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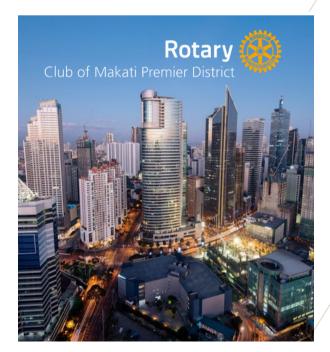


RACHEL KELLY DAVIS Public Image Chair RY 2023-24

Let's keep the conversations going. rcmpd.news@gmail.com It is the mark of a Rotarian not to seek recognition or reward for the work we do and the contributions we make to the communities we endeavor to help. However, each year, Rotary does award stellar clubs for the service they provide and the accomplishments they achieve.

This special edition newsletter was not created to seek recognition or reward, but to celebrate the success of the club and its projects. It is to applaud each and every member for contributing to the world we live in, and for creating immediate impact to our adopted communities.

In this issue we celebrate each other as we happily and humbly accept the awards that I feel are very well deserved by all the members of this club.



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Cover Photo: Club members proudly display awards received

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT CELEBRATING THE CLUB'S CONTINUED EXCELLENCE

JOSE MARI L. YUPANGCO Club President, RY 2023-24

Greetings of Celebration!

Every end of a Rotary Year (RY) in June, we witness the beginning of a change of guard in a Rotary Club. During this time, a new administration takes over the club, and as RI President Gordon McInally urges, *"to continue the work of past leaders."* But a RY will not be complete without *The Rotary District Awards*, an occasion to give recognition to the most outstanding achievements of a club and its leaders.

Last October 23, 2023, The Rotary District Awards, A Celebration of Marvelous Achievements, was held at the Hilton Manila in Pasay City. By the end of the evening, the Rotary Club of Makati Premier District (RCMPD) garnered 27 awards, one of the most numerous awards in our district! A supplemental distinction of being a Blue Diamond Awardee, the highest of four levels, made it more special to a very young club of 6 years.

Kudos to our Past Presidents (PPs) for building a solid foundation for our club from previous years. Of course, congratulations to our Immediate Past President (IPP) Leah Quesada for steering the club for RY 22-23, including its Board of Directors, the Committee Chairpersons and its members, the club members, our sister clubs, and community partners.



We are thrilled to witness how our hard work has paid off with all the accolades given to our club.

We thank you for the joy and usual support you bring to us. Together, we will create hope in the world!

With deen aratitude,

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Jose Mari L. Yupangco Club President, RY 2023 – 2024



THE YEAR AN ACCIDENTAL ROTARIAN BECAME *President*

LEAH QUESADA RY 2022-23 CLUB PRESID⁸ENT

The Year an Accidental Rotarian Became President

I am an accidental Rotarian. I was not looking for Rotary, but Rotary found me.

Having lived in the United States for over four decades since I was a teenager, the Philippines was a place I always referred to in the past tense. "I was born in the Philippines." "I once lived in the Philippines."

The Philippines is also close to my heart, where I am rooted and called to give back.

Five years ago, unbeknownst to me, the opportunity came when my friends invited me to join the RC Makati Premier District. I responded, "Me? I live 12,000 km away. What could I possibly contribute?"

Fast forward. In RY2022-23, I became Club President.

Our collective efforts have yielded significant results:

We increased membership by 34%. We created a new club

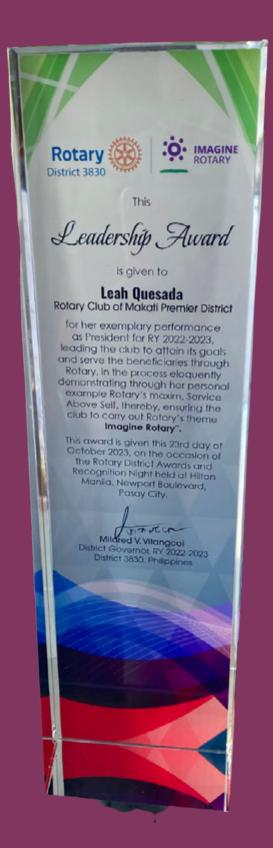
 Rotary Satellite Club of Makati Premier District, Next Gen.
 We received recognition for being on Zone 10A's Top 10 RCs
 to increase membership!

