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THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CHARITY

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Lighthouse Manila in 2007

2007 was a notable year for the club that it is only fitting to give it one more look.

On the early part of the year, the club was greatly honored and privileged to receive Lighthouse representatives from overseas, namely; Mr. John Battersby and Mr. Jeremy Plumley. They took time to visit the Manila Branch and expressed their total support to the club's goal and activities.

The club continued to support students of ERDA TECH Foundation as its main charity project. Aside from that, it extended financial support to Sanctuario de San Antonio Parish through the Continuing Catholic Development (CCD) in their Light a Parol 2007 Project.

The get-together events continued to invigorate the club and its members. Moreover, this year saw an increase in sponsorship of these events. A big thanks to those companies who made those get-togethers more interesting and enjoyable!

The Annual Ball in October, held again at Hotel Intercontinental in Makati, sustained the Lighthouse tradition as one of the grandest of social gatherings this part of the world.

Members were kept up-to-date about the club through the website and the newsletters released via e-mail.

In October, Ms. Lhai Eugenio, was named the club's new Administrator as Ms. Daisy Salvante, her predecessor, migrated to the United States.

The club was among those who spearheaded quite a timely and relevant seminar on Risk Management also in October, together with the PCA and IFAWPCA.

Mr. Tony Sutton, meanwhile, became the club's newest trustee as he was elected in the Annual General Meeting in November.

Then the year culminated with the joint Christmas party with the British Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (BCC- P) and BWA in December.

If these were any indication, 2008 can only be bigger and better for the club.

Lighthouse Newsbits

The incorporation of the Dubai Lighthouse Club under Lighthouse Club Manila Branch is nearing its conclusion as all the necessary documents have been submitted. Formal announcement is expected soon.



The sub-committee for charity recently met with Ms. Jane Walker, CEO of the Philippine Christian Foundation (PCF) to discuss the ongoing construction of a school for the indigent children of Tondo. Present in the meeting were Stewart Breakenridge, Gary Heard, Tony Sutton, David Jerdin and Mina Salud.



Lighthouse Club Manila Branch is now a proud member of the distinguished British Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (BCC-P). This is highly beneficial to all members as this move broadens their business networking to include the British business community here in the Philippines.



A Lighthouse Tower Replica, ingeniously created by Trustee Danny Connally and his team, was presented during the February Get-Together. This tower will serve as an indicator of the charity funds accumulated by the club. It is currently in the Php 20, 000 level. With everyone throwing in more generosity, reaching the top level (Php 100, 000) won't be long.



A Personal Perspective

I was introduced to the Lighthouse Club Manila Branch by Steve Phillips last year. I had been looking for a network of people who had an outlet, beyond their businesses, to return something to the community in which they make their living, and Steve thought that LHC was just what I was looking for. After a couple of guest attendances of monthly functions, I decided to join.

So what have I discovered since joining? Although attracted by the very relaxed social side of the events, I understood little of the charitable work done by LHCMB.

After nearly four months of membership, I must say I had moved forward only a little in that understanding. That was mostly due to some simple technical errors on my part - not knowing the LHCMB website address and not ensuring that I received newsletters etc.

Then, in early December, I was foolish enough to attend the AGM. Not only that, I compounded the error by talking to another member being sounded out as a new Trustee, only to find Steve proposing me when the other fellow politely declined.

Apart from having an ability to add weight to the Board of Trustee, in common with certain of the other Trustees, I had no qualifications for the role. Nevertheless, under Mr Phillips's polite but forceful persuasion, I agreed to the new daunting role to which I was, somehow, duly elected. With two Board of Trustee meetings under my long belt, I have a clearer idea of LHCMB objectives.

As with all relatively smaller successful charitable organisations, LHCMB must decide carefully how to make most effective use of the funds raised. Currently, the major project is the financial support of students attending ERDA TECH, an innovative technical and vocational secondary school where

children from very poor families are given the opportunity to finish a high school education, and learn an employable technical skill at the same time. LHCMB is also coordinating members' support to the Philippine Christian Foundation's new school in Tondo.

These are amongst a number of smaller donations granted by the Board of Trustees from time to time. Needless to say, there is always more that can be done by any charity. LHCMB has a relatively modest membership, which provides wonderful support to the club.

The Events and Social Sub-Committee is taking great steps to improve monthly events, and this year's Annual Ball can be expected to be a real humdinger. That said, members must understand how the funds they raise are used, and the Board aims to do more to show the benefits of their generosity from the February monthly get together.

I have opted for the Charities, Annual Ball and Finance and Administration Sub-Committees of the Board of Trustees.

Comments and suggestions from members on any of these areas will be very welcome.

- *Tony Sutton*



Container School in Tondo Project Update



Lighthouse Club committed to help The Philippine Christian Foundation (PCF) to build the largest container building in the world that will serve as school for dumpsite children and their parents in Smokey Mountain. After tedious paper works, permits and all, the project finally started construction last January 2008 and aims to finish before end of the year.

