

# WEST SIDE STORY

Rotary Club of Makati West



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**RCMWD3830**

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2,292nd Meeting (since 1969)  
February 4, 2021*

## Visit to RCMW Gawad Kalinga (GK) Village



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## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

### FIRESIDE CHAT

**Date:** February 6, 2021/ Saturday  
**Venue:** Zoom Conference  
**Time:** 5pm  
**Hosted:** PP TG Limcaoco & Rtn. Zdenek Jankovsky  
**Title:** GameStop: Market Place Manipulation, Crypto?

### LUNCH MEETING

**Date:** February 18, 2021/ Thursday  
**Venue:** Zoom Conference  
**Time:** 12nn-2pm  
**GS:** H.E Steven J. Robinson AO Ambassador, Australian Embassy, The Philippines

### LUNCH MEETING

**Date:** February 11, 2021/ Thursday  
**Venue:** Zoom Conference  
**Time:** 12nn-2pm  
**GS:** Mr. Daniele Rovere President & CEO, CreditAccess Philippines Financing Company Inc.

### LUNCH MEETING

**Date:** February 24, 2021/ Wednesday  
**Venue:** Zoom Conference  
**Time:** 12nn-2pm  
**GS:** Mr. Chris Lopez Founder & CEO, Tarsiers Records

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

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

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

**12:20 PM** Invocation  
**RTN. TOPE NARCISO**

**12:40 PM** Introduction of the Guest Speaker  
**RTN. BUTCH HIDALGO**

Philippine National Anthem (Video)

RCMW Hymn

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest

Introduction of Distinguished Personalities at the e-presidential table

Committee Announcements

Speech

**MR. RICHARD BATES**

President & CEO, Manulife Insurance Company

*Topic title: The impact of COVID19 to Life Insurance: What lessons we have learned in 2020 and what we are taking into 2021*

Moderator

**RTN. RJ LEDESMA**

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Rtn. Mario Chan	Jan 23
Sps. Ana De Ocampo	Jan 25
Sps. Gina Payumo	Jan 26
Rtn. Jon Rocha	Jan 31
Sps. Shiela Carlos	Jan 31
Dir. Lito Mercado	Feb 1
Sps. Trisha Perrtiera	Feb 2
Rtn. Ramon Arnaiz	Feb 2
Sps. Lulu Avellana	Feb 3
Rtn. Nelson Aquino	Feb 6
Sps. Kandy Wittig	Feb 8
Rtn. Jimmy Bautista	Feb 10

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

PP Ernie Fajardo	
Sps. Nining	Feb 4
Sec. Javi Berenguer-Testa	
Sps. Lexi	Feb 8



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

Men of Action!

Well, to paraphrase Arnie S, "I'M BACK"!!!! Thanks again to all of you who sent messages that kept us updated on the travel situation, offered assistance in coordinating our return and generally just wished us well in our limbo. What a difference a day makes. I never thought I'd be so happy to swap the view on the top for the view on the bottom!

I'd like to thank Chair Roman Azanza and his team for their service activity with our Gawad Kalinga community in Taguig, where last week they distributed health care kits and also launched with the community three initiatives to improve the economic circumstances of the families there:

- 1) the provision of bicycles to enable people to more easily commute to work
- 2) the introduction of a community-based employment opportunity with our very own Edsa Delos Santos (AMAZING INITIATIVE!! Thank you Edsa!!)
- 3) the installation of a protected internet system and supply of IT equipment to allow better access to online learning.



These are ambitious plans, which will have multi-year benefits across a whole community. There is plenty of scope for the rest of us to learn more about what is going on here, and to lend our talents to ensure the success of these projects. Please get involved!

Hopefully, those of you who participated in last week's Burn's evening enjoyed your Haggis! Like many things this year, the format of that evening was originally planned to be a much grander event in person (I had booked a bagpiper a year ago!), but I very much enjoyed the sharing of some favourite poetry snippets across the group. The spirit of PP Fern "Bob Dylan" Pena was evident in the penned verses of PP Eric A, Luis Arcangel stirred the soul with some uplifting verse of "Invictus" and my personal highlight of the evening was a beautiful Haiku from Hiro. On occasion we may think of ourselves as simply a group of handsome, fun-loving, booze enthusiasts but it is clear this is a thin veneer that hides a club filled with deeply romantic souls.

