

# WEST SIDE STORY

Rotary Club of Makati West



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**RCMWD3830**

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2,299th Meeting (since 1969)  
March 25, 2021*

## Hand over of bikes to participants of Kabisigleta, RCMW project



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## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

### NO LUNCH MEETING (HOLIDAY)

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

### 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

### LUNCH MEETING

**Date:** April 15, 2021/ Thursday

**Venue:** Zoom Conference

**Time:** 12nn-2pm

**GS:** Mr. JJ Atencio

### LUNCH MEETING

**Date:** April 22, 2021/ Thursday

**Venue:** Zoom Conference

**Time:** 12nn-2pm

**GS:** Ms. Clair Barberis Conception  
Owner of Bamboo Island Resort

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

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

Invocation  
**RTN. PAUL DAZA**

**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

Guardian Angel Program Presentation  
**PP ROQUE TORDESILLAS**

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Sps. Cris Cang	Mar 26
Sps Carla Tabuena	Mar 29
Rtn. Aris Malantic	Mar 30
Rtn. Bern Reyes	Mar 30

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rtn. Miguel Pertierra	
Sps. Trisha	Mar 25
PP Jay Tambunting	
Sps. Bambee	Mar 26
Rtn. Chris Moriarty	
Sps. Jennifer	Mar 27
Rtn. Andy Aguila	
Sps. Stella	Mar 31

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

**12:40 PM** Introduction of the Guest Speaker  
**RTN. RICHARD BATES**

Speech  
**MR. BRIAN POE-LLAMANZARES**  
Chief of Staff, Senator Grace Poe Llanmanzares  
CEO and Co-Founder, Time Master Watches

Moderator  
**RTN. ROBIN GARCIA**



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

Men of Action!,

In my message last week I referred to a cultural awareness course that I undertook as a young executive, and it came to mind again as I listened to our guest speaker His Excellency Shambhu Kumaran, the Indian Ambassador, talking about the strong attachment to “family” in both the Philippines and India. One of the key themes of the course was that almost all national identities manifest split loyalties between family and “society” as a general concept. This split loyalty manifests itself in many, many aspects of life.

The most interesting exercise I recall was based around this question:  
*“You are the passenger in a car which your best friend is driving. He is travelling at 60 km/h in a 40 km/h zone when he hits an old lady who is crossing the street. The police arrive and, as the only witness, ask you what speed your friend was driving at. What speed do you tell them?”*

This sparked an afternoon and evening of much debate between us all, because clearly there are lots of other factors to consider, not least the extent to which the old lady is injured. But what emerged very clearly was a divide in our group: essentially the more badly injured the lady, the more one group was inclined to tell the police the truth (much to the horror of the other group). The “truth tellers” were all of Northern European / Protestant cultural roots where loyalty to Society and the Rule of Law is generally stronger, and Family exists to live within that structure. The other group consisted largely of Latin Europeans, Asians, and South Americans.

I hasten to add, there was no correct answer to the question. The point was simply to understand the different perspectives that could be taken.

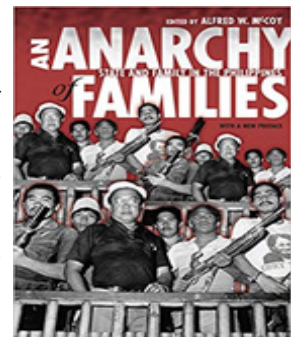
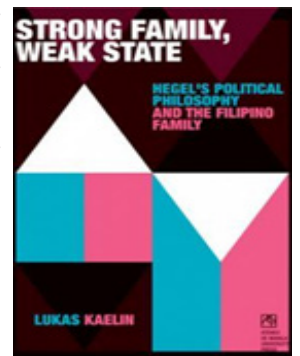
I’m sure we all see the tension and split of these loyalties in the Philippines. As a vibrant democracy based on largely American formal structures ( themselves developed by Northern European Protestants) there is clearly an aspiration to live as a national “Society”. When natural disasters occur we see the extension of the “bayanihan” spirit beyond the local area to help out further afield. As we have seen in the last year, Filipinos can be persuaded to follow certain “rules” without much debate if they are clearly for the benefit of everyone.

