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## Chairman Report

At the end of January we held a very successful Networking Evening featuring as our Guest Speakers, the HM Consul Joanne Fynamore- Crockin and Mark Date and Andy Battson who head the UK's Entry Visa department at the Embassy.

We were also delighted that the HM Ambassador Peter Beckingham attended to give the opening address to an audience of almost 90 attendees.

Joanne outlined the role of the Consul and surprised many with the wide and varied roles her department undertake in support of British Nationals here in the Philippines.

She also encouraged all UK Nationals who are BCC-P Members to register themselves with the Embassy, assuring all that this information is totally confidential to her Consular department.

The Chamber Board strongly endorses this and recommends all British nationals obtain the appropriate registration card from the Embassy's Consular Division. These can be downloaded and submitted on line by going to the Embassy website link from our BCC-P website @ [www.bccphil.com](http://www.bccphil.com).

Mark and Andy focused on their UK Entry Visa division's activities, particularly highlighting the new VFS outsourcing service, its application processes for the initial submission of forms and the required supporting documentation. We were also pleased that Tina Tonda, the General

Manager of VFS's operation was in attendance to talk to members at their networking session which immediately followed the presentations.



One further renowned guest at the event was our long-serving Honorary Consul in Cebu, Ms. Moya Jackson.

The Operations Committee can report that the deadline for applications for the Secretariat's Office Manager position has now passed and that they will be reviewing all the submissions shortly in order to prepare a shortlist of potential candidates who will be called for an interview with the Committee.

The Committee can also confirm that the Chamber's AGM will be held either at the end of April or in early May, at the Ambassador's Residence in North Forbes, Makati.

Notices, Financials and Proxy Forms for Director's nominations for the available places on the 2008-9 Board will be circulated to all Members in due time, once the AGM's date has been ratified.

**Leslie Stokes**



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## New Members

The Board of Governors is very pleased to welcome the following New Members to the British Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines, and in particular, British American Tobacco Manila which joined in January 2008 as a new Premier Member:

### **Premier**

British American Tobacco

Clark Aviation

### **Corporate**

Advanced Contact Solutions

Asian Nickel

Atkins Philippines

Cape East

Drake International

Etihad Airways

Metals Exploration

Morgan Memorabilia

The Lighthouse Club

### **Individuals**

Ayar Farhan  
Henry Curteis  
Lawrence Buck  
Tony Lee

### **Associate**

Omex Agrifluid  
  
The Oriental Terraces  
  
Viventis Search  
  
ZJ Consultancy

### **Designated Nominees**

Jeremy Flint, General Manager  
Roberto Eugenio, Corporate & Regulatory Affairs Mgr

Jonathan Thorp, President  
Mark Pearson, Vice President

### **Designated Nominees**

Victor Endaya, President & CEO  
Roland Gearlan, VP- Buss Devt

Gordon Taiton, Country Manager  
Mike Oxley, Country Manager

Graham Paynter, Resident Director

Mike Harding, Operations Director  
Phil Smith, Regional Commercial Mgr

Ron Longstaff, Country Head

Juan Torres, Country Manager  
Roland Rubio, Sales Manager

Gary Powell, Director  
Peter Draper, COO

Brian Voyle Morgan, President

Stewart Breakenridge, Co-Chairman  
Danny Connolly, Trustee

Dennis Hickman  
James Johnson  
Neil Cloutman

Graham Ward  
Jeff Mann  
Robert Jenkins

### **Designated Nominees**

Ian Durban, Manager  
Peter Prentis Export Director  
Neil Cloutman, Chairman & CEO  
Charles Romig, Board Member  
Yu Ming Chin, Executive Director  
Paulo Francisco Tatad, Director  
Zeny Juan, Managing Director  
Leonard Sawal, Country Lawyer

*The above list details all new members who have joined since July 2007.*

## Events

19<sup>th</sup> February saw the first BCCP and Nomads joint event at the newly opened 'Howzat' bar in Kalayaan Ave in Makati. Member Jo Thorp is just one of the partners of



the bar who ensured that the evening was enjoyed by 43 members and friends.

