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2,296th Meeting (since 1969)
March 4, 2021*

8th Batch of Cataract Surgery RY 2020-2021



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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

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.

LUNCH MEETING

Date: March 25, 2021/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn-2pm
GS: Mr. Brian Poe-Ilmazares
Chief of Staff/Campaign
Manager of Senator Grace Poe

LUNCH MEETING

Date: March 18, 2021/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn-2pm
GS: H.E Shambhu S. Kumaran
Ambassador, Indian Embassy,
The Philippines

NO LUNCH MEETING (HOLIDAY)

Date: April 1, 2021/ Thursday

TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order
Host Clubs
PRESIDENT NOMINEE GIL CHUA (RC Makati West)
PRESIDENT GREGORY JAMES DY (RC Makati San Lorenzo)

Co-Host Clubs
PRESIDENT ANNE ACUÑA (RC Makati Lumina)
PRESIDENT CATHY RONQUILLO (RC Makati Olympia)
PRESIDENT RIZ QUINTANA (RC Muntinlupa Filinvest)
PRESIDENT EVANGELINE DE LOS SANTOS (RC Muntinlupa Central)

12:20 PM Invocation
SAA DAX CARLOS (RC Makati West)

Philippine National Anthem (Video)

RC Makati West Hymn

RC Makati San Lorenzo Hymn (Video)

4 Way Test
PP CYNTHIA REYES (RC Makati San Lorenzo)

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest

Committee Announcements

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS
Sps. Judith Cantada (RCMW) Mar 5
Sps. Sobee Choa (RCMW) Mar 5

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Rtn. RJ Ledesma (RCMW)
Sps. Vanessa Mar 7

12:30 PM President's Time
PRESIDENT NOMINEE GIL CHUA (RC Makati West)
PRESIDENT GREGORY JAMES DY (RC Makati San Lorenzo)

12:40 PM Introduction of the Guest Speaker
PP JUNVEE VITAL (RC Makati West)

Speech
MR. JESUS C. ROMERO
Chief Operating Officer, Coverge ICT Solutions Inc.

Moderator
RTN. JUN CUARESMA (RC Makati West)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!

How do you put a price on something? What currency do you use? How do you know if something is of (good) value?

If you travel a lot, then like me you often spend a lot of time trying to convert between currencies, working out how much something costs in your "own" money as a reference point. So, when a beer cost \$25 in Dubai, that sounds crazy compared to the \$1 it might cost in Manila. But does that make it bad value if income levels in Dubai are 25 times what they are in Manila?

I'm in Busuanga as I write this and have just been to see an island that is for sale. Fifty hectares of beautiful tropical beach, mangroves and a forest covered hill, for a cool US\$5 million. Is that good value when a house in a Makati village might cost the same or more? I know which I'd prefer!

The Economist long ago developed the Big Mac Index as their way of checking cost of living / pricing etc. across countries. How many Big Macs could you buy with a local salary was basically the gist of it – a test of value.

My wife, Chinot, had her own very unique test: you took the price of something and divided it by how many times you were going to use it. If the answer was less than a Pound (we were in the UK at the time), then that was good value. So, for her it was OK to buy an expensive bag if she would use it daily, but not if it would only appear for the odd special occasion.

The Jollibee ice cream cup has for years been my currency of choice in the Philippines. It used to cost just ten Pesos, which helped with the calculations. I get so much pleasure from eating a Jollibee ice cream, so when I'm looking at buying something, I calculate how many of those ice creams I could buy instead and try to figure out if this thing is likely to bring that much pleasure over the time it would take me to eat them all.

Recently, two more meaningful currencies have been on my mind. The first is the life of a child. I've become aware through RCMW that a thousand Dollars is all it costs to save one through our GOL program. So, when I was looking at upgrading my car this year to something swankier it suddenly seemed a value-destructive thing to do, when that money could have saved fifty lives or more. Of course, it could also have bought a quarter million Jollibee ice creams, but even I couldn't eat that many!

