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2,269th Meeting (since 1969)
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GOL Beneficiaries at De los Santos Medical Center



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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

LUNCH MEETING

Date: August 13, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm
GS: Mr. James Deakin
TV Host for CNN Philippines

1ST ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

Date: August 27, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: To be announced

LUNCH MEETING

Date: August 20, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm
GS: Mr. Donald Lim
COO, DITO CME

LUNCH MEETING

Date: September 3, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm
GS: Rtn. Christopher Beshouri
Aboitiz Equity Ventures

TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order

PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON

12:40 PM President's Time

PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON

12:20 PM Invocation

RTN. HIRO KORO

Philippine National Anthem
RCMW Hymn
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest
Introduction of Personalities at the Zoom Meeting
Committee Announcements
Classification Talk
RTN. ROBIN GARCIA

12:50 PM Introduction of the Guest Speaker

SEC. FRANCO DEL ROSARIO

Speech
MS. MARIA NECITA "GIGI" B. GERONIMO
General Manager
Crawford & Company Global Business Services Center

Moderator
RTN. CHARLES RUFINO

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Sps. Helen Limcaoco Aug 4
Rtn. Tope Narciso Aug 5
PP Ed Balois Aug 10

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rtn. Ryan Kern
Sps. Cristina Aug 1
PP Lou Del Rosario
Sps. Barbara Aug 4
PP Roque Tordesillas
Sps. Maritoni Aug 6
Rtn. Ian Ocampo
Sps. Christina Aug 8



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!

One of the nice things in life is finding the depth that lies behind the facade. We stop too often with first impressions and shallow investigation, so I hope that last week's meeting helped us all to learn about Nico Bolzico as more than just a media personality but as an expert in the agricultural economy of our nation. I know I learned loads about the potential of the sector and the frustrations that prevent its delivery.

Among the other "deeper dives" of last week, we had a hugely entertaining and informative Fireside Chat session with PP Lou that revealed his extensive interactions in the auto world. The photos of him and his lovely spouse Barbara in their racing days were a great surprise. How many of you knew that Barbara took her racing driver qualification in the same group as a certain Paul Newman?! I'm so excited to discover more of the hidden secret lives of Makati West Rotarians and their families over the coming year.

Constant learning is key to our growth, so I was delighted that so many took the opportunity on Tuesday night to enhance their knowledge of the digital world and of Google Apps in particular. Our most senior members, as always, led the way. We all lack knowledge in certain aspects of life; having the self-confidence to recognise that and the forward momentum to close the gaps is what makes us more successful over time. It's clear that our senior members are successful because they always had the drive and willingness to learn new tricks.

As Metro Manila heads back into MECQ, we will all need to modify our behaviour again. I fear we are in for a rollercoaster of a ride in this regard for the rest of the year. Individually we all need to do our bit to reduce the risks to ourselves and to those in our circles, whilst also watching out for our health in other ways, including our mental health and our economic health. Each of us has a different balance to strike according to our circumstances.

What is most certainly true though is that in such times our solidarity among each other, and with our wider community must be a priority. This is when Brotherhood and Service Above Self need to be more than words in a song. So again, I call you to action: get involved with our existing projects, propose new projects to our group and meet your obligations, socially, in service, and financially to ensure your Club can continue to operate to the highest standards of its history.

Yours in Zest,
Alasdair Thomson

Today's word is:

“Gloaming” (Glo-ming)

Dusk, twilight. The Scottish gloaming is an extended period of the evening in the summer months, filled with magical light that lends itself to much romance. Impossible to capture on film, and never forgotten once seen.

As in: “roamin’ in the gloamin’”



Scottish Heritage

Golf

The first documented mention of golf in Scotland appears in a 1457 Act of the Scottish Parliament, an edict issued by King James II prohibiting the playing of the games of gowf and futball as these were a distraction from archery practice for military purposes.

Unlike in most countries, golf is an egalitarian sport in Scotland, with a plethora of affordable, public courses. There are over 587 courses in Scotland - that's one for every 10,000 inhabitants. Some of the most fun are those built over farmland, where the basic origins of the game become so apparent in contrast to the manicured and perfected turfs of many modern golf courses.

