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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

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“Do not underestimate the power of little things. They can spur a revolution. If “little things” can change a city, they can change a country.”

- Malcolm Gladwell



MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



Joint Fireside Chat RC Makati & RCM Premier District

Featuring
Mr. Ernest L. Cu
President & CEO
Globe Telecom

Date: April 28, 2022/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 2pm



District Conference

Date: April 29 & 30, 2022/ Friday & Saturday
Venue: Online & Marriot Grand Ballroom
Time: 8am to 8pm



Lunch Meeting Featuring Ms. Anna Kristine Chua-Norbert & Mr. Jonathan Gil Chua

DDB Group Philippines
Agile Intelligence

Date: May 5, 2022/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn to 2pm



Lunch Meeting

Featuring
Rtn. Lars Wittig
ECCP President
Country Manager
Regus & Spaces by IWG

Date: May 12, 2022/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn to 2pm



Fellowship

Date: May 19, 2022/ Thursday
Venue: TBA
Time: 6pm to 8pm



TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15PM

Call to Order
LCP FRANCO DEL ROSARIO

Invocation
RTN. BOK MALANTIC

Philippine National Anthem (video)

RC Makati West Hymn

12:20PM

Induction of New Members

MR. THOMAS ARASI (on Zoom)
President & COO, Solaire Resort and Casino

SEC. JESLI LAPUS (on Zoom)
Chairman, STI Educational Services Group

MR. JAIME FLORCRUZ
Bureau Chief & Correspondent, CNN Beijing & Time Magazine

MR. DANIEL PAOLO LIBIRAN
Owner/Gen. Manager, LVA Enterprises (Design & Build)

DR. MUNICH CONLU (on Zoom)
Medical Director, Centuria Medical Makati

DR. JOHN PAUL PRADO (on Zoom)
Physician/Owner, Hernandez Prado Health & Wellness Center

ATTY. TIMMY JIMENEZ
Associate Solicitor 1, Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)

Short Introduction of New Members

Rtn. Nono Ibazeta for Mr. Thomas Arasi (on Zoom)

12:45 PM

Dir. Zdenek Jankovsky for Sec. Jesli Lapus (on Zoom)

Rtn. Lars Wittig for Mr. Jaime FlorCruz

PRID Guiller Tumangan for Mr. Daniel Paolo Libiran (on Zoom)

PP Bobby Cabral for Dr. Munich Conlu

PP Dennis Decena for Dr. JP Prado

PP Lito Jimenez for Atty. Tim Jimenez

Charging of New Members
PP DENNIS DECENA

Inducting Officer of New Members
LCP FRANCO DEL ROSARIO

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest;

Introduction of Personalities at the Presidential table:

Committee Announcements

12:50PM

President's Time
LCP FRANCO DEL ROSARIO

Introduction of Guest Speaker
Mrs. Veronica B. Jimenez

Speech
ATTY. ANNA CAMILLE C. HIMALA
Partner
Poa Sacramento Himala & Virtucio Law Office

Moderator
PP LITO JIMENEZ

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



April 18
SPS. BAMBEE TAMBUNTING
Birthday



April 18
SPS. FIDES TENSUAN
Birthday



April 19
DIR. ELMER FRANCISCO
Birthday



April 20
RTN. RYAN KERN
Birthday



April 22
SPS. ROSANNA ANGELES
Birthday



April 16
PP FERN & SPS. JUNIE PENA
Wedding Anniversary



April 17
RTN. STEVEN & SPS. CRISTINA CARL
Wedding Anniversary

GUEST SPEAKER ATTY. ANNA CAMILLE C. HIMALA PARTNER

Poa Sacramento Himala & Virtucio Law Offices

Practice areas: Civil and criminal litigation including criminal prosecution and defense, intra-corporate disputes, corporate rehabilitation and liquidation, contractual disputes, debt and asset recovery, torts and damages, testate and intestate proceedings, expropriation, and arbitration; Tax and estate planning including tax advocacy and litigation; Risk and crisis management including crisis communication; Corporate and special projects; Legislative advocacy and policy reform.

Divina Law Office

In addition to the duties of an Associate:
Guides associates and legal assistants in handling cases, including reviewing and revising pleadings and other legal documents, delegating and monitoring tasks, supervising work to ensure accuracy and high quality of output, timely submission, and proper compliance with rules
- Assists in developing legal strategy





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How Do I Walk The Talk As A Proud Filipino

"Life is made up of little things. Greatness follows if we learn to be great in little things,"
- Charles Simmons

The presidential elections are upon us. May 9, 2022 is an important date for every Filipino.

