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CHAIRMAN
KYNDRYL PHILIPPINES


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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



LUNCH MEETING

Mr. Wilson Go
Chairman
Kyndryl Philippines

Date: August 22, 2024/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



LUNCH MEETING

PP Phillip Hagedorn
CEO
ATRAM Asset & Wealth Management

Date: August 29, 2024/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening

Date: September 2, 2024/ Monday
Venue: Alabang Country Club
Time: 9am-2pm



LUNCH MEETING

Capt. Mel Hallar
Reservist
Philippine Army

Date: September 5, 2024/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION WORKSHOP

Date: September 7, 2024/ Saturday
Venue: 4L A. Venue Hotel Suites. Makati City
Time: 8am-1pm



TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order
PRES. GERRY LAPERAL

Invocation
PE/Sec. Dino Dumatol

Philippine National Anthem (video)

12:30 PM RC Makati West Hymn
RCMW Members

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guest:

Introduction of Personalities at the Presidential
Table;

Committee announcements

Induction of new member:

ATTY. EMMANUEL ALADIN "MANS" D. TUMANDA
Financial Investor
Arowana Impact Capital

12:45 PM Introduction of new members
DIR. LARS WITTIG

Charging of new members
PP DENNIS DECENA

Inducting Officer of New members
PRES. GERRY LAPERAL

1:00 PM President's Time
PRES. GERRY LAPERAL

Introduction of Guest Speaker
RTN. TRISTAN CHOA

Speech
MR. WILSON GO
Chairman
Kyndryl Philippines

Token of Appreciation

Moderator
RTN. SCOTT MOORE

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



August 22
SPS. EMMA THOMSON
Birthday



August 24
SPS. JUNIE PEÑA
Birthday



August 21
RTN. JIMI FLORCRUZ & SPS. ANA
Wedding Anniversary



GUEST SPEAKER
WILSON GO
CHAIRMAN, KYNDRYL PHILIPPINES

Wilson Go is an accountant by profession but has spent the last 39 years of his corporate career in IT related positions.

Previous to Kyndryl, Wilson was the Senior Vice President, CIO of Philippine Airlines (PAL), leading the airline's digital transformation initiative and contributed to its successful restructuring.

Prior to PAL, Wilson was the Senior Vice President for IT Shared Services of SM Investment Corporation (SMIC). He successfully institutionalized the conglomerates' IT Shared Services, and has inculcated a service-oriented culture, delivering savings and much better service levels.

Wilson is an IBM Retiree, having spent more than 30 years in various key roles in the Philippines, ASEAN, and Asia Pacific. His last role prior to retirement was Philippine Country Manager, GTS. Under his watch, GTS signed the outsourcing deals with BPI, Unilab, Jollibee, San Miguel Food, and more. Wilson took on various key roles like CFO, Business Development, Corporate Development, IP Licensing, Sales, and Channels.

Wilson has a Masters in Business Economics from the University of Asia and the Pacific, and received his Bachelor of Science in Commerce, major in Accounting from De La Salle University.

Wilson is also the current President of Blue Genes, a non-profit group of retired and former IBM employees who volunteer their time, effort, and resources to help alleviate poverty through education, child by child, family by family. Blue Genes has also become a vehicle to assist retired and former IBMers who have fallen in bad times or need a helping hand.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cataract Surgery

Dear Zesters,

Last meeting, Diego Lorenzo, President/CEO of PickUp Coffee talked about technology, entrepreneurship, and family businesses. This was the most attended meeting of my term thus far perhaps because Zesters believed there was free coffee. There was (sort of)—care of Dusit! It was wonderful seeing members being active in our meetings and I look forward to more gatherings from our club members.

On Saturday, August 17, 2024, 31 cataract procedures were made under the aegis of Dr. Timmy Tan at Medsurg Clinic in Paranaque. We have tentatively scheduled the second Gift of Sight program with the excess funds of the Global Grant to September 14, 2024. I encourage everyone to drop by, meet the patients, learn a little biology, and, in my case, try to put on a strong face while watching the surgeries and listen to Dr. Timmy explain what is going on.

Story time. I am admittedly a little squeamish when it comes to blood and medical procedures. I arrived at Medsurg on Saturday at about 10am. After being greeted by Michael and Dr. Timmy, Dr. Timmy suggested I change into scrubs, which I promptly did. He introduced me to our various patients, and I had a chance to speak to a few of them. While chatting with the patients, I asked how long they had difficulty seeing? What prevented them from getting the surgery earlier? What were their main concerns?



Most have had some kind of cataract for the past 5 years. Many feared the surgery. Of course, no one likes going under the knife and no one wants to feel like a Christmas rellino (getting all cut up), but their main concern was not the initial cost of the surgery which I expected, it was the after-care services, costs and potential loss of work/income. That said, this is strengthening my resolve in reviving the Guardian Angel Program.

After chatting with the patients, Dr. Timmy took me to the operating room. A computer screen displayed what the surgeon saw while doing the procedure. Basically, an eye under a microscope. I was shocked and unprepared (emotionally) to see a procedure in the flesh. Seeing the incision, dye, lens put in, ultrasound breaking up the cataract, a vacuum sucking the broken cataract shards out, and other parts of our physiology I don't usually look too much into.

