

WEST SIDE STORY

Rotary Club of Makati West



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2,293rd Meeting (since 1969)
February 11, 2021*

7th Batch of Cataract Surgery RY 2020-2021



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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

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

LUNCH MEETING

Date: March 4, 2021/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn-2pm
GS: Mr. Dennis Uy
Chief Executive Officer of
Converge ICT Solutions

LUNCH MEETING

Date: March 11, 2021/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn-2pm
GS: Mr. Enrique Razon Jr.
Chairman of the Board & CEO
International Container Terminal
Services Inc.

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. MIGUEL PERTIERRA

12:40 PM Introduction of the Guest Speaker
RTN. ROBERT YUPANGCO

Philippine National Anthem (Video)

RCMW Hymn
RTN. NONO IBAZETA

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and
Guest

Introduction of Distinguished
Personalities at the e-presidential
table

Committee Announcements

Speech
MR. DANIELE ROVERE
President & CEO, CreditAccess Philippines
Financing Company Inc.

*Topic title: "Microfinance and better lives" as
a subtitle " The role of financial services to
achieve and sustainable growth"*

Moderator
PP MON GUERRERO

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Sps. Cristina Carl	Feb 11
Sps. Barbee Chuidian	Feb 11
Rtn. Gerry Limcaoco	Feb 16



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!

Like most people I've tried reading Stephen Hawking's "Brief History of Time" in an attempt to understand the workings of the Universe a bit better, but also like most people I got stuck after a couple of chapters, fascinating though they were. I suppose one key take-away was a very rudimentary understanding of Einstein's Theory of Relativity which proposes that energy cannot be created or destroyed, merely transferred.

When Chinot died (along with others before and since), this actually was a source of great comfort to me. These people we know have such amazing energy in them, which goes well beyond the energy of their physical body. So when the body ceases to be, and its energy ultimately is absorbed by the earth or exchanged for the heat of the flame, I figure that extra energy (call it the soul if you like) must carry on if the laws of physics are to be obeyed. And I certainly continue to feel that energy near me and to draw on it frequently.

The transfer of energy is pretty amazing. Especially when it happens between people. Successful sales people, successful teachers, successful public speakers are marked by their ability to transfer the energy (passion) they feel for their subject to the people they are addressing. It is why all the good ones come home exhausted at the end of their day - they have transferred a part of themselves to others.

And I think it is why people are even more tired during this pandemic. The effort required to transfer energy is far greater through a screen than it is in person, whilst the reciprocal energy received from your "audience" is vastly diluted. The energy transfer balance is even more skewed, so people end up more fatigued.

During this very odd Rotary Year, we have all had to make extra effort to keep up energy levels and commitment across our club. In that past, we could feed easily on the energy of each other during our personal meetings and fellowships. This year we have had to give more of ourselves.

Leading this Club is by no means a burden, but it does require energy, time and inspiration. There are weeks when I find my own energy flagging. In those times especially I feel enormous gratitude to all of you who step up to add your own power to our mix. Not only do you keep our club vibrant, your energy flows directly to me and spurs me on.

In this past week, the drive of our GK Project Chair Roman Azanza has been a particular fillip; the enthusiasm of our newly elected incoming Board members has rubbed off; the sparky wisdom and passion shared for the topic during our Fireside Chat and the kind words and support of many of you have refilled the tank when I worried it might be draining.

If I feel it, then no doubt there is growing fatigue across our Club as we grind through this "virtual" Rotary Year. It is up to us, Gentlemen, to keep the transfer of energy going between us. This week you may share yours, next week you may draw from the energy of others. So please keep committing to attending our weekly meetings and to hosting and joining our Fireside Chats! And if you haven't been putting in your share of energy so far, please step up now! We need you all.

Yours in Zest,
Alasdair Thomson

The word for this week is:

“Lochgelly” prop. N. [lɒxˈɡeɪl]

The name for a fearful looking leather strap or “tawse” for punishing school children, specially manufactured by a firm in Lochgelly in Western Fife. About 60cm long and 1cm thick, it had two tongues that left interesting marks when wielded by an irritated teacher. In the midst of much debate (which now seems really odd in hindsight), the use of corporal punishment in schools was outlawed in state schools in 1987 (private schools followed in 1998) and the Lochgelly was seen no more.

