

WEST SIDE STORY

Rotary
Club of Makati West



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2,290th Meeting (since 1969)
January 21, 2021

Save the
Date!

A Bottle And Friend

There's nae that's blest of human kind,
But the cheerful and the gay, man,
Fa, la, la, &c.

Here's a bottle and an honest friend!
What wad ye wish for mair, man?
Wha kens, before his life may end,
What his share may be o' care, man?

Then catch the moments as they fly,
And use them as ye ought, man:
Believe me, happiness is shy,
And comes not aye when sought, man.

Robert Burns

Burns Night / Poetry Night • January 28, 2021 • Via Zoom

Sign-up for "Burns Night" Unleash Your Inner Bard!

<https://forms.gle/zxyi5XRTTwGxFYZ76>

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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

JOINT MEETING - RC PETALING JAYA

Date: January 26, 2021/ Tuesday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 7:30pm
GS: To be announced

FIRESIDE CHAT: BURNS / POETRY NIGHT

Date: January 28, 2021/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 6pm
Hosted: Pres. Al Thomson

LUNCH MEETING

Date: February 4, 2021/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn-2pm
GS: Mr. Richard Bate
President & CEO, Manulife
Philippines

LUNCH MEETING

Date: February 11, 2021/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn-2pm
GS: To be announced

TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order
PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON

12:20 PM Invocation
SPS. SHIELA CARLOS

Philippine National Anthem (Video)

RCMW Hymn
RTN. JIMMY BAUTISTA

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and
Guest

Introduction of Distinguished
Personalities at the e-presidential
table

Committee Announcements

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Sps. Kathy Limcaoco Jan 15
Sps. Nining Fajardo Jan 21

12:30 PM President's Time
PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON

12:40 PM Introduction of the Guest Speaker
SPS. LEXI BERENGUER-TESTA

Speech
HON. EMMELINE AGLIPAY VILLAR
Undersecretary, Department of Justice

Moderator
SPS. LEXI BERENGUER-TESTA



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men and Ladies of Action!

It is again an enormous pleasure to welcome our Ladies to our Club and to follow their lead in our meeting this week. My thanks as always to Trina Reyes for her coordinating efforts on this, to all the participants in our program and to all our delightful visitors.

At the beginning of my term I said I wanted us to tackle some difficult issues during our Thursday lunches. I figure that in facing up to them we are put in a position where we are unable to ignore them, which leaves us with a choice: pretend we never heard, convince ourselves that we don't care, or do something about it.

As Rotarians, as family men and women, I can think of fewer topics of more importance or with greater potential for discomfort than the reality of child exploitation, sexual abuse and trafficking in the Philippines today. I was struggling to find the right resource speaker for this until introduced to Under Secretary Emmeline Villar, when I knew we had someone with extensive perspective, a dedication to the topic and a drive to eliminate these awful practices. After today, I hope that in some way we at Makati West can understand the issues, and find our own way to help her and her team.

I would like to thank you all for voting in our recent Board elections, and to congratulate the incoming Board for RY2021-22. PE Franco has an All-Star bench to support him for sure! Our task for the remainder of this year is to ensure they have the systems in place and the financial springboard to all allow them to continue to build on 51 years of Makati West tradition.

We turn our eyes now to choosing the location of our new home! Again, this is a matter that requires the voice of all our members to be heard, so please make sure you vote again this week on this important issue.

Please be reminded again to think hard and identify just one potential new member that you could invite to our Club. You should feed those suggestions into the Membership Committee and we will work with you from there on how best to engage. PE Franco's new member promotion is pretty interesting if you wish to avail of it - up to 35% off of your dues for next year! We have much to do, need more hands to help and have so much we can offer to new friends in our club. When something is as marvellous as RCMW, we have an obligation to share it with others!

From your roving President, nomadically lost, wandering somewhere in the Middle East and praying to be allowed back home sometime soon!

Yours in Zest,
Alasdair Thomson

In contrast to last week's range of insults, I thought it might help to show that we really do care in Scotland about the wellbeing of our fellow man. So here are a few blessings you may hear:

“Lang may yer lum reek” (May your chimney always have smoke). Basically Scotty's equivalent of Spok's “Live long and prosper”

“May the moose ne'er lea' yer meal barrel wi' a tear in its e'e” (May the mouse never leave your oat barrel with a tear in its eye). A blessing given to newly weds in the hope that their new home together is comfortable and prosperous

“May the best ye've ever seen be the worst ye'll ever see”

“May ye be happy while yer living, for yer a long time dead”

“May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.”



Scottish Heritage

Isle of Jura

This is one that you should all be proud of, for the Jura distillery is now Filipino-owned, having come as part of the purchase of Whyte & Mackay by the Andrew Tan group. It is one of the best value for money Scotches available in the Philippines in my view.

Jura itself is a pretty barren island (pop. c.200) lying between the Mull of Kintyre and Islay. Though the island itself is pretty peaty, the whisky is not particularly so, making it an easy dram. The current distillery dates from just 1962, when it was set up to produce lighter malts for blending. This remains that overwhelming character of the product.

The “seafaring” bottle is allegedly shaped with curved edges to allow it to travel long distances in rough waters. That may be the case, but the uisge beatha inside is as smooth as they come.

Tasting Note by The Chaps at Master of Malt (12y)

Nose: Nutty barley, white wine, cinnamon, melon.

Palate: Chocolate fudge, pear, a portion of peppery malt tucked away.

Finish: Sherbet lemons and sultanas.



