

Dear BoD:

Ahead of our meeting on Monday, I'd like to highlight the breadth of activities on the horizon at the Club, which include numerous Entertainment Committee events, including St. Patrick's Day and showing MLB games, as well as our own General Membership Meeting, for which I have invited the entire Membership to attend. The budget for the next year will be shared, while I will also ask the Long-Term Task Force to share some of its discussion from its first meeting earlier this month. Moreover, within the Finance Committee's and GM's reports are details on what's expected for next year, but it's fair to say that challenges remain, not the least of which is the need for a sustained increase in Membership and a continued levy.

Details of why I wanted to open the GMM up were in my monthly letter to Membership, but I have had the nagging feeling that the BoD does not have enough interaction with all members - although we've been better than some, and that sometimes our Regulars are too busy to take advantage of the opportunities we do create. I look forward to hearing what, if any, feedback you've had from Membership on this GMM initiative, while the proof will certainly be on what turnout is like that night. I would encourage you to invite either those new members you are in contact with, or anyone you think would be interested.

You will also have seen our May plans for a Hanif Recognition Night, which comes after the announcement of his formal intention to retire from the FCCJ. We will have a fundraising portal as well, which will be used to make his transition back to Pakistan easier. I hope to see you and many of our former staff and current friends who wish to see him off properly.

As I put in my note to Membership, our Kanji, Martin, has kindly agreed to wear another hat, as PAC co-chair, and we hope to see more great guests in this BoD's last few months. Perhaps we will be lucky enough to have Prime Minister Ishiba deign to visit us again, which would be our first acting premier since Kakuei Tanaka in the 1970s. They didn't end so well for him, but it certainly made news, and that is our brief and value.

See you Monday,

Dan