

# WEST SIDE STORY

Rotary Club of Makati West



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**RCMWD3830**

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2,298th Meeting (since 1969)  
March 18, 2021

## Gift of Life beneficiaries at De Los Santos Medical Center



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## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

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### LUNCH MEETING

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

### LUNCH MEETING

**Date:** April 8, 2021/ Thursday  
**Venue:** Zoom Conference  
**Time:** 12nn-2pm  
**GS:** Hon. Lord Allan Velasco  
Speaker of the House of  
Representatives of the Philippines

### NO LUNCH MEETING (HOLIDAY)

**Date:** April 1, 2021/ Thursday

### LUNCH MEETING

**Date:** April 15, 2021/ Thursday  
**Venue:** Zoom Conference  
**Time:** 12nn-2pm  
**GS:** Mr. JJ Atencio

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

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

Invocation  
**RTN. ROMAN AZANZA**

**12:20 PM** Philippine National Anthem (Video)

RC Makati West Hymn

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and  
Guest

Introduction of Distinguished  
Personalities at the e-presidential  
table

Committee Announcements

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rtn. Peter Hager  
Sps. Angie Mar 21

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

**12:40 PM** Introduction of the Guest Speaker  
**RTN. RAMESH DARGANI**

Speech  
**H.E SHAMBHU KUMARAN**  
Ambassador, Indian Embassy, The  
Philippines

Moderator  
**RTN. ELMER FRANCISCO**



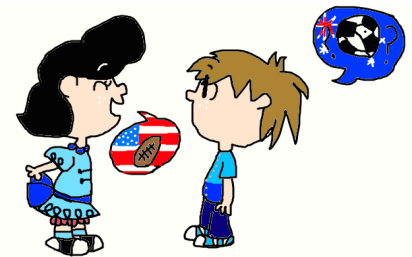
# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

Men of Action!,

When I first started out on life as an expatriate with Coats some 30 years ago, part of our training involved a two-week “cultural awareness” course. To this day it is still the most interesting piece of training I’ve ever been involved in, and it continues to affect my approach to life. It has saved me from making enormous errors, and it has reduced the stress levels that might otherwise have driven me daft(er).

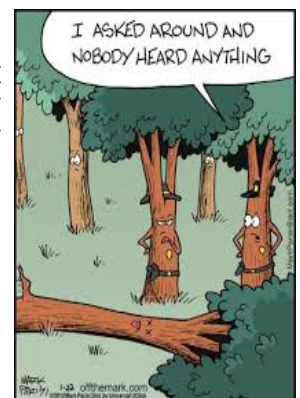


At the core of the message was this simple consideration: just because people do things in a different way from you, that doesn’t make them wrong, imbeciles or unthinking. There are reasons why people go about things in different ways. Try to learn about those, before you even think about suggesting changes. At the very least, that lesson has kept me mostly sane on EDSA these past many years! It is also the reason that we are trying to learn your views on the matter of potentially opening our membership to ladies. Each point is made with sincerity, with caring and because it may not initially jibe with that of the reader, it doesn’t make it wrong or thoughtless.

One thing we’ve had to learn to accept this past year is that everyone has a different reaction to the Covid Pandemic. Some are uber cautious, staying home the entire year and spraying everyone who comes near with disinfectant. Some are happy to go about life as normal, accepting that they may become ill. Most are somewhere on the spectrum in between. What I’ve come to believe is that each person has to find their own comfort level, and (so long as people are not putting others at risk by going out when suspecting they may be ill) we need to respect their choices.

In our Club, I’ve learned that everyone has different expectations and everyone has different ways of serving. Some people are very active, but extremely low profile. Some are financially very generous, but silent in their giving. Others are more visible in their activities and in their giving, happier to appear in front of the RCMW banner and to publicise the activities and their membership of the Club. For some, the tree falls silently in the forest. For others it makes a huge crash, alerting all around to the matter at hand.

Ultimately, what matters of course is simply that the tree falls. What matters is that we serve. In whatever way we feel is comfortable and sustainable. What matters is that we give; of our time, of our talent, of our resources so that those less fortunate can benefit from our good fortune.