At the same time, there is evidence all around us that Family (or “Me”) trumps “Society” very regularly. I see it in the garbage that litters the roadsides across the country (not my land I’m polluting) ; I see it in the driving style where people don’t give way to others (my time is more important than yours); I see it in the voting patterns (my tribe, regardless of talent or integrity); I see it in business and the general attitude to tax compliance; I see it in rampant graft and corruption that continually goes unpunished.

Rotarians, and others in similar organisations, clearly demonstrate a bias towards strengthening Society overall. Given my cultural bias, I think that is a good thing. Leveraging the strength of the family to achieve that is probably key to success in the Philippines. We can work through our family groups to drive action and understanding and learning that strengthens society as a whole, acknowledging that a stronger society has benefits for the family in all areas of life.

As we continue to face issues that need a national response (Covid, continued poverty and wealth inequality, environmental issues), let’s continue to work within our Rotary Family to do all we can for our Society.

Yours truly,  
**Alasdair Thomson**





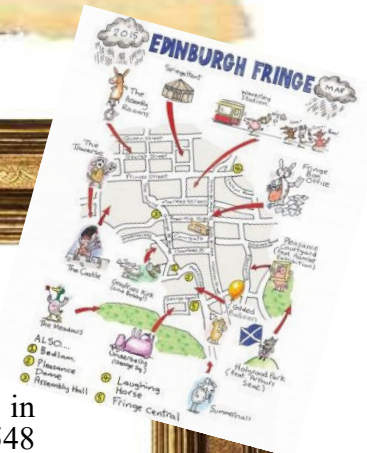
The word for this week is:

**PIBROCH, n.** Also **pibr(o)ugh, pibrach, peebruch, -broch.** [ˈpibrɔx]

Derived from the Gaelic “piobaireachd” meaning playing on the “piob” or the bagpipes, this generally is just the word for bagpipe music, but more specifically refers to the “big” music of bagpipe playing, a piece consisting of a theme, (the “Urlar”), and a series of variations, often extempore, arranged in a regular pattern or sequence. Typically a pibroch will include three classes of variation within it: the “cruinneachadh” or gathering, the “cumhadh” or lament, and the “failte” or salute.

The pibroch still rouses the native Highlander, in the same way that the sound of the trumpet does the war-horse, and is likely to bring a tear to the eye of any expat Scot staring into the bottom of his second whisky of the evening...

For those of you who want to put your eardrums to the test: <https://youtu.be/vzIX7ZS3TEo>



## Scottish Heritage

### The Fringe

The Edinburgh Festival Fringe is the world’s largest arts festival, which in 2018 spanned 25 days and featured more than 55,000 performances of 3,548 different shows in 317 venues. Held annually in August, it is surpassed only by the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup in terms of global ticketed events.

What makes the Fringe truly special is that it is an open access event, meaning there is no selection committee, and anyone may participate, with any type of performance. That means you can see all sorts of things, from the truly awful to the spectacularly amazing in venues as diverse as the Edinburgh Castle or the neighbour’s garage.

The official Fringe Programme categorises shows into sections for theatre, comedy, dance, physical theatre, circus, cabaret, children’s shows, musicals, opera, music, spoken word, exhibitions and events.





