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BASE BAHAY FOUNDATION, INC.

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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



Joint Club Meeting RC Makati

Mr. Luis Felipe Lopez
Head of Product Development
Base Bahay Foundation, Inc.

Date: September 26, 2023/ Tuesday
Venue: The Peninsula Manila
Time: 12nn to 2pm



Lunch Meeting

Mr. Jonathan Raveles, CTA
Managing Director
eManagement for Business &
Marketing Services(EMBM)

Date: October 5, 2023/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani
Time: 12nn to 2pm



Joint Club Meeting RC Makati Bel-Air

Date: October 12, 2023/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani
Time: 6pm - 8pm



Special Lunch Meeting

Date: October 19, 2023/ Thursday
Venue: Red Lantern, Solaire
Time: 12nn to 2pm



Lunch Meeting

Mr. Michael Raeuber
Chairman
Group Chief Executive Officer
Royal Cargo, Inc.

Date: October 26, 2023/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani
Time: 12nn to 2pm



TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order

PRES. DAX CARLOS (RC Makati West)
PRES. BING MATOTO (RC Makati)

Invocation

DIR. CHARLES RUFINO (RC Makati West)

Philippine National Anthem (video)

12:30 PM

RC Makati West Hymn
RCMW Members

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests;

Introduction of Personalities in the Presidential Table;

Committee announcements

12:45 PM President's Time

PRES. DAX CARLOS (RC Makati West)
PRES. BING MATOTO (RC Makati)

Introduction of Guest Speaker

DIR. RODRIGO SEGURA (RC Makati)

1:00 PM Speech

ENGR. LUIS FELIPE LOPEZ
Head of Product Development
Base Bahay Foundation Inc.

Open Forum

Token of Appreciation

Moderator

RTN. CHRIS FERAREZA (RC Makati)

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



September 26
SPS. ANA VALERIO
Birthday



September 28
VP DINO DUMATOL
Birthday



September 29
RTN. JP PRADO
Birthday



September 30
RTN. MARK SAMBAR
Birthday



September 26
PP JUN ALVENDIA & SPS. LISA
Wedding Anniversary



September 28
RTN. NORAY REYES-LAO & SPS. LILY
Wedding Anniversary



GUEST SPEAKER ENGR. LUIS FELIPE LOPEZ HEAD OF PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT BASE BAHAY FOUNDATION, INC.

Luis was the Head of Product Development for over five years at Base Bahay Foundation, Inc. (BBFI) before being appointed as the Philippine based non-profit organization's Head of Technology in August 2019. BBFI is a foundation that provides affordable and sustainable housing solution for indigent Filipinos, using Bamboo as the principal structural material.

Fully supported by Hilti Foundation (HF) that operates in the Philippines and Colombia, BBFI specializes in research and development of innovations in bamboo construction; quality control of bamboo houses construction; structural design of bamboo houses; and treated bamboo production coordination. It has already built 1,200 bamboo houses benefiting the poorest Filipino families.

Prior to BBFI, Luis served as Structural Engineer Consultant from May 2012 to July 2014 in a reforestation company in Colombia, which produces many kinds of wood like Pine, teak and others. He was also the Manager of Timber Constructions from August 2010 to June 2011 at the Ministry of Culture of Colombia, responsible for heritage constructions. He also served as Adviser of infrastructure and structural engineering from January-December 2009 at the University of Los Andes, the most important private university in Colombia.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the National University of Colombia in December 2000 and earned his Master of Science in Civil Engineering degree at Los Andes University, Bogotá D.C., Colombia in March 2009.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Smog

Last week, I was saddened by the news about smog or air pollution being at its worst levels in some parts of Metro Manila. Many attributed this to the volcanic smog that Taal Volcano has been spewing, but experts clarified that this was not the case.

Apparently, only provinces surrounding Taal Volcano have been affected by “volcanic smog” since Taal started to emit high levels of sulfur dioxide in early September. In the case of Metro Manila, it was not Taal-related but the intense air pollution last week was caused by emissions from heavy vehicular traffic.

