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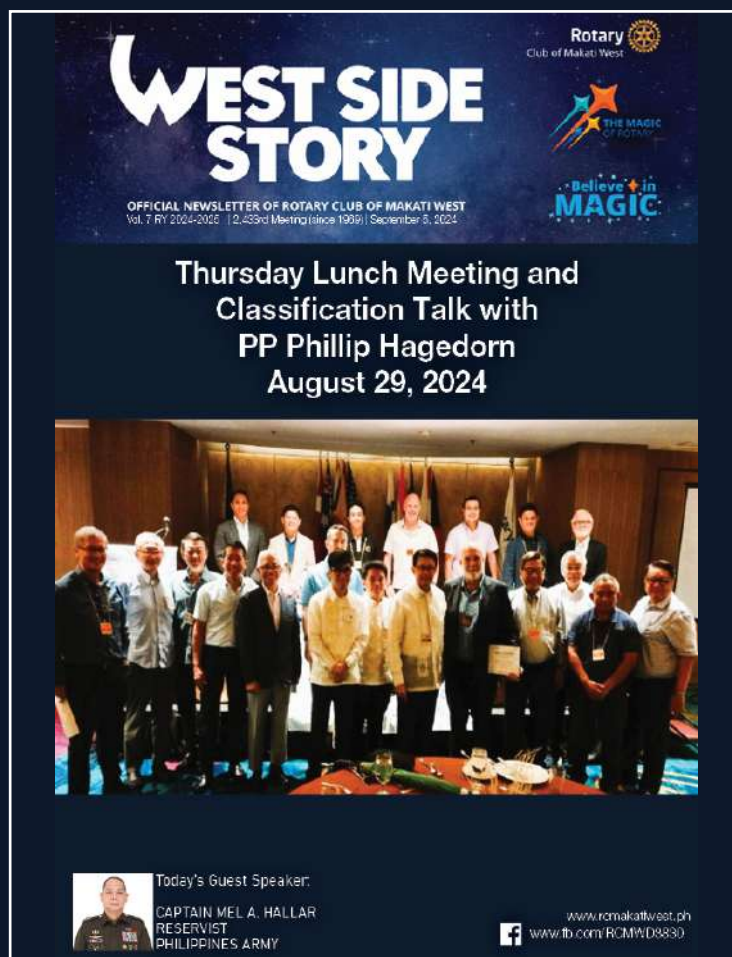
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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



LUNCH MEETING

Captain Mel A. Hallar
Reservist
Philippine Army

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



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION WORKSHOP (District Event)

Date: September 7, 2024/ Saturday
Venue: Ballroom 4L A. Venue Hotel Suites. Makati City
Time: 8am-1pm
DISTRICT 3830 ACTIVITY



LUNCH MEETING

Rtn. Monsour del Rosario
Olympian & President
South East Asian Taekwondo Federation

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



LADIES' DAY

Guest Speaker: Felicia Trinidad
Date: September 19, 2024/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



PUBLIC IMAGE SEMINAR (District Event)

Date: September 21, 2024/ Saturday
Venue: TBA
Time: 8am-12nn
DISTRICT 3830 ACTIVITY



TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order
PRES. GERRY LAPERAL

Invocation

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

12:45 PM President's Time
PRES. GERRY LAPERAL

Introduction of Guest Speaker
RTN. PAOLO DELGADO

1:00 PM Speech
CAPTAIN MEL A. HALLAR
Reservist
Philippine Army

Token of Appreciation

Moderator
RTN. SCOTT MOORE

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



September 5
SPS. LILY REYES-LAO
Birthday



September 5
SPS. FE TACANDONG
Birthday



September 3
PP ERIC ANGELES & SPS. ROSANNA
Wedding Anniversary



GUEST SPEAKER CAPT. MEL A. HALLAR RESERVIST, PHILIPPINE ARMY

The Person Behind The Name Is A Notable Figure In The Philippines, Primarily Recognized For His Contributions As A Reservist And His Involvement In Various Community Support Initiatives. He Serves As A Security Consultant Of Laperal Properties, And Holds A Position As An Officer In The 407th (Arald) Transport Battalion Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines' Affiliate Reserve Unit.