# MODESTY ASIDE



**Full name:** Ramon Jaime Reyes Tabuena Jr.

**We call you as:** RJ /Captain

**Relationship and family:** Married to Carla Elena Aldeguer Tabuena, no kids

**Education and Training:** CSA: GS & HS / UP: College (Tourism) / AIM: Masters in Business Mgt

**Day job:** RCBC – Corporate Banking (22 years)

**Work fulfillment:** Meeting Clients' expectations

**Work challenges:** Meeting Management expectations

**Rotary goals:** To be able to make a difference for Makati West and in behalf of Makati West.



**Rotary achievements:** Team Captain of the 6-time TOC Champion Makati West Golf Team

**Special talents/ interesting facts:** Singing and Dancing (joke only)

**Hang-out place:** Clubs.....Golf Clubs

**Poison/ Drink of choice:** Cold Beer /Japanese Whiskey

**Weekend activities:** Golf/Biking/Church/Saturday Dinner at In-Law's house/Sunday Lunch and Dinner at Mother's house

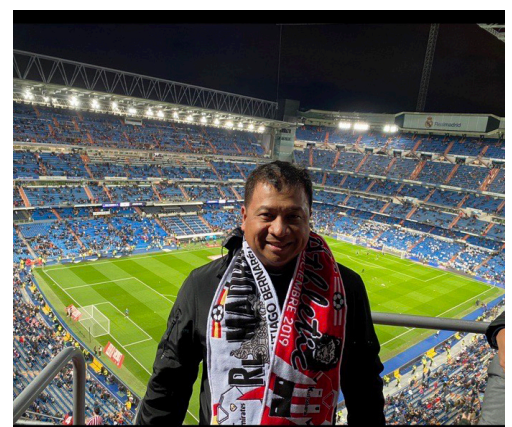
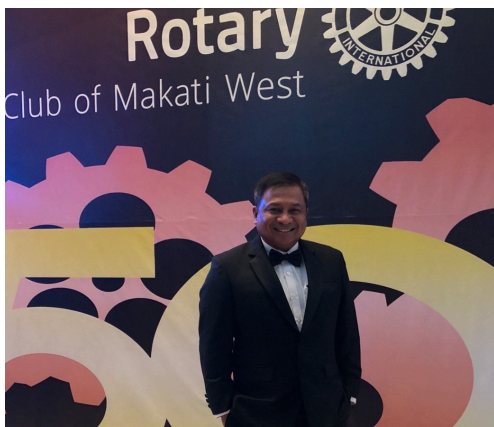
**Post-covid get-away plans:** Trip to my happy place, Hong Kong

**G.O.A.T:** Tiger

**Unforgettable moment:** My first Hole in One

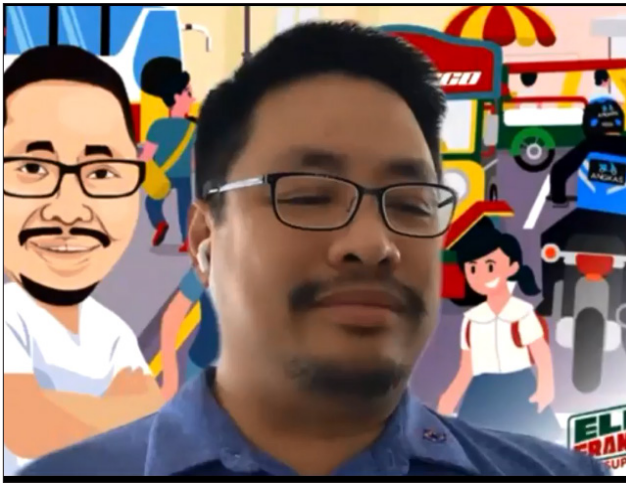
**Dream car:** Lambo

**Favorite movie:** Dirty Rotten Scoundrels





# MEETING REVIEW - MARCH 18, 2021



*Rtn. Elmer Francisco acts as Moderator*



*Rtn. Roman Azanza acts as Invocator*



*President Al Thomson during his president's time*



*Rtn. Ramesh Dargani introduces the guest speaker*



*H.E Shambhu Kumaran giving his talk*



*H.E Shambhu Kumaran receives Gift of Life certificate from the club*





## ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER

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### **MR. BRIAN POE-LLAMANZARES**

Chief of Staff, Senator Grace Poe-Llamanzares  
CEO and Co-Founder, Time Master Watches

Brian Poe Llamanzares is an award winning journalist, entrepreneur, investor, and youth leader from the Philippines. He is known for having founded Time Master Watches, a Filipino owned watch company that produced the first Filipino dive watch. Since then he has gone on to diversify his portfolio by investing in a digital media holdings company, social media tools and analytics, content creation, app development, and even an anti-bacterial clothing line.

Before serving as Chief of Staff, Brian spent the last two years studying all over the world. He completed different programs in Wharton, Stanford University, MIT, the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and even attended the Conference Diplomacy and Multilateral Negotiations Program at the United Nations in Geneva. He eventually ended his educational expedition by completing his master's program in Climate and Society at Columbia University in New York.

