6, 2024, Sunday





















Lunch Fellowship at Phoenix Restaurant, Bellevue Hotel District Training Assembly 2024 on April 27, 2024





















PROJECT UPDATES GIFT OF SIGHT PROJECT GG# 2453833

Cataract Surgery Patients for RY 2023-2024 May 11, 2024 at MedSurg Eye Center



Fernando Asis 67 years old Paranaque City



Rosemarie Manalansang 65 years old Novaliches, Quezon City



Nelia Maning 54 years old Paranaque City



Imelda Lumbao 48 years old Makati City





Zenaida Daz 69 years old Las Pinas City



Danilo de Guzman 77 years old Manila City



Marieta Fernandez 72 years old San Pedro, Laguna



Amelia Villaresco 67 years old Imus, Cavite





Natividad Marcelo 74 years old Paranaque City



Bonifacia Cruz 63 years old Calamba, Laguna



Florencia Mercaderos 60 years old Makati City



Asuncion Solis 65 years old Bacoor Cavite





Carmelita Ledesma 63 years old Makati City



Mary Grace Yaon 23 years old Quezon City



Evangeline Ocampo 67 years old Taguig City



Sabino Jayme 59 years old Gen. Trias, Cavite





Carmelita Parabuac 87 years old Calamba, Laguna



Tessie Ravanera 67 years old Makati City



Elena Bagares 55 years old Gen. Trias, Cavite



Juanita Luban 66 years old Paranaque City





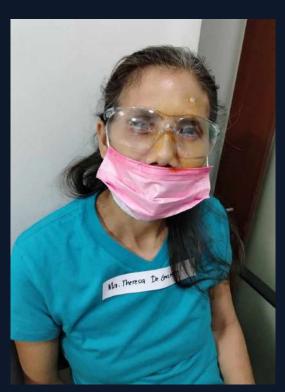
Corazon Espino 75 years old Paranaque City



Lowie San Juan 39 years old Manila City



Leonora Gupid 76 years old Malabon City



Ma. Theresa De Guzman 51 years old Gen. Trias, Cavite





Fermina Calma 82 years old Cainta, Rizal



Flora Padrigon 72 years old Silang, Cavite



Elizabeth Del Mar 62 years old Makati City



Rebecca Ortiz 73 years old Imus, Cavite





Miranda Ramos 68 years old Taguig City



Lourdes Candelaria 78 years old Calamba, Laguna



Aurora Pascua 69 years old Taguig City



Rodolfo Aliado 70 years old Taguig City





Prescilla Agpasa 76 years old Taguig City



Gilberto Manguiat 63 years old Calamba, Laguna



Antonio Aquino 64 years old Paranaque City



Prancisita Companero 52 years old Las Pinas City













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