

The Rotary Club of Patong Beach Phuket Thailand



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Meetings at 4 Points by Sheraton 198/8-9 Thawewong Rd (Beach Rd) Patong Beach

Tuesdays 7-9pm except first Tuesday of month is a Dinner Out



Rotary
Club Patong Beach



Members from thirteen countries – Rotary is International



Australia



Austria



Belgium



Canada



Egypt



France



Germany



Hungary



Japan



Switzerland



Thailand



United Kingdom



USA



President Rotary International
Jennifer Jones Ontario Canada



District Governor 3330
La-Or-Chinda



President Rotary Club of Patong Beach
Best Wanamakok

The President's Message



Dear Fellow members of RC Patong Beach,

Warmest welcome to the new Rotary year which starts on 1 July and runs until 30 June.

We have had 3 years of difficult times due to COVID-19, the subject that we all hope is now behind us.

Businesses are opening back up all over our beautiful island. Once the places like Patong, Cherngtalay, Rawai and Phuket Town are back on track, then we will see trickle-down effect to the other parts of the island.

I feel strongly that Phuket will turn around quickly – just like it did after the Great Tsunami of 2004. I predict that more and more people (Thai, expats, migrant workers) will relocate to Phuket. Many have already done so by moving their children to school here. Comparing to the neighbouring countries and other provinces in Thailand, Phuket is regarded by many as no. 1 “Best Value for Money” to live and set up a business.

We will see more visiting Rotarians to our Tuesday meetings which is a great way to showcase RCOPB’s projects and perhaps solicit their support and partnership.

We comprise of 30 members (and growing) from 13 different nationalities – a very Unique aspect. RCOPB has been and will always be one of the “Port of Entry” for foreigners who want be part of local community quickly for both business and pleasure.

Post-Covid is an exciting time for ALL!!

I will be a guest speaker on 19 July to do a “Who am I – Who is Khun Best?” talk and share with attending members and guests my plan for the 2022-23 Rotary Year.

I believe that before we begin our meaningful journey together, we need to know each other first. Once we seek first to understand others then we will be understood. Only after we know one another as a person, we can remove our mask, drop our guard, and lower our ego to finally do something together without fighting whatever it comes to – charity, personal, or business.

I am very pleased to see that our District 3330 successfully organized two large events – District Training Assembly (DTA) in Cha-Am and District Conference (DC) in Phuket.

These two events created an opportunity for new and prospective members to see what happens in district level. It can only be described so much in words, but it fails to capture the FUN, PRIDE and SENSE OF BELONGING when you are actually there.

I am glad to see RCOPB members attended in great number.

As members we have our basic responsibilities to perform – pay due on time, helping out at the meetings, join a committee and be assigned a task, find interesting guest speakers, bring to club attention specific/manageable cases of people in need in your neighborhood, attend weekly meeting and district event, join Community Service project events, etc.

Personal satisfaction and sense of achievement received is all yours to enjoy and, from my humble experience, it will lead to a happy and healthy life.

I don’t mean to rock the boat too early. There are in Phuket many ex-club members who I say are “not on same page” and failed to see core values of Rotary and its benefit beyond their personal wants and needs.

Those who did not get what they want and/or unable to manage their own expectations toward how other members do or say things naturally faded themselves out from the club.
Rotary Club of Patong Beach, on the contrary, will always remain a pillar of Phuket's community.

In closing, I would like to thank Past Presidents' Council for entrusting me with the responsibility for the 2nd time. I very much look forward to leading RCOPB into the new Rotary year.

Let's "IMAGINE ROTARY" together.

Yours in Rotary,

Pres. Best Wanamakok

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Meet the "Best" Team

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Member
Opportunity

Position Vacant



Vice President
Jaspal Khanijou



Secretary
Hans Guelich



Treasurer
Sam Fauma



Immediate Past President
Dieter Dratwa

President Elect
Your name here



Service Projects
Dr. John Storke



Membership
Rainer Schmitz



Scholarship
Jean-Pierre Philippe



Rotary Foundation
Arnaud C.M.C. Verstraete



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Fund Raising
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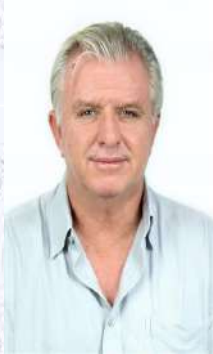
Club Administration
Stewart Petersen – Denis Carpenter



The Remaining Great Members of RCoPB



PP David Arell



PP Richard Jones



PP Andreas Becker



PP Walter Wyler



PP Jonathan Russell



PP Karen Eidsvik



Alex Longman



Simon Wenk



Larry Demco



Wilhem Vullriede



Alice Voneschen



Sirirat Chativechkarn



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Nihan Akdemir



Shiho Katsuura



Ahmad Hassan Heshmat



Andrew Molnar



Rotary International President 2022-2023
Jennifer Jones from Ontario Canada

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tshETK04Q7E>
click to watch video



**HOORAY – THE BULLETIN
IS BACK FOR ANOTHER
GREAT ROTARY YEAR**



The Bulletin will be produced each week to keep all members & friends of the RC of Patong Beach informed, of the events of the past & the programme for the weeks ahead.