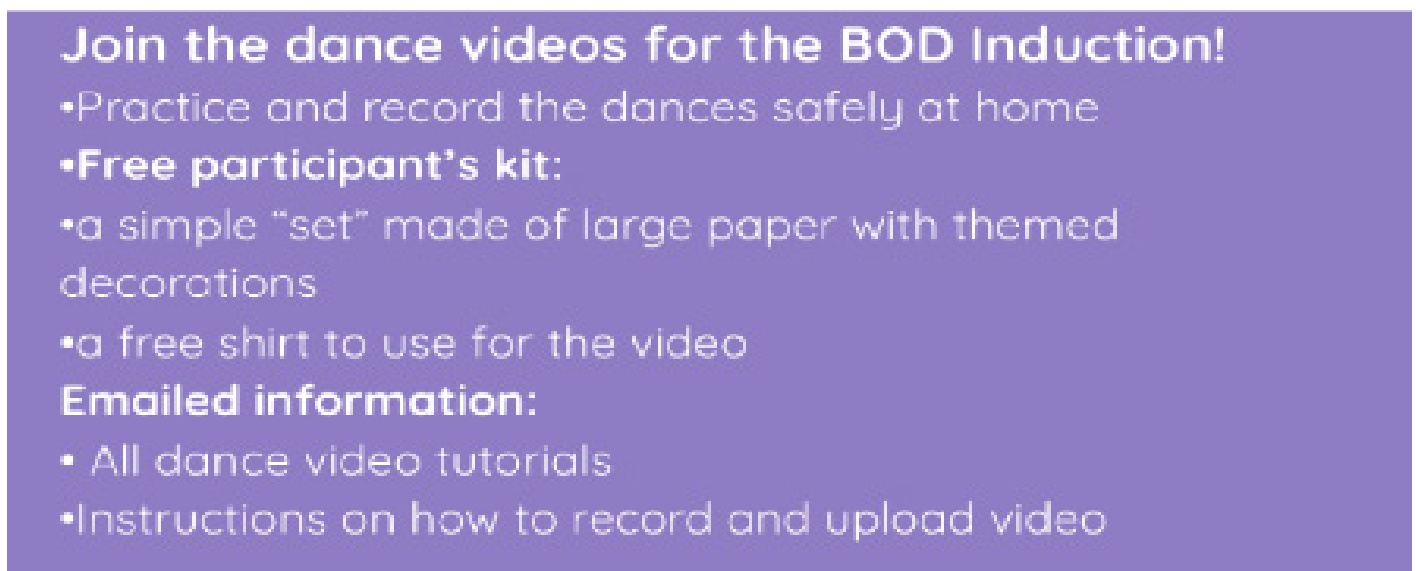
Upon graduating, Brian joined NASA's Disasters Applications Team where he helped develop a global flash flood index for the NASA Geo Project. His team's research was recently published by the American Geophysical Union in their scientific journal and will serve as the basis of future scientific models that will help disaster risk managers around the world.

His work and numerous achievements in entrepreneurship and public service served as the basis for his first international award for youth leadership which he received in Kathmandu, Nepal. Shortly after returning home to the Philippines, Brian was likewise awarded the Power Millennial Award for Entrepreneurship by Lifestyle Asia. Armed with all the knowledge from his educational tour around the world, Brian served as the campaign manager of Senator Grace Poe in the last 2019 election helping her get re-elected with over 22 million votes.

More recently, Brian was recognized by People Asia Magazine as one of their "Men Who Matter" for the year 2020. He was selected for his contributions in public service as the youngest Chief of Staff in the Philippine Senate taking on the leadership position at the young age of 27, a position he earned through his hard work in the 2019 elections.

He continues to serve as Chief of Staff but has since taken on a bigger role of Chairman of the Ang Panday Bayanihan Foundation which was built to serve the Filipino community in times of crisis. Using his "Leadership in Crisis" Training from Harvard, Brian has led the donation of 2,500 PPE suits, 1,000 complete PPE sets, 2,000 face shields, 23,975 face masks, 15,700 pairs of gloves, 210 gallons of alcohol, 1,170 test kits, and 2,700 sacks of rice to critical areas to help address the COVID-19 Crisis.

