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Today's Programme

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom
July 1, 2021, 12:30 P.M**

Call to Order	Pres. Garrick Ang
Invocation	Dir/PP Ed Lucero
National Anthem	Recorded
FOUR-WAY TEST	Dir. James Porter
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests	Dir/PP Ogie Lim
Community Singing	Dir Adolf Aran
Wise or Otherwise	
Fining Moments	Dir/PE Bong Paloma
President's Time	Pres. Garrick Ang

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Open Forum	
Adjournment	Pres. Garrick Ang

**Dir/PP Rene Bocaya
Emcee**

Invocation



Heavenly Father, We praise and worship Your Mighty Name. May you continue to be with us as we continue to live each day full of uncertainties. Give us hope that we may not fall into despair. Give us faith that we may continue to hold on to you amidst the difficulties we face. And give us charity that we may continue serving our needy brothers and sisters with mercy and compassion. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen

APAT NA URIAN NG ROTARYO

ng mga bagay na ating iniisip, sinasabi o ginagawa:

1. Iyon ba ang **KATOTOHANAN**?
2. Iyon ba ay **MAKATARUNGAN** para sa lahat ng kinauukulan?
3. Iyon ba ay lilikha ng **MABUTING KALOOBAN at LALONG MATAPAT NA PAKIKI-PAGKAIBIGAN**?
4. Iyon ba ay magiging **KAPAKI-PAKINABANG** para sa lahat ng kinauukulan?

Ang Layunin ng Rotaryo

Ang layunin ng Rotaryo ay **“PASIGLAHIN AT IPUNLA ANG SIMULAIN NG PAGLILINGKOD BILANG BATAYAN NG ISANG GAWAIN KARAPAT-DAPAT** at lalo’t higit pasiglahin at ipunla:

1. Ang pagpapaunlad ng pagsasama bilang pagkakataon sa paglilingkod.
2. Ang mataas na uri ng tuntunin sa pangangalakal at sa hanapbuhay, ang pagkilala sa kahalagahan ng gawain kapakipakinabang at ang pagbibigay dangal ng bawa’t Rotaryo sa kanyang hanapbuhay bilang pagkakataon upang makapaglingkod sa lipunan.
3. Ang pagsasakatuparan sa simulain ng paglilingkod sa bawa’t Rotaryo sa kanyang pansarili, pangkabuhayan at panglipunang pamumuhay.
4. Ang pag-unlad ng pagkakaunawaan, mabubuting kalooban at kapayapaan ng mga bansa sa pamamagitan ng isang pang-daigdig na kapatiran ng mga propesyonal na nabubuklod sa simulain ng paglilingkod.

Song of the Day



MY ROTARY DAY

(Adapted from "Beautiful Sunday")

Thursday morning, I'm up and about
I think I'll take a walk in the park
Hey, hey, hey, it's a wonderful day

I've got someone waiting for me
When I see him I know that he'll say
Hey, hey, hey, it's our Rotary day

Hi, hi, hi, wonderful Thursday
This is my, my, my, Rotary day
When you say, say, say, say that you'll meet me
Oh, hey, hey, hey it's our Rotary day

Birds are singing, you by my side
Let's take a car and go for a ride
Hey, hey, hey, it's our Rotary day
We'll drive on and follow the sun
Makin' Thursday go on and on
Hey, hey, hey, it's our Rotary day

Hi, hi, hi, wonderful Thursday
This is my, my, my, Rotary day
When you say, say, say, say that you'll meet me
Oh, hey, hey, hey it's our Rotary day

Hi, hi, hi, wonderful Thursday
This is my, my, my, Rotary day
When you say, say, say, say that you'll meet me
Oh, hey, hey, hey it's our Rotary day

(Lyric adaptation by PP Peter Javier)

From the President

Pres. Garrick Ang



Dear Gentlemen,

Happy New Rotary Year!

Allow me to start my inaugural Tinig message by congratulating Transforming President Renato Carlos “RJ” H. Ermita Jr. and his team for a successful year. Whew, 32 District Awards, including one of my favorite, Best Club in Social Media!

Congratulations!



It is especially noteworthy that IPP RJ was able to *steer* our club through the Pandemic by transforming our club to full digital meetings. This include our hybrid Turnover and Induction, our Christmas Party and our Grand 50th Golden Anniversary Celebration, all using the latest in digital technology.

From the President

Pres. Garrick Ang

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This crisis has brought out the best in Pasig Rotarians as we have inducted 32 new Rotarians and is now one of the biggest in District 3800 and with the highest membership net gain.

Likewise, IPP RJ and *his* team navigated our club to be the Most Outstanding Rotary Club and the Club of the Year, truly a remarkable testament *on* our 50th anniversary celebration! An extraordinary year indeed and I am proud to be part of this milestone.



