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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



LUNCH MEETING

Mr. Sono Advani
Owner
The William Lee Boutique

Date: May 29, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



Punta Fuego Fellowship

Punta Fuego, Batangas
June 6-8, 2025



LUNCH MEETING

Mr. Manzi Kayihura
Executive Chairman
Wilderness Rwanda

Date: June 19, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



CLUB AWARDS NIGHT

Date: June 26, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 6:00pm onwards

KINDLY RSVP TO SECRETARIAT



LUNCH MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER
To be announced

Date: July 1, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order
PRES. GERRY LAPERAL

12:45 PM President's Time
PRES. GERRY LAPERAL

Invocation
RTN. CHRISTOPHE LEJEUNE

Introduction of Guest Speaker
PRES. GERRY LAPERAL

Philippine National Anthem (video)

1:00 PM Speech
SONO ADVANI
Owner
The William Lee Boutique

12:30 PM RC Makati West Hymn

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guest:

Token of Appreciation

Introduction of Personalities at the
Presidential Table;

Moderator
DIR. LARS WITTIG

Committee announcement

PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITION
- PP Eric Angeles Major Donor Level 1

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



May 25
PP DENNIS DECENA
Birthday



May 26
DIR. LEMARC LIMOSNERO
Birthday



May 29
RTN. LUIS CANTADA
Birthday



May 29
RTN. CHRISTOPHE LEJEUNE
Birthday



May 31
RTN. SCOTT MOORE
Birthday



May 31
SPS. ANGIE HAGER
Birthday



May 24
PP LARRY OCAMPO & SPS. ROSELEN
Wedding Anniversary



May 25
RTN. JAYJAY DE OCAMPO & SPS. ANA
Wedding Anniversary



May 26
RTN. ROMAN AZANZA & SPS. SALLY
Wedding Anniversary



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rebuild

Dear Esteemed Zesters,

As we stride forward with our commitment to “Service Above Self” this week’s newsletter is your guide to navigating Metro Manila’s changing tides. From the EDSA Rebuild Program’s looming impact to a stylish session with a fashion expert and updates on our nation’s leadership, let’s keep our community vibrant and prepared—because at Makati West, we tackle challenges with purpose, poise, and a touch of panache!

EDSA Rebuild: Timeline and Tips to Keep You Moving

Metro Manila’s lifeline, Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (EDSA), is gearing up for a major makeover under President Marcos Jr.’s “Build Better More” initiative, aptly named the “EDSA Rebuild Program.” Kicking off on June 13, 2025, the project begins with the northbound stretch from Pasay City to Guadalupe in our very own Makati, ensuring we’re polished for the ASEAN Summit in early 2026. Spanning 24 kilometers and 200 kilometers of lanes, this overhaul will replace worn pavement with robust concrete and asphalt, while upgrading drainage and pedestrian paths. Expect completion by December 2026, though some sections may



spill into 2027.

To keep traffic from unraveling like a poorly stitched seam, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), and Department of Transportation (DOTr) have tailored these plans:

- **Odd-Even Scheme:** From June 16, 2025, vehicles with plates ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9 are sidelined on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; those ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8 sit out Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Sundays are a free-for-all.

- **Free Skyway Access:** Starting July or August 2025, parts of Skyway Stage 3 may waive tolls to ease congestion.

- **Public Transport Boost:** The EDSA Busway and MRT-3 will keep running, with extra buses and trains to handle the load.

- **Alternative Routes:** MMDA will clear side roads and designate lanes for motorcycles and bicycles.

Tips for Rotarians:

1. Plan Like a Pro: Add buffer time for travel, as construction may snarl traffic. Follow DPWH NCR's social media for real-time updates.