Election fever is at an all time high, and promises to get even more so; with only a couple of weeks left before we cast our votes.

I must confess that I am guilty of feeling lukewarm about this political exercise. For quite some time, I have felt that elections are a farce, and pointless as nothing ever seems to change. Very often I feel that the Philippines is doomed.

I realize that these are not the thoughts of a proud Filipino. I have to snap out of this stupor and instead look for what I can do to change the situation and to contribute positively in order to turn the country around. I know that I am not alone in this defeated attitude.

So some of us need coaxing to "rally around the flag".

This will take selfless hard work, unwavering determination and total commitment.

Whatever our political alliances may be, we are first and always, a Filipino. We owe it to our country to help our new government, no matter who sits in the Palace, to be successful in rebuilding the nation; as it struggles out of a deadly pandemic, deep in debt and reeling from poverty and unemployment. Let us continue to take the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" close to our hearts.

*"...if we begin with following the simplest of the country's laws, the rest will follow."
- Alexander Lacson, 12 Little Things You Can Do For Your Country*



Accentuate the Positive

Being a proud Filipino goes beyond singing the national anthem on my feet and with my hand over my heart.

We can start even with the small things. Let us bring out the beautiful things about our country. We can begin with supporting local products, pushing Philippine tourism, and promoting our own music and arts.

Let's accentuate the positive things about our country. That expression of "only in the Philippines" is now used in a derogatory way. We could actually elevate it in such a manner that we can use it to point to our country with pride.

Be Socially Responsible

How? By taking responsibility, being accountable for our behavior in every aspect of our lives. Let our moral values, integrity, dignity and credibility shine in our words and actions, keeping in mind that whatever we say or do affects and reflects on our country as a whole.

Filipinos are generally timid and not confrontational. It is time to be proactive, leading by example even in simple situations such as queueing at a bank, staying in on our lanes on the road, respecting the right of way, following traffic rules, paying our taxes.

For us as Men of Zest, doing our part makes us socially responsible.

Let's keep up these three reminders of simple actions that add up, when everyone joins in.

1. Stop buying water in plastic.
2. Eat more locally grown or made food and consume less red meat.
3. Coast to red lights, stay under the speed limit.

"...The collective willingness to participate in democracy is on some level, an act of selflessness. There is some evidence that people vote for altruistic reasons — so it's not a stretch to argue that a failure to vote is callous..."

-Jay Van Bavel, New York University Psychology Professor

Perhaps it is time to take social media seriously and responsibly. Like it or not, we have contributed to this profusion of dis- or mis-information.

Let us not be reckless, and instead exercise caution and kindness.

Let us start doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do. No more and no less.

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Go Out and Vote: May 9th 2022

Let me close with by saying that exercising our right to vote is a form of free speech. It is ours because we live in a democracy. Let us use this privilege with pride, utmost care and respect. Casting our vote reflects our pride in the Philippines. Let us help make our country a beacon of liberty for the rest of the world.

There is no regular noon meeting this Thursday. Instead, please attend at 2 p.m., April 28th. in a Joint Fireside Chat with RC Makati Premier District and RC Makati with Globe CEO Ernest Cu as guest speaker.

Meanwhile, as always let us together act on our theme, "Increase Our Capacity to Serve" with our winning 3R's: Recognize, Retain and Recruit.

FRANCO DEL ROSARIO
President, RY 2021-2022
Rotary Club of Makati West



THE WEEK IN REVIEW

April 7, 2022



Rtn. Butch Hidalgo as Moderator



Dir. Dax Carlos as Invocator



President Franco del Rosario during his President's Time



PE Gil Chua Introduces the Guest Speaker



Ms. Maoi Arroyo giving her Speech



Ms. Maoi Arroyo receives a Gift of Life certificate from the club



April 7th Thursday Lunch Meeting at Dusit Thani Hotel



Meeting on the Martin Nievera Concert:
Pres. Franco del Rosario with Adviser to the Concert Committee PP Roque
Tordesillas at the Last Chukker, Manila Polo Club, April 7th 2022



Benefit Concert Committee Meeting,
PP Eric Angeles Residence, April 9th 2022





Lunch with PP TG and Spouse Helen
at Four Seasons Hotel, Singapore, April 12th 2022





Dinner with Singapore West Rotarians, Roland Restaurant, "Creator of Chili Crab", Singapore, April 12th 2022