PCF expressed its gratitude to Lighthouse Club Manila branch who has helped put together a team of experts who are providing all engineering, technical, site management and architectural advice, and their services are completely free of charge.

But this is not the end of it yet. In fact, the project has just started. As we are safe and warm reading this article, some kids are out in the rain picking garbage to have a meal for their families later.

Some of them may not bother to look or at least care for the proposed school site. Some would take it as empty promise land, some would wish to have the promise a reality soon before it's too late for them to even dream, hope and live.



The spokesperson for the Lighthouse Club, Gary Heard, said;

“It is a pleasure and a privilege to be involved with this project, PCF is doing a marvelous job for these children and we are only too pleased to work with them so that the children can get the facilities they deserve.”



Let's send these kids to school now. Let us end their misery which they don't deserve. Your support will give these children the reason to hope, to dream and to have a bright future. . . or brighter smiles for now! PCF needs everything that you can donate. From gravel, to glass and windows, to sinks, toilets, tiles etc .. etc...

PCF knocks on our hearts. They will need Php 30 million. We can send this noble deed to completion. Help PCF to make these wonderful children see that better days are around the corner.

Let us, The Lighthouse Club, make these container school vans their lighthouse of hope.

Lighting ERDA TECH Students' Way

Lighthouse Club Manila has been supporting students of ERDA TECH Foundation in the last eight years. It has been working hand-in-hand with ERDA TECH in bringing quality education and training to selected and deserving young people.

ERDA TECH's unique five-year high school program prepares these youth for the world of work through the Dual Training System that provides both in-school and in-company training. Students undergo about 5 months actual training, giving them the benefit of applying theories and hands-on experience in a work setting.

This school year, LIGHTHOUSE CLUB is sponsoring six (6) Fifth year high school students in various course-trainings related to the construction industry.

These young people are 16-17 year olds, eager to learn and face their new challenges in life, as they gear for job opportunities, or prepare for college courses, after high school.

Chosen from poor families with little or modest earnings, and coming from poor communities of Metro Manila, students in ERDA TECH are given the chance to have and to hope for a better life, away from poverty, by preparing them as responsible workers of value.

These are;

- **Lester M. Baaclo** - 5th year, 16 years old, ELECTRICITY, in-plant trainee in PLDT in Pasay
- **Echeneo Bejerano Jr.** - 5th year, 16 years old, ELECTRICITY, in-plant Trainee at JUST IN TIME LOGISTICS (general services company for signages, safety and protective equipment, metal works and computer graphics)
- **Jonathan Buagas** - 5th year, 16 years old, ELECTRICITY, in plant trainee in PLDT in Pasay
- **Ken Larie de Vera** - 5th year, 16year old, DRAFTING with CAD (currently on leave of absence, per doctor's order, will be accepted for re-enrolment upon medical clearance)
- **Bryan Carlo P. Pedroso** — 5th year, 16 year old, Drafting with CAD, in-plant trainee at FORSSMAN PACIFIC
- **Kenneth M. Ternate** — 5th year, 16 years old, ELECTRICITY, in-plant trainee at Pandacan Depot Services Inc.



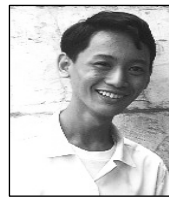
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2007 Annual General Meeting

The Lighthouse Club Manila held their Annual General Assembly at Manila Club last December 6, 2007.



The evening began with Chairman Stewart Breakenridge's remarks. Followed by the report of the Treasurer, Angel Manzano, regarding the club's financial standing exceeding expectations for the year. And also, the aim of increasing, if not doubling it in the following year.

Then, the selection of the board of trustees ensued. Tony Sutton, a retired expat, had been elected to be the newest member of the board of trustees.

To add more fun to the night, a fund-raising raffle was also held. Cool prizes were handed out to the lucky winners.

- Colored TV - *Ms. Jackie Figueroa* of CHITICK
- Air-conditioning Unit - *Steve Rusling*
- Magic Sing Duet - *Nigel Howey* of SIEMENS
- Dinner for 2 at the Manila Club - *Dick Cork*

Ms. Lhai Eugenio was also introduced as the new Club Administrator.



Christmas Party with the BCC-P & BWA



Lighthouse Club Manila was delighted to celebrate Christmas with two other great organizations; the British Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (BCC-P) and the British Women's Association (BWA) on the 22nd of December 2007.

Palawan Center provided the festive atmosphere as attendees immensely enjoyed the superb offerings of homemade pate, smoked salmon spread, pastrami, beef deli sandwiches and some lovely mini pizza quiches all served with fantastic wine. There were also delicious mince pies and biscuits that added thrill to the holiday mood.

What is a Christmas party without the our beloved Christmas carols? The DSWD Choir, invited by the BWA, took care of that and more, with their wonderful rendition of some of the all-time favorite Christmas Carols.



