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The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pasig



50th Year
Handover & Induction Ceremonies
October 1, 2020 at 5pm via Zoom



ROTARY CLUB OF PASIG



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**Virtual Meeting via Zoom
October 1, 2020 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

Call to Order	IPP Nick Guzman
Invocation	Rtn. Fr. Kell Ortega
National Anthem	Video Recording
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests	PP Jun Zafra
Valedictory Address	IPP Nick Guzman
Presentation of Leadership Awards	IPP Nick Guzman
Induction of Officers and Directors	Rtn. Roman Romulo
Pinning Ceremony and Turn-over Ceremony	IPP Nick Guzman and TP RJ Ermita
Inaugural Talk	TP RJ Ermita
Inspirational Talk	PRID Raffy Garcia III
Message from the Governor	Gov. Tonipi Parungao
Special Award	TP RJ Ermita
Adjournment	Pres. RJ Ermita

**Angel Atienza - Romero
Emcee**

Invocation



Almighty Father, we praise and glorify Your Holy Name. May you bless our event with your Presence and Grace. Enlighten our minds with your wisdom, enkindle in our hearts with a passion for service above self, and bless our hands that we may continue sharing ourselves with those in need according to the vision and mission of Rotary Club of Pasig.

This we ask in Jesus' name.

Amen.

District Governor's Message

Governor Tonipi Parungao



Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Pasig, including your Spouses, Rotaractors, Interactors, and other Partners-in-Service, under the leadership of Transforming President RJ Ermita, on the occasion of your club's 52nd Induction and 50th Turnover Ceremonies! What a monumental achievement it is to be in a position to celebrate a significant milestone in the history of your club, to arrive at this day through all the many highs and the few lows that normally mark the existence of any club around the world, and to do so with optimism and a firm resolve to continue serving above self.

Lana and I also wish to pay tribute to Champion President Nick Guzman and his team for truly being Champions in the last Rotary Year, and for their exemplary stewardship of the club in spite of the extreme difficulties posed by the last four months of their term.

I have always felt very close to the members of this club, given my interaction with many of your members throughout the years. The friendships forged and experiences shared with some of you make me feel right at home during the regular meetings and special events of the club that I had attended in the past. I have always been impressed by the palpably strong fellowship in and unique culture of your club, as well as the demonstrated and consistent pattern of generosity of many of your members. Thus, it should come as no surprise that I have tapped three of your Past Presidents to be part of the District Leadership Team in this Transforming Year.

District Governor's Message

Governor Tonipi Parungao

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It is therefore a singular honor and privilege for me to write this message to your club as District Governor. The strength, durability, resilience, and outstanding quality of your club is evident to all, not only in the eyes of the communities you serve but also of the district of which you are an integral part.

This is proven by the breadth and diversity of the help you had previously given to those in need, as well as the number of senior Rotary leaders from your club that have served the district and Rotary International in various distinguished capacities, most especially Past R.I. Director Raffy Garcia.

Now that we are in the middle of a global pandemic, it is evident that the times call for a clear, sustained, and different approach if service organizations such as Rotary are to survive and remain relevant. We must be creative, think outside the box, and do this within our means, preferably in partnership with other likeminded individuals and groups, to directly address increasing difficulties in our economy, the grinding poverty in our society, the persistence of violence and conflict in some parts of our country, and the age-old inequality among our people. It would be easy to lose hope under such circumstances, but Rotary's work and presence will suffice to show that things can and will be better.

I have full faith in our ability to respond imaginatively to the call of the times, especially with true Rotarians like those who comprise the Rotary Club of Pasig.

It is my fervent hope that we will always strive to make Rotary Open Opportunities, continue to do good, and to do it well.

Mabuhay ang Rotary Club of Pasig! Walang Kakalas, Walang Bibitiw!

Outgoing President's Message

IPP Nick C. Guzman



Hello and Good evening everyone. Before I thank the many special people who made my year of Presidency a lot easier and enjoyable, please allow me to acknowledge the presence of Transforming Governor Tonipi Parungao, PRID Raffy Garcia III, my Champion Governor IPDG Nelson Aspe, our very own Transforming President RJ Ermita, Club Officers, Directors, to all my fellow RC Pasig Rotarians, visiting Rotarians, guests, friends, and family. I'd like to thank each one of you for being here tonight.

I will always cherish my Presidency as one of the best years of my Rotary life and it has changed me, for the better, I think. First and foremost, I'd like to thank my family, my wife, Susanna "Nana" Guzman, our 5 Children Robert, Nicole, Mariel, Manuel, and Marcel for all the support and for being there for me throughout the year.

