





# **VESTSIDE** STORY





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The Year in Review Rotary Year 2021-2022



### **Gerry Limcaoco** Rotarian of the Year, RY 2021-2022



"Thank you, Franco.I'm just fortunate that I get so much support from you for Gift of Life and that we have dedicated people like Cynthia, Michael, Dra. Go, and the entire club rallying behind Gol, that the program is such a success under your presidency. Thank you for your trust and belief in me...." - Gerry



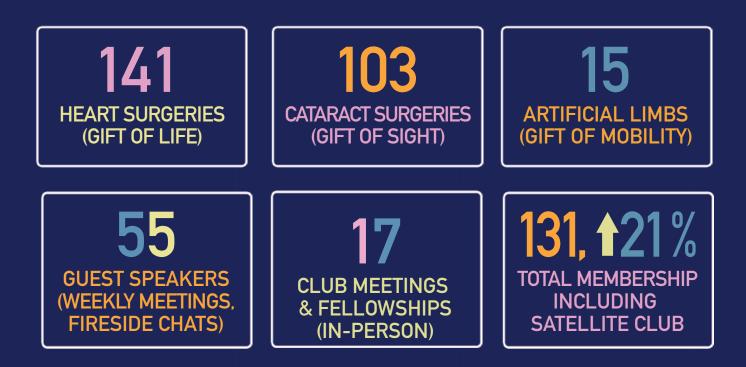
#### ABOUT THE COVER

Key people of the RCMW Gift of Life (GoL) program. L-R: Rob Raylman, president of GoL International; PP Lou del Rosario; Dra. Louisa Go, chief internist at DLSMC; Martin Nievera; Pres. Franco del Rosario; and Gerry Limcaoco.

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### **ROTARY YEAR 2021-2022 AT A GLANCE**





### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### THANK YOU, MEN OF ZEST!

Prior to the start of my term, our board and advisers were energetically engaged in a number of Club Refresh sessions where the collective narrative was – what got us here, will not get us there. The main objective of the planning sessions was to redefine what we stand for, in these changed times. We figured out how to keep our club relevant and "future proof" while reminding ourselves what we're all here to do.



The planning sessions provided the impetus in arriving at a set of refreshed ideas on how to future proof our club while stretching our ambitions: engaging, mobilizing members that are peripherally involved, thus leading to forming a guiding coalition that led to identifying our theme, "Increasing our Capacity to Serve".

We aligned our aspiring theme by giving our strategy greater granularity with the 3 R's; which were the primary focus of my term. We supplemented Rotary International's globally known four-way test by developing our own, namely: 1. Is it recognition? 2. Is it retention? 3. Is it recruitment? 4. Is it fun?



Click here to learn more about President Franco





The first R is to recognize members' participation and cooperation not only for their service and interest in our projects but extended to recognizing them in our weekly newsletter for their achievements in business as well as that of their family members.

Our formal recognition event was the year-end Annual Awards Appreciation Night at the Dusit Hotel where we gave out 35 awards. I would like to thank not just our awardees but the entire membership for their contribution to another outstanding year for our club. I would like to extend special thanks and congratulations to Gerry Limcaoco, whom we awarded as the "Rotarian of the Year"; Lemarc Limosnero, as the "Baby Rotarian of the Year"; PP Eric Tensuan, as the recipient of the first ever "Antonio P. Tambunting Award of Service Excellence"; PP Lito Jimenez as the "Distinguished Past President"; PE Gil Chua as "Most Outstanding Director Award", and IPP Al Thomson as the "Most Outstanding Club Adviser".

With the pandemic continuing at the start of this rotary year, one of the biggest challenges then was keeping members engaged - the reason for the second R intended to retain members. As the pandemic relentlessly sapped our strength, all the more, the first two Rs were like pre-requisites to being successful in the third R - to recruit.

A huge factor in our success in executing on our winning theme, "Increasing Our Capacity To Serve" is our culture of fun and celebrating success - small or big. Acknowledging our club's success worked to garner more success. It was as though a an internal apparatus embedded in us was triggered, resulting in more wins.

