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All Kinds of People *by Clancy Philippe*

There are three kinds of people; those that make things happen, those that watch things happen and those who don't know what's happening. On the other hand, people also judge you by what you say, everything you don't say, what you do, everything you don't do, what happens to you and everything that does not happen to you. You meet people who forget you. You forget people you meet. But sometimes you meet those people you can't forget for the right reasons. Those people are your friends. Well that seems to be pretty complicated.

No, it is not. For the simple reason that "action and reaction are opposite and equal". Remember the old physics principle. It also applies to real life. I always say to the young ones: "Life is like a bank account, you can only get out what you put in." In life, if you go onto overdraft mode you are not defaulting your bank, you are defaulting yourself. It's a human relationship overdraft. Simply, if you do not care about others, others will not care about you either. Similarly, you will not be loved if you never take nor find the time to love and tell your loved ones how much you love them.

Unfortunately, today's society is very influenced by what is happening in the business world. Our own private and personal lives are in a very similar state. Many of us have a human relationship overdraft. However, it is never too late to reverse the situation. Start now by being nice to the next person you interact with. If they are your loved ones, tell them how much you care and love them. Do it now.

Tomorrow may be too late. Life is full of surprises. Good and bad.



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Recipes by Madeleine Philippe

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Ingredients:

1. 1.2 kg chicken
2. 600 grams frozen green peas
3. 150 grams tomato paste
4. 1 tablespoon crushed garlic
5. 1 large onion finely chopped
6. 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
7. salt and pepper to taste
8. 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
9. 1/2 cup dry sherry
10. 1/2 cup dry red wine
11. 6 cloves

**Poulet aux
petits pois**
(Chicken with green peas)



Method:

1. Cut the chicken into serve size pieces and mix with the garlic, onions, sherry, 1 tablespoon parsley, cloves, salt and pepper. Allow to marinate for 30 minutes or desirably overnight in the fridge.
2. Heat oil in a deep saucepan to simmering point. Add the marinated chicken pieces and marinade into the pan. Stir thoroughly and cook until the chicken pieces are fried to a golden brown colour. Be careful not to overcook.
3. Stir in the tomato paste. Mix thoroughly and add 1/2 cup of hot water. Mix well, cover and allow to simmer for 10 minutes. Add 1/4 cup of red wine and allow to simmer for 5 minutes. If necessary, add a little hot water to avoid the sauce from drying up or to your preference.
4. Add the frozen green peas and carefully mix with the chicken pieces and sauce. Avoid crushing the chicken or green peas. Add 1/4 cup of red wine. Simmer over low heat for 15 minutes or until green peas are thoroughly cooked. Keep saucepan covered or uncovered, depending upon your preferred sauce consistency.
5. Transfer chicken, green peas and sauce into a serving dish. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon of finely chopped parsley.
6. Serve on a bed of rice with a lettuce salad, chatini pomme d'amour or with achard de légumes.

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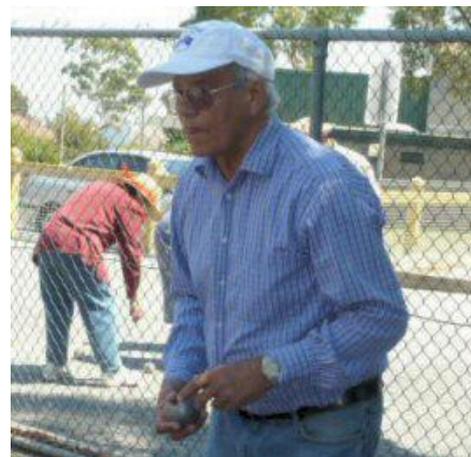
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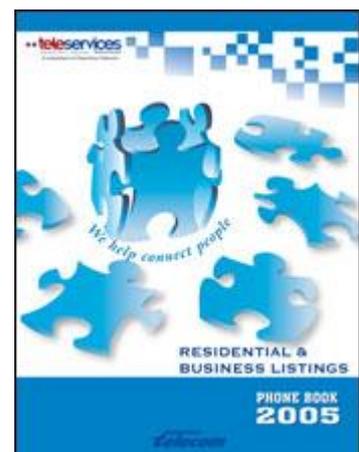
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Steven Palombo Manager Australia of Air Mauritius has kindly agreed to an interview with Mauritius Australia Connection on “Air Mauritius in Australia”

Interviewed by Clancy Philippe in Melbourne, Australia

Clancy:

Steven, thank you for taking the time in your very busy schedule to answer a few questions from Mauritius Australia Connection on “Air Mauritius in Australia”.

