



Rotary Opens
Opportunities

29 OCTOBER 2020
Rotary Year 2020-2021

TINIG

The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pasig

In Memory

Of our loved
ones who aren't
with us in 2020:

We love you
We miss you
You are always
in our hearts.

Amen.



Today's Programme

Virtual Meeting via Zoom
October 29, 2020 12:30 – 2:00 PM
Pangkat No. 4 Leader PP Rel Gomez

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| Call to Order | Pres. RJ Ermita |
| Invocation | Rtn. Jay Bautista |
| National Anthem | Rtn. Ping Tan |
| FOUR-WAY TEST | Rtn. Carlo Doce |
| Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests | PP Rel Gomez |
| Community Singing | Rtn. Pal Bolivar |
| Wise or Otherwise | |
| Fining Moments | |
| President's Time | Pres. RJ Ermita |

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

FR. MICHAEL ISRAEL "Kell" T. ORTEGA

Parish Priest of San Guillermo Parish, Buting Pasig City

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| Open Forum | |
| Adjournment | Pres. RJ Ermita |

PP Vic Aquino
Emcee

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

Invocation



Lord, as we gather to remember our fellow Rotarians who have gone ahead of us, may you help us remember them always in our hearts. May their selfless contributions and happy memories be truly honored. 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?

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



MEMORY

By Barry Manilow

Midnight
Not a sound from the pavement
Has the moon lost her memory
She is smiling alone
In the lamplight
The withered leaves collect at my feet
And the wind begins to moan

Memory, all alone in the moonlight
I can smile of the old days
It was beautiful then
I remember the time I knew what happiness was
Let the memory live again

Daylight
I must wait for the sunrise
I must think of a new life and
I mustn't give in
When the dawn comes
Tonight will be a memory too
And a new day will begin

Burnt out ends of smoky days
The stale court smell of morning
A street lamp dies



Song of the Day

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Another night is over
Another day is dawning

Touch me
It is so easy to leave me
All alone with the memory
Of my days in the sun
If you'll touch me
You'll understand what happiness is
Look, a new day has begun...

Memory, all alone in the moonlight
I can smile of the old days
Life was beautiful then
I remember the time I knew what happiness was
Let the memory live again

From the President

Pres. RJ Ermita



A good Rotary afternoon to everyone!

As we end the month of October, we remember the Pasig Rotarians and their spouses who have gone ahead with our memorial mass officiated by fellow Pasig Rotarian Fr. Kell Ortega and celebrated in the San Antonio Abad Parish church.

As we celebrate our 50th year, we must be reminded that the sustainability and continuous relevance of the Rotary Club of Pasig was due to the efforts of our members past, who have championed the principles and culture of service to the community.

Of equal significance would be the past members and officers of the Rotary Ann's of Pasig (ARAP). Our spouses have on their own had projects to help the community which complimented and strengthened the service orientation of RC Pasig through the years. That partnership between Pasig Rotarians and their spouses from ARAP, also resulted to the cascading of Rotary to their children thus making Rotary truly a family affair.

Today we celebrate their lives, the wonderful memories with them and their spirit of service which we earnestly try to emulate.

We thank them all and pray for the repose of their souls as we likewise pray for their blessings for the club.

On this our 50th year, we remember...

Sincerely,

RJ H. Ermita

Rotary Notes

PP Benny P. De Guzman



Today is a special day, not only for being our Memorial Day, not only because it is the birthday of our dear PP Bert Albano, that we are missing his annual lechon, but also the last meeting of the first month of our 2nd quarter of our RY. How time flies. Last week, the group was thinking of having a live meeting at the corner of the huge open area at Valle Verde Country Club where social distancing can be done. It would have been nice for our mass.

If my recollection is right, we have lost 85 members, 15 of who are past presidents, starting from CP Totoy then Teddy, PDG Mike, Julito, Justo, Bing, Bobby, Ed, Lino, Bobbit, Tom, Tacio, Rody, Johnny and Joe. Two late PPs served 6 months each as CP Totoy served the first semester only, just to be entitled to being Charter President while Teddy Yabut served the second part of our first year. Birth pains *talaga*. An unusual resignation on the first month of the 2nd quarter of RY 1990-1991 ended the Rotary career of Pete Syquia. It is one of the black marks of our history. 10 others, including a charter member, PP Kati, are active members elsewhere.

