

WEST SIDE STORY

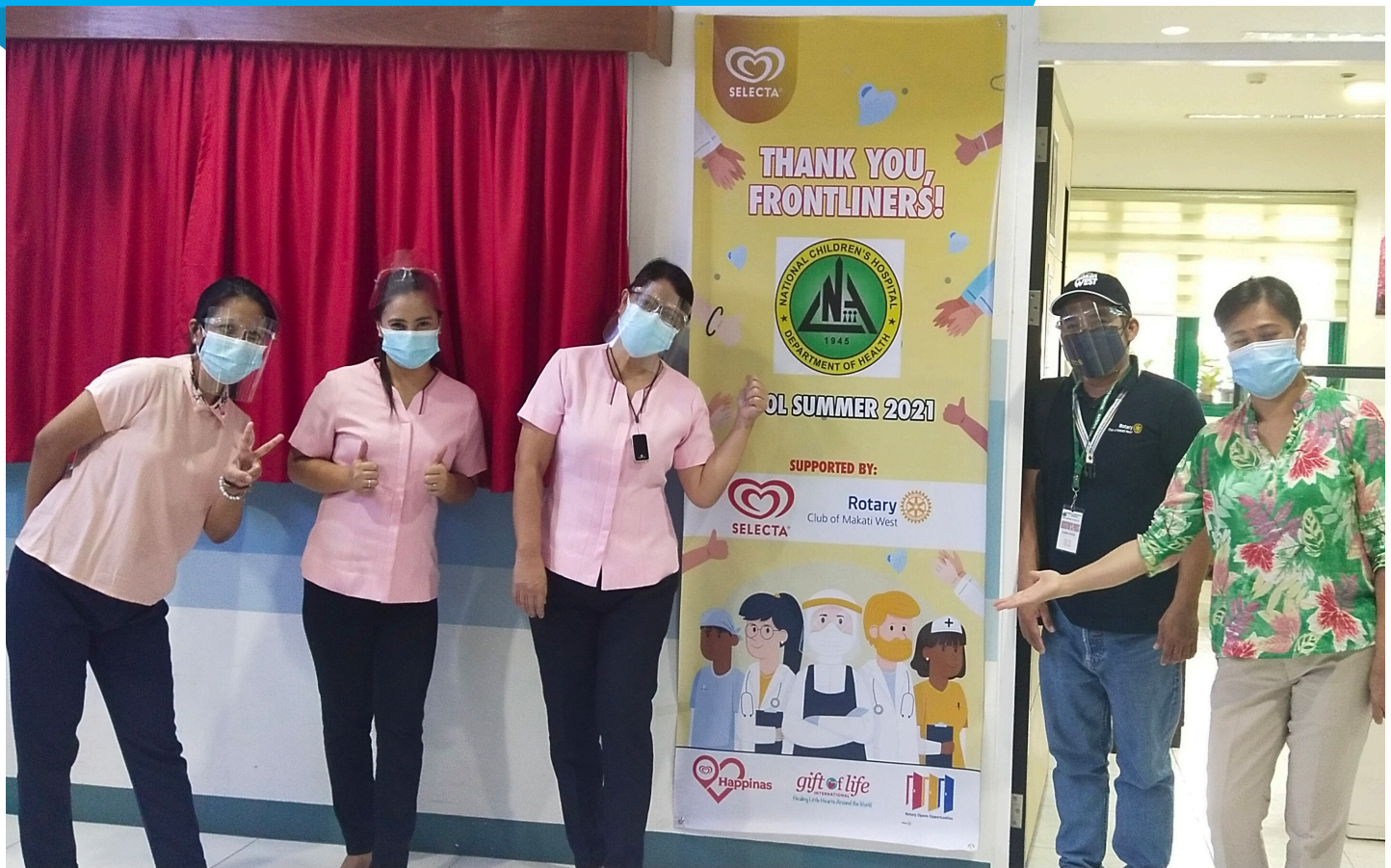
Rotary Club of Makati West



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2,306th Meeting (since 1969)
May 20, 2021

RCMW Cool Summer Project 2021 for frontliners



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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

LUNCH MEETING

Date: May 27, 2021/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn-2pm
GS: Mr. Arjun Thapan / Ms. Mai Flor
Chairman, Waterlinks / Executive
Director, CEO at Waterlinks
Title: The Philippines' Water Scenario:
Issues and Options

LUNCH MEETING

Date: June 10, 2021/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn-2pm
GS: Mr. Paulo Garcia
President & CEO,
Marsh Philippines