- **Our 5th global grant**, "Wellness and Outpatient Service on Wheels (WOW) Mobile Clinic for TB and Cardiac Diseases Screening was approved! This US\$75K project will launch in January 2024.
- We implemented our most expansive health outreach with over 1,100 registered patients and 220 volunteers. The consequences are immense in elevating the awareness of the importance of yearly medical check-ups.
- It was a record year for TRF donations! Our number of Paul Harris Fellows has increased by 120% and Paul Harris Society members increased by 50%.
- We forged international collaborations with two new international sister clubs, RC Greater Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) and RC Honolulu Sunset (US), already yielding several joint projects.

I was an accidental Rotarian. I was not looking for Rotary, but Rotary found me. And I am glad she did. Rotary has brought me closer to my home, the Philippines. And it feels good!









is given to

Leah Quesada Rotary Club of Makati Premier District

for her exemplary performance as President for RY 2022-2023, leading the club to attain its goals and serve the beneficiaries through Rotary, in the process eloquently demonstrating through her personal example Rotary's maxim, Service above Self., thereby, ensuring the club to carry out Rotary's theme

Imagine Rotary

This award is given on the 23rd day of October, 2023, on the occasion of the Rotary District Awards and Recognition Night at Hilton Manila, Newport Boulevard, Pasay City.

Mildred Vitangcol District Governor, RY 2022-2023 District 3830, Philippines 7



LEAH QUESADA MARVELOUS IMAGINATIVE PRESIDENT RY 22-23

for your untiring efforts and limitless enthusiasm

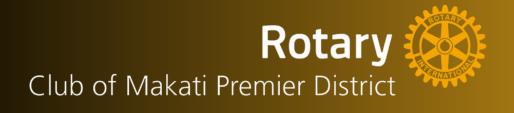


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Thank you club mates! The pleasure to serve with you was mine!

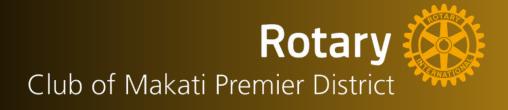




Rotary Year 2022-23

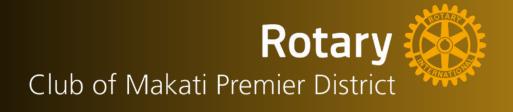
Awards





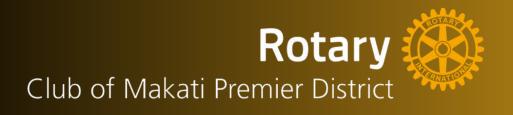












RCMPD Finished RY 2022-23 Strong!

Rotary International Citation + 2 Zone 10A National Awards + 27 District Awards

RY22-23 Rotary International Citation

Zone 10 A Philippines | Top 10 RC in Net Incremental Membership Gain

Zone 10 A Philippines | 1st Place Best Print Media

District Blue Diamond Award

District Leadership Award

Most Outstanding Club in the Rotary Foundation

Most Outstanding Club in Club Administration

Distinguished Membership Achievement Award: Club Champion: Newly Chartered Satellite Club





Governor's Awards and Citations

Governor's Circle of the Marvelous Imaginative Clubs in Membership Special Citation for MVV Health Caravan

Special TRF Citations

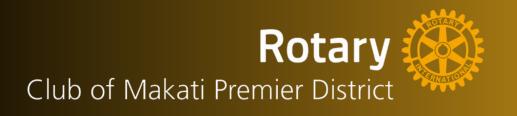
100% Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) 100% EREY Banner Club 100% Polio Plus Giving Club Awarded a Global Grant Completion of District / Pillar Grant

Service Awards of Excellence and Distinction

Excellence in Youth Service Projects Award of Distinction: Fellowship and Sports

Public Image and Rotary Brand Certificates of Recognition

Public Image Campaign Facebook Page Rotary Short Video People of Action Newsletter