The second is Time. It is probably linked to increasing awareness of mortality as the years continue to flow by, but I am now very conscious of how I SPEND TIME. I'm sure it is a feeling that all of us share, but how many of us have the courage to manage our lives by the particular budget? More than any, it is the budget that is absolutely and inevitably limited. When I started managing my Time as a currency I got much better at saying "no" to things that were a waste of it, and much better at embracing things that gave me more value from it. I've become much more conscious of how other people steal my time and how I do the same to others. When someone is late, when a meeting doesn't start or finish on time, I consider it theft.

That is why I am so grateful for all of the Time that all of you dedicate to being a part of this Club and its projects. I realise that it is a true investment of your most valuable currency, and that as your President this year I have a huge responsibility to ensure we manage your investment as frugally and as effectively as we can. But the truth is also that you all have equal responsibility to make the most of the Time you spend in the Club. That time is worth far, far in excess of whatever we pay in our club dues. It can also be one of the best investments we ever make.

Yours in Zest,
Alasdair Thomson

The word for this week is:

WAUCHLE, v., n. Also *wauchel*, -ill, †-ile, *waughle*, *wochle*, *wauckle*, *wachel*, -le; *wachle*, *waighle*. [waxl, wxl; †weçl]

As a verb, this means to walk or make one's way laboriously or with difficulty, to shamble, to walk in a clumsy, ungainly way, to waddle, stagger, stumble with fatigue, etc. But I remember this word used much more as a noun, in particular "a wee Glesga wachel" which was pretty much succinctly described the down at heel, unshaven and somewhat runtish men that you could see around Glasgow in the 1970s when the city was in the doldrums.

The Philippines has a similar character, in what I call the "stambay" men who seem to populate plastic chairs on barangay side streets, lazily watching the day go by with their t-shirt rolled up to expose their beer-bloated bellies.



Scottish Heritage

Glen Moray

I recently was bequeathed a half bottle of this by a friend who was leaving Manila. I wish he had left earlier and done so several times based on my reaction to this whisky. It is SO drinkable. The distillery itself isn't going to win any awards for its beauty, sitting on the site of the old gallows of Elgin (a town where I once ended up in the middle of an all-out pub brawl of the type you used to see in John Wayne Westerns) but the stuff that ends up in the bottle is a fabulous breakfast Speysider. As the distillery sits right on the edge of the River Lossie, from which it draws its water, it is prone to flooding.

Owned by Macdonald & Muir until 2008 it was sold for many years as a budget Glenmorangie (which they also owned), but that woefully underplayed the quality of the drink in my opinion.

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

Nose: Vanilla-y and sweet, with subtly herbaceous oak developing.

Palate: Chewy barley with a drizzle of syrup and crushed honey-roasted nuts.

Finish: White chocolate and stacks of apricots.