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





# TURNOVER OF ARTIFICIAL LIMBS

Spine Building 2nd Floor Prosthetic Shop, PGH

March 12, 15 & 16, 2021

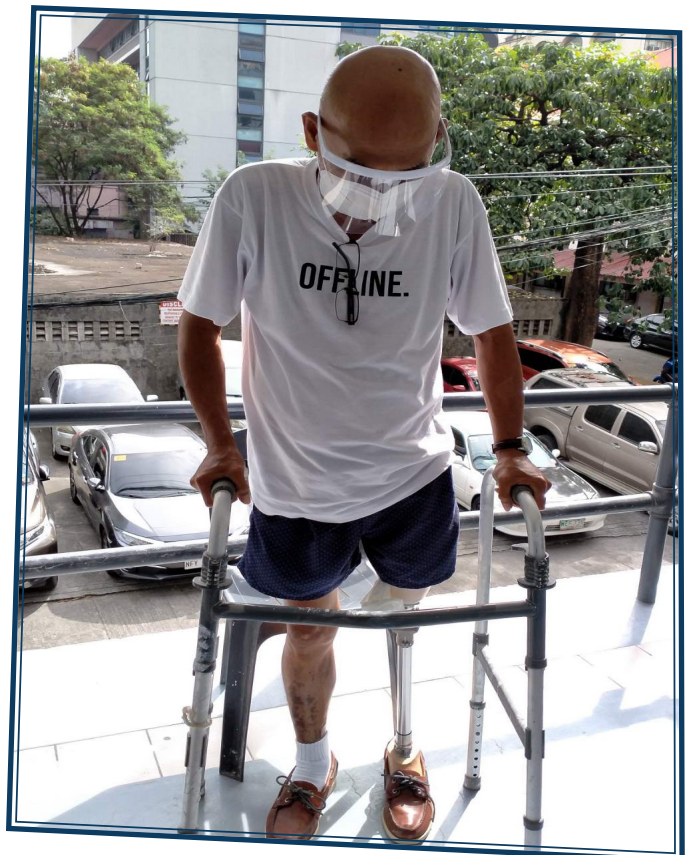




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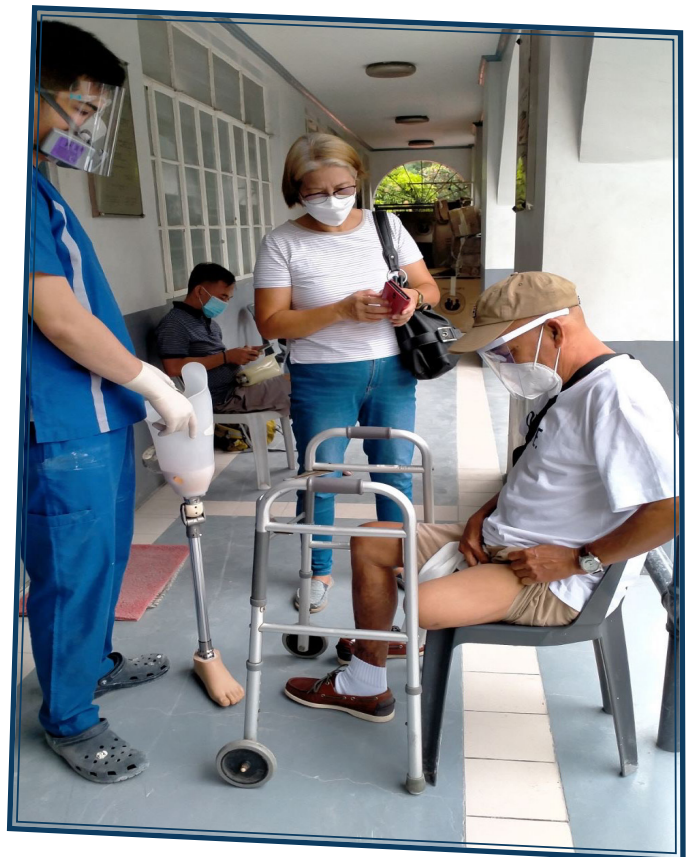




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Aliyah Faye Kato, 3years old, Bangued, Abra - PDA Device Closure



Arianne Brielle Macatangay, 8months old, Pembo, Makati City - PDA Device Closure



Bea Patrice Juanite, 7 months old, Socorro, Surigao Del Norte - PDA Device Closure