Thank you to Dad, PRID Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III, who convinced me to step-up and serve a year ahead when Pres RJ was not able to take over because of other responsibilities. Boy, am I glad I followed his advice. Thank you for all the honors, awards, and recognitions you have been racking up for RC Pasig and the many more to come, here and in the international scene. Congratulations on the latest honor of having your name and portrait hanging on the wall of the most significant room of Paul Harris' Original Home.

Thank you to my brother-in-law, SAG PP Ramy Garcia for being there every time I needed help. He maybe hard to get a hold of sometimes but he's always there to lend a hand.

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IPP Nick C. Guzman

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Thank you to my Board Members and Club officers, namely, our then VP, now Pres RJ who readily sat-in for me in meetings when I could not attend. Our Club Secretary PP Jun Zafra, patient as ever to give me all the assistance that I needed when it came to dealing with District issues. Our Treasurer Bart “Maybe PE” C. Ronquillo, was always with fresh and great ideas to help our club and maybe one of these days, or when he becomes President, it will all happen. Thank you to our Directors, PP Celso Ylagan, Club Administration, who never missed a beat in making sure that we had a program and guest speakers ready week after week; PP Peter Javier, Membership, who made sure that we had a net gain in membership and performed numerous duties for the club; Director Rtn. Rajesh “Raj” Cordova, Public Image, despite his busy schedule as being one of the Deans in Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig, he was always giving me updates on how we can promote our Club and uplift Rotary’s image; Director Rtn. Florizel “Flor” De Pano, Community Service, with his generosity and kindness, our reach to help extended well beyond the boundaries of Pasig. When it comes to helping out those in need, without batting an eyelash, he will open up his heart and help wholeheartedly. PP Condrado “Conrad” Cuesta, The Rotary Foundation, led our Club into maintaining our number 1 hold as TRF contributors; PP Roy Eduardo “Ed” Lucero/PP HOF Doc Jesus “Jess” Acantilado Vocational Service/Youth Service, performed exceptionally well for our youth and vocational service projects. A special thank you to my mentor, Ex-Officio IPP John Peter Javier. His help and guidance throughout the year is unequalled. I really relied on him on many things to make this year a successful one for RC Pasig.

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IPP Nick C. Guzman

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Thank you to our IT experts, Rtn Bong Paloma and Rtn Garrick Ang for rendering their technical expertise in making everyone in our Club adapt a little easier with the New Normal.

Thank you to all Fellow Pasig Rotarians who helped in various service projects during the Pandemic. Your generosity, readiness and the willingness to help is unmatched.

As I have mentioned before, I would like to dedicate this RC Pasig Rotary Year 2019-2020 to our fallen brother, Kel Pascual, who met his untimely demise because of CoVid-19. We didn't even have the chance to mourn him and say our proper goodbyes. Please say a prayer for the repose of his soul and may he find Peace in heaven with our Lord.

With that, I wish you and your families to be safe and healthy always.

To President RJ and his team, the best of luck this Rotary year. Rest assured we are all behind you and ready to help in anyway we can.

Maraming Salamat Po!!! Mabuhay ang Rotary, Mabuhay ang Rotary Club of Pasig!!!!

Incoming President's Message

Pres. Renato Carlos H. Ermita, Jr.



A happy Rotary afternoon to all!

Today is our Club Induction and Turnover ceremony for the Rotary Year 2020-2021.

Allow me to start by thanking and congratulating IPP Nick Guzman for his outstanding service to the club for RY 2019-20. His term was especially significant when the Covid 19 pandemic hit us and the call to support the front liners was conceptualized and executed. He was successful in transitioning the club to virtual meetings and fellowship. Likewise, he has brought international recognition to the club by being inducted to the prestigious Arch. Klump Society of the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations and thank you once again IPP Doctor Nick Guzman.

My Rotary journey started with the invitation of my father HOF Rhett Ermita. I was at my thirties then and was yearning to find an outlet for service and community involvement outside of my focus on family business. But at the same time, I also wanted to expand my network, have social interaction and fellowship with likeminded individuals

He told me that joining Rotary was the perfect avenue for that and explained his own experience as a member, later as a leader. Likewise, my mother Belle, was also active and later on became president of the Rotary Ann's of Pasig (ARAP).

Rotary has been so much a part of my family, and so I took the plunge and joined RC Pasig.

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I appreciated very much the magnitude of the projects of RC Pasig and the significant level of commitment and long-term projects for various communities.

Likewise, I very much appreciate the membership, the personalities, and the nature of the Pasig Rotarians and of course as a result the friendships developed through the years.

