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National Sports Tourism Committee
charts bold strategy for economic growth

 PATRICK GREGORIO
GUEST SPEAKER



LUXID ROTARY

Microfinance & Credit Cooperative

ABOUT US

The Luxid Foundation is an organization of members from the different batches of the Ateneo De Manila University, 1959, 1963, and 1967, united to help alleviate poverty among underprivileged people.

The Rotary Club of Pasig is one of the biggest clubs in the country, and is respected and consistent in its service to the Pasig community and to the country in general.

The Luxid Foundation and the Rotary Club of Pasig formed an alliance in 2017 to create the LUXID ROTARY Microfinance & Credit Cooperative.



FRANCISCO "TOPAX" COLAYCO is the Chairman of the Board of LUXID Rotary Microfinance and Credit Cooperative, holds a Masters degree in Business Management (MBM) from the Ateneo de Manila University. He also holds a Ph.D. (Honoris Causa) in Humanities awarded by the National University of the Philippines.

FJC is an entrepreneur, a venture developer and the pioneer in promoting personal finance in the Philippines. He is the author of the "Wealth Within Your Reach" series, the award winning and biggest Filipino best sellers on personal finance and the leading advocate of the personal financial literacy movement in the Philippines.

FJC has over 50 years' experience as a consultant, a professional manager and business owner in the fields of Manufacturing and Marketing, Shipbuilding, Specialty and Pressure Vessel Fabrications, Banking, Financial Services & Real Estate Development. He is the Chairman and Founder of the Colayco Foundation for Education, Inc. (CFE).

FJC is currently the Chairman & CEO of AulumDev Ventures Corporation (AulumDev), and up to March of 2023 was Chairman of One Wealthy Nation Bank (OWN Bank), formerly, the Rural Bank of Cavite City.

Today, FJC is an active ventures advisor and investor in health services. He is engaged in joint venture consulting and specialty trading such as diesel and medical supplies. He is Chairman of The Health Network (THN), an out patient facility with diagnostics, pharmacy and doctors' offices based in Marilao and Guiguinto, Bulacan.

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Today's Programme

**Valle Verde Country Club
January 29, 2026 12:00 Noon
Pangkat 4 Leader: Dir. IPP Bernard Dy**

Call to Order	Pres. Roy Quejada
Invocation	Dir Joseph Gualberto
National Anthem	Rtn Karl Contreras
FOUR-WAY TEST	IPP Bernard Dy
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests	PP Nick Guzman
Community Singing	Pangkat 4
Wise or Otherwise	
Fining Moments	PP Benny de Guzman
President's Time	Pres. Roy Quejada
Introduction of Guest Speaker	PP Adolf Aran

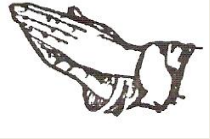
Mr. John Patrick C. Gregorio
Topic: National Sport Tourism Committee
Charts Bold Strategy fro Economic Growth
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Open Forum	
Adjournment	Pres. Roy Quejada

Rtn Jake Oh
Emcee
*** Vocational Service Month ***
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Invocation



We come to you Almighty God with humble and contrite heart for our shortcomings and sinfulness. Grateful for your generosity and love, we entreat you to send forth your Spirit to bless our fellowship today and to inspire us that in all things we may glorify you mighty name.
Amen.

From: Rtn. Fr. Jojo Opinio

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 Kina-uukulan?
3. Iyon ba ay lilikha ng **MABUTING KALOOBAN at LALONG MATAPAT NA PAKIKIPAG-KAIBIGAN**?
4. Iyon ba ay magiging **KAPAKI-PAKINABANG** para sa lahat ng kina-uukulan?

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 makapaglilingkod 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



What a Wonderful World

Song by Louis Armstrong

I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom, for me and you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue, and clouds of white
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces, of people going by
I see friends shaking hands
Saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying, I love you

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more, than I'll ever know
And I think to myself, What a wonderful world
Yes, I think to myself
What a wonderful world
Ooh, yes



From the President

Pres. Roy Quejada



The One Thing That Keeps Us Going

In my years in corporate, leadership meant carrying the responsibility of results every day. Meeting brand targets wasn't optional it was necessary for the business to remain sustainable. Even when conditions were tough, the work had to continue, because people, systems, and the brand itself depended on it.

