



# The Rotary Club of Patong Beach Chartered 5<sup>th</sup> September 2001

Twenty year anniversary history

5<sup>th</sup> September 2021



# **The Twenty Presidents**

## **2001-2002 Charter President Paiboon Apataising**

2002-2003	Jeroen Deknatel
2003-2004	Neil Cumming
2004-2005	Friedrich "Sam" Fauma
2005-2006	Arnaud C.M.C. Verstraete
2006-2007	David Arell
2007-2008	Otho Beale "OB" Wetzel III
2008-2009	Michael Massey
2009-2010	Gregory "Woody" Leonhard
2010-2011	Mark Pendlebury
2011-2012	Best Wanamakok
2012-2013	Larry Amsden
2013-2014	Denis Carpenter
2014-2015	Bradley Kenny
2015-2016	Walter Wyler
2016-2017	Richard Jones
2017-2018	Andy Becker
2018-2019	Karen Eidsvik- Moody
2019-2020	Jonathan Russell
2020-2021	Jonathan Russell

# Introduction



The Rotary Club of Patong Beach is the brainchild of one of Phuket's foremost businessmen, Paiboon Upatising. 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. Being part of Rotary would also allow Phuket's foreign business people, 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 community projects right away and many government officials graced the Club's weekly meetings as Guest Speakers.

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

<i>Mankind is Our Business</i> R.I. President . RIP Bhichai Rattakul	<b>Year 2001-2002</b>
District Governor	Sriya Siriweij
President	Paiboon Upatising
Vice President	Jeroen Deknatel
President Elect	Jeroen Deknatel
Secretary	Ronny Senning
Treasurer	Neil Cumming
Sergeant-at-Arms	Friedrich 'Sam' Fauma
Club Service Chairperson	Hari Bedhi
International Service Chairperson	Anthony Baumann
Vocational Services Chairperson	Mike White
Community Services	Tim Rice
Webmaster	Paul Spring



Handover of 'The Gong' from the rotary Club of Phuket - our clubs Mother Club



Handover of Certificate of Registration with Rotary International by DG Siyaa Siriveth

## ACHIEVEMENTS



Donation of Mountain Bikes and Uniforms to the Patong Beach Tourist Police.



Kid's Day Out

Water tanks Sai Nam Yen School

1<sup>st</sup> Annual BBQ Fundraiser at Bang Wat Dam

Polio Plus

## NOTABLE GUEST SPEAKERS

Mr Pongpayome Vasaputi, Governor CEO of Phuket Province

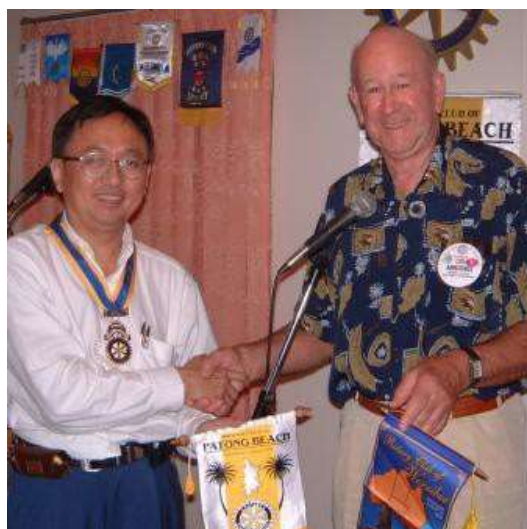
Pol Col Paween Pongsirin, Superintendent of the Patong Beach Police

Mr Kopit Temsongsai, Phuket Provincial Employment Services Office Chief

Dr Prasit Koeysiripong, Chairman of the Phuket Provincial Administration

Dr Sanguan Kunaporn, Cosmetic Surgeon.

Khun Anupharb Thirarath, Director of Tourism Authority of Thailand, Phuket branch



P.R.I.P. "Sow The Seeds Of Love" - P.R.I.P. Bhichai Rattakul, Thailand	<b>Year 2002-03</b>
District Governor	Khun Somboon Karnjanolarn
President	Jeroen Deknatel
Vice President	Friedrich 'Sam' Fauma
President Elect	Neil Cumming
President Nominee	Friedrich 'Sam' Fauma
Immediate Past President	Paiboon Upatising
Past President	-----
Secretary	Stephen Bird
Treasurer	Jirapa 'Sii' Cumming
Sergeant-at-Arms	Arnaud Verstraete
Community Service Projects	Mike White / David Arell
Membership	Paul Spring
Vocational	Mike White
International Services	Anthony 'Toni' Baumann
Club Services Chairperson	Tim Rice
Webmaster	Paul Spring/ Arnaud Verstraete



Our second year as a Club and we were still learning the ropes.

Our Thai mentors' coaching system alternated from hands-on practical advice to "let them find out by themselves while we have a good laugh".

My PETS was in Cha-am and was entirely in Thai. Sam, Neil and Sii were there too and we had some excellent dinners and wine.



During the year new members entered the Club and we experienced the first cases of members falling by the wayside.

### **Guest Speakers & Visitors :**

We had some excellent speakers during the year.



### **Projects during 2002-2003**

2nd Annual BBQ fundraiser at Bangwat Dam in March  
Good fun with plenty of participants and help from Ricky Zen

GSE participation

Don't remember much about that except a dinner we had with the young professionals, all very nice people –there is hope for this world yet.

Polio Plus at Patong Hospital



My main memory of that was how scared the little kids were of the farangs ;-)

Water treatment system for Kho Aen School in Mai Khao & Baan Saynamyen School in Patong.  
Both projects with much help from Brad's company ESP.

Kids Day out - A day at the zoo with Life & Home children





Donation of (reading) glasses to Patong schools.

We were the final stage in what was a global Rotary drive (I think) whereby they collect used reading glasses worldwide and match them (somehow) with kids/people needing glasses who can't afford them. Always wondered why this project was stopped, seemed like a good idea. I have loads of old but useable reading glasses as my own eyes get worse...

Donation of THB 263,000 to the Life Home Project.

This was the first time that I realized our Club could have a major impact on other people's lives.

Scholarship Funds to Child Watch Phuket

2-day Rotary Fair in Saphan Hin

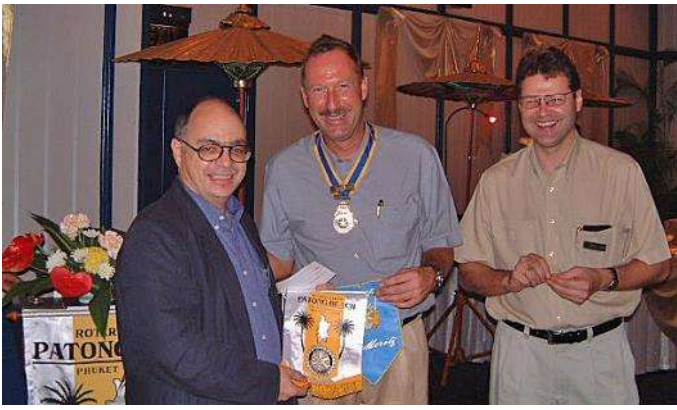


To celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rotary Club of Phuket. A joint effort of all Clubs. Each Club had a themed booth. Ours was "Safe Traffic" and we sold motorbike helmets. countless meetings beforehand, but the event went extremely well and was attended by thousands of people. Good fun with the other Clubs, especially Andaman whose booth was a pub. Spent most of my time there.

Sponsoring the chartering of the Rotary Club of Koh Samui.



Several trips to Samui culminating in an open air party at their 1<sup>st</sup> installation night. Everyone in business attire in 30 degree heat. As president of the sponsoring club I had laboured over a nice inspirational speech but was seated in the back and never asked to say a word. Oh well. Guess they were still learning.



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<i>"Lend a Hand" -</i> R.I.President . Jonathan B. Majyagbe	<b>Year 2003-04</b>
District Governor	Sermsak Piyathum
President	Neil Cumming
Vice President	Arnaud C.M.C Verstraete
President Elect	Friedrich 'Sam' Fauma
Immediate Past President	Jeroen Deknatel
Secretary	Ian Rance and Seksan Srirom
Treasurer	Jirapa "Sii" Eawaskul
Sergeant-at-Arms	David Arell
Vocational Services Chairperson	Dr. Paul Finkbeiner
Club Services	Bradley Kenny & Rtn. Larry Amsden
Community Services Chairperson	Robert de Graaf
Webmaster	Arnaud C.M.C Verstraete



It was a difficult act to follow Charter President Paiboon and P.P Jeroen, but I was strongly supported by PE Sam and a strong team on the committee. "Lend a Hand" was the R.I. theme and we did our best to comply. Our own club theme was to put the FUN in Fund Raising! Thanks, in particular to the joint Club Services co-chairmen, Brad and Larry

## Installation



Held on Saturday  
5<sup>th</sup> July, 2003 at  
Holiday Inn Patong  
- Phuket.



## Guest Speakers



Many international guests kept us entertained and informed; and we had several members inspiring us with tales of their varied lives. Not to mention the wine tastings which always left us with a thirst for more knowledge on the subject

## Projects during 2002-2003

**Polio Plus** continued again with good turnouts on both occasions



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BBQ Fundraiser



**Sister Club** Contract signing with the Rotary Club of Port Blair from the Andaman Islands. Sadly, the planned air service between the two destinations never materialised and the twinning failed to progress.



Participation at the Installation night of Rotary Club of Koh Samui

"Celebrate 100 years Rotary" - R.I.President. Glen E. Estess, Sr., U.S.A.	<b>Year 2004-05</b>
District Governor	Voravut Pongvitayapanu
President	Friedrich "Sam" Fauma
Vice President	Hari Bedhi
President Elect	Arnaud Verstraete
Immediate Past President	Neil. Cumming
Secretary	David Arell
Treasurer	Jirapa Eawaskul & Woody
Sergeant-at-Arms	Paul Spring
Service Projects	Hari Bedhi
Vocational Services	Larry Amsden
Community Services	Bradley Kenny
International Services	Michael Massey
Special Advisor & Financial	Neil Cumming & Jeroen Deknatel
Webmaster	Arnaud C.M.C Verstraete



The Rotary year of 2004 to 2005 was started with the Installation Night of the President and board at a great party with many visitors at the Holiday Inn Hotel Resort Patong Beach. Lots of fun and great music and Rotary Friends around.



Installation as President

Our First order of business after the Installation night at our club, was the visit to the Installation Night of the Rotary Club of Koh Samui which had been formed with help of our club and the RC of Srithrapee



The official year started off with our first project during this year initiated by VP Hari Bedhi, handing over THB 200,000 to the Asia Foundation to finance their shelter and education for underprivileged children at the Slums in Patong Beach to help children's education. Handover of THB 200,000 Donation to Asia Foundation



New members had been initiated and the goal of 4 new members net had been good on the way by initiating Dr. Wilhelm Maehrehorst, Andreas Ruthe, Dr. Mark Sundrake



Together with all other Rotary Clubs on Phuket the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chinese Temple in Phuket town had been celebrated during the Vegetarian Festival

Participation in the 25 years anniversary of a Chinese Temple in Phuket together with all 6 Rotary Clubs on Phuket



Our Club participated at the District 3330 Conference

The biggest challenge during the year was the celebration of the 100 years Rotary year in February and our club worked together with the other clubs on Phuket to have a celebration on the birthday of Rotary, during the time we had many interesting guest speaker as there was the Governor of Phuket, Vice Mayor of Patong Beach K. Chairat and many, many others from the Phuket political and local business



Visiting the IBAP Fair at Central Phuket was one of the activities we participated, governors Visit with EVERY donations, AG visit and financial help for Home & Life Foundations HIV/AIDS educational program. Participation in the Rotary drive to eliminate Polio on the Polio Vaccination days. Overall a relaxed first half of our Rotary year went by without major highlights



That was until the Tsunami hit Phuket and South Thailand everything changed dramatically. Every Rotarian immediately went into overdrive and helped wherever they could. Our first project had been to organize shoes in the size of foreigners to give the tourist who lost all their properties for their flight home, Rtn. Brad Kenny did find a producer who donated such to our Club. Toothpaste, some food and visits to hospitalized foreigner who had been injured by the Tsunami had been organised and then the need for foreigner sized caskets had been brought to our attention. Rtn. Brad Kenny gave the property before his offices at bypass road and ANT Construction did supply the workers (a big Thank You to Andi Marsh who donated his and his staff's time to this project). Over 100 caskets had been produced and send to Phang Nga province where they where needed the most.