Thanks God, air quality both in Metro Manila and Taal’s surrounding areas has reportedly improved this week. With all these air pollution concerns, you may want to install a daily air quality monitoring app like the Philippines Air Quality Index App and take precautionary measures like wearing N95 masks and staying indoors as much as possible. Do keep safe, everyone!



CLUB UPDATES

Let me now congratulate our RCMW golfers who have been bringing pride to our club ever since district golf tournaments started. Congratulations for winning the team championship in the 1st Leg of this Rotary year's Governor's Cup Golf Tournament held at the Riviera Golf Club last Tuesday, September 19. We seem to be on track in defending our crown as the overall district golf tournament champion in the past two years. Congrats as well to RC Las Piñas South and RC Makati for winning second and third place, respectively.

Cheers also to the following club members who won in the Individual categories: Rtn. Monsour del Rosario (Low Net Champion), PP Junvee Vital (Champion, Class A), Rtn. Ishikawa Toshi (Champion, Class B), and SAA Lemarc Limosnero (1st Runner Up, Class C).

In another "sports" update, our bowling club fellowship that was supposed to be held last Thursday, September 21, was canceled due to lack of participants. We will find another time for this, or would you

prefer a different sports activity. Let me know.

And speaking of club meetings, thanks as well for joining the Past Presidents (PP) Dinner Meeting at PP Noel Laman's residence last Wednesday, Sept 20. Thanks PP Noel for hosting.

I would also like to thank PRID Guiller Tumangan and PP Lito Jimenez for leading the Members Orientation Meeting for RCM Paseo de Roxas's new members last September 12. These activities bring us closer to our fellow clubs in the district.

Our RC Makati West staff, Satellite and Rotaract members also participated in the D3830 Peace Forum (International Peace Day) at the Asia Pacific College last September 21.

Shout out to our Rotary Anns who had been doing arts and crafts. Last September 16, they had a fun fellowship visiting the Art of Tablescape by Ingrid Chavez-Hernandez. Please contact FL Sheila if you want to join in their activities.

We have also a lot to be excited about as our



dear Governor Jay Tambunting has already started the planning for next year's District Conference chaired by IPP Gil Chua. What would a Top-Gun themed DISCON look like? We will get updates on this in the coming weeks.

PROJECT UPDATES

Let's now go to our Project Updates. For our Gift of Life program, we have so far done 55 surgeries as of Sept 20, and a total of 887 beneficiaries were assisted by Cong. Paul Daza since the start of this Rotary year. The next schedule of procedures at the DLSCM is tomorrow, September 27.

Notably, at our club lunch meeting at the DLSCM last September 14, 31 GOL parents and 29 GOL kids attended. I was really moved by Dra. Louisa Go's speech and the event itself was touching and fun for our members who were present as they were able to interact with the old and new GOL beneficiaries.

For our Gift of Mobility program, there is a scheduled turnover of prosthesis in October to complete the 85 limbs for

RY2023-24. This project is in partnership with the Rehabilitation Department of the Philippine General Hospital headed by Dra. Penny Bundoc and the UERM Memorial Medical Center.

Yesterday, September 25, we also had Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening at the Alabang Country Club. These diagnostic tests aim to detect the disease early to be able to save lives.

This Saturday, September 30, I hope you can also join us as we continue our repainting of 50 houses at the RCMW GK community in Pinagsama Taguig City. This will go a long way towards creating a new look for a more-than-a-decade old community adopted by RCMW.

There you go. I hope I am able to bring you up to speed with these weekly updates. Thanks so much my dear brothers in Rotary for all your support.

I also thank RC Makati for today's Joint Meeting with guest speaker, Mr. Luis Felipe Lopez of Base Bahay Foundation, which provides indigent Filipinos with affordable and sustainable housing solution using bamboo as structural material.

God bless us all!

