

WEST SIDE STORY

Rotary Club of Makati West



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2,272nd Meeting (since 1969)
September 3, 2020*

GOL Beneficiaries at Delos Santos Medical Center



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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

LUNCH MEETING

Date: September 10, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm
GS: PP Eddie Yap
Topic: Transpormation of EDSA

NEXT FIRESIDE CHAT

Date: September 7, 2020/ Monday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 6pm - 7pm
Host: Pres. Al Thomson
Topic: Funding Your Ambition

RCMW 2020 ART AUCTION

Date: September 14 - 18, 2020/ Thursday

LUNCH MEETING

Date: September 17, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm
GS: Ms. Monette Iturralde Hamlin
President, TeamAsia
Topic: Arresting Decline of English Language
Proficiency of Filipinos for Global
Competitiveness

LUNCH MEETING

Date: September 24, 2020/ Thursday
Venue: Zoom Conference
Time: 12nn - 2pm
GS: Mr. Paco Sandejas
Managing Partner, Narra Venture Capital

TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order
PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON (RCMW)
PRESIDENT ANGELI GURNAMAL (RCMAT)

12:20 PM Invocation
RTN. MATTHIEU BENEDICTO (RCMW)
Philippine National Anthem
RTN. GIGI GARCIA (RCMAT)
RCMW Hymn
PP FERN PEÑA (RCMW)
RCMAT Hymn (Video)
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guest
Introduction of Personalities
at the Zoom Meeting
Committee Announcements

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Sps. Heidrey Bradshaw	Sept 3
Sps. Lily Reyes-Lao	Sept 5
Sps. Fe Tacandong	Sept 5
Rtn. David Gill	Sept 6
Sps. Lourdes Pineda	Sept 8
Dir. Gil Chua	Sept 9

12:30 PM President's Time
PRESIDENT ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON (RCMW)
PRESIDENT ANGELI GURNAMAL (RCMAT)

12:40 PM Introduction of the Guest Speaker
PRESIDENT ANGELI GURNAMAL (RCMAT)

Speech
SEC. RAFAEL M. ALUNAN III

Moderator
PP JAY TAMBUNTING (RCMW)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

PP Eric Angeles	
Sps. Rosanna	Sept 3
Rtn. Venu Kotamraju	
Sps. Ana	Sept 8



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ALASDAIR J.W THOMSON
President, RY 2020 - 2021

Men of Action!

I'm starting my message with a shameful admission: I really MISSED YOU all last week at our Thursday lunch! Fortunately, around 30 of you joined instead for the evening Quiz Night which I thought went pretty well for a first attempt. If you thought so too, please do encourage your fellows to sign up and join the next online fellowship. More is always merrier at Makati West!

Among the great news in the past week is that we received \$33,000 for our Artificial Limbs project, thanks to funding from our own District 3830, from District 3501 and RC Hsinchu Lily in Taiwan, from our sister club RC Dhonburi in Thailand and with matching of \$15,000 from the Rotary Foundation. Director Robbie together with his team of PP Lito Jimenez and Rtn. Nory Reyes Lao will be working hard in the coming weeks with PGH to figure out how to deploy this money in the current circumstances.

As TRF Chair Gerry has been pointing out recently, this sort of funding comes back to us multiplied several-fold as a result of the generous giving of our Paul Harris donors each year. So please do make the commitment. If you haven't been a Paul Harris donor yet, then I am offering to match your contribution to get you on the first rung of the ladder. If you are an experienced giver, then Gerry has schemes aplenty to help you maintain your habit - please get in touch with him. Let's see if we can make our way towards RCMW being a 100% Paul Harris club?

Looking ahead to September, please do all you can to promote and share with your friends the upcoming Alay Sining art auction to be held online from 14-18th September. All funds raised will go to Covid-19 related relief projects. This is a great chance to snap up some unique mementos of a landmark moment in our lives, to improve your home decor and to help our less fortunate brethren. If you can't bid yourself, find a friend to bid in your place!

Finally today, I am delighted that this week we hold our first joint meeting of the year with RC Makati Ayala Triangle, and on behalf of all of us I extend our best wishes to PVP Angeli Gurnamal and her members. Thanks also to our guest speaker today, Secretary Rafael M. Alunan III who I am sure will be well placed to brief us on the situation in the West Philippine Sea, a matter of keen interest to our members and in particular to our Honorary Member, Sec. Albert Del Rosario.