Food supply to villagers from the Rotary Club of Koh Samui had been distributed, again Rtn. Brad Kenny did give his office space as temporary facility to store product



The club received many visitors from around the world wanting to help. Donating material and funds

Post Tsunami meeting, receiving water treatment pills from England and many others



Received donations from abroad for Tsunami relief effort

Rebuilding of Vessels in Kamala sub-district together with all 6 Rotary Clubs on Phuket



Delivery of 10 used long tail engines to Baan Pak Triam



100 Years Rotary Celebration, Blood donation by all 6 Rotary Clubs on Phuket



100 Years Rotary Celebration and hand over of 100 Scholarships to Phuket children by all 6 Rotary Clubs on Phuket



Celebration Cake 100 Years of Rotary



Visit to Home & Life Foundation



Rebuilding of Mussels and Fish Farm in Saphan Hin Phuket by all 6 Clubs on Phuket





Paul Harris donation by P. Sam

District Governors Joint Meeting of all 6 Clubs on Phuket



Post Tsunami relief effort by clubs from the district 3330 sending needed goods in 8 Military Trucks to Phuket for distribution and donation of THB 100,000 to Phuket province



District Conference



Receiving the 1<sup>st</sup> prize for services in Community and Vocation from the district 3330 for the year 2004-2005



Participation at Installation Night at Rotary Club of Koh Samui



Joint GSE meeting together with 6 Clubs on Phuket



Handover of THB 300,000 to Child Watch Phuket Association



Handover of Fridge and DVD recorder to family in Kuriburi to commence medical treatment for handicapped child





Handover of Scholarship funds

Handover Scholarship funds



Participation at IBAP Fair in Central Phuket



## Tsunami Relief

Kuraburi longtail boat repair of over 150 boats



Donation of a washing machine and funds for a Kathu family to rebuild their laundry business

Newspaper report on Tsunami efforts of club



Handover from the Holiday Inn Hotel Patong beach of THB 750,000 to the RCoPB relief efforts



Participation on Hand over of Homes in Phang Nga erected by Rotary foundation



Visit RIPE Bill Boyd

Visit of Baan Pak Triam, rebuilding 20 homes, food, water purification, fishing boat repair, water system for sea gypsies



## Tsunami Relief:

After the heroic efforts of all the Rotary Members of our club the District 3330 did recognize the clubs efforts for raising around \$US 1million for Tsunami relief and the project done with help from all kind of organisations around the world by giving the following awards to our club

**R.I. District 3330 - Award of Excellence - R.I. Year 2004-2005 for: Community Services**  
(Overall Category): **1st Place**



**R.I. District 3330 - Award of Excellence - R.I. Year 2004-2005 for: International Services**  
(Overall Category): **1st Place**



**R.I. Presidential Citation Achievements & Success**



**Year 2004-2005 for: in the 4 Avenues of Service**

(From left to right) District Governor (R.I. District 3330) Voravut Pongvittayapanu, P.E. Arnaud C.M.C. Verstraete & Pres. Friedrich "Sam" Fauma



**R.I. District 3330 Award of Excellence R.I. Year 2004-2005 for: Rotary Community Corps (R.C.C.)**  
Rotary Village Corps Ban Pak Trium Phang Nga Province, Thailand

"Service Above Self" - R.I. President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar	<b>Year 2005-06</b>
District Governor	Khun Phakorn Nitjarunkul (†)
<b>Board:</b>	
President	Arnaud C.M.C. Verstraete
Vice President	Larry A. Amsden
President Elect	David W. Arell
President Nominee	Otho Beale "OB" Wetzel III
Immediate Past President	(AG) Friedrich "Sam" Fauma
Past President	Neil A. Cumming
Secretary	Michael Massey
Treasurer	Jirapa "Sii" Eawsakul
Sergeant-at-Arms	Michael Massey & Woody
<b>Committees:</b>	
Vocational Service Committee	Larry A. Amsden
Club Service Committee	Andreas "Andy" Ruthe
Community Service Committee	Bradley Kenny
International Service Committee	Otho Beale "O.B." Wetzel III
<b>Sub-Committees:</b>	
C.I.C.O. / Webmaster	Arnaud C.M.C. Verstraete
Almoner / Historian	Jeroen Deknatel
AIDS / HIV Awareness	Dr. Mark Sundrakes
Rotary Foundation	Arnaud C.M.C. Verstraete
Rotaract Coordinator	Larry A. Amsden
Environmental Protection	Bradley Kenny
Polio Plus Program	Dr. Mark Sundrakes
Annual BBQ Coordinator	Stefan Schmitz



**SERVICE Above Self**

R.I. Past President Bhichai Rattakul visits Kamala Boat Repair (July 7, 2005)



A Million Baht from the Rotary Club of St-Moritz for Khao Lak Relief Work and working on to make it a R.F. Matching Grant Project (July 2005)



Mussel Farm Reconstruction (located in Sapan Hin, Phuket City) Joint Project between the Rotary Club of Patong Beach & the Rotary Club of Andaman



R.C.C. Baan Pak Trium, Trip Report - Water System (July 16, 2005) Hin

Lot Pier, Kuraburi, Trip Report - Fishing Traps (July 16, 2005) Kuraburi,

Trip Report - Fishing Boat Repair, Phase III (July 16, 2005) Operation

Rotary Cares: Inspection trip to Koh Lanta Noi & Koh Yao Noi



Operation Rotary Cares: Official Handover in Baan Nai Rai & Baan Tab Pla

Sea Mussel Project (Shell Fish): Joint Project by the Rotary Club of Andaman & the Rotary Club of Patong Beach (July 2005)

Official handover of Computer sets, during the visit of R.I.P.E. William Boyd, to the Kathu Non Formal Education Centre in Patong (August 10, 2005)



R.I.P.E. William Boyd visits the Kamala Boat- & Fishing Traps Repair Area

Kuraburi, Trip Report - Khun Rah Khunpol Family Project (July 26, 2005)

Kuraburi, Trip Report - Khun Toetee Family Project (July 26, 2005)

Kuraburi, Trip Report - Khun Wasana Family Project (July 26, 2005)

Official handover of the Funds for the new Self-Sustaining Bakery Project from the Lifeline Project Foundation in Phuket Town (19 August 2005)



## Auxiliary Engines for Fishing Boats in Bangtao Beach (late August 2005)



Kuraburi Family Day Out, Relief Visit & Boat Reunion (October 8-9, 2005)

**Funding (Sponsors):** Generosity of the **Swiss Doctors Association** Donation of an Ambulance for the Patong Beach Hospital, Kathu District, Phuket

A budget of ~1,000.000.- (approximately one million) Baht has been approved for the purchase of the vehicle, with all the medical equipment needed for day-to-day operation by the hospital staff. The remainder of the necessary funds (approximately 1.500.000. - Baht or 40.000 US\$) will come from the main sponsor:

Handover of a new Ambulance to the Patong Hospital (October 13, 2005)





## Certificate of Appreciation (5 December 2005) to the Rotary Club of Patong Beach

Ambulance , donated in cooperation with the  
Swiss Doctors Association

Handover of Housing Projects in Phang Nga Province (December 2, 2005) (Baan Nai Rai - Baan Tab Pla - Baan Pru Teow ("Operation Rotary Cares"))

Matching Grant Project for the Supply of Medical Equipment to the Takuatoung Hospital, Kok Kloi District, in Phang Nga Province

Handover of funds to the New Life Home Project (February 1, 2006)



Operation "Books for  
Thailand"  
(sorting, stamping,)  
(March 2, 2006)

Handover of the books to the Muang Talang School (March 13, 2006)



"Lead The Way" - P.R.I.P. William "Billy" Boyd, New Zealand.	<b>Year 2006-07</b>
District Governor	Khun Wichai Maneewacharakiet
President	David W. Arell
Vice President	Hari Bedi / Larry Amsden
President Elect	O.B.Wetzell III
President Nominee	Michael Massey
Immediate Past President	Arnaud C.M.C Verstraete
Past President	Friedrich "Sam" Fauma
Secretary	Richard Valentine
Treasurer	Khun Jirapa Eawaskul
Sergeant-at-Arms	Godfrey Kent, Brad Kenny
Service Projects	Bradley Kenny
Club Administration	Denis Carpenter
Membership	Kenth Nilsson
Rotary Foundation	Arnaud C.M.C. Verstraete
Public Relations	Best Wanamakok
Scholarship	Larry Amsden
Webmaster	Arnaud C.M.C Verstraete
Bulletin Editor	Denis Carpenter



The year started with a bang as we held a joint installation night with all Phuket cubs and the evening was opened with the Hakka by members of the Rotary Club of Patong Beach. That spirited launch set a great tone and kept us energised through the year.



Pictured in mid Hakka are Patong Beach Rotarians (from left) Best Wanamakok, David Arell, Godfrey Kent, Michael Massey (Hakka Leader), and Richard Valentine. This was a special year as it was also our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a club.

We celebrated with a special cake courtesy of Woody and Add



We had several VIP guests at our anniversary meeting including PDG Sermsak Piatham and District Governor's Special Representative for forming our club PP Surasak Chaianupong



Without the support and encouragement of these two experienced Rotarians our first years would have been much more difficult.



We had an active year of service and work in the community with many successful projects under the leadership of Services Chairman Brad Kenny. The first project was a joint project with the US Navy for one of their Community Relations efforts and these joint projects continued through the year as other ships arrived.

We conducted a Matching Grant for the purchase of hospital equipment for the Takua Thung hospital in Phang Nga. This grant was implemented and managed by Able Wanamakok.





We continued our clubs support for the Life Home Project on Koh Siree and their mission to help HIV infected mothers and children. We launched a matching grant with the Rotary Club of Vasteras in Sweden to provide kitchen equipment and many different necessities for this wonderful organisation.

We participated actively in immunising children against polio in our community in two national immunisation days, one in December and one in January. This great hands-on project really shows the power of Rotary in working to eliminate a global scourge of polio.



We held two kids days for children from the Phuket Special schools over the year and both were wonderful events for all. These are days designed to bring some fun and entertainment into the lives of some very special children. We have games and fun for them and bring a magician to provide a show. We also organise a great lunch for the children and their teachers. Every child that participates received a special medal of recognition at the end of the day.

This was also a year of wrapping up several of our legacy tsunami projects and confirming that completed projects were still functioning.

The largest project of the club remained the Scholarship project which continued under Larry's able administration with 177 children as part of the program.

The public relations committee under Chairman Best Wanamakok successfully applied for a Rotary PR Grant and was able to use those funds to secure a billboard on the Patong Hill with a public service message about Rotary's efforts thereby helping to raise awareness of Rotary in our community.

Three Patong Beach members became Paul Harris Fellows during the year, Larry Amsden, Brad Kenny and me.



During the course of the year our club had the wonderful opportunity to sponsor the new Laguna Phuket club. Our PP Sam Fauma was the District Governor's Special Representative to that club and helped them get up and running. We enjoyed their charter night installing P John Magee.

In January the 7 Rotary clubs of Phuket came together for a family sports day at Laguna. The Laguna club was the host with Patong Beach assisting. This was a great day with fun, games, events and tremendous fellowship. I don't remember an event that brought all the clubs together as well as this one did.



This was also a chance for our families to get to enjoy the Rotary fellowship and fun. It was a beautiful day and a tremendous location for the clubs also pitched in to help support the Rugby 10's event with significant proceeds raised for a charity we support, the Asia Centre Foundation



One more great event for the year was a donation of Mobility Scooters where Services

Chairman Brad was instrumental in bringing together a donor with the mobility challenged people in need



I wish to thank the Rotary Club of Patong Beach Officers, Directors, Committee Chairpersons and Members for making my year successful.

It was all of their good work and efforts that made my year as President fly by so quickly and leave me with such warm and wonderful memories.

Best wishes to all on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of our club! My heartfelt wish is that our club continues to grow, develop and increase our service, fellowship and fun for the next ten years.

David

"Rotary Shares" - R.I.President . Wilfrid "Wilf" Wilkinson, Canada.	<b>Year 2007-08</b>
District Governor	Yuttakij Manajit
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Vice President	Richard Valentine
President Elect	Michael Massey
President Nominee	Richard Valentine
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Dear All,

The Club plan for my year as president stated a goal to develop the extended Family of Rotary -- that of the club as a family, the district as a family and Rotary International as one glorious and powerful extended family. I believe our goals were largely met.

The local club gained three + members and most wonderfully we gained Colin Wanamakok and we had pretty good attendance at about 70%. We even had a lot of attendance at Club assemblies -- largely because we coaxed members out with chocolate, red wine, and beer on three occasions - - this appeal to more basic needs of Rotarians seemed to work.



As regards our District family, we had a Family Day (27-May-08) for all district Rotarians and it was a popping success (400 balloons). A few rope burns from the tug a-war and some pull un-used muscles in the soccer game did not distract from some good fun. In fact the event came back the next year by popular demand. Of note re: the District Family as





We had some success at Joe Cools (136,000Thb and at Laguna Resort Golf Club (50,000Thb) in raising some money -- these events and our district reputation for whopping parties set the stage for latter year's Fundraisers at CATCH ('09) and later at Laguna ('10)



Our success in connecting with Rotarians internationally was borne out by the huge visitor's count that we enjoyed. Banners from visitors proved too much for the cupboard and we finally hung them up on the ceiling. (approx 400 banners with more to add)



Our Service Record for 07-08 was an awesome effort of altruistic club volunteers as the pictures will attest: Several Comrels (thanks Brad and all),



A great Kid's Days (thanks Richard A. and all)



and some real charity to needy kids in the BPH (thanks Jamie) gave us all a lot of feel-good smiles.

