

Rotary



Rotary Opens
Opportunities

3 DECEMBER 2020
Rotary Year 2020-2021

TINIG

The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pasig



Sec. Bernadette Romulo-Puyat
Department of Tourism



Today's Programme

Pasig Zone 6 Virtual Meeting via Zoom
December 3, 2020 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Pangkat No. 6 Leader VP Bart Ronquillo

Call to Order	All Zone 6 Presidents
Invocation	Rtn. Fr. Kell Ortega
National Anthem	Recorded
FOUR-WAY TEST	Rtn. Nilo Ocampo
Welcome Remarks	PP Jess Acantilado
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests	PP John Javier
Community Singing	IPP Nick Guzman
President's Time	Pres. RJ Ermita
Introduction of Guest Speaker	PP Topax Colayco

HON. BERNADETTE ROMULO-PUYAT
Secretary of the Department of Tourism
GUEST SPEAKER

Open Forum	
Adjournment	All Zone 6 Presidents

Rtn. Adolf Aran
Emcee

DECEMBER IS FAMILY MONTH

Invocation



Heavenly Father, we thank for the graces we received from You in the past. Bless us today and our loved ones that we may continue praising you through the good deeds we do for others especially the poor. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
 2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
 3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?
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Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First** : The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for Service;
- Second** : High Ethical standards in business and professions; the Recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third** : The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- Fourth** : The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Song of the Day



TULOY NA TULOY PA RIN ANG PASKO

By: APO Hiking Society

O bakit kaya tuwing Pasko ay
dumarating na
ang bawa't isa'y para bang
namomroblema
hindi mo alam ang regalong ibibigay
ngayong kay hirap na nitong ating buhay

Meron pa kayang caroling at noche buena
kung tayo naman ay kapos at wala nang pera
nakakahiya kung muling pagtaguan mo
ang 'yong mga inaanak sa araw ng Pasko.

[refrain]

Ngunit kahit na anong mangyari
ang pag-ibig sana'y maghari
sapat nang si Hesus ang kasama mo
tuloy na tuloy parin ang pasko

Mabuti pa nga ang Pasko noong isang taon
sa ating hapag mayroong keso de bola't hamon
baka sa gipit, Happy New Year mapo-postpone
at ang hamon ay mauwi sa bagoong

Song of the Day



Continuation 1.

[refrain]

Ngunit kahit na anong mangyari
ang pag-ibig sana'y maghari
sapat nang si Hesus ang kasama mo
tuloy na tuloy parin ang pasko

[refrain]

Ngunit kahit na anong mangyari
ang pag-ibig sana'y maghari
sapat nang si Hesus ang kasama mo
tuloy na tuloy parin ang pasko

[coda]

Tuloy na tuloy pa rin (Tuloy na tuloy pa rin)
tuloy na tuloy pa rin (Tuloy na tuloy pa rin)
tuloy na tuloy pa rin ang Pasko
tuloy na tuloy pa rin ang Pasko

From the President

Pres. RJ Ermita



Good afternoon fellow Rotarians!

The Rotary Club of Pasig is proud to host the 1st joint meeting of the Pasig Zone 6 for this Rotary year!

Officers and members of all thirteen clubs in Pasig are present today together with Rotarians from the rest of District 3800. We welcome all of you to the meeting!

We are privileged today to be graced by our Secretary of Tourism, the Honorable Berna Romulo Puyat who will discuss the situation with the Tourism industry and the efforts being done by the DOT. Thank you very much to our fellow Pasig Rotarian Cong. Roman Romulo for “compelling” his sister to join us.

The month of December is hosted by Pangkat 6 led by our able VP/ PE Bart Ronquillo. His group have interesting plans laid down to make our remaining meetings for 2020 more Merry and Joyous.

We look forward to a good meeting today and the rest of the month.

Happy Holidays to all!

On this the 50th year of the JOLLY Rotary Club of Pasig, we remain...