Yours in Zest,
Alasdair Thomson

Today's word is:

“Slàinte Mhath” (Slanj-a-va)

“Cheers” or “Good Health”, often shortened to just Slàinte so that you can start drinking just that little bit earlier. This is Scots Gaelic, which sadly now is spoken only by a few tens of thousands of Scots, mostly in the Western Isles and Western Highlands.

But say these words in any pub in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen or elsewhere and folks will smile and respond in kind.



Scottish Heritage

The Glenlivet

The original distillery opened in 1822, and after legalisation in 1824 went on to become one of the best known Speyside Malts in the world, particularly in the US where at one point in the 1950s is boasted a 50% market share. Important to note that this is “The” Glenlivet, a moniker secured at some effort to distinguish it from other whiskies distilled in the same valley.

This 12 year old is a lovely session whisky, but was so popular they ran out of production in 2015! Fortunately they've found a new stash of stock so it is back again!

Tasting Note by The Chaps at Master of Malt

Nose: Apricot, pineapple, greengages, citrus blossom and toasted teacake.

Palate: Buttery and vanilla-rich, though still packing all the bright fruit notes from the nose.

Finish: A soft crackle of oaky spice and malt, plus a hint of red apple juiciness.



MODESTY ASIDE



MODESTY ASIDE CORNER

Full name: Hirokazu Koro

We call you as: Hiro

Relationship and family: Married to Etsuko Yabunaka. Now we have a son and a daughter. I am the middle of 3 brothers. Still I have a grandmother who is 111 years old, a father of 96, and mom of 88.

Education and Training: Graduated Hitotsubashi University law department.-Day job: General Manager of the Manila branch of Weathernews Inc.

Work fulfillment: Weather is not unpredictable but predictable. I find it a great joy to make my customers happy, who have given up on it so far.

Work challenges: Making solutions for both mitigation and adaptation to Global Climate Change

Rotary goals: To be invited as a speaker guest in the future.

Rotary achievements: Now I can sing the national anthem of the Philippines, and can dance on the stage of Philippines

Special talents/ interesting facts: Survival talent inherited as heredity. (My father was in the basement of a shopping mall when the Atomic bomb just above him exploded in Nagasaki.)

Hang-out place: Pares restaurant (One day, I brought my friend there but he was disappointed because he had thought that I said "Paris" restaurant..)

Unforgettable moment: I myself destroyed the wall in Berlin.

Poison/ Drink of choice: San Mig Light (bottle, not can. Because carbonic acid is stronger in a bottle than in a can.)

Weekend activities: Practice golf at Driving Range of Intramuros. (during GCQ only)

Post-covid get-away plans: To visit the market of Wuhan.

G.O.A.T: Ichiro Suzuki in baseball, Pacman in boxing, and Toshi in golf.

Favorite movie: "Melody", "The Graduate"

MEETING REVIEW - AUGUST 20, 2020



Rtn. Robin Garcia acts as Moderator



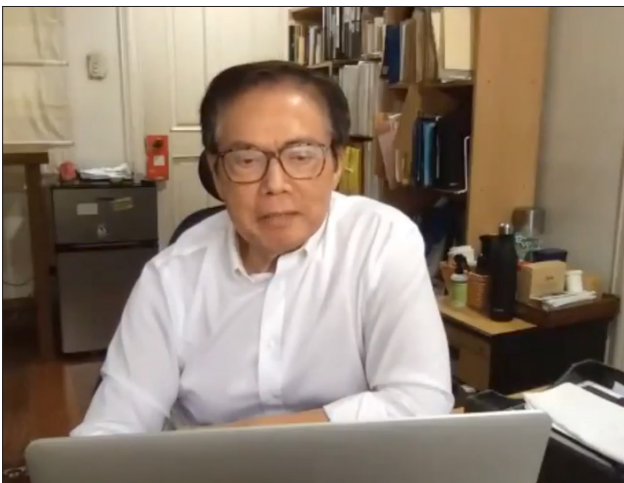
SAA Dax Carlos acts as Invocator



Rtn. Scott Moore leading the RCMW Hymn



Pres. Al Thomson during his President's Time



PE Franco Del Rosario introduces the Guest Speaker



Mr. Donald Patrick Lim giving his talk

ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER



SEC. RAFAEL ALUNAN III

Rafael M. Alunan III sits on various Boards of Directors: as Vice-Chair, Pepsi Cola \Products (Philippines), Inc. and chairs the Audit Committee (PCPPI); Metro Global Holdings Corp. and chairs the Risk and Corporate Governance Committees; as Chairman, Philippine Council for Foreign Relations (PCFR) and Harvard Kennedy School Alumni Association of the Philippines Inc. (HKSAAPI); as President, Philippine Taekwondo Foundation;

He also sits on the board of the Spirit of EDSA Foundation; founded One Philippines Party List; and serves as Senior Adviser to United Harvest Corp., Kaltimex Energy Phils, and United Defense Manufacturing Corp.