The foundation of the charitable efforts at RCoPB, of course, was solidly built on Larry's peerless work with Scholarship for Kids affected by the Tsunami which added many, many kids during the year of 2007-08.



All-in-all the Rotary families were preserved and nourish by a great group of Club Members who deserved and received the Praise from Rotary International in the form of a Presidential Citation -- all the more proof that we are a great club with the right heart and the ability to enjoy caring and giving to the community.

Thank you, thank you for letting me lead you in what was one of the finest years of my life.

Yours in Rotary, O.B. Wetzell



A visit to the Governor's home with PP Paiboon and other RCoPB members



Rotary Patong car? - not really

"Make Dreams Real" - P.R.I.P. Dong Kurn "D.K." Lee, South-Korea.	<b>Year 2008-09</b>
District Governor	Ratmanee Tanyingyong
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Fund Raising	Otho Beale "O.B." Wetzell III
Webmaster	Arnaud C.M.C Verstraete
Bulletin Editor	Denis Carpenter



#### **From Michael:**

By the time I was inducted as President our club had developed a strong core of seasoned Rotarians. I was fortunate throughout my presidency to be able to rely upon the experience and support of many members, and would particularly like to acknowledge PP David Arell, PP Sam Fauma, and Rotarians Brad Kenny and Larry Amsden for their support of me personally and their contribution to the success of our club during 2008-09.

There is a lot that happens behind the scenes to make our club the vibrant success it is. Each of the aforementioned Rotarians went above and beyond the call of duty and made me as president look better in the process.

From the very beginning when I was unable to attend PETS and Sam & David organized an personal training for me, I realized that no matter how unprepared I felt, there were good people around me.

#### **Guest Speakers:**

A full calendar of guest speakers featured excellent presentations from many of our members including;

The evergreen Woody Leonhard talking about the latest Windows disaster, Larry Amsden questioning "What the hell has happened to Oil?", PP Jeroen Deknatel sharing how safe and loving sharks can be, PP O.B. Wetzell III creating curiosity about the Da Vinci behind the wall, and, Who could forget the Thai Law Cooking Show by PP Sam Fauma and Ingo Mueller...

Some of the featured speakers from outside our club were;  
Dr. Sujit, renowned Thoracic Surgeon,



Colin McKay intriguing us with a wonderful history of Phuket, and,  
Dr Wirat from the Phuket Public Health Service with an update on achievements post-tsunami.

## **Brief Summary of Activities / Projects during 2008-2009**

### **August**

Distribution of 251 Scholarships  
Golf Day Fundraiser for baby Ruby



### **September**

Introduction of collection boxes for donations  
Comrel's at Child Watch & Phuket Aged  
Home Kids Day Out



### **October**

RYLA – escorted by Rtn Larry Amsden & K. Tim  
YouthLinc visit  
Comrel at Thalang Museum



### **November**

Magic Nite fundraiser at the Holiday Inn  
Visit by Dick & Mary Beth Ebert – major donors to RCoPB post-tsunami  
Visit by Rotary Club of Saluzzo, Italy

### **December**

Amongst the excitement of the closure of Phuket International Airport, we did manage;  
Club Elections  
Polio Plus

### **January**

Polio Plus  
Another Comrel at Thalang Museum  
Assisting with a donation by George Leonhard at Home & Life for Kids Day

## Induction of members of the former Rotary Club of Laguna Phuket

Visit by DG Ratmanee Tanyingyong, (3<sup>rd</sup> time lucky; 1<sup>st</sup> trip cancelled due to P. Michael being OS, 2<sup>nd</sup> trip cancelled due to PAD closure of Phuket Airport)  
Recognised by RI for highest per capita donations to Foundation in the district  
Rtn Larry Amsden presented with Level 3 PHF pin



Comrel at Bangtong School, Kathu

Another Comrel to complete the painting of 150 columns at Thalang Museum



Handclasp Gift to Phuket Sunshine Village



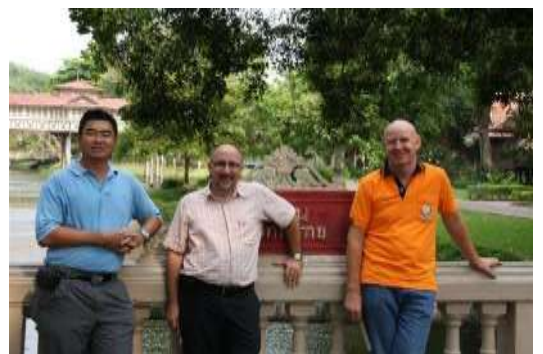
Group Study Exchange from USA



5,000 Books ready in USA for shipping to Phuket

## March

District Conference in Nakhon Pathom; awards for RCoPB, ADG David Arell & ADG Sam Fauma



## April

Home & Life Revetment project

## May

Brad & K. Na's wedding!



Comedy Club Fundraiser  
Comrel at Barnham Thai Orphanage  
District Assembly in Trang



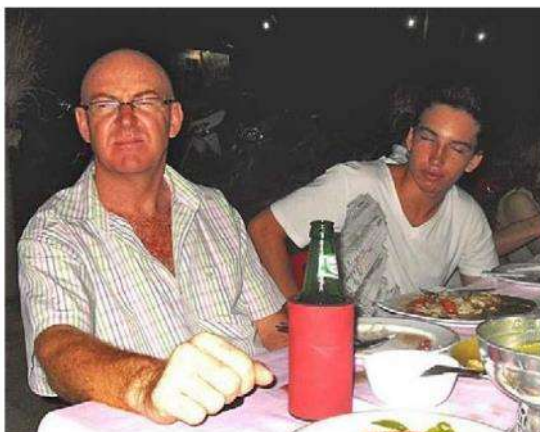
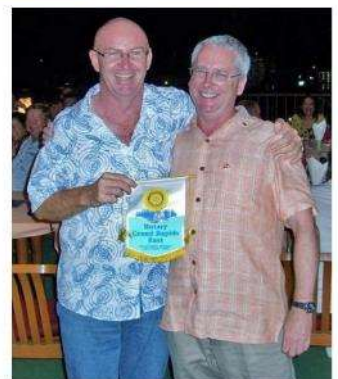
## June

Opening of PCF Book & Toy Library at Mai Khao (painted by Comrel)  
Youthlinc visit – working at Home & Life  
PE Woody's Satisfaction Survey

This is a brief summary of activities during the year. Not included but equally important to the fabric of our club are the wonderful dinners out and the great fellowship enjoyed every Tuesday and on other occasions.

My thanks is extended to all members, and their families for the time, energy and caring you all put in during the 08-09 Rotary year. It was you who made sure our club lived up to the RI slogan of the year, "Make Dreams Real".

Michael



<i>"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"</i> R.I.President. John Kenny, Scotland.	<b>Year 2009-10</b>
District Governor	Thienchai Niyom
President	Gregory "Woody" Leonhard
Vice President	Norman Dawkins
President Elect	Mark Pendlebury
President Nominee	Best Wanamakok
Immediate Past President	Michael Massey
Past President	Otho Beale "OB" Wetzel III
Secretary	Ingo Mueller / Friedrich "Sam"
Treasurer	Kenth Nilsson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Richard Arell, and Pat Michel
Service Projects	Brad Kenny
Club Administration	Denis Carpenter
Membership	Mark Pendlebury
Rotary Foundation	Arnaud C.M.C Verstraete
Public Relations	Jereon Deknatel
Scholarship	Larry Amsden
Fund Raising	Otho Beale "O.B." Wetzell III
Crisis Response	Mark Pendlebury
Website	Arnaud C.M.C Verstraete
Bulletin Editor	Denis Carpenter



The year 2009-2010 saw an enormous upswing in the number of Community Services projects, together with some important improvements in the way the Club is run.

We held our Installation Night in conjunction with the other Rotary Clubs in Phuket.



In July, we saw the completion of Phase I of the Home & Life revetment project, with more than B 200,000 spent on engineering and installation of the revetment walls. It was a very successful project that helped maintain the grounds of Home & Life.

Stuart Bird left Phuket and headed back to England. Norman Dawkins replaced him as VP. Norman's experience and wisdom helped guide us through many discussions, and his enthusiasm moved mountains.

The Home & Life project gained a life of its own, as H&L successfully transitioned to an official, government recognized charitable organization.

The District Governor's visit went extremely well. DG Thienchai offered RCoPB as a model for other Rotary clubs in the district, based on our well-regarded work in and around Phuket. The DG urged us to attract more members.

Brad Kenny received (another) Paul Harris Fellowship, for his continuing stellar performance as our Community Services Chairman.

We started a gradual transformation from the Matching Grant system to the new method employed by Rotary International, the Rotary Future Vision Plan. It's a significant change, mandated by the recession-related shortfall in RI capital, and by changing needs throughout the world. Our District is one of the first pilot districts worldwide. We received our final Matching Grant under the old system, number 71771, for projects at Home & Life and at a public school in Phang Nga.

The Beach Fun Fest was a roaring success, with proceeds being equally divided between the Home & Life project, and our club's newly established non-tsunami Scholarship Fund.



The annual Christmas party proved fabulous as always, with Rtn Wolfgang and the Holiday Inn staff offering a wonderful venue and tantalizing food.



Secretary Ingo Mueller announced that his firm was moving him to Bali. (Nothing like a hardship posting!) PP Sam offered to fill in for the remainder of the year.

Many members have noted that our meeting room is filling up frequently. We discussed – but did not act upon – ideas for expanding the room that we have, or at least re-arranging things to get the maximum seating room. And we bought a new projector for the room.

We struggled with the timing and location of Board meetings. Electronic “meetings” with a bulletin board didn’t work. Monthly meetings weren’t frequent enough to deal with pressing questions. So we moved to bi-weekly meetings.

In addition to dozens of Comrel projects, led by Rtn Brad in unison with the US Navy,





Our club also held a Kids Day Out (Rtn Richard), and started working with the Athletic Squad in Surrakul Stadium (Rtn Michael), to improve the living conditions and generally support the effort there with troubled teens. Rtn Larry continued his work with the tsunami-related Scholarship Fund. He also started working with Moken families, living primarily on Koh Lao and other islands in and around Southern Thailand, who are in dire need of help. He started a working relationship with Father Joe Meier of the Human Development Foundation in Bangkok. Rtns Denis and Pat, working with the RC of Mae Chan, initiated a project to provide scholarships to Hill Tribe students in northern Thailand. Our Club then provided a B 20,000 scholarship to Hill Tribe student K. Arwoo, and an additional B 20,000 to be used by RC Mae Chan for scholarships. Rtn Brad also started a project to supply water to a Hill Tribe in northern Thailand.

All in all, it was an extremely successful year, with almost one project per week, affecting hundreds (if not thousands) of disadvantaged people in Thailand.

WOODY

<i>" Building Communities- Bridging Continents "</i> R.I.President. Ray Klinginsmith <i>Kirksville, Missouri, USA</i>	<b>Year 2010-11</b>
District Governor	Pornchai Boonsaeng
President	Mark Pendlebury
Vice President	David Arell
President Elect	Richard Arell
President Nominee	George McCall
President Nominee 2011 -12	Best Wanamakok
Immediate Past President	Gregory "Woody" Leonhard
Past President	Michael Massey
Secretary	Teddy Fagerstrom/ Richard Arell
Treasurer	Gregory "Woody" Leonhard
Sergeant-at-Arms	Greg Herbert./ Andreas Becker
Service Projects	Brad Kenny
Club Administration	Denis Carpenter
Membership	"Jum" Pareeya Jullaphong/ Michael Massey
Rotary Foundation	Arnaud C.M.C Verstraete
Public Relations	Stan Bailey
Scholarship	Larry Amsden
Fund Raising	Otho Beale "O.B." Wetzell III
Crisis Response	Mark Pendlebury
Webmaster	Arnaud C.M.C Verstraete
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Our year has seen a number of disasters, and while these were certainly not welcomed by our club, it has been inspiring to be in a position to help so many other people. Much of our assistance has been of the cash kind, as that is what the circumstances required.

Notably we were quick to support the Japanese victims of the earth quake and tsunami that caused so much death and destruction. Our club made an immediate donation at a district level to go direct to the Rotary district in Japan that was most affected. At present there is a representative of Rotary in Thailand in Japan, and we look forward to seeing the report on how our assistance supported the Japanese people in their hour of need.



Closer to home there have been two disasters that we were able to help with, a slum fire in Patong and a flooding and landslide situation in Krabi.

A fire in Patong left a number of low income earners homeless, and without any possessions. Many of those affected were of Burmese origin and so did not qualify for any government assistance. Our club promptly allocated a large amount of money to support these people and we were able to supply bedding, kitchen utensils and other items

which allowed these people to get back on with their lives.

The flooding in Krabi and subsequent landslides killed a number of people and left even more homeless. Our club donated immediately from our cash reserves and also participated in a very successful street collection in Patong, along with other Phuket Rotary Clubs.

In other areas, we were able to work in a more community development kind of way, rather than a disaster response situation.