This year I accepted the challenge as your president for Rotary year 2020-21, the 50th year of the ENDURING Rotary Club of Pasig!

It is indeed a very unusual and challenging year for our club. This year we are forced to be creative and resilient. COVID or no COVID, we need to continue on with our commitment to help others, especially our adopted communities.

We have laid down our priorities for this year...

1. To continue to support and enhance our flagship projects; be it the Ilugin community center, The RCP Luxid Micro finance cooperative, the scholarship program in Rizal High School and Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig, and the soon to open multi-specialty clinic and Rotary center donated by PRID Raffy Garcia and many more.
2. To assure the sustainability of the club by increasing membership and of course reducing the average age of the club members.. Our recent recruits will definitely help us achieve that..

And of course Covid or No Covid..

3. To celebrate our 50th anniversary in January of next year.

Incoming President's Message

Pres. Renato Carlos H. Ermita, Jr.

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These extraordinary times require extraordinary commitment from each and everyone of you. In these days everything we do needs to have some effort. We need to be purposive to communicate(virtually), to serve our constituents and even to have fellowship. All these can be accomplished by your continuous support and cooperation.

I would like to thank the current officers, the GOLDEN board, for taking up the challenge in joining me in this journey.

Very special thanks to my wife Marissa, and our daughters Eunice, Renee and Francine, for bearing with me and supporting me in whatever way they can during my presidency.

And to all of you our members, young and old, for keeping your minds open and cooperating to make things work in this club.

There is still much to be done and together we can make it work. Thank you very much for this opportunity to serve.

Mabuhay ang Rotary Club of Pasig!

RJ H. Ermita
Transforming President

President's Profile

Pres. RJ Ermita



RENATOCARLOSH.ERMITA,JR.,PHD.

EXPERIENCE

- September 2008 – Present National University, Inc. and subsidiaries NU Nazareth School, NU Laguna, NU Fairview, NU MoA, NU Baliwag
- President/Chief Executive Officer, June 2018 to present
- Executive Vice President/Chief Operations Officer, May 2014 to May 2018
- Vice President/Chief Operations Officer, September 2008 to April 2014
- January 2015 to May 2018 NU Laguna/Inspire Sports Academy Project Committee Head
 - Prepared the business plan & set-up the management teams of both the sports academy and college, including facility construction
- March 2013 – May 2018 NU Nazareth School, Manila, Philippines Transition Committee Chairman/ Chief Operations Officer
 - Managed the integration of NU Basic Education department with the Nazareth School, Inc of the Hijas de Jesus Sisters
- 2004– 2007 Municipality of Balayan, Batangas, Philippines
 - Municipal Administrator 2005-2007
 - Municipal Planning & Development Coordinator 2004-2005
- 2001– 2002 Prumerica Financial, Makati City, Philippines
 - Financial Advisor

President's Profile

Pres. RJ Ermita

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- 1992– 2004 Vittrade Enterprises, Pasig City, Philippines
Partner- Finance & Operations Manager

EDUCATION

- 2011-2017 De La Salle University Manila, Philippines PhD in
Education Leadership and Management

Successfully defended the dissertation entitled “Understanding Business/Industry Involvement in Private Tertiary Education in the Philippines” July, 2016

- 1995–1997 Asian Institute of Management Makati City,
Philippines Masters in Business Management
- 1986–1991 University of the Philippines, Diliman Quezon
City Bachelor of Science in Business Economics
- 1976–1986 La Salle Green Hills Mandaluyong, Metro Manila
Gradeschool and Highschool

SOCIO-CIVIC/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Rotary Club of Pasig, District 3800
President - present
Board Director - 2016 to 2020
Club Secretary - 2010 to 2011
- Interschool Business Association – UP Local Chapter
President 1989-1990
- National Movement for Free Elections(NAMFREL) Volunteer
-Operation Quick Count – 1986 Snap Elections -Constitutional
Plebiscite – 1987

President's Profile

Pres. RJ Ermita

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- Service for Human & Religious Experience (S.H.A.R.E) Peer Counselor/Lecturer, 1985 – 1988
- San Francisco East Homeowners' Association President - 2004 to 2020

BACKGROUND

- Born on October 31, 1968 to Renato and Isabelita Hechanova Ermita Married to the former Ma. Luisa Rustia Torroba Three daughters namely: Eunice Karlene, Renee Felicia and Francine Louise

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Roberto C. Ronquillo

Vice President

3 hours is his travel time to Pasig because of the horrendous traffic, so you would rarely find him attending club meetings these days. 35 patents, an inventor by heart, 5 lovely children he is blessed with. 29 years his loving wife has withstood. A happy life he is truly grateful for. 60 he says is the magic number to pay this back and work on that distinguished prefix of Pres. before his name. 53rd RC Pasig president he will be.



