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# MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



## LUNCH MEETING

**DR. MARCO GEMMER**  
Head of Cooperation  
Delegation of the European Union  
to the Philippines

Date: September 4, 2025/ Thursday  
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel  
Time: 12nn-2pm



## LUNCH MEETING

**PP JOSE L. QUERUBIN**  
Monetary Board Member  
Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)

Date: September 11, 2025/ Thursday  
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel  
Time: 12nn-2pm



## LUNCH MEETING

**RTN. SCOTT MOORE**  
Managing Director  
Henley & Partners

Date: September 18, 2025/ Thursday  
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel  
Time: 12nn-2pm



## Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening

**Sports Park, Brgy. Santiago, Gen. Trias City**  
**September 19, 2025, Friday**  
**9:00am-3:00pm**



## Club Fellowship

**September 25, 2025, Thursday**  
**Venue: TBA**  
**Time: TBA**



# TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order  
PRES. DINO DUMATOL

Invocation

Philippine National Anthem (video)

12:30 PM RC Makati West Hymn

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guest:

Introduction of Personalities at the  
Presidential Table;

Committee announcement

12:45 PM President's Time  
PRES. DINO DUMATOL

Introduction of Guest Speaker  
RTN. CHRISTOPHE LEJEUNE

1:00 PM Speech  
DR. MARCO GEMMER  
Head of Cooperation  
Delegation of the European Union  
to the Philippines

Token of Appreciation

Moderator  
PP DAVE CALDWELL

## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



September 5  
PP JOJO QUERUBIN  
Birthday



September 5  
SPS. LILY REYES-LAO  
Birthday



September 5  
SPS. FE TACANDONG  
Birthday



September 3  
PP ERIC ANGELES & SPS. ROSANNA  
Wedding Anniversary



**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**DR. MARCO GEMMER**

**HEAD OF COOPERATION, DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION TO THE PHILIPPINES**

Marco Gemmer is Head of the Cooperation Section at the Delegation of the EU to the Philippines since August 2024. He leads the multi-annual programming cycle, investment pipeline and related policy dialogue. Marco held this position in Nepal and in the Republic of Moldova in support of Moldova's EU association before. From 2013-2016, he headed the EU climate services initiative in Brussels and was in charge of the European Research Area Network on Climate Services and focal point for joint programming with the European Space Agency. Earlier, he led the Energy and Climate Change portfolio in the EU Delegation to China and Mongolia (that time), and was assigned to the EU's Joint Research Centre in Italy. For five years he headed the Energy and Economy unit in China's National Climate Center in support of China's climate policy development. In his early career, he provided decision making support for environmental policy development in four continents. He holds a PhD in Natural Science, MSc and Habilitation in Geography.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Join forces

August has truly been a memorable month for our Rotary club.

On the very first day of the month, I had the pleasure of having lunch with RC Manila President Mr. Raoul Creencia, RC Makati President Mr. Eddie Galvez, and RC Makati Past President and current District Secretary Mr. Louie Aseoche. The initial purpose of our gathering was to discuss the upcoming joint meeting on November 6 where Senator Bam Aquino will be our guest speaker. However, it quickly became clear that the conversation would extend beyond that single event. Our discussion naturally shifted toward exploring ways our clubs could collaborate, not only in joint meetings but also in potential service projects. By the end of our exchange, we all shared the same conviction: our clubs can accomplish far more when we work together.

We once again witnessed this spirit of unity on August 27, when the Board of Directors and Officers of RC Makati West, RC Makati, and RC Manila came together for a fellowship



dinner at Chef Jessie in Rockwell. The evening was marked by joy, laughter, and meaningful conversations. The camaraderie among our clubs was clear, and there was a shared sense of excitement for the collaborations that lie ahead. Moments like these bring greater life and meaning to our work in Rotary.

Can you imagine the three largest Rotary clubs in the Philippines joining forces to pursue common goals? It is a truly remarkable vision. Instead of competing, we choose to collaborate, living out Rotary's international theme for RY 2025-2026: Unite for Good.

As we look ahead, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for more opportunities to work hand in hand with our fellow Rotary clubs. In the end, what truly matters is the bond of brotherhood and the spirit of service that unite us. When we come together, we not only inspire others but also draw inspiration from one another.

Indeed, August has shown us that when we are united, there is no limit to what we can achieve. Not only for our communities but for the world at large.

