



# The Lighthouse Club

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CLUB NEWSLETTER UPDATE

MARCH 2009

## *Grateful to a Great 2008*



The year 2008 can be regarded as one of the successful years of Lighthouse Club Manila branch.

The Club's membership, both corporate and individual, grew tremendously in 2008. A proof of this welcome development is the attendance in the regular get-together every third Thursday of the month. The get-togethers drew an average of 40 - 50 attendees, members and guests combined.

Charity has never been more highlighted in social gatherings than this year. Mainly, because of the ingenious introduction of the Lighthouse Replica Tower as a way of disclosing how funds are and the usual raffle draws and football card games. They not only encouraged more generosity amongst members but brought more fun to the gatherings.

This year's events were further spiced up by the Christmas Party in November and Manila Branch's first ever Golf Day in December.

All of the Club's successes can be attributed to its able leaders and cooperative members. The AGM resulted in the infusion of new blood to the Board of Trustees.

Lighthouse Club Manila Branch would like to thank the previous trustees and every individual and organization for their support and effort in making all Lighthouse Club projects successful. Year 2008 is indeed a notable year for us! We look forward to 2009 as another challenging and exciting year for us.

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## Thanks to our Ex Officio Members



*The Lighthouse Club Manila Branch continue to exist because there are persons from the construction industry who are willing to take the cudgels of leadership from their predecessors in order that the Club's lofty goals continue to be strived upon.*

*They are the officers and trustees that has served the Club in good stead.*

*It is therefore just fitting to express the Club's profound gratitude to Stewart Breakenridge of Parsons Brinckerhoff, Gary Heard of Abby Associates and Clive McGill of the British Embassy who has served the Club to the best of their capacity.*

*The Club will surely miss the dedication, wisdom and vision these three gentlemen displayed during their tenure. For all of those, the Lighthouse Club Manila Branch will be forever grateful.*

*Most of all, it is the friendship borne out of those lively meetings, the exchange of cold beers and all fun and sacrifices shared with these wonderful gentlemen that will be most missed.*

## Lighthouse Replica Tower



Danny Connally thought of something that will inform members of the Club with regards to the funds allocated for its charitable projects. So, the Lighthouse Club Replica was born.

The *Lighthouse Club Replica*, patterned after the original lighthouse, is actually an electric device designed to display the amount of funds collected for the Erda Tech Foundation students supported by the Club.

The replica lights up every time a certain level is reached, beginning with 10, 000 Php up to the 100, 000 Php mark. Once the top mark is reached, it meant that one more student of Erda Tech Foundation can be supported by the Club. And then it will revert back to zero.

The Lighthouse Replica Tower first lit up its top mark on the August 2008 get-together, a second time during the Christmas Party in **November** and most recently during the Lighthouse Club Manila Branch's first ever Golf Day sponsored by RMD Kwikform.

More than being a fund indicator, the replica also served to encouraged members to give more during get-togethers as it shows how closer it is to reach the goal of helping another student in his or her education.

No wonder, in the span of less than a year, the replica is now on its fourth run! The members obviously have been encouraged to be more generous as they now see the result of their noble efforts.

Kudos to Danny and the Trustees for coming with the Lighthouse Replica Tower.



## The Etihad Airways Round Trip Ticket



On November 15, 2008, Etihad Airways donated a round trip ticket to London to the Lighthouse Club Manila Branch for auction. Philip Leonard of *International Student Advisors* bought the ticket for Php 100, 000. The amount will be reflected at the Lighthouse Tower Replica and will send one more student to take up construction-related courses at Erda Tech Foundation.

Etihad Airways is the National Airline of the United Arab Emirates. The airline was set up by a Royal decree in July 2003, with Abu Dhabi, the capital of the UAE, as its hub. Etihad started commercial operations in November 2003.

In the photo above, Philip Leonard (first from left) hands down the check to Lighthouse Club Manila Co-chairman Stewart Breakenridge as *Etihad Airways Country Manager* Mr. Juan Torres joined them.



## Erdatech Update

ERDA TECH FOUNDATION is an educational and training institution engaged in empowering socially disadvantaged youth around greater Manila through technical/vocational training under its formal and non-formal training program.

Lighthouse Club Manila Branch had long been supporting students of the Erda Tech Foundation enrolled in construction related courses.

The Club was able to support these three kids as a result of the member's contributions in the raffles , football card games, auctions cash donations. They will now be called **Member's Scholars**.