Sincerely yours,

RJ H. Ermita

Rotary Notes

PP Benny P. De Guzman



This is one of the most trying times for our Holiday season with the mixture of the pandemic, the floods and the devastation in both Cagayan Valley and the Bicol region and the physical distancing required. In some areas, many of our members cannot even go. The *Taytay Tiangge* now over 65 years is well monitored and seems to be a more successful outlet and better managed than *Divisoria*.

In our own Rotary club having a nice program for a zonal meeting today, the time has been altered, and the participation properly monitored for the efficient handling of the open forum as the topic is very timely.

Brains, Beauty and Bearings are prominently featured in our speaker and even nobility in her genes. She is a great granddaughter of Don Polo Valenzuela, and grand niece of Don Carlos P. Romulo. Her father was past president of the Rotary Club of Manila. But her most critical asset today is that she is the brother of our Cong. Roman. *Ano pa ang say niyo?*

With the zoom meetings, I thought we could get our elusive Chony Gimenez to be active even for once in a great while.

Even if not within our *Pangkat*, we can tackle health issues with our *Pangkat* spearheading the discussion and prominently to be handled by former DOH Sec. Ike Ona, ROY Flor our Rock and our very own HOF/PP Jess Acantilado. At this stage, it is not the vaccine but it is prevention that is the name of the game. The way this Covid-19 is being described, it is like a death sentence slowly being pushed to a cruel and painful ending.

Rotary Notes

PP Benny P. De Guzman

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The first lady Sec of Health, Dra. Chit Reodica, a co-director in the Rizal Chapter of Red Cross and through me, was able to get 1,000 toothbrushes from TVP Dental B Corp, the very company our 13th President, the late Tom Portillo registered with his initials – TVP. The Very Personal Toothbrush. Personal *talaga*. It was designed not to be shared. And, for good business, try changing your toothbrush every 6 months. She got her donation but since I was the one who was to take it from the warehouse, I would not take the brushes to our very energetic PP John. The next order of Dra. Reodica, she paid in cash. This was for her St Therese Alumna Assn.

The world is polio free! And the real number one problem in the entire world now is Covid-19. Rotary must take action as there never was a truly worldwide polio scare but by region with Africa as the hardest hit. Most other countries were minimally hit with our country having a generous share.

PP Ner has a pet project that he already endorsed to the Board. He is always following up and requested me to remind the board members of his keen interest. There are yet many worth while projects for our 50th that would have more impact. Per PP Ner, *kung pwede namang lahat*, why not?

Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra



PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



Holger Knaack
President 2020-21

December 2020

As I look back on 2020, I reflect on how our lives have changed. The global COVID-19 pandemic brought pain and loss to many of us. And for almost all of us, our daily lives, family time, and work also changed this year. But we've made it to the end of this difficult year, not on our own but by reaching out to one another, as we always do in Rotary. With each passing year, I become prouder of our organization.

I will choose to remember 2020 as a year of great change and strength for us; Rotary didn't stop, despite the pandemic. We removed obstacles, found new ways to connect, and embraced new approaches to service, such as online projects and virtual fundraising. I have invited two Rotarians to share their stories about how Rotary grew stronger this year.

When the pandemic shut everything down, our emerging e-club was already providing digital service, including internationally. Fourteen U.S. women and I, members of multiple Rotary clubs, were using WhatsApp to mentor women entrepreneurs in rural Costa Rica, helping them to grow their ecotourism business, RETUS Tours [the subject of the magazine's May cover story, "Nature & Nurture"]. The project has grown, with 30 Rotarians now providing consulting and help with the RETUS website and

Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra

Continuation 1.

social media. Most importantly, we continue building relationships and empowering these women to transform their own lives, and we are doing it online. I've even helped one of the women, Rosa, prepare a presentation in English for an online international conference. While our engagement with the Costa Rican women still requires some hands-on activity, the most transformative impacts haven't had to be in person.

— Liza Larson, Rotary E-Club Engage and Rotary Club of Plano East, Texas

I was president of my club when COVID-19 hit, and many members didn't yet have Zoom. Only 10 of our 53 members participated in the first Zoom meeting during the pandemic. I thought that reaching out and getting guest speakers from around the world to engage our members would help. Many Rotary leaders, a Rotary Peace Fellow, and even RI President Holger Knaack visited virtually and spoke to our club. Meeting attendance improved, while we reduced running costs by cutting out meals.