Juan Antonio "Dax" T. Carlos
President, RY 2023-2024
Rotary Club of Makati West



THE WEEK IN REVIEW

September 14, 2023



SAA Lemarc Limosnero as Moderator



Rtn. Chito Santiago as Invocator



Pres. Dax Carlos in his President's Time



Rtn. Gerry Limcaoco Introduces the Guest Speaker



Dra. Louisa Joan G. Go during her Speech



Dra. Louisa Joan G. Go receives a Gift of Life Certificate from the Club





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Rotary anns fellowship Art of Tablescape
by Ingrid Chavez-Hernandez on
September 16, 2023 at Magallanes Place, Makati City







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RCMW golfers as Team Champion in the 1st leg Golf Tournament on September 19, 2023 at Riviera Golf Club, Silang Cavite





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PP Dinner Meeting on September 20, 2023
at PP Noel Laman residence





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RC Makati West staff, Satellite & Rotaract members participate in the D3830 Peace Forum (International Peace Day) at Asia Pacific College on September 21, 2023





PRID Guiller Tumangan & PP Lito Jimenez as resource speakers at the Rotary Club of Makati Paseo de Roxas Membership Orientation to new members





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Kyline Caira P. Esquillo
2 years old, female
Oriental Mindoro

PDA Device Closure
De Los Santos Medical Center
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Chelsea Palacio Caling
7 years old, female
Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya

PPBV
De Los Santos Medical Center
September 13, 2023



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Arch Joseph Sumagang Fernandez
12 years old, male
Zamboanga del Sur

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Erl Matthew Somera Galay
8 years old, male
Victoria, Tarlac

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Arabella Baclas
2 years old, female
Oriental Mindoro

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Alvin Marcus Murillo De Juan
7 years old, female
Brgy. Hagonoy, Taguig City.

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Aziana Claire Rabino Bueza
1 year old, female
San Jose del Monte, Bulacan

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Calliah Janeigh Roque Hermoso
1 year old, female
Nueva Vizcaya

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Miya Sylvianna Caganda Matienzo
3 years old, female
Camarines Sur

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Ayiesha Viel Manlongat Dalacat
4 years old, female
Gabaldon, Nueva Ecija

PDA Device Closure
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September 20, 2023



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Matt Daniel Satinitigan Anosa
2 years old, male
Inabanga, Bohol

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Amber Kyarrah Taguimacon Tubog
2 mos. old, male
Gen. Trias, Cavite

PPBV
De Los Santos Medical Center
September 20, 2023



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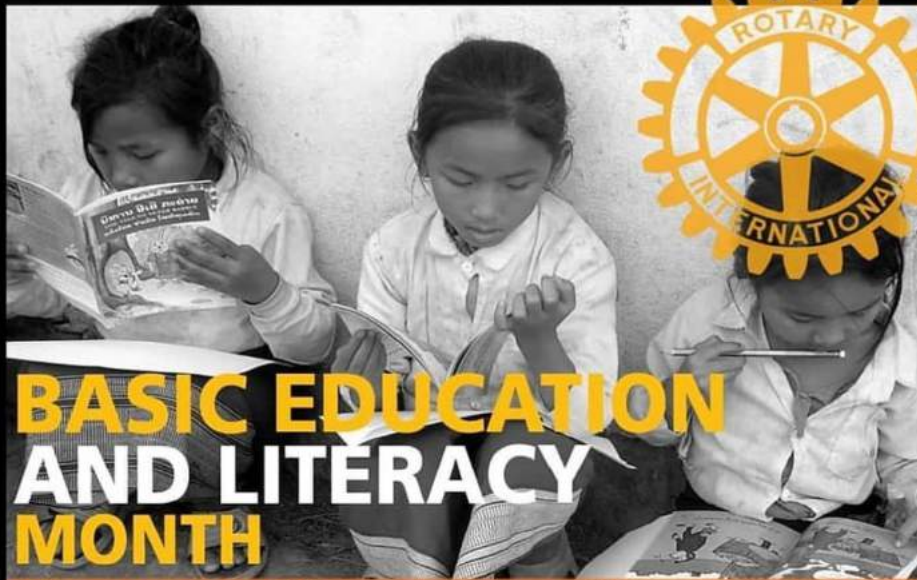
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Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"



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