LUNCH MEETING

Date: June 3, 2021/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn-2pm
GS: Atty. Robby Consunji
President, Land Rover Club of the
Philippines

CLUB AWARDS EVENING MEETING

Date: June 18, 2021/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 6pm

TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM	Call to Order PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON	12:35 PM	President's Time PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
	Invocation RTN. MATTHIEU BENEDICTO	12:45 PM	Introduction of the Guest Speaker RTN. CHRIS MORIARTY
	Philippine National Anthem (Video)		Speech MR. MATTHEW JOHN LOWE Dolphin Trainer & Dog Whisperer <i>Topic Title: "I actually was a Dolphin Trainer!"</i>
12:20 PM	RC Makati West Hymn		
	Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest		
	Introduction of Distinguished Personalities at the e-presidential table		Moderator RTN. PATRICK DIONISIO
	Committee Announcements		

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

PP Eddie Hernandez	May 20
Rtn. Butch Hidalgo	May 21
Sps. Alfe Cuaresma	May 21
Sps. Andrea Delgado	May 22
PP Dennis Decena	May 25

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

PP Larry Ocampo	
Sps. Roselen	May 24
Rtn. Jay Jay De Ocampo	
Sps. Ana	May 25
Rtn. Roman Azanza	
Sps. Sally	May 26



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!,

During our Fireside Chat on Tuesday evening (hosted impeccably as always by Derrick Santos and Tonito Payumo), Derek mentioned that Taylor Made, a maker of golf products, had been sold recently by a private equity firm to a Korean conglomerate for just over \$2 billion. The PE firm had bought it four years ago from Adidas for \$425 million (who itself had bought it for \$1.4 million in 1997). A comment was made about Adidas surely being annoyed about missing out on that upside.

One of the few things I've learned as an investor, and one of the few I think I may have mastered over the past five decades in my personal life, is to live without regrets. I think it is a key to living in the present moment and ultimately to being personally happy. All of us make decisions that turn out to be sub-optimal but that doesn't mean we should regret them or be angst-ridden about them. So long as they were made with the best intentions, with integrity and were what we thought was the right thing at the time, then why let the result bother us? Regardless of how they turn out, let's use what we learn to make better decisions in future, but why worry about what is unchangeable and in the past?

I figure one of the obligations of any parent is to try to impart at least one or two treasured "nuggets of advice" to one's children. The cheesier the better. In most cases, those will be sage instructions that we often forget to follow ourselves, but in the teaching we have the chance to remind ourselves of their merit. In our house, the two sacrosanct instructions were simply: 1) don't compare yourself to others and 2) be honest with yourself about how much effort you put in.

The former was to help our kids understand that we all start with different advantages and talents. Comparing yourself to others only leads either to jealousy or to hubris, neither of which leads to happiness. The second was a realistic view on the alternative "truth" of "always do your best". Because we all know that there are times when we don't feel motivated to do our best and we need to accept the outcome as a result.

What are the cheesiest or most telling two pieces of advice that you were given or have shared? I can see a Fireside Chat on the horizon!

Talking of advice, I have to acknowledge the amazing service that our Advisers give to the sitting President of this Club. It may not always be consistent across the group, but from each person it is honestly and straightforwardly given, and it is available 24/7. Often in the past year I have been stuck on occasion on which path to take, but a simple conversation with one or two of these guys has always helped me on my way. So please take a look at the back page of West Side Story this week and raise a toast to those guys.

Did I make the right decisions as a result? Who knows?! Some stuff hasn't turned out as I hoped, but much of it has. Either way, NO REGRETS!

Wishing you a great week ahead,

Yours in Zest,
Alasdair Thomson



The word for this week is:

Ginger

Ok, so at this point most of you are thinking this is simply a referral to the traditional red hair of the Scots, usually accompanied by the type of luminescent white skin that gets burned on exposure to anything more than a 60 watt light bulb. For the record, I am not among the people who subscribe to the idea that Gingers have no soul...

No, this week it is important to introduce you to the idea that Ginger in many parts of southern Scotland means any carbonated soft drink (not just ginger ale or ginger beer). Thus, we end up with reports such as the following in a 1993 edition of the Glasgow Herald: "We asked the nice French waitress what kind of ginger it was. "Fresh ginger," she said. We said that we assumed it was a fresh bottle of ginger but was it cream soda, limeade, Irn Bru or what?"