Close to the end of the first procedure I saw, Dr. Timmy goes, "Oh, that's Cynthia!" Cynthia greeted me with an incredibly warm "Hi Sir!" while she was laying on the operating table. I said "wag ka muna tumambling Cynthia" as she was so excited to say hi, even in the midst of her surgery. I thought that was a serendipitous anecdote (walking in on Cynthia during her procedure.)

I learned quite a bit about cataracts and the surgery involved. The actual procedure used last Saturday to remove the cataracts is called "phacoemulsification." Let's start with the etymology of the term "phacoemulsification." The word is derived from two parts: "phaco-" which comes from the Greek word "phakós" meaning "lentil" or "lens," and "emulsification," which

refers to the process of breaking down into small particles.

Phacoemulsification is a modern cataract surgery technique that uses ultrasonic energy to emulsify the lens of the eye, which is then aspirated out. This method was introduced by Dr. Charles Kelman in 1967. Before this innovation, cataract surgery involved removing the entire lens and capsule, which required a large incision and often resulted in the need for thick eyeglasses post-surgery.

Dr. Kelman's technique revolutionized cataract surgery by allowing the procedure to be performed through a much smaller incision, reducing recovery time and making outpatient surgery the standard. Over the years, the technology and techniques have been refined, making phacoemulsification the most common and preferred method for cataract removal today.

Before this (dating as far back to the ancient Greeks), a technique known as couching was used. This procedure involved using a thin probe to dislodge the clouded lens and push it out of the visual axis into the vitreous chamber. Although rudimentary compared to modern methods, it demonstrated an early understanding of ocular anatomy and a desire to improve visual impairment.

This Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 10am, we will be conducting a few Gift of Life surgeries at Delos Santos Medical Center. Your support is always appreciated and I intend on being there before our Thursday meeting. Hope to see you at Delos Santos before Dusit on Thursday.

Gerardo Oliverio "Gerry" V. Laperal
President, RY 2024-2025
Rotary Club of Makati West



THE WEEK IN REVIEW

August 22, 2024



Rtn. RJ Ledesma as Moderator



Rtn. Roman Azanza as Invocator



Pres. Gerry Laperal in his President's time



PP Eric Tensuan Introduces the guest of honor



Mr. Martin Diego L. Lorenzo in his speech



Mr. Martin Diego L. Lorenzo received a Gift of Life Certificate from the club



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Induction of new member Rtn. Daniel Lim
(4th Inductee of RY.24-25 Regular member)
on August 15 at Dusit Thani Hotel





Rtn. Toshi Ishikawa Recognized as Major Donor Level 1 his contribution to The Rotary Foundation





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The all grown-up Renegades graces the Lunch meeting



(L-R) Sps. Michelle Bartolome and daughters, Annica & Daniella Bartolome, PP AP Bartolome, PP Mon and daughter Marra Guerrero





Rtn. Tom Arasi hosted a fellowship on August 17, 2024





The arrival of RI President Elect Mario Camargo with PRID Guiller Tumangan, PRID Raffy Garcia and District Governor's Elect at the airport on August 17, 2024





PRID Guiller Tumangan arranged a Special Meeting of the HOC members of the 2028 RI Convention with RI President Elect Mario Camargo at the Don Emilio Yap Board Room Manila Hotel on August 18, 2024





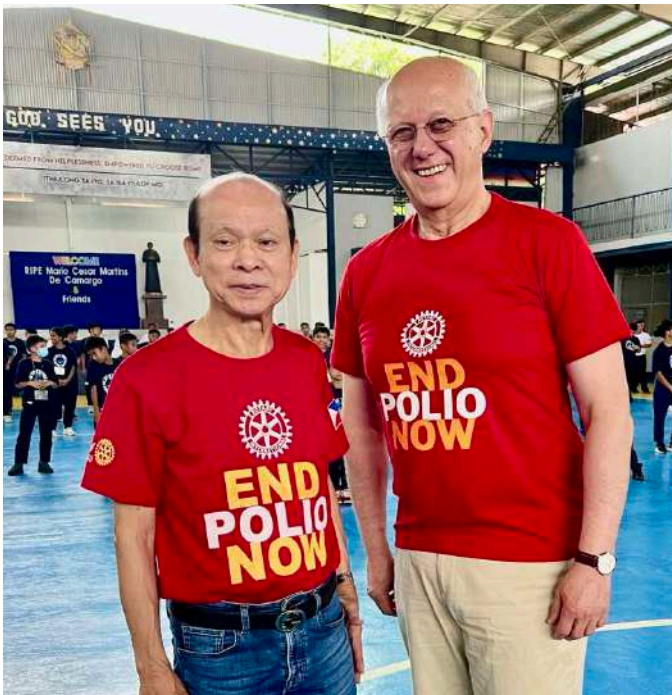
PP Gil Chua received his Arch Klump Society Certificate from RI President-Elect Mario Camargo in the TRF meet & greet at Manila Hotel on August 18, 2024



PRID Guillen Tumangan with RI President Elect Mario Camargo at RCC Exposition, The Palms Country Club on August 19, 2024



