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22 OCTOBER 2020  
Rotary Year 2020-2021

# TINIG

The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pasig



Atty. Rene Andrei Q. Saguisag, Jr.

# Today's Programme

Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
October 22, 2020 12:30 – 2:00 PM  
Pangkat No. 4 Leader PP Rel Gomez

Call to Order	Pres. RJ Ermita
Invocation	Rtn. Pal Bolivar
National Anthem	Rtn. Carlo Doce
FOUR-WAY TEST	Rtn. Ping Tan
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests	PP Bert Albano
Community Singing	PP Vic Aquino
Fining Moments	Dir/PP Rel Gomez
Wise or Otherwise	
President's Time	Pres. RJ Ermita
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Rtn. Alex Lacson

**ATTY. RENE ANDREI Q. SAGUISAG, JR.**  
*Topic: Effect of Covid 19 on Sports Competition*  
**GUEST SPEAKER**

Open Forum Adjournment	Pres. RJ Ermita
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**Dir. James Porter**  
Emcee

***OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT MONTH***

# Invocation



Lord, as we gather today as friends and fellows, may you bless our gathering. Grant us, too, your gift of Wisdom that we may learn today from each other, most especially from our invited speaker. 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



### **It's Now Or Never**

*By Elvis Presley*

It's now or never,  
Come hold me tight  
Kiss me my darling,  
Be mine tonight  
Tomorrow will be too late,  
It's now or never  
My love won't wait.

When I first saw you  
With your smile so tender  
My heart was captured,  
My soul surrendered  
I'd spend a lifetime  
Waiting for the right time  
Now that your near  
The time is here at last.

It's now or never,  
Come hold me tight  
Kiss me my darling,  
Be mine tonight  
Tomorrow will be too late,  
It's now or never  
My love won't wait.

## Song of the Day



*Continuation 1.*

Just like a willow,  
We would cry an ocean  
If we lost true love  
And sweet devotion

Your lips excite me,  
Let your arms invite me  
For who knows when  
We'll meet again this way

It's now or never,  
Come hold me tight  
Kiss me my darling,  
Be mine tonight  
Tomorrow will be too late,  
It's now or never  
My love won't wait.

## From the President

Pres. RJ Ermita



Good afternoon Fellow Pasig Rotarians!

Last night we had the privilege of attending an international webinar organized by Rotary Districts in the Philippines to report and discuss the Polio Eradication efforts worldwide. We got a glimpse of the history, Philippine situation and international projects to address it. I was surprised to learn that this project was launched in the Philippines. PRID Raffy had the privilege of sharing his tribute to Past RI President Mat Caparas who started the International effort on Polio Eradication. Congratulations PRID Raffy for a touching and memorable message.

The polio project is a very good example of how small individual contributions, when consolidated into one, can have a significant impact on a global scale. The Rotary network of clubs worldwide and organizational infrastructure makes this possible.

Thank you to all the Rotarians, family and friends who registered in the Takbo Kontra Polio run event this weekend. I was surprised to see several of our members gear up for the 21k run category. Overall we have 30 participants running in all the categories. It's a perfect way to help in the Polio drive and to stay healthy as well.

Thank you! On the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the SIGNIFICANT Rotary Club of Pasig, we remain....

Truly yours,

RJ H. Ermita

## Rotary Notes

PP Benny P. De Guzman



This is too long habits before must all be changed altogether. It is the start, for most of the 1/3 or so more seniors in our club to either go on exercise or entertain all the pains you can think of. The others who feel lucky should remember, *tatanda din kayo*.

I must apologize to PP Peter as I got a funny text called Joy With Words which is the forte of Peter in his Tidbits. I am not even sure if he wrote this before. What is an Oxymoron. It is defined as a phrase in which two words of opposite meanings are brought together. And, here are some funny Oxymoron 1. Found Missing 2. Open Secret 3. Small Crowd 4. Act Naturally 5. Clearly Misunderstood 6. Fully Empty 7. Pretty Ugly 8. Seriously Funny 9. Only Choice 10. Original Copies 11. Exact Estimate 12. Tragic Comedy 13. Foolish Wisdom 14. Liquid Gas and 15. the mother of all Oxymoron is: Happily Married. Webster has a funny name too. Calling this Oxymoron which emphasizes the two ending syllables – MORON.