ARCHIVED MESSAGES		
JULY 2021 (Click on the topic to read).		
07/01 INDUCTION     07/22 RETAIN     07/08 TG LIMCAOCO     07/29 GAP     07/15 RECOGNIZE		
AUGUST 2021 (Click on the topic to read).		
<ul> <li>08/05 AN INSPIRATION FOR THE PHILIPPINES</li> <li>08/12 OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND: DON'T SQUANDER THEM</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>08/19 TIPS TO REDUCE ANXIETY</li> <li>08/26 IT'S THE PEOPLE, STUPID!</li> </ul>		



One way we energized our members was through the formation of the eight geographic home clusters, which provided our members a forum to share with each other pandemic-related coping mechanisms in their personal lives and in their businesses. I would like to thank the home cluster heads for a terrific job.

As many were already experiencing zoom fatigue, we equipped our members with various recruitment tools such as providing them a value proposition, a template of powerpoint presentation, emails, and messages they could customize for their prospective members.

We acted quickly as the IATF started to ease pandemic restrictions and held on December 12th our very first in-person gatherings which consisted of three small outdoor Christmas fellowships while observing safety protocols. This was such a welcome relief and a huge step forward in re-energizing our members.

We have made a lot of headway in member engagement as this is what ultimately dictates and drives success in higher rates of retention and recruitment by building a strong network for referrals, accolades and advocates.

I would like to welcome again the new members inducted this rotary year that boosted the



AT OUR FIRST OUTDOOR FELLOWSHIP ON MARCH 3RD.

prestige of our club. We are now more intentional in making new members feel like family by getting to know more about them, their families and interests.

ARCHIVED MESSAGES
SEPTEMBER 2021 (Click on the topic to read).
09/02 WHAT GOT YOU HERE, WON'T GET YOU THERE
09/09 OUR CLUB CAN GO FROM GOOD TO GREAT
09/16 5 STEPS TO LASTING PERSONAL CHANGE
<ul> <li>09/23 YOU CAN'T BE EQUALLY GOOD AT EVERYTHING</li> </ul>
09/30 LEVERAGING STRENGTHS: YOUR KEY TO EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE
OCTOBER 2021 (Click on the topic to read).
• 10/07 SOCIAL MEDIA IS TEARING OUR COUNTRY APART
• 10/14 CULTURE EATS STRATEGY FOR BREAKFAST
• 10/21 INNOVATE OR PERISH
• 10/28 THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT SKILL IN LEADERSHIP IS INFLUENCE





**GIFT OF LIFE PROGRAM** 

During the eighth month of this rotary year, we kicked off in-person gatherings with a fellowship in the first Thursday of March. The following week was our first in-person weekly lunch meeting with Bill Luz as our guest speaker. Since December, we still managed an average of one in-person a week.

In true Men of Zest fashion, we far exceeded the district's membership requirement for a five-star club distinction, ending this rotary year with a total of 28 new members with 15 belonging to the newly formed satellite club the "Rotary Club of Makati West Zest". We awarded the Teamwork Achievement Award to the satellite committee composed of Jimmy Bautista, Dax Carlos, and PP Ed Balois.

In closing, not even the pandemic could hold back our club as we came away from this pandemic with a greater zeal to impact not only the communities we serve, but every aspect of our club as well. We gained a lot of momentum and living in a constantly changing world, our club is now charged up and resolved never to let up as we ingrain the 3 Rs into our culture, which is essential in our continuing quest towards future-proofing the club.

I'd like to congratulate all of you, exemplars of service, and dedicate to you the extraordinary work we've managed to achieve together for the community we are so dedicated to serving.

I am honored and grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve as president of a special club









A YEAR AGO, AT PRES. FRANCO'S INDUCTION CEREMONY. whose members have a strong sense of pride of belonging. I truly had the time of my life. I thank you for rallying behind our Increasing "Our Capacity to Serve" theme, as well as for the crucial lessons I have learned. Knowing that you had my back kept me inspired to raise standards to bring our club to higher levels of performance. Being surrounded with terrific BOD, club advisers, and members emboldened me.