Ralph Martin B. Beltran  
3rd Year Student  
Drafting with Auto CAD  
Sta. Ana, Manila



Michelle Gail L. Tan  
3rd Year Student  
Drafting with Auto CAD  
San Juan, Metro Manila



Jerico M. Delos Santos  
3rd Year Student  
Electronics  
Paco, Manila

From the start, the Club has pledged to support 6 Erda Tech Foundation students and the Club is proud to introduce the newest batch composed of: Ken Larie D. De Vera ( 5th Year, Drafting with AutoCAD), Vengie Janzzen C. Bugarin (3rd Year, Drafting with AutoCAD), Albert S. Cacho (Electricity), Anne Patricia A. Lopez (3rd Year, Drafting with AutoCAD), Mark Anthony A. Ravalo (3rd year with AUTOCAD) and Joyce Marie C. Valenzuela (3rd year, Drafting with AutoCAD)



## October 2008 Get-Together @ Murphy's

Murphy's, once again, welcomed Lighthouse Club with its warm ambiance, polite crew, good food and cold drinks. Forth and Tay once again donated bottles of wines which everyone enjoyed. Steve Phillips donated raffle items for the night. Winners were so generous that they donated back the items to the Club and the emcees Steve and Danny auctioned the items. Mr. John Villegas of First Balfour won in the football card game. Members from RMDKwikform, PB, Carrier, Leighton, Forssman, Aconex, First Balfour and Lane Archive Technology joined in with other individuals in trying their luck on the raffle tickets and so were the guests Simon Shrubsole of Austin Morris, Vanessa Cruz of PhilSundt, and Hugo Risi of Swiss Paint Studio. Once again, members were updated on the status of the LHC replica and explained to the guests what the money is for – to sponsor kids from ErdaTech to finish school with a diploma in construction related courses. Trustees Miguel Manzano, Danny, Steve donated cash to add on the pot. Two gentlemen Mr. Charlie Higgins and Roy Bateson who were enjoying their drinks at the adjacent room overheard the LHC activities, joined in and donated cash for Charity. That night the total collection for charity was Php 35,300.00



## Lighthouse Manila Christmas Party at Dusit Thani

On November 15, 2008 Lighthouse Club Manila Branch hosted its first ever Christmas Party at the Dusit Thani Manila.

The Lighthouse Club Manila Branch celebrated Christmas early in grand fashion as it hosted the branch's first ever Christmas Party at the Dusit Thani Manila on November 15, 2008.



Dusit Thani Manila rolled out its warmest hospitality and accommodations to the delight of around 250 guests. Two Santa Claus emcees took care of the evening's program while **Elan and Snafu Bands provided enough reason for the attendees to dance the night away with their music.** Exciting prizes were given away in the raffle tickets helped sold by the girl students of British School Manila.

The presence of UK Ambassador Peter Beckingham and his wife Jill made the evening more special.

As in any Lighthouse Club event, charity shares the center stage. Etihad Airways, the national airlines of UAE, donated a round trip ticket to London which the Club auctioned. Philip Leonard of International Student Advisors bought the ticket for Php 100, 000.

The success of the event added another feather on Lighthouse Club Manila's cap.



## Lighthouse Club Christmas Party

## Letter from UK Ambassador Peter Beckingham

From Ambassador  
Peter Beckingham

18 November 2008

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Dear Steve and Stewart

### **Christmas Party**

Thank you very much for inviting Jill and me to your annual Christmas Charity event last Saturday. We enjoyed the occasion enormously, as evidently everyone else who attended the party did as well. You had created a great Christmas festivity to the occasion, from the music at the start to the well-concealed joint MC's!

You have obviously succeeded in making your annual event one of the social occasions on the Manila calendar, but I am in no doubt as well many very worthwhile charities - including of course the one close to Jill's heart, PCF - will be very grateful beneficiaries of all your hard work.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Beckingham".

Peter Beckingham

## Annual General Meeting 2008

The Manila Club was the venue once again for the Lighthouse Club Manila Branch's Annual General Meeting held on November 27, 2008.

Here are the following members elected/reelected to office:

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Steve Phillips | Chairman                                |
| Danny Connally | Vice-Chairman, Head of Events Committee |
| Miguel Manzano | Corporate Secretary                     |
| Tony Sutton    | Treasurer, Head of Membership Committee |
| Mina Salud     | Head, Charity Committee                 |
| Mel Herber     | Head, Annual Ball Committee             |
| Mark Faulkner  | President & Head, Sponsorship Committee |
| David Jerdin   | Charity Committee                       |
| Khate Belmonte | Membership committee, PCA Liaison       |

The Club wishes to express its gratitude to outgoing Co-chairman Stewart Breakenridge, Trustee Gary Heard and Trustee Clive McGill for their dedication and service to Club and friendship to all the other members.

All members are called upon to follow and support the new officers and trustees in continuing the ideals of Lighthouse Club Manila Branch. Mr. Guenter S. Bach, Managing Director of *Inelcomen, Inc.* swiftly answered the call as he donated Php 15,000 to charity.



## **LHCMB's First Ever Golf Day thru RMD KWIKFORM**

Lighthouse Club Manila for the first time ever held its Charity Golf Tournament last December 5, 2008 at Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course.

This was made possible by the generosity of RMD Kwikform and other companies and individuals.