**Christopher Dino C. Dumatol**  
President, RY 2025-2026  
Rotary Club of Makati West



# THE WEEK IN REVIEW

August 28, 2025



Dir. Patrick Dionisio as Moderator



PP Franco del Rosario as Invocator



Pres. Dino Dumatol in his President's Time



Dir. Lemarc Limosnero introduces the guest speaker



Mr. Mike Grogan in his speech



Mr. Mike Grogan received from the Club the Gift of Life Certificate

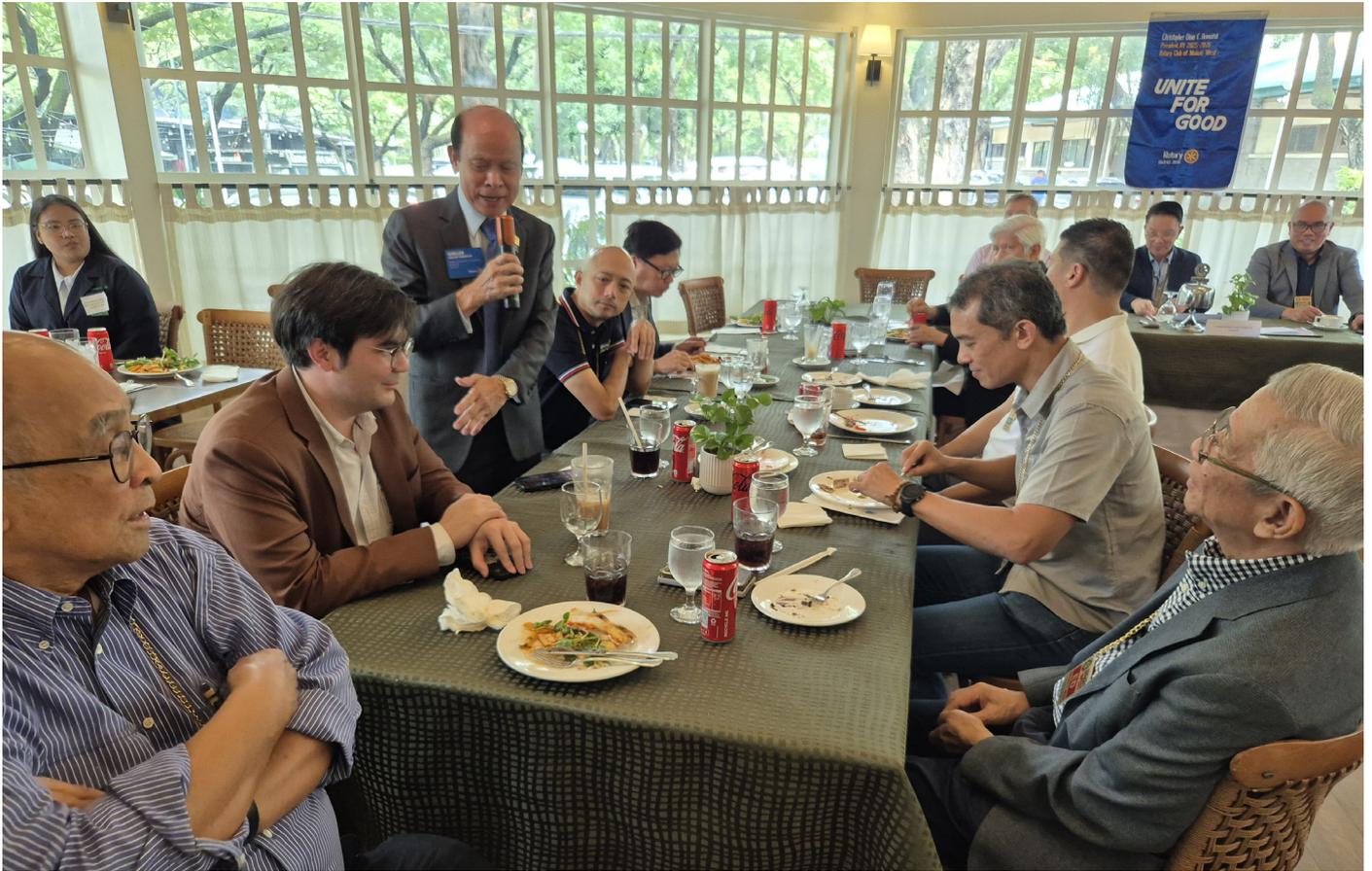


# WEST SIDE STORY





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PRID Guiller Tumangan gives a message during the Philippine College of Rotary Governors' Handover and Induction Ceremonies





