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Thursday Lunch Meeting with guest speaker Dr. Marco Gemmer Dusit Thani Hotel September 4, 2025



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PP JOSE L. QUERUBIN
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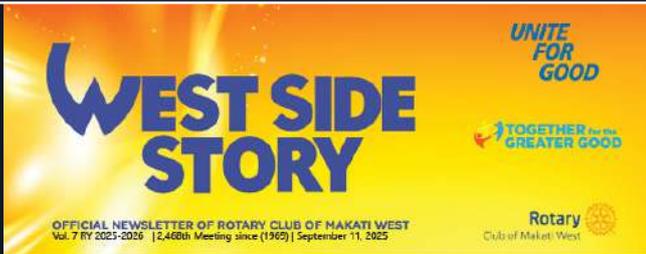
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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



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



District 3830 Awards Gala

September 28, 2025, Sunday
Venue: The Solaire Grand Ballroom
Time: 4pm



TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order
PRES. DINO DUMATOL

Invocation
RTN. LUIS ELIZAGA

Philippine National Anthem (video)

RC Makati West Hymn

12:45 PM Introduction of New Members
PP Ed Balois - Mr. Jose Luis Abellar
PP Dennis Decena - Mr. Armand Ng

President's Time
PRES. DINO DUMATOL

Introduction of Guest Speaker
PRID GUILLER TUMANGAN

12:30 PM Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guest:

Introduction of Personalities at the
Presidential Table;

Committee announcement

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

1 JOSE LUIS ABELLAR
Director of Sales
Seda Manila Bay

2 ARMANDO NG
President
Asia Cargo Container Line, Inc.

1:00 PM Speech
PP JOSE L. QUERUBIN
Monetary Board Member
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

Token of Appreciation

Moderator
PP DENNIS DECENA

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



September 8
SPS. MALOU PINEDA
Birthday



September 9
PP GIL CHUA
Birthday



September 9
RTN. AMEL MOTI
Birthday



September 12
RTN. JING LAPUS
Birthday



September 12
SPS. SARAH DECENA
Birthday



September 13
PP JUN ALVENDIA
Birthday



September 14
RTN. PETER HAGER
Birthday



September 8
RTN. PAOLO DELGADO & SPS. ANDI
Wedding Anniversary



September 12
PRID GUILLER TUMANGAN & SPS. LETTY
Wedding Anniversary



September 15
PP JOJO QUERUBIN & SPS. ROSARIO
Wedding Anniversary



GUEST SPEAKER

PP JOSE L. QUERUBIN

MONETARY BOARD MEMBER, BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILPINAS (BSP)

Before joining the Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' highest policy-making body, MBM Querubin was United Coconut Planters Bank President & CEO from 2003 to 2007, Bank of America's Senior Vice President & Asia Regional Sales Director based in Singapore from 2000 to 2003 and Philippine Country Manager & Managing Director from 1998 to 2000

He was also Executive Vice President for Solidbank Corporation from 1993 to 1998. Prior to assuming these senior positions, he started as an account officer at Bancom Development Corporation in 1980 and a year later, joined Citibank Philippines where he took on various responsibilities in lending, treasury, and trust banking until 1993.

MBM Querubin was also active in professional and civic organizations. He was Secretary of the Bankers Association of the Philippines from 2006 to 2007 and President and Chairman of Megalink, Inc. from 2005 to 2007. He also served as Governor of the Philippine National Red Cross from 2007 to 2008, Chairman of Operation Smile Philippines from 2004 to 2007, and President of Rotary Club of Makati West from 1999 to 2000.

He holds a master's degree in business administration (MBA) from the Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania, and bachelor's degrees in Mathematics (cum laude) and Mechanical Engineering from De La Salle University.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good news

Good afternoon, everyone. Let me begin with some good news.

As previously announced, our Gift of Life global grant has been approved. Last Monday, I received confirmation via email that \$86,000 will be released within seven days as the first tranche of payment, out of a total approved amount of about \$126,000.

During the months of July and August, our only funding for the Gift of Life project came from Gift of Life International and the MAIP funds of congressmen. As a result, the number of surgeries during those months was lower than last year. Gift of Life International sponsored 14 heart surgeries and is preparing to support another batch of patients. Meanwhile, we experience some delays in securing MAIP fund approvals from some Congressmen who have supported our project in the past. This makes the release of our global grant especially timely, as it will allow us to significantly increase the number of patients we are able to help each month. For information of everyone, we have helped a total of fifty patients as from July 2025.