I have appointed most of the original past board members to continue the Transforming year to *this* Life Changing year for *the* Rotary Club of Pasig. We will reach new heights with our Service Above Self projects *with* the inclusive

strategy of involving baby Rotarians guided by seasoned Rotarians of our club.

“Mabuhay ang Rotary Club of Pasig!”

Rotary Notes

PP Benny P. De Guzman



1st July, the start of the Rotary Year, we have our new President Garrick calling the shots. It is most challenging as the fellow he too over, IPP RJ had plenty of very top achievements with an enormous number of district awards ranging from the minor to super grand awards totaling 32. Easily this is one of the most brilliant year of a great club. It capped our 50th Charter Anniversary too.

The third of sons of past presidents of our club, the first two also piled up awards for the club and for themselves. The first of the three had a tall order to follow as it was very hard to follow the footsteps of dad, PRID Raffy. Who knew PP Ramy is a keen sportsman with plenty of medals in both local and international competitions at a young age. Second illustrious son, PP Peter John is still collecting awards.

PP Ner who has been insisting on one general meeting in a socially distanced setting got his wish last Saturday. On short notice, Gov Tonipi attended with SAG Armi. On display were the awards but the attendees was too few. The tables were set for 60 but attendance was little over 20.

After a few decades writing this article, I thought the pandemic with all the do nots was the perfect excuse to get out. I sounded off Pres. Garrick when he was yet IP if all his positions were fully booked and if he ready for the meeting today. He was so sure he plugged all the committees and work areas. I was spared. Only for 2 days. Tinig boss PP Peter assumed the post once again, I guess without an appointment and he wanted my article. Mine a night

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appointment, 2 nights before 1st July and on the very night of the deadline for this column.

I attended the fellowship as I wanted to meet the new Rotarians. There were only six of them and baby Rotarians Dekdek and Rod I met. Before I can ask him if he was related to super Rotarian PE Bong, Dekdek right away said NO. I did not bother to ask the names of their fathers. Rod was active right away in our Pangkat and he knows Rotary very well. His dad was a PP of the Rotary Club of Makati West where PP Vic Lim got his PP. Rod's uncle was a former member of our daughter club, RC Pasig South and a very good surgeon, Dr. Boy Tan.

PP Peter was asking about the number of past presidents of our club who have gone. About 30% of past presidents or 15 have gone. 15 of them out of 86 members who went to the Great Beyond is not a bad number. Of the first 15 past presidents, the first 12 went ahead and of the first 5 past presidents, the 5th president, PP Esto is the survivor. For the next 5, former member PP Kati de los Reyes is the survivor. For the next 5, I am the only survivor. The next 5, two went ahead. They were PP Rody Cruz and PP/CM Johnny Fuentes. And then far from them was PP Joe Jota, the 37th president who was the 15th.

Per classification, the most number who have gone are the doctors of medicine with 11. Doy Aldanese was a neurosurgeon; PDG Mike Ampil was a rears-and-ends doctor or a proctologist; PP Bing Basilio was a general surgeon; Charter member Cering Bustamante was in hospital administration; Andoy Cruz was a general practitioner; PP/CM Johnny Fuentes was in the same specialty as PP Topax but PP Johnny was a real doctor as PP



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Topax was an operator; Germie Germar was an internist; PP Ben Pastoral (his PP came from RC Forbes Park although his spouse was ARAP president during my term); Emil Herrera was in telephone business; Tico Sarmiento was a general surgeon and did very well in Medical City as Chair and Aning Vicente was a vascular surgeon who went back to the US where he died rather early before the turn of the century.

Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra



RETIRED DOCTORS IN FINLAND VACCINATE THOUSANDS AGAINST COVID-19

RI director and PolioPlus national advocacy adviser are responsible for an estimated 50% of vaccinations in their region

As news began circulating in Finland in early January that COVID-19 vaccines could soon be approved, the nation's health authorities cautioned an excited public that it would take time to distribute the vaccine supply and train enough people to administer them.

Retired doctors Matti and Virpi Honkala learned about the potential shortage of vaccinators and contacted their region's medical director to volunteer their services in Raahe and the surrounding area.

“There was such a buzz and everyone wanted to get going right way,” says Virpi, a Rotary International director and member of the Rotary Club of Raahe who previously worked as a surgeon and medical director. Her husband, Matti, Rotary's PolioPlus national advocacy adviser for Finland and a member of the Rotary club of Pietari Brahe, had been a chief of internal medicine. Both are still licensed to practice medicine.

“We knew that if they had a shortage of vaccinators, they would have to pull people from their other duties, and then those services would be put on hold,” Virpi says. “We knew we could step in wherever needed.”

Both Virpi and Matti have experience managing vaccination campaigns. During the 2009 outbreak of H1N1 (also known as

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PP Jun C. Zafra

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swine flu), they oversaw the inoculation of nearly 1,000 health care workers prior to the mass vaccination of the general population.