The *worldwide* pandemic will rob all the Rotary Clubs the vaunted Rotary fellowship as EGClubs and zoom meetings will be the *modi* and members will not have the real chance to interact. Even the zoom meetings for our club that will be a entry point for others to rejoin even on limited basis did *get* the desired response.

Earlier this week was the 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the return, as promised of Gen MacArthur in Palo, Leyte. PP Topax was less than two weeks old then. It is not true then that he was a *posthumous* child as his father was yet to get his *heroic* death in the *liberation* of the American *internees* in UST. At best, it was *post partum*? Whatever that means. In less than 100 days *after*



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MacArthur returned was the devastation of the City of Manila ranked as the third battered city of World War II. Our deaths in the city was about 100,000 and the twin *atom boomed* cities of Japan had only more than 5,000 more casualties. ***Kaya pag kumapit ka sa America mas, giba ka.***

Sometimes, the worst of physical pain is *not* much than the continuing pain of loneliness. It will be a nice fellowship project if we can visit the ball room practice hall of PH Noel in Antipolo *and* to see the project of Sis Daisy Carmona in their home for the aged. ***Baka*** it may be a nice place soon *for* our dear relatives as the distance is very near *from* our place anyway.

It is now firm that the government will not allow visit *to our* departed in memorial parks, cemeteries and even memorial crypts. Instead, let us pray to our dear departed *that* they be the ones to visit us and make lives more interesting. Let us adjust.

## Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra



### **NIGERIAN PHYSICIAN DR. TUNJI FUNSHO NAMED ONE OF TIME'S MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.**

FUNSHO HONORED FOR HIS WORK WITH ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TO ERADICATE WILD POLIO IN AFRICA

EVANSTON, Ill. (September 23 , 2020) — TIME named Nigerian physician Dr. Tunji Funsho to the 2020 TIME100, its annual list of the 100 most influential people in the world. The full list and related tributes are now [available on TIME.com](#) including [Dr. Funsho's TIME100 profile](#).

The list, now in its seventeenth year, recognizes the activism, innovation and achievement of the world's most influential individuals.

Dr. Funsho, a cardiologist based in Lagos, Nigeria, is the first Rotary member to receive this honor for the organization's work to eradicate polio, having played an essential role in ensuring Africa's certification as wild polio-free in August of 2020.

"I'm honored to be recognized by TIME for my part in ensuring that no child in Africa will ever again be paralyzed by wild polio, a disease that once disabled 75,000 African children every single year," said Dr. Funsho. "Eradicating the wild poliovirus in Africa was a team effort that required cooperation and dedication of governments, partners, Rotary members, hundreds of thousands of health workers, and countless parents who chose to have their children vaccinated against polio."



# Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra

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As the leader of Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee, Funsho has worked alongside Rotary members throughout the country to raise awareness about the importance of polio immunization, encouraged governments and public figures to support polio eradication, and served as a vocal leader and advocate for Rotary's fight to end polio in Africa.

Dr. Funsho works closely with Rotary's partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI): the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. As a member of Nigeria's Presidential Task Force on Polio, he has coordinated immunization and advocacy campaigns with the Minister of State for Health and the Inter-Agency Coordination Committee for Polio Eradication. He has also worked closely with the Sir Emeka Ofor Foundation, the Dangote Foundation, the Traditional Leaders Council and the Federation of Muslim Women's Association of Nigeria.

In August 2019, Nigeria reached three years without a case of wild poliovirus. Nigeria's progress, led by Rotary, its GPEI partners and local and national governments, was the result of decades of sustained efforts, including domestic and international financing, the commitment of hundreds of thousands of health workers, and innovative strategies to immunize children who previously couldn't be reached due to insecurity in the country's northern states.