2. Carpool or Go Virtual: Team up with fellow Rotarians for carpooling or embrace remote work to sidestep EDSA's chaos.

3. Stay in the Know: Tune into MMDA's traffic advisories to navigate reroutes with finesse.

More Changes: President Marcos' Cabinet Reshuffle

After a less-than-stellar midterm election in May 2025, President Marcos Jr. has called for a cabinet reset, with 41 officials submitting courtesy resignations. A standout change is in the Department of Foreign Affairs: Secretary Enrique Manalo will don the role of the Philippines' permanent representative to the United Nations starting August 1, 2025, while Undersecretary Maria Theresa Lazaro steps into the Foreign Affairs Secretary role on July 31, 2025. These shifts could tailor our nation's stance on ASEAN and South China Sea issues. More changes are in the works, promising a governance style as crisp as a freshly pressed shirt.

Reflections from Rtn. Monsour Del Rosario

Last week, our own Rtn. Monsour Del Rosario shared a candid thread on his vice-mayoral bid in Makati. With the poise of a seasoned Rotarian, he unraveled the good, the bad, and the downright ugly of navigating red tape and colorful characters. His steadfast commitment to Makati's citizens mirrors our Rotary ethos: service above self, even when the going gets tough. Kudos, Monsour, for stitching together resilience and dedication!

This Week's Guest: Sono Advani

This week, we're in for a treat as Sono Advani, proprietor of William Lee, Makati's premier men's clothing haberdashery, takes the stage. If your wardrobe's looking more "threadbare" than "dapper," Sono's expertise will have you suited up.



in style. Personally, I'm ready for a fashion upgrade—because serving the community is great, but doing it with a sharp tie and polished shoes? That's zesty swagger.

Club Updates

Our commitment to transforming lives continues to shine through our partnership with the Philippine Heart Center (PHC) and generous allies:

May 28: 11 patients sponsored by Gift of Life International, 3 patients sponsored by our own Rtn. Jing Lapus and Rtn. Bibit, and 1 patient funded by the Rotary Club of Grenoble.

May 29: 1 patient funded by the Rotary Club of Grenoble.

These procedures underscore the unwavering dedication of our club and partners to health and hope.

Mark your calendars for these RCMW events:

June 6–8: Punta Fuego Fellowship. Prepare for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and relaxation at Punta Fuego! Stay tuned for details on arrangements and sign-ups.

June 26: Club Awards. Join us to celebrate our club's achievements and honor the outstanding contributions of our members this Rotary Year.

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



PE Dino Dumatol and his incoming Board of Directors participated in the District Learning Assembly 2025 at Makati Sports Club on May 24, 2025





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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

