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The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pasig



RTN. OYIE AVERILLA

Today's Programme

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom
April 15, 2021, 12:30 P.M
Pangkat No. 4 Leader PP/Dir. Rel Gomez**

Call to Order	Pres. RJ Ermita
Invocation	Rtn. Arnel Condicion
National Anthem	Recorded
FOUR-WAY TEST	Rtn. Carlo Doce
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests	Rtn Allan Almazar
Community Singing	PP Toti Buhain
Wise or Otherwise	
Fining Moments	PP Vic Aquino
President's Time	Pres. RJ Ermita

***RTN. OYIE AVERILLA
CLASSIFICATION TALK***

Open Forum Adjournment	Pres. RJ Ermita
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**PP Rel Gomez
Emcee**

Invocation



O God, who for the salvation of the world brought about the paschal sacrifice, be favourable to the supplications of your people, so that Christ our High Priest, interceding on our behalf, may by his likeness to ourselves bring us reconciliation, and by his equality with you free us from our sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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



HONESTY

If you search for truthfulness
It's very hard to find
You can spend a lot of time to seek
But if you look for all the lies
You'll find them though you're blind
There's always lies and lies going around

Refrain:

Honesty is such a lonely word
Our leaders they are so untrue
Honesty is hardly ever heard
But that is what we need from them

Can we ever find someone
Who says he will be true
And do what others have failed to do
But we don't want some plastic face
To tell us pretty lies
All we want is someone to believe

Repeat Refrain

We can find a liar
We can find a thief
But we can't find an honest one

Song of the Day



Continuation 1.

Until the bitter end
They can deceive us
With promises again
I know, I know

When I'm deep inside of me
Don't be too concerned
I won't ask for nothin' while I'm gone
But when I want sincerity
Tell me where else can I turn
Because there is no one that I can depend on

Repeat Refrain

(Lyrics adaptation by PP Peter)

From the President

Pres. RJ Ermita



Happy Rotary Thursday Afternoon to all!

As we wait for the day that all of us are fully vaccinated, please be reminded to stay healthy and follow the strict protocols that will help us deal with the stronger, deadlier Covid variants.

We do not have full knowledge of the extent of this evolving strain, that is why it is better to side with extreme caution. Our aim should be to see the post-COVID world together as a club and with our loved ones.

At the same time, we should help each other focus on our mission and objectives as a club.

This afternoon, we will be having a new member orientation at 5pm. If all goes well, we should be 93 members by next week. We are getting closer to our 100 quality members target! Do join us if you are free.

Likewise, we are aiming to become a 100% sustaining club contributing USD100 per member. Your annual dues have covered the first USD25 per member, thus qualifying us as an EREY club. So, if we contribute USD 75 each, then we will become a 100% TRF sustaining club. With everyone's support, we can achieve this.

This is like setting aside resources today, for projects for the future. There may be obstacles on the conduct of our community projects today, but we will and should be ready to have a running

From the President

Pres. RJ Ermita

Continuation 1.

start for the projects of the future (hopefully, the near future). Our TRF contributions is exactly that.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary on this very BIZZARE year, we remain..

Steadfast in Rotary,

RJ H. Ermita

Rotary Notes

PP Benny P. De Guzman



There appears to be a good crop of new members when the three who defended their classifications last week did very well to mix with the culture and character of our club. Too bad about this pandemic since the vaunted fellowship of our club cannot be tested with the new mix. We are still too far short of the time when we had a number of very active medical doctors in our roster.

With Rtn Ferdie being assigned to our *Pangkat*, we have the most, if not all, the doctors including a practicing non-degree holder, PP Topax and a practicing gynecologist. Rtn Nilo is part of the family who founded the National University. I think he had a cousin who was a very radical anti-Marcos guy and who was truly hunted and mercilessly killed when caught in Davao. *Edjop ba siya?* Baby Rotarian Tet fits the very personality of his sponsor, PN Bong. He seems to handle any line of worthy cause. Even if based outside his *Barangay Kapitolyo* empire. Tet to whom a wise guy said, “drugs *na lang hindi pinasukan, lahat hawak.*” But Tet had a wiser remark, “who told you I didn't?”

After 39 years, a second *Filipina* was elected vice president of the International Wheels Club in the person of Zeny Farcon. Congratulations!

Tinig announces with deep sorrow the loss of a very accomplished gentleman who I had the pleasure of sponsoring to our club in 2000 the start of the century, when his Rotary club changed its meetings from noon to dinnertime. PP Joe Abejo, founder of Pocketbell, the paging system of decades ago and a practicing lawyer ceased practicing on people and went to rest but not peacefully. After suffering a stroke months before, he got the



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dreaded Covid virus. After two weeks, he insisted on fighting for his oxygen and did not agree to intubation. He survived for another six days without being intubated but in great stress. His wife, a medical doctor predeceased him. Both Joe and Auring, may you rest in peace. May Joe be the last of our members to be taken by Covid-19. The first, Rtn Kel lasted for a day. Luckily, after three weeks, his spouse Annie survived. If you or anybody else close to you will get it, please ask Rtn Dennis where to go. The Pateros clinic which handled him must be very good. The new strain is very powerful. A PDG from a neighboring district died within 24 hours after getting it.