Among the most famous courses are The Old Course (dating from the 1400s), Carnoustie (1840s), Prestwick (host of the first Open Championship in 1851), Royal Troon (1878) nearby Turnberry (1901, sadly now owned by Donald Trump) and Muirfield (1744).

If you come and play in Scotland, be prepared to play fast! Less than 3 hours a round is quite normal!



MODESTY ASIDE



RTN. ROBIN GARCIA
CEO, WR Numero Research



Prof. Robin Michael U. Garcia, Ph.D. is a Shanghai-educated political scientist, professor and entrepreneur. He is the CEO of WR Numero Research, a technology-driven public opinion research firm. He also founded Warwick & Roger (W&R) an advisory firm with expertise in political economic risk, public policy and strategy.

Currently, he is an Assistant Professor at the Political Economy Program of the School of Law and Governance of the University of Asia & the Pacific (UA&P). He has also lectured at De La Salle University in Manila and the University of the Philippines in Diliman. Recently, he was appointed as a Non-Resident Fellow at the Albert Del Rosario Institute for International and Strategic Studies (ADRI)

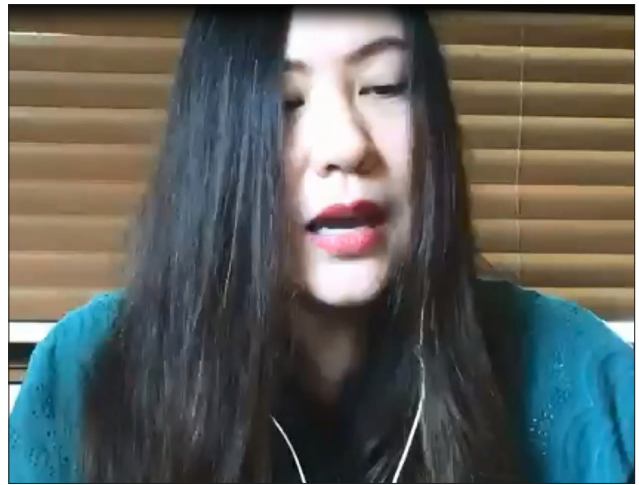
Robin specializes in political psychology, political economy and international relations in the context Southeast Asia, the Philippines and China. For his expertise, he been invited to deliver keynote addresses at the British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar, Mongolian Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Consular Corps of the Philippines, the Doing Business in Asia Alliance Annual Meetings, University of the Philippines Diliman, Ateneo de Manila University, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Peace Summit. His commentary has appeared in The National Interest, Eurasia Review, Rappler, CNN, South China Morning Post, Inuds News, Bloomberg Mongolia, Analyzing War among others. Moreover, he has advised top government leaders and multinational companies on political economic developments in the Philippines and in Asia.

At just 27 years of age, he obtained a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Politics and International Relations degree from the School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIRPA) of Fudan University in Shanghai, China where he was distinguished with the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence in 2017. He also holds a Master of Public Administration major in Public Policy from the University of the Philippines' National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG) in 2013, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Development Studies from De La Salle University 2010 where he was awarded the Gawad Magaaraal (Distinguished Student) Award.

MEETING REVIEW - JULY 30, 2020



Sps. Fides Tensuan acts as Moderator



Sps. Trina Reyes acts as Invocator



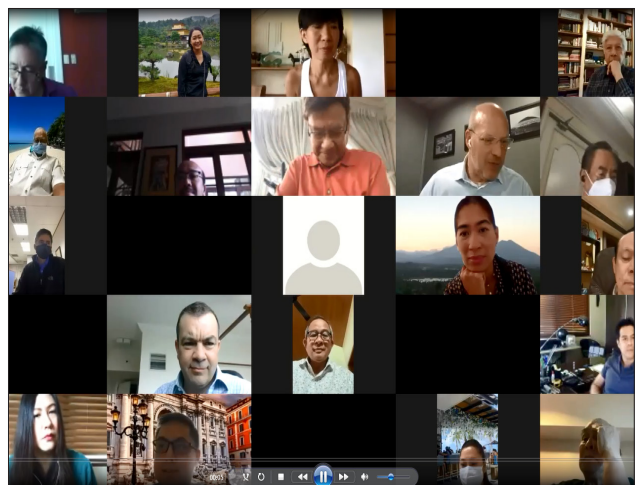
Pres. Al Thomson during his President's Time