I have said this previously. It is **NOT** my Bulletin it is the members'.

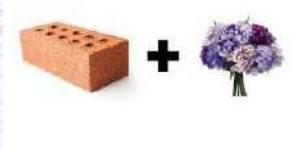
Therefore, to keep it fresh & interesting, **I need your input.**

As editor, I do reserve the right not to publish contributions.

They must not be political, commercial to advertise one's business etc.

Rotary should be **FUN** with good cammardie, whilst providing support to those in need. The last two years have been difficult for us all due to COVID 19.

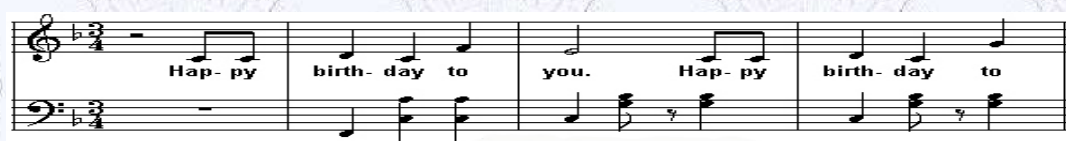
I live in Bangkok & travel has not been possible. It may be sometime before conditions return to normal. Of course, **I am as close as an email. So please forward your contributions or comments to me.** Denis.carpenter@gmail.com



Brickbats & Bouquets most welcome

Thanks to all – let's have some **FUN!**

BIRTHDAYS



July – week 1 & 2

4th Sam Fauma - 9th Hans Guelich - 15th Dr. Johan Storke

The Bulletin, as in prior editions, will provide information, when possible, of the meetings & special events for the club, in order to let members & visitors plan ahead to attend & participate in the event.

July 5th

Dinner Out @ Thong Dee Kathu

Please register by Sunday 3rd

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/13774/Event/kickoff-new-rotary-year-dinner--->

thong-dee--kathu

July 9th - 10th

WOW +

Handover from PP Dieter to P Best

July 12th

Meeting Cancelled due to recent meeting on 9-10

July 19th

Who Am I ? Who is Khun Best?

President Best presents the plan of the year

July 26th

Special Guest Speaker Michael Pohl

" Waste - Quo Vadis"

A Solid Waste Industry insider's perspective.

PE TRAINING SEMINAR 11-12 March 2022

9 Rotary Clubs of Phuket President Elect Training PETS

Andaman-Junkseilon-Muangrae-Patong Beach-Phromthep-Phuket-Phuket South-Sino-Tongkah
PE Best



DTA TRAINING SEMINAR 12-15 MAY 2022

DTA IN CHA AM (DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY) 13-15TH MAY 2022

A special Bulletin edition was previously sent to members



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 3330 PATONG 24-25 JUNE 2022

An exciting two days at the District Conference held at the Duangjitt Resort Patong Beach



Over the years, PP Arnaud C.M.C. Verstraete has donated and committed to donate to the Rotary Foundation in the amount totaling **1 million USD**. He is the founder of Arnaud C. Verstraete Endowment Fund at The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.



LOTS of fun



The LAST meeting for the Rotary Year was held on 28th June & an enjoyable Dinner Out Rotary Dinner at historical and cultural site. The Panwa House is a beautifully 80 years old restored mansion.

The first owner was looking after his coconut plantation until he was 80 years old! He still climbed the trees and took them to the market. The current owner was visiting Phuket and quite by accident (he missed his flight) he was introduced to the owner of the land. This is where he found out that the owner was going to sell the land to be a shrimp farm.

Panwa House was extended but all original decorative items were kept intact, as well as floor tiles and furniture.

Today, this magnificent Sino-Portuguese House, standing majestically right at the shores of the Andaman Sea, offers the finest in Thai cuisine in a plantation environment with an unforgettable atmosphere.



Thank you Simon Wenk for a cultural & culinary experience.

Ed – Denis

PE Best attends the changeover of RC Phuket South on 30th June – his last as PE.



Able & PP Jonathan AG

AG Jonathan has a few words.

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SAVE A CHILD SWIM PROGRAM

We have successfully completed another save a child swim program.



