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



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### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

**FIRESIDE CHAT** 

**Date:** April 23, 2021/ Friday **Venue:** Zoom Conference

**Time:** 6:00pm

**GS:** Rtn. Alex Floro

**Title:** "Near Misses and Narrow Escapes"

**LUNCH MEETING** 

Date: April 29, 2021/ Thursday

Venue: Zoom Conference

Time: 12nn-2pm

**GS:** H.E Jorge Moragas

Ambassador to the Philippines,

**Embassy of Spain** 

**IOINT LUNCH MEETING WITH RC CEBU** 

**Date:** May 6, 2021/ Thursday **Venue:** Zoom Conference

Time: 12nn-2pm

**FIRESIDE CHAT** 

**Date:** May 8, 2021/ Saturday **Venue:** Zoom Conference

**Time:** 5:00pm

**GS:** Rtn. Lars Wittig

**Title:** "Never Waste a Good Crisis!"

### **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

12:15 PM Call to Order

PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON

Invocation

SPS. FIDES TENSUAN

Philippine National Anthem (Video)

12:20 PM RC Makati West Hymn

PP LOU DEL ROSÁRIO

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and

Guest

Introduction of Distinguished

Personalities at the e-presidential table

Committee Announcements

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS** 

Sps. Rosanna Angeles Apr 22 Sps. Allen Sambar Apr 25 Rtn. Isaji Minuro Apr 27 PRID Guiller Tumangan Apr 28

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

PP Newton Smith

Sps. Catherine Apr 27

12:30 PM President's Time

PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON

12:40 PM Introduction of the Guest Speaker

SPS. BAMBEE TAMBUNTING

Speech

MS. CLAIR CONCEPCION-BARBERIS Owner of Bamboo Island Resort, Coron

Palawan

Moderator

SPS. MARITONI TORDESILLAS

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!,

Congratulations should also go this week to PRID Guiller, who led a highly informative Town Hall meeting on how best to encourage the public to take up the opportunity for Covid vaccinations as they arrive. I was shocked to learn that in surveys as few as 16% of respondents said they would volunteer to be vaccinated. Even among the older populations the number was worryingly low. So kudos to PRID for spearheading this initiative and let's support that where we can!

On the Covid-related front, may we continue to ask for your prayers and support for our very own Kai, who is in quarantine isolation with her brother and Lola, and for our Charter Member Tonette Guererro and his wife Consuelito, both of whom are in the ICU as a result of the virus.

Elsewhere in Rotary World this week, we have been very fortunate to agree funding from Governor Cha Cha that will ensure PE Franco has a war chest for Gift of Life during his term. We will have received over US\$57 thousand in DDF funding through our Governor this year, for which I am sure we are all hugely grateful. Please join me in showing our thanksand support in return by participating in the Casino Royale online event this Thursday after our meeting (details later in WSS) and by bidding in the Auction. All proceeds go to The Rotary Foundation, and half of them will come back directly to our District under the term of our own DGND Jay. One of the auction prizes is a sunset cruise with drinks around Manila Bay, which I hope is something we will be able to enjoy again in the not too distant future. Let's Pony Up for that one!

I'm delighted that we have Clair Barberis speaking at our meeting this week. I first saw her playing rugby, and if she runs her Bamboo Island resort the way she ran rings around her opposition then it must be a first class destination. I know Clair has a surprise for us on Thursday so make sure not to miss out!

Looking ahead, please join us for our first Fireside Chat in a while this Friday and share your stories of risk and near misses! Then again join us next week to learn how to "Never Miss a Good Crisis" and make sure to attend next Thursday's meeting with the Spanish Ambassador to hear about how a short sailing trip 500 years ago led to us all being as we are today.

Finally, I learned a good lesson last week that I feel I should share with you all to save you from some unnecessary pain. It was early evening and I was about to go and sit by the pool with a cold beer and watch the sun go down, when I told myself that was exactly why I've put on 20 pounds over the last year and so resolved to go for a run instead. Thirty minutes later and I was calling the driver to pick me up as I had injured my knee on a steep downhill section. If you remember nothing else from this week's message, please just remember this: if you have a choice, and one of them is to sit quietly and drink a beer by the pool, THAT IS THE ONLY ONE YOU SHOULD TAKE!!!

Wishing you a great week ahead,

Yours in Zest, **Alasdair Thomson** 



### **SCOTCH CORNER**

The word for this week is:

NED n. (deriv. adj. "neddy")

NEDs (non-educated delinquents) first became apparent in Glasgow in the 1980s, wearing the ubiquitous uniform of the "shell suit", though it soon became evident they lived all over the country when they began to emerge in their colourful nylon en masse.