More good news: Last Friday, we heard that our appeal to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) was approved. The penalty, initially set at ₱965,000, was reduced to ₱408,000, and has now been further lowered to just ₱41,000. Once we receive the final assessment notice from the SEC, we will settle it immediately. We sincerely thank Cong. Paul Daza and IPP Gerry Laperal for their invaluable assistance in this matter.

This development allows us to proceed with securing RCMW Foundation's accreditation with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), which will make it much easier to access government funds in support of our projects.

On another note, I had lunch last Monday with Raoul Creencia, President of RC Manila, and Eddie Galvez, President of RC Makati. We once again explored ways to strengthen collaboration among our clubs. One of the ideas we agreed to do in order to expose our members to each others club is that we will invite a limited number of members from RC Manila and RC Makati to join our future lunch meetings or fellowships, with their clubs extending the same courtesy to us. This, while we are looking for more opportunities to do joint meetings. Next, we agreed to identify a flagship project that our clubs can undertake together. In the meantime, we will also explore the idea proposed by Raoul Creencia on establishing a reading room in a selected school, with details still under study.

The start of this month has indeed been exciting for us. With the approval of our global grant, the reduction of the SEC penalty, progress toward DSWD accreditation, and fresh opportunities for collaboration, we are now better positioned to advance our mission and create a greater impact in the lives of those we serve.

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



THE WEEK IN REVIEW

September 5, 2025



PP Dave Caldwell as Moderator



Treas. Judd Balayan as Invocator



Pres. Dino Dumatol in his President's Time



Rtn. Christophe Lejeune introduces the guest speaker



Dr. Marco Gemmer in his speech



Dr. Marco Gemmer received from the Club the Gift of Life Certificate



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Joe Zac Alexander Urdaneza
Brgy. Lim-ao, Kananga, Leyte
10 years old, male

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
September 10, 2025



Zeporah Cayne Cermence
Brgy. Citrus San Jose Del Monte Bulacan
4 years old, female

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
September 10, 2025



PROJECT UPDATES

GIFT OF LIFE

GOL RY 2025-2026



Maria Theresa Jalimao
Brgy. Bakal, Paracale Camarines Norte
4 years old, female

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
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Aven Jazmyn Rubia
Brgy. Mayamot, Antipolo City
3 years old, female

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
September 10, 2025



Patricia Lorainne Herrera
JP Laurel St. Wawa Nasugbu, Batangas
9 years old, female

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
September 10, 2025



Shiela Catherine Flandez
Buenavista, West Candelaria, Quezon
16 years old, female

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
September 10, 2025

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GIFT OF LIFE

GOL RY 2025-2026



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8 August 2022

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District: 3830
 1223 Epifanio de los Santos Ave, Makati,
 12242 Metro Manila
 Makati, 1226, Philippines

Dear President Christopher Dino Dumatol,

ROTARY CLUB OF PETALING JAYA (RCPJ) 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OFFICIAL INVITATION

Warm greetings from the Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya.

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that our Club will soon be commemorating a significant milestone of 65 years dedicated service to the community.

This achievement stands as a testament to the unwavering commitment and enduring contributions of our past and present Rotarians.

In recognition of this momentous occasion, we will be celebrating our 65th Anniversary on Saturday, 17th January 2026, at our home venue, the Dorsett Grand Subang Hotel, Subang Jaya, Malaysia.

We are honored to extend our heartfelt invitation to you and your esteemed club members (including spouses) to join us for this joyous celebration. Please find below the tentative itinerary of events:

Itinerary of Events

13th January 2026 (Tuesday)

- Arrival of RCMW members
- A dedicated bus will be arranged to transfer all delegations from the airport to the hotel
- To streamline transportation (approximately 65 km, 1 hour drive), we kindly request all delegates to arrive on the same flight, where possible
- Dinner to be hosted by President David Ong at his residence

14th January 2026 (Wednesday)

- Free and Easy / Shopping

15th January 2026 (Thursday)