Through the efforts of our travelling Rotarians Rick and Anne, we have been able to amass a large amount of English language books from the USA, that have been donated to the Phuket Library. These will be of use to both English speaking expats and Thai people wanting to improve their English language skills. It is anticipated that this project will continue into future years.



Over 1200 English books on their way to Phuket Library

We had a very successful Kid's Day at the Phuket Special School in Pakhlok. These often over looked children got to watch a lot of expat and Thai adults play a range of sports, join in a bunch of fun games and watch a magic show. The adults enjoyed themselves and the lunch. It is assumed the kids had a good time too.

The club, in conjunction with the US Navy League worked on a number of Comrels throughout Phuket and beyond. These Comrels (Community Relations activities) are opportunities for visiting US navy service people to work on local community programs. Our club members organized, liaised, financially supported and participated in many projects with both navy personnel, other local people and the Phuket US Navy League.



Our main fundraising event of the year was a golf day and charity auction. Held at Laguna, the event was a great success, and contributed significantly to the financial well being of the club.



Other activities and milestones in the year are:

- Continued support of the Home and Life Foundation in Phang Nga (orphanage and disadvantaged kids);
- As required support for the Life Home Project at Koh Sirey (women and children with AIDS);
- Continued support of over 200 children on the Tsunami Scholarship Program, which now includes both tsunami affected and other disadvantaged children.
- Support for the mother and children of a Thai lady who was murdered in Phuket. These two children concerned are now on the above scholarship program.
- We now have a Hill Tribe student being supported through university, where he hopes to acquire a degree in engineering that will help him provide development assistance to his village.
- We have begun work on a water filter project, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Saint Moritz, and hope to be able to assist a number of remote and disadvantaged communities obtain clean drinking water.
- Assistance continues to be provided to a sea gypsy village (Moken people), where our club is assisting with water and other facilities.

There are more projects, no doubt some are over looked here. My apologies for the oversight, there is so much that our club does in one year, that it is hard to keep track of all of it.

With the exception of Rick and Anne, who stand out in their efforts on our behalf in the USA, I have refrained from mentioning Rotarians by name. We are a team, and what each of us does is a part of the whole. I thank the team, particularly the board members who have helped me so ably, for all that we achieved in a very successful year.

Mark Pendlebury.

"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" - P.R.I.P. Kalyan Bannerjee, India.	<b>Year 2011-12</b>
District Governor	Orachon Saisitong
President	Phuwanai (Best) Wanamakok
Vice President	Mark Pendlebury
President Elect	Richard Arell
President Nominee	George McCall
Immediate Past President	Mark Pendlebury
Past President	Gregory "Woody" Leonhard
Secretary	Richard Arell
Treasurer	Gregory "Woody" Leonhard
Sergeant-at-Arms	Able Wanamakok & Andreas Becker
Service Projects	Phuwanai (Best) Wanamakok
Club Administration	Denis Carpenter
Membership	Michael Massey
Rotary Foundation	Phuwanai (Best) Wanamakok
Public Relations	Able Wanamakok
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This year marked 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Rotary club of Patong Beach. The highlight of this year is no other than the Rotary International Convention held for the first time in Thailand. Thai Rotarians played host to fellow Rotarians from around the world. 100% of our members registered.

What a well organized event. We had a great time in Bangkok.





The year saw a number of interesting guest speakers. Provincial Police Chief Pekad, Dr. Art – a specialist in digestive system, Ms. Millar for the first drug rehab centre in Phuket, Prof. Webster for eco walking trail around Bangwad Dam, and others.

In September, our club threw a birthday bash celebrating our **10<sup>th</sup> birthday at Holiday Inn**. We invited friends and other Rotary clubs. If I recall correctly, we raised quite a bit of money from raffle tickets and silence auctions. The night was capped by singing and dancing at the Hard Rock Café across the street.

Nice to see people let loose.

Passing of the flower basket – ***President to President***



Neil Cummings    Jeroen Deknatel



David                      Arnaud



Sam



O.B



Michael



Woody



Mark

**MC Richard Arell with the recipients of a Paul Harris Fellow**





This cutie jumped out of the cake



Making Mummies



Movers & Shakers



The party ended @ Holiday Inn & moved over to the Hard Rock Café



We renovated the library at Suwankiriwong primary school in Patong. Donated books are from the U.S. via Rtn. Rick Gartland and Seng Ho bookstore in Phuket town via Rtn. Pipit of RC Tongka.



Other notable projects during the year includes

### **K-12 Scholarship for Tsunami and Non-Tsunami underprivileged kids**

Funding is required for this ongoing project which assists 285 children in primary and secondary school to complete their education. New Scholarship Chair George went up to Phang Nga to learn the ropes from Larry how to distribute the funds.

**PCs4Kids** – Give away refurbished computers to students and pair them up with mentors. Computers are given to students with computing skills enabling them to develop their education and proceed to an IT vocation. We handed over many completed units.

**YouthLINC** – Our annual assistance project, building vocational training facilities or computer labs at remote schools. A team of young dedicated young ladies & men from an NGO work for several weeks improving the conditions at schools and the education of students. This year the crew came to a small school in Phang Nga province.

**Drip filters** – Our club took two trips to a small island off the coast of Phang Nga in March to give away drip filter water filtration system. They work wonders.



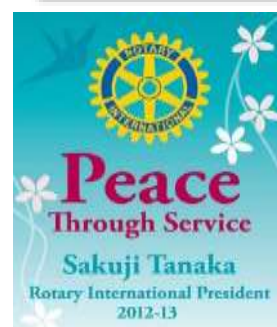
Rtn. Andy Becker was so kind that he offered to be a tour guide around his Hong Kong in February. A number of us joined the trip to Hong Kong, many for the first time. We had a blast. What a wonderful city.



**A little tired are we?**

All in all, we achieved a very successful Rotary year. Go Patong Beach!!!

<i>"Peace through Service" - P.R.I. Sakuji Tanaka Japan</i>	<b>Year 2012-13</b>
District Governor	Somphop Thirasan
President	Larry Amsden
Vice President	Phuwanai (Best) Wanamakok
President Elect	Denis Carpenter
President Nominee	Bradley Kenny
Immediate Past President	Phuwanai (Best) Wanamakok
Past President	Mark Pendlebury
Secretary	George McCall
Treasurer	Bruce Conrad
Sergeant-at-Arms	Richard Jones & Andreas Becker
Service Projects	Stewart Petersen
Club Administration	Denis Carpenter
Membership	Dr. Johan Storck
Rotary Foundation	Phuwanai (Best) Wanamakok
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I was elected President Elect of our Rotary Club during the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok in May, 2011, replacing our previously elected PE due to his sudden illness, thus had little time to really prepare for this important role. However, with the help of two District Trainers who are members of our club, I was handed the role on 1 July.

Our Installation of club officers got the year off to a great start with Rotarians from eleven other clubs from Phuket and Malaysia attending along with our Past District Governor.



At the installation, I had the honour of announcing our four Honorary Rotarians for the year, founding Past President Paiboon Upatising, Past President Neil Cummings, Past Secretary Sii Eawsakul, and Father Joe Maier of the Mercy Centre in Bangkok.

During the following year, Fr. Joe and his organization participated with us on several key projects, one of which, the Moken Project, has been named one of our legacy projects.



At the event, I also had the honour of awarding a Paul Harris Fellowship Award to the publisher of our club bulletin, Denis Carpenter, who later in the year published the 300<sup>th</sup> edition of our bulletin. If you would like to receive future copies, contact Denis at: [denis.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:denis.carpenter@gmail.com)

Recognizing our obligation to show support for other Rotary Clubs in our area, members of our club attended the installation of the other Rotary Clubs in Phuket, the installation of the newly chartered Rotary Clubs of Andaman Phang Nga and Sino Phuket, and enjoyed joint dinners with the Rotary Clubs of Phang Nga and the five Rotary Clubs of Lop Buri.



These, along with our traditional monthly dinners out at various venues in Phuket and our traditional Christmas dinner gave us ample opportunities to enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow Rotarians. A couple of meetings devoted to wine tasting certainly contributed to this endeavour.



With a full plate of potential projects to be carried out during the year, we needed to top up our financial accounts, so we held three fund raisers during the year, a BBQ dinner at a member's restaurant, a charity golf tournament, and a dinner/auction with the proceeds going to the Rotary Polio Plus Campaign. All together, raising several thousand Baht.



Our projects during the year were many, including cooperating with Youthline from the USA and the Rotary Club of Phang Nga in improving the facilities of a school in Phang Nga; organizing United States Navy

community service activities in improving facilities at schools and an orphanage in Phang Nga, an activity later turned over to the US Navy League in Phuket; hosting children from the Phang Nga orphanage and a local school for Burmese immigrants at a fun run for kids;

**Fun Run**



No special runners for these kids

**PolioPlus**



**Comrel @ Home & Life**



Activities in conjunction with the Mercy Centre and the Rotary Club of Ranong to improve the lives of Moken families on the island of Koh Lao by providing a clinic, and clean water; participating in distributing water filters with the Rotary Club of St. Moritz in Switzerland, to families along the Andaman coast who did not have potable water; arranging for an operation for a little Moken girl from Koh Lao to correct an eye problem, including a trip to Phuket for the initial consultation; participating in providing polio inoculations to young children living on Koh Sirey in Phuket; providing food for Rohingya refugees in Phang Nga; and distributing over one-million Baht to needy students on our scholarship program.



**Child Watch Scholarship presentations**

Perhaps one of the highlights of our community service projects was receiving the news that one of our previous scholarship students, a young Moken girl from the island of Koh Pratong, who had later graduated from a university, had returned to her home on the island to teach school and inspire other Moken children to complete their educations and go to college. To the best of our knowledge, she is the first Moken to graduate from college. We are convinced that the road to a better life for the Mokens along the Andaman coast is through educating their children and we strive to support this objective. Another highlight was receiving Paul Harris Fellowship Awards for nine of our club members in recognition of our club's participation in various joint projects with the Rotary Club of St. Moritz.



Of course, we also participated in Rotary programs including RYLA, we sent six kids, hosting a youth exchange student for a few days while in Phuket, and one of our members leading a VVT/GSE team to Austria.

We had the honour of inducting three new members into the club and welcoming one transferring Rotarian, increasing our membership by about ten percent.

Our weekly meetings, other than the monthly dinners out, consisted of many guest speakers including John Slosar, CEO of Cathay Pacific Airlines, Colin Mackay, author of "A History of Phuket and Surrounding Region", along with a long list of distinguished community leaders.

In order to improve the functioning of our club, we amended our club by-laws, and tried the idea of hiring an administrative assistant (it didn't work out).

During our annual visit by our District Governor, DG Somphop Thirasan, we were complimented on our many successful projects and later, at our District Assembly in Phuket, received the RI District award for Peace and the District Outstanding Project award for our Youthline project, and the Presidential Citation for our contributions to the District goals.

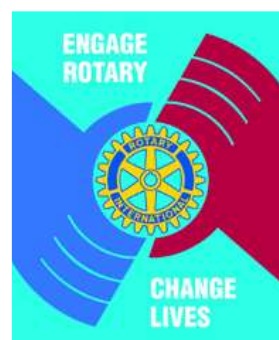


All in all, a very busy but very satisfying year.

PP Larry Amsden

***Ed: Vale***

<i>"Engage Rotary – Change Lives"</i> P.R.I. Ron Burton USA	<b>Year 2013-14</b>
District Governor	Dr. Sanguan Kunaporn
President	Denis Carpenter
Vice President	Dr. Johan Storck
President Elect	Bradley Kenny
President Nominee	Walter Wyler
Immediate Past President	Larry Amsden
Past President	Phuwanai (Best) Wanamakok
Secretary	George McCall
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Sergeant-at-Arms	Richard Jones & Andreas Becker
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Public Relations	Able Wanamakok
Scholarship	Boon Pongchiboon
Fund Raising	Bradley Kenny
Fund Raising – International	James Domville
Crisis Response	Larry Amsden
Webmaster	Arnaud C.M.C Verstraete
Bulletin Editor	Denis Carpenter



The President Elect for 2013-2014, following several delays, did a back-flip at the last moment & decided not to be the President.

Hurried emails to whom would fill the gap originated from the Past Presidents.

I received two separate emails, having declined the first approach, I accepted the request to be President of the Rotary Club of Patong Beach. Maybe it was just the "colourful" tone of the email which changed my mind.

A move from Bangkok to Phuket of course was absolutely essential & after some prompting I did attend Pets Training in Bangkok rather than attend a Golf Fund Raiser by RCoPB in Phuket.

An excerpt from my first Bulletin for the year.

*The car is still loaded with all the necessary items required for our stay in Phuket.*

*We have now settled on a house in Rawai, within a wine bottle's throw from several other RCoPB members. I will need to be careful to ensure they do not lead me astray - lol.*

I decided to give nothing less than my 100% to the Presidency & I moved to Phuket for fourteen months, shortly after arriving back from my annual visit to Sydney and set up my base in Rawai.

Having transferred my Rotary membership from Sydney, where I was a Charter member in 1987 it has been quite a few years of Rotary & escaping the esteemed privilege of being President.

I am indeed deeply honoured to be President of the RC Patong Beach.