Michaela Kaye Hinampas, 18years old, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental- PDA Device Closure





# GAWAD KALINGA (GK) PINAGSAMA VILLAGE INITIATIVE

Pinagsama Village, Taguig City

March 18, 2021

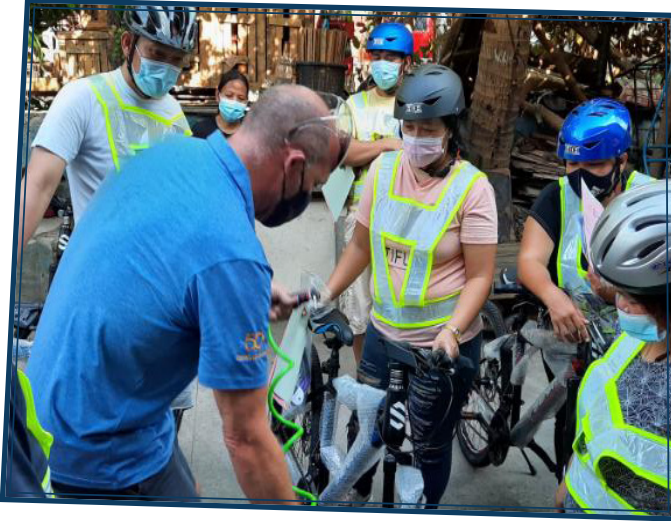




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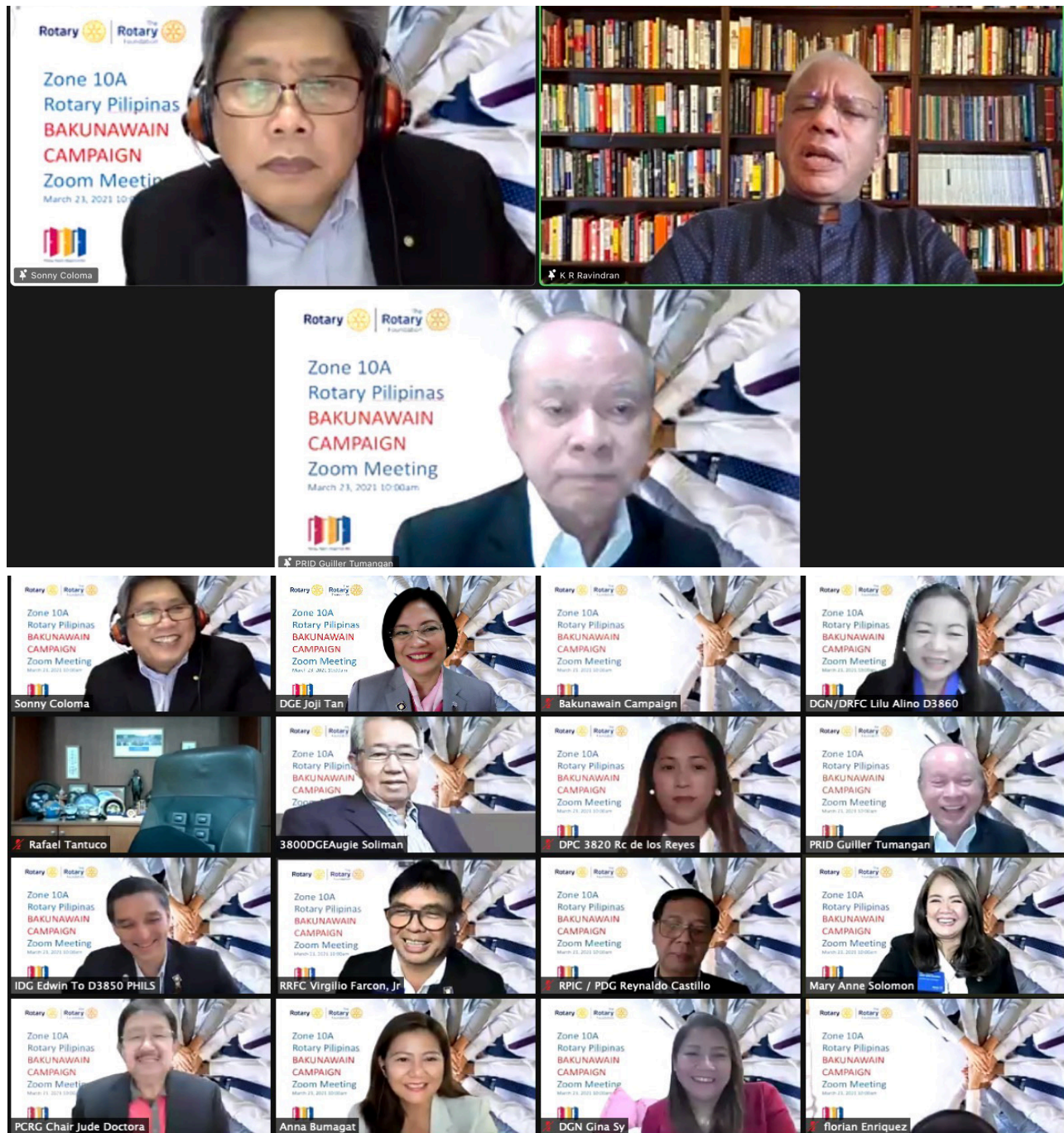
Hand over of bikes to participants of Kabisigleta, an RCMW covid initiative project for our GK Community



