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Opportunities

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Rotary Year 2020-2021

TINIG

The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pasig



PP FRANCISCO "Topax" J. COLAYCO

Today's Programme

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

April 22, 2021, 12:30 P.M

Pangkat No. 4 Leader PP/Dir. Rel Gomez

Call to Order	Pres. RJ Ermita
Invocation	Rtn. Jay Bautista
National Anthem	Recorded
FOUR-WAY TEST	Rtn. Pal Bolivar
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests	Rtn. Raj Cordova
Community Singing	Volunteer
Wise or Otherwise	
Fining Moments	PP Bert Albano
President's Time	Pres. RJ Ermita
Introduction of Guest Speaker	PP Rel Gomez

PP FRANCISCO "Topax" J. COLAYCO

Topic: Essence of Bitcoin/Cryptocurrency

GUEST SPEAKER

Open Forum	
Adjournment	Pres. RJ Ermita

PP Toti Buhain

Emcee

April is Maternal and Child Health

Invocation



Heavenly Father, as we continue to tread life full of uncertainties, may You bless us with your abiding Presence. Help us see that You're with us every step of the way. And may you keep us away from danger. This we ask 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



DI NYO BA NARIRINIG?

From Les Miserables

Di niyo ba naririnig?
Tinig ng bayan na galit
Himig ito ng Pilipinong
Di muli palulupig
Dudurugin ang dilim
Ang araw ay mag-aalab
At mga pusong nagtimpi
Ay magliliyab

Ikaw ba'y makikibaka
At hindi maduduwag
Na gisingin ang mga panatikong bingi't bulag
Kasinungalingan labanan hanggang mabuwag

Di niyo ba nariring?
Tinig ng bayan na galit
Himig ito ng Pilipinong
Di muli palulupig
Dudurugin ang dilim
Ang araw ay mag-aalab
At mga pusong nagtimpi
Ay magliliyab

Song of the Day

Continuation 1.



Ikaw ba ay dadaing na lang
Kimi't magmumukmok
Habang nagpapakasasa
Ang mga trapong bulok
Gisingin ang puso
Galitin hanggang pumutok

Di niyo ba naririnig?
Tinig ng bayan na galit
Himig ito ng Pilipinong
Di muli palulupig
Dudurugin ang dilim
Ang araw ay mag-aalab
At mga pusong nagtimpi
Ay magliliyab!

Magliliyab

From the President

Pres. RJ Ermita



It is the 3rd week of April and welcome to another interesting club meeting of the ENERGETIC and THERAPEUTIC Rotary Club of Pasig.

Today we have a chance to hear once again, from the financial guru of our club, Past President Francisco “Topax” Colayco. In the past, he has shared with us his advocacy for financial literacy education for the majority of Filipinos. This time, he will be sharing his knowledge and expertise on the essence of the bitcoin. With the COVID 19 dominating the news the past year, very few took notice of the evolution and development of bitcoins in our midst.

We likewise are inducting 3 new members today, bringing our total new members to 25 this Rotary year. *Malapit na tayo mag 100. Konti nalang!*

Let us welcome Rotarians Roehl Fontanilla and Jeffrey Sonora, recruited by PE Garrick. Our third inductee is Atty. Rod Moreno, recruited by PRID Raffy Garcia. We are looking forward to seeing you all actively contributing your time, talent and other resources in helping others. Cheers!

Continuing prayers for all those afflicted by this COVID disease, may you gain your health soon, Amen!

On the 50th year of RC Pasig’s commitment to “Service Above Self,” we remain...

Yours in Rotary,

RJ H. Ermita

Rotary Notes

PP Benny P. De Guzman



The virtual meetings make it hard for me to write this column as I cannot have impressions of the activities with the limited scope of the zoom meetings. Nevertheless, Rotarians have their own ways in showing interest outside of the club but focused on the goings on around us.

Very commendable in giving his very good nationalistic and practical views are those of PP Bert. From the wrong jailing of the doctor who on his regular biking day was without a face shield and so was accosted and even placed in jail for 3 days and was only set free after paying a fine of 6K. And consider the fellow who died in Laguna because of curfew violation as he was asked to do push ups for 300 times till he collapsed and died. But the most critical of PP Bert's comment and rightfully so, was the unpresidential comment of our President against former Justice Antonio Carpio, our guest speaker a couple of weeks ago who spoke on the West Philippine Sea. He said the Chinese can fish freely in our economic zone as there are few to catch anyway. But when it comes to oil exploration, the area is OURS. By what logic can he say that? Per Solita Collas-Monsod, the fish in the area is worth several billion dollars. Now our President is claiming the other reef which the Chinese now controls is because the President then allowed them. Can you correct it now?