In case you missed it, in the vote for our New Home there was a clear preference for the Fairmont Makati, and so we will engage with them to finalise the parameters of that arrangement. Hopefully very soon we will be able to cautiously and appropriately be able to offer some form of in-person Thursday lunches again.

Finally, it is with great gladness that we received the news that our very own Von is on the mend and will be back to work soon. Thanks to all of you who contributed to his medical costs and special thanks to Doc Timmy Tan who has been monitoring his progress these past months. You guys are truly a force to be reckoned with.

Yours in Zest,  
**Alasdair Thomson**



The word for this week is:

“Links” n. pl [lɪŋks]

The sandy undulating ground, generally covered with turf, bent grass, gorse, etc., which is frequently found near the seashore on a flat part of the coast, and is often common ground belonging to the nearest town. Often these were (and are) used for playing golf, and so many of the most famous golf courses in the UK are known as “Links” because they share this common terrain. In the north west of the country, similar land is known as “Machair”, but it is often more calcareous and has lower mineral content.

“Links” are also sausages, of the type most people are familiar with: those that come in a skin and are formed in a kind of string. Traditional Scottish sausage (Lorne sausage) is cut from a block and is square. It is REALLY yummy!



## Scottish Heritage

### Cragganmore

Diageo has featured Cragganmore as its Speyside in its Classic Malts collection since 1987. The distillery was founded in 1869 on the Ballindalloch Castles estate by “Big John” Smith, who previously managed the distilleries at Macallan and Glenlivet and was the lessee of Glenfarclas. So at the age of 36 he was steeped in whisky! He was well-named, weighing upwards of 140kg. A railway-enthusiast, he ensured that Cragganmore was the first distillery to be connected to the railways, though he himself was too large to fit in the carriages and had to travel in the guards van.

The distillery was family-owned until 1923 until sold to White Horse Distillers, which later formed part of Diageo.

The whisky itself is known for being quite light and floral - an easy dram that begs you to have a second glass or more, but not one that the Laphroig-lovers will necessarily appreciate.

