

C H A R T E R   N I G H T

What an exciting week prior to Charter Night!

We were thrilled and happy to welcome to Singapore 186 overseas visitors - most of them Quotarians - for our Charter function. In the month prior to their arrival we were inundated with letters from Clubs and Districts in Australia informing us of their arrival. At the meeting prior to the announcement of our Charter Night we discussed the possibility of having overseas visitors, and we had considered that if, including ourselves and our guests, we should total 100 this would be more than an adequate estimate. So to receive a request from 250 to attend our Dinner was really a magnificent response to our long-awaited function.

The Australian Quotarians spent a very busy but happy week shopping, sight-seeing, and no doubt spending all their money. Many of them bought extra suitcases in order to get their "booty" back home!

Our biggest pleasure was to welcome Joan May to Singapore. Joan May played a most important role in that she was to present the Charter and to instal Directors and Officers. We were to learn much from Joan in the days she spent with us and her friendliness, her charm, her wit, and her great understanding has left us all with a true feeling of Quota Friendship and what Quota stands for.

Joan Dooley arrived on 1 March so it was not really until after our Charter that we got to know her well.

Our Singapore members had spent a frantic two months and latterly a more than hectic time making final preparation for the big night and a really big thank you is due to all members for helping to make the night a big success and a night that ran so smoothly and efficiently.

THE BIG NIGHT

At 6.30 p.m. several of our Members arrived at the Garden Ballroom, Holiday Inn, to ensure that all the final touches were carried out. Joan May also arrived extra early and made us all feel so much at ease.

At 7.30 p.m. our visitors arrived in splendour in their finest garments and looking most charming. It was quite an achievement to ensure that all our guests signed our Table Cloth which was at the entrance so that we would have a permanent reminder and record of all who attended.