“We have been retired for some years, but we still know how to vaccinate people,” says Virpi.

Eager vaccinators

By the end of April, the Honkalas had vaccinated more than 5,000 people in Raahe and two smaller municipalities nearby — accounting for about half of the vaccinations in their region, by

Virpi’s estimate.

In these three communities, about a quarter of the people, including almost all of those 75 and older, have received a first dose of the vaccine. People 60 and older were able to make appointments as of May.

“Two eager vaccinators can do quite a lot,” Matti says.

People have been excited and feel relieved about the vaccine rollout. “They are happy,” Virpi says. “And they are so grateful.”

Virpi was keen to get their Rotary clubs involved in the effort, and Matti wanted to promote the importance of vaccines.

“We said, this could be our Rotary project, and our project for our community,” Virpi says. “We know how eager Rotary members are to promote vaccinations, whether it’s against COVID-19 or polio.”

Members of both Rotary clubs volunteered to act as ushers and park cars at vaccination sites. Rotary club members played a crucial role directing people in and out of a closed school that was

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converted to a vaccination center. Virpi says staff members were thrilled to have the help, because the school layout was more complicated than the setup at other vaccine locations.

Vaccination strategy

Finland's ministry of health sets the country's vaccination strategy. The Pfizer vaccine, the first that became available in Finland, has to be kept at around -70°C (-94°F), so a cold chain must be maintained for doses to remain effective.

Vaccine doses are packed in large containers filled with dry ice and flown from a pharmaceutical factory to Helsinki, Finland's capital. The doses are then distributed to regions according to their population and their needs. Each region's medical director and nursing staff schedule vaccination appointments as doses become available, and university hospitals distribute vaccine batches to municipalities. The vaccines for the Raahe region come from a university hospital about 75 km (47 miles) away.

In early January, the Honkalas were vaccinating mostly front-line health care workers. Then in February, they assisted with vaccinations in nursing homes and retirement communities. As supplies increased, the Honkalas began providing vaccinations several days a week, including at the hospital in Raahe and at smaller clinics in the two neighboring towns.

"At first we had only shorter days," Virpi says. "The nurses in charge of scheduling set up one appointment every 10 minutes. I think they thought because of our age, we would be slow. I have never spent so much time walking corridors! Then, they realized we could do more and increased the pace to two every five minutes."

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Virpi says the vaccination effort has been a welcome relief from the isolation of the pandemic.

“We are seeing and meeting our neighbors, our work colleagues, and former patients as they come in for their vaccinations,” she says. “It’s really amazing. As a surgeon, I never saw people much after their operations — only if something went wrong. Now, I am seeing people who remember that I operated on them as many as 30 years ago, sharing how well they have been doing since.”

Combatting misinformation

Matti says he has also been working to fight vaccine misinformation and hesitancy, drawing on years of experience with the polio campaign. He finds opportunities to talk to people while they are waiting, using his knowledge as a polio advocacy specialist to speak about the power and efficacy of vaccines.

In Europe, he says, there are pockets of distrust, and rumors can spread easily based on a rare case. For instance, after the AstraZeneca vaccine was paused because of some reports of blood clots, he found that more people came in expressing concern about which vaccine they were receiving.

Virpi says she also uses humor to allay people’s concerns.

“One of the men yesterday asked me, ‘Which did you inject me with?’ I told him, ‘All of them. And I will be able to follow you with the gadgets I have,’” she quipped.

Having administered more than 5,000 vaccinations, Virpi suggested to her husband that they could stop after they reached 10,000 and let others do the rest.

“But,” she says, “he said, ‘When we have done the first 10,000, then we can start the second.’”

Tinig Tidbits

By: PP Peter M. Javier



NUMBERS IN RC PASIG

- 1971 The year the club was chartered and on the 61st year of Rotary International
- 53 The number of club presidents with President Garrick Ang as the 53rd president.
- 6 The current number of 2nd generation Pasig Rotarians. The very first father & son members were Rtn Vic Pascual and Rtn. Kel Pascual, now both deceased.
- 6 The number of past presidents who were presidents of other clubs – PP Rene Bocaya, PP Toti Buhain, PP Ed Lucero, PP Ferd Rivera PP Vic Lim & PP Jun Zafra.
- 94 The age of the club's oldest member, PP Totoy Bartolome, the club's 19th president.
- 1984 The year that the club started meeting in Valle Verde Country Club.
- 9 The number of club members with same family name either related or not.
- 35 The number of consecutive years of 100% perfect attendance by PP Vic Aquino and from the time he was inducted. He was the club's 29th president.
- 3 The remaining charter members – PP Esto Lichauco, PP Peping Mabanta & PP Arjan Ramnani. They were the club's 5th, 30th & 36th presidents, respectively.