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

**Nose:** Aromatic, floral. Heather, fruit salad, creamy texture. Smoked almonds, stemmy hay.

**Palate:** Rich, honey, stone fruits, chestnuts, walnuts, almonds. Berries.

**Finish:** Smoky, good length, delicate peppery spice





# 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:** Hans del Rosario

**We call you as:** "Hans"

**Relationship and family:** Married to Elinor "Nok" Manguiat, father of Kitty

**Education and training:** Fordham University Graduate School of Business

**Day job:** Director, Gotuaco, del Rosario Insurance Brokers

**Special talents/interesting facts:** Photography, guitar



**Hang out place:** MPC, Fully Booked, Starbucks

**Weekend activities:** Spending time with family, going to the gym, reading

**Post covid get away plans:** Visit Vancouver during summer - hike, food trip, hang out with friends

**Unforgettable moment:** When I became a dad





# MEETING REVIEW - JANUARY 21, 2021



*Sps. Lexi Berenguer-Testa acts as Moderator*



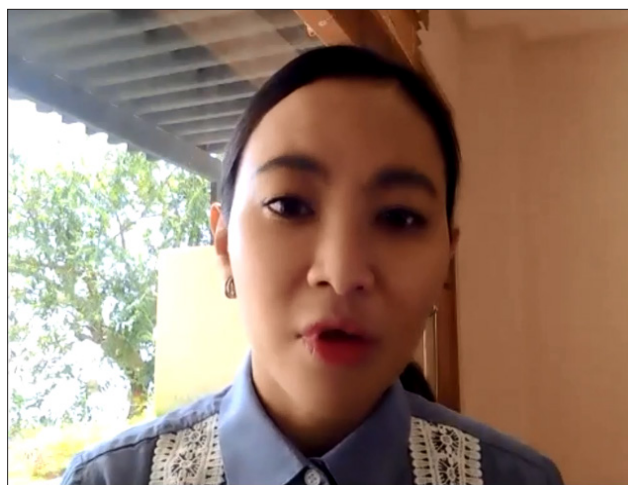
*Sps. Shiela Carlos acts as Invocator*



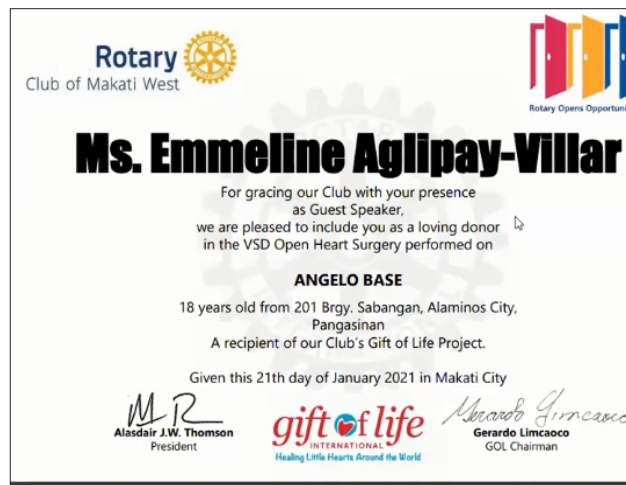
*President Al Thomson during his president's time*



*Sps. Lexi Berenguer-Testa introduces the guest speaker*



*Hon. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar giving his talk*



*Hon. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar recieves a Gift of Life Certificate from the Club*

## ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER

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**MR. RICHARD BATES**  
President & CEO, Manulife Philippines

Richard Bates is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Manulife Philippines. He is also a member of the board of the company. Richard assumed office in August 2019.

Richard is responsible for the overall strategy and development of Manulife's business in the Philippines. His remit is to ensure that the company is focused on Manulife's mission to make customers' decisions easier and lives better.

Richard is a finance industry veteran, who has a strong background in advancing insurance penetration in emerging markets in Asia. Prior to joining Manulife, he served as CEO of a multinational insurance firm in Cambodia, where he spearheaded the company's market entry and launched its multi-channel operations. Prior to this posting, Richard was responsible for the Asia operations of a private equity fund focused on investing and incubating insurance startups. He also previously led a multinational consulting firm's deal strategy unit in Hong Kong and its financial services line of business across Asia. Beyond his work in insurance and finance, Richard has also been involved in a charity that supports adults with learning disabilities in Hong Kong.

Richard holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree in Business Studies from the University of Portsmouth in England.



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

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



Angelo Base, 18 years old, Pangasinan,  
VSD Open Heart Surgery - NCH  
January 18, 2021



Alliona Chloe Lawas, 11 months old, 1154  
Dama De Noche St., San Nicolas, Bulakan,  
Bulacan, PDA Device Closure - DLSCM  
January 28, 2021