Scottish Heritage

Glendronach

Back to the Single Malts again! The Glendronach distillery was the second one to be officially licensed, being founded in 1826 by James Allardes who allegedly insured the popularity of its output in Edinburgh in the 1840s by gifting a quantity of it to some local prostitutes after a failed sales trip to the city.

It has changed hands often over the years, being variously owned by Teachers & Sons, Chivas Bros, Allied Distillers, and at one time by Charles Grant (whose father founded Glenfiddich). Today it forms part of a stable Scotch distilleries, including BenRiach, that was acquired by Brown-Forman, makers of Jack Daniels.

Interestingly, the cask type used at Glendronach changed in 2002 to bourbon casks. Traditionally the majority of the spirit was aged in Oloroso casks, so for a period the flavour changed quite markedly. More recently, the switch has been made back to the sherry casks, so it is worthwhile noting which vintage you are buying

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

Nose: Rich cereals, struck match, raisin, cinnamon, caramelised sugar. Opens with some sweeter PX and lots of delicious raw ginger before becoming creamier with hazelnuts.

Palate: Fruits, peels, buttery. Pain au chocolat, a little marmalade on toast before becoming firmer and nuttier with spiced raisins.

Finish: Smoky toffee and nut brittle.



MODESTY ASIDE



Full name: Gerardo Limcaoco

We call you: Gerry

Relationship and family: Married to Kathy Santiago.

Education and training: GS, HS and college: ADMU

Day job: President Trebizond inc

Work fulfillment: Being able to offer the best service and products for my customers needs. Being able to establish trust and good professional and personal relationships with my suppliers and customers.

Work challenges: Intense competition. Government bureaucracy and random changes in government rules and regulations.

Rotary goals: As RCMW Gift of Life chairman my goal is to



help as many kids as possible get the life saving surgeries they need which will hopefully enable them to have a better life and more promising future.

Rotary achievements: To date Gift of life has enabled and funded 146 surgeries and counting.

Hang out place: The cogon huts in Manila polo club

Weekend Activities: Reading, running, biking and cooking.

Unforgettable moment: Dancing the coconut dance during the clubs 50th.

Post covid getaway plan: Visiting my friend in Whistler, Vancouver and going camping, trekking and fishing.



MEETING REVIEW - MAY 12, 2021



President Al Thomson calls the meeting to order



Rtn. Jun Cuaresma acts as Moderator



Rtn. Elmer Francisco acts as Invocator



PP Roque Tordesillas lead the RCMW Hymn and the Birthday song



President Al Thomson reports during Club Assembly



PE Franco Del Rosario reports during Club Assembly

ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER



MR. MATTHEW JOHN LOWE
Dolphin Trainer & Dog Whisperer

Professional experience

Technical Director General (6-month consultancy), Shangdong Walron Animal Breeding Co. Ltd, Weihai China 2016

Trainer Instructor Dolphin Discovery, CANCÚN, MÉXICO, 2002

Newspaper columnist on animal behaviour, AUSTRALIA, 2001 to present

Animal Wrangler/Trainer Katie Brock Animal Services GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA, 2000 to 2002

Qualified builder through Australian BSA (Building Services Authority)

Director Bonza! Pty. Ltd. GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA, 1999 to 2000

Director of Marine Mammal Operations, Beijing Landa Aquarium BEIJING, CHINA, 1997 to 1999

Site Manager of Japanese Facility TAJI, JAPAN, 1997 to 1999

Wildlife Presentations Supervisor, Currumbin Sanctuary GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA, 1995 to 1997

Owner/Operator "Stop That."- Mobile Animal Behaviourist

GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA, 1995 to 1997

Marine Mammal Trainer Sea World GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA, 1991 to 1995

Additional professional activities

Certified NAUI open water SCUBA diver

Diving experience has included; Liefbridge helmet, Hard hat diving, Kirby Morgan, Hooker systems

Senior First Aid Certificate

Certified pool lifeguard [Royal Life Saving Society of Australia]

A current boat license authorized by the Marine Board of Queensland, Australia.

Assisted rescue, animal care and maintenance of Melon-Head whales *Peponocephala electra* and *Pygmy Sperm Whales Kogia breviceps*

Training a variety of animals for various motion pictures including Disney productions.