I once had three strikes of the tawse (aged 7) for telling a joke that I didn’t understand but the older kids in my football team were laughing about: “I don’t swear, I don’t smoke, I don’t drink....Oh F**k! I left my fags (cigarettes) down the pub!!”



Scottish Heritage

Tablet

A couple of weeks ago I introduced you to the savoury world of the Buttery. This week, it is the turn of the sweetest delight that will every grace your lips: Scottish Tablet - diabetes in a single serving.

Many people confuse Tablet with fudge, but whilst there are similarities, when made properly you can really taste the difference. Tablet differs from fudge in that it has a brittle, grainy texture, where fudge is much softer. Well-made tablet is a medium-hard confection, not as soft as fudge, but not as hard as hard candy.

Made from condensed milk, sugar and butter, all boiled up and then left to crystallise, this is the perfect energy source to put in your backpack before taking to the Munros.

You’ll often find a single piece as a welcome gift on your B&B pillow. Be careful not to mistake that for handmade soap as these visitors did! I don’t even want to think about how sticky that shower was...

<http://bit.ly/3aLOEdh>



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: Ronald Cang

We call you as: Ron

Relationship and family:

Wife - Maricris Children - Rafael, Carlos, Isabel & Javi

Education and Training: University of San Carlos, School of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering)

Day job: Peroxychem LLC (a company of Evonik) Regional Director, Asia Pacific & Middle East



Work challenges: Travel restrictions due to Covid

Poison/ Drink of choice: Reservas of Ribera del Duero & Alentejo, Saint-Estèphe...

Post-covid get-away plans: Grape stomping in Rioja

Unforgettable moment: Being Papi to granddaughter Olivia

Dream car: MINI Cooper - my trusty fun ride!

Favorite movie: Saving Private Ryan

MEETING REVIEW - FEBRUARY 4, 2021



Rtn. RJ Ledesma acts as Moderator



Rtn. Tope Narciso acts as Invocator



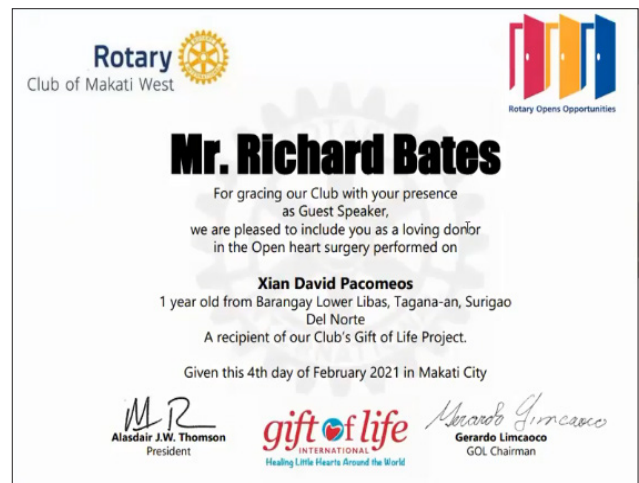
President Al Thomson during his president's time



Rtn. Butch Hidalgo introduces the guest speaker



Mr. Richard Bates giving his talk



Mr. Richard Bates receives a Gift of Life Certificate from the Club

ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER



MR. DANIELE ROVERE
President & CEO, CreditAccess
Philippines Financing Company Inc.

Daniele is the President and CEO of CreditAccess Philippines, a microfinance institution. Under his tenure, the organization was founded in 2014 and grew to 2,000 staff providing working capital financing to more than 250,000 low income households. He has over 15 years of international experience. Prior to joining CreditAccess Philippines, Daniele worked for Rizzani de Eccher, one of the world's leading general contractors, in Europe, North America and Middle East and was responsible for finance and administration. Daniele holds an MS in Economics from the University of Udine and an MBA from INSEAD.

GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU!

I would like to THANK all of my Bosses from RCMW! Thank you for your prayers and financial help.