Captain Hallar Has Been Involved In Several Charitable Activities, Including The Donation Of Personal Protective Equipment (Ppe) To The National Bureau Of Investigation (Nbi), Pnp-Hpg, Dnd-Disg, 2id-Pa, And Public Schools During The Covid-19 Pandemic. Additionally,

He Has Played A Significant Role In Supporting Military Personnel Stationed At The Brp Sierra Madre In Ayungin Shoal By Coordinating Donations Of Essential Supplies. His Efforts

Have Been Instrumental In Boosting The Morale And Well-Being Of Troops, Highlighting His Dedication To Both National Defense And Community Service.

Captain Hallar Is An Adopted Of The Following:

- Pma Class Sanlingan 2005
- Pnpa Class Kaisang-Bisig 2009
- Ncrpo Swat Class Hinagiban 01-2022

Honoraries:

- Navsog Class 88
- Special Forces
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal (Eod) Class 45-2024
- King Of Battle
- Jungle Fighter

A Member Of The Philippine Society For Industrial Security International (Psis) Class 505, Of Which He Is A Certified Security Professional (Csp)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

[Access](#)

Dear Zesters,

Tropical Storm Enteng (international name: Yagi) has intensified and is currently affecting several areas in Luzon. As of the latest updates, Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal No. 2 has been raised over multiple areas as of Monday, September 2, 2024. If anyone has any worthy projects for us to engage in given the typhoon season, let's act on it!

Just to remind everyone of the upcoming events:

Gift of Life

Sept 11th Delos Santos Medical Center

Sept 18th Delos Santos Medical Center

Gift of Sight

Sept 14th Medsurg Eye Center



Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening
Sept 14th Pila, Laguna
Sept 16th Calauan, Laguna

Last meeting, PP Phil Haggardorn gave a talk on the current state of Philippine and global equity markets. We are so used to seeing negative news (I suppose it sells better) that many times, I forget how fortunate we are. Fortunate to be Rotarians; fortunate to be in the Philippines which currently has some of the most undervalued stocks; fortunate to witness the drama going on in the Alice Guo saga—by golly is it entertaining.

I learned quite a few things from PP Phil's speech. First, that access, access, access is the key to greater participation in the equity markets here in the Philippines. With 1.5 million accounts and growing, ATRAM is able to cater to many, many more Filipinos thanks to GCash and the digitization of financial services.

Second, that PP Al Thompson and PP Phil are mag-bilas (I actually only learned that word last meeting.) Lastly, that the demographic texture of the Philippines is similar to the US in 1980 (when the baby boomers came of age and became productive members of society.) 75% of Filipinos aged 5-24 are currently attending school and the literacy rate is over 97%.

What is there not to like?! We have one of the fastest growth rates in ASEAN/Asia, robust (not the kind available at 7/11) foreign reserves and manageable debt levels, and a population that is more educated, skilled and will most likely make more money than the previous generation.

Foreign money has been flowing out of the Philippines since 2016 but in the words of PP Phil, they always come back.

Please do not take any of this as investment advice but here is an interesting tidbit. In 2014, Ayala Land had a land bank of about 8,000 hectares. Currently, they have over 12,000 hectares in their land bank. Now, if you could go back 10 years (and had the liquidity,) what real estate would you buy in the Philippines with the benefit of hindsight? I think the answer would be almost everything. Well, Ayala Land is trading at levels first seen in January 2013 (dividends not included.) Interesting times and perhaps opportune times indeed.

This week, we have Capt. Mel Hallar as our speaker. He is an expert on taking physical possession of properties with illegal settlers. All the haciendero's of RC Makati West may want to attend his talk, especially if you have squatter issues.

Given that PP Phil is about to make those who listen to his advice a boatload of money, and perhaps Capt. Hallar will help some get back previously squattered properties, PP Eric Tensuan and I will be giving out solicitation letters for our upcoming 55th anniversary and 20th anniversary of Gift of Life. We need your support to sustain our programs. Andy Warhol once said, the idea isn't to live forever; it is to create something that will.

Stay dry (but not too dry) and safe.

