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# Gift of Life (GOL) Beneficiaries RY 2020-2021



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## **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

#### LUNCH MEETING

- Date: June 3, 2021/ Thursday
- Venue: Zoom Conference

Time: 12nn-2pm GS: Atty. Robby Consunji President, Land Rover Club of the Philippines

#### LUNCH MEETING

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

#### **CLUB AWARDS EVENING MEETING**

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

#### LUNCH MEETING

- Date: June 24, 2021/ Thursday
- Venue: Zoom Conference
- Time: 12nn-2pm
- **GS:** Ms. Samantha Bernardo Miss Grand International 2020 1st Runner-Up

# **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

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

Invocation RTN. HIRO KORO

Philippine National Anthem (Video)

#### 12:20 PM RC Makati West Hymn RTN. NEWTON SMITH

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest

Introduction of Distinguished Personalities at the e-presidential table

Committee Announcements

#### **BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**

Rtn. Luis Cantada	May 29
Rtn. Paolo Cristobal	May 29
Rtn. Christophe Lejeune	May 29
Sps. Angie Hager	May 31
Rtn. Scott Moore	May 31
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#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rtn. Sol Alvarez	
Sps. Pat	May 29

- 12:35 PM President's Time PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
- 12:45 PM Introduction of the Guest Speaker PP MON GUERRERO

Speech **MR. ARJUN THAPAN** Chairman, Waterlinks

**MS. MAI FLOR** Executive Director, Waterlinks

*Topic Title: "The Philippines' Water Scenario: Issues and Options"* 

Moderator RTN. BUTCH HIDALGO

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



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

Men of Action!,

This week Phil Mickelson won the PGA Championship, to become the oldest winner of a Major golf competition at the age of 50. Everyone seemed very impressed by that. I was more surprised to learn that Phil was three years younger than me! I mean, he's been around for ages hasn't he?

Elsewhere, the sight of PDG Oskie comfortably manipulating his iPad (whilst Dir. Robbie Leviste continues to squint at the pixelated graphics on his ancient Nokia!!) reminded me that advancing years have no bear-



ing on one's mindset when it comes to adopting and adapting to change. In fact, one of the remarkable things about the last 18 months is just how comfortable people of all ages have become working with various new technologies.

One of the things that I have loved about this year is how much I have re-learned about topics I thought I already understood. A stand-out session for me was the Fireside Chat that was hosted by PN Gil Chua and his team on the topic of modern digital marketing methods. Of course, the essence of the marketing degree I studied 30 years ago remains relevant but the tools and the sophistication of analysis, and the ability to change tack swifty is incredible, as is the cost reduction and efficiency of the whole discipline. One of the reasons that DDB and PN Gil are at the top of their profession is because they have adapted over the years.

I'm not sure when we at Makati West last really took formal stock of where we stand, or when we last made any formal strategic statement of our direction in the midst of an ever-changing world? Certainly I haven't seen any strategic plan and I think that is an issue. As Lewis Carroll wrote, "If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there".

I'm pretty sure Phil Mickelson always knows what he is trying to achieve, and I'm guessing that he has had to adapt quite a bit over the years as the technology of his equipment has improved and as his body has changed. As a winner, he has shown that adapting and building upon his fundamentals is key to long-term success.

This Club has been successful for over 50 years. That gives it absolutely zero right to be successful in future. One word: "Kodak".

So I am right behind PE Franco with his planning efforts over the coming weeks to ask ourselves some hard questions and use the talent in our Club to agree what direction we are heading and how we want to go there. If we can agree on a longer-term view and buy into that, then the job for incoming Presidents over the years will be far easier and we will build continuously and with purpose.

If you have been asked to participate, then please give it your best shot. If you haven't been asked, but wish to be a part of the process, then please step forward and tell PE Franco you want in. It is important.

Wishing you a great week ahead,

Yours in Zest, **Alasdair Thomson** 



# **SCOTCH CORNER**

The word for this week is:

#### WENCH, n. Incl variants winsh, winch

As a teenage boy (probably girl too) in Glasgow, this is pretty much something that terrifies you and obsesses you at the same time. How do you do it right? Should you be doing it more? Why is everyone else doing it an you aren't?

The "wench" or "winch" as it was pronounced in my school is the act of kissing with tongues, and the question "Are you two winchin' then?" translates as "Are you going out with each other?"

More commonly now referred to as a "snog" since the term "winch" or "winchin" just seems so vulgar.