The DSWD Choir

Curry Night @ Woodman's Head

LIGHTHOUSE CLUB tried something different this time. We mean the food and the venue. Instead of the usual European/ Western menus, the Club let Curry spiced the night. Woodman's head provided tasty curry and lots more at the buffet table. Aside from the steaming hot menu, the night became more festive because of the wines courtesy of Forth and Tay, one of the main sponsors of the Club.

Aside from a good chat with colleagues and friends in the industry, with a cold beer or drink on hand, Get-Togethers aim to raise funds for charity projects of LHC. Income from this would go straight to the Club's charity fund for the Erda Tech students which the club has been helping for quite a while.

That night, raffle tickets were sold at a very reasonable price. Prizes that were given away include a microwave oven, a coffee-maker, a rice cooker and two bottles of wine from the good-hearted Forth and Tay which was represented by *Ms. Jocelyn San Juan*. Though the prizes weren't that much, members still tried their luck and were so excited when the drawing of the winning tickets came.

The lucky winners were:

Microwave Oven – Mr. Vic Akillian of Forssman

Coffee Maker – Mr. Miguel Manzano who in his charitable heart donated the item back to the Club. Danny Connally auctioned the item and the proceeds also went straight to charity.

Rice Cooker – Ms. Melody Herber of Murphy's Makati

Wines (2 bottles) – Mr. Colin Aitchison

Football card slots were also sold with a Php 4000 prize at stake for charity. Revelation of the winning team was postponed till next get together. With announcement from Danny that if the winning member would not make it, the winnings would be forfeited and would go straight to charity. And of course everyone cheered on agreement.



Pub Night @ HOWZAT

LIGHTHOUSE CLUB MANILA tried the recently opened HOWZAT SPORTS BAR for its February get-together. The bar, situated along Kalayaan avenue in Makati, is one of the main sponsors of the club. Howzat did exceed expectations as the delicious food served, coupled with its cozy ambiance made everyone present felt relaxed and comfortable.

This was complemented by the fantastic wines from Forth and Tay, another main sponsor.

The fund raising raffle livened the night where exciting prizes sponsored by another trustee - Miguel Manzano of Eurovek Building Solutions were given away. Income from the raffle (as there were no costs) would all go to charity.



The unveiling of the "Lighthouse Tower" replica was the highlight of the night. This serves as the club's charity fund meterage. The club aims to raise a hundred thousands pesos or more to send a student from Erda Tech Foundation to college in a construction-related degree. Hats off to Mr. Danny Connally and his team who assembled the Lighthouse replica. All members and guests were awed and appreciated the club's objective of keeping them updated with the club's activities.

Clive McGill enthusiastically sold tickets. Melody Herber of Murphy's Makati brought additional prizes: gift certificates to Murphy's and a basket of cheer and don't forget, there was also a Murphy's cap which was gladly worn by the gorgeous head of Elaine Breakenridge (the co-chairman's daughter).

Prizes were taken mostly by ladies. Linda Boyd took home the toaster; Nancy Roxas, the vouchers from Murphy's; Melody Herber, the blender; and Nancy Breakenridge (the co-chairman's wife) took home a flat iron.

And the first prize? A Philips DVD Player, won by no other than Steve Phillips (LHC co-chairman). It was a fair draw, really! Tony Sutton won the electric kettle and was generous enough to donate the item back for auction and was sold to Graeme Noble.

To raise additional funds, the Football Card game from last month's event was continued. Then, again, it was not completely filled. So, the winning team will be revealed on the next event.

On a serious side, photos from the Tondo School Project, where the Club has been focusing from the last few months, were compiled and presented. These were shown on the big screen where all the members could see as Gary Heard, explained briefly what the project was all about and encouraged everyone to take part in making Tondo dumpsite kids' dreams a reality.

To those who helped and made this successful and meaningful night, to those who took time to join and meet Club members to share a nice chat, cold beers and festive buffet, for sharing in a noble reason that made us gather together... Thank you!



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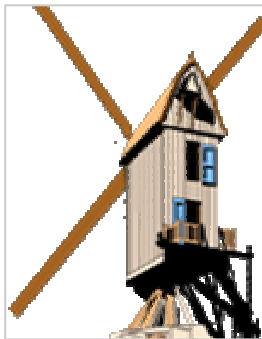
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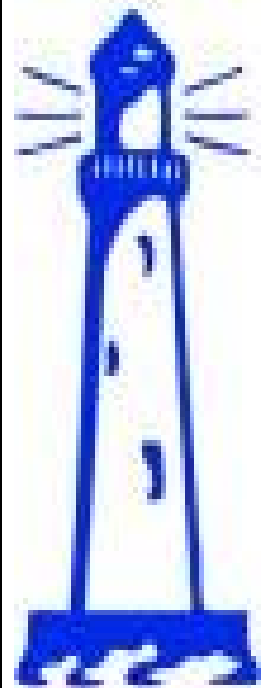
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