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



THE WEEK IN REVIEW

August 29, 2024



Rtn. Roman Azanza as Moderator



Rtn. Luis Cantada as Invocator



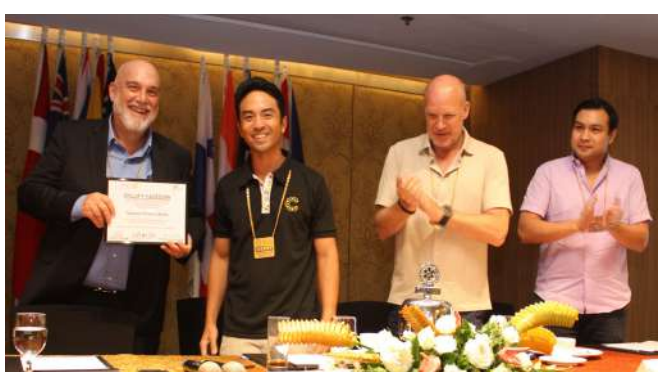
Pres. Gerry Laperal in his President's time



PP Alasdair Thomson Introduces the guest of honor



PP Phillip Hagedorn in his speech



PP Phillip Hagedorn received a Gift of Life Certificate from the club



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**RC NAGOYA AIRPORT & DEBBIE DECENA SCHOLARS
in partnership with RC Makati West, School Year 2022-2026**



Arobo, Althea Mae A.
Bachelor in Secondary Education
Major in Social Studies
Cum Laude



Santos, Czarina Marielle R.
Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurial Management
Cum Laude



Gomez, Maica G.
Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting
(Maica will continue her 5th year in UMak for BS Accountancy program)



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Ramos, Colleene N.

Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting
(Collene was hired at the Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) and had her first day on Sept. 2, 2024)



Gunsay, Patrisha Mae

Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting
(Patrisha will continue her 5th year in UMak for BS Accountancy program)



Tomas, Ma. Erika

Bachelor of Science in Office Administration



**Rotaract Club of Makati West Active Members Graduated
S.Y. 2022-2026 - University of Makati**



Ines, Kim Janine

Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting
(Kim will continue her 5th year in UMak for
BS Accountancy program)
Magna Cum Laude



Basan, Mary Angel

Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting



Bambico, Rheesemae Angel

Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting



Rotaract Club of Makati West Scholar Officers & Members Shared their experiences from the RAC Enroll event



ROTARACTORS #SKL (SHARE KO LANG)

RAC President Christian Sevillena

As the current President of the Club and first time hosting a district event, this experience served as our training ground on how we should move as a club in organizing an event. It's not an easy task to fulfill but we're glad that through the help of district officers, our mother club, and my co-officers, we were able to execute the event successfully. The event comprised of different programs that suits Rotaractors depending on their knowledge about the organization. It was truly helpful to have such active Past District Rotaract Representatives present on that day.

Jasmin Tolentino - Scholar officer

Attending RAC Enroll 2024 was a fun and rewarding experience. I not only learned more about Rotary but also got a better understanding of what Rotaract is all about. The event covered a lot of helpful topics, like how to use the Rotary Portal, all explained in a way that was easy to follow. What made the event even more special was meeting members from different clubs, especially the new members of the Rotaract Club of Makati West. It was great to connect with them and share our experiences. The whole event was a mix of learning and fun, and I'm excited to see everyone again at future events.



ROTARACTORS #SKL (SHARE KO LANG)

Aubrey Ceño - member since 2022 ×

First is traveling Makati to Alabang was very fun po, because it's my first time doing commute papunta dun and super fun kase kasama ko sila. After nun, yung pagsakay ng bus and jeep sobrang saya po kase sama sama kami sa isang jeep. Pagdating po sa place, super lakas ng ulan. Super nag enjoy po ako lalo na sa bato bato pick and yung hahanap ibang tao then magpapakilala tapos mag pipick. And super dami ko po natutunan about rotaract, mas mabigyan ako knowledge kung ano ba talaga and purpose ng rotaract.

Mark Sevilena - member since 2023

It was a great experience as a novice member of rotaract club of makati west. I gained a lot of knowledge about rotary and rotaract, and what is the difference between that two. I learned the types of service which are club service, international service, professional and community service and also those area of focus.

Jia Ventura - new member ×

I had a blast at the "RAC ENROLL" event! I also met new members and officers from various Rotaract clubs. It also helped me to step out of my comfort zone, get to know other people, learn from them, engage with the club, and to understand on how to give back to the community. RAC Enroll broadened my understanding of Rotaract itself.





ROTARACTORS #SKL (SHARE KO LANG)

Rica Mae Omlang – Scholar officer



Ang pag-attend ko sa RAC Enroll bilang officer at Member ng Rotaract Club of Makati West ay isang napaka-rewarding na experience na nagpalalim ng aking kaalaman tungkol sa mission at values ng organisasyon. Sa orientation, naipaliwanag ng mabuti kung ano ang Rotaract at Rotary, at kung paano sila committed sa serbisyo, leadership, at pag-unlad ng komunidad.