So Steven how was the year 2011 for Air Mauritius?

Steven:

The year was a challenging one for all international airlines. It seems, in recent memory, that the aviation landscape is ever changing and new challenges or obstacles are the norm - be it security issues, weather related incidents such as Volcanic Ash clouds or the ever increasing costs such as rising fuel prices. One thing for sure is that Air Mauritius is just like any other international airline - under the same pressures to meet increasing operational costs, yet given the task to continually grow the business.

One of the key challenges we face also is the high fuel prices and the weaker Euro which have resulted in 2011 being a difficult year for Air Mauritius. We have addressed these challenges with many short term actions across the company, but we have also recognized that our current business model needs to be revamped going forward to improve our overall sustainability and ensure we take advantage of future growth opportunities. So, at head office level we have an external consulting company which has just performed a review of our business model which I'm sure will result in many recommendations for implementation across our business in 2012.

Clancy:

And, what about Air Mauritius in Australia?

Steven:

We have our own challenges in Australia but we had a good 2011. Our business has been performing well. We are currently flying to Sydney, Melbourne and Perth and we have just finished our peak season of December and January which is the busiest time of year for Australia. Our flights were full - there were many Mauritians going back to Mauritius, Reunion and Rodrigues to visit family and friends. We also had a lot of leisure travellers flying to the Indian Ocean for holidays and across to South Africa. So, our flights were very busy.

However, looking forward we will have a tough year ahead. One exciting issue is that the Mauritian Tourism Authority will be implementing a marketing campaign in February and March across Australia to raise awareness of Mauritius and encourage people to choose Mauritius as its holiday destination, while also educating travel agents on our marvelled destination and encourage new visitation.

Clancy:

Any new changes to airfares?

Steven:

We have already put out all our pricing for 2012 - we did this on 5 December 2011, effective for travel from 1 January onwards. We provided over three weeks advance notice so that the Mauritian community and travel agents could finalise any bookings and quotes prior to the new prices coming into effect for 2012. One change was that our Sydney price is now the same as the Melbourne price - for passengers travelling to Mauritius from either Sydney or Melbourne they now pay the same price. This is fair, and the norm for all international airlines operating to Australia - in airline talk, it is called “common rating” fares. Our operating schedule changed last year so that Sydney passengers now fly nonstop from Mauritius to Sydney and for Melbourne passengers they fly nonstop from Melbourne to Mauritius. So, the flight now operates Mauritius - Sydney - Melbourne - Mauritius. Another reason why the price should be the same level.

We also recently launched a couple of special fares - a “Companion Fare” offer when two people travel together and a “Kids Fly Free” promotional fare. The two discounted fares can only be purchased when also buying accommodation in the same booking.

We also have some brilliant fares to Africa - Durban, Johannesburg, Cape Town and Nairobi. The cheapest levels I have seen Air Mauritius offer in a very long time! These are specials for travel over the next couple of months. It's a great way to combine a stopover in Mauritius, with some adventure or sightseeing in Africa.

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Interview with Steven Palombo, Manager Australia "Air Mauritius"

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Clancy:

Some of your special Early Bird fares have been very well patronised !

Steven:

Not to mention the special Early Bird fares to Europe we recently had which I know a lot of the community snapped up for travel to throughout Europe. They were rock bottom prices and considerably lower than many of the bigger airlines!

We will also very shortly have our flights for sale for travel in December 2012.

Clancy:

The community noticed Air Austral will no longer fly to Australia. What are your thoughts ?

Steven:

Yes, we saw this was announced on 15 December. I understand that its cost of operation was too high and that the airline had to make some tough decisions. It also announced it would stop flying to Thailand. Also, Air Seychelles made several big changes recently. However, our neighbouring airlines are not on their own. We are witnessing many international airlines making changes to their networks. It just proves that it is a very difficult trading environment and that no airline is immune to the challenges !