- After Breakfast at the hotel **depart 8AM** day trip to Melaka (approximately 150 km one way)
- Golfers will proceed to A'Famosa Golf Resort Melaka (*please bring your own golf equipment*)
 - Non-golfers/spouses will enjoy a guided tour of the historic city of Melaka
- Return to the hotel after dinner at A Famosa Resort
- All activities, including golf, are fully hosted by RCPJ



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16th January 2026 (Friday)

- After Breakfast at the hotel, Golfers Depart at 7:15 AM for 2nd round of golf at Templer Park Country Club (approx. 25 km)
- Non-golfers/spouses: Depart at 9:00 AM for Kuala Lumpur city tour, sight-seeing and shopping, followed by lunch. Leave for hotel by 5:00 PM
- Rotary Meeting and Welcome Dinner at the hotel at 7:00 PM
 - Attire: Smart Casual
 - Sister's Club Signing Ceremony
 - Exchange of Gifts
- All activities, including golf and tours, are hosted by RCPJ

17th January 2026 (Saturday)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit to the Groundbreaking Ceremony of an RCPJ Global Grant Project at SS2, Petaling Jaya, followed by lunch
- Return to the hotel by 2:00 PM to prepare for the evening
- 65th Anniversary Celebration Dinner begins at 5:00 PM at Dorsett Grand Subang
 - Attire: Formal
- All activities are hosted by RCPJ

18th January 2026 (Sunday)

- Morning at leisure
- Departure and transfer to the airport via organized bus service

Accommodation – Dorsett Grand Subang

Accommodation has been arranged at Dorsett Grand Subang (4-star) at special rates:

- Deluxe Room (Single/Twin): RM310.00 nett per room per night, inclusive of breakfast
- Club Room (Single/Twin): RM440.00 nett per room per night, inclusive of breakfast

Kindly indicate the number and type of rooms (Deluxe or Club) required for your delegation. We will require full name as per passports and the reservations will be made on your behalf, with your payment to be settled directly upon check-in on 13th January 2026.

All anniversary events, including the Welcome Dinner, will be held at the hotel for your convenience.

We are truly honored to welcome delegations from our ten sister clubs across ten countries to share in this joyous celebration. To ensure that we can extend our warmest hospitality to all, we kindly and respectfully request that your club limit its delegation to **26 participants**, including spouses.

Your gracious cooperation will help make this milestone even more memorable and we eagerly look forward to celebrating this special occasion together in the spirit of Rotary Friendship and Fellowship.



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To ensure smooth coordination of accommodation and transport arrangements, we would need your confirmation of your club's member/spouse attendance **no later than 15th October 2025.**

We very much look forward to welcoming you and your members to Petaling Jaya, and to celebrating this meaningful milestone together.

With Warm Regards,

Organizing Chairperson
PAG Captain HS Dharan
65th Anniversary Celebration

President (RY 25/26)
Rtn David Ong
Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya



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

The Rotary Club
of West Honolulu

75th 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



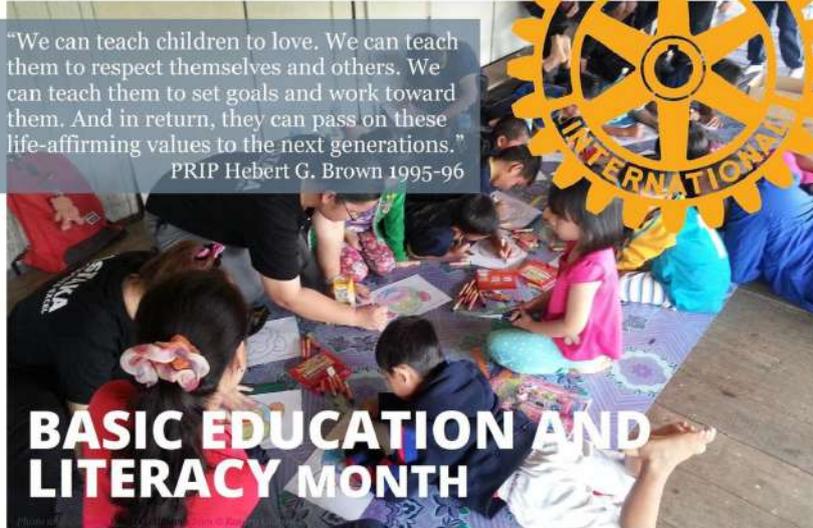
**75th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
DINNER** | Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra
410 Atkinson Drive
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814



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 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



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