Natutunan ko ang tungkol sa global network ng Rotary International at kung paano ang Rotaract ay mahalaga sa pagbibigay-kapangyarihan sa mga kabataan para makagawa ng pagbabago sa kanilang mga komunidad.

Isa sa mga highlights ng event ay ang interactive na Kahoot session. Masaya siya at educational din dahil tiniting nito ang aming kaalaman tungkol sa history ng Rotary, mga key initiatives, at ang impact ng Rotaract sa buong mundo. Nagkaroon kami ng friendly competition, na nagpatibay sa values ng teamwork at collaboration.

Isa pang mahalagang bahagi ng experience ay ang pagkakilala ko sa mga miyembro mula sa ibang clubs. Nakaka-inspire makipag-usap sa kanila at marinig ang kanilang mga kwento at experiences. Nakakatuwang malaman na kahit iba-iba ang aming mga backgrounds, iisa ang layunin namin—ang maglingkod at makatulong sa komunidad. Ang mga bagong friendships na nabuo at ang exchange ng ideas ay nagpalalim ng aking appreciation sa pagiging bahagi ng Rotaract. Pagkatapos ng event, naramdaman kong inspired at motivated akong mag-contribute sa mga future projects ng club, alam kong bahagi na ako ng isang global movement na dedikado sa paggawa ng mas mabuting mundo.



Maica Gomez – Immediate Past President ✕

On August 24, 2024, I had the distinct honor of chairing an event hosted by my club, the Rotaract Club of Makati West, at South Crest Muntinlupa School. This event was particularly significant as it marked the first time, for this Rotaract Year, our club hosted a District event, and it was also the first event I chaired as a District Officer. The experience was a milestone in my journey with Rotaract, filled with moments of pride, learning, and connection.

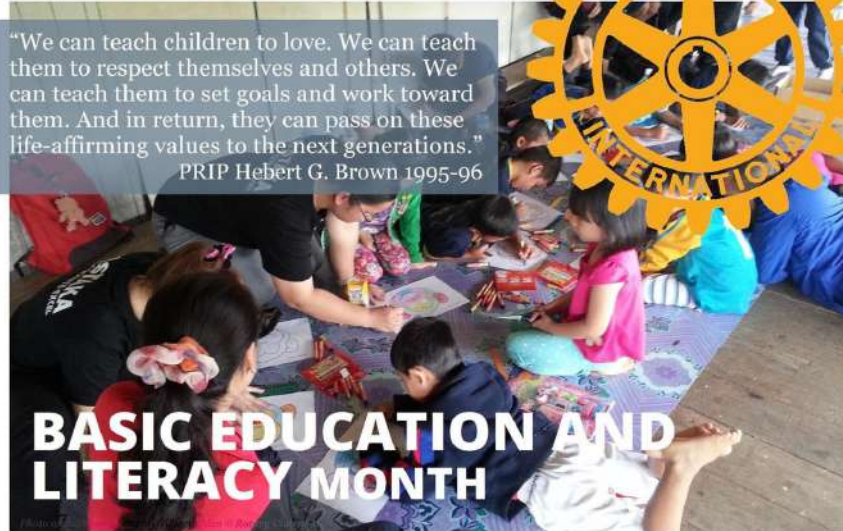
One of the highlights of the day was the opportunity to learn from the speakers. Despite having served in Rotaract for over a year, the event provided new insights and knowledge that were both inspiring and educational. The speakers shared their expertise on various topics, offering fresh perspectives that I found valuable. It was a reminder that there is always more to learn, and that growth is a continuous process. The knowledge I gained from the event will undoubtedly enhance my contributions to the club and my personal development as a Rotaractor.

In reflecting on the experience, I am filled with gratitude. The success of the event was not only a testament to our club's ability to host a District event but also a personal achievement in my role as a District Officer. The joy of witnessing our club's first hosted event and the fulfillment of chairing it for the first time will stay with me for a long time. I am excited about the future and the potential for more opportunities to serve, learn, and connect within Rotaract.

This event was a significant chapter in my Rotaract journey, and I am proud of what we accomplished. It reinforced my commitment to the organization and inspired me to continue striving for excellence in service. The experience was a powerful reminder of the impact we can make when we come together with a shared purpose, and I am eager to see where this journey will take me next.

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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