THANK YOU to the BOD for perpetually inspiring me to be better, the club advisers for mentoring me, and IPP Al Thomson for coaching me on how to leave the club better than before I became president.

FRANCO DEL ROSARIO President, RY 2021-2022 Rotary Club of Makati West

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FEBRUARY 2021 (Click on the topic to read).	MAY 2022	(Click on the topic to read).	
02/03 BACK TO BASICS: SOFT SKILLS	• 05/05 WHY OUR CLUB ORGANIZES MASS		
02/10 TRYING HARDER AIN'T GONNA CUT IT!	WEDDING		
02/17 HOW DO YOU EAT AN ELEPHANT?	<ul> <li>05/12 FEAR OR NORMAL</li> <li>05/19 CULTUREWHAT IS ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?</li> <li>05/31 MARTIN NIEVERA UP CLOSE &amp; PERSONAL</li> </ul>		
• 02/24 MANDATORY PIT STOPS			
MARCH 2021 (Click on the topic to read).			
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• 03/17 IBM: A 'HAS BEEN' COMPANY? REALLY?	• 06/09 INCREAS	SING OUR CAPACITY TO SERVE	
• 03/24 ONWARDS & UPWARDS	06/16 CLUB RECOGNITION AWARDS		
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# Year-End Club Awards

*Dinner Fellowship* Jun e 15th, Dusit Thani Manila Hotel







# Club of Makati West **West Year-End Club Awards**

Rotary

### Dinner Fellowship









Rotarian of the Year Rtn. Gerardo "Gerry" Limcaoco

Baby Rotarian of the Year Rtn. Lemarc Limosnero

Antonio P. Tambunting Jr. Award of Excellence PP Enrico B. Tensuan

**Distinguished Past President Award** PP Amando Jesulito "Lito" Jimenez

Most Outstanding Club Adviser Award IPP Alasdair John Thomson

Most Outstanding Director Award PE Gil G. Chua

Most Outstanding Director Award Treas. Tristan Ronald Choa

**Presidential Award of Excellence** PRID Guiller E. Tumangan PP Aurelio Paulo "AP" Bartolome



Most Promising Rotarian of the Year Rtn. Scott Moore

**Zestful Member of the Year Award** Rtn. Patrick Dionisio

Perfect Attendance Award Rtn. Lemarc Limosnero

**Overall Best Attendance** PP Enrico V. Angeles Rtn. Robert Yupangco - 1st Place PP Ramon F.L. Guerrero - 2nd Place

Distinguished Service Award VP Jaime "Jimmy" Bautista Dir. Elmer Francisco Dir. Juan Antonio "Dax" Carlos Dir. Epifanio "EDSA" Delos Santos Dir. Lauro "Robbie" Leviste Dir. Zdenek Jankovsky Dr. Timothy Elbert "Timmy" Tan PP Antonio Juan "Jay" Tambunting III PP Ramon "Mon" F.L. Guerrero PP Victor "Junvee" Vital



Dir. Leonardo "Jun" Cuaresma, Jr. Dir. Gerardo "Gerry" Laperal

**President's Special Recognition Award** Rtn. Paul R. Daza Rtn. Thomas "Tom" Arasi Dir. Epifanio "EDSA" Delos Santos

**Teamwork Achievement Award** VP Jaime "Jimmy" Bautista Dir. Juan Antonio "Dax" Carlos PP Edgardo "Ed" Balois

President's Appreciation Award Rtn. Alex Floro Rtn. Rany Roño PP Noel A. Laman Rtn. Ramesh Dargani



# WEEKLY MEETINGS



### FIRST QUARTER GUEST SPEAKERS



July 1 - GOV. JOJI TAN Governor's Message



July 8 - PP TG LIMCAOCO The Future in Banking



July 15 - DFA SEC. TEODORO LOCSIN The Relation of US & China The West Philippine Sea