Scottish Heritage

#### Tartan

One of the favourite April Fool pranks in my high school was for one of our teachers to send you to the art department to ask for a tin of tartan paint...

Until the middle of the nineteenth century, the highland tartans were only associated with either regions or districts, rather than any specific Scottish clan. This was because like other materials, tartan designs were produced by local weavers for local tastes and would usually only use the natural dyes available in that area, as synthetic dye production was non-existent and transportation of other dye materials across long distances was prohibitively expensive.

It was not until the mid-nineteenth century that many patterns were created and artificially associated with Scottish clans, families, or institutions who were (or wished to be seen as) associated in some way with a Scottish heritage. The Victorians' penchant for ordered taxonomy and the new chemical dyes then available meant that the idea of specific patterns of bright colours, or "dress" tartans, could be created and applied to a nostalgic view of Scottish history.

Some tartans are also produced in themes, including "ancient" versions and those for hunting (which are typically more subdued). I choose to wear the Ancient McLaren





Weathered McLaren



# **MODESTY ASIDE**

Full name: Sebastian V. Santiago, III

We call you as: Chito

**Relationship and family:** orphan, married 2 unmarried sons. Four surviving siblings.

Education and Training: Education: MBA, BA in Economics, Training: Lending and Marketing

**Day job:** Domestic chores / learning how to play golf

Work fulfillment: Not upsetting the Mrs. / collecting my golf winnings

Work Challenges: Remembering where I left the remote / breaking 100

Special Interesting facts: I'm a terrible driver so I took up motor racing to improve my skills

Drinks of Choice: Beer, scotch, wine

Weekend activities: Family time



**Post covid get away plans:** Going somewhere I have not been before (lots of those) **2nd most unforgettable moment:** When I was told that I would be appointed country manager

GOAT: Ayrton Senna

Dream Car: McLaren F1

Favorite Movies: Top Gun, Rush





## **MEETING REVIEW - MAY 20, 2021**



Rtn. Patrick Dionisio acts as Moderator



Rtn. Matthieu Benedicto acts as Invocator



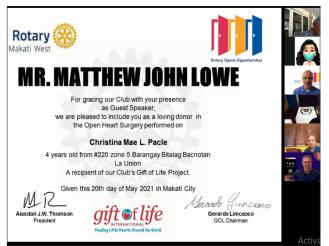
*President AI Thomson during his president's time* 



*Rtn. Chris Moriarty introduces the guest speaker* 



Mr. Matthew John Lowe giving his talk



*Mr. Matthew John Lowe receives Gift of Life certificate from the club* 

## **ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER**



Arjun Thapan

Chair, Board of Trustees, WaterLinks Chair, UNESCO Advisory Board for Water and Human Settlements Senior Advisor, World Food Programme

Educated at India's Mayo College in Rajasthan, and St. Stephen's College in the University of Delhi, Mr. Thapan has had a diverse and distinguished career in public service. A trained public accountant and auditor, his first 20 years were spent in the Indian Auditor General's department. The next 20 were with the Asian Development Bank in Manila.

Water became his niche area and specialization. He worked extensively on a wide range of water-related projects across Asia – rural, urban, sanitation, irrigated agriculture. He has several firsts to his credit including the revitalization of the Phnom Penh Water Supply Authority, the amalgamation of water and drainage companies in Viet Nam, the corporatization of water authorities in Laos, and implementation of the Flood Action Plan in Bangladesh. In 2000 he wrote ADB's Water Policy, and was the first head of ADB's Water Community of Practice. He chaired the World Economic Forum's Global Council on Water Security (2007-2010) and designed the Davos Initiative that encourages policy makers to address water security issues through the lens of the Food-Water-Energy nexus.

In late 2006, he was appointed Director General of ADB's Southeast Asia Department with an annual lending portfolio of \$3.5 billion, and projects worth \$25 billion under implementation. He finished his time with ADB as President Kuroda's Special Senior Advisor for Infrastructure and Water.

Since late 2011 Mr. Thapan has continued to work actively for Water and Development. He served on the advisory boards of Suez Environnement in Europe, and Xylem in the United States, both global giants in water and energy services, and water technology. He is currently Chair of UNESCO's Advisory Board for its program on Water and Human Settlements; he is also a Senior Advisor for Asian Development Finance at the World Food Program. He lives in Manila and helps manage WaterLinks, an NGO established in 2012 to promote higher efficiencies in water utilities in the Asia-Pacific region.



### ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER



Mary Mai Araneta Flor Senior Urban Water and Sanitation **Specialist** 

WaterLinks Executive Director and Board Treasurer

MAI FLOR is a Filipino national, has degrees in Law and Economics from the University of the Philippines, and 25 years of work experience in the urban water supply and sanitation sector having worked for government, private enterprise and international development institutions. Mai is currently the Executive Director of WaterLinks, a regional network founded by Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), to promote Water Operator Partnerships (WOPs) or peer-to-peer learning between water and wastewater providers in Asia to expand and improve quality access to safe water and sustainable sanitation. She has been the Executive Director of WaterLinks since its organization as a nonstock, non-profit corporation registered in the Philippines since 2011.

Mai has worked with the Suez Group (1998-2007) where she headed business development for the Philippines. When Suez encountered problems with its Manila concession, she represented the Group in negotiations with the Government that involved an amendment of the Concession Agreement reinstating the foreign currency adjustment, international arbitration, corporate rehabilitation and debt restructuring of Maynilad Water Services, Inc., and the retender of 84% shares of the Government's share in Maynilad following the exit of the largest private shareholder, Lopez Group, from the company.

As Head of Business Development for Miya in Asia (2008-2014), Mai helped expand its business model through negotiation and closure of performance-based contracts in non-revenue water management. In this capacity, she also assisted the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the design of a performance-based contract for non-revenue water management in water supply systems for a pilot area in Kolkata, India, a first for ADB. She continues to serve as a senior consultant to ADB on this project.

Earlier in her career with the Philippine Government, Mai helped structure the joint venture agreement for water and sewerage operations at the Subic Bay Freeport Zone including groundwork for the structure of a regulatory office to govern the private operator, a first PPP contract for the water sector in the Philippines. She also served as the first head of the Ecology Center of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority which is the environment regulator of the Freeport Zone (1993-1996).

Mai served as Executive Director of the Presidential Task Force on Water Resources Development and Management as well as Task Force El Nino under then Philippine President, Fidel V. Ramos (1996-1998). In that capacity, she led the work on water sector reform in the Philippines coordinating the activities of over 20 government agencies and ensuring an effective response to combat the impacts on water supply, irrigation and hydropower requirements by the one of the worst droughts to hit the country.

Mai's background, experience, and manner have positioned her on several global panels, and speaking engagements at a variety of international fora. She is a globally recognised sector leader having served as a member of the Nominating Committee of the prestigious Stockholm Water Prize (2007-2012), the equivalent of the Nobel Prize for the water sector. She also served as a member of the Selection Committee of the Stockholm Industry Prize (2012-2016). Earlier she was on the Steering Committee of the Global Water Partnership (2000-2003) and more recently, she served as a member of an Advisory Panel to guide and monitor a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation project on Sustainable Decentralized Wastewater Management in Developing Countries implemented by the Asian Institute of Technology, and a member of the Scientific Program Committee of the IWA Efficient 2019 Conference held in Manila She is currently a member of the Scientific Program Committee of the Stockholm Water Week (2018-2021).



# **RCMW COOL SUMMER PROJECT**

National Children's Hospital, Quezon City

May 7, 2021



























# **RCMW COOL SUMMER PROJECT**

Delos Santos Medical Center, Quezon City





# Cool Summer Treat for Frontliners



DLSMC healthcare workers enjoy their ice cream treat from Rotary Club Makati West and Selecta (clockwise from top left): Cathlab, Medical Secretaries, Dietary and Security

De Los Santos Medical Center (DLSMC) healthcare workers got a sweet break from the sweltering summer heat last May 7 and 14, 2021 as the Rotary Club of Makati West distributed Selecta ice cream sticks and Cornetto ice cream cones to all doctors and employees of the hospital. The donation was a gesture of gratitude from the Rotary Club and Selecta for the hard work and sacrifices frontliners have done for patients, particularly for pediatric cardiology patients whom the Club sponsors for CathLab procedures. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, over 200 children with congenital heart disease have been successfully operated at the DLSMC CathLab in the past two years through the generosity of the Rotary Club of Makati West in cooperation with Gift of Life International.

## Lunch Surprise for Moms

Thirty-nine hardworking DLSMC mommies were surprised with a free lunch as they reported for duty on Mother's Day, May 8, 2021. The Kenny Rogers lunch packs were given by the Marketing and Business Development Department to show appreciation for all mothers who manage to juggle work and family life and sacrifice to put their family's interests before their own.