In that cycle, there were moments of progress and small breakthroughs but there were also setbacks. More often than not, it was the setbacks that piled up. You begin to wonder if staying the course still makes sense, or if it's time to walk away and put your energy into something else that feels easier or more rewarding.

When I served as COO of Yellow Cab, I went through two major transitions. After four years with the original owners, the brand was acquired by The Pancake House Group, and two years later, it was acquired again this time by Max's Group. Through these changes, we took pride in keeping the brand relevant, maintaining product quality, and delivering a customer experience people appreciated. That consistency led to year-on-year double-digit growth in both revenue and profitability. Facing constant challenges negotiating with suppliers to manage costs, navigating differing directions from owners and stakeholders, realigning teams amid confusion, and staying alert to competitive moves forced us to adapt quickly and stay focused. Working through these pressures helped keep Yellow Cab competitive and firmly in the game.

From the President

Pres. Roy Quejada

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Like sports, growth follows the same pattern. Skills are built through long, rigorous hours of training repetitive, exhausting, and often unseen. There are moments when the process makes you want to quit. Nakakapagod. Nakakawala ng gana. But you push through the fatigue so you and the team are ready when it matters most.

All these experiences point to one truth. Impact doesn't come from enthusiasm alone. It is anchored on commitment the choice to stay the course through uncertainty and fatigue. The same holds true for our Rotary service and activities.

As we move forward, it's worth reminding ourselves why we joined Rotary in the first place to serve, to build friendships, and to be part of something bigger than ourselves. When we stay committed to that mission, we keep the spirit of service and fellowship alive and turn our shared purpose into impact that truly lasts.

Roy Quejada



Rotary Notes

PP Benny P. De Guzman



The cold mornings sure is a perfect time for added sleep and making a column is a real trying time. Glad there are newsy items worth our reading time.

Truly newsy and deserving our congratulations is NU's celebrating it's 125th year and with news that it is out in other areas of the country. Both the president, our very own PP RJ and the chair, Hans Sy are youthful leaders to make NU the top country university and UP is just on the side as the country's own. PPs Adolf and Nick are also identified with the great university. Dati pa Sampaloc lang like Arellano now, with RJ at the helm, bigger, better and still reaching farther. Carry on!

Now another distinctive Rotarian is Coach Richie whose gospel reflections and prayers are so intense that any priest can read and have a meaningful homily. Very rich in spiritual concerns and easily blended in our daily lives.

We missed out on our grand anniversary to honor Chony for his major annual giving to the Pulis ng Pasig. His Parangal sa Pulis ng Pasig running several years now with his own prize money but project is connected with our club, was honored by AIM with a Triple A Award. Tayo? I mean tayo nag recognize sa anniversary?

"Sa Manlulupig Di Tayo Pasisiil" was the slogan of Col. Franzel Padilla, our guest speaker last week. The fighting stance of our armed forces she proclaimed and restrained effort in enforcing our claims. Even in the Senate, Sen Rizal and Sen Erwin blasted the

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PP Benny P. De Guzman

new Chinese ambassador to our country for criticizing Commodore Tarriela, a speaker of ours before, for the protection of the WPS. "Commodore Tarriela, huwag ka pasisiil" (Whatever that means.)

We had a rich group of prospective new Rotarians, making our age group a little lower. Little lang as PE Jun's endorsed one is over 80 and like him, a widower. The transferee from RC Cotabato City is very young though plus the other two brought by PP Celso and Dir Roland. Let us reach again 100 members so we can afford even a dozen RINOs. Kung ang RINO naman ay productive, hindi RINO yan.

If I am not mistaken our Charter Anniversary's real date, on month and day is the real birthday of our PP Vic Lim. Next time let us have a co-hosting in the celebration.

We congratulate our very own Mayor Vico not only for his good speech during our 55th Charter Anniversary but more meaningful is Ateneo's appointing him to a board seat in the Social Studies College. Just a recognition by ADMU is a solid one and to be named in the board pa.