Some members who worked outside our city and had missed our meetings even rejoined us. Registering our online meetings on My Rotary enhanced contacts with clubs across the world, and the joint meeting addressed by Holger attracted more than 300 visitors. We also raised more funds as members and visitors contributed to our projects. To continue being flexible for all, we are now offering hybrid meetings. For me, 2020 has been the best year in Rotary as I've made many new friends.

— Blessing Michael, Rotary Club of Port Harcourt North, Nigeria



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PP Jun C. Zafra

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These stories should give us all reasons to be optimistic about Rotary in the year ahead. We are not just surviving; we are gaining strength. We are discovering how resilient our organization truly is. We are seeing for ourselves how Rotary Opens Opportunities — even during pandemics — to grow, connect, and engage our members and the communities we serve.

From our home in Ratzeburg to yours, Susanne and I would like to bid you and your family the warmest of season's greetings. We

Meet Our Guest Speaker



HON. BERNADETTE ROMULO-PUYAT

EDUCATION

M.A. Economics

University of the Philippines (1993 - 1994)

B.S. Economics

University of the Philippines (1986 - 1990) Cum Laude

Affiliations

Phi Gamma Mu Honor Society

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

WORK EXPERIENCE

Secretary Department of Tourism May 2018-Present

Undersecretary

- Department of Agriculture
 - Agribusiness, Marketing, and Regional Engagement
July 2017 - May 2018
 - Administration, Agribusiness and Marketing, and
Regional Engagement and OIC-Chief of Staff July 1,
2016 - July 2017
 - Special Concerns January 1, 2007 - June 30, 2016
- Deputy Cabinet Secretary

Meet Our Guest Speaker

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Office of the President May 2006 - December 2006

- Economic Consultant

Presidential Management Staff April 2005 - May 2006

- Lecturer

University of the Philippines – School of Economics 1994 – 2006

- Economic Consultant

Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council 2001 – 2002

CHAIRMANSHIPS / BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

- Department of Tourism (DOT)

- Chairperson

Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA)
May 2018 – Present

- Chairperson

Tourism Promotions Board (TPB) May 2018 – Present

- Chairperson

Duty Free Philippines Corporation (DFPC) May 2018 – Present

- Chairperson

National Parks Development Committee (NPDC) May 2018 – Present

- Chairperson

Intramuros Administration (IA) May 2018 – Present

- Chairperson

Meet Our Guest Speaker

Continuation 2.

Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA) May 2018 – Present

Department of Agriculture (DA)

- Coordinator

Establishment of China-Philippines Techno-Industrial Zone March – May 2018

- Chairperson Department of Agriculture Gender and Development Focal System (DA-GADFPS) 2007-2018

- Alternate Chairperson

National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) 2010-2018

Head

- DA Organizing Team for Philippine Harvest Trade Fair 2016 – 2018

- Chairperson

DA Organizing Team for Madrid Fusion Manila 2015 – 2018

- Chairperson

DA Management Team for Presidential Events and Engagements 2017 – 2017

- Alternate Chairperson

Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC) Board of Directors November 2016 – May 2018

- Member

Philippine Exporters Confederation, Inc. (PHILEXPORT) Board of Trustees November 2016 – May 2018

- Member

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Philippine Export Zone Authority (PEZA) Board November 2016
– May 2018

- Member

Export Development Council (EDC) November 2016 – May 2018

- Official Representative

Technical Education and Skills Development (TESDA) Board
2011 – 2016

- Chairperson

Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund Scholarship
Program 2010 – 2016

- Head

Intervention for Special Sectors (Youth, Elderly / Senior Citizens,
Differently-Able) February 2014 – April 2018

- Member

Advisory Committee on Science and Technology Asian Food and
Agriculture Cooperation Initiative (AFACI) April 2014 – May
2018

- Chairperson

Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC) 2010 – 2013

- Chairperson

Agricultural Guarantee Fund Pool (AGFP) 2009 – 2014

- Chairperson

Working Committee for the Promotion of Philippine Food
Products at the Philippine Exhibition, Musee Du Quai Branly
Paris, France 2013