President Dino Dumatol at the Lauching of RC Makati AI Academy with the Sisters of Mary students at RC Makati Building





RC Makati West was recognized as a finalist in the Regional Public Image Awards 2025, held at the Manila Hotel on August 23, 2025





Zachary Zane Tenorio  
arotuan El Nido, Palawan  
1 year old, female

PDA Device Closure  
De Los Santos Medical Center  
September 3, 2025



Callie Rose Molina  
San Marcos Cabarroguis Quirino  
1 year old, female

PDA Device Closure  
De Los Santos Medical Center  
September 3, 2025



## PROJECT UPDATES

### GIFT OF LIFE

GOL RY 2025-2026



Prince Cyrus Luna  
Ibabang Palsabangon, Pagbilao, Quezon  
4 years old, male

PDA Device Closure  
De Los Santos Medical Center  
September 3, 2025



Jada Amariah Gonzales  
963 S. Policarpio St. San Jose, Navotas City  
1 year old, female

PDA Device Closure  
De Los Santos Medical Center  
September 3, 2025



Axel Dolendo  
Cadiz City, Negros Occidental  
4 mos old, male

PDA Device Closure  
De Los Santos Medical Center  
September 3, 2025



Rianne Marray Nuncio  
Luna, La Union  
5 years old, female

PDA Device Closure  
De Los Santos Medical Center  
September 3, 2025

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GOL RY 2025-2026



Please contact Treas. Judd Balayan as the delegation head or the Secretariat for the RC Honolulu West visit

The Rotary Club  
of West Honolulu

# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## OCTOBER 16, 2025

**GOLF** | Klipper Golf Course  
Marine Corps Base Hawaii  
Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii 96863



## OCTOBER 17, 2025



**SISTER CLUB  
WELCOME  
DINNER**

Honolulu Elks Lodge 616  
2933 Kalakaua Ave.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

## OCTOBER 18, 2025

**DAY TOUR** | Bishop Museum  
1525 Bernice St.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817



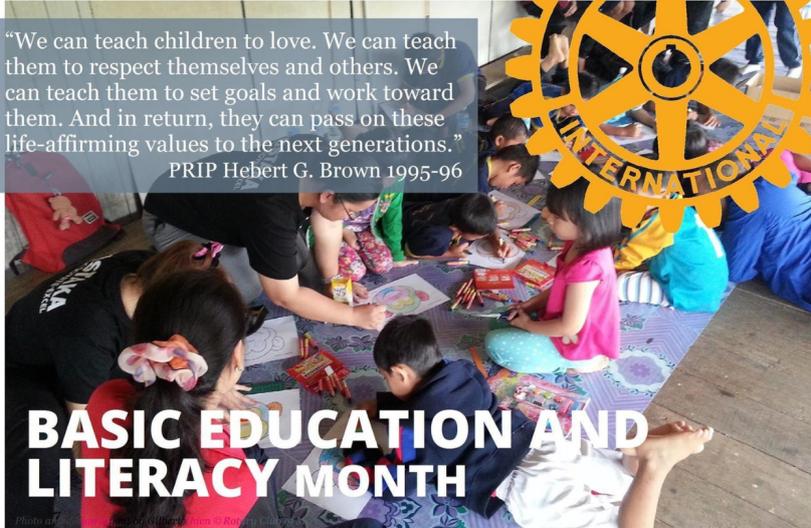
**75<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION  
DINNER** | Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra  
410 Atkinson Drive  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814



Roundtrip transportation will be provided to the events listed above.  
Event start times and transportation details to be sent when finalized.  
Any questions:  
email: [westhonolulurotary@gmail.com](mailto:westhonolulurotary@gmail.com) or contact your respective sister club liaison

# SEPTEMBER

“We can teach children to love. We can teach them to respect themselves and others. We can teach them to set goals and work toward them. And in return, they can pass on these life-affirming values to the next generations.”  
PRIP Hebert G. Brown 1995-96



## BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY



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#### Honorary Members

Hon. Secretary Albert del Rosario (+), Dr. Sol Alvarez  
Mr. Rob Raylman, PDG Joey Benedicto and PDG Leo de Guzman

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