# WEST SIDE Rotary Club of Makati West





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#### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

**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

**52nd RCMW INDUCTION** 

**Date:** July 1, 2021/ Thursday **Venue:** Zoom Conference

Time: 6PM

#### **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

12:15 PM Call to Order

PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON

Invocation

RTN. ROBERT YUPANGCO

Philippine National Anthem (Video)

12:20 PM

RC Makati West Hymn

**PP ED BALOIS** 

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest

Introduction of Distinguished Personalities

at the e-presidential table

Committee Announcements

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS** 

PP Ruy Moreno Jun 5 Sps. Cristina Kern Jun 7 Sps. Vanessa Ledesma Jun 9

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** 

Rtn. Sed Hodgens

Sps. Nubia Jun 4

PP Lito Jimenez

Šps. Nikki Jun 7

Rtn. Paolo Pineda

Sps. Lourdes Jun 7

PP Bobby Cabral

Sps. Chari Jun 8

Rtn. Jun Cuaresma

Sps. Alfe Jun 8

12:35 PM President's Time

PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON

Introduction of the Guest Speaker

12:45 PM PP ERIC ANGELES

Speech

ATTY. ROBERTO CONSUNJI

President, Land Rover Club of the Philippines

Topic Title: "The Land Rover Club of the Philippines

An introduction to off roading"

Moderator

PP LARRY OCAMPO



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!,

I don't ever want to see another cardboard box at this point. Last weekend I moved house, so over three days we packed up our stuff and moved it to the new place. We are still unloading cartons and looking for places to put our things.

A few people have asked if I am sad to be leaving my old place. Of course it was a house that holds many memories: my kids spent their teenage years growing up there, my wife spent her final days there, we had many wonderful times in that building. Yet whilst I am sad to leave the community and neighbours, I am far more excited about what lies ahead in our new place (once I clear the boxes!).

One of the great things about moving house every so often is that you are forced to examine what you have and to decide whether or not to take it with you. It is a hugely cleansing exercise, not only physically but also psychologically. Do you keep the kids' finger paintings for posterity (despite the fact that you haven't looked at them since the last time you moved house)? Do you throw away the chipped mug that your wife gave you for Father's Day? Is it OK to keep your old copies of the Sports Illustrated Swimwear edition?

I've always been one for looking ahead and not behind, so I am pretty ruthless in a move. Leaving behind the "stuff" doesn't take away the memories or invalidate the special moments that were marked. If I worry about losing the memory, I take a photo of the item in question so that there is a prompt for the future, but I don't need the physical rendition.

As we enter the final weeks of my term as your President, I think it is similarly exciting to look ahead at what we can achieve. It is particularly exciting to look ahead to a time when physical fellowship will be back on the cards and we can engage with the full spirit of our Club in our hymn, in our meetings and in our service projects.

Each place that we live in changes us a bit. This last 18 months has changed us all. What is important is to understand and choose what we want to take forward with us, and what we want to leave behind.

For me, I will very happily discard the stupid face shields, the useless temperature guns and the "fear". But I will happily continue with a reduced number of Zoom calls so that I can continue to spend more time working from the beach.

From a Club perspective, I think it would be great for us to continue to use Zoom within our physical meetings so that our members can participate even if they are physically not able to be present. I also think it would be great if we can continue to have more joint meetings with our Sister and Brother Clubs, and with other clubs in our District, and greater cooperation with them in our service projects. This interactivity has certainly been one of the big plus points for me this past year and I see that, when we step out of our Makati West bubble, we not only benefit ourselves but we really make a difference to other Clubs in helping them to meet their own ambitions. Makati West is too good a thing to keep to ourselves.

Well, those boxes aren't going to empty themselves, so I will leave this here. If anyone wants to buy some quality used aircon units or some old magazines, you know where to find me...

Wishing you a great week ahead,

Yours in Zest, **Alasdair Thomson** 



#### **SCOTCH CORNER**

The word for this week is:

#### Sitooterie n.

This word was finally given its just place in the Oxford Dictionary in 2019.

It describes the terrace or outside area of a cafe, bar or restaurant where one might take a seat to enjoy a moment of leisure, or a secluded area within a building where people can sit apart from others; an alcove, recess.

As in "sit out-ery". I love it.

Of course, such places are only usable for about 20 days a year in Scotland as a result of the weather. But that makes them extra special when you can!

## Scottish Heritage

If you like your last whisky of the evening still to be with you at lunch the next day, this is the one for you.

Bowmore is one of increasingly few distilleries in Scotland to operate its own malting floor. Here, they spread out the steeped malt for germination and then dry it over peat fires.. Short pot stills with no reflux encouragement allow all the heavy oils to filter into the spirit, and finally the cask warehouses which lie directly next to the Atlantic Ocean give the Bowmore its saltiness and marine flavours. One of the warehouses the legendary No. 1 vault, is the only warehouse below sea level.