During the Year, the weekly meetings attracted some excellent speakers with a variety of interesting & informative topics.

- PETER HARRIS - LEADING THE WAY ON SUSTAINABILITY
- SAM FAUMA - VTT TO AUSTRIA
- TIEN & MARC - GO ECO PHUKET
- MARCO EVARISTTI - ARCHITECT & ARTIST
- VTT JAPAN TEAM
- ABLE WANAMKOK - LIVING WATER
- Dr. CHAIYUTH SUTHJEERAYONGPRASERT MD SPINE SURGEON
- LIZ & BRENDON WARD SING - SHARK GUARDIAN
- P. DENIS - A TRIP DOWN UNDER - AUSTRALIA
- GIBBON REHABILITATION PROJECT - PETRA OSTERBERG
- BUILDING FOR SUSTAINABILITY - RICHARD RANDALL
- VISIT - DG DR SANGUAN KUNAPORN
- BODY WORKS – DR.GUNTHER VON HAGENA + ART - ISABELLE BECKER
- DON FREEMAN - ETF INVESTMENTS
- ALAN COOKE - PHUKET - ALAN COOKE CRICKET GROUND
- PATRICK VICKERS - MISSION MEDICAL SHIP
- K YOON KOREAN ASSOCIATION OF PHUKET
- KIBAREE NARABAL - TAKE LESS GIVE MORE
- RON ALBERT PRESIDENT RC SAUSALINO
- IAN JAMIESON - AUSTRALIAN STUNTMAN
- JAZON EDOVARD - FOUNDER HEADSTART SCHOOL PHUKET
- KHUN JIRANUN - PHUKET SHELTER HOME - FOR ABUSED WOMEN
- HANNU "CHANG" TUUKKANEN" YOUTH FOOTBALL HOME PHUKET FOUNDATION
- KATY GOOCH & PAUL FIRMAN - PHUKET YOUTH SAILING CLUB
- MICHELLE HOSSACK BIS - SHE HAS A RUNNING PROBLEM - WORLD CHAMIONSHIPS FRANCE 2015
- CHRIS WILLIAMS - VOLUNTEER PHUKET IMMIGRATION
- FELLOWSHIP NIGHT WINE - CHEESE + QUIZ NIGHT
- FULL MONTY WHO AMI - & WHO I AM - SAM FAUMA

Always popular & well attended were the monthly Dinner Out – this year was no exception

- FRIENDSHIP BEACH - STEWART PETERSEN
- CAPPANINNA RESTAURANT KATA - KENTH NILSSON
- O2 BEACH CLUB CHALONG PIER - ABLE WANAMAKOK
- BRASSERIE PHUKET TOWN - ARNAUD VERSTRAETE
- CAPE SIENNA HOTEL KAMALA – WALTER WYLER
- FARANG RESTAURANT - BYPASS ROAD – BRAD KENNY
- EX PAT & POOL COMP - PAT MICHEL & STEWART
- Le WINCH BOAT LAGOON - MARK PENDLEBURY
- RODIZIO BRAZIL -PATONG - SAM FAUMA
- SPAGHETTI COWBOYS KALIM - ADRIANO TRAPANI
- Le GAETANA - ITALIAN PHUKET TOWN - DAVID ARELL
- MONKEY POD AU POR - JEROEN DEKNATEL

At the heart of Rotary Club of Patong Beach are the many service projects & fund raising during the year. Providing assistance to the less fortunate people of Thailand. Also see other activities.

## Youthlinc

After only a few days “on the job” on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, we welcomed the great team of enthusiastic young people of Youthlinc, direct from Salt Lake City Utah arrived to help the Moken “Sea Gypsies” of Kho Lao Island – off the coast from Ranong, & install a clean drinking water system.



Youthlinc makes friends with the locals    Laying the pipe from mountain top to the village    Water pump installation



Schools in & after a cautious start children had fun – Brad care of the baby    The small children watch & listen

## Bangjo



We connect with the Burmese worker's camp & assist the teachers with supplies for the children

RYLA



We sent four students with many from other Phuket Rotary Clubs

### RC Andaman Bowling Fundraiser

We entered a team



### Participated in the Chinese Temple Plate Ceremony 5-10-13



### Youth Exchange

Hosted four Youth Exchange students on their Safari to Phuket.



**Satree School Phuket Town** gave RCoPB the proceeds from their Philippines Haiyan Typhoon fundraiser



**Welcome aboard Sea Dream**



**Welcome to Phuket & Fantasea RI President Ron Burton USA**



**O.B's Fundraiser @ John Underwood's Factory**



Fundraiser @Montes



Polioplus



Blood Drive – Central



Bangjo Visit by Rotary District Governor, Mosima Yoshimoto and PDG Shichi Kobunai from Hokkaido Japan





**Scholarships to Childwatch Students**



**Community Award to Kuldonsom Foundation**



**Baby Moklin – Cleft palate operation**



**Community Award to Marine Police**

As a keen photographer, I have many photos in addition to those included in this year's review.

Many memories by the camera of the Dinner Outs, Guest Speakers at our weekly meetings & other events during the year.

We attended the District Conference in Surat Thani & District Training Assembly at Impact Muang Thong Thani & enjoyed meeting & having fellowship with other Rotarians in the District.

The installation night of the seven Rotary clubs of Phuket on the 30<sup>th</sup> June was a fun night & the last official function for the year. A few photos here





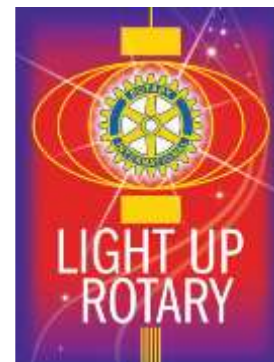
May I extend a sincere thank you to all whom assisted me during the year & the enjoyable time I had in Phuket during the fourteen months I reside in Rawai

Upon returning to Bangkok it was only a couple of weeks before I headed off down-under to visit family & friends in Sydney.

Thank you, fellow Rotarians

PP Denis

<i>"Light Up Rotary "</i> P.R.I. Gary C.K. Huang – Taiwan	<b>Year 2014-15</b>
District Governor	Quanchi Laohaviraphab
President	Bradley Kenny
Vice President	Walter Wyler
President Elect	Walter Wyler
President Nominee	Richard Jones
Immediate Past President	Denis Carpenter
Past President	Larry Amsden
Secretary	Peter Harris
Treasurer	Bruce Conrad
Sergeant-at-Arms	Richard Jones & Andreas Becker
Service Projects	Stewart Petersen
Club Administration	Pat Michel
Membership	Walter Wyler
Rotary Foundation	Larry Amsden
Public Relations	Able Wanamakok
Scholarships	Boon Pongchiboon
Fund Raising	O.B.Wetzell
Fund Raising – International	David Arell
Crisis Response	Larry Amsden
Webmaster	Arnaud C.M.C Verstraete
Bulletin Editor	Denis Carpenter



I attended the interest meeting, organized by local business man & elected Senator of Phuket Paiboon Upatising in January 2001 to consider the formation of a Rotary Club in Patong.

On 5<sup>th</sup> September, the Rotary Club of Patong Beach received official accreditation from Rotary International & thus I became a Charter Member

Well, what do you know, after being a charter member, member for 12+ years, and a board member for that many years also, I finally become President!

My special interest over the years has been Service Projects & helping the community.

During my time with the club, I have enjoyed many hours of active participation as Service Projects Chair.

Meeting other like- minded business people in Phuket & elsewhere in Thailand is also a most rewarding experience.

It is not all about Service, one needs to enjoy the camaraderie of others be they Thai or Expat

The year commenced with a second group of Youthlink volunteers arriving on 3rd of July from Salt Lake City Utah to carry on the work of the first group having arrived on 14th June for two weeks in Kuriburi at Andaman Discovery & The Federation of Education and Development (FED). The Bangjo school for Burmese worker's camp children relocated to new premises & new name BanYa. We thank the many



Rotary Clubs who have supported & contributed to the school



## FUNdraiser – for KIDS

A fabulous night for the RCoPB - everyone was there to have **FUN!** & a great night.

Adriano set up an area for super photos





We participated in RYLA

PCs4kids



District Governor Quanchi Laohaviraphab visits RCoPB & BanYa Learning Center



Joined in the Charter Celebration of Rotary Club of Kon Kaen & visited Ban Meata Children's Home



Arranged a great day out for the children from Happy Home in Patong



## Seven Rotary Clubs of Phuket Children's Sports Day @ Nai Harn Lake



## Rotary Club of Hokkaido Japan visit BanYa Learning Center



The 56<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary of Rotary Club of Pasay Manila Philippines & signing sister club agreement with Rotary Club of Patong Beach.



I am deeply honored to be the President of Rotary Club of Patong Beach & thank the many Rotarians & friends who made my time so enjoyable.

Thank you

Bradley Kenny

President 2014-2015

***Ed: Vale***

<i>"Be A Gift To The World"</i> P.R.I.P. K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran	<b>Year 2015-16</b>
District Governor	Theeranan Wonglow
President	Walter Wyler
Vice President	Dr. Peter Harris
President Elect	Richard Jones
President Nominee	Andy Becker
Immediate Past President	Bradley Kenny
Secretary	David Arell
Treasurer	Alastair Carthew
Sergeant-at-Arms	Stewart Petersen
Service Projects	Dr. Peter Harris
Club Administration	Alastair Carthew
Membership	Phuwanai (Best) Wanamakok
Rotary Foundation	Friedrich "Sam" Fauma
Public Relations	Able Wanamakok
Scholarship	Dr. Peter Harris
Fund Raising	Martin Quirke
Website Content Manager	Walter Wyler
Bulletin Editor	Denis Carpenter



It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve the Rotary Club of Patong Beach as President for 2015/16. I would like to thank every member for their support, enthusiasm and participation in our meetings and activities throughout the year. For the work and achievements of this year, Rotary International has awarded our club with an RI Presidential Citation.

The Year started with an Installation BBQ at O.B.'s house on July 14<sup>th</sup>



Our first fundraiser took place at Bliss Beach Club on September 28 and was perfectly organized, as usual, by PP O.B. Wetzell and PP David Arell.





Another Highlight and for the very first time of RCoPB a cruise was organized by PE Richard. Patong-Penang-Singapore-Patong. 4 wonderful days everyone enjoyed to the fullest.



...and celebrating Denis's 74<sup>th</sup> birthday at sea



Our theme this year was – “Be a Gift to the World”. I want to take just a short time to reflect on how we have achieved that.

We built communities through our community service activities with the BanYa Learning Centre for the 3rd continuous year. Right now, we are in the application process for a Global Grant for Ban Ya which would allow us to support that Learning Centre for another 2 years.

We donated lifesaving equipment to the ambulance of Patong Hospital which we donated 10 years ago, and we conducted some smaller projects like participating in the Kids Day Out, etc.

We built our Rotary community through joint meetings and projects with our fellow local clubs of Rotary Club of Andaman – not forgetting District Conference and District Assembly and District training days.

1. Refitting the ambulance of Patong Hospital we donated 15 years ago with new life saving equipment



2. Proceeding with our legacy project BanYa Learning Centre



### 3. Participating in the International Beach Clean-up Day



### 4. Participating with all other RC in Phuket at the Vegetarian Festival



### 5. Kid's Day out in Rawai



6. Environmental Day



7. Costa Cruise visit for underprivileged Kids



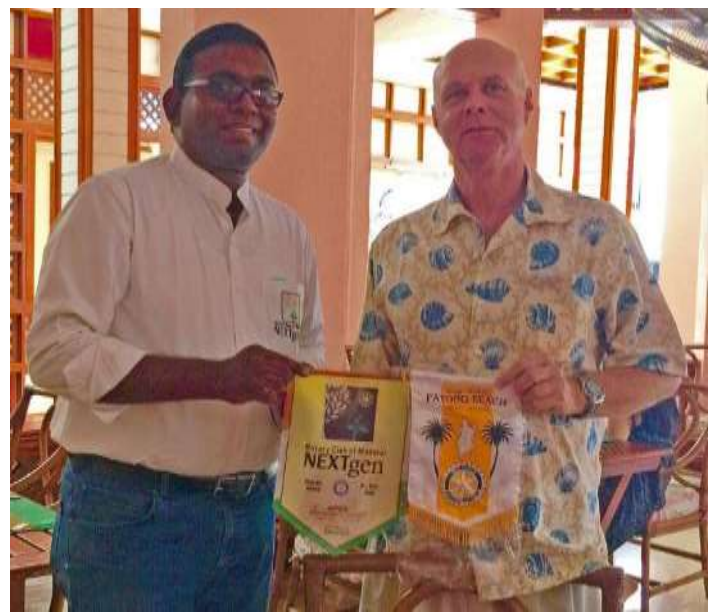
## 8 Dental Mission with RC of Sunrise Beach



## 9. Since, 10 years our 2<sup>nd</sup> legacy project the Tsunami Scholarship Project



We laughed and bonded our way through fund raising events, from the monthly dinners-out, weekly meetings and the Christmas party.