MEETING REVIEW - FEBRUARY 24, 2021



Sec. Javi Berenguer-Testa acts as Moderator



Rtn. Matthieu Benedicto acts as Invocator



Induction of Rtn. Richard Bates



President Al Thomson during his president's time



PE Franco Del Rosario introduces the guest speaker



Mr. Christopher Lopez giving his talk

ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER

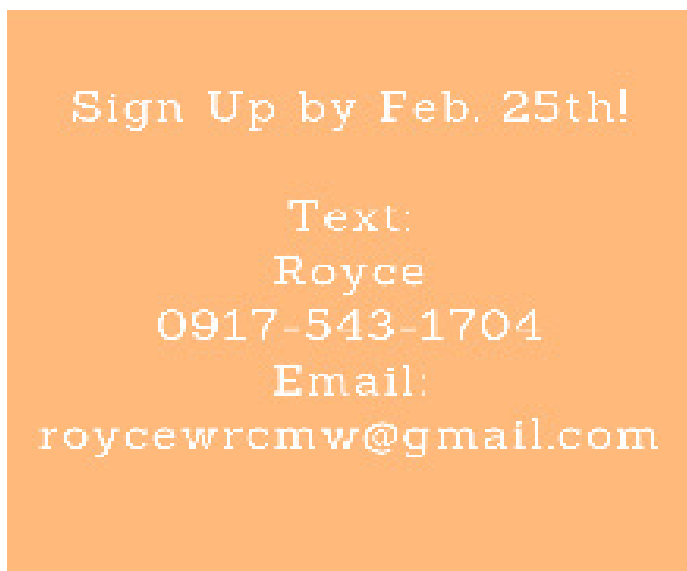
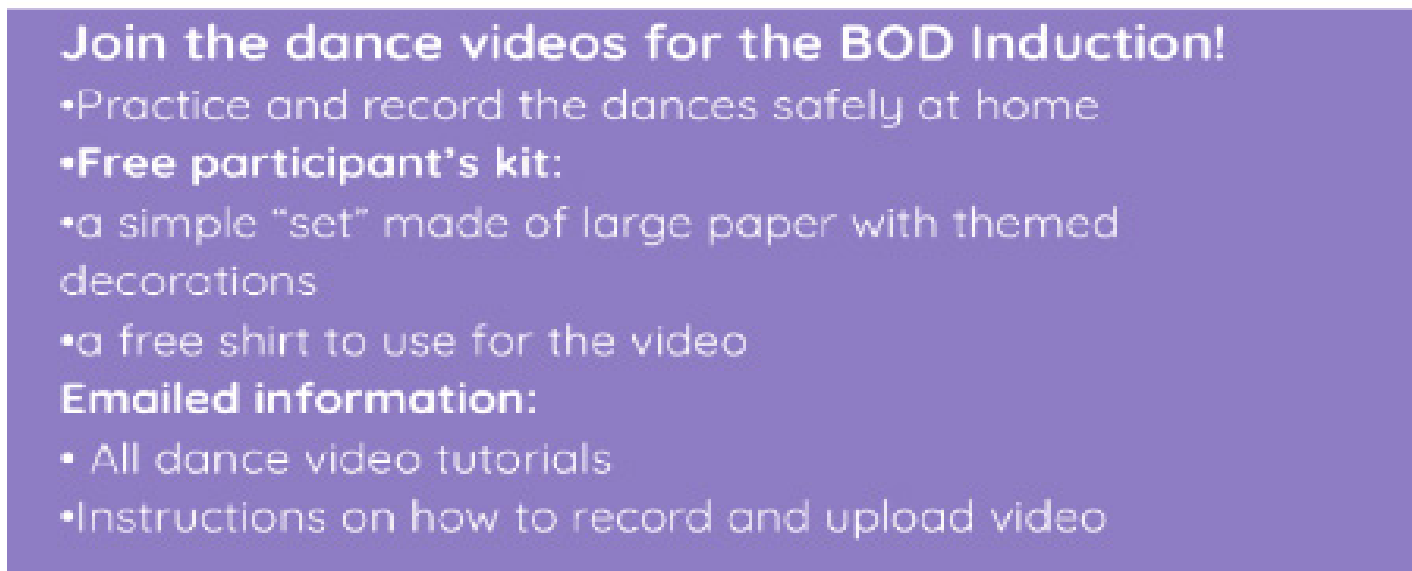