Left to Right: PP Victor Sim, Pres. Lawrence Low, PP Wei Lien, PP Darryl, PP Perry, IPP Dominic, ISD Teng Fai,





Coffee with PP Wei Lien, Hotel Jen, April 14th 2022



Pre-departure Breakfast with PP Weil Lien, PE Rey, PP Victor at Outram Ya Hua Rou Gu Cha Restaurant, "Bak kut teh soup", Tanjong Pagar, April 15th 2022



Rotary Information Orientation,
Conducted by PP Lito, April 18th 2022, Solaire Resort and Casino.
In attendance: new members: Jaime FlorCruz, Daniel Libiran, Tom Arasi,
Atty. Timmy Jimenez and rotarians: PRID Guiller, PP Ed, Pres. Franco






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MARTIN NIEVERA
**LIVE
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(The Best of the Concert King)

June 25, 2022
8:00 PM

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TICKETS ON SALE SOON!



**ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI WEST
MARTIN NIEVERA BENEFIT CONCERT
8 p.m., Saturday, June 25th 2022, The Theatre at Solaire
PROCEEDS TO GO TO THE RCMW's GIFT OF LIFE (GOL) PROGRAM
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Q1: Why does the club desire to undertake this benefit concert?

A. This benefit concert perfectly aligned with RCMW RY 2021 – 22 Rotary Year Theme, “Increasing Our Capacity to Serve”.

- The business of saving lives is never done; with many more indigent children out there that are dying every day from congenital heart disease. There are about 300 children waiting to be scheduled for heart procedures. If our club can save more lives, why not?

Remember the famous lines from “Schindler’s List”?

“I could have got more. I could have got more, I don’t know.

If I just...I could have got more...”

- This is an excellent opportunity not to just enhance the public image of Rotary and Makati West but this will inspire many organizations (businesses, rotary clubs, individuals to form part of our base of supporters for our GOL program.

Q2. Where do the proceeds of the benefit concert go?

A. The proceeds of this concert is expected to SAVE 100 ADDITIONAL LIVES; way beyond the funds from Global Grants.

Outside of the GOL, a very small amount of the proceeds is in line with the RY 2021-22 winning 3 Rs, a small amount will be used for Recognition (the first R) of members that worked for this concert, by way of a plaque.

Q3. What are the other compelling reasons to undertake this project?

A. This project gives our members a sense of fulfillment and pride to belong to a club that is not complacent or satisfied with doing “just enough”.

- The 2nd R is Retention. Stretching ourselves to do more could contribute to higher member retention; and discourage member resignations.

- The 3rd R is Recruitment. As a proactive club passionate to save lives, members would be proud to bring in new members. The club’s active impactful community project will create a more attractive environment for our club to recruit.

Q4. When, where are the tickets available and the ticket prices?

A. The date for release of tickets to the public by Ticket World is May 2nd 2022.

Makati West members have first dibs on ticket selection.

Breakdown:

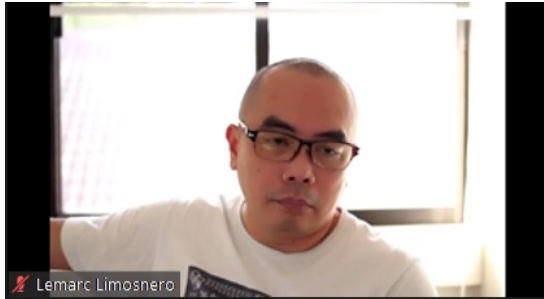
Total Number of Seats: **1,823**

Total No. of Seats less House Seats (40), Control Booth (21)

and Barter tickets (85) : **1,677**

Solaire House Seats	40		
Solaire Barter tickets	85		
Control Booth	21		
SSVIP (Php6,000)	126	x	6,000
SVIP (Php5,000)	237	x	5,000
VIP (Php4,000)	408	x	4,000
Gold (Php3,000)	254	x	3,000
Lower Balcony (Php1,500)	492	x	1,500
Upper Balcony (Php1,000)	160	x	1,000

TOTAL 1823



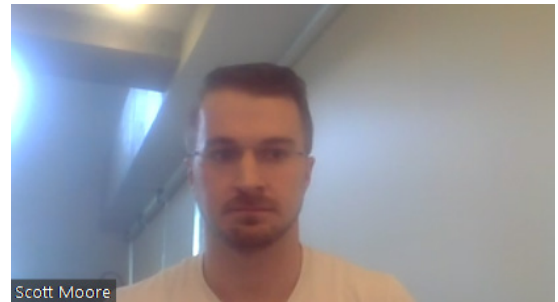
**Rtn. Lemarc Limosnero
Co-Chair for Production**