We also had two sad events with the demise of two members. On August 2 our Charter President, Paiboon Upatising passed away and on December 11 IPP Brad Kenny passed away. Our club always shall remember these two members and the great work they contributed to the club.



Charter President Paiboon Upatising

(2<sup>nd</sup> October 1956 – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015)



Bradley E. Kenny

(11<sup>th</sup> August.1956 – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015)

PP Walter Wyler

<i>"Rotary Serving Humanity" -</i> P.R.I. John Germ	<b>Year 2016-17</b>
District Governor	Juthatip Thamsiripong
President	Richard Jones
Vice President	Dr. Peter Harris
President Elect	Andreas Becker
President Nominee	Alastair Carthew
Immediate Past President	Walter Wyler
Past President	Bradley Kenny
Secretary	Alastair Carthew
Treasurer	Hans Krake
Sergeant-at-Arms	Michael Massey - Stewart Petersen
Service Projects	Dr. Peter Harris
Club Administration	Vasilis Stergiou
Membership	Michael Massey
Rotary Foundation	Walter Wyler
Public Relations	Alastair Carthew
Scholarship	Dr. Peter Harris
Fund Raising	David Arell – O.B. Wetzell
Webmaster	Walter Wyler
Bulletin Editor	Denis Carpenter



My induction as President, was at the popular Kamala hang out of the Lawn Bowling Club one of only a few lawn bowling venues that are available in Thailand, and this is the only one in Phuket.

The late afternoon started with some fun, which was one of my priorities for my Rotary year as President, to bring back Fun to our club! We started with a lawn bowling competition, with plenty of cold beer at hand, to cool down the highly motivated athletes!!



This was followed by an excellent BBQ dinner & live music from the Colin 'Illy' Hill Band, joined by our Rotary friend 'Jimmy Fame'!



Joining the induction were various Presidents & members from the other 8 Rotary clubs of Phuket & very honored & priveleged to be joined by District Governor Juthatip Thamsiripong.



**A wonderful start to my year as President!**

## **Salsa Mexicana**

Another popular dinner out & one of our favourite restaurants in Phuket, Salsa Mexicana situated between Kamala & Kalim beach, with wonderful sea views & excellent & authentic Mexican & also Thai food, with the highlight being the Tequila cellar with a wonderful range of excellent Tequila's for all tastes & palates! Viva Mexico!



## Bart Duykers – Andaman wine club tasting



Bart Duykers of Andaman Wine Club, BB&B & the 9<sup>th</sup> floor restaurant Patong, joined us for one of the most popular weekly meetings & well attended of the year to talk about why to join a club for wine lovers & to enjoy wine dinners, monthly wine tastings, along with making wine purchases at very reasonable prices as a member!



### Ninth floor Patong

Food served by angels at the 9<sup>th</sup> floor Patong Beach.

Owner Bart Duykers, put on a very special dinner & menu for the Rotary club of Patong Beach on this night! The 9<sup>th</sup> floor is one of Phuket's trendiest, fine dining establishments and has been included in the Tatler Best Restaurant Guide recognising it as one of the Thailand's premier restaurants.

It has won repeated awards in all four categories of appraisal – food and menu; wine cellar; ambiance and setting and service. Situated on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the Sky Inn condotel off Rat-U-Thid road in Patong, the 9<sup>th</sup> floor restaurant and bar serve some of the best award-winning Mediterranean food in Phuket, as well as Alpine specialties and a superb Thai selection of dishes.

The décor is ultra-chic, and the restaurant is urbane and tasteful. Floor-to-ceiling sliding windows afford unprecedented views across Patong and the distant Andaman Sea.... particularly beguiling around sunset and the convivial bar is a favourite meeting place.

The welcoming bar serve terrific cocktails, local and international beers and the wine cellar has been expanded to almost 200 labels, offering a highly comprehensive range of European classics, established New World favourites and emerging vintners and regions, as well as excellent wine by the glass. Beautiful, elegantly dressed, attentive and knowledgeable, the staff at the 9<sup>th</sup> floor are undoubtedly another reason that the restaurant enjoys so many repeat and local residents amongst its enthusiastic clientele.



## RCoPB 15th Anniversary @ Holiday Inn



I was extremely fortunate to be able to keep the fun & party atmosphere running, as my Presidential year coincided with the RCoPB 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary! As we have become accustomed with such notable events, it was held at the Holiday Inn at Patong Beach, with fellow Rotarian the GM at the time Wolfgang, treating us to a lavish buffet, served with free flow wine & ice cold local beers!

An excellent turn out of Rotarians, Past Presidents & Friends, plus we were honoured once more by District Governor Juthatip Thamsiripong.

Plenty of dancing & frivolity as we were once again entertained, by the excellent Collin 'Illy' Hill & his Big Band! Certainly a night to remember.



## Craig Ferguson - New Australian Consul General Phuket



Undoubtedly the most well attended weekly meeting of the year, with 55 Rotarians & visitors joining to hear a fascinating talk on the life & duties of an Australian Consul General in Phuket Thailand.

Dealing with Australian Expats problems & needs, but far more challenging in dealing with Australian tourists who find themselves in all kinds of trouble while visiting Phuket, be it of their own doing or under circumstances out of their control. With so many Australians visiting Phuket each Year, they have a very busy workload & they are very lucky to have Craig & his dedicated team.



## Christmas Party

As is customary, we found ourselves back at the Holiday Inn – Patong Beach for our annual Christmas dinner! Wolfgang & his team as always, made us so welcome & we were once again treated to a sumptuous Christmas feast, while enjoying the free flow wine & beer!



Entertainment was once again supplied by Colin 'Illy' Hill & his band who played to blinding sets of Blues & Festive Rock!



But more traditionally for the time & season, we all were mesmerized by the carol concert of the St Joseph's Filipino choir, who stole the show & made the evening for all.



Despite living in the tropics & being thousands of miles from our homes of origin, we felt the true spirit of Christmas!





## Handover 500 Motorcycle Helmets

My Presidential project for the year was Helmets for Kids. Funds for this project, were obtained from various activities, such as the monthly pub quiz at the Kamala, Aussie Pub, as well as an excellent night of music with friends of Rotary, Jim Newport aka Jimmy Fame, accompanied by many of the finest musicians in Phuket, this concert was turned into a film & was later screened at a well-attended fund raiser at the 5\* Plus Keemala Resort in Kamala & various venues in Bangkok. Thank you Jim!



Keep on Rocking!

## BBQ @ Kamala - Lawn Bowls

Back to Kamala Lawn Bowling Club for some more fun, food, beers & Fellowship!



## White Gala Party - Clean Drinking Water for kids

### Caribbean Splash at Dream Club

A special fundraiser was held for the Water Filters project. It was a great night and a packed house, as can be seen from the photos below.

Great sounds & people were moving on the dance floor. Note the stack of large water filters.



## Sister Club signing - Hua Hin

Undoubtably one of the Highlights of my Year as President of RCoPB was signing a Sister Club agreement with the Rotary Club Royal Hua Hin with my Dear Friend President Gianni Battistini & also District Governor Juthatip Thamsiripong. It was a wonderful weekend in Hua Hin, one of my all-time favourite seaside resorts in Thailand, with many RCoPB members joining for fellowship & a lot of fun with members of the Rotary Club Royal Hua Hin.



## Martin Carpenter - British Honorary Consul Phuket



The British Embassy is represented by Martin Carpenter, MBE who is our British Honorary Consul in Phuket. Martin is kept busy with all the same daily challenges that Craig Ferguson encounters but works alone helping & assisting British Tourists & Expats with various problems & issues they encounter in Phuket.



Martin is also a very popular & well known Expat himself in Phuket involved with various business in Hospitality such as Recruitment & also one of the Best Auctioneers I have had the pleasure to witness, when he recently Sold at Auction a Sea Dream Yacht Club Voyage at Blue Canyon Golf Club to raise funds for The Life Home Project in Phuket, a non-profit organization with the goal of preventing the spread of HIV, as well as helping HIV-infected/affected people and AIDS patients.



During the weekly meeting, Pascal, one of our visiting members from Belgium presented us with a cheque for 1,000 Euros for ongoing projects. Thank you Pascal!

## Monthly Fund Raiser - Aussie Pub - Kamala

Some fun pics from our Monthly Helmet for Kids Pub Quiz Fund Raiser at the Aussie Pub in Kamala.



From top left President Richard with affable Pub landlord Peter & some of the lovely Aussie Pub waitresses, also P.P. Walter joining us & both Rotarians & friends enjoying the atmosphere & fun of the Pub Quiz all for a good & worthy cause.



## Welcome Lunch for the Hokkaido Clubs @ The Deck in Kamala

The Rotary Club of Patong Beach were very proud to welcome the Rotary Club of Hokkaido, Japan to the Deck Restaurant, overlooking Kamala Beach & treat them to a sumptuous lunch & banner Swap!



## Induction 5 new Rotarians

Holiday Inn, Patong Beach was the location for our induction dinner of 5 new Rotarians, which included 3 future Rotary club of Patong Beach Presidents!

The five included Nils Gran Olsson, Roy Devlin & future Presidents Karen & Gary Eidsvik & Jonathan Russell. This marked a very good year for our recruitment drive for new members for our club, ending with 35 members to finish my Rotary Year as President in style.



## Lillo Island Resort Kamala welcomes the Rotary Club of Patong Beach

Our dear friend Khun Jane & her wonderful team, welcomed the Rotary Club of Patong Beach to a wonderful Thai dinner of signature dishes, while we enjoyed the wonderful sunset at Kamala Beach, reminding us all how beautiful Kamala Beach is & how lucky we are to live here & to enjoy such wonderful tastes of Thailand and excellent service. No wonder Lillo Island is the most popular restaurant in Kamala!



## Prince of Songkla University - Distribute of water filters to families & schools



### **Charly Herget - Kamala Green Club**



Charly Herget [Centre], from the Kamala Green Club. Eight years ago, arriving from Germany, Charly was dismayed by the garbage on the beach in Kamala. He arranged for help from a few friends to clear it up, but it was overwhelming. So, they got together with hotels and businesses in the area and set up the Kamala Green Club. Working in line with their local government they have monthly meetings and clear the beach during the low season from April to November.

They have set up curb side recycling boxes and helped train kids in schools about the benefits of recycling and putting garbage in its right place. Martin asked whether the garbage on the beach was not simply from the boats? But Charly noted that 60% of it is actually from the Klongs and 20% from Fishing boats – 2,500 go out every night. One of their goals this year is to also focus on these. Charly recommended that we set up Green Clubs in our local areas but be sure to work well with your local government.

### **Rotary Handover - Skye Lake Club**

My final duty for my year was to handover the Presidency to Andy Becker at SKYE Lake Club. It was indeed a full house with 80 members, guests & friends enjoying a wonderful night.





Finally, I would personally like to thank P.P. Denis for putting this Report together, it brought back a lot of happy memories & it really was a Fun Year, which was my intention. We had some great events supporting good causes & a special word of thanks to the Board for their support, advice & assisting me in making a very memorable year.

Yours in Rotary,

Past President Richard

<i>"Rotary Making a Difference" -</i> P.R.I. Ian H.S. Riseley	<b>Year 2017-18</b>
District Governor	Dr. Peera Farmpiboon
President	Andreas Becker
Vice President	Dr. Peter Harris
President Elect	Karen Einsvik-Moody
President Nominee	Alastair Carthew
Immediate Past President	Richard Jones
Past President	Walter Wyler
Secretary	Karen Eidsvik-Moody
Treasurer	Hans Krake
Sergeant-at-Arms	Gary Eidsvik- Moody
Service Projects	Dr. Peter Harris
Club Administration	Roy Devlin
Membership	Walter Wyler
Rotary Foundation	Sam Fauma
Public Image	Roy Devlin
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With great pleasure and indeed very fond memories in serving our fine Club during the **Rotary Year 2017/2018** I am happy to report some of the highlights.

July 1, we celebrated our handover event with more than 80 Members & Guests attending. A full house at the beautifully set-up SKYE Lake Club!



Being President of our Club involves many admin & clerical matters mostly in Thai language. For that reason, I hired a very helpful PA & Secretary. Khun Bier was well received by all and very skilled organizing all of the regular stuff such as meetings, dinner outs, reminder/follow-up calls to members, etc.

One of the major changes we undertook during my Presidency was moving our longstanding venue "**Days Inn**" to the "**Millennium Hotel**" located within the Jungceylon Shopping Centre. The majority of our members felt this upgrade of location & environment was long overdue.



Turning to our most important **Service Projects**, let me summarize as listed below:

1. Ban Ya Learning Centre - Global Grant
2. Patong Hospital - Global Grant
3. Helmets for Kids - Road Safety
4. Water Filter Programme
5. Scholarship in Environment Management
6. RYLA
7. Dentist mission for Kids
8. Many more efforts.

Many of our projects are ongoing some dating back to the Tsunami in 2004. We continue to support scholarships for children from affected families incl. Tertiary Education.



## Banya Learning Centre

The Banya Centre continues to educate children from the construction worker's families. **RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is an intensive leadership experience, organized by Rotary clubs and districts where a young person develops skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.