Pasig Rotarians, please support our 55th Anniversary golf tournament on 17th February. This will be a sure money earnings for our club.



Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra



Indian developer donates US\$50 million to The Rotary Foundation

Declaring that “giving is a duty,” longtime Rotary member Ravishankar Dakoju pledged that he and his wife and fellow club member, Paola Dakoju, would donate approximately US\$50 million (4.5 billion Indian rupees) to The Rotary Foundation. Dakoju announced the gift at Rotary’s International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 13 January.

“Years ago, Paola and I shared a dream: that one day, when we had enough to live with dignity, we would return 85% of our wealth back to society,” said Dakoju, a member of the Rotary Club of Bangalore, Karnataka, India. “My friends, that day has arrived.”

Dakoju, who serves as The Rotary Foundation Arch Klumph Society ambassador for Asia, spoke about his belief that philanthropy is a personal responsibility and explained his and Paola’s determination to give away their surplus wealth.

“What we keep may serve only our family, nothing beyond that. What we give The Rotary Foundation will serve humanity,” he said.

Dakoju told assembly attendees how his life experiences led him to commit to philanthropy. He described how his father, who had donated all of the family’s land to poor farmers, died suddenly when Dakoju was age 10. Dakoju recalled how he, his mother, and his six siblings were left with less than US\$2 in the

Walking the Avenues

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bank. He said he failed in school and misbehaved, even leading a street gang, before he earned a college degree and eventually co-founded Hara Housing & Land Development Ltd. Now it's one of the leading land developers in Bangalore.

Dakoju also found Rotary. He was impressed by Rotary's values of fellowship and service, and as his business grew, they supported The Rotary Foundation. In 2018, they committed to donating approximately US\$14.7 million (1.3 billion Indian rupees) to the Foundation. It was one of the largest contributions in the Foundation's history.

"Whatever I have achieved so far came from the kindness of people, the grace of life, and the opportunities Rotary brought into my world," Dakoju said at the assembly.

Dakoju has funded global grants and other programs in his district and worked on numerous service projects. In August, he pledged to match donations of up to US\$50,000 (4,500,000 Indian rupees) for each district in India that created pooled endowed funds to support environmental and education-oriented initiatives. He also participated in a five-year project to plant 10 million saplings in Karnataka state.

At the assembly, Dakoju emphasized the connection between his commitment to Rotary and his philosophy of giving.

"Rotary gave me new life, new purpose, new friendship, new meaning, and a global family," he said. "And life has taught me this beautiful truth: When you give more than you think you can, life returns to you more than you can ever imagine."



Our Guest Speaker



John Patrick C. Gregorio
Philippine Sport Commission PSC (Chairman)

EDUCATION

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, U.S.A. Post Graduate Executive Program Certification Course in Tourism and Hotel Management, 1997

Singapore Hotel Training and Education Centre, Singapore Post Graduate Diploma in Tourism, 1995

University of the Philippines Diliman UP Asian Institute of Tourism 1984 to 1988, with honors (cum laude)

University of the Philippines Integrated School 1980 to 1984 (secondary); 1974 to 1980 (primary)

Patrick “Pató” Gregorio is a seasoned sports, tourism, and corporate executive with a track record of linchpin contributions in every industry he has served.

As a tourism executive, he was historically the first to be awarded the Ten Outstanding Young Men for Tourism in 2003 for his contributions to the industry. Pató’s track record in corporate affairs and government relations have trained him in navigating the nuances of public and private sector engagements, a skill he has leveraged successfully in assisting the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) in

Our Guest Speaker

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facilitating the historic management transition of Camp John Hay's legacy properties to interim operators in 2025.

As a corporate sportsman, all national sports organizations that he helmed as a top official (basketball, boxing, and rowing) qualified consistently for the Olympic Games during his period of service. His commitment to integrity and excellence is further proven by the ISO 9001:2015 certification consistently awarded to the PRA during his term, a feat unique to the PRA among national sports agencies. Helming the great revival of the Tour of Luzon in 2025, he continues to spearhead innovations in business development, sports management, and education.