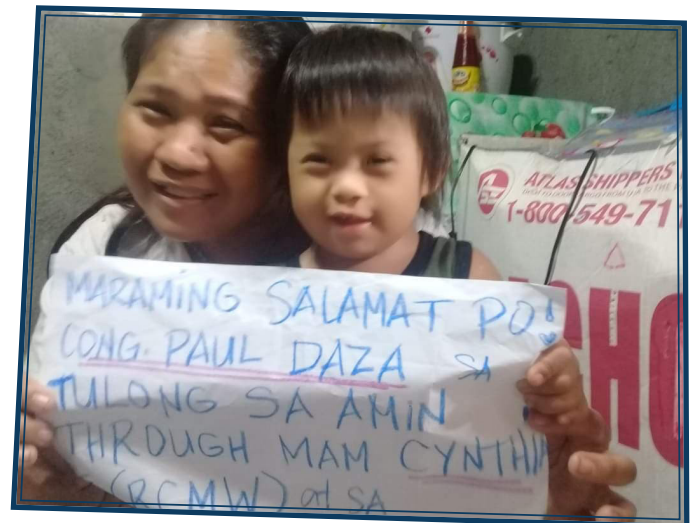
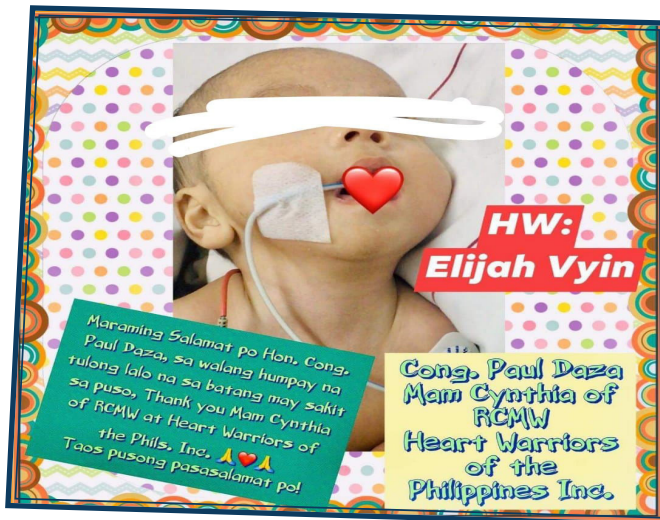
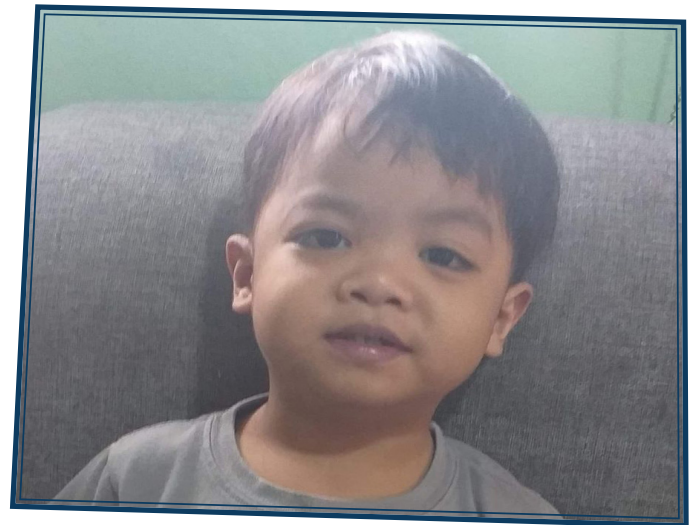
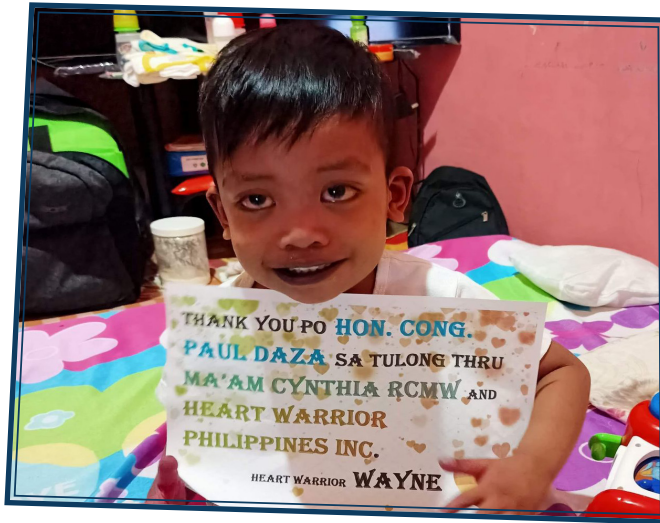
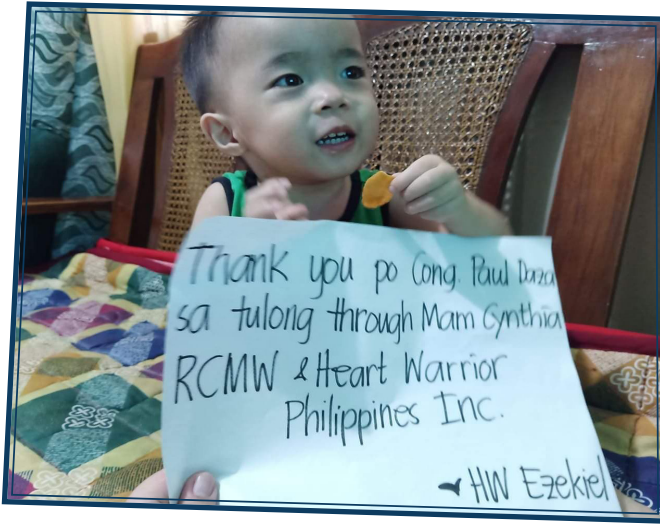
Baby Jean Mayol, 14 years old, Bag-ong Pitogo,  
Aurora, Zamboanga Del Sur,  
PDA Device Closure - DLSCM  
January 28, 2021