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- Chairperson
Asian Food and Agriculture Cooperation Initiative (AFACI) 2010 – 2012
- Chairperson
Upland Southern Mindanao Credit and Institution Program (USM-CIBP) 2007 – 2013
- Chairperson
DA Counterpart Committee on Cooperation to Implement the DA-BFAR and Basque Country Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food Agreement on Fisheries Cooperation 2007 – 2014
- Chairperson
TWG for the Establishment of the Traceability System in the Philippines of the United Nations Development Program (P-TRACE) 2007 – 2014
- Chairperson
DA Exports Development Team 2007 – 2010

Tinig Tidbits

By: PP Peter M. Javier



SOME MORE AMAZING FACTS ABOUT THE HUMAN BODY

1. Identical twins have the same natural smell.
2. A nose can remember up to 50,000 unique scents.
3. There are actually 14 different basic nose shapes.
4. Approximately a third of humanity has 20-20 vision.
5. Your eyes start to develop two weeks after you are conceived.
6. Everyone once spent around half an hour as a single cell.
7. One out of every 2,000 babies is born with at least one tooth.
8. You lose about 4 kilograms of skin cells each year.
9. Your teeth begin to grow around 6 months before birth.
10. The average person farts around 14 times a day.
11. Your feet can produce over a pint of sweat each day.
12. Around 75% of human waste is composed of water.
13. A full bladder can swell to the size of a softball.
14. Germs from coughs travel at around 60 miles per hour.
15. The small intestine is the biggest internal organ.
16. Human hair is practically indestructible.

Tinig Tidbits

By: PP Peter M. Javier

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17. A sneeze is able to travel at over 100 miles per hour.
18. Only after you've lost more than half of your hair will people begin to notice.
19. Your stomach acid is powerful enough to dissolve a razor blade.
20. Your body has around 60,000 miles of blood vessels.
21. Your stomach lining renews itself every 3-4 days.
22. A human lung's surface area is roughly the same as that of a tennis court.
23. The liver has over 500 unique functions.
24. Your adrenal glands keep changing size throughout your life.
25. Your right lung is larger than your left lung.
26. The aorta has a diameter that's similar to that of a garden hose.
27. Your brain can store five times the amount of information as the Encyclopedia Britannica.
28. Your brain itself is unable to experience pain.
29. Around 10,000 human cells could fit on a pin head.
30. It is the waste products of sweat and not sweat itself, that smell bad.

(From BabaMail)

***DECLARATION OF ROTARIANS
IN
BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS***

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

1. Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
2. Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
3. Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
4. Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
5. Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
7. Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or professions;
8. Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will

1. Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
2. Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary
3. Conduct all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
4. Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings
5. Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
7. Honor the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring dis-favor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians
8. Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship

**PANGKAT MEMBERS
RY 2020 – 2021**

PANGKAT NO. 1

- 1. Pres. RJ Ermita - Leader**
2. Tony Diaz – Co-Leader
3. Ner Laino
4. Jing Jose
5. Rene Bocaya
6. Celso Ylagan
7. Leo Barbo
8. Philip Yoon
9. Arjan Ramnani
10. Marlo Guillano
11. Manfred Guangko
12. Sonny Samson
13. Jay Bautista
14. Nilo Ocampo

PANGKAT NO. 2

- 1. John Javier - Leader**
2. Nicky Ty –Co-Leader
3. Peping Mabanta
4. Ogie Lim
5. Nick de Guzman
6. Vico Sotto
7. Sonny Rivera
8. Ben Baniel
9. Raffy Garcia III
10. Ramy Garcia IV
11. Garrick Ang
12. Ferd Rivera
13. Johan Ramos
14. Roland Vasquez

PANGKAT NO. 3

- 1. Ed Lucero - Leader**
2. Bong Paloma – Co-Leader
3. Wowie Benitez
4. Noel Go
5. Conrad Cuesta
6. Louie Orosa
7. Nesty Carolina
8. Esto Lichauco
9. Rhett Ermita
10. Peter Javier
11. Sammy Lazo
12. Gerard Estrada
13. Ato Basco
14. Jake Oh