For a great club, we have had only two PDGs, while a daughter club, Pasig South, will have their fourth DG next RY. In government service, we contributed more of these who went ahead. We lost some who were Cabinet members, one from the Supreme Court, a City Mayor, an Assemblyman and even an elite member of the Light a Fire Movement against Pres Marcos then.

Come to think of it. The Walking the Avenues of our PP Jun has plenty of ideas on how to serve Rotary better and how to enjoy in serving. This digital state is not good for our vaunted Rotary

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fellowship as our new members have yet to feel the warmth of mixing with the others. This time mixing with the elderlies will be like it. But the elderlies will also have their moments of fun when they meet.

PP Topax being shown behind the seemingly genuine gold bars of his Bitcoin seemed to be talking sense about his earnings and that of former Rotarian Butch is not that as real as his Gold Coin. Why don't we invite him again *baka* he has some good tips this time. ***Dati siya, Pera Mo, Pagininteres Ko.*** Now it seems, he is talking sense. I tell you one of these days, he will talk sense. Now before another Chef is invited let us listen to Topax. This time ***ba naman*** after that length of time, he will not talk sense?

Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra



MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT FOCUS OF ROTARY'S WORLD POLIO DAY EVENT

Rotary's 2020 World Polio Day Online Global Update program on 24 October hails this year's historic achievement in polio eradication: Africa being declared free of the wild poliovirus.

Paralympic medalist and TV presenter Ade Adepitan, who co-hosts this year's program, says that the eradication of polio in Africa was personal for him. "Since I was born in Nigeria, this achievement is close to my heart," says Adepitan, a polio survivor who contracted the disease as a child. "I've been waiting for this day since I was young."

He notes that, just a decade ago, three-quarters of all of the world's polio cases caused by the wild virus were contracted in Africa. Now, more than a billion Africans are safe from the disease. "But we're not done," Adepitan cautions. "We're in pursuit of an even greater triumph — a world without polio. And I can't wait."

Rotary Foundation Trustee Geeta Manek, who co-hosts the program with Adepitan, says that World Polio Day is an opportunity for Rotary members to be motivated to "continue this fight."

She adds, "Rotarians around the world are working tirelessly to support the global effort to end polio."

Polio eradication is truly a collective effort ... This accomplishment belongs to all of us.

— Dr. Tunji Funsho

Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra

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Chair of Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee
A collective effort

Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Lekki Phase 1, Lagos State, Nigeria, tells online viewers that the milestone couldn't have been reached without the efforts of Rotary members and leaders in Africa and around the world.

Funsho, who was recently **named one of TIME magazine's 100 Most Influential People of 2020**, says countless Rotarians helped by holding events to raise awareness and to raise funds or by working with governments to secure funding and other support for polio eradication.

“Polio eradication is truly a collective effort ... This accomplishment belongs to all of us,” says Funsho.

Rotary and its members have contributed nearly \$890 million toward polio eradication efforts in the African region. The funds have allowed Rotary to award PolioPlus grants to fund polio surveillance, transportation, awareness campaigns, and National Immunization Days.

This year's World Polio Day Online Global Update is streamed on Facebook in several languages and in a number of time zones around the world. The program, which is sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, features Jeffrey Kluger, editor at large for TIME magazine; Mark Wright, TV news host and member of the Rotary Club of Seattle, Washington, USA; and Angélique Kidjo, a Grammy Award-winning singer who performs her song “M’Baamba.”

Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra

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The challenges of 2020

It's impossible to talk about 2020 without mentioning the coronavirus pandemic, which has killed more than a million people and devastated economies around the world.

In the program, a panel of global health experts from Rotary's partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) discusses how the infrastructure that Rotary and the GPEI have built to eradicate polio has helped communities tackle needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, too.

“The infrastructure we built through polio in terms of how to engage communities, how to work with communities, how to rapidly teach communities to actually deliver health interventions, do disease surveillance, et cetera, has been an extremely important part of the effort to tackle so many other diseases,” says Dr. Bruce Aylward, senior adviser to the director general at the WHO.

Panelists also include Dr. Christopher Elias, president of the Global Development Division of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Henrietta H. Fore, executive director of UNICEF; and Rebecca Martin, director of the Center for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Elias says that when there are global health emergencies, such as outbreaks of other contagious diseases, Rotarians always help. “They take whatever they've learned from doing successful polio campaigns that have reached all the children in the village, and they apply that to reaching them with yellow fever or measles vaccine.”