So, yes, I’ve become a lot more accepting that there are different ways of doing things in life and for the most part that makes my own life much richer. Except for one thing: PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE stop putting ice in decent whisky!!

Yours in Zest,  
**Alasdair Thomson**



The word for this week is:

**Fouter, n.v. Also footer, -re, foutre, fut(t)er, f(o)utor, foutar, fuiter; foo(t)ther** ['fu:tər]

As a verb (which is far more common), this means to fiddle about, to bungle, act carelessly or generally potter about aimlessly. Often when we were dawdling about as kids, with adults intent on going somewhere, we'd hear the admonition "dinna fouter aboot, get a move on!".

As a noun, it refers to a person who is feckless, a layabout or a shirker, someone who lacks direction and purpose. Interestingly it use to be applied half-jocularly to an old man or to a childless husband.

I used to think it had been derived from the French word "foutre" (I'll let you Google that one). Which by no means belies anything about my technique with the ladies...



## Scottish Heritage

### Tomatin

Sited 25 miles south of Inverness, there is evidence of folks buying whisky for a local still in the 16th century, and the Tomatin distillery was the largest in Scotland during the 1970s, peaking at around 12.5m litres a year. Its probably fair to say "its nae a bonnie wan".

In truth, this is a Highland whisky with a mixed history of product quality and almost all production used to go into blends such as Johnnie Walker, J&B and Chivas Regal. But since Japanese owners took over in 1987, there has been more focus on quality over quantity and the statement 12 year old single malt is a fair quaff. With only 4 of its 6 spirit stills currently in use, there is plenty of room for expansion, so drink up!

In 2014, the Tomatin 12 Year Old was given an update and bottled at 43% ABV rather 40%, as it was previously. It is finished for six-to-nine months in Oloroso Sherry casks before being bottled.

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

**Nose:** Buttery at first, but notes of raisin and almond soon take over.

**Palate:** Oak-y vanilla and fresh mint, dotted with stem ginger and driedorange peel.

**Finish:** Currant buns, a hint of raspberry jam, barley.





# MODESTY ASIDE



**Full name:** Juan Antonio Torres Carlos

**We call you as:** Dax

**Relationship and family:** Married to Sheila,  
2 children: Sofia and Enzo

**Education and Training:** Special Training by the FBI (US Department of Justice) in biometrics, MBA Ateneo Regis, College: Ateneo de Manila, High School: Southridge

**Day job:** President, WJD Total Solutions, Vice-Consul, Consulate of Cote D'Ivoire

**Work fulfillment:** Being in a position to provide this country and its citizens with the same benefits and technology solutions available comparable to those in first world nations



**Work challenges:** Sometimes common sense is not too common...

**Special talents/ interesting facts:** Trained in crime scene investigation (CSI)

**Hang-out place:** Nowadays in my garden...

**Poison/ Drink of choice:** Whiskey Sour

**Post-covid get-away plans:** Spend a month in Italy and Spain

**Dream car:** Mercedes G-wagon



# MEETING REVIEW - MARCH 11, 2021



*PE Franco Del Rosario acts as Moderator*



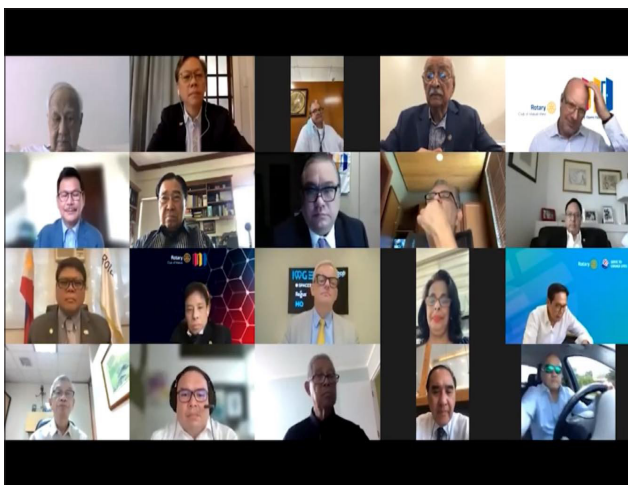
*President Al Thomson during his president's time*