The whole registration process was organized by CAGC staff assisted by Lighthouse Administrator and **RMD personnel. The first tee started half hour ahead of schedule. Weren't they excited! Hats off to the following golf aficionados:**

OVER ALL CHAMPION - JOSEPH GARCIA (RMDK)  
 CLASS A CHAMPION - RON SANGIL (PHIL SUNDT)  
 CLASS A 1ST RUNNER UP - ROD NOLASCO (VEDAIC ASSOCIATES)  
 CLASS B CHAMPION - ELISA THOBURN (FORSSMAN PACIFIC)  
 CLASS B 1ST RUNNER UP - DAVE MARR (PHIL SUNDT)  
 CLASS C CHAMPION - STEVE PHILLIPS (RMDK)  
 CLASS C 1ST RUNNER UP - RUPERT SOMERS (FIRST BALFOUR)  
 LONGEST DRIVE #1 - RON SANGIL (PHIL SUNDT) (250 YARDS)  
 NEAREST TO THE PIN #8 - ELIZA THOBURN (FORSSMAN) - 1 1PIN  
 ACCURATE DRIVE #12 - FERDINAND LAXAMANA (FIRST BALFOUR) - 1INCH

It was well attended by 34 golfers and more non golfers showed up during awarding ceremony and night party. Sumptuous buffet with cold drinks were served while Elan band played classic songs. **Golfers...Gulpers...on their feet all night long!**



## '09 Get-Togethers Kicked-off @ Howzat

Lighthouse Club Manila Branch picked up where it left off in 2008 with its first get-together of the year at Howzat.

As in the past gatherings, Howzat was more than ready to accommodate all the attendees. Different varieties of Curry were served throughout. Cold beers and wines from Forth & Tay was an excellent complement to the food.

Members came in droves as each one chatted away about the long vacation, business and plans for the new year. None more evident than with the Club's newest Gold member - *Etihad Airways*. It was ably represented by Ms. Cathy Olaz, Ms. Jo Zaldariagga, Mr. Rolando Rubio and its country manager, Mr. Juan Torres.

That same night, the Club welcomed its newest Bronze member, Mr. Paul Harmston.

Prizes courtesy of Trustee David Jerdin were raffled off. Lucky winners were Mr. Guenter Bach of Inelcomen, Richard Wilson from First Balfour, and Diane Talamor from Scanwell. Another Trustee, Mr. Mark Faulkner with team Arsenal won in the football card game.

Chairman Steve Philips and Vice-Chairman Danny Connally proudly shared the good news that Club was able to support three more students of Erda Tech Foundation. They encouraged everyone to continue supporting the Club's charity causes.

The attendees not only heeded the gentlemen's request, but some even donated cash. On the Club's first social gathering of the year alone, Php 23,950 were raised for charity.



## Italian Night @ Murphy's

The Italian Night theme at Murphy's proved to be a hit for the club's February Get-Together.

Murphy's served pasta, pizza and salad with cold beers. These were greatly complemented by the wines from Gold Member - Forth & Tay.

Guest came in droves that night. The Club wishes to thank them for their presence - *Dr. Shanson* with *Mr. Rick Ramos; Farren Hothman & Clarisse Alejandro* from I-Print; *Tim Strong, Natala Ramsay & Ray Henness* from Riskteq; *Kalle Stubee & Christian Reincke* from Doehle Ship Management and *Dale Godkin* of Austhai. Mr. Reincke and Mr. Godkin even joined the club as Bronze members.

Vic Akillian of Forssman, Jackie Figueroa of Chittick, Yek Lai Fatt of Riderhunt and Dale Godkin took home the raffle prizes donated by Tony Sutton. Mr. Godkin took the top prize - a handy Black & Decker Electric Drill. Tim Strong, meanwhile, won in the football card game.

When the wonderful evening ended, Php 15, 700 were added to the Lighthouse Replica Tower - additional funds for Erda Tech students taking up construction-related courses.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

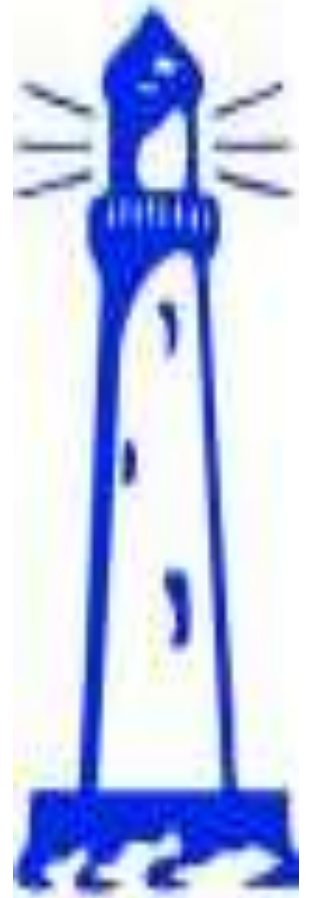
*19 March*  
*International Grilled Food*  
*Howzat*

*16 April*  
*Murphy's*

*21 May*  
*Howzat*

*18 June*  
*Murphy's*

*7 November*  
*Lighthouse Grand Party*



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