Sps. Techie Hagedorn introduces the Guest Speaker



Mr. Nico Bolzico giving his talk



The Rotarians and Spouses while listening to Mr. Nico Bolzico

ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER



MS. MARIA NECITA "GIGI" B. GERONIMO

General Manager

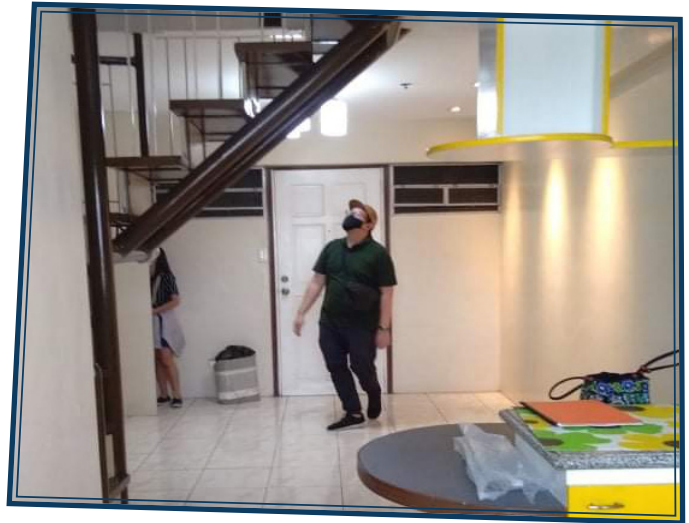
Crawford & Global Business Services Center

Maria Necita Geronimo, or GiGi, as she is more popularly known, is the current Country General Manager for Crawford & Company's Global Business Service Center, and concurrent Corporate Board Secretary and Treasurer of Crawford's various Philippine entities. She has built Crawford's GBSC from a 45-man Proof of Concept Operations to an 800 strong 24x7 Global Delivery Center operating out of two sites, Manila and Iloilo.

Prior to Crawford, GiGi served in various senior position roles in several multinational companies in the retail, consumer goods, banking/financial services and manufacturing industries. This has provided her extensive experience in leading and deploying interventions as well as new strategies to optimize efficiencies and attain desired business results.

GiGi is a Six Sigma Master Black Belt and Lean Professional and also holds certification in Business and Data Analytics. She got her education from the University of the Philippines and Monash University, Australia. She offers consultancies and conducts trainings, which is part of her advocacy.

HALFWAY HOUSE NEAR NCH AND DLSMC RENTED BY GOL CHAIR GERRY LIMCAOCO FOR PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES COMING FROM THE PROVINCES



RY 2010-2011 GOL BENEFICIARY MARA BALITAON GRADUATED WITH HONORS



This made my day! Just received a text from Cynthia Andrade, our super dedicated social worker at RC Makati West with an update from the mother of Mara Balitaon. She was a frail 2-year old that needed surgery for a congenital heart defect 10 years ago while I was president of the club. Top picture is the slide from my report in 2010. Below picture is from her virtual graduation earlier today. Mara just graduated from elementary school with awards! Go go Mara! Fly high and be a positive force in this world!

Enrico Angeles
President, RY 2010-2011

The RC Makati West in partnership with Gift of Life International has sponsored more than one thousand life-saving procedures for children with congenital heart defects.

From Mommy Maricar...

“Good morning po Ma’am Cynthia Andrade... Muli po kaming nagpapasalamat sa inyo ma’am Cynthia wayback 2010 sa mga pagaasikaso niyo po na mapabilang sa operation si Mara.

Natapos po ang isang chapter ng life niya nag graduate po siya this morning sa elem virtually po. Salamat po nang marami sa lahat ng staff ng RCMW na nakikipagcoordinate sa amin at sa lahat ng Rotarians ng RCMW at kay Sir Rob ng GOL, kay sir PP Eric Angeles na Pres noong time na naoperahan si Mara at kay Dr. Karl Reyes ... Muli lubos po ang aming pagpapasalamat sa inyong lahat, patuloy po kayong pagpalain ng Panginoon sa inyong mga ginintuang puso



RY 2011-2012 GOL BENEFICIARY WILHELM BAGAIN GRADUATED WITH HONORS

**Ramon Guerrero
President, RY (2011-2012)**

Magandang araw po.