Surprisingly in Facebook Rtn Ben wrote a very nice prayer. The bigger a sinner you are, the more powerful the prayers are when seeking for reconciliation? What takes the cake is Pangkat 6 co-leader Rtn Adolf when he said he is being red-tagged because he is a proponent of CPP and NPA. Of course CPP means Community Pantry of the Philippines and NPA is National Pantry Association. It was started by a young lady, A. P. Non, who had the first pantry



Rotary Notes

PP Benny P. De Guzman

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in Teacher's Village in Quezon City. It was so successful that many other areas opened up and successfully too. Last 19th, she was forced to close the venture as police were asking her many personal information. The DILG followed suit and said a permit is needed. This was subsequently stopped and only a Barangay clearance will be needed. Properly monitored, this is a good area to assist the pandemic victims of society. We can study this and use it as a project near our medical center/

Birthday Boy extended his stay in the US due to the alarming increase of Covid cases in our country. I wonder if PRID Raffy was able to get his huge mansion in New York as he was keen on at least 3 already. All are huge by any standard. I was surprised that many PDGs greeted him on the 99th. I remember last 2004 when he celebrated his 60th birthday for one week with expensive 5-star hotel dinners with open bar. PRID Raffy now only 77 can still make it as Rotary International presidency. In the world of Rotary, we have one recognized in the entire Rotary world. His contribution to RI may be bigger than what he has given our club and the district because you give dollars and that is practically 50 times of what is given here. May your goodness and generosity never dwindle. Cheers for our birthday boy Raffy. And on xxxx will be Nana's birthday. She's Raffy's gem and the inspiration of IPP Nick.

Kudos to PP Peter for his adaptation to many fitting lyrics of popular songs to fit in our community singing. His TidBits are also very informative that even at a late stage we can pick up new words.

Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra



PHILIPPINE WASH PROJECT DELIVERS TOILETS, HYGIENE EDUCATION TO VILLAGES.

Rotary gets the job done where others failed

In 1991, Mount Pinatubo erupted after 600 years of inactivity and destroyed homes and farms, displacing many indigenous Aeta living in the highlands of central Luzon, Philippines.

While Aeta can refer to several different related ethnic groups, the Aeta here are descendants of Mag-Antsi, who following the eruption, were resettled by the government. Since then, many have returned to their ancestral lands to rebuild and reestablish their communities.

The roughly 43 families in Flora and 79 in nearby Kawayan make a living farming. While Aeta in other areas have been granted title to their ancestral land by the government, these Aeta have seen their lands shrink and their source of livelihood suffer as people from the lowlands staked competing claims during their resettlement years.

Like more than 10 million households in the Philippines, they lack sanitation facilities. The Philippines government has made progress in extending water to its 109 million inhabitants, but long-term plans to expand sanitation are running behind, especially in rural regions. This reduced access to personal hygiene exposes communities to diseases like diarrhea and cholera, and can lead to decreased school attendance, malnutrition, poor oral health, and fear of violence in women who must practice personal hygiene outdoors, according to a report by UNICEF.

Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra

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To combat these problems, the Rotary Club of Intramuros-Manila developed a water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) project that installed 25 toilets in the Aeta communities of Flora and Kawayan and three in Babo. Rotary members made visits to the community to learn about and understand current hygiene practices, willingness to work on the project, and the communities desire for toilets.

Before a single brick was shipped, Rotary developed friendships and gained buy-in from the community. Rotary was able to leverage an existing profile of Flora and Kawayan to guide the project, including information on race, history, socio-economic conditions, family units, source of livelihood, and means of transportation.

“On our first visit, one of the leaders said that nongovernment organizations and politicians had visited them often, promising to build toilets,” recalls Floren Naguit, project manager and member of the Intramuros Rotary Club. “But none had ever been built.” Until now.

Work began in Flora in early 2018 during the dry season, December through April, when roads are most passable. Together with their international partner, the Rotary Club of Batemans Bay, Australia, the club organized three-person work crews and local volunteers to haul materials by Jeep and carabao-pulled carts up mountain roads and across 26 rivers.

Septic tanks were installed, foundations set, walls and roofs built, tiles laid, toilet bowls inserted, solar lamps added, and use and care signs hung. Construction in Kawayan began after Flora was completed, with the total project dedicated in early 2020.



Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra

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The project paid local teachers, hired by the government, a small stipend to lead three small workshops for clusters of two to three families, and include education on safe hygiene in their lesson plans to encourage behavior change.

“Behavior change is hard,” says Mark Balla, vice chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group, “You’re asking people to do something different from what they were comfortable doing before.” But without it, people can slip back into past habits and toilets can fall into neglect or disrepair.

Perhaps most importantly, Balla stresses the need for patience.

“You are going to get imperfect results. There are no perfect projects,” he said. “We need to understand that we are striving for continual improvement.”