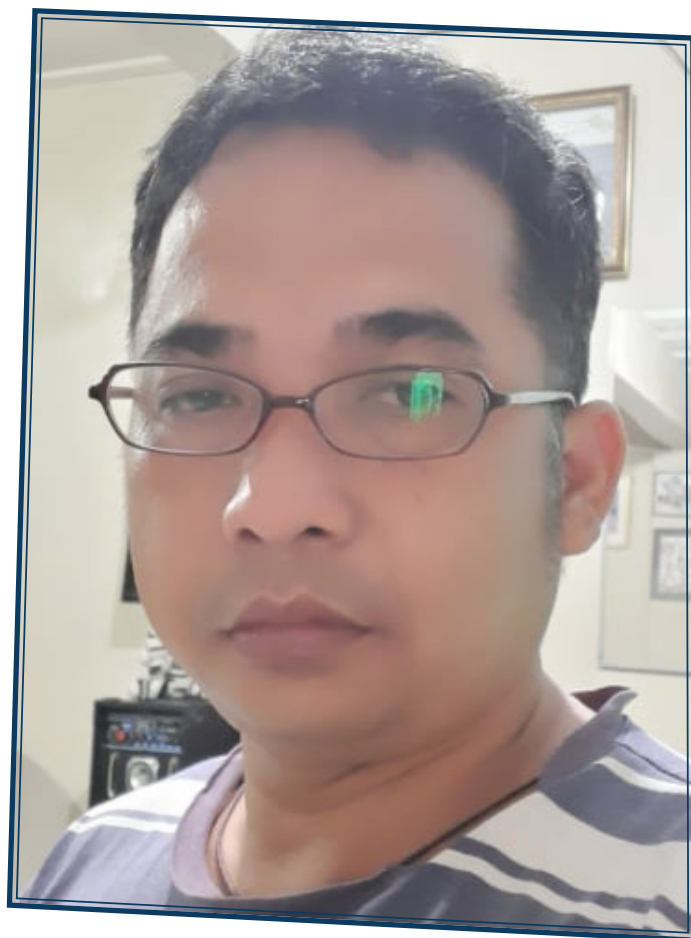
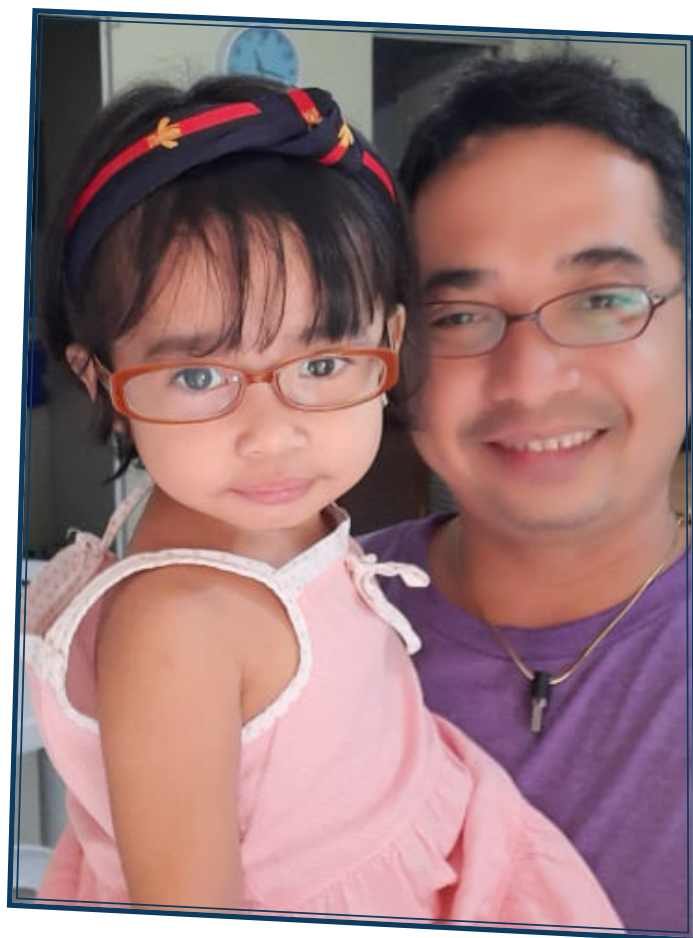
To Pres. Al Thomson, Board of Directors, RCMW members, IPP Eric Tensuan, Cong/Rtn. Paul Daza and Dr. Timmy Tan for continuously monitoring my health condition day and night. To my colleagues: Kai, Aleena & Royce, thanks to you all for understanding my situation and for your concerns. And of course to Mam Cynthia, for being with me during that episode of seizure. I might not able to make it if it's not for her.