Jeryfer Omanito  
Abrera

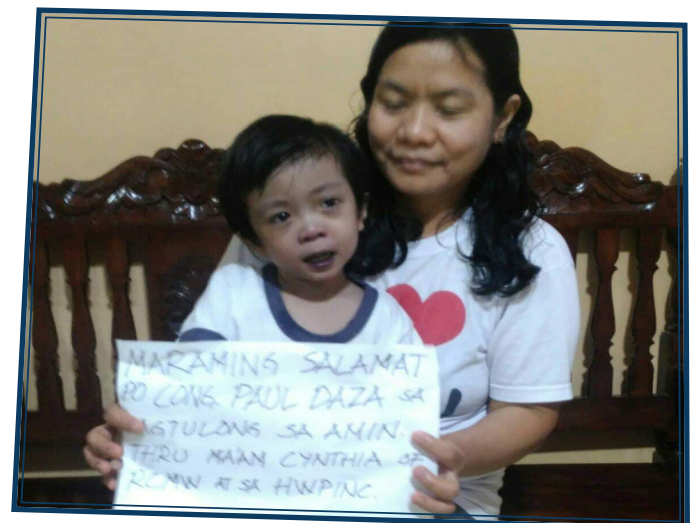
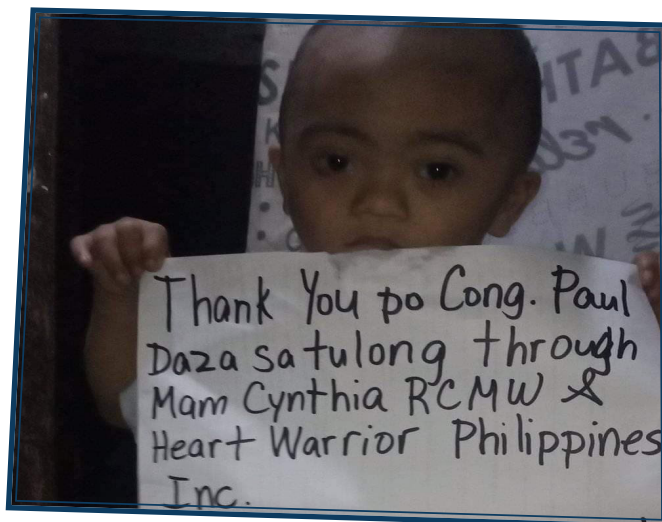
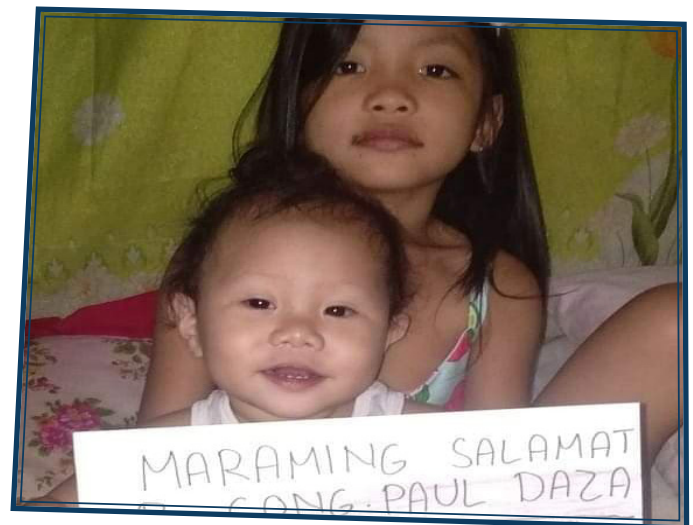
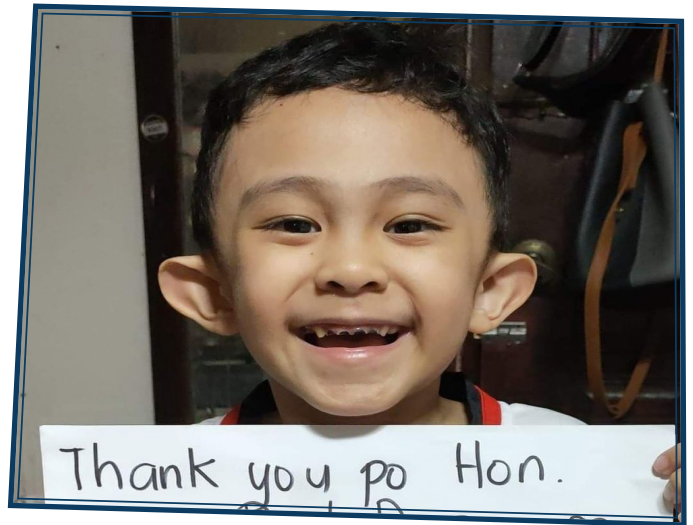
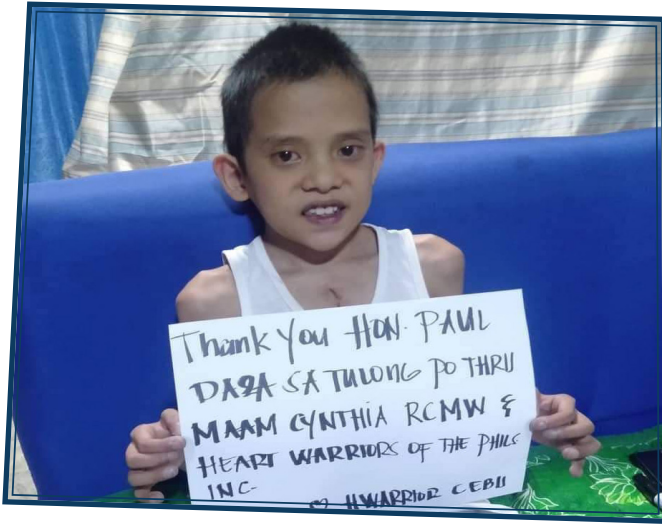
Jeryfer Abrera, 4 years old,  
Butubut Norte, Balaoan, La Union,  
PDA Device Closure - DLSCM  
January 28, 2021

