

CLUB UPDATES - MARCH 2007



Stewart Breakenridge
Chairman

Chairman's Report: Meeting with John Battersby

John Battersby, *Chairman of Lighthouse Asia Pacific*, met with five of the Lighthouse Club Manila board members last February 19, 2007 at the Manila Peninsula to discuss various matters of both local and regional interest. In attendance were me (Stewart Breakenridge), Gary Heard, Miguel Manzano, Angel Manzano, and Danny Connally.

He gave us a brief history of the Club in Hong Kong and throughout the region, confirming the main objects are the promotion of friendly relationships between members in the Construction and ancillary Industries, and assistance with Charitable and Benevolent works.

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John explained about the operation of the Asia Pacific LHC, and what it is trying to achieve; basically, more interaction between all the regional clubs, and promotion of items of interest for their members. John was particularly interested in trying to set up seminars on various topics of interest to all Lighthouse members, at which costs and revenues could be shared between the AP region and the local club. For Manila, John was keen to conduct a seminar on Construction Risk Management, and suggested this be held in Manila in association with the P.C.A. The Manila Board members were supportive of this type of initiative.

John informed us of the events in Hong Kong this March, namely; the Hong Kong Safety Awards event on the 9th and the APR's board meeting on the 10th. If any Manila members are interested in attending future functions, the Hong Kong Club will be very happy to have us present. Just inform any Board member of your interest, and we can liaise on details with Hong Kong.

We talked about the Tondo project, and Gary re-iterated the heartfelt thanks to all Hong Kong members who had not only shown an interest in the project, but were also very willing to help. John and Gary confirmed that the response had been overwhelming, and that it was also an indication of what the Lighthouse Club can do throughout the region, when help is required. We will continue to explore areas where regional help can be made available for this project.

John was also able to inform us how the Hong Kong Branch operated its Benevolent Fund, which is set up to financially assist distressed accident victims and their families.

We had a very cordial and informative meeting, and the Manila Board were very appreciative of John taking the time to meet us, and exchange ideas, and we all hoped this type of interaction can be sustained.

Letter from Mr. Jeremy Plumley, LHCMB Ex-officio Member

Firstly I would like to thank the club, and especially Stewart, for welcoming me back. It 's good to see that the Manila LHC is flourishing (even if attendance was down a bit on the night I was there) and I was most impressed with the recent newsletter which Stewart was kind enough to email to me.

The Dubai Chairman and committee send their best wishes to the Manila branch. I think you all know that the Manila Branch has assisted Dubai in getting registered and on behalf of the Dubai Branch we express our thanks for the help and support you 've given us. We are impressed with your plans to construct a school in Tondo and are happy to make a donation to assist you in this venture.

Our Chairman has also asked me to extend an invitation to all Manila members to any of our functions should you be in Dubai. We generally meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month but recently our regular venue has changed so it 's worthwhile checking first. There is no charge for members as the beer and food is always sponsored (at least until the cash behind the bar runs out which seems to happen earlier each time due to the increase in numbers). We also have the main Christmas Dinner & Dance and the Eddie Ward Dinner in (I think) May. Then there are once a month golf days, a monthly curry night (at which we all have to wear loud shirts otherwise you 're fined) and a few ad hoc social events.

Incidentally, if anyone is thinking about coming to Dubai on a job hunt, the branch can also assist as we have a number of recruitment consultants who are members.

Our committee is also interested in maybe having a joint event with the Manila Branch, possibly somewhere midway and it has been suggested that a golf match somewhere like Sri Lanka or Thailand might be an idea. Think about it. You never know, there might even be interest in organizing a golf tour, or a similarly "cultural event," to the Philippines.

*Thank you,
Jeremy Plumley*

Mr. Jeremy Plumley was an Ex-officio Member of the Board of Trustees of Lighthouse Club Manila and is now affiliated with the Dubai Lighthouse Club.



