



BREF Enotes

Educating Refugees from Burma in India, Bangladesh and Thailand since 1997.

Enote 138:

A Reception for Dr. Cynthia

Dear Friends,

In case you haven't heard, Cynthia Maung, a refugee, a medical doctor, and an internationally celebrated humanitarian, visited the Bracketts at their home last week. A reception to enable the community to visit with her was given. The weather cooperated splendidly, and it was showing off as only upstate New York can. (Check the picture below.)

Russell Brackett Director of BREF, Sally Brackett Chair of its Board of Trustees, and Penelope Brackett a new member of the Board, were all on hand to meet her in addition to BREF donors and Karen immigrants from the immediate area and Utica.

Near the end of last month, Dr. Cynthia Maung traveled from Thailand to Washington, D.C. to receive her twenty third international award, the Roux Prize which, "... recognizes the person who has used health evidence in bold ways to make people healthier".



Dr. Cynthia told me that her idea was to have trained medics interview pregnant women and advise only those likely to have problematic deliveries travel to Cynthia's Clinic. This reduced the number of unnecessary deliveries at the Clinic, allowing more time and effort on the difficult cases and saving lives.

Russ Brackett the new Director of BREF, Sally Brackett, Chair of BREF's Board of Trustees, and Penelope Brackett, a new Board member, all traveled at least a couple of hundred miles to visit Cynthia and our other guests.

Russ is shown in the middle of a small group of Karen from Utica in the picture below on the left, and Penelope is shown talking to Dr. Cynthia on the right.



A fine time was had by all.

Remember your day is not complete until you have done somebody a favor. Please donate to our work with refugees.

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Best Wishes to all,

Shas E Brackett