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## FORMULA 1 theme at 2008 SLP Members' Night

Every year our Members' Night gets more and more interesting. This was the case again for 2008.

All the planning came to fruition on September 20th. The organizing committee, supported by staff from the Guild, came in early at the Singapore Polytechnic Graduates Guild Ball Room to get things ready – decorate the hall, bring the theme alive and most important of all, set up the F1 Race track. When the first guests started to arrive, it was all systems go. F1 racing fans you ain't seen nothin' until you have seen our track.

Soon, well-dressed and sporty ladies and smart and happy gentlemen began to arrive. The ambience was just right for chatting with fellow members, friends and business associates. There were joyous sounds everywhere. In keeping with the theme, pulses were racing. The live rock-band added to the festive feeling. Just close your eyes and you would hear the King of Rock. How's that for an experience?

Potential contestants and other guests practiced their driving skills on the racing track. Serious drivers could not leave things to chance. GP fans were talking about the upcoming night races that were on the next week. There was much well informed conversations about top F1 drivers like Lewis Hamilton, Felipe



*The Liew's and Leong's fraternising before dinner*

Massa, Kimi Raikkonen, Heikki Kovalainen, Nick Heidfeld and Fernando Alonso, and high-performance and fuel-guzzling cars like BMW Sauber, Ferrari, Honda, Renault, Toyota and McLaren.

Teng Chong Seng, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, kicked things off at 7.15 pm. Ngiam Tong Yuen, Honorary Secretary, welcomed the guests on behalf Ong See Hee, our President, who was on a business trip. Dinner was then served.

With everyone fueled up, Jacob Soh, the Race Marshall, called all drivers to report to the starting line. There were two races – one for the men and one for the women. All drivers were briefed on the do's and don'ts. Preliminary heats were conducted to select the best men and women for the finals. Jacob did his best to entertain the audience by providing a commentary for each race. His commentaries had the desired effect because the drivers rose to the occasion and provided more spectacular crashes than a lifetime of real life racing on a track. Thank goodness for computer simulations. In the closely contested men's final Leong Weng Fei emerged the worthy winner. For the women it was Sonia Khoo Meng, daughter of Prof Khoo Boo Cheong. We now know that SHE professionals have many hidden talents.

The next game tested the expertise of the guests. Everyone had to answer questions on F1. Dennis Tay was the Quizmaster. Guests were all ears. Valuable prizes were on offer. Questions on the history of F-1, personal profiles of current top-drivers, countries of origin of the carmakers, etc. were asked. Jacob emerged the winner. His hours of research had paid off.

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*Guests waiting to be fueled up before the real action starts.*