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Tinig Tidbits

By: HOF/PP Peter Javier



SMART SYNONYMS FOR 16 WORDS

Adding new and interesting words to your personal vocabulary is always a good idea, as the richness of your lexicon is a reflection of your intelligence, at least that's what most people believe

1. **Billingsgate** instead of **bad language**.
2. **Perfunctory** instead of **lazy**.
3. **Daedal** instead of **skillful**.
4. **Astute** instead of **smart**.
5. **Livid** instead of **angry**.
6. **Predicament** instead of **problem**.
7. **Mephitic** instead of **smelly**.
8. **Frugal** instead of **thrifty**
9. **Riant** instead of **cheerful**.
10. **Frigid** instead of **cold**.
11. **Solipsistic** instead of **self-absorbed**.
12. **Ennui** instead of **boredom**.
13. **Profligate** instead of **extravagant**.
14. **Embrangle** instead of **confuse**.
15. **Ascertain** instead of **figure out**.
16. **Adore** instead of **love**.

(from BabaMail)

Glimpse Our Last Meeting



GP Roy starts meeting which Sec John emcees; Rtn James leads invocation and...



singing of Pambansang Awit; Rtn Konsi Simon recites Apat Na Urian Ng Rotaryo and PP Vic introduces guests.



Pangkat 3 quintuplet singing Pasig Rotarians. HOF/PP Peter is finemaster.

Glimpse Our Last Meeting



Dir Roland introducing his prospective Rotarian guests Mark John Carillo & Armando R. Aquino.



Also PP Celso, Abe Saranguya & PE Jun, Max Joaquin .



Message from GP Roy; Dir Mads introduces Col. Francel Margareth Padilla, AFP first-ever female spokesperson.

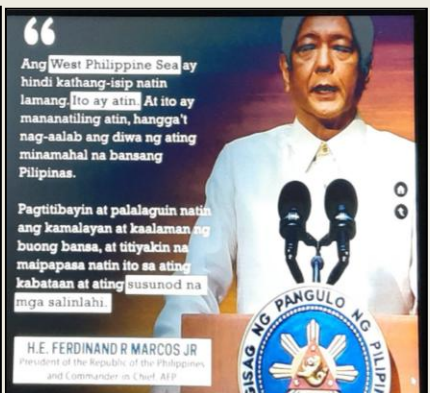
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Col Padilla's talk on Security Without Illusions: Protecting the Nation

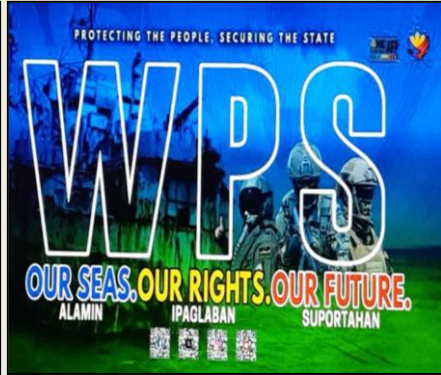
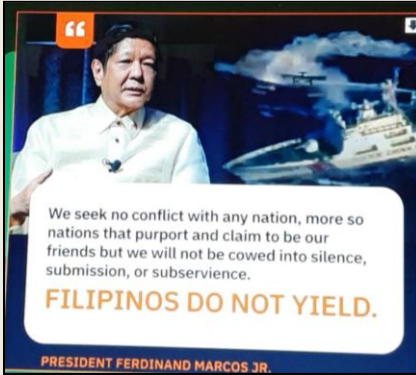


in an Era of Hybrid Threats focuses on the AI-Powered Cyber



Attacks such as espionage, sabotage and fraud on the

Glimpse Our Last Meeting



ongoing West Philippine Sea conflict with China.



Replying to questions from guest Jerry Quibilan and Rtn James



Also from prospective Rtn Armando Aquino

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Receiving club's token and bouquet from GP Roy.



With Sec John & GP Roy who thereafter adjourns meeting.



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Sec. PP John Javier

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