CHARITY NEWS

Lighthouse Club Manila continues to support ERDA TECH Students

Here are the profiles of the students of ERDA TECH Foundation being sponsored by Lighthouse Club Manila. The first two will be graduating this March while the rest are now on their fourth year of study.

They have the same background of poverty. In spite of that, they still dream better lives for them and their respective families.

The support of Lighthouse Club Manila has started them on the way to achieving those dreams. But it can not stop there.

Their future may be better ensured by supporting them through college as well. Being that their course preference should they get to college are construction related, we appeal to benevolent members and companies who may be able to make their dreams closer to reality.

Carlo S. BADEO

Carlo is the youngest of six children. His parents do not have work at present. His father used to be a carpenter but stopped working this year because of old age. At present, his elder sister Camelia, an AutoCAD operator, is the one supporting them financially.

He shared that he admires his sister for being responsible and helpful in the family. She is also his inspiration in specializing in drafting. He would like to be good architect and be able to design and build a house for his family.

At present, he is training at Del Rosario Design Group Inc.. He assists AutoCAD operator in the design projects. "There is so much to learn in computer-aided drafting," he said. "The technology is so fast and we need to keep updated. I am also very interested in visuals".

Carlo is still deciding whether he will continue to college immediately after graduating from ERDA TECH. He wanted to help his family first and save money to pursue his dreams of becoming an architect.

Mark Laurence PASION

Mark is the youngest of three children. His family does not have a regular source of income. His father used to work as a mechanic in a bowling company until the company closed due to bankruptcy. His father is now depending on calls and extra request from friends and other acquaintances. He tries to earn by helping Mark's mother in selling food.

The eldest child, Liberty, is working irregularly as a cashier in a small store. She also contributes to the family financially. His other sister Lynneth, a college student, is being sponsored by Mark's maternal aunt who is in Canada.

Their present situation inspires Carlo to strive best in his studies. He wanted to be an engineer or an architect but he would like to work first and save money. He hopes that someday, he will be able to help his family have a better life. He looks forward to graduating at ERDA TECH this school year and will be applying for work.

His recent visit in the Lighthouse Club get-together last March 15, 2006 has given him encouragement as he met and has short talks with the members of the club who are in the construction industry.



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Lester M. BAACLO

Lester's parents are separated and his father no longer extends them financial support. Their only source of income comes from the rental fee of two small rooms they have. His mother oversees their house chores and needs.

Lester is aware of the sacrifice and challenges that his mother is facing in order to support their family. He tries to show his appreciation by being diligent and helpful at home.

Lester dreams of becoming an engineer someday and be able to help his family financially.

Echeneo BEJERANO Jr.

Echeneo comes from a low income family in Pateros. His father is a contractual carpenter who does not earn regularly. To augment their income, his mother cooks and sells merienda.

A responsible and industrious child, he takes charge of fetching water for the family and assists his younger siblings in their school assignments. He prefers the training in ERDA TECH even though its far from their house in Pateros because he likes to graduate with trade skills. To save money, he brings packed lunch.

He is currently specializing in wood working and shared that he can now apply some of the skills at home. He can now assist his father during weekends and vacation in some repair works. He dreams of becoming a civil engineer someday.

Jonathan BUAGAS

Jonathan's father works as a delivery man of an equipment manufacturing company while his mother stays at home to take care of their family needs. Their family income is just enough to cover the basic needs of their family. Hence, he and his siblings bring their own packed lunch to school to save expenses.

He is currently specializing in electricity. He chose this course because he wanted to know how the electric circuit in their house works. Aside from his specialization, he also likes Filipino, Geography and Culture among his subjects. He admits that he needs to improve more his communication skills because he is a shy person. Jonathan would like to become an electrical engineer someday.

Bryan Carlo PEDROSO

Bryan comes from a family with very low income. His father, formerly a tricycle driver, is a delivery man of Wendy's Restaurant in Makati. His work schedule is not regular and is mostly on night shifts. Bryan's mother oversees their needs at home.