PANGKAT NO. 4

- 1. Rel Gomez - Leader**
2. Ed Evangelista- Co-Leader
3. Toti Buhain
4. Bert Albano
5. Raj Cordova
6. Vic Aquino
7. James Porter
8. Chito Bernardo
9. Alex Lacson
10. Ping Tan
11. Pal Bolivar
12. Carlo Doce
13. Allan Almazar

**PANGKAT MEMBERS
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PANGKAT NO. 5

- 1. Jun Zafra - Leader**
2. Jecko Santos – Co-Leader
3. Ray Armas
4. Bebert Lacuna
5. Dennis Albano
6. Totoy Bartolome
7. Arnel Estaniel
8. Hermie Orbe
9. Vic Lim
10. Nick Guzman
11. Tito Henson
12. Johansson de Guzman
13. Vince Ermita

PANGKAT NO. 6

- 1. Bart Ronquillo - Leader**
2. Adolf Aran – Co-Leader
3. Ike Ona
4. Kell Ortega
5. Benny de Guzman
6. Albert Mendiola
7. Edison Go
8. Flor de Pano
9. Topax Colayco
10. Roman Romulo
11. Chony Gimenez
12. Jess Acantilado
13. Nico David
14. Oyie Averilla

From the Secretary's Desk

Sec. PP John Javier



Attendance

Members Present41
% of Attendance (11/26/20).....50%

Birthday Celebrants for the Month of December 2020

Wedding Anniversaries for the Month of December 2020

Guest and Visiting Rotarians

1. PP Jimmy Ortigas, RC San Juan
2. Derick Paloma



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Officers and Directors

ROTARY CLUB OF PASIG (RY 2020-2021)

President	Renato Carlos "RJ" H. Ermita, Jr.
Vice President/PE	Roberto "Bart" C. Ronquillo
Club Secretary	PP Peter John "John" U. Javier
Treasurer	Rtn. James Philip Roland V. Porter

DIRECTOR:

Club Administration	PP Rogelio "Ogie" S. P. Lim
Membership	PP Aurelio "Rel" L. Gomez
Public Relations	Rtn. Garrick "Garrick" L. Ang
Service Community	Rtn. Francisco "Sonny" D.C. Rivera
The Rotary Foundation	PP Marcelo "Jun" C. Zafra, Jr.
Youth Service	PP Roy Eduardo "Ed" T. Lucero
Ex-Officio	IPP Nick "Nick" C. Guzman

Advisers:

HOF/PP Rhett Ermita
PP Conrad Cuesta
Rtn. Ike Ona



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MAKE-UP SLIP

This serves as proof of your attendance

Name of Visiting Rotarian

Name of Rotary Club

RC – Pasig Club Secretary: _____ **Date:** _____

Relief Goods to Guinobatan, Albay



A joint undertaking with RC Legaspi North



A truckload of cooking stoves for the typhoon victims

Relief Goods to Guinobatan, Albay



Also, plastic containers for water



Typhoon victims lining up to receive the relief goods.

Turnover of SkyHydrant



PRID Raffy receives formally SkyHydrant he funded from Richard Rejas of Balay Mindanao.



PE Bart giving club's appreciation plaque to Richard Rejas and is joined by PP Rene

Tulong ni Dir Garrick & Rtn Jecko para sa Marikina Flood Victims



Dir Garrick & family donates 25 sacks of new shirts and underwear.



It's the truck of Rtn Vince for transporting to Marikina

Tulong ni Dir Garrick & Rtn Jecko para sa Marikina Flood Victims



A pile of new T-shirts to give away



Showing off the assorted shirts

Tulong ni Dir Garrick & Rtn Jecko para sa Marikina Flood Victims



Rtn Jecko getting ready to distribute hot meal



Nothing better than a hot meal for the hungry

Donation of Face Masks & Shields to Pasig



PE Bart hands over face masks & face shields to Mayor Vico Sotto



Mayor Vico with his fellow Pasig Rotarins TP Rj, PE Bart and PP John.