July 21 - MR. THOMAS ARASI Solaire Philippines



July 29 - RTN. TONY DEL ROSARIO, JR. Emerging Stronger from the Pandemic



Aug 5 - MR. JOJO TOLENTINO Disruption & Digital Transformation



Aug 12 - MR. CRAIG LONNEE The Resilience Imperative: Succeeding in Uncertain Times



Aug 19 - MR. PAOLO BORROMEO COVID-19 Updates



Aug 26 - MR. JUN TRINIDAD ECQ's Lethal Effect on GDP UBP Macro Update



Sep 2- RTN. CESAR VILLANUEVA Criminalization of Governance Under Revised Code



Sep 9 - MR. MARTIN LORENZO Investing, Growing During and Post-Pandemic



Sep 16 - MR. RAFAEL CONSING, JR. Navigating Rough Financial Waters



Sep 23 - SPS. LEXI SCHULZE The KonMari Method: Decluttring



Sep 30 - MR. DAVID CELDRAN Echo Chambers, Fake News & Trolls



### SECOND QUARTER GUEST SPEAKERS



Oct 7 - MR. RAHUL HORA Powering through with Company Purpose



Oct 28 - DR. GAP LEGASPI Lessons from the Frontlines PGH People Giving Hope



Oct 14 - MS. KAREN JONES In the Arena: School Leaders and the Global Pandemic



Oct 21 - HON. SEN. CYNTHIA VILLAR Livelihood & Agriculture



Nov 11 - MR.SCOTT ANTHONY Innovation in a Crisis Why it is more critical than ever



Nov 25 - MR.FEDERIKO "PIKI" LOPEZ Reimagining a Decarbonized and Regenerative Future



Dec 16 - HON. SEN. BAM AQUINO



Nov 4 - ATTY. MICHAEL AGUINALDO

The Constitutional Mandate of the

Commision on Audit

Dec 2 - MR.JAIME FLORCRUZ Innovation in a Crisis My 50-year China Journey in 25 objects



Dec 16 - HON. VICE PRESIDENT LENI ROBREDO



Dec 9 - SPS. ANA DE OCAMPO Rising like Flour through the Pandemic



Dec 16 - HON. SEN. KIKO PANGILINAN



### THIRD QUARTER GUEST SPEAKERS



Jan 20 - MR. EMILIO "JUN" NERI The PHL Economy in the Next 12 months



Jan 27 - H.E Michèle BOCCOZ French Ambassador to the Philippines



Feb 3 - DR. TOMAS REALIZA Facts & Myths about Asthma and COPD. Two common diseases in the light of Covid 19 pandemic



Feb 10 - RTN. TERRY FARRIS Sustaining Family Business Success Across Generations



Feb 17 - MS. MARTHA SAZON GCash at the forefront of the New Normal: Building a more sustainable and financially-inclusive Philippines.



Feb 24 - PDG SONNY COLOMA Rotary's Four-Way Test in the Era of Fake News



Mar 10 - MR. GUILLERMO M. LUZ T3- A Public-Private Partnership for Covid Response



Mar 17 - MS. CLARISSA ISABELLE L. DELGADO Non-profit Sustainability: Remaining Relevant Before, During, and After a Pandemic



Mar 24 - MR. NUNO NEVES New Opportunities in Digital Economy



### FOURTH QUARTER GUEST SPEAKERS



Apr 7 - MS. MAOI ARROYO Making Profit with a Purpose



Apr 21 - ATTY. ANNA CAMILLE C. HIMALA Balance is a Practice: Yoga to Enhance Your Life



April 28 - ERNEST CU Beyond Telco



May 5 - MS. ANNA CHUA-NORBERT Driving Growth through Company Culture



May 12 - MR. FLORIAN GOTTEIN Europe and the Philippines - Partners for Securing a Sustainable Future



May 19 - SEC. JING LAPUS Life is too Short



May 31 - MR. MANUEL L. QUEZON III From the Fifth to Sixth Republic: The 2022 Election in Context



Jun 9 - DR. CIELITO F. HABITO New Leaders, New Vigor -Key Directions for the Philippine Economy



# FIRESIDE CHATS

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# FELLOWSHIPS





PP Eric Tensuan's birthday treat at the Summit Point Golf & Country Club Batangas, July 16th.