On 25 August, the African region was certified wild polio-free. This historic announcement means that five of the WHO's six regions, representing more than 90 percent of the world's

# Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra

*Continuation 2.*

population, are now free of the wild poliovirus. The virus is now endemic in just two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Rotary's nearly 32,000 members in Africa have played a critical role in helping the region achieve its wild polio-free status by holding events to raise funds and awareness for polio, and working with world governments and national and local leaders to secure funding and support for polio eradication.

## **About Rotary**

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. We connect 1.2 million members from more than 36,000 Rotary clubs in almost every country in the world. Their service improves lives both locally and internationally, from helping those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.

## **About Rotary and Polio**

Rotary has contributed more than \$2.1 billion to fight polio, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio eradication program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary formed the GPEI with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance later joined. When the initiative launched, there were 350,000 cases of polio every year. Today the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent. Visit [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) and [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) for more about Rotary and its efforts to eradicate polio.

## Meet Our Guest Speaker



**RENE ANDREI Q. SAGUISAG, JR.**

*To Shoot Better than Bird. Pass Better than Magic. Jump Higher than Michael.*

But, God had other plans. Pursued a bachelor's degree in the **Sports Science** and was one of the pioneer graduates of said course from the **University of the Philippines College of Human Kinetics**. Prior to entering law school, he joined the Basketball Efficiency and Scientific Training Center (**BEST Center**) which would eventually land him a job as **Head Coach of the Assumption High School Basketball Team**, while assisting in its Grade School and College teams. He also served as **Fitness Coach** for *Bender and Strands Wellness Center*. Despite the rigors of the **Ateneo Law School**, he could not keep himself away from sports – it was during law school when he applied and successfully joined the equally demanding **U.P. Mountaineers** – where he felt at home with all its environmental advocacies.

With a rather thin resume but with a growth mindset, he was given a very big break in 2015 by his alma mater and was appointed as Basketball Commissioner for UAAP Season 78. He was to be reappointed for two more Seasons – a first they say, at least in recent memory. He also held the position of UAAP Executive Director in Season 80 – a first in UAAP History.

A son of his father, Atty. Rene Jr. or Rebo can't help but get involved in public interest cases as a member of the Movement of Attorneys for Brotherhood Integrity and Nationalism ("MABINI")

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## *Continuation 1.*

where he worked with Atty. Abby Binay who later became Congresswoman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> district Atty Rebo served as consultant to then Cong. Abby and was a volunteer in the latter's *Lingkod Bayan Caravan* providing monthly free legal aid to the constituents of Makati. Never wanted to be in politics, but finally decided to give it a shot in 2019 when given an opportunity by now Mayor Abby -- he won a seat in the Makati City Council.

The pandemic has rekindled his passion for cycling and is showing signs of GAS. He loves clowning around with his family.

Always willing to learn, he always takes time out to sharpen the saw and regularly attends seminars (and now webinars) either as a speaker or a guest but with the end goal of learning. And that is brought him here and looks forward to this fruitful exchange.

## **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

ATENEIO SCHOOL OF LAW

*JD Law Program, 2004*

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

Bachelor's Degree in Sports Science, 1997

## **CAREER HISTORY**

**Sangguniang Panglungsod, 1<sup>st</sup> Dist, Makati, 2019**

**UAAP Executive Director Seasons 80 to present**

**UAAP Commissioner Seasons 78, 79, 80**

**Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas, Head, Referees Academy**

**NCAA Season 93 Deputy Commissioner**



# Meet Our Guest Speaker

## Continuation 2.

Makabansa Basketball League Commissioner

Bicol Universities and Colleges Athletic League (BUCAL)  
Consultant

February 2017 to December 2017

- Consultant, Senate Electoral Tribunal (under the Office of Sen. Ma. Lourdes Nancy Binay).