Clancy:

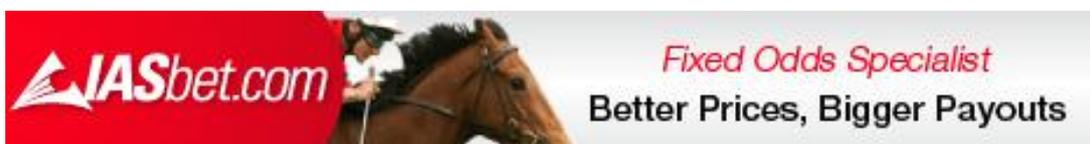
And will Air Mauritius in 2012 continue to work with the Mauritian community in Australia ?

Steven:

Absolutely. We had a great year last year, and we plan to build on that. We sponsored many community events, gave away free airfares as prize donations, was involved in charity work, contributed to various community associations - just to name a few ! And this was across Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. I'm sure there will be many opportunities and great initiatives again this year. And of course, I'd like to thank the community for its continued support of Air Mauritius and reiterate how important the community is to the success of our airline. The airline and community go hand in hand, and I look forward to a prosperous year ahead for all.

Clancy:

Steven, thank you for taking the time to meet with us and update the Mauritian community on future plans for Air Mauritius operations in Australia for 2012.





Madeleine Philippe Memorial Week Sat 3—Sun 11 March 2012

Invitation to participate

We would like to invite all Madeleine's fans and lovers of Mauritian Cuisine worldwide to celebrate Madeleine's life and the amazing culinary legacy she has left, by taking part in the Madeleine Philippe Memorial Week which runs from Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th March 2012.

You can participate simply by choosing one or more of her recipes at <http://ile-maurice.tripod.com> to cook for, or share with your family, friends and customers during the "Madeleine Philippe Memorial Week". After the event, even if it is just a simple lunch with friends, we would be delighted to receive an email telling us about the chosen recipes. Alternatively, share a drink with your family and friends for the occasion. Please take some photos of the celebration and send these to us at clancy@cjp.net

We will publish an album of a selection of the best photos on our web site. This event will also be advertised and followed up with articles in the Mauritius Australia Connection monthly "Rougaille Newsletter".

As most of you will know, we lost Madeleine in February 2011, to cancer after a 5 year long, hard and courageous battle but her legacy lives on. Her excellent web site "Recipes from Mauritius" continues to provide help to her thousands of fans worldwide as to how to cook and prepare the delicious Mauritian dishes that we all enjoy. Husband Clancy continues her work, putting online the many other recipes from her notebooks.

PREPARATION IS PARAMOUNT!

We invite you to start preparation for the "Madeleine Philippe Memorial Week" by nominating a day during this week on which to remember Madeleine in this very special way. Please email Clancy at clancy@cjp.net with details of your chosen dish or dishes, the proposed date and how you will be celebrating the event.

Your participation would be a tremendous boost and comfort for husband Clancy especially at a time when one year on, the anniversary of Madeleine's passing comes around. Let's make it a time to celebrate her life and continue her work, bringing the secrets of our famous Mauritian Cuisine to the table.

Thank you in anticipation of your taking part. On behalf of the family, Madeleine herself and Clancy, we wish you Bon Appetit. She will be watching!

After the event, do not forget to send Clancy your stories and of course the photos.

Note: If you cannot celebrate as per above, a small donation to the Madeleine Philippe Cancer Foundation (Aus) Inc at www.mpcfau.org would be most appreciated.

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A group of genealogy enthusiasts who, due to the difficulties encountered in Mauritius to conduct personal research and fulfill their passion, decided to combine their efforts in a genealogical association: the CGMR.

What is the CGMR?

A Genealogical Association whose services would be open to Mauritian of all origins, residing at home or abroad, of Mauritian descent or not, wishing to trace their roots or showing interest in the history of Mauritius. An association promoting friendly assistance between its members to help in any way possible the preservation of archival documents through digital scanning, photography and transcription of data obtained.