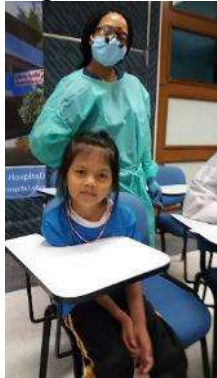
The club sends 6 students every year. Together with other clubs we put students on a bus leaving and dropping off at Merlin hotel in Phuket town. Our students this year were:

Ms. Nattawipa Kuanwilai, Mr. Pankorn Pantip, Mr. Jakkri Chukaew, Ms. Chanisara Chaisen Ms. Orapan Jitrakul, Mr. Phuri Muentrakul

## Dental Clinic Patong Hospital

A dental team from the Rotary Club of Los Angeles USA led by Steve Bender provided a dental clinic at the Patong Hospital on 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April.

It was a great success with many young people participating.



We are very grateful to many of our sponsors & donors supporting our initiatives helping the less fortunate.

Especially I'd like to mention the **RC of Landsberg/Germany** for their BYLC (Global Grant) support and **RC of Bargteheide/Germany & RC Shouson Hill/Hong Kong** for their Patong Hospital (Global Grant) contributions.

Without them we couldn't have done it!

## Presidential Project 2018 Patong Hospital

President Andy decided to launch a presidential project this year and support the Patong Hospital with urgently needed equipment, mainly for the inpatient department.

After 2 international Rotary Clubs (RC

Bargteheide/Germany & RC of Shouson Hill/Hong Kong) confirmed their participation we decided to turn that project into a Global Grant with the District 3330 support of granting USD 5,000 (155,000 THB) as DDF. A few days ago, RI approved the Global Grant and the total amount we are spending is 1,845,809.00 THB or USD 57,682.00.

The Patong Hospital is a public hospital constantly underfunded. With the help of our Rotary Club we can help the community of Patong have better treatment at the important and only hospital on Phuket's West Coast. This Global Grant Project will pay, among others, for automatic infusion pumps, bedside monitoring systems, haematocrit centrifuges, manual resuscitator, etc.



One additional feature working with some of our international contacts actually led to the signing of a **SISTER Club Agreement** with the RC Shouson Hill of Hong Kong. We held a signing ceremony at the SKYE Lake Club with many happy fellow Members & guests from Hong Kong in attendance.



## Helmets

We continued the programme commenced by President Richard, to provide helmets for the young ones. Educating the children to wear to prevent injury.



What would we do without our "**King of Fundraiser**" PP O.B. & PP David?

They again organized our main fundraisers contributing enormously to our successful financial year 2017/18.

Our Treasurer Hans happily took in the rewards of all the efforts nicely adding value to our balance sheet.

Tennis Open Championship, Wine tastings (Rotary wines), Chef Kitchen Dinners & Caribbean Splash at Dream Beach Club were some of the big events.

## Project

Also, IPP Richard with his contacts to Jimmy Fame aka Jim Newport celebrated "One night in Phuket" with many friends at the Keemala Resort. Well done!



A special **THANK YOU** to all who took part & contributed to the fun time at the many events. Being with Rotary also means having a good time whilst giving back to the community we're living in!

With the end of the Rotary year approaching, we staged a handover/installation event at the Millennium Hotel welcoming incoming **President Karen** with all the bells & whistles.

The presence of many VIP guests added to the special atmosphere of a memorable evening for all to enjoy.



During the evening, I took the opportunity to hand out to each and every active & contributing Member a "**Certificate of Appreciation**" for their support during my year.



Last but not least, I'd like to express my sincere thanks to **all Board Members** serving constructively during my year.

## ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Andy Becker  
President  
2017/18



<i>"Be the Inspiration"-</i> P.R.I. Barry Rassin	<b>Year 2018-19</b>
District Governor	Lt. General Kanit Jamjuntra
President	Karen Einsvik-Moody
Vice President	
President Elect	Jonathon Russell
President Nominee	Dr. Johan Storck
Immediate Past President	Andreas Becker
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**BE THE INSPIRATION**

Project highlights include the inaugural Swim Safe project that PP Larry Amsden took on from our friends in Chiang Mai, John Schorr.



They started and by the end, only 2 kids didn't pass, but they all could swim! Amazing project.



## Swimming certificate presentation.



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July at Patong Hospital a meeting was held, continuing the programme commenced by PP Andy Becker to provide much need equipment for the inpatient department.

A Global grant supported by three international Rotarty clubs made it possible to purchase the equipment.



## Dinner Out

In the meantime, the Dinner out, but lunch actually, was taking place at the Boathouse in Kata. We had visitors from Italy, Giorgio, Australia, Stu as well as a potential new Rotarian Stacy.

It was great to catch up with Stewart who has been studying Thai in Bangkok and was taking a small break from that very difficult course.

Paul Harris Fellowship pins were presented to Bruce and Stewart's brother David (RIP.)



## CONGRATULATIONS - BRUCE & STEWART



The food was, as expected, delicious and beautifully presented. The view, spectacular! The wine was also rather nice and plenty. A good time was had by all.

## Dinner Out

**Squire's Loft in Patong was the location of a great dinner out.**

We were happy to welcome Richard back in the fold as well as several friends from Karen & Gary's neighbourhood.



Roy was pleased to have his daughter Tischa visiting for a while.



It was a lovely dinner with a shared starter of chicken skewers, sausage, ribs which fell off the bone and crab balls -- all very good with a spicy BBQ sauce. Everyone had the steak and baked potatoes, with the steak from blue to burned to a crisp (who can eat that?) Dessert was a lovely take on a brownie with a chocolate mousse topping and ice cream. A good time was had by all!

RCoPB participated in the annual vegetarian festival and provided dishes and plates to a local temple. Walter was happy Karen was there as his car broke down in the process.



There was a second plate giving ceremony at the Wat Suwankiriwong school in Patong



@ Ban Ya Literacy Centre

dental visit The Japanese

Dentists

- Dr.Hayato Nameki,
- Dr.Akiko Nameki
- Dr.Yoshio

Sasaya Plus

three assistants

- PP Seiichiro Tsurumi
- And daughter & son of Dr.Hayato Nameki

Two observers (Dr.Hideo Nameki and spouse)came to Phuket this week to hold several dental missions in coordination with Rotary clubs here.

The first mission was held on Friday at the BanYa Literacy Center where 220 children had their teeth examined, cleaned, extracted (ouch!)Several RCoPB members were on hand to help including

David,Walter,Karen,Gary and Jaspal over the course of the day. Debra also joined and brought some much needed distractions for the kids waiting and listening to some of the distraught patients.

Next time a tv and dvd player would probably be a great idea.



In September Dr. Johan organized a 9-year-old girl name Aiya, to have her palate and tongue operated on.

The story started during a dental examination conducted by a US dentist mission to Thailand. It was discovered during the dental exam by the US dentists that the little girl Aye had her tongue attached to her lower oral cavity. This prevented her from normal speech.

Eventually, this was brought to the attention of PP David Arell who immediately donated 2,000 Baht of an estimated sum of 17,000 TB toward correctional surgery.

David, in turn, mentioned this during a regular Rotary meeting.

As a Doctor, I realized that this condition can be a lifetime hindrance for a little girl, both physically as well as mentally.

The operation went well, and she can speak normally now.



Christmas dinner was its usual hit, with secret Santa this year.



Great photos of this special night @ The Holiday Inn.



We helped the Banya school also have their own swim safe programme and Craig Fergusson the Australian High Commissioner was there to celebrate with us.



## Ban Ya Literacy Centre It is time for a haircut



## Dinner Out at Jaspals



## Kho Samui

A great time was enjoyed at the installation of our sister club, the Rotary Club of Kho Samui.



We also represented the club at the Bangkok Hospital's "What's happening in Phuket" event.

Karen organized a Rotary Day at Jaspal's hotel in Karon beach -- including playing instruments. We discussed what our club stands for and how to move it that way.



A good time was had by all.

The helmet project continued as other Phuket clubs participated as well. There was a parade of helmets and big bikes too!



Sadly, we lost two Rotarians this year. Larry Amsden died in September and Gary Eidsvik-Moody, Karen's husband, died in January. RIP



With deep regret we wish to inform you of Larry Avery Amsden's passing this week. He was an outstanding Rotarian always committed to many Community Service Projects and Rotary in general and always willing to serve.

Rotary Activity and Designations of PP Larry:

2001 Charter Member, 2003/04 Community Service Project Chair, 2004/05 Vocational Committee Chair, 2005/06 Vice President, Vocational Committee Chair, 2006-2012 Tsunami Scholarship Chair, 2012/13 Club President, 2013/14, Assistant Governor Area 7, PP Larry was also a Paul Harris Fellow, PHF +3

Many Rotarians & friends attended Larry's funeral.



A wake for Larry was held at the Irish Times



It is with great regret we advise the sudden passing of VP & President-Elect Gary Eidsvik Moody on the 10th of January.





Gary was a very active & enthusiastic member during his time with the Rotary Club of Patong Beach.

He served as Sergeant-at-Arms & Membership Chair & would have commenced as President on July 1st 2019. We convey our condolences to his wife Karen, his family & many friends.

**He was a dedicated Rotarian & will be sorely missed**

This was a tumultuous year with great things happening and very sad as well.

We achieved a lot through new projects like the swimming project, new clubs, and even Elvis.

For me personally, I learned what true fellowship is through the amazing support I received from the RCoPB family and am truly grateful.

PP Karen

<i>"Rotary Connects to the World"</i> P.R.I. Mark Daniel Maloney	<b>Year 2019-20</b>
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President	Jonathan David Russell
Vice President	Best Wanamakok
President Elect	
President Nominee	Dr. Johan Storck
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Past President	Andreas Becker
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### Introduction

Over the last 2 years since I became president our world has changed enormously due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, yet the Rotary club of Patong Beach has continued throughout that time completing many different programs and community projects. Below is an insight to what we have accomplished over the last two years. There are some things missing from this list, such as our district events, training, social events and monthly dinner outs even though when they took place, we all had a good time together. We have all had our own personal challenges and difficulties during the last two years and as a member of Rotary we have helped each other to overcome them together. I would like to thank everybody for all their efforts in what we have accomplished over the last two years...

### Installation Night President 2019/2020

The installation night was at The Holiday Inn Patong Beach.

Joining Rotary has changed my life and giving me more opportunities to devote time towards meaningful and worthy causes for the community. Before I joined the Rotary Club of Patong Beach, a good friend of mine had commented that doing good does not need one to be involved in group setups and there are other ways that one can quietly contribute back to society. I had reflected on this point with another comment that joining Rotary is for camaraderie and fellowship. Whilst each of us could be having different reasons for being a part of this Rotary family, I feel that what makes us special is our shared values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. The bond we forged from these shared values generates a positive multiplier effect in all that we do.





## Tsunami Scholarships 2019/2020

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## Save a Child Swim Program – One School

### Safe Swim & Water Safety Project 2019/2020

The program was launched in June 2018 with the objective of teaching all the children in the 5th grade from Sai Nam Yen School, 96 children in total, to swim and fundamentals of water safety to prevent drowning. The course lasted for three weeks with the children being taught one hour each week. The instructors, 6 instructors for each class of 32 children, were recruited from PADI certified dive masters and dive instructors. The program concluded in August and most of the children passing the final examination. The children subsequently received a certificate testifying to their completion of the course.



The participating students also helped the local community by doing a beach clean-up of Patong Beach.



## Give Bowls to Shrine in Phuket

Joint Project with all 9 Rotary Clubs in Phuket - 300 pieces of melamine tableware donated to Chinese Shrine during Vegetarian Festival in Phuket.

During September all Chinese Shrines offer free vegetarian foods for visitors. The 9 Rotary Clubs in Phuket joined hands to donate more than 300 sets of new tableware to the Aam Jong Ngi Kang shrine to serve people during the festival. (Located at the entrance of Ton Sai Waterfall), Thalang District, Phuket as hygiene and cleanliness are our concern.



## Christmas Dinner Phuket

Our annual Christmas Party -- a time to enjoy closing the year with good friends and family, at The Holiday Inn Patong with a lovely cocktail hour, a full roast dinner special guest Santa Claus (also known as Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, Saint Nick, Kris Kringle, or simply Santa) and excellent music thereafter!



## Blix Pop Toys Project โครงการ บัณฑิตพิเศษ

Joint Project with all 9 Rotary Clubs in Phuket - Blix Pop Toys

The 9 Rotary Clubs in Phuket, District 3330 Thailand donated 2 sets of Blix Pop Toys to Phuket Panyanukun School, the Special Education School providing an education for the student who wants to develop intelligence, mind, and sociality to live in the present social with the happiness.



## Covid-19 Patong Hospital Safety Equipment

Providing the Patong Hospital with safety equipment and a temperature monitoring system

The Rotary Club of Patong Beach donated the Patong Hospital a temperature monitoring system ensuring all visitors/patients entering the hospital can be temperature monitored. Additionally, we donated safety protection equipment ensuring the hospital staff can protect themselves when they are in contact with Covid-19 patients.