Ako po si Wendell Bagain, ama ni Wilhelm Wolf Luis Bagain na tumanggap po ng inyong tulong upang siya po ay maoperahan sa puso noong Mayo, taong 2012.

Nais ko lamang po na kayo ay mapasalamatan sa inyong pagkakawang-gawa at pinapupurihan po namin ang Diyos dahil po sa inyong pagtugon sa pangangailangang operasyon ng aming anak.

Nais rin po namin na kayo ay balitaan sa kaniyang pangkasaluluyang kalagayan. Siya po ngayon ay nagtapos na sa elementary "with honors" sa Mababang Paaralan ng Legarda dito po sa Sampaloc, Manila.

Nakalakip po ang ilan lamang sa kaniyang larawan noong siya po ay naoperahan nang siya po ay 5 taong gulang at ngayong panahon na siya po ay 13 taong gulang.

Muli, salamat po sa inyo at sa lahat ng bumubuo ng Rotary Club of Makati West. Mabuhay po kayong lahat at patuloy na pagpalain ng ating Panginoon.



GIFT OF LIFE (GOL) BENEFICIARIES

De los Santos Medical Center

July 30, 2020



RCMW GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM RY 2020-2021



Magandang hapon po Ma'am Cynthia,

Ma'am, nakatanggap kami ng regalo mula kay sir Ernie Fajardo ngaung araw. Pinahatid po niya sa kanyang driver dito sa bahay namin. Mabait talaga si sir Fajardo, hindi niya kami nakakalinutan. Napakalaking tulong po sa amin ang binigay niyang groceries at cash. Lalo ngaun na wala pong trabaho ang asawa ko dahil sa COVID. Sobra kaming nagpapasalamat sa kabaitan niya sa amin mula noon hanggang ngaun.

Maagang pa birthday din po niya kay Renz at sa kanyang kambal na lalaki sa Aug 8. Gagamitin namin ang cash na ito sa pag aaral ni Renz sa darating na pasukan. Maraming salamat po sa inyong lahat!

Maria Luna Bernal
Mother of Renz Bernal,
GOL Beneficiary

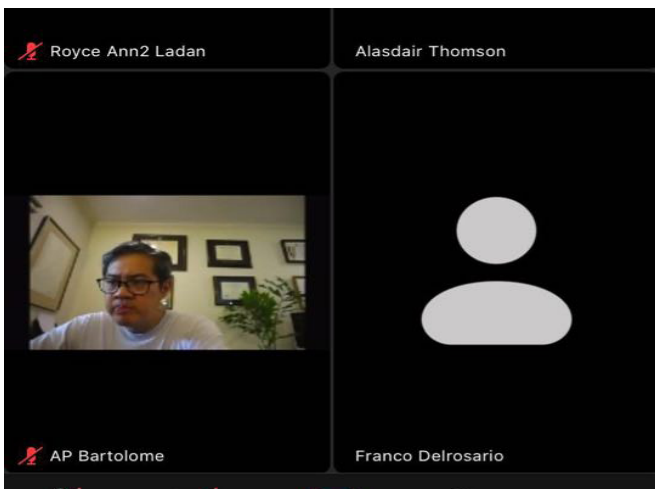
ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI WEST



ZOOM FIRE SIDE CHAT WITH PP LOU DEL ROSARIO

Zoom Conference

July 31, 2020



MESSAGE TO OUR SISTER CLUB RC SAPPORO WEST

President Al Thomson

“A number of us had planned a trip to Japan this Autumn to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our sister club RC Sapporo West. Sadly due to the ongoing pandemics the travel plans were put on hold.

President Al has sent a video message with our greetings to our brothers and sisters in Hokkaido. Click on the link below if you'd like to watch it.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hNhO6-QvrGSL5VtaaTSOE_cfCRmpfUyh/view?usp=drivesdk

Let's be sure to hold a make-up trip just as soon as circumstances allow!



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Thank you for paying your dues!!!

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Paul Harris Fellow Sign Ups

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