Then there is the legendary Black Bowmore, Distilled in 1963 and stashed for over 30 years in two Oloroso sherry casks, the product is named for its colour. There have been five bottlings, the last at 50 years. You'll find a bottle for around US\$25,000.

#### Tasting Note by The Producer(50y)

**Nose:** The senses are awakened to the deep aromas of soft, sweet, exotic fruits, complemented perfectly by Bowmore's renowned gentle peat smoke.

**Palate:** After 50 years maturing in Bowmore's legendary No.1 Vaults, Black Bowmore 50 Year Old, The Last Cask To Be Rediscovered has developed a sublime elegance on the palate to reveal notes of tropical fruit including mango, papaya and pineapple as well as honeyed black truffle.

Finish: A long, lingering mouth-feel carried by notes of Bowmore's native Islay seabreeze





#### **MODESTY ASIDE**

Full name: Newton John Smith (no relation to Olivia Newton John!!)

We call you as: Newton or Newt or Newty

**Relationship and family:** Married to Catherine with 5 children and 8 grandchildren (about to be 9). Don't know how any of them put up with me but they do!! 3 kids in Sydney, 1 with us in Singapore and another in Dubai.

**Education and training:** Graduate of Royal Australian Naval College. Bachelor of Commerce UNSW. Exec MBA INSEAD. Been working in digital for the last 15 years. Everything from marketing channels through to s/w development, data and analytics

**Day job:** Vice President, Digital Business & Technology, APAC, Cognizant. We are a \$17B professional services company headquartered out of NJ, USA







**Work fulfillment:** I love the innovation that goes with being in the digital space. All companies are looking to digitise their customer management channels and their internal operations and processes. It's like working in whitespace a lot of the time.

**Work challenges:** Trying to manage 6 different markets from Australia through to Middle East across multiple timezones and doing it from my office at home. It's had its advantages not travelling these last 15 months but I will be glad to be back in front of clients F2F.

**Rotary goal:** I'm obviously remote from my Makati West brothers but I try to contribute by donations and supporting the club's activities.

**Rotary achievements:** As a PHF and contributing to club donation drives obviously, but would like to be able to give up time once the worst of COVID is behind us. I'm not that far from retirement and I would love to spend 3-4 weeks a year in Philippines helping on one of our club projects. (will be looking for someone to stay with when I do that!!!)

**Special talents/interesting facts:** I think a few of you know that I love singing. Put a mike in front of me and I'm off. I actually studied classical singing for 5 years many years ago back in Australia. I got up to 6 th grade but never saw it as a career. I also play the guitar and piano.

**Hang-out place:** At the moment, unfortunately, home most of the time!!!. But I hope to start discovering the bars and restaurants of Dubai later this year when we move.

Poison/Drink of Choice: I'm an Australian – Beer!!!! Followed by red wines from the Bourgogne region.

**Weekend activities:** Being in Singapore, we love getting away to one of the many places 1-2 hours flight away. We love Phuket, Hanoi, KL and of course Manila. Let's hope we can fly to these places again soon.

**Post-Covid get away plans:** Definitely back to Australia. It's now been 15 months since I've seen the rest of the family and I miss them. There's one grandchild I haven't even met yet.

G.O.A.T: I'm a rugby fanatic. Has to be my favourite Rugby player - David Campese

**Unforgettable moment:** So many to choose from!!! Here goes as my favourite. Getting an assignment to Manila and getting the opportunity to experience Philippine culture and most importantly, make life long friends with all of you.

Dream car: Aston Martin DB11

**Favorite movie:** Blues Brothers is a classic that I still love to watch over and over. Elwood - "There's 106 miles to Chicago, **we've got** a full tank of gas, **half a pack of cigarettes**, it's dark out, and we're wearing sunglasses." Jake – "Hit it"







#### **MEETING REVIEW - MAY 27, 2021**



Rtn. Butch Hidalgo acts as Moderator



Rtn. Hiro Koro acts as Invocator



Rtn. Newton Smith lead the RCMW Hymn and the Happy Birthday song



President Al Thomson during his president's time



PP Mon Guerrero introduces the guest speaker



Mr. Arjun Thapan & Ms. Mai Flor giving their talk

#### **ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER**



ATTY. ROBERTO CONSUNJI
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Robby Consunji is the President of the Land Rover Club of the Philippines. He and other Land Rover enthusiasts founded the Club in 1999.

Robby is the Off-road Editor and a columnist for the car magazine BBC Top Gear Philippines since 2004. He tests off-road vehicles and writes a column on legal issues for the car owner / consumer.

Robby was the Philippine representative of the Rainforest Challenge of Malaysia (RFC) from 2005 to 2019. He promoted and organized a Philippine off-road race team for the RFC, as international off-road jungle adventure race held annually in Malaysia.