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The program discusses several pandemic response tactics that rely on polio eradication infrastructure: Polio surveillance teams in Ethiopia are reporting COVID-19 cases, and emergency operation centers in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan that are usually used to fight polio are now also being used as coordination centers for COVID-19 response.

The online program also includes a video of brave volunteer health workers immunizing children in the restive state of Borno, Nigeria, and profiles a community mobilizer in Afghanistan who works tirelessly to ensure that children are protected from polio.

Kluger speaks with several people, including three Rotary members, about their childhood experiences as “Polio Pioneers” — they were among more than a million children who took part in a huge trial of Jonas Salk’s polio vaccine in the 1950s.

The future of the fight against polio

Rotary’s challenge now is to eradicate the wild poliovirus in the two countries where the disease has never been stopped: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Routine immunizations must also be strengthened in Africa to keep the virus from returning there.

To eradicate polio, multiple high-quality immunization campaigns must be carried out each year in polio-affected and high-risk countries. During the COVID-19 pandemic, it’s necessary to maintain populations’ immunity against polio while also protecting health workers from the coronavirus and making sure they don’t transmit it.

Rotary has contributed more than \$2.1 billion to polio eradication since it launched the PolioPlus program in 1985, and it’s



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committed to raising \$50 million each year for polio eradication activities. Because of a 2-to-1 matching agreement with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, that means that, each year, \$150 million goes toward fulfilling Rotary's promise to the children of the world: No child will ever again suffer the devastating effects of polio.

Tinig Tidbits

By: PP Peter M. Javier



16 NCREDIBLY MINDBLOWING FACTS

1. People born in the 90s have lived through three decades, two centuries and 2 millenia and they are not even 30 yet!
2. An average cloud is as heavy as 100 elephants while an average storm cloud weighs as much as around 200 elephants.
3. Your age is simply the number of circles you've made around the sun.
4. In your lifetime, you'll meet around 16 murderers without even realizing it.
5. You can work out how many days each month has by using your knuckles. Simply make a fist and count the months by using your knuckles and the gaps in between them. Each knuckle is a month with 31 days and each gap contains 30 or less. Once you reach the last knuckle of one fist, move on to the first knuckle of the other one so that July and August are both counted on knuckles.
6. In a single day, your heart makes enough energy for a 19-mile truck trip.
7. Your sense of smell deactivates while you sleep.
8. Two 30 cm pizzas are still smaller than one 43 cm pizza.
9. There is a pain killer in our saliva called opiorphin which is 6 times more powerful than morphine.
10. The person sitting to you on the left is actually the farthest

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from you on the right.

11. We need oxygen to live and yet it is also responsible for our aging and ultimately our death.
12. Every year, 98% of you changes since your atoms end up getting renewed.
13. If a pregnant woman damages her internal organs, her baby will send over some stem cells to help speed up the healing process.
14. In a day, our brain makes enough energy to power to 10-watt light bulb.
15. New babies typically cost their parents around 750 hours of sleep in their first year.
16. By the time you reach 60, you will have lost around half of your taste buds.

(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

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- 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**
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4. Ogie Lim
5. Nick de Guzman
6. Vico Sotto
7. Sonny Rivera
8. Ben Baniel
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12. Ferd Rivera
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4. Noel Go
5. Conrad Cuesta
6. Louie Orosa
7. Nesty Carolina
8. Esto Lichauco
9. Rhett Ermita
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12. Gerard Estrada
13. Ato Basco

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- 1. Rel Gomez - Leader**
2. Ed Evangelista - Co-Leader
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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

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4. Bebert Lacuna
5. Dennis Albano
6. Totoy Bartolome
7. Arnel Estaniel
8. Hermie Orbe
9. Vic Lim
10. Nick Guzman
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13. Vince Ermita

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- 1. Bart Ronquillo - Leader**
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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 Present46
% of Attendance (10/22/20).....59%

Birthday Celebrants for the Month of October 2020

Wedding Anniversaries for the Month of October 2020

Guest and Visiting Rotarians

1. Jake Oh
2. PP Jenny Ortega
3. Ferdi Legaspi
4. Nilo Ocampo
5. Rolando Averilla
6. Ma. Gaylee Villar
7. PP Jimmy Ortigas, RC San Juan
8. Carlo Reyes, RC Rizal centro



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MAKE-UP SLIP

This serves as proof of your attendance

Name of Visiting Rotarian

Name of Rotary Club

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