**GIFT OF LIFE (GOL) BENEFICIARIES RY 20-21**  
**\*PRE & POST OPERATION FUNDED BY CONG/RTN. PAUL DAZA**  
**\*SURGERY FUNDED BY ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI WEST (RCMW)**





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# VISIT TO RCMW GAWAD KALINGA (GK) VILLAGE

Pinagsama Village, Taguig City

January 28, 2021





# VISIT TO RCMW GAWAD KALINGA (GK) VILLAGE)

Pinagsama Village, Taguig City

January 28, 2021



Hand Over of COVID19 Wellness Kits  
Discussion with GK Village leaders on the upcoming initiatives

# 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](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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## THE WEST SIDE STORY STAFF

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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  
Rtn. Cesar Villanueva  
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PP Lou Del Rosario  
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PP Ed Balois  
PP Jay Tambunting  
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Rtn. Miguel Pertiera  
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PP Roque Tordesillas  
Rtn. Jun Lagman  
Rtn. Chris Moriarty  
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Rtn. Andy Aguila  
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PP Bobby Cabral  
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PP Bobby Lim  
Rtn. Venu Kotamraju  
Rtn. Jimmy Bautista  
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  
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Rtn. Butch Hidalgo  
Rtn. Matthieu Benedicto  
Rtn. Steven Carl  
Rtn. Rob Bradshaw  
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

**Please send deposit slip to the Secretariat**

[roycercmw@gmail.com](mailto:roycercmw@gmail.com)  
[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”**