Robby was the President of the Car Awards Group, Inc. (CAGI) in 2015 and 2016. The CAGI is an association of motoring journalists which conducts the annual Car of the Year – Philippines and Truck of the Year – Philippines.

Robby is a practicing lawyer; he handles primarily international commercial law, foreign investments, and real estate development matters.

#### **RCMW COOL SUMMER PROJECT**

Philippine Heart Center, Quezon City

May 7, 2021

























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Delos Santos Medical Center, Quezon City

May 7, 2021























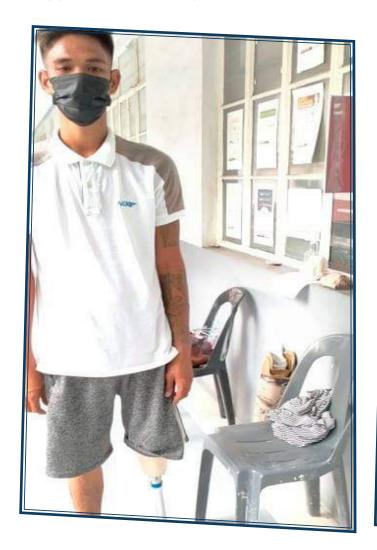




#### **ARTIFICIAL LIMBS RY 2020-2021 TURNOVER**

Philippine General Hospital, Manila

May 28, 2021









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Edelyn De Asis, 18 years old, Below Knee

Nestor Matibag, 61 years old, Below knee



Rachel Abu, 44 years old, Below Knee



Richie Alcantara, 49 years old, Below knee



#### GIFE OF LIFE PROGRAM 94TH TO 108TH BENEFICIARIES OF PRES. AL THOMSON



Desiree Nicole Nicdao 16 yrs old, Ilocos Sur, DLSMC, 15-Feb-2021 PDA Device Closure



Mary Jane Acelajado 5 years old, Subic, Zambales, DLSMC, 15-Feb-21 PDA Device Closure



Arriane Rose Gallar 18 years old, Caloocan City, NCH, 18-Feb-21 Valve Replacement



Eula Lyndsey De Guzman 5 years old, Quezon City DLSMC, 22-Feb-21 PDA Device Closure



Ihela Verceles
5 years old, Baguio City
DLSMC, 22-Feb-21
PDA Device Closure



Nathalie Chloe Lacbayan 2yrs old, San Jose Tarlac, NCH, 22-Feb-21 Open Heart Surgery



Athea Faith Biala
1 year old, Bataan
DLSMC, 11-March-21
PDA Device Closure



Francis Palatino 1 year old, Lapaz, Tarlac DLSMC, 11-March-21 PDA Device Closure



Kevin Malanum Jr., 2 years old, Bataan DLSMC, 11-March-21 PDA Device Closure



Thalia Jodee Baw-il 1 year old, Ifugao DLSMC, 11-March-21 PDA Device Closure



Aliyah Faye Kato 3years old, Bangued, Abra DLSMC, 17-March-21 PDA Device Closure



Arianne Brielle Macatangay 8months old, Pembo, Makati DLSMC, 17-March-21 PDA Device Closure



**Bea Patrice Juanite** 7 months old, Socorro, Surigao Del Norte - DLSMC 17-March21 PDA Device Closure



Herzayne Abia Retana 3 months old, Leyte DLSMC, 18-March-21 Critical Cyanotic Procedure



Daniel Keith Villegas 1 yr & 11 months old, Bacolod City, Negos Occidental - NCH 22-March-21 Open Heart Surgery

## RCMW GIFT OF LIFE (GOL) BENEFICIARIES RY 2020-2021 National Children's Hospital & De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City







Zian Stacey Son, 4 years old, Manduae, Cebu City, NCH-Open Heart Surgery May 24, 202



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

De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City



Jay Kim Mabini, 11 months old, Western Samar - DLSMC PDA Device Closure June 2, 2021



**Arianne Lee Rivera, 11 months old** from Nuesca Roxas, Isabella DLSMC -PDA Device Closure June 2, 2021



Annari Luna Tugade, 1year 5 months old, Bataan DLSMC-PDA Device Closure June 2, 2021



**Nyall Marthon Abuda, 3 years** old, Antipolo City - DLSMC PDA Device Closure June 2, 2021

## RCMW GIFT OF LIFE (GOL) BENEFICIARIES RY 2020-2021 De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City



THANK YOU!!!