MR. JESUS C. ROMERO

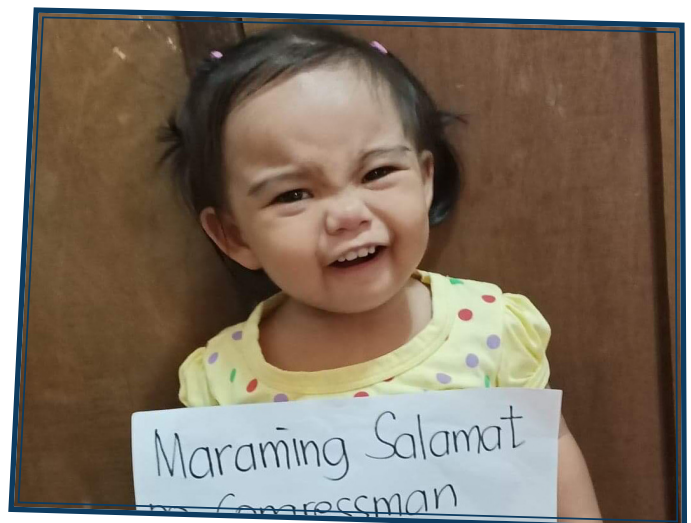
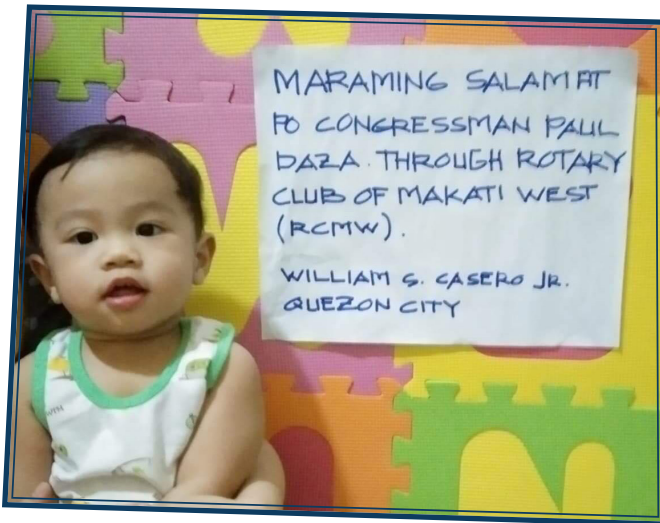
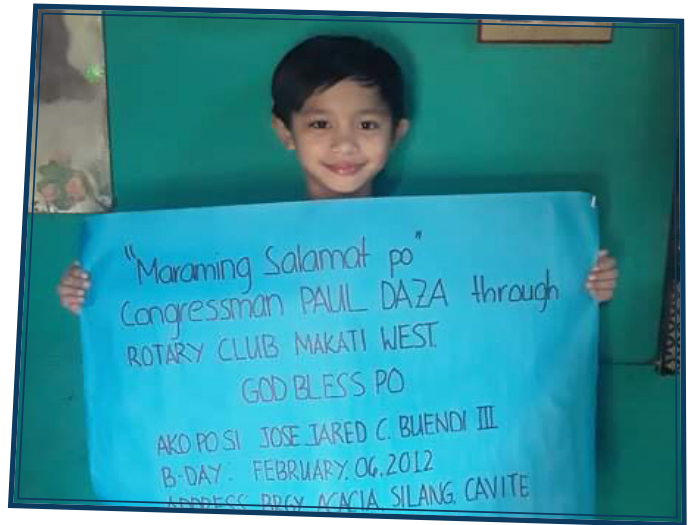
Chief Operating Officer, Converge ICT Solutions Inc.

One of the most respected pillars in the Philippine telecommunications industry, Jesus C. Romero has 30 years of diverse experience in the ICT industry. Known as a strong leader, he has had a continuous impactful influence in several fields of expertise such as Sales, Marketing, Business Development, Product Development, Product Management, After Sales, Engineering, Operations and General Management. His exemplary track record in the spearheading start-up, turn-around and business growth leveraging strategies, complemented by his profound technical involvement and fiery leadership skills has made him a driving force in ensuring business growth and profitability.