My suggestion of having a live meeting in the Tanay Room of VVCC where all health protocols can be observed is not possible for attendance of more than 50 as VVCC will not allow it. But, it can be done. How about three each from the **Pangkats** for a fellowship every other month? The other half is in a zoom meeting? Crazy but there must be a way to beat this pandemic.

The huge mansions of PRID Raffy is getting, or by this time he must have gotten already are all huge that he may extend invites to travelling Pasig Rotarians even if only for a night if he is there. So, it's worth timing your trip. He has a huge place also in **Tagaytay** and in **Lubang** Island where the last Japanese soldier in our country was discovered/ Straggler Onoda he was called. Why that name? Consider the many natives he must have strangled to survive. Ilang decades na yan. But that is war and war is war..

Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra



\$15.5 MILLION GIFT WILL FUND NEW ROTARY PEACE CENTER IN MIDDLE EAST OR NORTH AFRICA

The Otto and Fran Walter Foundation has pledged \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation to start a Rotary Peace Center in the Middle East or North Africa.

The new center will offer a professional development certificate program focused on peacebuilding and development issues in the region. This generous gift from the Walter Foundation, which is based in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, USA, will fund the center's startup costs and operating expenses, as well as an endowment that will provide peace fellowships in perpetuity for up to 40 students to study there each year.

“Rotary has, for a long time, looked at how we can make a tangible contribution to the one area of the world where the element of peace has seemed so elusive,” says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair K.R. Ravindran. “Now that opportunity has come our way, thanks to the immense generosity of the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation. We will take full advantage to create a center where we can inspire our peace fellows to give flight to their spirit and equip them to be able to support action that will bring about peace and goodwill in a troubled region.”

The Rotary Foundation will select a partner institution to host the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center in 2024, and the first Rotary Peace Fellows are expected to start studying there in January 2026.

Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra

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Otto and Fran Walter established their family foundation to promote peace and other charitable causes, and their mission lives on even after their deaths. Otto was born in Germany in 1907 and worked as a lawyer there. When totalitarianism arose in Europe, the Nazi government enacted the Nuremberg laws, which pushed Jewish professionals out of their jobs. Summarily disbarred, Otto worked briefly as a law clerk before emigrating to the United States in 1936. He and his parents settled in New York.

His law degree wasn't recognized in the U.S., so Otto improved his English and started professional training. He earned a license as a certified public accountant and opened an accounting firm. But he never stopped believing that he could work as a lawyer again. Eventually, he sold his accounting firm and entered law school at New York Law School, graduating in 1954. The next year, he started a law firm which, with the support of his wife, Fran, steadily grew to employ 40 lawyers.

Through his legal work, Otto helped promote peace and improve relations between Germany and the U.S. After the Nuremberg laws were repealed, he became licensed to practice law in what was then East Germany and served as an adviser to the German Ministry of Finance during the negotiations of a 1954 U.S.-German income tax treaty. Otto and Fran focused on their philanthropic foundation later in their lives, becoming personally involved in the grants that they were able to fund. Otto became a member of the Rotary Club of New York City.

After Otto and Fran both died in 2003, Rotarian Frank Helman, a law colleague and friend, became president and director of their Foundation. He and his wife, Martha "Marty" Helman, the current



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Walking the Avenues

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president of the foundation, helped shepherd the \$15.5 million gift to The Rotary Foundation. The Helmans are both members of the Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor.

“The Walter Foundation can imagine no better way to remember Otto and Fran and their legacy than through a Rotary Peace Center in the Middle East — a part of the world that has been torn by conflict,” says Marty, who also serves as chair of The Rotary Foundation’s Peace Major Gifts Initiative Committee. “The Walter Foundation is a small family foundation; we needed the partnership with Rotary to create a world-class peace center.”

Since the first Rotary Peace Fellows began their studies in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,400 fellows who now work in more than 115 countries. Many serve as leaders in government, nongovernmental organizations, the military, education, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank.