What we are talking about here is a general lay-about. In the Philippines they would be the youthful "stambay" guys. Not the older ones with the t-shirt lifted over the beer belly, but the ones aspiring to that, the ones still with the energy to hustle a bit for some change.

In England they have a similar beast called a "Chav".



## Scottish Heritage

#### **Bells**

As a blended whisky, Bells doesn't have its own distillery per se, but has a mixing and bottling plant in Glasgow. The brand and the blend date back to the mid 19th century and today Bells is the biggest selling whisky in the UK. In Scotland it seems to me to be more prevalent on the East coast.

The principal expression available globally is Bell's Original, which comprises up to 40 different malt and grain whiskies. The 'heart malt' of Bell's is Blair Athol, while the Speyside malt of Dufftown and the Lowlander Glenkinchie help to shape the blend's character, along with a quantity of Caol Ila from Islay, which adds a touch of island influence.

In the 1920s they introduced ceramic decanters for special occasions, and bell shaped ones in the 1930s. I use to have one of them but have no idea what happened to it!! Probably lost in a house move...

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

**Nose:** Quite soft and gentle. Malted barley and hints of cut herbs and a fresh floral note. Cereal and grist with a little honey.

**Palate:** Quite smooth, medium body. Barley and cereals with nut oils, hints of wood and spice.

Finish: Short with notes of fruitcake and smoke.



### **MODESTY ASIDE**



Full name: Aris C. Malantic

We call you as: Bok

**Relationship and family:** With a lovely wife and four adoring daughters

**Education and training:** BSC Major in Accounting, University of Santo Tomas; Master in Business Management, Major in Finance, Asian Institute of Management

**Day job:** Partner at SGV & Co. helping clients' in their finance agenda

**Work fulfillment:** seeing happy faces of people and clients







**Work challenges:** short-term, getting over the fiscal year: long-term, innovations/solutions

**Rotary goal:** be a more proactive member

**Special talents/interesting facts:** Can play several musical instruments, including the triangle

**Weekend activities:** undistracted meals and conversations with the family, golf and more golf, more bonding time with the wife and kids

**Post-Covid get away plans:** Cruise with the family

Dream car: G63

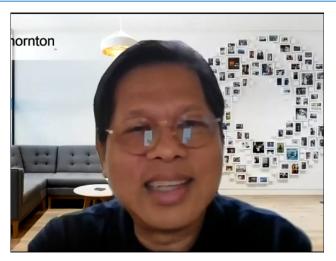








### **MEETING REVIEW - APRIL 15, 2021**



Rtn. Jun Cuaresma acts as Moderator



Rtn. Robert Yupangco acts as Invocator



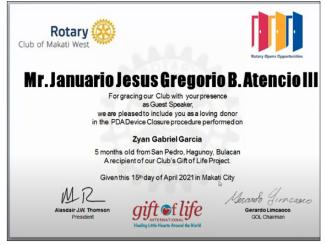
President Al Thomson during his president's time



Rtn. Tonito Payumo introduces the guest speaker

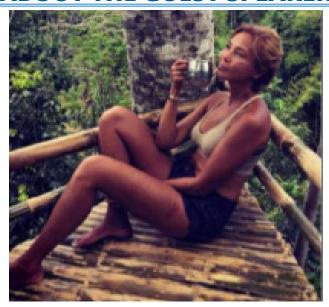


Mr. Januario Jesus Gregorio B. Atencio III giving his talk



Mr. Januario Jesus Gregorio B. Atencio III receives Gift of Life certificate from the club

#### ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER



MS. CLAIR CONCEPCION-BARBERIS Owner of Bamboo Island Resort, Coron Palawan

#### **EXPERIENCE**

THE MANILA 10'S INTERNATIONAL RUGBY TOURNAMENT 2016 - present

Chairperson of the Committee Responsible for Sponsorship

• Overall coordination with committee members ensuring tournament logistical requirements are achieved and delivered, brand marketing is consistent and communicated, and participating teams and sponsors have a great experience and look forward to the following years tournăment.