#### **DISTRICT CONFERENCE (DISCON) 2021**













RCMW Paul Harris total donations ry 20-21

#### **CALLING ALL MAKATI WEST ROTARIANS!**

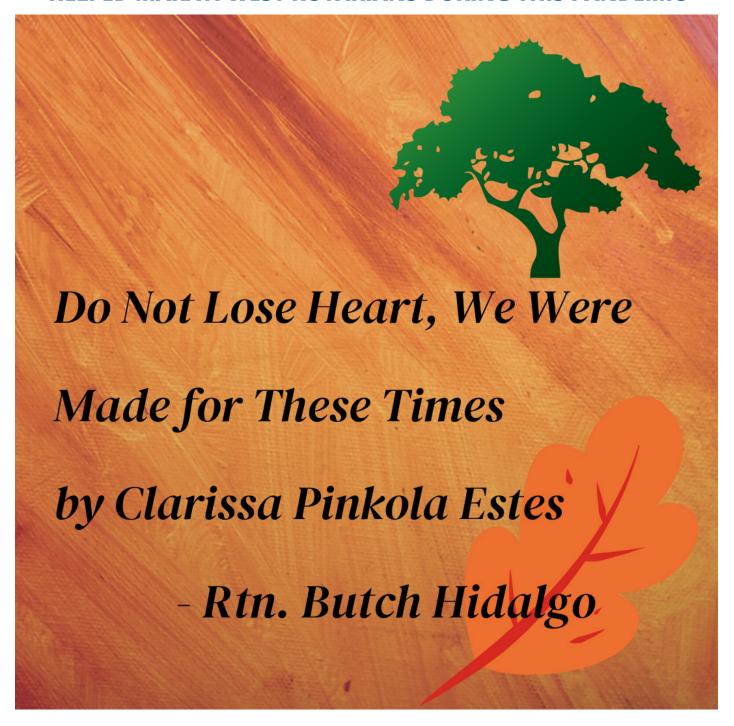
This is a request for RCMW members to forward a short video message (20 seconds or shorter) for PE Franco. This will be played during the induction at 6pm, Thursday, July 1st. Forward your video message of well wishes no later than June 6th via viber or email to Royce at <a href="mailto:roycercmw@gmail.com">roycercmw@gmail.com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

#### Thank you.

Received from Rtn. Lars Wittig Rtn. Newton Smith Rtn. Scott Moore PP Jun Alvendia Pres. Al Thomson Rtn. Joey Avellana PP TG Limcaoco PP Eric Angeles PP Lito Jimenez Rtn. Gerry Limcaoco Rtn. Richard Bates Rtn. Patrick Dionisio Rtn. Jon Rocha IPP Eric Tensuan PRID Guiller Tumangan PP Junvee Vital



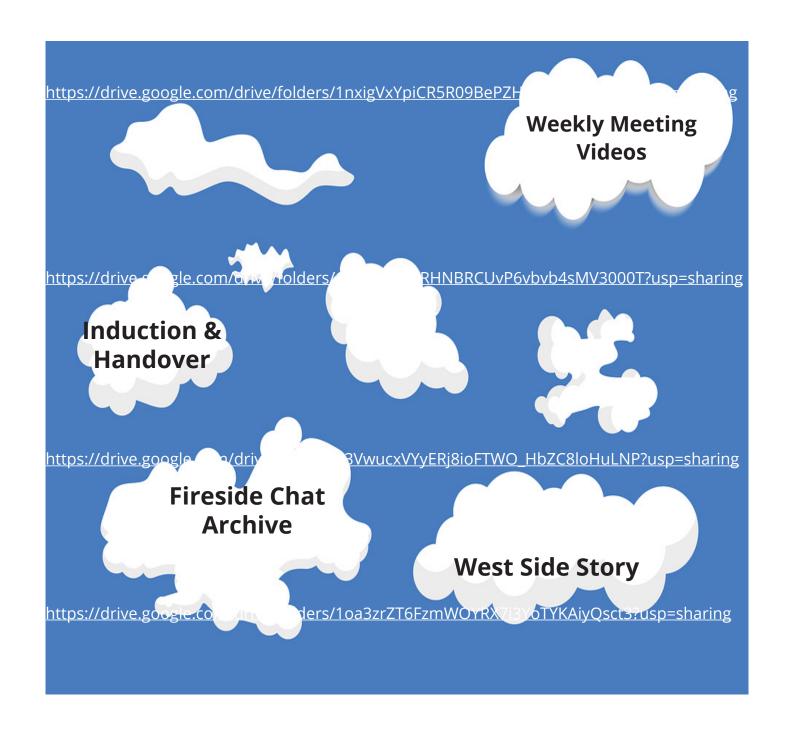
### FAVORITE QUOTES AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT THAT HAVE HELPED MAKATI WEST ROTARIANS DURING THIS PANDEMIC



#### Click link below

<u>https://www.dailygood.org/story/1538/do-not-lose-heart-we-were-made-for-these-times-clarissa-pinkola-estes/</u>

#### YOUR CLUB IN THE CLOUD



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## 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.