Meritorious Membership Achievement Award

Imagine: Level Up Rotary

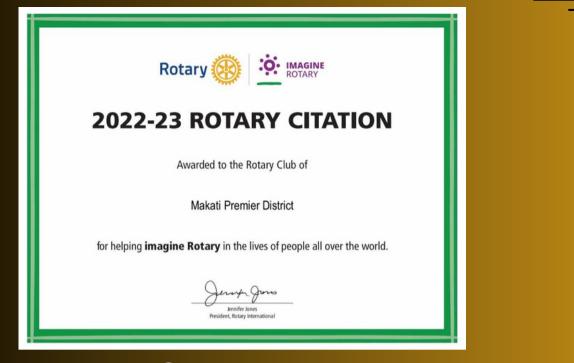
Exemplary Membership Achievement Award

Imagine: Marvelous at 8

Outstanding Membership Achievement Awards

Imagine: Strong at 5 District Goal Category Highest Net Growth Category Highest Gross Growth Category Membership Sponsorship Category Membership Diversity Category





From Dennifer Jones, RT President R122-23

Congratulations! Your club has earned the Rotary Citation, the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve, for 2022-23. This past year, your club demonstrated a commitment to achieve its goals, which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future.

Please find your Rotary Citation certificate <u>in this folder</u>. They are named by district number, then club name. I encourage you to display it proudly to celebrate your club's achievement.

Once again, congratulations on a successful year as club president!

Sincerely, Jennifer Jones 2022-23 RI President





ZONE 10A PHILIPPINES

Special Plaque of Recognition

PP Raissa and Pres JM (3rd and 8th from left) receive the award



RCMPD IS TOP 10 (OUT OF 951 CLUBS) IN NET INCREMENTAL MEMBERSHIP GROWTH





Zone 10A Philippines

1ST PLACE BEST PRINT MEDIA



Promoting GG #2094276 *Rotary, Fighting Cancer, Saving Lives*









Rotary Year 2022-23

DISTRICT BLUE DIAMOND AWARD HIGHEST LEVEL



Governor's Circle of the Marvelous Imaginative Clubs in Membership



Governor's Special Citation for MVV Health Caravan



Rotary Year 2022-23

District Governor's AWARDS and CITATIONS





Most Outstanding Club in THE ROTARY FOUNDATION





100% Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY)

All members contributing at least US\$25



100% EREY Banner Club



Awarded a Global Grant



100% Polio Plus Giving Club



Completion of District/Pillar Grant



Rotary Year 2022-23

Special TRF CITATIONS

RCMPD Gives to The Rotary Foundation

On Nov 12, 2022, the Rotary Club of Makati Premier District garnered multiple recognition for helping The Rotary Foundation -Rotary International's arm that enables lifechanging, sustainable grants and programs. Our club has been a recipient of this engine

through our global grants. The generosity of our club members is so heart warming!

100% Every Rotarian, Every Year Club 100% Sustaining Member Club 100% Polio Giving Club \$1,500 Polio Club Status 2 Major Donor Level 1 **19 Paul Harris Fellows** 4 Paul Harris Society Members!

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\$1,500 Polio Club Sustaining Members Club 00% Sustaini RC MAKATI AYALA AMITY MAKATI PREMIER DISTRIC PUERTO PRINCESA CENTR 62.0-

Middle image: PRIP & TRF Chair Trustee Ian Risely (4th from left) stands next to DG Mildred Vitangcol. He was the guest of honor at the Nov TRF Gala. Bottom: Club President Leah Quesada was delighted to receive multiple awards for RCMPD.



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Club members and guests enjoy an Indian Inspired fellowship. Thank you to our special guests DG Midred Vitangcol, PDG Sul Garcia (RC Makal), DGE Dr. Siva Ananthan (RC Greater Kuala Lumpur), DGE Jay Tambunting, and District Officer Rennie Andrews.

Honoring the Club's PHF and PHS members with an indian inspired celebration

Our first-ever Indian-inspired fellowship was a hit!