*Rtn. Nono Ibazeta introduces the guest speaker*



*Mr. Enrique Razon giving his talk*



*The Rotarians in the zoom meeting*



*Mr. Enrique Razon receives Gift of Life certificate from the club*





## ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER

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### **H.E SHAMBHU S. KUMARAN**

Ambassador, Indian Embassy, The Philippines

Mr. Shambhu S. Kumaran joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1995.

His diplomatic assignments abroad include postings in Frankfurt and Berlin (1997-2002), as Political Counsellor in Kathmandu (2007-2009) and as Deputy High Commissioner to South Africa (2009-2012).

At Headquarters, he was Deputy Secretary (West Europe Division) handling relations with the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain as well as the Commonwealth from 2002-2004. He was Officer on Special Duty (Press Relations) in the External Publicity Division from 2004-2007.

From 2012-16, he was Director (East Asia/China), Joint Secretary (Establishment) and Joint Secretary (Eurasia) in MEA.

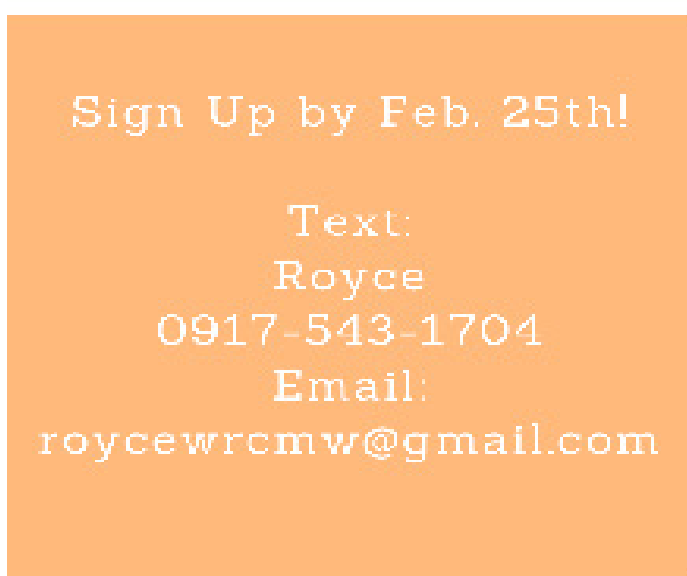
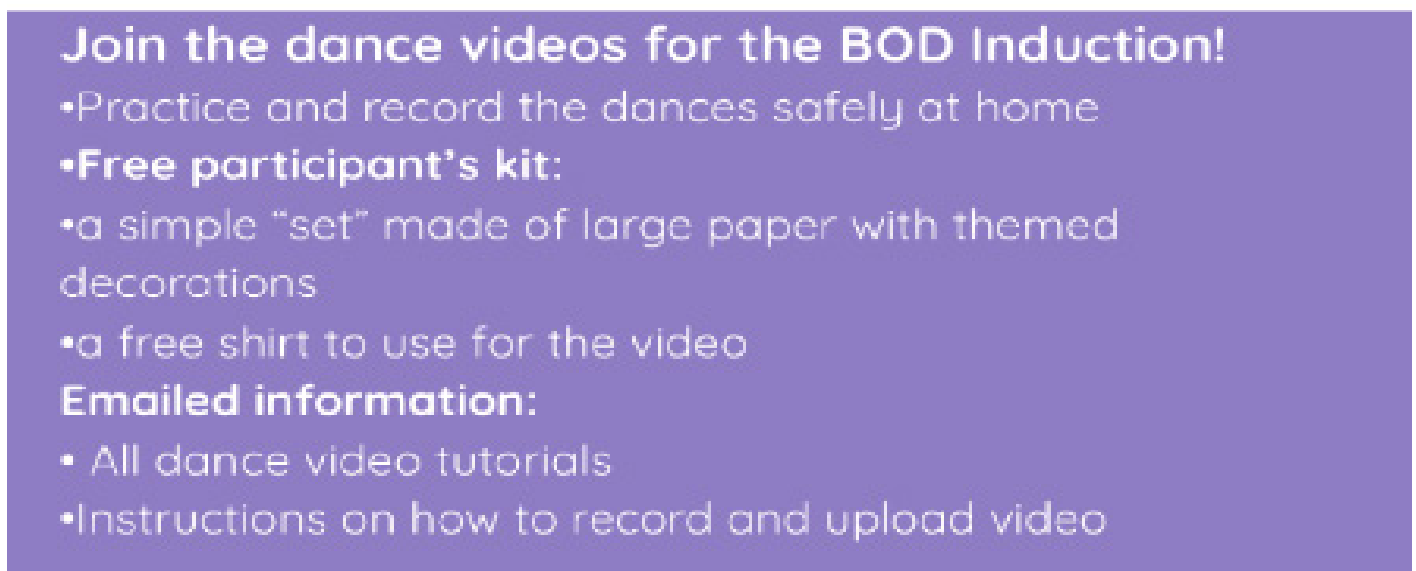
During January 2016- May 2019, he was on deputation to the Ministry of Defence as Joint Secretary (Planning and International Cooperation).