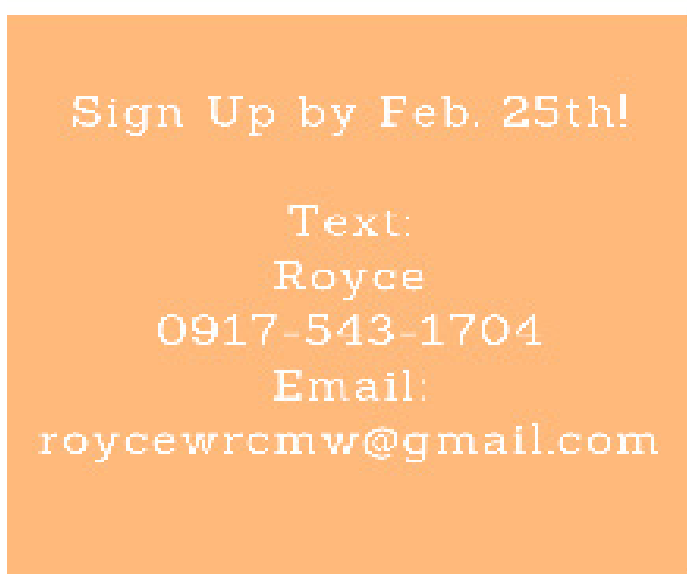
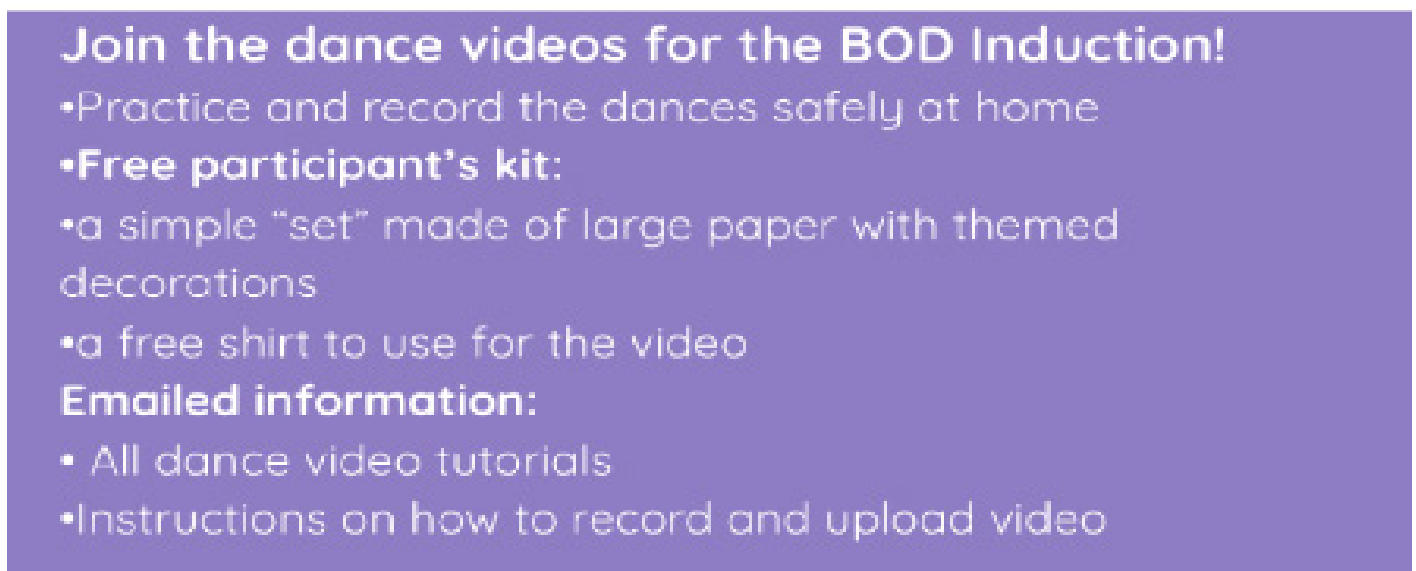
JAPAN; Acquisitions of wild False Killer Whales *pseudorca crassidens*. Morphometrics, sexing, physical examination and individual identification done. Transported animals via water to sea holding pens 1998

JAPAN; Acquisitions of wild Bottle Nose Dolphins *Tursiops gilli*. Morphometrics, sexing, physical examination and individual identification done. Transported animals via water to sea holding pens.

Physical restraint of a wild False Killer Whale *pseudorca crassidens* for tube force-feeding.