**Rtn. Alex Floro
Co-Chair for Sponsorships**



**Chair Gerry Limcaoco
Co-Chair for Internal Ticket Sales**



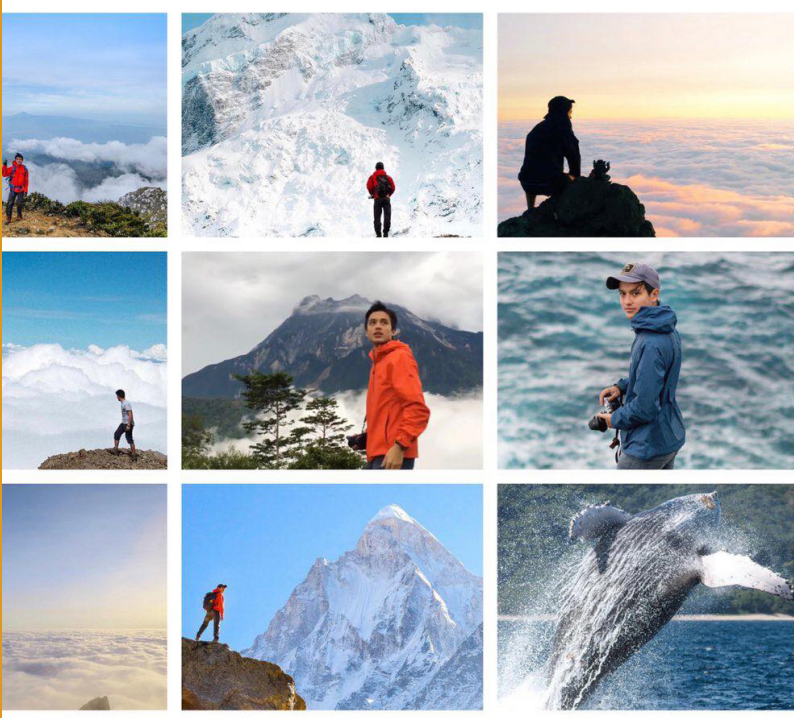
**Rtn. Scott Moore
Co-Chair for External Ticket Sales**



**Treas. Tristan Choa
Financial Adviser to the Committee**

"Please submit your article on what being a Makati West Rotarian mean to me. This will be published on our website and the West Side Story."

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS



Received an award?
Reached a milestone?
Newborn grandchild?

Share the news with the secretariat, or contribute an article to the West Side Story newsletter. Lift others up and spread good vibes through good news!



Bring in a New Member.

Receive the prestigious, Limited edition Non-Fungible Token that exist in the Ethereum Blockchain Network for every new member inducted.



How to receive RCMW NFT?

STEP 1: Download Trust Wallet from Apple App Store for iOS or from Google Playstore for Android.

STEP 2: Create an Ethereum Wallet in-app and send your Ethereum Wallet address to Dir. Elmer Francisco.

STEP 3: View your collectible tab after receiving your notification your RCMW NFT has been sent to you.

STEP 4: The secretariat will send you a digital copy of your certificate and the serial number of your RCMW NFT.

Membership Applicants for Induction

Sponsoring Member: Rtn. Lars Wittig
New Member: Mr. Jaime FlorCruz

Sponsoring Member: Pres. Franco del Rosario
New Member: Mr. Thomas Arasi

Sponsoring Member: PP Ed Balois
New Member: Atty. Gio Bilog

Sponsoring Member: PP Larry Ocampo
Dir. Zdenek Jankovsky
New Member: Mr. Jing Lapus

Sponsoring Member: PRID Guiller Tumangan
New Member: Mr. Daniel Libiran

Sponsoring Member: Dir. Zdenek Jankovsky
New Member: Mr. Mark Frondoso

Sponsoring Member: Atty. Tim Jimenez
New Member: PP Lito Jimenez

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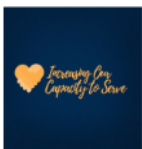
THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

- I. Is it the **Truth**?
- II. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- III. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- IV. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI WEST

- I. Is it **RECOGNITION**?
- II. Is it **RETENTION**?
- III. Is it **RECRUITMENT**?
- IV. Is it **FUN**?





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STORY

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Mahatma Gandhi

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