He was Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Morocco from June 2019 to July 2020.

He holds a Bachelors Degree in English Literature from Kerala University as well as an MA in International Studies and Master of Philosophy in Diplomatic Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.



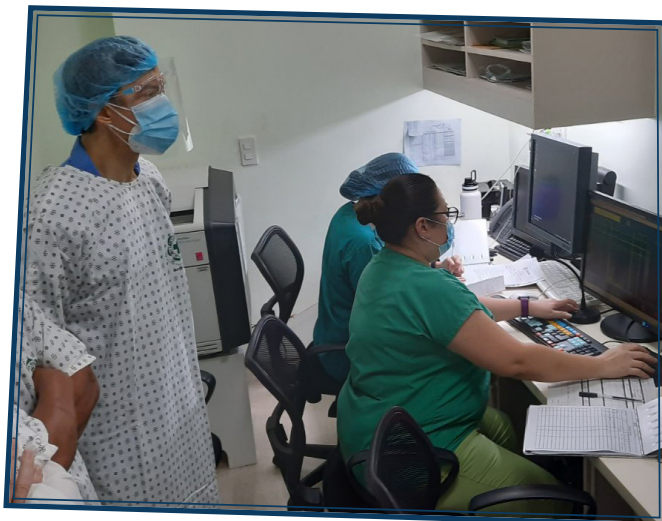
**WHAT: RY 21-22 BOD INDUCTION**  
**WHEN: THURSDAY, JULY 1ST 2021**



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

De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City

March 11, 2021





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Athea Faith Biala, 1 year old, Bataan  
PDA Device Closure