According to my Neurologist, I can go back to work on the 8th of February 2021. He prescribed me medicines for both Seizure and Hypertension. My follow up check up with him is scheduled on April 27.

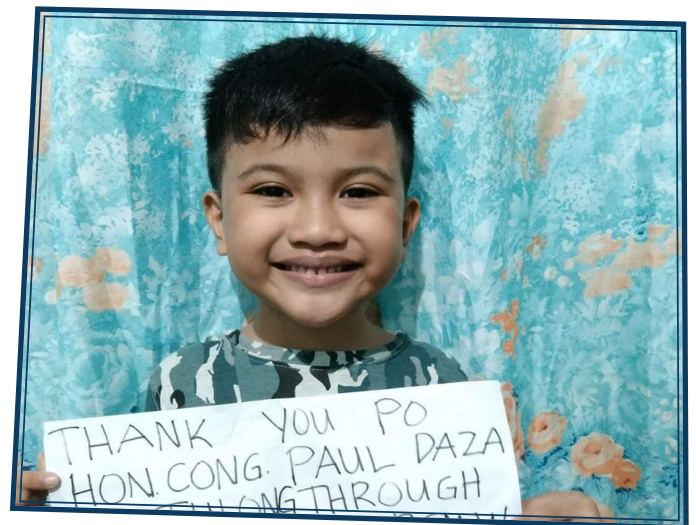
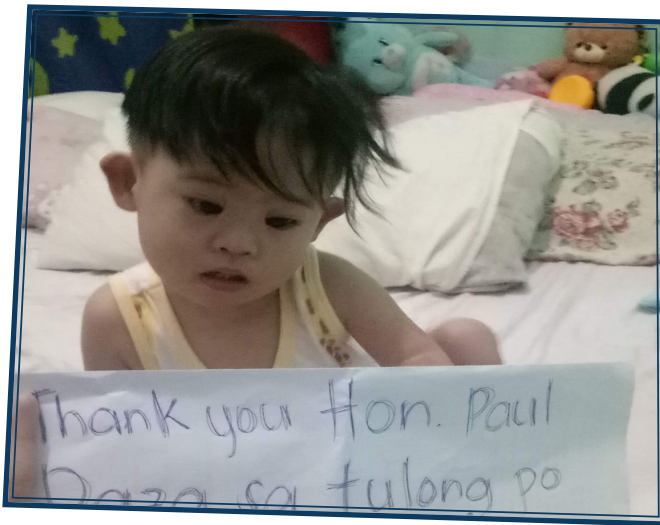
I know I can never repay the help that you have given me but one thing is for sure... God will give what your kind heart desires.

Maraming maraming salamat po sa inyong lahat.