Being the eldest child, he assists his mother at home by fetching water and by taking care of his younger siblings and their school assignments. He feels sad because one of his brothers became addicted to computer games and stopped studying.

He chose drafting with AutoCAD for his specialization because he wanted to improve his skills in drawing especially on the technical side. He likes painting and sketching and joins drawing competitions. He hopes to find job after graduation to help his family. After saving enough money, he hopes to pursue a degree in architecture in college.

January Get-together

Rockin' Rockbottom

The 2007 Lighthouse Club Manila Branch Get Togethers kicked off at Rockbottom Sports Bar and Restaurant on the 25th of January.



With the usual overflowing drinks and sumptuous food served, members and guest got the opportunity to mingle, say hello and even greet each other "Happy New Year"...after all it was only during this gathering that friends and business partners met again after a long season break.



The night was highlighted with the re-launching of the LHCMB's website, www.lighthousemanila.com. As per one of the trustees stated, "We are always asked of where's and what's...with the information available on the website, newsletter, everyone can now be informed and would not have any excuse not to show up on the next event!" Sounds like a lot are missing the fun and action of the get togethers, but not anymore, the information is virtually available anytime anywhere!



There were a total of 37 members and guest attendees. Also, the club welcomes the following guests who signified their bronze membership on that night, they are:

Daniel Anderson, MACE

Camilla Brooks, Crown Worldwide Movers, Inc

Liz Recar, Crown Worldwide Movers, Inc.

Charie de Jesus, COJ Realty

An empty bucket was passed around for guest and members to throw in some cash. The event ended with the collection of **Php 8,560** to be added to the club's fund. What an unselfish way to end the night!



FEBRUARY Get-together

Sizzlin' Night at Sid's

A great get-together last January deserves a fitting follow-up. While not as well attended, the February get-together at Sid's Bar last February 15 proved to be a blast just the same.



The event was buoyed up by the presence of **Mr. Jeremy Plumley** of the Dubai Lighthouse Club. He extended their club's gratitude for the Manila Branch's assistance in their club's formalization. He was also there to hand out their club's support to the Tondo School project in the form of 5, 000 Dirhams.

And as always, a Lighthouse get-together would not be complete without the sumptuous food, overflowing drinks and the seemingly unending fun and laughter.



March Get-together

A Thrilla in Manila Club

The Manila Club in Makati was the next stop of the Lighthouse Club Manila monthly get-together for the month of March.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the ERDA TECH Foundation students to the club members. They were the eight students being supported by the Lighthouse Club Manila and John Battersby Educational Trust Fund (Lighthouse Hongkong Branch) in their studies at the said school. Two of these students will be completing their schooling this month. [More update at the Charity News Section].



Also, two of the guests expressed their intentions to join the growing family of the club as Bronze and Silver members.

Thomas Wintermahr, PHILIPPINE GABIONS, INC. (Silver Member)

Alistair Ewen Kennedy, Muntinlupa (Bronze Member)

The event was made all the more enjoyable with the participation of The Manila Club's exclusive members.



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June 21, 2007

@ SID'S Bar

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@ The Manila Club

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We are looking for participants who will achieve the "highest under par" or "least over par"....while having fun!

If you're interested, give our event committee a call. We are also open for suggestions. You can reach us at Nos. 8150191/8150192.

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Signed: Date:

Notes:

All applicants are requested to complete this form as fully as possible and sign the declaration.

All applications should be accompanied by a cheque for the appropriate joining fee. Fees for this year:

	ANNUAL FEE
Bronze Membership	Php 2,500.00
Silver Membership	Php 10,000.00
Gold Membership	Php 30,000.00

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Membership is open to all persons and companies connected with the construction industry. Associate membership is available on the same terms, at the discretion of the Board, to individuals not connected with the construction industry.



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