May 22, 2025



Dir. Lemarc Limosnero as Moderator



Rtn. Scott Moore as Invocator



Pres. Gerry Laperal in his President's Time



PP Lito Jimenez introduces the guest of honor



Rtn. Monsour del Rosario in his speech



Rtn. Monsour del Rosario received a Gift of Life Certificate from the Club



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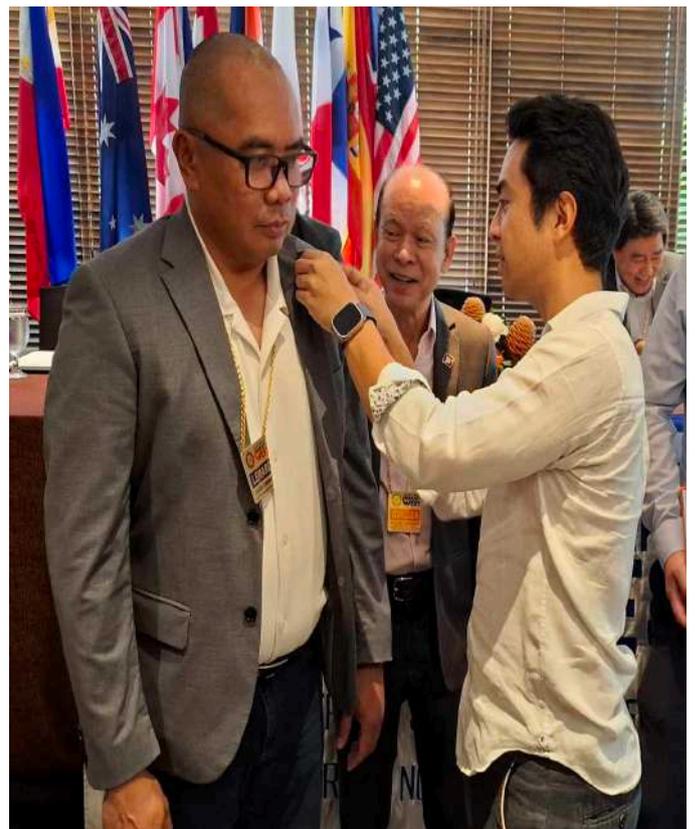
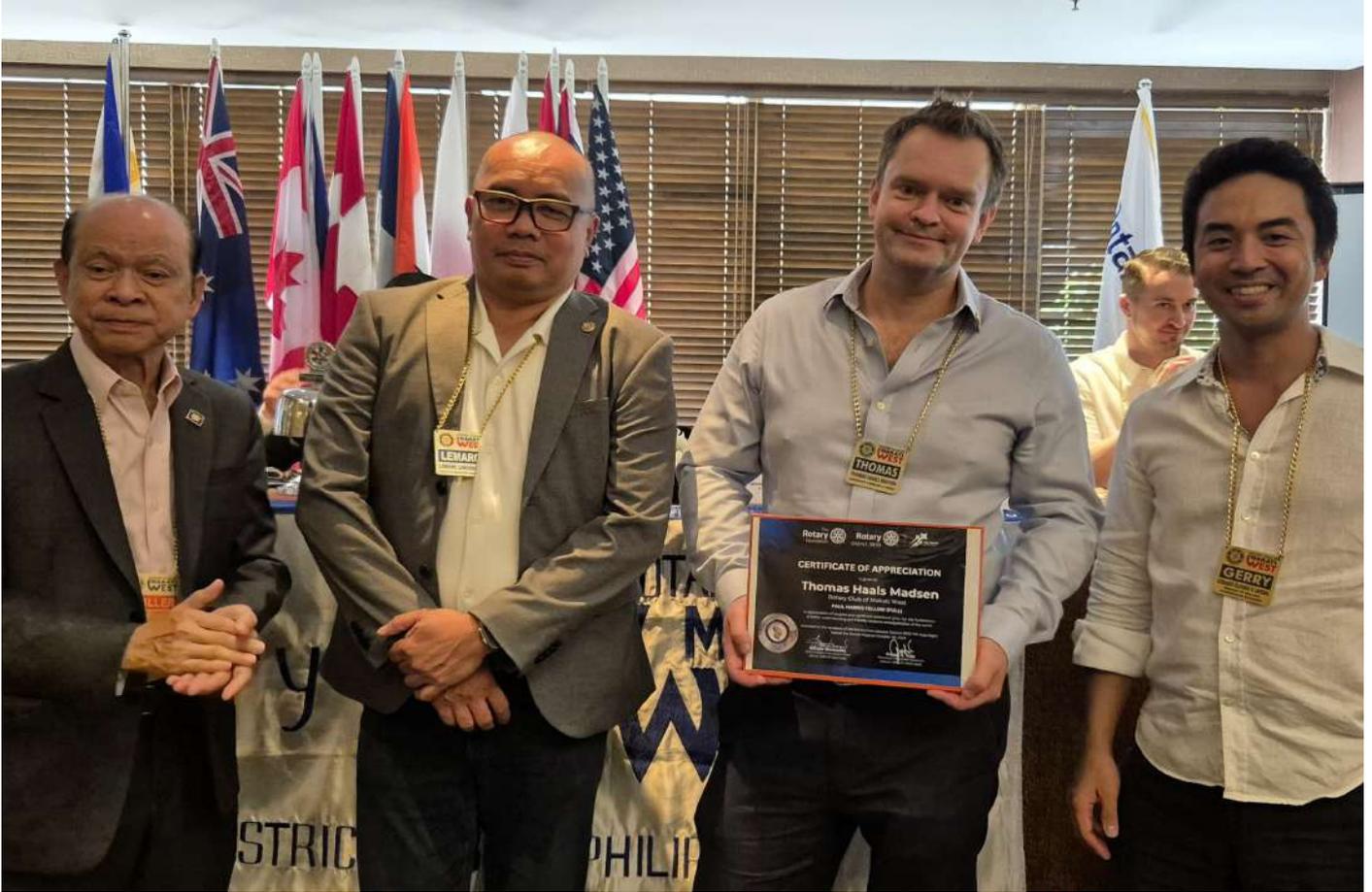