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: Roman Vellguth Azanza III

We call you as: Roman

Relationship and family: Happily married to Sally Tinsay for over 24 years... with two great sons, Roman Gabriel (20) and Joaquin Miguel (18)

Education & Training: Colby College, A.B Economics
The Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, MBA

Day job: After 30 years with corporate world, Im giving independent consulting a shot

Work fulfillment: Conceptualizing, starting and building high performance organizations

Work challenges: Staying ahead at the curve in a business environment that's getting more dynamic and competitive every year



Rotary achievements: Treasurer to PP Fernando Peña and boat captain for IPP Eric

Special talents/interesting facts: Avid sailor and regular regatta organizer; and I occasionally dabble in drawing and painting

Hang-out place: The Nasugbu coastline

Poison/Drink of choice: A great Ribera Duero red wine

Weekend activities: Sailing, running, yoga

Post-covid get-away plans: Hang out in Europe with my Spain and Scotland-based sons for a couple of months

Unforgettable moment: Sailing my 16 foot Hobie Cat from Guimaras to Ilo-Ilo in the middle of a typhoon!

Dream car: Volkswagen Touareg -- Im driving it!



MEETING REVIEW - JANUARY 14, 2021



PP Jay Tambunting acts as Moderator



Rtn. Hiro Koro acts as Invocator



President Al Thomson during his president's time



PP Bobby Lim introduces the guest speaker



Gov. Cha Cha Camacho giving his talk



Gov. Cha Cha Camacho receives a Gift of Life Certificate & Flower from the Club

ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER



HON. EMMELINE AGLIPAY-VILLAR

Undersecretary, Department of Justice

Emmeline Aglipay-Villar is a lawyer by profession.

Education

She graduated magna cum laude in 2002 with a degree in A.B. Economics from De La Salle University. She earned her Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines and was one of the top students of the Class of 2006. She took up her Masters of Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science. She took up her elementary and secondary education at the St. Scholastica's College Manila.

Awards

In 2012, Emmeline was one of the youngest recipients of The Outstanding Young Men or **TOYM Award**, for Public Service, for devoting her life to community development and for spearheading several successful sustainable livelihood programs of Democratic Independent Workers' Association (DIWA) Party-list all over the country.

Even while she was a student, Em already exhibited leadership qualities as was a student leader all throughout her years in DLSU until she became the Student Council President on her last year. Upon graduating from college, she was awarded the Most Outstanding Student Leader, the Gabriel Connon Award, which was given to the most outstanding graduating student, and she was ultimately recognized as one of the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines or **TOSP Award** by the Commission on Higher Education and the RFM Foundation. As student council president of the DLSU Student Council, she implemented a community development program that became the reasons for the DLSU Student Council to be recognized by the National Youth Commission as one of the Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations (**TAYO Awards**). The DLSU Student Council was also awarded the **United Nations Millennium Development Goal Award** in recognition of this successful community development project.

Even in while she was in High School, Em showed a strong sense of social responsibility. She headed the High School's Outreach program and was awarded the Gerry Roxas Leadership Award and the Alphonso Yuchengco Award for National Discipline.

Professional Career

She is currently the **Undersecretary for Legal Services and Liaison Cluster of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and is also the Undersecretary in-charge of the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking**. The Legal Staff of the DOJ and the DOJ Legislative Liaison Office are under her supervision, and she is in-charge of coordinating with the Office of the Solicitor General, Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, Presidential Commission on Good Government, Public Attorney's Office, and Land Registration Authority.

She started her legal career as an associate at the **SyCip Salazar Hernandez and Gatmaitan Law Offices**, one of the largest full service law firms in the Philippines. She entered the government service in 2008 as a Court Attorney VI of then Chief Justice Reynato S. Puno.

Prior to being appointed as an Undersecretary of the DOJ, she was a **three-term Congresswoman of the DIWA Party-list**, serving as a member of the House of Representatives from 2010- 2018. She has authored and co-authored 335 Bills, 63 of which were passed into law, including, The Domestic Workers Act, The Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act; Persons with Disability (PWD) Value-Added Tax (VAT) Exemption Act; The Expanded Maternity Leave Law; The First 1000 Days Act; The Mental Health Act; The Act Strengthening Occupational, Health and Safety Standards; and The Unified Student Financial Assistance System of Higher and Technical Education, among others.

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

National Children's Hospital & De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City



Jaziel Jane Pasanting, 8 years old,, Lanao Del Norte, PDA Device Closure - DLSCMC
January 6, 2021



Kylie Almonte, 1 year old, Bulacan, PDA Device Closure - DLSCMC
January 6, 2021



Lanz Batacao, 2 years old, Laguna, Open Heart Surgery - NCH
January 7, 2021



Shairileyn Oliva, 1 year _ 2 mos old, Pampanga, PDA Ligation Procedure - NCH
January 11, 2021

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS, RY 2021-2022

Bautista, Jimmy

Cang, Ron

Carlos, Dax

Choa, Tristan

Chua, Gil

Cuaresma, Jun

De Los Santos, Edsa

Francisco, Elmer

Jankovsky, Zdenek

Laperal, Gerry

Leviste, Robbie

**Congratulations to the newly elected Board of
Members & Officers, RY 2021-2022**

From Pres. Al Thomson & RCMW Members

REMINDER TO SUBMIT YOUR DATA PRIVACY FORM

Dear RCMW Members,

Greetings!

Just a gentle reminder to those who have not yet submitted their Data Privacy form. Kindly send to the secretariat ASAP. Kindly click link below to download the form.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Zjq5q3mzgBH-JpwWbYVu3Y_LWDrS4Ubi/view?usp=sharing

Thank you!

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/13VwucxVYyERj8ioFTWO_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 Dumatol
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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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
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PP Noel Laman
IPP Eric Tensuan
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Rtn. Ramesh Dargani
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Rtn. Miguel Pertiera
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Rtn. Jun Lagman
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Rtn. Mario Chan
Rtn. Nelson Aquino

**“Calling on the 14 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

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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”**