Tinig Tidbits

By: PP Peter M. Javier



10 USEFUL FRENCH PHRASES & MEANINGS

1. **Voila!** (pronounced as vwaa-laa) – Behold, here it is!
2. **Cliche** (klee-sheh) – a phrase or opinion that is overused and betrays a lack of original thought.
3. **Vis-a-vis** (vee-zah-vee) – regarding or concerning a certain subject in relation to, a face-to-face meeting, a private meeting,
4. **Apropos** (a-pro-poh) – at an opportune time or occasion, just at the right time, relevant.
5. **Bon voyage** (bon vwa-yazh) – have a good journey
6. **Deja vu** (de-zha-voo) – a feeling that you've already been in a situation you're in before.
7. **Au contraire** (o-kont-rer) – on that contrary, on the opposite side.
8. **Faux pas** (fo-pa) – a social blunder
9. RSVP – please respond
10. **Je ne sais quoi** (zhuh nuh say kwah) -an indescribable (usually positive) characteristic of a person or an object.

(From BabaMail)

Tinig Tidbits

By: PP Peter M. Javier

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1. **GEICO** – originally it was short for Government Employees Insurance Company
2. **K-MART** – the K stands for founder Sebastian S. Kresge
3. **NABISCO** – stands for National Biscuit Company
4. **H&M** – at first, the store was called Hennes which is Swedish for “for her.” When they started selling men's clothing, it was renamed to Hennes & Mauritz
5. **ZIP CODE** – the ZIP is for Zone Improvement Plan
6. **BMW** – stands for Bavarian Motor Works
7. **TASER** – stands for Thomas A Swift Electric Rifle
8. **ADIDAS** – there's a lot of different stories about this, but the truth it's named after the founder Adolf (Adi) Dassler

Rotarians' Scholarship Pledges RY 2020 - 2021

Scholarship Pledges

Anonymous	10 – Paid
Anonymous	8 – Paid
PP Ner Laiño	6 – Paid
Garrick & Bernard	12 – Paid
PP Conrad Cuesta	3
PP Peping Mabanta	2 – Paid
Pres. RJ Ermita	2 – Paid
PP Rel Gomez	2
Rtn. Flor de Pano	1 – Paid
PP Jess Acantilado	1
PP John Javier	1 – Paid
Rtn Roy Quejada	1 – Paid
PP Peter Javier	1
Rtn Gary Ona	1 – Paid
Rtn Bong Paloma	1 – Paid
Rtn Bart Ronquillo	1 – Paid
PP Ed Lucero	1 – Paid
Rtn Jake Oh	1 – Paid
PP Vic Lim	1 – Paid
PP Rhett Ermita	1
Rtn Pal Bolivar	1 – Paid

***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
15. Rtn. Dickson Berberabe
16. Rtn. Tet Mallare

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
15. Rtn. Bernard Bobadilla
16. Rtn. Gary Ona

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
14. Rtn. Arnel Condicion
15. Rtn. Dekdek Paloma

**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
14. Rtn. Cesar Lacuna
15. Rtn. Roy Quejada

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
15. Rtn. Ferdie Legaspi

From the Secretary's Desk

Sec. PP John Javier



Attendance

Members Present38
% of Attendance (04/8/21).....42%

Birthday Celebrants for the Month of April 2019

Wedding Anniversaries for the Month of April 2019

Guest and Visiting Rotarians

1. Jeffrey Sonora, Host: PE Garrick Ang
2. Roehl Fontanilla Host: PE Garrick Ang



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Officers and Directors

ROTARY CLUB OF PASIG (RY 2020-2021)

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Service Community	Rtn. Francisco “Sonny” D.C. Rivera
The Rotary Foundation	PP Marcelo “Jun” C. Zafra, Jr.
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Ex-Officio	IPP Nick “Nick” C. Guzman

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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:** _____

Glimpses of Our Last Meeting



TP Rj starts his 36th meeting which PP Vic A. emcee



PP Rel does the fine



TP Rj with his weekly message

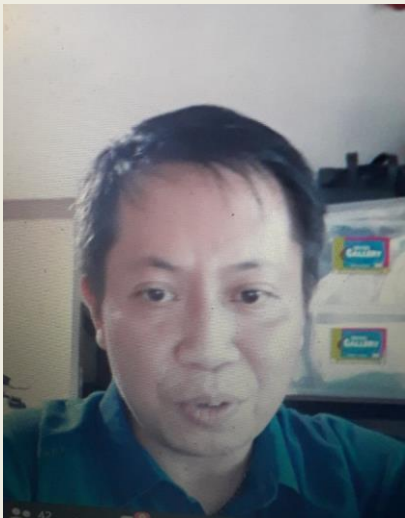
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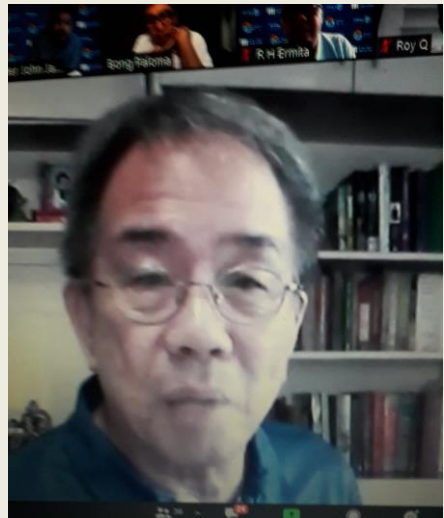
Rtn Nilo Ocampo defending his classification