(Modern Day Heroes...continued from front page)



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

De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City

May 20, 2021



Janel Maurine Abraham, 2 years old, Bulacan, DLSMC - PDA Device Closure



Krista Nicole Timbol, 18 years old, Pampanga - DLSMC-PDA Device Closure





Princess Jaychelle Corpuz, 5 years old, Nue-Yuan Edrey Basco, 5 years old, Palawan, va Vizcaya, DLSMC-PDA Device DLSMC - PDA Device Closure Closure



## **ARTIFICIAL LIMBS RY 2020-2021 TURNOVER**



Juan J. Tabi, 55 years old, Brgy. Ibabang, Palale, Tayabas City, Quezon Province May 23, 2021



From PP Regie Casas of RC Makati East:

"Good morning Rotary Club of Makati West, thank you so much for helping **Ricardo Cabulusan** from Sta. Cruz, Manila, MMDA Traffic enforcer who lost hig leg due to diabetes. See our photo with his spouse Judith"



**Regina Salcedo**, 18 years old, Bgy. Sangirin, Perez, Quezon Province May 23, 2021

## **GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM (GAP) SPONSORED BENEFICIARIES**

**Janna Dennize Medilo** was 12 years old when she was admitted in St. Luke's Medical Center for Electrophysiology Study with Radio Frequency Ablation on November 2018, 4 years after her ASD open heart surgery in September 2014.

As part of the wholistic care for children who were operated, Dra. Louisa Go and team do routine follow ups. She noticed that Janna had some rhythm issues which affect her cardiac function. She was maintained on medication which has potential long term side effects. She was recommended to undergo electrophysiology studies with the goal of removing the cause of the rhythm abnormality. The procedure normally costs P350,000 to P600.000 but Dra. Go was able to enroll her to a sponsored program at St Luke's Medical Center Global City to get it done. The procedure was performed on Nov. 15. 2018 and the cost was lowered down to P119,034. The Rotary Club of Makati West thru the GAP funded the procedure.

Janna Dennize was 8 years old when she was operated with ASD Open Heart Surgery in PCMC on September 26, 2014 under the care of Dr. Karl Reyes. The RCMW GOL already helped her once but extended further with another procedure through the Guardian Angel Program. The father of Janna works as merchandiser earning minimum wage. She has 3 siblings.

**Zean James Tahimic** is a 13 year old male from Tanza, Cavite. He underwent valve implantation on April 25, 2019 in National Children's Hospital with assistance from RCMW Guardian Angel Program.

On his follow up check up with Dra. Louisa Go, she noted to have significant pulmonary regurgitation and needs valve implantation to address the issue and prevent him from having early onset right heart failure. Expected cost of procedure was P385,000 including the device but with assistance from PCSO and Philhealth, the cost was lowered down to P190,000. The GAP Program funded the procedure

Zean was 1 year old when he was operated in PGH for TOF correction sponsored by RCMW. He needs another valve implantation in 8 to 10 years. He has grown to be a fine young man and is now 14 years old and studying. He has 1 elder brother

Janna Dennize Medilo and Zean James Tahimic were both participants of "A Million Dreams" - 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Club.



### **GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM (GAP) SPONSORED BENEFICIARIES**

# JANNA DENNIZE MEDILO, 14 YEARS OLD





8 years old



ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY STUDY WITH RADIO FREQUENCY ABLATION

8 years old



JANNA MONTHS AFTER SURGERY



**JANNA @ 2021** 

#### **GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM (GAP) SPONSORED BENEFICIARIES**

# ZEANN JAMES TAHIMIC, 14 YEARS OLD





**TOF CORRECTION** 1 years old VALVE IMPLANTATION

13 years old



HIS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

ZEANN @ 2021



# **CALLING ALL MAKATI WEST ROTARIANS!**

This is a request for RCMW members to forward a short video message (20 seconds or shorter) for PE Franco. This will be played during the induction at 6pm, Thursday, July 1st. Forward your video message of well wishes no later than May 28th via viber or email to Royce at roycercmw@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Received from Rtn. Lars Wittig Rtn. Rtn. Newton Smith Rtn. Scott Moore PP Jun Alvendia Pres. Al Thomson Rtn. Joey Avellana

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

FAMILY

"It's during these days that I like to be reminded of the core values of family, friends and fellowship, and that life is not always about chasing for more." - Rtn. Richard Bates



## **YOUR CLUB IN THE CLOUD**



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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 roycercmw@gmail.com kai.rcmw2@gmail.com

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