It was a delightful evening celebrating our friendship and our collective efforts to do good. The event served as a great backdrop to honor our Paul Harris Fellows and Paul Harris Society members - our most generous donors to The Rotary Foundation. We have a record number of 16 this year, an increase of 128% from the previous year! Paul Harris Fellow (with Foundation points) Ravi Samtani Marissa Sycip Robert Sarmiento

Ningning de Ocampo Buster Virata Maribee Campos Lamers

Paul Harris Fellow +1 (with Foundation points) Sonie Aguilar

Paul Harris Fellow +2 (with Foundation points) PP Ricky Trinidad Atty. Eric Quiason



TRF Honorees (L-R): PP Ricky Trinidad, Ravi Samtani, Bobet Vera, Mike Advani, PN Eric Quiason, Sonie Aguilar, IPP Rina Lopez, Pres Leah Quesada, PP Raissa Hechanova Posadas. CP Carol Mercado

Paul Harris Fellow (Full \$1000) Bong Arjonillo

Paul Harris Fellow +1 (Full \$1000) Bobet Vera Mukesh Advani

Paul Harris Fellow+4 (Full \$1050) Paul Harris Society Polio Plus Society PPF \$1,100 MIP Leah Quesada

Paul Harris Fellow+4 (Full \$2,700) Polio Plus Society IPP Rina Lopez

Major Donor Level 1 Paul Harris Society Paul Harris Fellow (Full \$1000) Polio Plus Society CP Carol Mercado Major Donor Level 1 Paul Harris Society Paul Harris Fellow (Full \$1000) Polio Plus Society PPF \$1,100 PD Raissa Hechanova Posadas

Big thank you to our organizing committee for a great job well done!

Thank you to Dr. Sharon Vaswani, Ria Villanueva-Dam, Mike Advani, Ravi Samtani, Ravi Daryanani, Corina Kalaw, Eric Quiason, Dee Chan, Raissa Hechanova Posadas and of course lvy and Jes!

Special thank you to Club member Ria Villanueva-Dam, who generously lent us her beautiful sarees and beautiful Indian costumes! We felt majestic wearing them!

The evening was filled with laughter and great fellowship! Please view this video that captures the highlights of the event.

We count our many blessings as we continue to be channels of love and hope to the world.







Most Outstanding Club in CLUB ADMINISTRATION







Distinguished Membership Achievement Award

Club Champion: Newly Chartered Satellite Club



Imagine: Level Up Rotary RCMPD levels up to Large-Sized Club

Rotary Club of Makati Premier District

Rotary Year 2022-23

Meritorious Membership ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Imagine: Marvelous at 8



Rotary Year 2022-23

Exemplary Membership ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Membership Sponsorship Category



Membership Diversity Category



Highest Gross Growth Category



Highest Net Growth Category



Imagine: Strong at 5



District Goal Category



Rotary Year 2022-23

Outstanding Membership ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Public Image and Rotary Branding



Public Image Campaign



People of Action Photo



Newletters



Rotary Year 2022-23

Public Image and Rotary Branding

Rotary CLUB OF MAKATI PREMIER DISTRICT

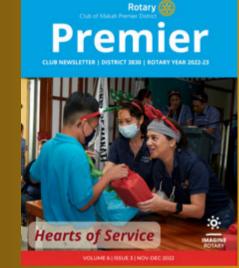
Rotary Short Video

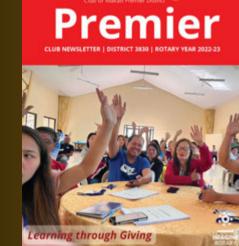
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CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITI<u>on</u>







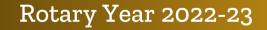


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Club of Makati Premier District



Public Image and Rotary Branding

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Excellence in Youth Service Projects



Club Service: Fellowship and Sports



Rotary Year 2022-23

Service

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE AND DISTINCTION



IPP Leah Quesada, PDG Mildred Vitangcol, Past District Service Chair Ester Florendo









Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.

Vincent Van Gogh



RCMPD is among the Philippines' (Rotary Zone 10A) Top 10 RCs to increase membership



Our Rotary Family grew to 135+ people!



Our 5th global grant project brings health services to poor communities



WOW clinic will benefit ANCOP (Answering the Cry of the Poor Foundation)



Collaborations with health providers enabled us to execute a big project.

Our impact in the community is the increased awareness of the importance of regular health check-ups.

Our Most Extensive Health Outreach had over 1,000 registered patients and 220 volunteers



WE PROVIDED FREE

breast and cervical screening through one of our global grants, eye checkups and eyeglasses, medical consultations, prescription medicines, dental seminars, and dental kits.

IMPACT: We increased the awareness of the importance of regular health checkups.