RI President Elect Mario Camargo with PRID Guiller Tumangan, PDG Edwin Afzelius and PDG Billy Villareal at Tuloy sa Don Bosco on August 19, 2024





55th/20th Anniversary Committee Meeting at
PP Eric Angeles Residence on August 19, 2024





PROJECT UPDATES

GIFT OF SIGHT PROJECT

GG# 2453833

Cataract Surgery Patients for RY 2024-2025
August 17, 2024 at MedSurg Eye Center



Leslie Noble
70 years old
Paranaque City



Ma. Cynthia Andrade
67 years old
Imus, Cavite



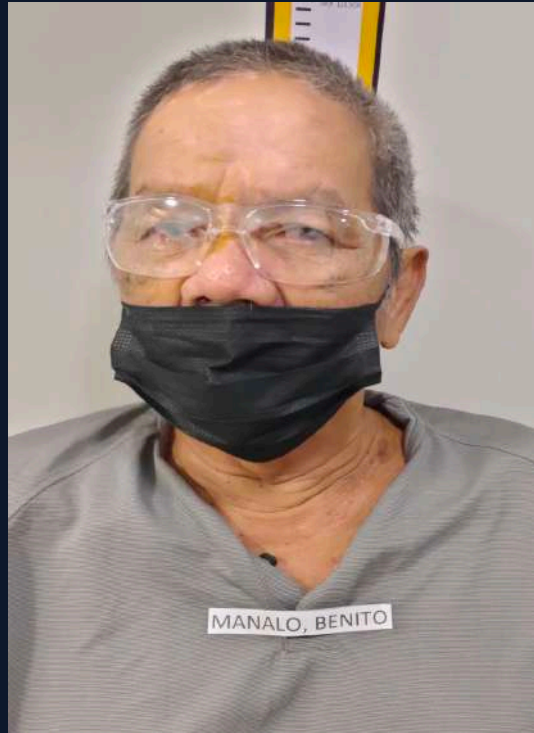
Oscar Monda
71 years old
Taguig City



Carlito Camagong
73 years old
Bacoor, Cavite



Lydia Pasion
77 years old
Taguig City



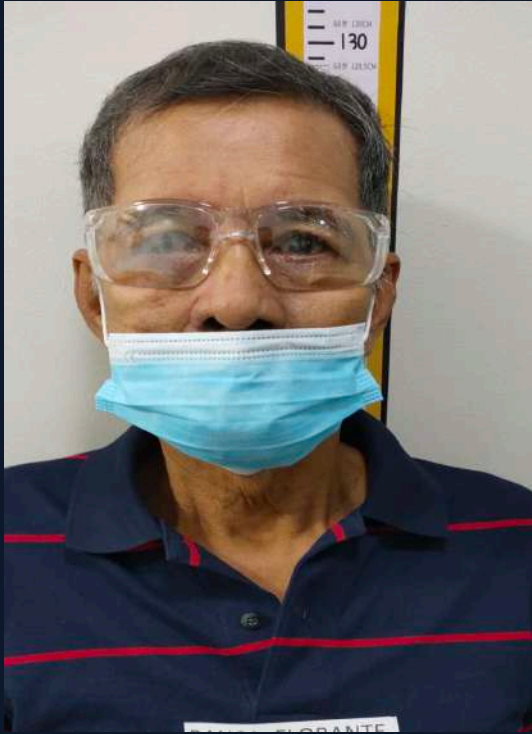
Benito Manalo
70 years old
Pasig City



Nenita Pedrosa
60 years old
Taytay, Rizal



Teresito Amador
67 years old
Taguig City



Florante Banca
73 years old
Pila, Laguna



Flora Castillo
68 years old
Taguig City



Mamerto Nuique
71 years old
Makati City



Olivia Lozada
87 years old
Makati City



Romeo Tiamzon
80 years old
Marikina City



Angelina Ramos
71 years old
Taguig City



Abrahan Erickson Malinawan
53 years old
Pila, San Pedro



Wilfreda Tapalla
67 years old
Taguig City



Francisco Donozo
73 years old
Makati City



Flora Padrigan
72 years old
Silang, Cavite



Marcelina Canilao
66 years old
Taguig City



Magdalena Aquino
66 years old
Taguig City



Arsenia Dela Cruz
70 years old
Makati City



Pol Erlinda
68 years old
Pasig City



Evangeline Sambile
64 years old
Manila City



Emma Dilodilo
75 years old
Makati City



Ester Manoguid
70 years old
Virac, Catanduanes



Faustino Duldulao
69 years old
Taguig City



Pedrito Sumayod Jr.
67 years old
Taguig City



Adoracion Bustos
79 years old
Calamba, Laguna



Evagelina Ordnonez
68 years old
Pila, Laguna



Anita Arceo
66 years old
Calamba, Laguna



Demetrio Lachica
66 years old
San Pedro, Laguna





AUGUST IS



**MEMBERSHIP
& NEW CLUB
DEVELOPMENT
MONTH**

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Estes Snedecor, Rotary Club of Portland, Oregon - 1921 Rotary Convention



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