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Pinning of Paul Harris Fellow Donor with PRID Guiller & Pres. Gerry awarded to Rtn. Thomas Madsen & Dir. Lemarc Limosnero





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**PRID Guiller Tumangan's 80th Birthday Celebration
with his Family & Rotary Family
at Shangri-La Hotel on April 27, 2025**







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President Gerry's Gift of Life visit at De Los Santos Medical Center on May 28, 2025, marks his 358th Happy Heart patient. Congratulations, President Gerry Laperal!





Alzane Ayah C. Payatan
Magsaysay, Bayambang, Pangasinan
3 years old, female

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
May 28, 2025



Natazia Erickaye O. Ancheta
Nalasin, Balaoan, La Union
10 mos. old, female

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
May 28, 2025



PROJECT UPDATES

GIFT OF LIFE

GOL RY 2024-2025



juzshyne

Juz Shyne P. Abarientos
Brgy. Cabusao, Camarines Sur
12 years old, female

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
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Sofia Gail D.
Sabino

Sofia Gail D. Sabino
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan
7 years old, female

PDA Device Closure
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**Eurytz Eazhia
C. Barela**

Eurytz Eazhia C. Barela
San Teodoro, Bauan, Batangas
7 years old, female

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**Aizan Joseph
Viojan**

Aizan Joseph T. Viojan
Brgy. Buenavista, Basey, Samar
11 years old, male

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**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

56TH INDUCTION & HANDOVER CEREMONY

JULY 17, 2024 | 6PM | THURSDAY
NEW WORLD MAKATI HOTEL

ATTIRE
MEN: DARK SUIT & TIE
WOMEN: BLACK LONG GOWN





Please contact Treas. Judd Balayan as the delegation head or the Secretariat for the RC Honolulu West visit.

The Rotary Club
of West Honolulu

75th Anniversary Celebration

OCTOBER 16, 2025

GOLF | Klipper Golf Course
Marine Corps Base Hawaii
Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii 96863



OCTOBER 17, 2025



**SISTER CLUB
WELCOME
DINNER**

Honolulu Elks Lodge 616
2933 Kalakaua Ave.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

OCTOBER 18, 2025

DAY TOUR | Bishop Museum
1525 Bernice St.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817



**75th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
DINNER** | Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra
410 Atkinson Drive
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814



Roundtrip transportation will be provided to the events listed above.
Event start times and transportation details to be sent when finalized.
Any questions:
email: westhonolulurotary@gmail.com or contact your respective sister club liaison



Rotary 
Club of Singapore West

65TH
ANNIVERSARY
& Installation of
President Kong Chee Hoh
& Board of Directors RY25/26

**2
JULY**

Welcome Dinner
Grand Ballroom

Singapore Island Country Club (Island Location)
Attire: Smart Casual / Rotary Attire

**3
JULY**

65th Anniversary & Installation Dinner
Carlton Hall

York Hotel Singapore
Attire: Formal

R.S.V.P.

Recommended Hotel: York Hotel Singapore

MAY IS

YOUTH SERVICE MONTH



"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future." - PRIP James L. Lacy 1998-99



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55th Induction & Handover Ceremony

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Mr. Rob Raylman, PDG Joey Benedicto and PDG Leo de Guzman

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