Rtn Tet Mallare's turn to defend his classification

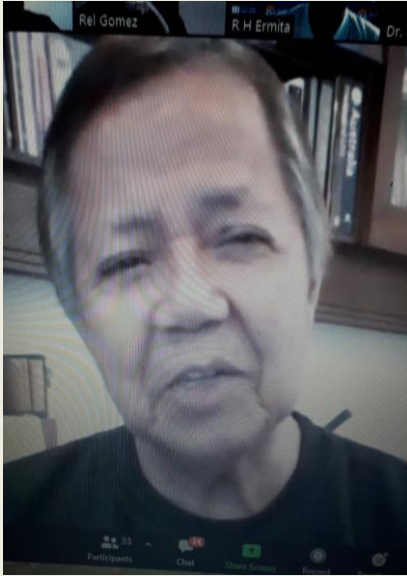


Rtn Ferdie Legaspi defending his classification,

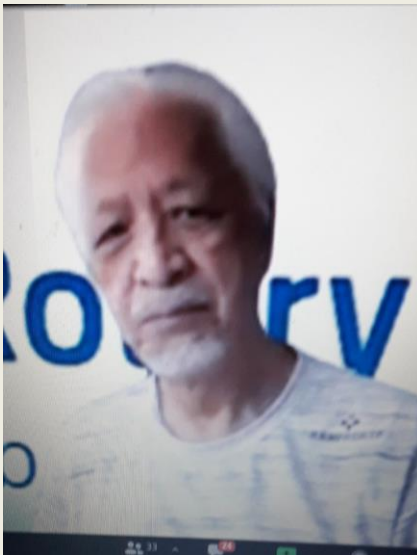


FB Noel starts the grilling session

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HOF/PP Conrad and PP Jun have questions too

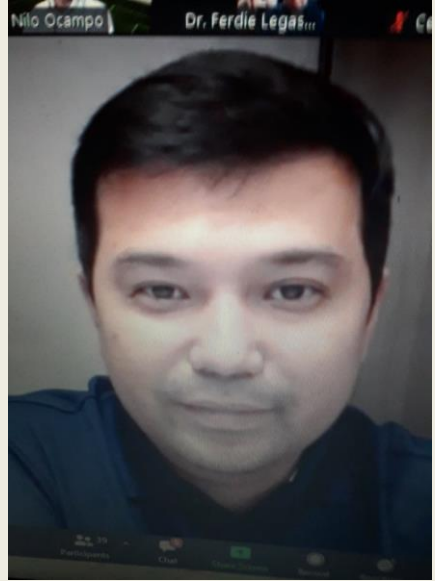


PP Topax with his query and super careful PP Rel too.

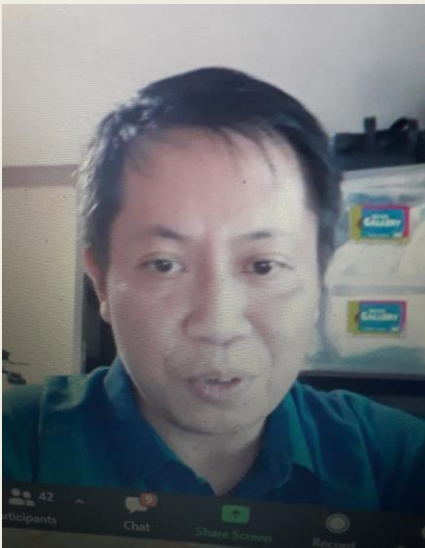
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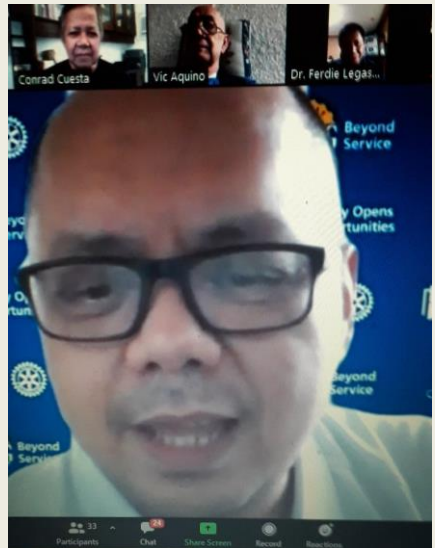
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OK ba ako PN Bong?



Daming free consultation



TP Rj ends the meeting