Mr. Alunan is an Eminent Fellow of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP); and Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) and Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA). He co-authored the book entitled “Silver Linings”; and produced the documentary entitled “Tagaligtas”; and is a member of the Maritime League; the Fraternal Order of Eagles of the Philippines; and Zeta Phi Omega fraternity.

He holds the rank of Colonel in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and commanded the 131st Infantry Division (Standby Reserve) and the 9th Infantry Division (Ready Reserve) of the Philippine Army. He is an adopted member of Philippine Military Academy Marangal Class of 1974, PC-Special Action Force, Special Forces Regiment (Airborne) and First Scout Ranger Regiment.

Mr. Alunan obtained his double degree in Business Administration and History-Political Science from De La Salle University; attended Ateneo de Manila University’s Master in Business Administration-Senior Executive Program; earned a Master’s degree in Public Administration and a certificate in Executive Education from Harvard Kennedy School of Government; and graduated from the Philippine Army’s Command and General Staff College Operations Course.

Mr. Alunan served in the Cabinets of Presidents Corazon C. Aquino and Fidel V. Ramos as Secretary of Tourism and Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, respectively.

GIFT OF LIFE (GOL) BENEFICIARIES RY 2020-2021

De los Santos Medical Center

August 22, 2020



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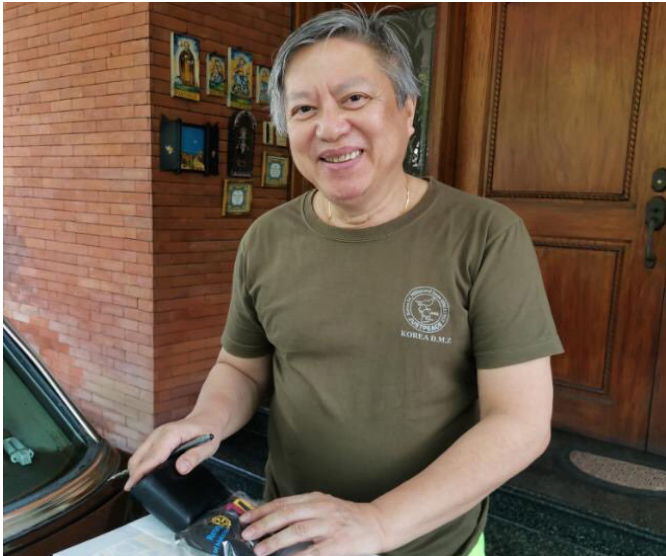
August 22, 2020



ROTARIANS RECEIVING THEIR 50TH COFFEE TABLE BOOK



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ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI WEST 2020 ART AUCTION

September 14 - 18, 2020

Rotary Club of Makati West

2020 ART AUCTION

Proceeds will be used to fund
RCMW COVID-19 projects

September 14 to 18

Gus Albor
Jinggoy Buensuceso
Ferdinand Cacnio
Ernest Concepcion
Daniel Dela Cruz
Frederick Epistola
Egai Talusan Fernandez
Mark Laza
Arnel Natividad
Margie Organo
Carlito Ortega

Want to help our community and enjoy a work of art? Participate in a silent auction whose proceeds go to help those in need during COVID19.

The Rotary Club of Makati West is committed to helping our communities with the following projects:

- 1. Fashion for Frontliners: Providing PPEs to our modern day heroes.**
- 2. Elmer's Run: Providing free transports to our frontliners.**
- 3. Masquerade: Providing modified snorkel masks to our healthcare providers.**

See all the works of art on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=AlaySiningByRCMW&set=a.4565240486882160>

YOUR CLUB IN THE CLOUD

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nxigVxYpiCR5R09BePZH>

Weekly Meeting Videos

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RHNBRUCUvP6vbvb4sMV3000T?usp=sharing>

Induction & Handover

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BvwucxVYyERj8ioFTWO_HbZC8loHuLNP?usp=sharing

Fireside Chat Archive

West Side Story

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1oa3zrZT6FzmWOYRX7i3Y6TYKAiyQsct3?usp=sharing>

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