CAFÉ CURIEUX, INC 2014 - present
Owner, Marketing and Legal
• Responsible for driving food and beverage sales through special events, online applications, and partnerships

• Brand Awareness and Management through online presence, sponsorships and partnerships

Responsible for Government relations

### BAMBOO PRIVATE ISLANDS, Palawan, Philippines 2011 - present

Owner, Marketing and Legal
• Responsible for driving room and island sales through retail, online, and OTA partnerships
• Brand Awareness and Management through online presence, sponsorships and partnerships
• Responsible for Government relations

#### **INDEPENDENT TRAINING CONSULTANT 1992 - Present**

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Highly competent in behavioral programs such as Intercultural Sensitivity, Work Attitudes and Values Enhancement, Teambuilding and Leadership Development, Customer Service, CRM, Personal and Professional Image Management
Conducts recurrent training seminars and conferences for large multinational and local companies
Trains personnel from top Executive Management teams to rank-and-file level and conducts individualized training and coaching sessions for Top Management level.
Government (Office of the President, Social Security System, GSIS, Philippine Army),
Petroleum & Energy (Total, Caltex, Shell, Meralco),
ICT (Fujitsu, Globe Telecom, Smart, PLDT, Digitel),
Banking (Bank of the Philippine Islands, Equitable-PCI Bank, Land Bank, Chinabank),
Food Manufacturing (Nestle Philippines, General Milling Corporation)
Consumer Goods (Proctor and Gamble, Heinz, Diageo)
Pharmaceutical (Zuellig, MetroDrug, Bristol-Meyers-Squib, Eli Lilly)

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  -Pharmaceutical (Zuellig, MetroDrug, Bristol-Meyers-Squib, Eli Lilly)
  -Education (Assumption College, University of the Philippines, La Salle, Ateneo, UST, John Robert Powers),
  -Real Estate (Megaworld, Kuok Properties, Ayala Land),
  -Retail (Rustan's, Pennshoppe, Patek Philippe)
  -Others (Bombardier, )

   Authored "The Philippines" A Country Benert" in the Culture Laboration of the Culture Laboration of the Philippines (A Country Benert') in the Culture Laboration of the Philippines (Bombardier, Page 11)

• Authored "The Philippines – A Country Report" in the Cultural Navigator, a web based cultural tool utilized by BERLITZ corporate and personal users, worldwide. Published May 2010.



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

# BOO INDUCTION

July 1, 2021

THEME:

Family: Giving Our LOVE to SERVE

Rotarian's Grandkids & Kids Ages 3-17

### Join the dance videos for the BOD Induction!

- •Practice and record the dances safely at home
- •Free participant's kit:
- a simple "set" made of large paper with themed decorations
- ·a free shirt to use for the video

### **Emailed information:**

- All dance video tutorials
- Instructions on how to record and upload video

Sign Up by Feb. 25th!

Text: Royce 0917-543-1704 Email: roycewrcmw@gmail.com



# CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM RC HONOLULU WEST

President Alasdair Thomson and all Makati West members,

Thank you very much for sharing the great news with us about DGND Jay Tambunting! My apologies for the delayed reply as the email server filtered this into my junk email.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of West Honolulu we share in the joy of this wonderful accomplishment. And we look forward in growing our sister club relationship in the years to come.

Sincerely,
Michael Kato
Immediate Past President, RY 2019-2020



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT OF OUR 50TH COFFEE TABLE BOOK FROM LIBRARY OF CONGRESS OVERSEAS OFFICE



#### LIBRARY OF CONGRESS OVERSEAS OFFICE AMERICAN EMBASSY

April 19, 2021

Mr. Alasdair Thomson
President
Rotary Club of Makati West
903 Cityland Herrera Tower, VA Rufino corner
Valero streets Salcedo, Makati, Metro Manila

Dear Mr. Thomson:

This is to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of the materials mentioned below. We appreciate your kindness in providing these materials to the Library of Congress Office in Manila.

Sincerely yours,

Annelyn C. Lim Head, Manila Office

#### The materials received:

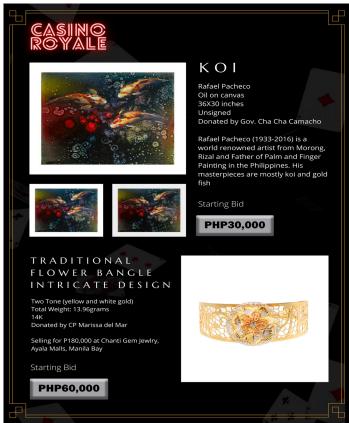
1. At the threshold of new beginnings

cc: Dr. Carol L. Mitchell Field Director Library of Congress Southeast Asia



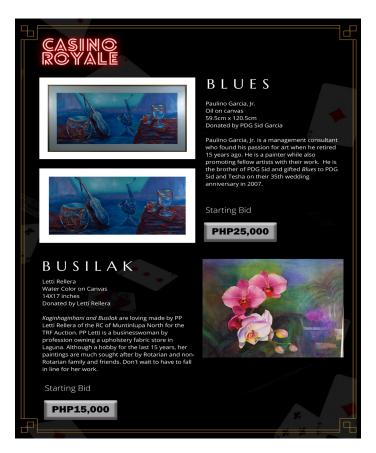
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#### GIFE OF LIFE PROGRAM 78TH TO 93RD BENEFICIARIES OF PRES. AL THOMSON