# ROTARY PILIPINAS BAKUNAWAIN CAMPAIGN

PRID Guiller Tumangan

March 23, 2021



## ROTARY PILIPINAS BAKUNAWAIN CAMPAIGN (Know, understand, accept Vaccine)

### OBJECTIVES

- Heighten citizen awareness about the benefits of immunization from Covid-19;
- Overcome vaccine hesitancy; and
- Build a strong national consensus in support of massive vaccination.

### DESIRED RESULT

A substantial percentage of the citizenry will have been vaccinated by mid-2021 to enable attainment of the national goal to inoculate 70 million Filipinos by year-end





# PRESIDENTS ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (PETS) RY 2021-2022



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*Calendar of Events*

OVER-ALL TRAINING PROGRAM SCHEDULE		
DATE	TIME	TITLE
Day 1 PETS LAUNCHING March 13, Friday	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	PRESIDENTS-ELECT MEET & GREET WITH INCOMING REPRESIDENT SHEKHAR MEHTA
Day 2 PETS OPENING March 13, Saturday	04:00 PM - 07:00 PM	OUR ROTARY JOURNEY
Day 3 PETS March 15, Monday	04:00 PM - 07:00 PM	LEADERSHIP & GOAL SETTING HELPS GROW ROTARY
Day 4 PETS March 17, Wednesday	04:00 PM - 07:00 PM	EXPANDING OUR REACH
Day 5 PETS March 18, Thursday	04:00 PM - 07:00 PM	WE ARE PEOPLE OF ACTION
Day 6 PETS 2021 March 19, Friday	04:00 PM - 07:00 PM	ENHANCING PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT
Day 7 PETS 2021 March 20, Monday	04:00 PM - 07:00 PM	THE IMPACT OF OUR SERVICE
Day 8 PETS 2021 March 26, Friday	04:00 PM - 07:00 PM	PROMOTING ROTARY
Day 9 PETS 2021 March 27, Saturday	04:00 PM - 07:30 PM	PREPARING TO LEAD

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# 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**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1oa3zrZT6FzmWOYRX7i3Y6TYKAiyQsct3?usp=sharing>



# RY 2020-2021 Officers Directors & Club Advisers

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Director	Gerardo Oliverio Laperal
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Director	Davy Lim
Director	Lito Mercado
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Club Adviser	PP Phillip Hagedorn
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Club Adviser	PP Victor L. Vital

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Lito Colona, Mr. Rob Raylman and Dheeraj  
Wadhwani

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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  
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Rtn. Tonito Payumo  
PP TG Limcaoco  
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Rtn. JP Delgado  
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Rtn. Zdenek Jankovsky  
Rtn. Lars Wittig  
Rtn. Newton Smith  
Rtn. Ryan Kern  
Rtn. Peter Hager  
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Rtn. Edsa De Los Santos  
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Rtn. Roman Azanza  
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Rtn. Ramon Roño  
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Rtn. Christophe Lejeune  
Rtn. Butch Hidalgo  
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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”**