January 2017 to present

- *Corporate Secretary, Covertlinks, Inc.*

October 2016 to present

- Convenor/Legal Counsel. **Mindanao Peace Games**

May 2016 to October 2018

- *Consultant to the Representative, 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Makati*

June 2014 to May 2016

- ***Corporate Secretary and General Counsel, Terry's Selection, Inc..***

July 2013 to September 30, 2016

- ***Legal Counsel, PSS Realty and Development Corp., 2/F Savana Commercial Center, 1203 P. Ocampo cor. Chino Roces Ave., Bgy. Sta. Cruz, Makati, 1205***

2008 to Present

- *Corporate Secretary, International Market Brands.*

April 2005 to July 2013

- ***Associate, Saguisag and Associates, 4045 Bigasan St., Palanan, Makati City***

March 2008 to May 2016

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- *Consultant to the Hon. Marilen Abigail Binay, Representative, 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Makati*

Summer 1999 to April 2005

- *Paralegal, Saguisag and Associates, 4045 Bigasan St. Palanan, Makati City*

**July 1997-March 1999**

- *Fitness Coach, Bender and Strands Wellness Center, Basement 2, Tower One, Ayala Avenue, Makati City*

**June 1997-2003**

- *Head Coach, High School Basketball Team, Assumption College San Lorenzo*
- *Asst. Coach, Grade School Basketball Team, Assumption College, San Lorenzo*
- *Asst. Coach, College Basketball Team, Assumption College, San Lorenzo*
- *Moderator, Basketball Club, Assumption College, San Lorenzo*

**January 1993-March 1998**

- *Coach, Basketball Efficiency Scientific Training (BEST Center)*



# Tinig Tidbits

By: PP Peter M. Javier



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Cracking your knuckles does not hurt your bones. The sound you hear is just gas bubbles bursting.
- Sharks are the only animal that never get sick. They are even immune to every known disease including cancer.
- “The World” is a cruise ship where you can be a permanent resident and wake up in a different country every morning.
- Almost 14% of Google employees have never attended college.
- The sunset under the clouds looks like the sky is on fire.
- A bridge turns into an underwater tunnel connecting Denmark and Sweden.
- The smallest international bridge in the world connects Canada and the USA.
- The largest cave in the world is in Vietnam and is so big it has its own river, jungle and climate.
- The construction of the great wall of China took over 2000 years.
- The line that separates day and night sides on earth is called terminator.
- The pilot and co-pilot of a flight never eat the same meals in case one causes food poisoning.
- Approximately 62% of Americans have less than \$1,000 in their savings accounts and 21% don't even have a savings account.

***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 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. Allan Almazar

**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

**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

**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. Jay Bautista

**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

# From the Secretary's Desk

*Sec. PP John Javier*



## Attendance

Members Present .....43  
% of Attendance (10/15/20).....55%

## Birthday Celebrants for the Month of October 2020

## Wedding Anniversaries for the Month of October 2020

## Guest and Visiting Rotarians

1. Roland Vasquez, Host Dir. Sonny Rivera



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## **Officers and Directors**

### **ROTARY CLUB OF PASIG (RY 2020-2021)**

<b>President</b>	Renato Carlos "RJ" H. Ermita, Jr.
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<b>Club Secretary</b>	PP Peter John "John" U. Javier
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rtn. James Philip Roland V. Porter

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<b>Membership</b>	PP Aurelio "Rel" L. Gomez
<b>Public Relations</b>	Rtn. Garrick "Garrick" L. Ang
<b>Service Community</b>	Rtn. Francisco "Sonny" D.C. Rivera
<b>The Rotary Foundation</b>	PP Marcelo "Jun" C. Zafra, Jr.
<b>Youth Service</b>	PP Roy Eduardo "Ed" T. Lucero
<b>Ex-Officio</b>	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**

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Name of Visiting Rotarian

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Name of Rotary Club

**RC – Pasig Club Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_