WHAT: RY 21-22 BOD INDUCTION
WHEN: THURSDAY, JULY 1ST 2021



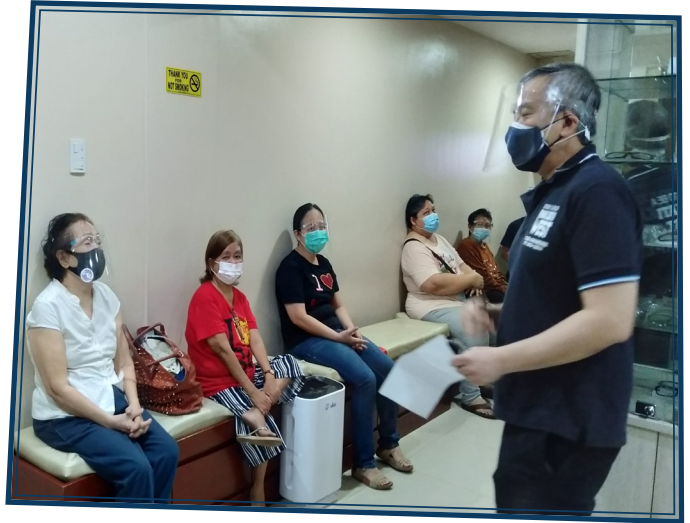
GIFT OF LIFE (GOL) BENEFICIARIES RY 20-21
***PRE & POST OPERATION FUNDED BY CONG/RTN. PAUL DAZA**
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8TH BATCH OF CATARACT SURGERY RY 2020-2021