Francis Palatino, 1 year old,  
Lapaz, Tarlac  
PDA Device Closure



Kevin Malanum Jr., 2 years old, Bataan  
PDA Device Closure



Thalia Jodee Baw-il, 1 year old, Ifugao  
PDA Device Closure



# GAWAD KALINGA (GK) PINAGSAMA VILLAGE INITIATIVE

Pinagsama Village, Taguig City March 11, 2021





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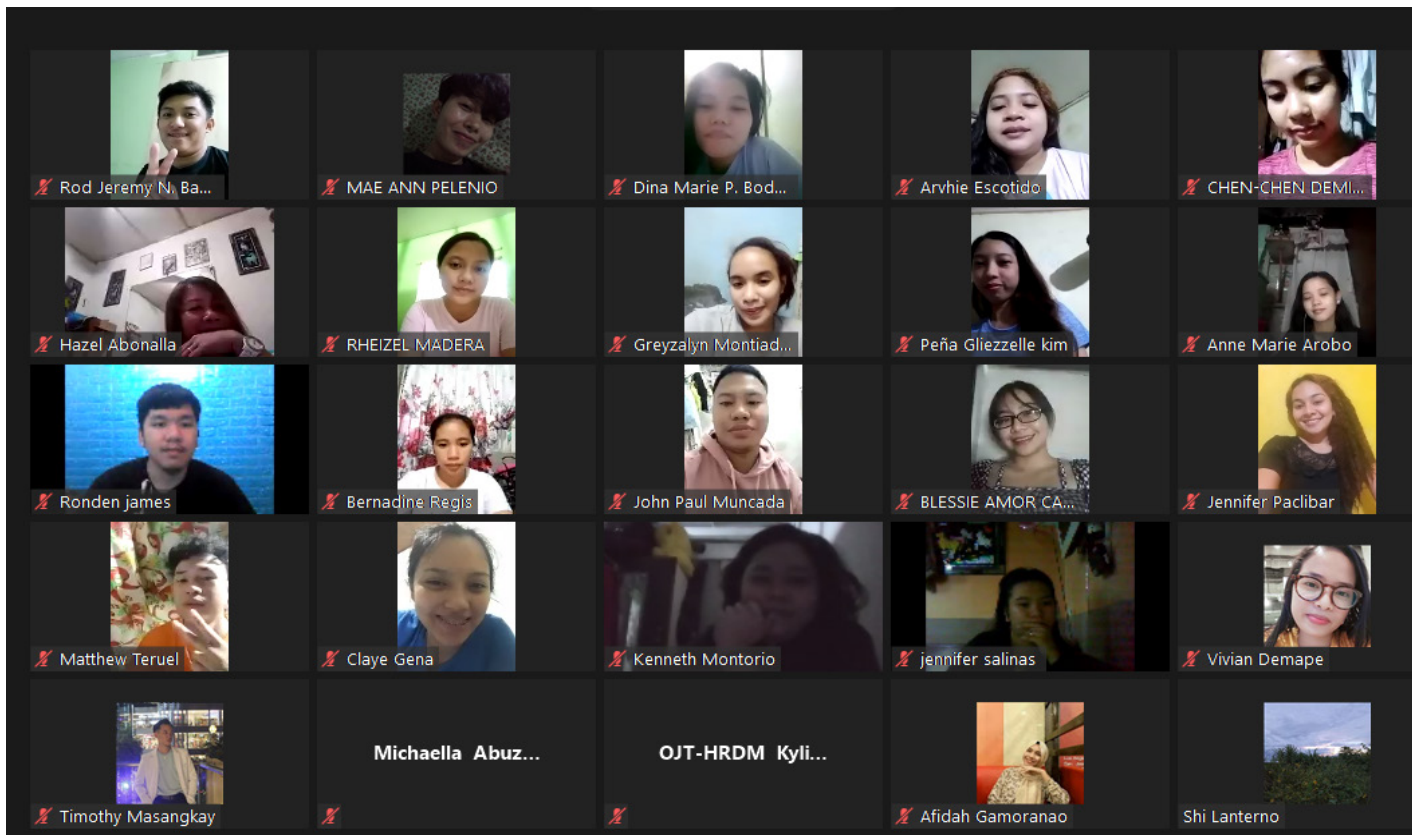
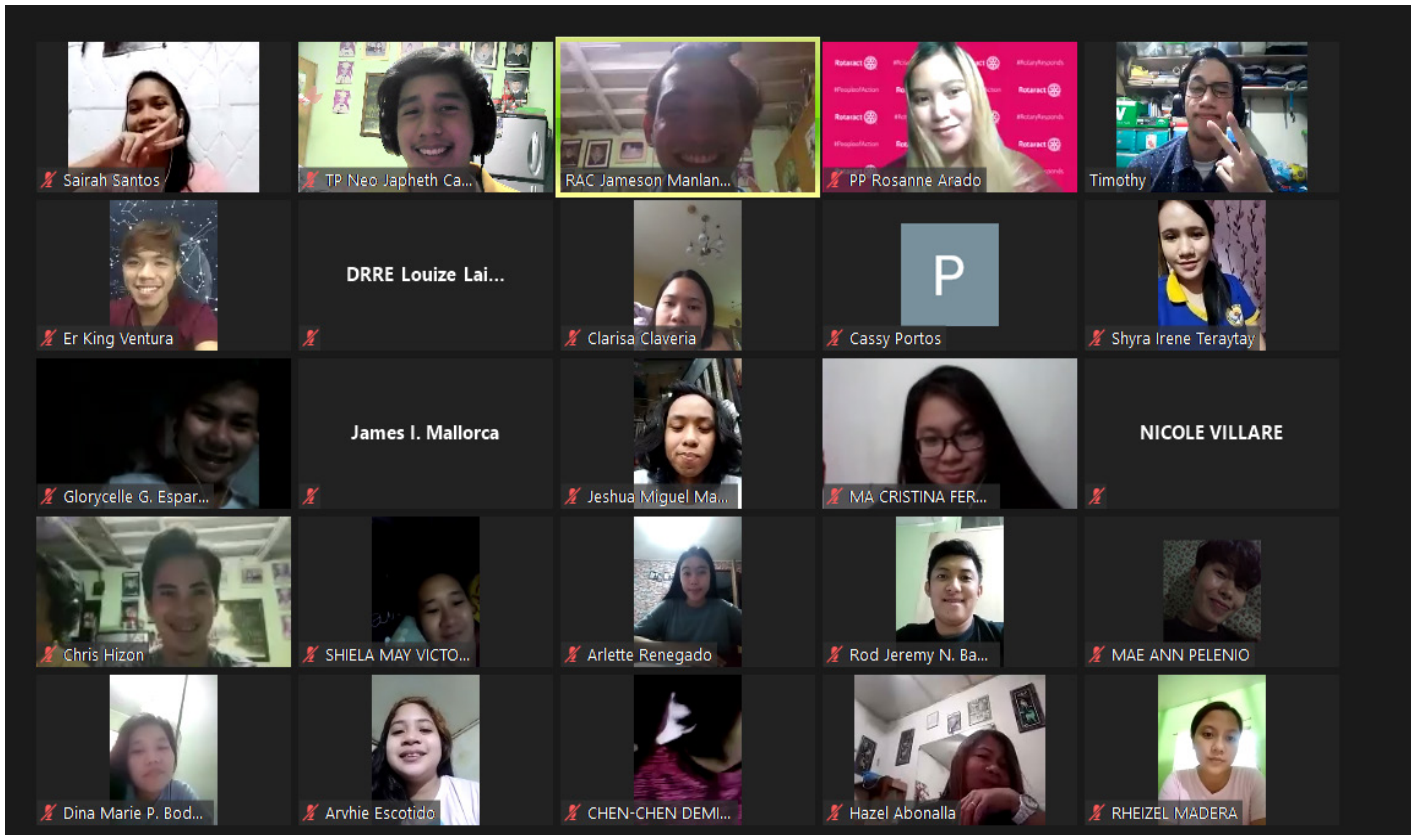
March 11, 2021