Gabriel Manahan 1 year 6 mos, DLSMC 10-Dec-2020 PDA Device Closure



Zayne Justin Librando 1 yr & 3 mos. old, NCH 10-Dec-2020 Open Heart Surgery



**Zian Elrich Familara** 5 mos old, DLSMC 10-Dec-2020 PDA Device Closure



Alexie Perater
6 mos old, NCH
14-Dec-2020
PDA Ligation Procedure



Janna Shantel Ledesma 1 year 2 months, NCH 14-Dec-2020 Open Heart Surgery



Zarniah Castro
2 years old, DLSMC
16-Dec-2020
PDA Device Closure



Jeminaira Sambo
1 year 3 mos., NCH
21-Dec-2020
PDA Ligation Procedure



Joredine Bigwil
1 year 7 mos., DLSMC
21-Dec-2020
PDA Device Closure



Sarah Camilo 1 year 6 mos., DLSMC 21-Dec-2020 PDA Device Closure



Sofia Jane Salamanca 7 years old, DLSMC 21-Dec-2020 PDA Device Closure



Zyre Tultog 9 years old, DLSMC 21-Dec-2020 VSD Device Closure



Alexis Panganiban
1 year 11 mos, DLSMC
28-Dec-2020
PDA Device Closure



Elyonna Tadios 8 months old, DLSMC 28-Dec-2020 PDA Device Closure



Francheska Flores
5 years old, DLSMC
28-Dec-2020
PDA Device Closure



Jaziel Jane Pasanting 8 years old, DLSMC 6-Jan-2021 PDA Device Closure-

# GIFT OF LIFE (GOL) BENEFICIARIES RY 20-21 \*PRE & POST OPERATION FUNDED BY CONG/RTN. PAUL DAZA \*SURGERY FUNDED BY ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI WEST (RCMW)









# PRID GUILLER TUMANGAN, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE PHILIPPINE ROTARY VACCINATION CAMPAIGN









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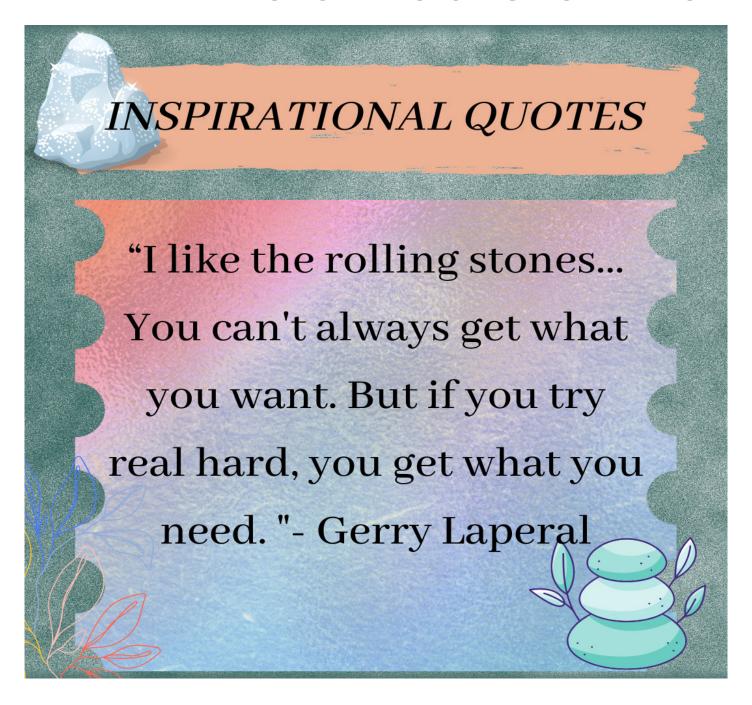








# FAVORITE QUOTES AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT THAT HAVE HELPED MAKATI WEST ROTARIANS DURING THIS PANDEMIC



### YOUR CLUB IN THE CLOUD



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Thank you for paying your dues!!!

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Rtn. Robin Garcia
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"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

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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"