The buffet table was groaning with salads, garlic

Mushrooms, and a great carrot and 'something' soup! Then came part 2, slices of pork, lamb, chicken and beef were served with creamy potatoes, gravy and vegetables. Once dinner had been served and every guest had enjoyed



a few beers the 'Killer' pool game began. As the pool table is center stage it was hard not to enjoy the trials and tribulations of the players, who hotly contested the title. For some reason the darts



started much later, I think because perhaps more beer is needed to ensure players take part! Once

again, some of the professional members were nearly knocked out by rank beginners! No doubt, the gremlins were in the beer and red wine that night. So much so, that up to the time of publication of this newsletter, we only know that Rodney Hall won the darts. Nevertheless, we firmly believe that someone won on the pool table, while Rodney mastered the art of not hitting the wall too many times to secure a famous arrows victory.



The names of the other victor, and those of the gallant runners up, will be



sleuthed from the annals of Howzat history, and be announced at the earliest opportunity.

The evening clearly went on long into the night and finally coming to a halt at around midnight. Once again thanks to the owners and staff of Howzat for ensuring we had a great night.

**Sarah Mcleod**



## Dates for the Diary

- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008      **March Social Evening**  
Murphy's Bar, 6:30 to 9:30 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> April 2008      **April Networking Evening**  
Featured Speaker Ms. Pacita Juan, President and CEO of Figaro Coffee Systems.  
6:30pm- 9:30pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008      **BCCP Annual General Meeting**  
UK Ambassador's Residence,  
6:00 pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> June 2008      **Grand Charity Ball, Renaissance Hotel**  
Details to be announced

## Sneak Preview....

Get ready for this year's Great Ball!



## KEY ACTIVITIES February 2008

**2 week of March**      HMA participating in SE Asia economic and political forum at Asia House, London.

HMA to visit UKTI HQ for market focused discussions.

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*For more information on any of the above events please free to contact the person as shown.*

**John Chick**



Part of the proceeds of the BWA and BCCP Grand Charity 'Hogwarts Banquet' held last year were used to purchase 100 wind up radios to be given to schools in areas with little or non-reliable electricity. Over the next few months these radios will also be distributed to valued charities so they could access the 'English by Radio' programmes produced by the British Council and the BBC.

The first batch of radios was handed out to the **Papaya Academy** (a charity school run for children from the Payatas dumpsite) during their 5<sup>th</sup> foundation day last 13 February.

**Andrew Picken**



(L-R) Sarah McLeod, Linda Boyd of BWA; Janneke Heinnen, founder of Papaya Academy; David Hopkinson and Nannette Mercado)

## The British School Manila



This is one of the shortest terms ever experienced in a British Curriculum school because of the early Easter holiday, and so it has been particularly busy. In mid-February, the school held one of its main theme events – a Fit-For-Life Week. During

this week, students took part in a variety of activities designed to encourage them to lead healthier lifestyles. Attention was paid to different forms of exercise and also to diet which is an issue very much on the agenda in schools worldwide.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, the senior school hosted the Face of Pain Workshop which was run by Chris Maughan from the Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts. Chris is an experienced special effects artist and has many credits to his name, including work on Dr. Who, and our students got the opportunity to learn and apply techniques used in film and TV.



A large group of senior students participated in the Model United Nations Assembly and it was an opportunity for them to engage in intellectual debate on a range of international issues. The MUN is one of the most demanding, knowledge-intensive and intellectual activities available to students, but it is extremely rewarding. Students gain experience in public speaking, establish life-long friendships, develop keen interests in international affairs, and gain confidence.

For the senior staff at the school, recruitment is a major focus during February, and the head of school, head of primary and head of senior met with candidates for teaching positions in Manila, Dubai and London. Fortunately, the school enjoys an outstanding international reputation and we have been able to secure the services of first class teachers to replace the small number that are leaving in July 2008.



**Chris Mantz**  
**Head of School**