Renato "Von" Detangco
RCMW Staff



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)**



**PRE-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



**POST-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



Alicia Siobal, 63 yrs old, Pasay City



Amelia Antonio, 72 yrs old, Taguig City



Amelia Paquitbot, 71yrs old, Paranaque City

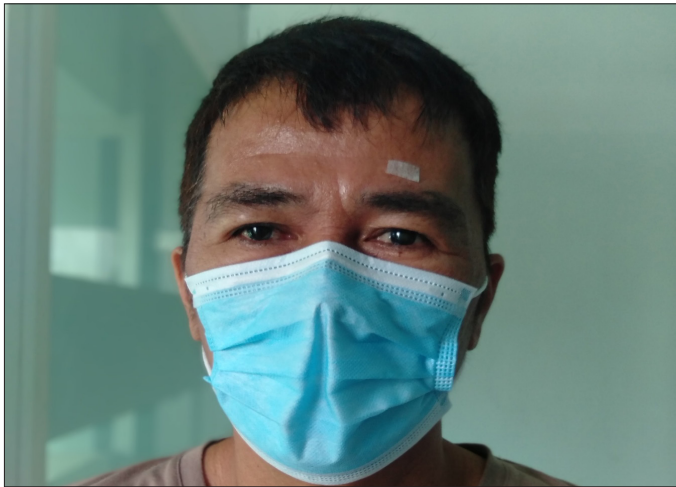
**PRE-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



**POST-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



Cecilia Acelajado, 72 yrs old, Las Pinas City



Edgardo Vicente Baruelo, 56 yrs old, Rizal



Elizabeth Sinon, 61 yrs. old, Las Pinas City

**PRE-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



**POST-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



Emelia Cabrera, 75 yrs old, Quezon City

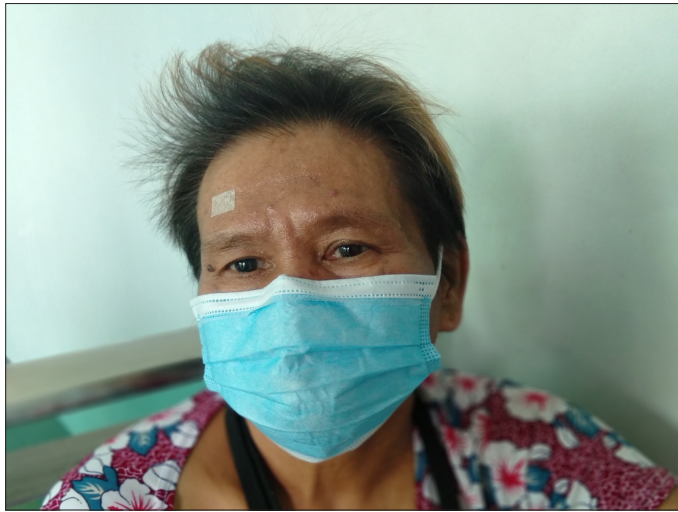


Gloria Altoveros, 74 yrs old, Las Pinas City



Grace Ignacio, 80 yrs old, Quezon City

**PRE-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



**POST-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



Hermenia Flores, 64yrs, old, Taguig City



Jesus Claravall, 72 yrs old, Las Pinas City



Julieta Dionisio, 78 yrs. old, Bulacan

**PRE-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**

**POST-OPERATION CATARACT
RY 20-21**



Pablo Tolentino, 85 yrs old, Valenzuela City



Pastora Dimaano, 75 yrs. old, Las Pinas City



Rolando De Jesus, 77yrs old, Marikina City

PRE-OPERATION CATARACT RY 20-21



POST-OPERATION CATARACT RY 20-21



Visitacion Maylas, 64 yrs old, Caloocan City



PUBLICATION OF RCMW 50TH COFFEE TABLE BOOK

October 2, 2020

Mr. Alasdair Thomson President Rotary Club of Makati West 903 Cityland Herrera Tower, VA Rufino corner Valero streets Salcedo, Makati, Metro Manila

Dear Mr. Thomson :

The Library of Congress of the United States sends its greetings through its representative office in the Philippines! Mabuhay!

At present, volumes of publication from the Philippines are important part of the Library of Congress permanent collection. Information about the Philippine environment, economic, political and socio-cultural life are readily available for international scholars, policy-makers and Filipinos who are in the United States.

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1. Coffee Table Book : At the Threshold of New Beginnings
2. and other publication

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Thank you so much and please accept our best wishes for the continued success of your advocacies, programs and services.

Truly yours,

Annelyn C. Lim Head, Manila Office

YOUR CLUB IN THE CLOUD

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Weekly Meeting Videos

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Induction & Handover

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Fireside Chat Archive

West Side Story

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

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Rtn. Nono Ibazeta
Rtn. Gerry Limcaoco
Rtn. Gerry Laperal
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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.**

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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”**