

# WEST SIDE STORY

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## Gift of Life beneficiaries at De Los Santos Medical Center



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

Men of Action!

In his poem, "To a Mouse", Robert Burns reminded us all that often things don't turn out quite as we hoped for.

Generally a deviation from carefully conceived plans is taken as negative sentiment, but over the years I've seen in retrospect how blessed I've been as a result of things not working out as I originally anticipated. I've been forced to live in the moment (much as Burns noted his mouse did), I've met new people, seen new places and discovered new parts of myself. In the words of another great poet and songwriter, Garth Brooks: "some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers".

And so it is that, as a result of this travel ban for non-Filipinos, I am writing this from the Maldives! "Not. Too. Shabby", as they say...

Nonetheless, I am really keen to be back home as soon as possible, and I am hugely grateful to those of you who have been in touch to see how you can help. It is very touching to be in your thoughts, and characteristic of our members who have a habit of looking out for each other. Thank you!

It was wonderful to spend Tuesday evening in the company of our sister club RC Petaling Jaya, to learn of our joint history from PP Bobby Lim and to renew our bonds. Thanks to those of you who joined for that. Let's visit them in Malaysia just as soon as we are allowed to do so!

I'd like to congratulate and thank Director Gil Chua for agreeing to act as the President of RCMW in RY2022-23.

With PE Franco and with PN Gil we have an incredibly strong succession plan and talent aplenty to carry the Club forward. One thing I have truly learned this year is that our club works best when we all put our talents to work in support of our leadership. Together, Makati West is a force to be reckoned with! So let me assure both these gentlemen of my own support when their time comes. I'm sure they would appreciate messages of a similar note from all of us individually.

Yours in Zest,  
**Alasdair Thomson**

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## To A Mouse

Wee, sleekit, cowrin, tim'rous beastie,  
O, what a panic's in thy breastie!  
Thou need na start awa sae hasty,  
Wi' bickering brattle!  
I wad be laith to rin an' chase thee  
Wi' murd'ring pattle!

I'm truly sorry man's dominion,

Has broken nature's social union,  
An' justifies that ill opinion,  
What makes thee startle  
At me, thy poor, earth-born companion,  
An' fellow-mortal!

I doubt na, whiles, but thou may thieve;  
What then? poor beastie, thou maun live!

A daimen icker in a thrave  
'S a sma' request;  
I'll get a blessin wi' the lave,  
An' never miss't!

Thy wee bit housie, too, in ruin!  
It's silly wa's the win's are strewin!  
An' naething, now, to big a new ane,

O' foggage green!  
An' bleak December's winds ensuin,  
Baith snell an' keen!

Thou saw the fields laid bare an' waste,  
An' weary winter comin fast,  
An' cozie here, beneath the blast,  
Thou thought to dwell -

Till crash! the cruel coulter past  
Out thro' thy cell.

That wee bit heap o' leaves an' stibble,  
Has cost thee mony a weary nibble!  
Now thou's turn'd out, for a' thy trouble,  
But house or hald,  
To thole the winter's sleety dribble,

An' cranreuch cauld!

But Mousie, thou art no thy lane,  
In proving foresight may be vain;  
The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men  
Gang aft agley,  
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,  
For promis'd joy!

Still thou art blest, compar'd wi' me;  
The present only toucheth thee:  
But och! I backward cast my e'e,  
On prospects drear!  
An' forward, tho' I canna see,  
I guess an' fear!

Robert Burns



The word for this week is:

“Ken” v.n [Sc. kɛn,]

There seems to be an invisible line running North to South down the middle of Scotland where “ken” appears in use to the East of it and is almost never heard to the West of it. It is particularly prevalent in Fife, so all you golfers best take note!

Quite simple, “ken” means to know or to be aware of or to learn. It works equally for people (“D’ye ken old Jock McTavish?”) and for facts (“Ah didnae ken that Manila wis in the Philippines”). Interesting the negative is often heard as “kenna” as much as “didnae ken”.

To be well known or familiar it to be “kent”. Be careful how you pronounce that.



### Scottish Heritage

#### Buttery

Also known as a “Rowie” or an “Aberdeen Roll”, this is the Scottish answer to the French Croissant. It is without any doubt the most decadent, tasty, artery-clogging thing you could conceive of eating for breakfast.

Made from flour, butter, lard, salt, sugar and yeast, butteries are noted for their flaky texture, buttery taste and slight saltiness. They are often toasted and served with jam or butter, or plain with tea, although the high fat content makes them extremely hot when toasted.

Legend has it that the buttery was made for the fishermen sailing from Aberdeen harbour. The theory is that they needed a bread that would not become stale during the two weeks or more that they were at sea. The high fat content meant the bread also provided an immediate energy source.

I once served some at a “pot-luck” brunch, much to Chinot’s shame and horror. They were devoured within the first 5 minutes. ‘Nuff said.



