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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



LUNCH MEETING

Prof. Renato B. Lucas, Ph.D.
Conservatory of Music
University of Santo Tomas

Date: August 8, 2024/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



LUNCH MEETING

Mr. Diego Lorenzo
Founder & CEO
Pick-up Coffee

Date: August 15, 2024/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



LUNCH MEETING

Guest Speaker: TBA
Date: August 22, 2024/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



LUNCH MEETING

Guest Speaker: TBA
Date: August 29, 2024/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



LUNCH MEETING

Guest Speaker: TBA
Date: September 5, 2024/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order
PE DINO DUMATOL

12:45 PM President's Time
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Invocation
RTN. RON CANG

Introduction of Guest Speaker
PP ALASDAIR THOMSON

Philippine National Anthem (video)

1:00 PM Speech
PROF. RENATO B. LUCAS, Ph.D.
Conservatory of Music
University of Santo Tomas

12:30 PM RC Makati West Hymn
RCMW Members

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guest:

Token of Appreciation

Introduction of Personalities at the
Presidential Table;

Moderator
TREAS. JUDD BALAYAN

Committee announcements

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



August 3
SPS. TETCHIE HAGEDORN
Birthday



August 4
SPS. HELEN LIMCAOCO
Birthday



August 5
RTN. CHRISTOPHER NARCISO
Birthday



August 10
PP ED BALOIS
Birthday



August 1
RTN. RYAN KERN & SPS. CRISTINA
Wedding Anniversary



August 6
PP ROQR TORDESILLAS & SPS. MARITONI
Wedding Anniversary



August 8
RTN. IAN OCAMPO & SPS. LOOIE
Wedding Anniversary



GUEST SPEAKER
PROF. RENATO B. LUCAS, Ph.D.
CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS

Musician of “High art” may sound clichéd, but it fittingly describes Renato B. Lucas.

Lucas had the privilege of studying at prestigious institutions including the University of the Philippines, San Francisco Conservatory of Music (USA), Royal Northern College of Music (Manchester, England), Hochschule für Musik (Academy of Higher Learning in Music) Detmold (Germany), and Universität der Künste Berlin (University of the Arts) (Berlin, Germany).

He held the Solo Cellist position of the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra (PPO) for three (3) decades. He graced concert stages with various ensembles such as the Manila Symphony Orchestra and the defunct ABS-CBN Philharmonic. His performances spanned across various music festivals, cello recitals, and chamber music events here and abroad.

Renowned for his versatility, Lucas collaborated with a diverse array of artists, from pop icons like Ryan Cayabyab and Basil Valdez to contemporary composers from the Asia-Pacific Region. He engaged with noted contemporary dance choreographers such as Myra Beltran and Edna Vida, and contributed to film scores alongside Nonong Buencamino for the late film director Marilou Diaz-Abaya. In the realm of classical music, he collaborated as a conductor with esteemed Filipino artists like Cecile Licad, Raul Sunico, Coke Bolipata, to name a few.

Memorable performances include joining the State Philharmonic Brno (Czech Republic) as its soloist during their Asian tour. He also left a mark as a featured soloist of PPO on its European tour and as its guest conductor on various occasions.

Lucas’s discography boasts recordings such as the Homecoming I Concert with PPO. His recording titled “ROMANZA” (Tawid/Ivory), an album of Filipino works for the Cello, earned him the 2006 Philippine Association of Record Industry (PARI) Awit Award for Best Instrumental Recording. Notably, his recent work, the critically acclaimed ‘Ginugunita Kita,’ features Jesse Lucas’s musical setting of Manining Miclat’s poetry.

Currently, Lucas is a Full Professor at the University of Santo Tomas Conservatory of Music. He also holds a Ph.D. in History and is a Senior Research Fellow at the University’s Research Center for Culture, Arts, and the Humanities.

Lastly, for the last ten years, he serves as President of the National Music Competition for Young Artists (NAMCYA) Foundation, a competition he once participated in as a young musician.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gold Medalist

My fellow Zesters,

At the Paris Olympics, Carlos Yulo brought home two gold medals for the Philippines, etching his name in sporting history. His dazzling performance on the gymnastics floor was a testament to years of relentless training, unwavering determination, and overcoming adversity.

Behind that triumphant moment lay countless hours of sweat, sacrifice, and setbacks. Carlos faced injuries, self-doubt, and fierce competition. Yet, he persisted—flipping, twisting, and defying gravity with grace. Each vault, each routine was a step toward greatness, fueled by resilience and passion. So, as we celebrate his golden achievement, let's honor the struggles that shaped Carlos Yulo. His journey inspires us all: when life throws us off balance, we can still stick the landing.