# A TALK OF A ROTARIAN AND ROTARACT

March 13, 2021





# PAST PRESIDENTS BUSINESS MEETING

March 13, 2021



# TWO OF RCMW's OUTSTANDING ROTARIANS AWARDED BY DISTRICT 3830

Rotary  
Club of Makati West



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**PP VICTOR L. VITAL**  
Club Advisers

PDS Esther A. Florendo  
Chairman  
116th RI Anniversary 2021  
President  
D3830 TRF Alumni Association

9th February 2021

Dear PDS Esther,

### MOST OUTSTANDING ROTARIANS

We thank you for the opportunity to nominate candidates for the above award from within the membership of our club.

In all truth, we are blessed at the Rotary Club of Makati West to count in our membership a great number of distinguished Rotarians, including those who have served with enormous distinction not only our district but for the greater glory of Rotary International. Each of our surviving Past Presidents has contributed in their own way to the historic achievements of our Club over time, and to the longevity of our existence. That makes them all worthy of nomination in my view.

It is simply impossible to identify just two members from that group of qualified individuals, when each has built upon the achievements and contributions of those who have preceded them. For this reason, on behalf of our Club, we have chosen to nominate our two most recent Past Presidents in IPP Enrico Tensuan and PP Luis del Rosario.

In addition to their own enormous contributions, I feel they both capture the spirit and the essence of Rotary and of RC Makati West in particular. Both are true gentlemen, great family men, and proud and loving fathers. Both are generous to a fault with their money, their talent, and their time. Both have served their club, their community, and their country, delivering life-changing projects with long-lasting impact. Both have done so humbly, without search for recognition or external praise, but content with a slap on the back from their colleagues and the personal satisfaction of a job well-done.

In this, they are both what regular Rotarians should be. If that makes them Outstanding Rotarians, then it is only because the rest of us fall short of the mark.

I hope that you will recognise their immense contribution, and also their reflection of our Club as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

Alasdair Thomson  
(President RY 2020-21)

Javier Berenguer-Testa  
(Secretary RY 2020-21)

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Years of Service

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## TWO OF RCMW's OUTSTANDING ROTARIANS AWARDED BY DISTRICT 3830





# SPORTS CAR AFICIONADOS SUNDAY BREAKFAST

4th Avenue & 26th Street BGC Taguig City

March 14, 2021





# TURN OVER OF CHECK DONATION FOR ARTIFICIAL LIMBS FROM ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI PASEO DE ROXAS

March 17, 2021



## THANK YOU ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI PASEO DE ROXAS FOR YOUR DONATION!

# ANNOUNCEMENT



**BOD INDUCTION  
CELEBRATION VIDEO**  
SUBMIT 3-5 FAMILY PICTURES  
TO BE INCLUDED IN FAMILY  
VIDEO COLLAGE-  
Please send In by March 19th  
**SEND TO**  
**roycercmw@gmail.com**

**<FY-ACTION> Family Photo submissions deadline on MARCH 19, 2021**

Dear RCMW Members,

Greetings!

RCMW 52nd Induction celebration is on July 1, 2021, as part of the presentation kindly submit 5 family pictures including grand children to be included in the family video.

Kindly send to [roycercmw@gmail.com](mailto:roycercmw@gmail.com).

Thank you!



# 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**

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**Fireside Chat Archive**

**West Side Story**

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# RY 2020-2021 Officers Directors & Club Advisers

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Treasurer	Tristan Choa
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## Honorary Members:

Hon. Secretary Albert del Rosario, PDG  
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Royce Ann Ladan

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

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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  
PP Larry Ocampo  
PP Dennis Decena  
PE Franco Del Rosario  
PP Lou Del Rosario  
Dir. Dino Dumatul  
PP Ed Balois  
PP Jay Tambunting  
Rtn. Isaji Minoru  
Rtn. Toshi Ishikawa  
PP Noel Laman  
IPP Eric Tensuan  
Rtn. Joey Avellana  
Dir. Gil Chua  
Rtn. Ramesh Dargani  
Rtn. Derrick Santos  
Rtn. Miguel Pertiera  
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PP Roque Tordesillas  
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Rtn. Chris Moriarty  
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Rtn. Paolo Pineda  
PP Bobby Cabral  
PP Ernie Fajardo  
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  
Rtn. Ramon Roño  
Rtn. Nory Reyes Lao  
Dir. Robbie Leviste  
Rtn. JP Sarabia  
Rtn. Ian Ocampo  
Rtn. Christophe Lejeune  
Rtn. Butch Hidalgo  
Rtn. Matthieu Benedicto  
Rtn. Steven Carl  
Rtn. Rob Bradshaw  
Rtn. Mario Chan  
Rtn. Nelson Aquino  
Rtn. Robin Garcia  
Rtn. RJ Tabuena  
PP Eddie Hernandez  
Rtn. Richard Bates

**“Calling on the 12 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”**