We had a beautiful ceremony, each child had to pass a very difficult test in order to receive a certificate of completion. They also received a medal for completing the program.



Present were President Dieter; President elect Best and community service committee members, PP Sam, Dr. Larry, and self

Community Services Chair Dr. Johan Storck





In the afternoon we did a beach cleanup, we picked up 17 large trash bags.



More schools will be added to the program.

Thank you, Dr. Johan Storke – it is a great program with more than **300** children having graduated.

Editor Denis

A Look back at the 20 Year History



How it all began for the Rotary Club of Patong Beach



The Rotary Club of Patong Beach is the brainchild of one of Phuket's foremost businessmen Paiboon Upatising. **Vale**

As Phuket's first-ever directly elected Senator, Mr. Paiboon wanted to establish a forum where people from the foreign business community could meet with Thai government officials to exchange views and improve mutual understanding.

As a long-time Rotarian, Senator Paiboon decided that founding a new, English speaking Rotary Club would be the best way of achieving this goal, to show their long-term commitment to the island by becoming involved with community service and charity.

As such, on 9 January 2001, the senator invited a selected group of foreign business people to attend a meeting at the Aloha Villa Hotel.

During the meeting it was decided to form the Rotary Club of Patong Beach with the aim of fostering Goodwill and Understanding between Thai officials and the foreign business community.

The new club has received invaluable assistance from members of the Rotary Club of Phuket, most notably Past President Surasak Chaianupong who advised on matters of organization and meeting procedures. The members became active in the community projects right away and many government officials graced the Club's meetings as Guest Speakers.

On 5 September 2001 the Rotary Club of Patong Beach received official accreditation from Rotary International.



ABC's Of Rotary

From Past RI President
Cliff Dochterman

A thought for the week

These short articles about Rotary were first published in the weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of North Stockton, California, U.S.A. originally called "Did Ya Know?" the pieces were prepared to share interesting facts about Rotary International with members of the North Stockton club. When their author, Cliff Dochterman, became President of Rotary International in 1992-93, the articles were collected and published as The ABCs of Rotary.

The collection, which is periodically updated, provides a guide for Rotarians to the colorful history of their organization, its customs and traditions and the current status of its global programs. The articles may be reprinted in Rotary club bulletins or presented as Rotary information at weekly club meetings.

Definition of Rotary How do you describe the organization called "Rotary"? There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of a million Rotarians.

There are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more. In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary.

They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relations Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world." Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?" The Official Rotary Flag An official flag was formally adopted by Rotary International at the 1929 Convention in Dallas, Texas. The Rotary flag consists of a white field with the official wheel emblem emblazoned in gold in the centre of the field. The four depressed spaces on the rim of the Rotary wheel are coloured royal blue. The words "Rotary" and "International" printed at the top and bottom depressions on the wheel rim are also gold. The shaft in the hub and the keyway of the wheel are white.

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Let's Have A Laugh



A little humour

Why Teachers Drink

The following questions were set in last year's GED examination. These are genuine answers (from 18 year olds)

- Q.** Name the four seasons?
A.. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar
- Q.** How is dew formed?
A.. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire
- Q.** What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?
A.. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed
- Q.** In a democratic society, how important are elections?
A.. Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election
- Q.** What are steroids?
A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs (Shoot yourself now , there is little hope)
- Q...** What happens to your body as you age?
A.. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental
- Q.** What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?
A.. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery (So true)
- Q.** Name a major disease associated with cigarettes?
A.. Premature death
- Q.** What is artificial insemination?
A... When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow
- Q.** How can you delay milk turning sour?
A.. Keep it in the cow (Simple, but brilliant)
- Q.** How are the main 20 parts of the body categorized (e.g. The abdomen)?
A.. The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A,E,I,O,U
- Q.** What is the fibula?
A.. A small lie
- Q.** What does 'varicose' mean?
A.. Nearby
- Q.** What is the most common form of birth control
A.. Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium. (That would work)
- Q.** Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean section'
A.. The caesarean section is a district in Rome
- Q.** What is a seizure?
A.. A Roman Emperor. (Julius Seizure, I came, I saw, I had a fit)
- Q.** What is a terminal illness **A.** When you are sick at the airport. (Irrefutable)
- Q.** What does the word 'benign' mean?
A.. Benign is what you will be after you be eight (brilliant)

Photos of the Week by the Bulletin Editor - Denis

I welcome photos from members that may be of interest to others.
I am a member of the Bangkok Photography Group & am a keen amateur photographer.
Any excuse & I am out there clicking away. Please send me photos with brief details.
On the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge the “ants” are people doing the Bridge climb.



As a Sydney boy I guess I am biased LOL