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- 2 The number of district governors from the club – PDG Mike Ampil & PRID Raffy Garcia. PDG Mike was the club's 3rd president while PRID Raffy, the 38th president.
- 5 The number of active daughter clubs – RC Pasig South, RC Pasig East, RC Valle Verde, RC Pasig Premier & RC Valenzuela Premier.
- 4 The number of sister clubs abroad – RC Hong Kong Sunrise, RC Ansan East, RC Honolulu Sunset & RC San Diego Paradise Valley
- 3 The number of 2nd generation Rotarians who became club presidents – PP Ramy Garcia, PP Peter John Javier & IPP RJ Ermita.
- 16193 The club number when it was chartered on January 18, 1971.
- 3 The number of members who are members of the Arch Klumph Society of The Rotary Foundation – PRID Raffy Garcia, PP Ramy Garcia & PP Nick Guzman. PRID Raffy has already contributed US1,000,000.00.
- 3 The number of members who are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation – Rtn Flor de Pano, PP Sonny Samson & PP Jun Zafra.
- 29 The number of charter members of the club when chartered on January 18, 1971.
- 32 The number of new Rotarians for Rotary Year 2020-2021.



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- 32 The number of awards received from District 3800 for Rotary Year 2020-2021.
- 4 The number of former Rotarians who rejoined the club – Rtn Allan Almazar, Rtn Vince Ermita, Rtn Cesar Lacuna & PP Henry Uy in Rotary Year 2020-2021.
- 2006 The year when PRID Raffy then club president made the club a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club.
- 9 The number of remaining charter members on the club's 25th anniversary in 1996.
- 14 The number of past presidents who have passed away.
- 2008 The year the Rotary Club of Pasig Foundation was incorporated.
- 41 The number of years of 100% perfect attendance by PP Benny de Guzman, the club's 14th president.
- 53 The number of club members who are Paul Harris Fellows.
- 6 The number of Hall of Famers in the club. They are PP Rhett Ermita, PRID Raffy Garcia, PP Bobby Paterno, PP Peter Javier, PP Jess Acantilado & PP Conrad Cuesta.

***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

From the Secretary's Desk

Sec. PP John Javier



Attendance

Members Present34
% of Attendance (06/24/21).....34%

Guest and Visiting Rotarians

1. Bernard Dy
2. Philip Go



Officers and Directors

ROTARY CLUB OF PASIG (RY 2021-2022)

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Vice President/PE	Josefino “Bong” M. Paloma
Club Secretary	PP Peter John “John” U. Javier
Treasurer	PP Marcelo “Jun” C. Zafra, Jr.

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Membership	Rtn. Adolfo “Adolf” de Jesus Aran
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Service Community	Rtn. Francisco “Sonny” D.C. Rivera
The Rotary Foundation	Rtn. James Philip Roland V. Porter
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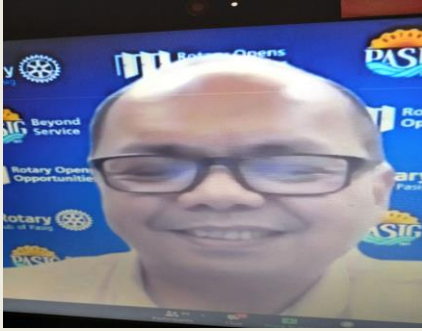
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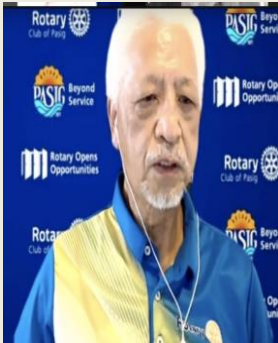
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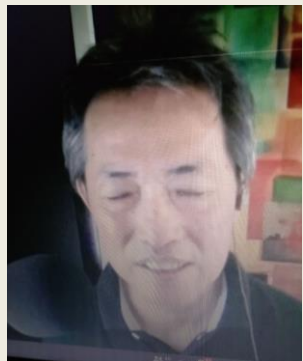
Glimpses of Our Last Meeting



TP calls his 46th & final meeting to order which is emceed by Rtn Adolf



It's announcement time for PP Topax, HOF/PP Conrad, Rtn Ato Basco,



PP Ed

Rtn Fr Kell,

PE Garrick

Glimpses of Our Last Meeting



and Rtn Adolf Pankat 6's finemaster is PP Topax



TP Rj administers oath of membership to Bernard "Dodie" Dy and is club's 101st member.



TP Rj with his final message and with a smile ends meeting

Fellowship Night at VVCC



TP Rj with DG Tonipi Parungao & SAG Armi Quibael pose with club's district awards.



Thumbs up for a great golden year!

Fellowship Night at VVCC



HOF/PP Jess & Rtn Adolf singing My Way adaptation for TP Rj.



A toast to TP Rj and his Golden team!