Med Surg Eye Center, BF Homes Paranaque City

February 20, 2021



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



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



Alicia B. Siobal, 63yrs. old, Pasay City



Ana G. Rebenito, 76 yrs. old, Valenzuela City



Angelo M. Magbutong, 19yrs. old, Paranaque City

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



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



Edgardo D. Damas, 50yrs. old, Paranaque City



Gloria B. Altoveros, 73 yrs old, Las Pinas City



Lina T. Olfindo, 79yrs. old, Las Pinas City

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



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



Maria Elena Helen Celina Mendoza, 53 yrs. old, Makati City



Pedro C. Villanueva Jr., 63yrs. old, Paranaque City



Priscilla V. Regulacio, 61 yrs. old, Muntinlupa City

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



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



Rebecca D. San Juan, 69yrs. old, Makati City



Reynalda B. Punzalan, 83yrs. old, Pasay City



Roberto C. Espinosa, 55yrs. old, Makati City

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



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



Roel I. Flores, 40yrs. old, Paranaque City



Ronaldo M. Bermundo, 43yrs. old, Paranaque City

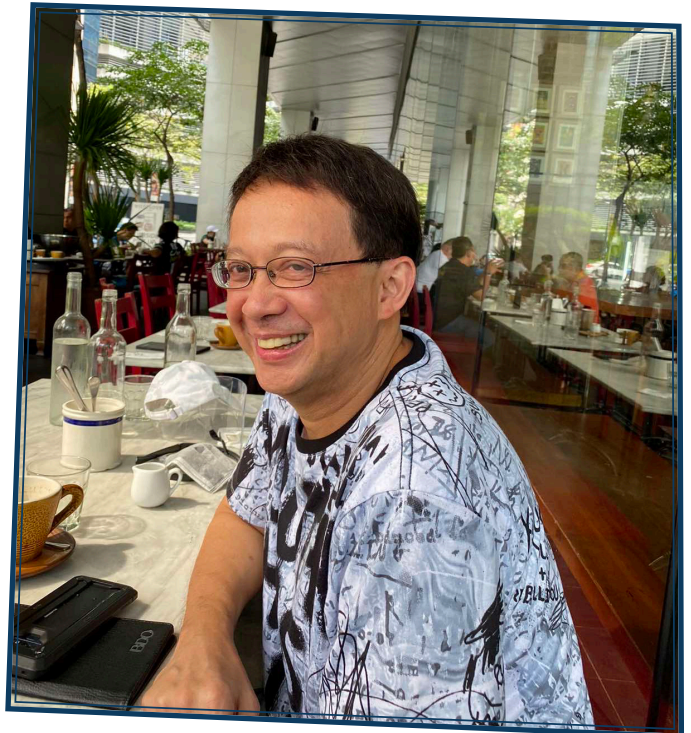


Rosemarie R. Saldua, 41 yrs. old, Paranaque City

SPORTS CAR AFICIONADOS SUNDAY BREAKFAST

4th Avenue & 26th Street BGC Taguig City

February 28, 2021



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February 28, 2021

Zest & Zoom

For over 50 years noble Rotary Makati West work has been fueled by fellowship. Lately, we have even added regular “Cars and Coffee” gatherings. Every Sunday morning, between 7 and 8’ish, several RCMW members gather with other petrol heads in BGC. The talk and walk sure is circling around the cars, sharing stories about current and past cars, what we may acquire next, restoration projects, related events and races. Zest and zoom sure is ignited, also with like minded from BGC Car Club and Manila Sports Car Club.

All RCMW members s are most welcome to join on any Sunday at Wild Flour in BGC, 4th Ave corner 26th, starting between 7 and 8 am. Bring your own car or MC, alternatively join one us driving there. All is coordinated via the Viber group “RCMW Roadsters / Bikers”. Zest and zoom zoom. Zee you there.

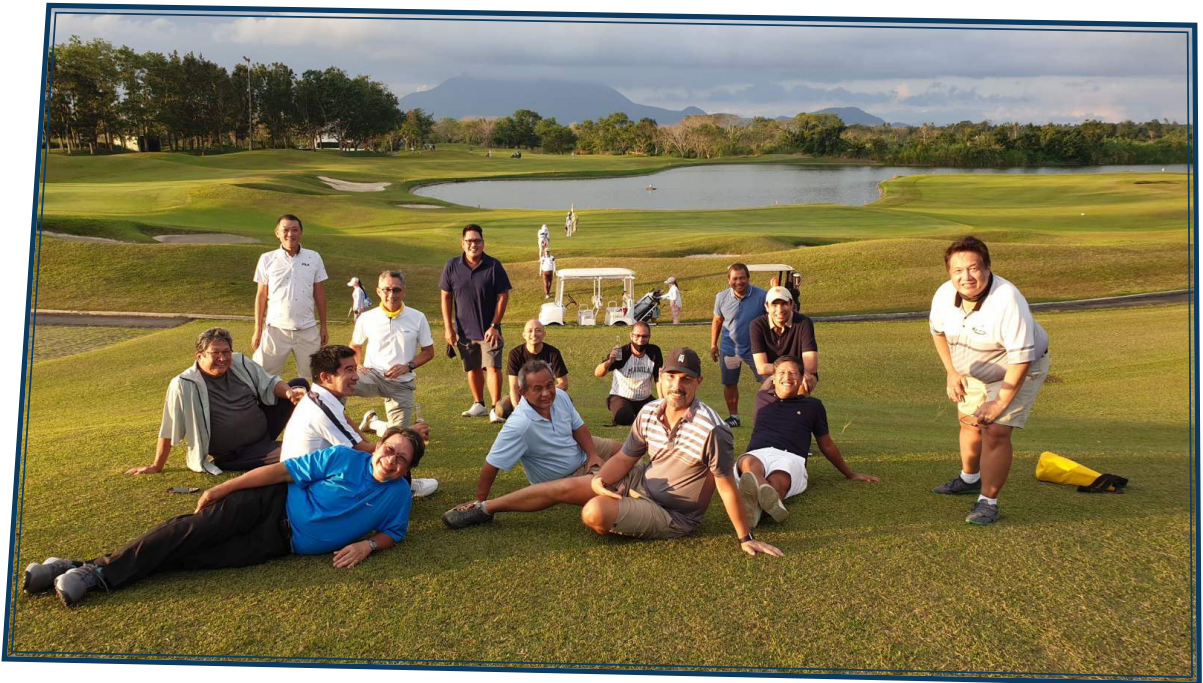
Rtn. Lars Wittig



RCMW GOLF FELLOWSHIP

Summit Point Golf Club, Batangas

February 24, 2021



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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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dues that remain unpaid. Please contact
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your payment picked up.”**

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Thank you”**