**Q2 FELLOWSHIPS** 

Impromptu Lunch at Karrera, Filinvest City, Oct. 7th

The Manila Polo Club Driving Range, Oct, 14th.



At PP Noel Laman's South Forbes Park residence, December 12th.



Christmas fellowship at Rtn. Ramesh Dargani's Dasmariñas Village residence, December 12th.

Alabang cluster fellowship at the Alabang Country Club, Nov. 17th.



At Rtn. Alex Floro's Ayala Alabang Village's residence, December 12th.





Feb 10th fellowship at Mimi & Bros., Bonifacio Glocal City.

March 3rd fellowship at the Umu Deck, Dusit Thani Hotel.















# **Q4 FELLOWSHIPS**







Beat the Heat, March 31st fellowship and June 2nd Mongolian Barbecue fellowship night both at Patrick Dionisio's residence.



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# **NEW MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES**

### **ROTARY INDUCTION**

#### RY 2021-22 New Members

- RTN. JUNI DEL ROSARIO
   RTN. MUNICH CONLU
- RTN. TONY DEL ROSARIO RTN. JING LAPUS
- RTN. LEMARC LIMOSNERO 
   RTN. JIMI FLORCRUZ
- RTN. BIBIT FACTORAN
- RTN. TERRY FARRIS
- RTN. JP PRADO
- RTN. TIMMY JIMENEZ
- RTN. DANIEL LIBIRAN

• RTN. TOM ARASI



April 21st at the Dusit Thani Hotel.

### **ROTARY INFORMATION SESSIONS**



April 14th at the Ascott Boardroom, Makati City



April 18th at the Forum Solaire







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# COMMUNITY PROJECTS





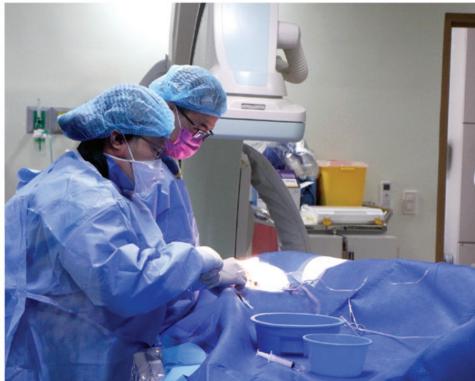
### RCMW Gift of Life (Congenital heart

disease patients) RY 2021-2022

141 heart surgeries funded this rotary year

1,473 patients received preand post operative support









### RCMW Gift of Sight (Cataract Project) RY 2021-2022

103 cataract eye surgeries this rotary year

5 batches of operation











### **RCMW Gift of Mobility** (Artificial Limbs Project)

(Artificial Limbs Project) RY 2021-2022

> 15 artificial limbs provided this rotary year.













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# VOCATIONAL SERVICE



# RCMW Mass Wedding

Mass Wedding of 19 couples at San Fernando De Dilao Parish, Paco, Manila.









# RCMW Handwashing Stations

In partnership with RC Makati Northwest and RC Parañaque Metro, hand washing facilities were built in adopted communities (RCCs).

- Gawad Kalinga RC Makati West Village
- Barangay Hall of Pio del Pilar, Makati City
- Barangay Hall of Pinagkaisahan, Makati City
- Brgy. San Isidro, Makati City
- Brgy. Tejeros, Makati City
- San Isidro National High School









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# JOINT FOREIGN CLUB INITIATIVES



RCMW MaskQuerade Project with RC Sappro West In partnership with RC Sapporo West, the Club rolled out "Maskquerade" and donated COVID-19 medical supplies to the Philippine General Hospital, The National Children's Hospital, and the Delos Santos Medical Center.

These also benefited the Club's project initiatives, namely, Gift of Sight, Rotaractors, and Gawad Kalinga–Makati West Village, Taguig City.









### RCMW Dinagat Island Boat Donation with RC Kowloon

#### **BOAT DONATIONS:**

RCMW/Kowloon - 4 units with total value of Php550,000.