# 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  
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# RCMW GIFT OF LIFE (GOL) BENEFICIARIES RY 2020-2021

*De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City*



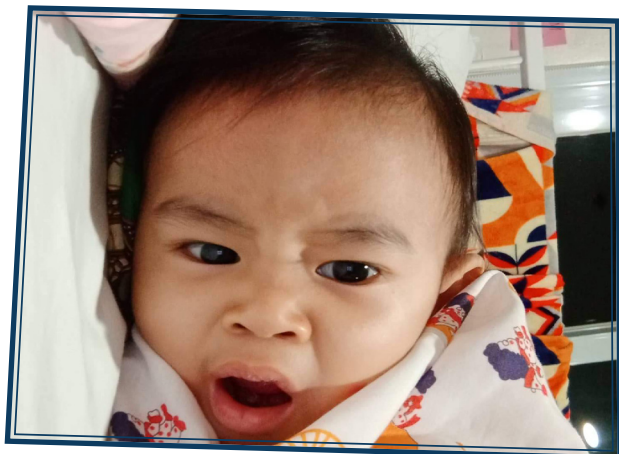
Amila Stella Belarmino, 8 months old, Bulacan, PDA Device Closure



Chelse Raine Caling, 4 years old, San Mateo Rizal, PDA Device Closure



Lorie May Impreso, 2 yrs & 7 months old Mauban, Quezon Province, PDA Device Closure

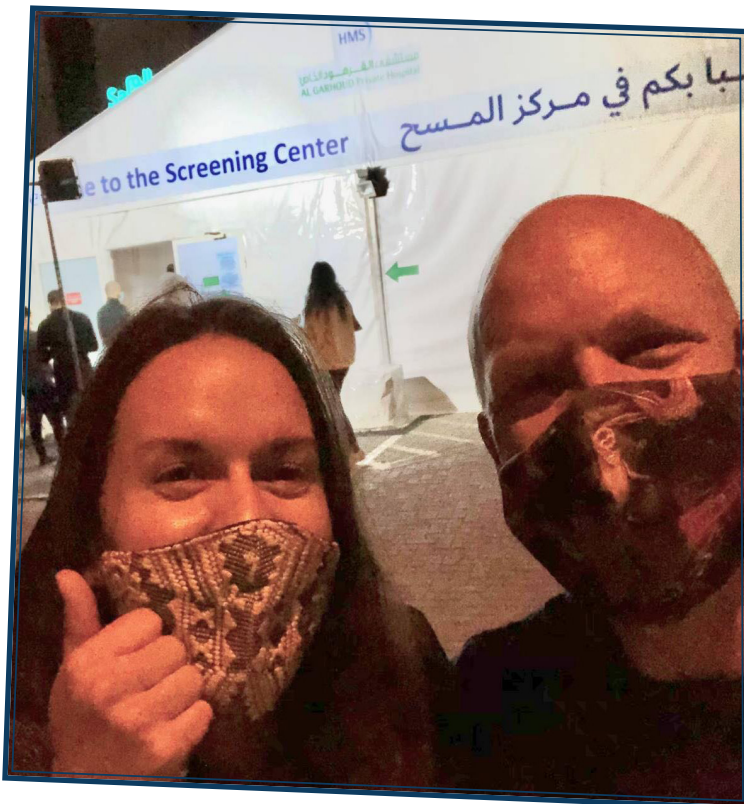
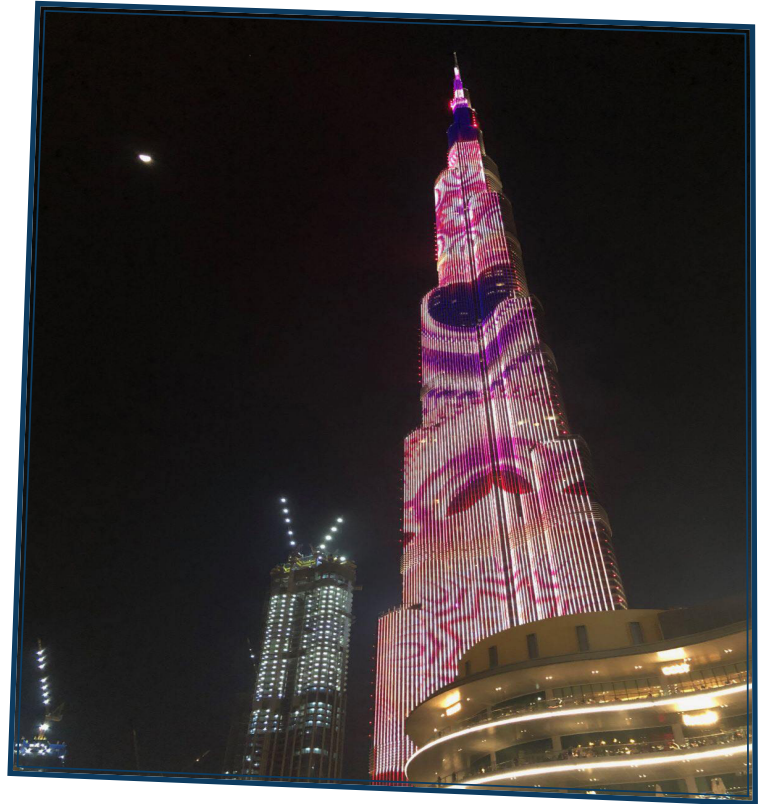


Prince Aldin Momongan, 1 year old, Surigao City, PDA Device Closure

# THE LONG WAY HOME



# THE LONG WAY HOME



# 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](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/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>



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your dues!!!**

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dues that remain unpaid. Please contact  
Kai at ((0917) 543-1709 if you would like  
your payment picked up.”**

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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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**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”**