### Past Presidents Meeting - select President for 2020/2021

Selecting a new president for this next coming year was proving to be difficult due to the current covid-19 situation. At the meeting the discussions were going round and round. I came up with a proposal to the Past Presidents which was ..... If the current board would stay in place or we agree on next years board then I would remain for a second year as President.

### What is Rotary – Service above self

The production of a 2-minute promotional video for The Rotary Club of Patong Beach that concisely explains “What is Rotary” Special thanks to my friend Phil Clark of Helicam.asia for the production of the video.



### End of Presidency 2019/2020 Last dinner out of the year

The end of my year as President 2019/2020 at TURMERIC - Authentic Indian restaurant with great food and even better fellowship with friends and Rotarians. During my speech to the members and guests I had a surprise about the new incoming President..... I will be doing a Second year as President of our club.





### Feed Phuket 2019/2021

After the closure of Phuket and no more Tourist could arrive most businesses and hotels had been closed and travel between areas had been restricted, thus more and more people lost their jobs and had been without income. Many could not afford the daily food thus RC of Patong Beach together with others did organize food hand out by handing out survival packages of dry food and cans, water and also cooked food until the situation got better. Most effected had been Migrant workers from Myanmar living in work camps.





PP Jonathan Russell

<i>"Rotary Opens Opportunities"</i> P.R.I. Holger Knaack	Year 2020-21
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President	Jonathan Russell
Vice President	Best Wanamakok
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### Phuket Clubs Joint Installation Afternoon

"Joint Phuket Rotary Clubs' Installation Ceremony" on July 15, 2020 at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Management Science, Rajapaj Phuket University from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 pm. The aim of this conference is to announce the inauguration of 9 new club presidents and their administrative committees, and the implementation of Rotary Club Service for Phuket communities during the pandemic situation.



## Dr. Johan Birthday

Dr. Johan invited members & friends to celebrate his birthday on Captain Mark's boat. It was a great day & Johan had fun a great day of fellowship was had by all.



## District Conference in Hat Yai

The District Conference at the Hansa JB Hotel Hat Yai and was attended by the President, Board the entire committee and its chair people. At the District 3330 Foundation meeting PP. Arnaud Verstraete was being honored for his additional U\$ 250,000 donation and becoming the first and only Arch Klump Circle member in Thailand (total donation of U\$ 500,000)



## Kalim Kids Playground and Clean Water

Kalim School during the Covid-19 crises on Phuket had minimal support and budget and after visiting the school for years maintenance for the Clean Water treatment our club found that the Kids Playground was dangerous for kids to play and needed not only repainting but also repairs and replacing the roof. The Water filter system was out of work and also needed repair, thus our club organized the painting/repairs and gave one time scholarship to children in need to purchase books, clothes etc. in order to attend school.



## Kalim Kids Playground

The new roof now completed, it was time to give the kids playground a colourful upgrade.



## Dinner Out & Wheelchair Project

The rotary dinner out on October 14th was held at the Fresca Restaurant in Rawai. The 47 members & guests included the Rotary members of club Andaman enjoyed an evening to get to know each other and to show case Rotary to the new guests that attended. The large choice in the menu had something for everyone taste buds and the service by the staff quickly attended to everyone wish. The evening was topped off by a presentation by the Rotary club of a donation of 40,000 baht to club Andaman's project for supplying 200 wheelchairs for Thai people in need. Due to Covid the need for Wheelchairs to be handed out from local hospitals in South Thailand had increased and the government hospitals did not have the budget.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY - Outrigger Laguna Phuket Beach Resort.

Due to the current Covid situation we still celebrated but on a slightly smaller event and following all the rules in place. A year of caring and giving-back is coming to an end. Rotary's Christmas Party brings together members and friends with special guest Santa Claus (also known as Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, Saint Nick, Kris Kringle, or simply Santa).. Everyone had a lovely night with friends and family and great fellowship.



## Special One - time Covid-19 Scholarship

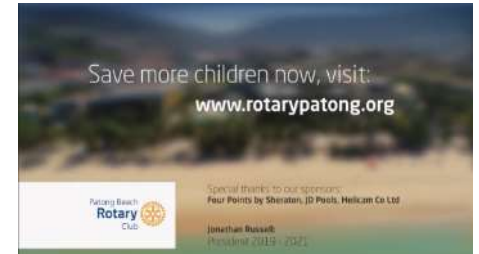
During the Covid-19 crises and the closing of areas and schools, many parents could not afford to send their children even to public school as food, clothes and boots needed for their support, thus the Rotary Club of Patong Beach worked with 3 schools in order to give special one-time Scholarship per child to support the families and kids going back to school/ This project was partly with the Rotary Club of Phuket South for the Phuket Wittaya School (6 Students a 5,000 THB) and Patong Sainam Yen School (30 children a 3,000 THB) and Kalim school (34).





## Save a Child Swim Program & Promotional Video

### Safe Swim & Water Safety Project 2020/2021



The program was launched in June 2018 started with one school in Patong and expanded in 2021/22 to 3 additional schools. The program cost is financed 100% by Rotary which welcomes any donation from private sources towards the continuation of this program. To date, the Rotary swim program has issued 350 certificates of completion. An additional important part of the program teaches the children how to safely assist a drowning person. The Rotary Club of Patong Beach was supported in the project by The Four Point Sheraton Hotel, Patong Beach, JD Pools and Helicam.asia.



During this current course Helicam.asia produced a promotional video on location and it was presented by President Elect Dieter Dratwa & Dr. Johan Storck Chairman of Community Service Projects.

### Vehicle replacement for Handicapped K. Jarin

After Tsunami on Phuket K. Jarin had received support for a new vehicle to drive to work and much needed surgery by the Rotary Club of Nepean in 2014. After the first closing of Phuket because of Covid-19 in 2020 Rtn. Barbara Mitchel again contacted us as K. Jarin meanwhile had lost his second leg from medical complication and needed a newly adjusted vehicle (motorbike) to be able to go to work in Patong (having a small stall in front of hotel by the beach). Our club helped to support with 12,000 THB on needed adjustment for his special needs which was finalized this April 2021

### Painting at Life Home Project Foundation

Life Home Project Foundation on Phuket is a Foundation giving home and shelter to Aids infected or effected children of any age up to 18 years of age and support higher education for some of our long-term residents (after leaving LHP). This year rooms for children need a good restoration and the RC of Patong Beach agreed to start with the rooms for the youngest boys and purchased paint and material and by Hands On project with some volunteers did repaint and donate material for repairs. It was a hot day and to bring a smile to the children's faces I purchased ice-creams for them all.



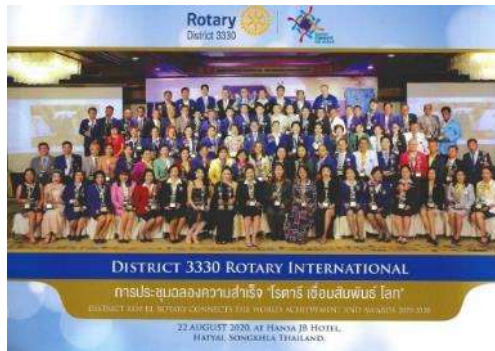
### Covid-19 Support for Vaccination Volunteers

To achieve a quick opening of Phuket for Tourists a drive was implemented to vaccinate at least 70 % of Phuket citizens against Covid-19 whereas the vaccine is provided by the Government and volunteers helping to organize and implement. These Volunteers are at the different vaccination areas without food and water all day, thus Rotary Clubs on Phuket agreed to sponsor the food and water for volunteers and the Rotary Club of Patong Beach taking care of food and water for 10 days vaccination.





## Rotary Awards & Citations 2019/2020



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARDS 2019/2020

It gave me great pleasure to hand out the awards to our deserving Rotary members that have helped the club throughout the year, I wish I could have handed more out as I believe all our members deserve the honor. But due to the current Covid situation the recipients of the Paul Harris Fellow Awards received their awards throughout the year when it was convenient to do so.

I would just like to thank you all for your Service.



Dr.Johan Storck  
PHF



Mark Pendlebury  
PHF



David Arell  
PHF+2



Friedrich 'Sam' Fauma  
PHF+4



Andreas Becker  
PHF+2



Otho Beale Wetzell  
PHF+2



Walter Wyler  
PHF+2

## COVID-19 FEED PHUKET

The 9 Rotary Clubs of Phuket participate together, at this difficult time during the COVID-19 virus.

Many people have been affected throughout the island, with travel restrictions & loss of employment resulting from the close down of many businesses.

## FEED PHUKET

The club continues to distribute food to the Thais in Phuket who are currently unemployed due to COVID 19

### June 8th - Kamala

Daily hand out of 350 ready made food supplies for needy in Kamala together with Bliss Club and PIMS restaurant. Free Water from dispenser (to reduce plastic bottle hand out).



### June 8th

Starting today for one week food handouts joint project.

Rotary club of Patong Beach & Rotary club of Bargaheide Germany at the Corner Restaurant in Cherngtalay starting at 5pm.



### June 20th

The Rotary Club of Patong Beach started the first of three food giveaways of between 350-450 cooked meals and water to local people in need in Patong at a location on Nanai Road.

The Board has currently allocated 30,000 THB for this food giveaway project, the equivalent of 1,000 cooked meals.

The project start time was 5pm and by 3pm the queues of people had started. By 4pm there were queues between 100m - 200m long on the right and left and even around the corner and down the other soi.



Working in cooperation with local businesses owners Mr Barry Davison (Nestor Promotions), Khun Joy (Phuket Siam International Consulting Co., Ltd) and joining in in this first project was an additional food donation of 450 dry food packs from Mr Gunter & the Belgium Embassy.

Additional support was provided by officials from Patong Municipality who were also going live on Facebook video. The safety was provided by Patong Police.



## End of Presidency 2020/2021

The end of my 2<sup>nd</sup> Year as President 2020/2021

The transition between myself and incoming President Dieter happened seamlessly due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. I would like to welcome Dieter as our New Rotary Club President and wish him great success in this coming year. I would also like to thank everyone in our club along with all our supporters that has helped me and our club in these last 2 years and I'm privileged to have a board of experienced Past Presidents and enthusiastic Rotarians who were and still are eager to serve our club and the community.

Jonathan David Russell  
Past President 2019 – 2021

## Other events throughout my term as President

Monthly Dinner Out (to list a few)

### 9<sup>th</sup> Degree Boat Lagoon

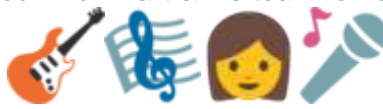
A great crowd of 41 Rotarians & Guests enjoyed a nice dinner at the 9th Degree Boat Lagoon! Great setting in front of some awesome yachts' aka "swimming palaces"! The buffet style BBQ food & wine was plentiful, delicious

and great value for money!



Thank you Khun Bart & his team for looking after us! Entertainment

by Filipino musician Joel was fantastic all night long!



Some people said it was one of

the best Rotary Dinner-out ever attended.



Wishing for a repeat at the same location sometime soon! TBC..



## Rotary Dinner out at Day and Night Restaurant.

This was a great chance for us to try this new restaurant in Phuket Town.

We had a large and convivial crowd come to join the dinner including many guests.

There was a shared appetizer and then everyone could select one of three entrees and have the total food bill remain at 500 baht. People could also order whatever they liked from the regular menu and pay accordingly. The interior of Day and Night is spacious and beautiful with design touches that delight the senses.

Even though we were a large crowd, the service was efficient and friendly.

The drinks were cold and the food was delicious, and the company even better!

We closed with a brief talk by P Jonathan and PP David explaining what Rotary is about.

We also invited everyone to join us for the big event on 22 September at the Holiday Inn in Patong where the Phuket Governor, the Head of the Phuket Health Department, and the Head of the Tourism Authority of Thailand Phuket branch will speak about re-opening Phuket to foreign tourists and reviving the Phuket economy.



### Dinner Out ST. Patrick's Day

To support local businesses and to celebrate St. Patrick's day the club toured around Phuket town's bars. All starting at B Cat Café with a wonderful dinner.



### Dinner Out at the Red Sauce Restaurant

Rotarians, new members and friends enjoyed exclusive dining at the Red Sauce Restaurant (RosewoodHotel Patong). Many interesting discussions enriched our evening and connected us closer together. Thanks David for organizing this special dinner out.



## Revival of Phuket

A special function was held at the Holiday Inn Patong Beach, to discuss the reopening of Phuket following COVID-19 epidemic being contained.

The meeting was well attended & guest speakers spoke of the way forward to restart Phuket.



### Other events.

- Governor of Phuket Install Party @ Governor House
- Rotary Family Olympics @ Blue Tree
- Governor of Phuket Press Conference opening of Phuket
- A Dark Christmas - Book Launch
- District Rotary Foundation Seminar 2019 – Nakhon Pathom
- Rotary Foundation Seminar 2020 – Hua Hin
- Board meeting - Monthly
- District Governor Visit & Club Assembly
- Annual General Meetings 2019 & 2020
- Australia Day 2020
- Rotary Day & Beach Cleaning