Club of Makati Premier District



AGIN



Two mobile clinics for breast and cervical cancer screenings served over 21,000 patients since they were operational in April 2022





Philippine

Cancer

Society

Rotary Community Corps (RCC)-Makati Premier District Wins it's First ACE Awards

A Successful Golf Fundraising 3 Years in a Row!



First Ever! Dinner For a Cause fundraiser with Manuel Quezon III as Guest Speaker





Hosting a Reception Dinner for RY22-23 RI President Jennifer Jones.

We welcomed her warmly as she appreciated how dedicated Filipino Rotarians are.



RCMPD's Strength lies in its members' passion and dedication



CLUB MILESTONES since RCMPD was founded in 2017



We adhere to Rotary's seven areas of focus. Here's what we have accomplished so far.



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Global grants approved: four for healthcare and one for education.



1 Treehouse donated to Lagadlarin to aid in their ecotourism industry



350 Mangrove seedlings planted in Lagadlarin, Batangas



1,100 / 13,000

1,100 patients given free medical care in Lagadlarin / 13K cancer screening patients



P25K free prescription medication for Lagadlarin residents



15 awardees for Premier Teacher Awards in two years



00 3000

Toothbrush and toothpaste kits distributed to Lagadlarin. Batangas residents



185 / 134 185 free eye exam and 134 prescription eyeglasses



38 honor students at FBES3 in Brgy Singkamas awarded with prizes



Kubo huts constructed to aid Lagadlarin ecotourism industry



3,000

250 books donated to Lagadlarin Oloolo ES/ 800 Lobo schools, 2000 to FBES3



87 child health care workers trained on early childhood development



Balsa (river raft) donated to Lagadlarin to aid in their ecotourism industry



20 Barangay officers trained on First Aid Assistance



Donated to the Rotary Foundation

CLUB MILESTONES since RCMPD was founded in 2017



Our most significant service project during the pandemic with high 90% member engagement.



1M+

Learners' homes reached to broadcast videos for learning English



Community hand washing workshops



13 Bedside monitors donated to Philippine General Hospital.



200 Over 200 indigent students fed during Christmas



Mobile clinics for breast and cervical cancer testing donated to Philippine Cancer Society



51 hard drives with KCFI lessons given to 50 teachers to for distance learning.



100's Patients at Philippine General Hospital will benefit from bedside monitor use.



Php 200K Cash and goods donated towards Taal Volcano relief fund



women received early detection testing for breast and cervical cancer



235 Distance learning tablets given to children in need.



11 laptops Donated to Lagadlarin Oloolo teachers and principal



60 Grade 1 animated videos for learning English



1200 Over 1200 children served with clean drinking water with 4 new water filter systems.



60 Teachers, children and parents trained about financial literacy



2 Deep wells constructed in General Tinio, Nueva Ecija



35 People trained with livelihood skills for meat processing

CLUB MILESTONES since RCMPD was founded in 2017



Livelihood skills trainees awarded business seed money of Php45K each



12 Powered air purifying respirators kept UP

PGH medical

residents safe.



3

District grants approved for education benefiting three elementary schools and 6 barangays



70

Workshop participants on bullying and boundary setting



Php 12.5M Raised to supply 120,000 PPE and medical supplies to 80 hospitals



38 Respirator masks donated to medical residents of UP PGH



Php 91K Raised to construct house of RCC head whose

house burned



down.

30 Family heads trained in a parenting workshop



30,000 Face masks donated to tricycle drivers, jeepney drivers and market vendors



875 Families served Barangay Singkamas community pantry



50 Over 50 teachers in 3 training sessions on how to teach Reading better



100 Over 100 students participated in Artwork for Peace



2.000 Acrylic face shields donated to wet market vendors and **Rotary Homes**



Plant grow kits donat- ed for Barangay Singkamas urban farming



300 Over 300 students enjoyed newly donated snare drums. lyre and guitars



70 Indigent children went for a Christmas treat at Kidzania



Php 4.6M+ Raised Php4.4M+ from fundraising and donations in kind for service projects



5,200 Participants and thruplays of 5 online webinars: two on mental health, two on urban farming and distance learning tablet use



100

Over 100 students enjoyed Christmas story telling. Over 100 imported books donated



400 Seedlings planted at La Mesa Nature Reserve



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