Our goals:

To help genealogists by identifying possible and available sources of information for genealogical research (National Archives of Mauritius, Mauritius Civil Status, Bureau of Registration, CAOM, Mormons, books, publications, Internet, etc.);

To promote the preservation of archives records by scanning;

To promote mutual assistance among members;

To train and educate members as well as budding genealogists in research techniques, scanning and transcription of records;

To facilitate genealogical research through the development of a computerised database built from such scans and subsequent data capture from:

- Parish and civil status registers for the period before 1810;
- Census and passenger lists;
- Vital records post 1810 decennial tables;
- Records of the Diocese of Port Louis (Roman Catholic records);
- Records of the Diocese of Mauritius (Church of England registers);
- Records of MGI and of the Protector of Immigrants on Indian immigration;
- Records and cemeteries lists, etc...



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Allow members access these databases through a friendly exchange on our mailing lists, online at our website at the discretion of the fund owners.

Simon van der Stel-First Governor of the Cape Colony First Registered Birth in Mauritius *(Extracted from Wikipedia)*

Simon was the son of Adriaan van der Stel, an official of the Dutch East India Company (VOC, Verenigde Oos-Indiese Kompanjie), and Maria Lievens, daughter of a freed Indian slave woman known as Monica of the Coast of Goa, or Monica da Costa. Simon was therefore a Eurasian. He is seen by some historians as a Creole, though technically he was not a Creole as he was not born in Mauritius or Cape Colony. Although, being born in Mauritius waters, he is recognised as the First Registered birth in the island's history.

Adriaan was appointed the first Dutch governor of Mauritius in 1639. Simon was born at sea while his father was en route to Mauritius to take up his new posting. Adriaan had a long tenure in Mauritius, and Simon spent seven years there.

Adriaan's governorship ended after five years, and after a few more years, Adriaan left Mauritius for Dutch Ceylon. Adriaan was murdered in Ceylon and Maria also died. Simon went on to Batavia, Dutch East Indies. Simon remained in Batavia until he was 20 years of age.

He then went to the Netherlands, where he associated with the most important members of the VOC, such as Willem Six. In 1663 he married Willem's daughter, Johanna Jacoba Six (1645-1700). They had six children. Simon seems to have been involved in making wine in Muiderberg. In 1679, he was appointed "Commander" of the VOC's colony at the Cape of Good Hope, through the growing influence of his relative, Joan Huydecoper van Maarsseveen.

Van der Stel and his wife, Johanna Jacoba Six, for some reason or other did not enjoy a very good relationship and her sister Cornelia accompanied her husband to the Cape. Perhaps she was too great a lady, perhaps she was timid and feared the formidable sea journey. Whatever the reason van der Stel never saw her again, though he remained devoted to her and frequently sent her money. Johanna Jacoba remained in Holland, and sent the furnishings and works of art required to fit out the governor's Residence at Groot Constantia.



Simon van der Stel

In 1685 he was visited by Hendrik van Rheede with whom he shared in great interest in tropical botany. To prevent competition anywhere else in the world, young cinnamon, cloves and camphor trees were destroyed by the ambitious son of Rijckloff van Goens for fear of others replanting these elsewhere. In 1691, the VOC replaced the office of "Commander" with "Governor", and van der Stel was promoted to the new position. His house Groot Constantia was well furnished with fine paintings including the unfinished painting by Simon de Vlieger "The Fisherman".

Every one of his four sons was at one time or another with him in South Africa. Willem Adriaan, after being magistrate of Amsterdam, succeeded his father as Governor of the Cape; Frans "de jonker" became a farmer at the Cape; Adrian became governor of Amboina (1706-1720); Cornelis was one of the 352 shipwrecked in the *Ridderschap* in 1694. An expedition under Willem de Vlamingh was sent out to look for survivors on islands in the Indian Ocean or on the coast of Western Australia.

Simon van der Stel retired in 1699 and was succeeded by his son Willem Adriaan van der Stel. In retirement, Simon devoted himself to his estate at Constantia, where he died in 1712. The town of Stellenbosch (founded in 1679) was named after him and Simons Town is also named after him. An early ship of the South African Navy, SAS *Simon van der Stel* was also named for him, in 1952.

Effectively he was the first Coloured Governor of the Cape Colony. This was something never acknowledged in South African history during the apartheid era.

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