Physical restraint of wild Bottle Nose Dolphins *Tursiops gilli*

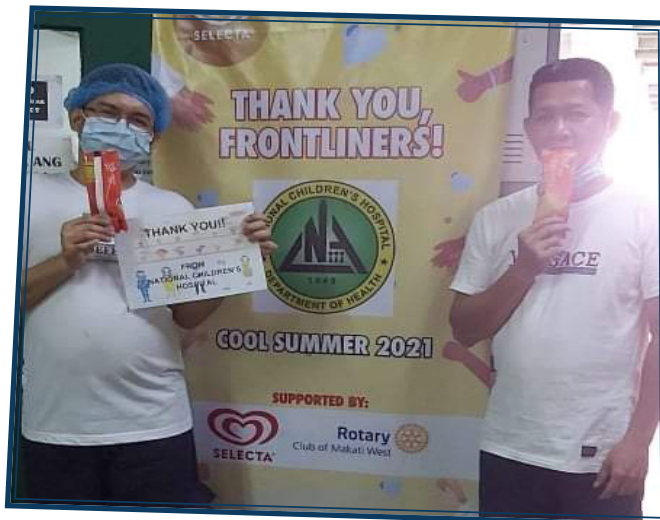
WHAT: RY 21-22 BOD INDUCTION
WHEN: THURSDAY, JULY 1ST 2021



RCMW COOL SUMMER PROJECT

National Children's Hospital, Quezon City

May 7, 2021



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

National Children's Hospital & De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City



Samantha Edea Lesaca, 1yr&2 months old, 2 Cabildo St., New Intramuros, Matandang Balara, Quezon City - DLSSMC -PDA Device Closure
May 13, 2021



Christina Mae L. Pacle, 4years old, #220 zone 5 Barangay Bitalag Bacnotan La Union
NCH - Open Heart Surgery
May 17, 2021

12TH BATCH OF CATARACT SURGERY RY 2020-2021

Med Surg Eye Center, BF Homes Paranaque City

May 15, 2021



PRE-OPERATION CATARACT RY 20-21

POST-OPERATION CATARACT RY 20-21



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



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



Erlinda Agregado, 73yrs old, Paranaque City



Flordeliza Mejia, 69yrs old, Paranaque City



Godofredo Falco, 67yrs old, Taguig City

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



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



Javin Pancho, 68yrs old, Taguig City



Jose Ilinon, 69yrs old, Taguig City



Jose Vivas, 77yrs old, Las Pinas City

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



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



Lea Batincela, 53yrs old, Taguig City



Marita Santos, 79yrs old, San Juan City



Onesimo Lechadores, 68yrs old, Paranaque City

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



Rodolfo Aliado, 67yrs old, Taguig City

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



Tomas Santuyo, 70 yrs old, Makati City



Wilfredo Agregado, 83yrs old, Paranaque City



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

"Party Like a Rockstar"
by Shop Boyz-
PP Junvee Vital



YOUR CLUB IN THE CLOUD

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Weekly Meeting Videos

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RHNBRUCUvP6vbvb4sMV3000T?usp=sharing>

Induction & Handover

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1B3VwucxVYyERj8ioFTWO_HbZC8loHuLNP?usp=sharing

Fireside Chat Archive

West Side Story

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RY 2020-2021 Officers Directors & Club Advisers

President	Alasdair Thomson
VP / Pres. Elect	Franco Del Rosario
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Director	Gil G. Chua
Director	Epifanio Delos Santos
Director	Christopher Dino Dumamol
Director	Gerardo Oliverio Laperal
Director	Lauro Leviste
Director	Davy Lim
Director	Lito Mercado
Sgt.-at-Arms	Juan Antonio Carlos
Ex-Officio Director	Enrico B. Tensuan
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Club Adviser	PDG Tony Rufino
Club Adviser	PDG Oscar De Venecia
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Club Adviser	PP Roque Tordesillas
Club Adviser	PP Antonio Tambunting III
Club Adviser	PP Phillip Hagedorn
Club Adviser	PP Fern Peña
Club Adviser	PP Eric Angeles
Club Adviser	PP Ramon Guerrero
Club Adviser	PP Aurelio Paulo R. Bartolome
Club Adviser	PP Victor L. Vital

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Secretariat: Shekinah Yarra &
Royce Ann Ladan

***We kindly ask that the
following Rotarians settle their
membership account with the
Club***

*Alvarez, Sol
Cristobal, Paolo
De Ocampo, Jay Jay
Hodgens, Sedrick
Recto, Alex
Samson, Emmanuel*

***"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"***

***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
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kai.rcmw2@gmail.com***

**If you are unavailable to send your
deposit slip, your payment will
remain outstanding in our records.**