Knowing that monitoring and measurement are critical, the Rotarians performed follow up surveys with the Aeta, asking questions about toilet use and handwashing behavior.

Although visits were suspended in early 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and then from September to December when the rainy season makes roads impassable, they are scheduled to resume in 2021.

Tinig Tidbits

By: PP Peter M. Javier



6 SHORT LATIN PHRASES EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

1. **Circa** (abbreviated as c., ca.) - a way to state that an event took place or an object dates back to an approximate time.
2. **Id est** (abbreviated as i.e.) - the term translated from Latin as “that is” usually precedes a more thorough explanation of the topic discussed in a sentence just like the English phrase “in other words” or “namely”
3. **Post scriptum** (abbreviated as P.S.) - a little note at the end that is written as an afterthought. Post scriptum can be translated into English as “written after”.
4. **Videlicet** (abbreviated viz.) - Videlicet is a shortening of the Latin phrase videre licet, meaning “it is permitted to see”. Like i.e., viz is considered a synonym for “namely”.
5. **Nota bene** (abbreviated N.b.) - unlike postscript, it is not an afterthought as it is a noteworthy and often very important part of a message or text, which is exactly why it is mentioned separately.
6. **Et alia** (abbreviated et al.) - this Latin phrase is very similar to et cetera, but it can only be used to list people.

(From BabaMail)

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 – Paid
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
RY 2020 – 2021**

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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



ROTARY CLUB OF PASIG



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From the Secretary's Desk

Sec. PP John Javier



Attendance

Members Present33

% of Attendance (04/15/21).....36%

Birthday Celebrants for the Month of April 2019

Wedding Anniversaries for the Month of April 2019

Guest and Visiting Rotarians

1. Atty. Rod Moreno
2. Jeff Sonora
3. Roehl Fontanilla



ROTARY CLUB OF PASIG



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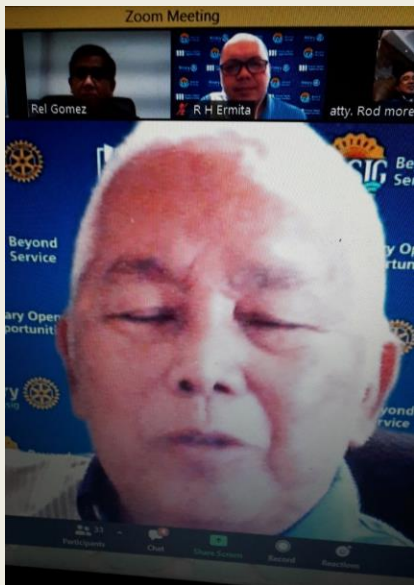
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Glimpses of Our Last Meeting



TP Rj calls his 37th meeting to order with PP Rel as emcee



It's joke time by PP Ed

Finemaster is PP Vic A

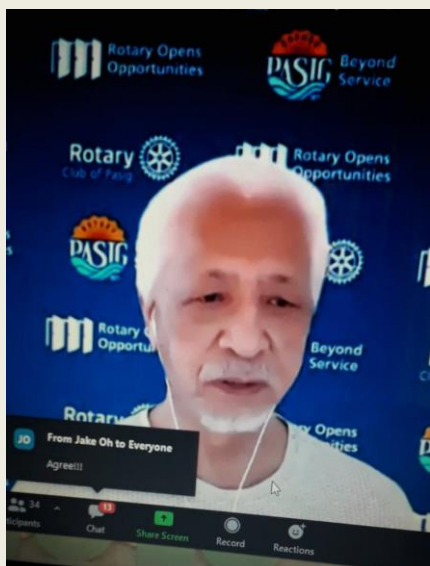
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TP Rj with his message



Rtn Oyie Averilla defends his classification



PP Topax with his question



Rtn Oyie ready to answer

Glimpses of Our Last Meeting



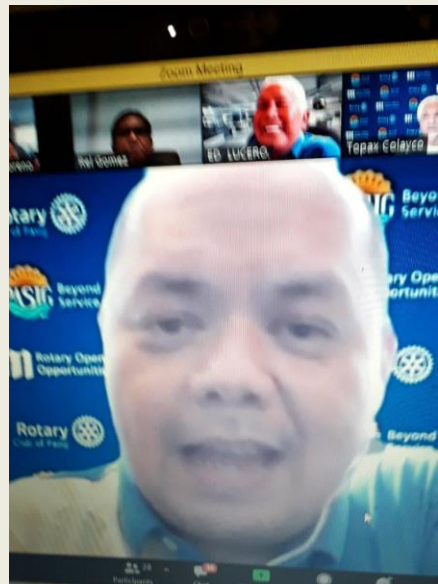
Questions too from FB Noel



and PP Ed too



A big smile as it's over



TP Rj adjourns meeting