Service Updates

Tyrone Amandy, a 20-day-old infant from Palawan, urgently needed a critical cyanotic procedure. Thanks to the swift coordination of Chair Lemarc, Congressman Paul Daza, the AFP, and volunteer ambulance services, Tyrone and his parents safely arrived in Manila for treatment at DLSCMC. We're deeply grateful to Cong. Paul for funding Tyrone's hospital bill of P190,000.



Dr. Louisa Go referred a 20-day-old baby boy who was flown in from Palawan with his parents yesterday on an air force plane. Thanks to the AFP and volunteer ambulance service, they arrived safely at NCH. The little one is scheduled for an emergency PDA stenting procedure at De Los Santos Medical Center tomorrow, Sunday. This is all being made possible (again) by Cong. Paul through the DOH Maip funds (P140,000).

After PP Eric Angeles hosted a planning/working dinner, we discussed and agreed that we need to bring back the Guardian Angel Program. For those unfamiliar with this program, it is the aftercare and mentorship of the Gift of Life recipients. A Rotarian would sponsor and keep in touch with one or two of our patients. Helping them through school, but more importantly, providing them the guidance, mentorship and opportunities on how to have the best chance of living a happy life and creating a positive feedback loop. It's cheesy yes, but lives are changed one at a time.

One of the objectives of the program is to address potential complications post-surgery. We currently have 2 cases: one child has a hearing impairment, and another has a kidney disease. Chairman Charlie, PP Roque and PP Jun Alvendia are spearheading the efforts and I encourage everyone adopt a child and be a Guardian Angel.

55th Club Anniversary/20th GOL Anniversary

As PP Eric² (PP Eric Tensuan and PP Eric Angeles) spearhead our plans for our 55th anniversary and the celebration of the 20th year of Gift of Life in the Philippines, we will be needing all Zesters help! Help comes in many forms: time, participation and of course the monetary aspect. Rem Zamora and team will be spearheading the show.

Let us remember all our brothers who have passed and who made Gift of Life possible: PP Lou del Rosario, PDG Jun Tambunting, PP Adrian Ocampo, PDG Oskie De Venecia, PDG Tony Rufino, and PDG Jun Perez. I apologize if I left anyone out. Let us celebrate life and the joy of service. For all our faults, perhaps we can say that we ain't all that bad; that someone, somewhere is better because of us.

Do expect a call from me asking soliciting funds for our 55th/20th celebration. Honestly, there is very little "business sense" in sponsoring (with the exemption tax breaks); but I need your help in making this celebration possible with the goal of ensuring that Gift of Life and RC Makati West is around long after our time on this earth.

2028 RI Convention

While recent events surrounding the 2028 RI Convention have been disheartening, we must remember that the true heart of Rotary lies in our shared commitment to "Service Above Self." This mission transcends any political or organizational challenges. Let us focus on the good we can do together, united in our dedication to making a difference in the lives of others.

We remain focused on the recipients of our programs and will continue to remain focused on our programs.

Gerardo Oliverio "Gerry" V. Laperal
President, RY 2024-2025
Rotary Club of Makati West



1st Fellowship RY24-25 at Vgolf Philippines, Serendra, BGC on August 3, 2024













THE WEEK IN REVIEW

July 18, 2024



Dir. Lemarc Limosnero as Moderator



Rtn. Binky Dizon as Invocator



VP Robbie Leviste in President's time on behalf of Pres. Gerry Laperal



PP Junvee Vital Introduces the guest of honor



Mr. Francis Hasegawa in his speech



Mr. Francis Hasegawa received a Gift of Life Certificate from the club







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Rotaract Club of Makati West partnered with Rotaract Club of Paranaque St. Andrew in the Basa Hero 2 on July 20, 2024 at Muntinlupa City











Rotary Satellite Club of Makati West Zest represented in the Membership Growth Workshop at Makati Rotary Foundation Building on July 27, 2024





PP Jun Alvendia & Rtn. Jan Campos attended the meeting of RC Pasig, and Rtn. Jan presented the Gift of Nature project to the board on August 1, 2024





55th/20th Anniversary Committee Meeting at
PP Eric Angeles Residence on July 29 & August 5, 2024





Dir. Dodie Poblete personally brought his in kind donation to Ruby Maja of Heart Warriors PH in Quezon City





1st Clinical Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening at Gen. Trias, Cavite on August 7, 2024



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& NEW CLUB
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MONTH**

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Estes Snedecor, Rotary Club of Portland, Oregon - 1921 Rotary Convention



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