PP Peter John U. Javier

Secretary

People often ask John, "Are you in town?" The past Rotary year he was most often than not in town, but he hopes that will change. An amateur cook, coffee addict and musical theater fan, John enjoys reading, watching movies (still a Woody Allen fan but these days into Kore-eda and horror movies) and playing mahjong. All these he enjoys with his gin and tonic.



James Philip Roland V. Porter

Treasurer

James has been a Rotarian for almost 16 years. He joined the Rotary Club of Makati West and served in various positions but in the past years he had intermittently attended meetings and functions due to the horrendous traffic and limited parking in Makati. Late last year, he moved to the club and immediately felt

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welcomed by its boisterous and irreverent members but all whole-hearted for service to the needy of Pasig. Worked almost for 30 years with Nestle marketing and retired as SVP. Happily married 36 years to a dentist with specialty in endodontics. Blessed with 5 children who are all professionals – 3 girls and twin boys and a twin 3 years old granddaughters. Also expecting a grandchild in December and another in January.



Garrick L. Ang

Director - Public Image

Garrick has over 25 years of regional experience in the field of Information Technology and Communications. He is among IDG's 2019 ASEAN Top 50 CIO. In association with IBM, he was judged on the the two core pillars of Business Innovation

and Leadership, honoring transformational and disruptive CIOs at both in-country and regional levels within Southeast Asia. He also helped co-found several start-up technology companies. As a Rotarian, his vision is that of transforming the club into one of the most innovative club in Rotary. As an artist, he is a regular member of the Camera Club of the Philippines and has won multiple awards here and abroad,

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PP Aurelio "Rel" L. Gomez

Director - Membership

Living in distant San Pedro, Laguna has not stopped this Rotarian from regularly attending our club meetings. Rel has stayed with the club because he enjoys the fellowship and camaraderie among the members, making service projects a lot easier to plan for and execute. With a glass of his favorite single malt in his hand, he never fails to inject humor and zest during meetings and gatherings in alignment to club's image as irreverent but highly effective. Rel looks forward to someday being like the old guards of the club who are his "idols" who bring prestige and honor to the club.



PP ROGELIO "Ogie" SP LIM

Club Administration

Ogie joined the club in 2011 during the term of PRID Raffy Garcia the then District Governor. He belonged to new members called "Sugarboys" so named because of their not so ordinary hair-do, among other things. He served in various positions in the club ending up as club president in Rotary year 2016-2017. He thought it all happily ended then but he is now again as he calls it, the Janitor-in-Charge of Club Administration. But he can't say No to Pres RJ and his awesome team.

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PP Roy Eduardo "Ed" T. Lucero, FICD ***Director -Youth Service***

Ed has been a Rotarian for more than 28 years and is a Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD). He is an active Licensed Real Estate Broker. Happily married for 40 years to Ching, he has 5 daughters and 4 grandchildren. He is a former triathlete.



Sonny C. Rivera Jr. ***Director – Community Service***

Sonny has dedicated his adult life almost entirely in public service having involved himself as a member, leader and consultant in various social movements and advocacies in the national and local scenes. Became once a City Councilor of Pasig. He is a practicing realtor affiliated with PAREB. He is blessed with a loving wife, three children and seven grandchildren.



PP Marcelo "Jun" C. Zafra Jr. ***Director - The Rotary Foundation (TRF)***

Jun sadly lost his wife last July 2017. He joined not too long ago the 20% Club more known as senior citizens. His friends tell him that the upside to all these is that he is now an HVT – High Value Target of widows, those catching the last trip and those seeking scholarships. However, Jun insists that despite being

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an HVT, he is fully committed to his family, businesses, civic works and the church.



IPP Nick C. Guzman

Ex-officio Director

Nick and his wife Nana are officially empty nesters this year. All their children are now in the States. Their 3 older ones are now working and the 2 youngest are in college at Fordham University. They now keep themselves busy with their daily rosary and daily walks with their mom and dad (PRID Raffy). Nana is happily working from home while Nick is busy with teaching online and attending to Rotary matters throughout this pandemic.

PANGKAT MEMBERS FOR 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

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. Rtn Gerard Estrada

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

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. Rtn. Johansson de Guzman
13. Rtn. 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



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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

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This serves as proof of your attendance

Name of Visiting Rotarian

Name of Rotary Club

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