Followed by additional 30 boat donations from other Philippine Rotary Clubs and foreign clubs through the efforts of PRID Guiller Tumangan.





## **RCMW** Water Project with RC Makati West & **RC Edson Alberta**





RCMW, through Rtn. Scott Moore, secured a CAD\$10,000 in funding from the Rotary Club of Edson Alberta for the Alangan Mangyan Tribe water project in Dulangan 11, Baco, Oriental Mindoro.

The community's water source was damaged by the typhoons and is no longer drinkable.

The CAD\$10,000 will be used in building a water tower (\$3,300) and in repairing the main water line (\$6,700).

In the first two weeks of July 2022, three Rotarians from RC Edson Alberta, together with six youths, will visit the Philippines to do hands-on work with the project.

We look forward to welcoming our Canadian friends to the country.





### Dinner Meeting with Our Sister Club RC Petailing Jaya, led by its President Melissa Francis, February 24th, 2022





### TOKENIZATION AND BLOCKCHAIN READY WITH OUR VERY OWN RCMW NFT

The official Rotary Club of Makati West's Non-Fungible Token (NFT) is a limited edition 52nd year commemorative collectible with only 300 that exist in the Ethereum Blockchain network.

### THE NFT LEADER BOARD (TOP 10)





### THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

#### **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

Is it the Truth?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? **ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI WEST** 

I. Is it **RECOGNITION?** 

II. Is it **RETENTION**?

III. Is it RECRUITMENT?

IV. Is it FUN?









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### RY 2021-2022 Officers, Directors & Club Advisers

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Club Adviser	PP Roque Tordesillas
Club Adviser	PP Victor L. Vital



Pres. Franco with RCMW Secretariat members (l-r) Shekinah Yarra, Renato Detangco, Michael Limayog, and Jameson Manlangit. Not in photo is Cythia Andrade.

#### THE WEST SIDE STORY STAFF Adviser President Franco del Rosario

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#### **Honorary Members**

Hon. Secretary Albert del Rosario, Mr. Rob Raylman and Dheeraj Wadhwani

#### Get to know RCMW President Franco del Rosario

RCMW President Franco del Rosario comes from a family of Rotarians. His father, Ambassador Toting, was RC Manila's past president, while his brother Carlos was RC Makati's past president.

After an overseas stint of 22 years, Franco returned to the Philippines in 1996 and was sponsored to the Club by the late PDG Tony Rufino; he was named "Baby Rotarian of the Year" in his first year. In the next years, he would serve as director for most avenues of service including club service, international service, and community service and in RY 2001–2002 was named "Rotarian of the Year" by then Pres. TG Limcaoco.

In RY 2020 2021, as President-Elect and Chair of the Membership Committee , Franco started "fireside chats" during the pandemic and single handedly sought topics and speakers, and brought in seven guest speakers for the weekly lunch meetings. For all his work, he was awarded the "No One Cares More" award by IPP Al.

A U.S. Certified Dale Carnegie Instructor, Franco is an Executive coach at Six Sigma, where he mentors CEOs of local companies and C-suite senior executives of multinational companies, and also serves as executive and planning review facilitator for the board of large companies. He is currently The Bridge School, Inc.'s Head of Development and CFO and a club shares specialist.

Previously, he worked in IBM in the US for 15 years in various management roles in Finance and Marketing. Prior to this, he worked In Dole for 10 years in the Philippines, Nicaragua and Korea, and served as Head of Supply Chain for Japan and the Middle East. At Langdon & Seah Philippines, Inc. (Arcadis), he was Head of the Strategy and Corporate Development, as well as the Environmental Sustainability business.

He served as Vice President and Governor at the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) where he chaired the MAP Annual CEO conference for five years, making a net profit of over P10M. He was a Green Associate for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) at the US Green Building Council.

He graduated from De La Salle University with a dual degree in Accounting and Political Science, and earned his MBA with a dual concentration in Finance and Marketing from the Columbia University in New York.

Franco is married to Tere Tabuena, with whom he has one daughter who lives in Manila and two sons living in Seattle.

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