

# E Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Patong Beach Phuket Thailand



## Bulletin 628 Volume 18 – No. 12 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Meetings at 4 Points by Sheraton 198/8-9 Thawewong Rd (Beach Rd) Patong Beach  
Tuesdays 7-9pm except first Tuesday of month is a Dinner Out



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Club Patong Beach



### Members from seventeen countries – Rotary is International



Australia



Austria



Belgium



Canada



Egypt



France



Germany



Hungary



India



Japan



Mongolia



South Africa



Switzerland



Thailand



Turkey



United Kingdom



USA



President Rotary International  
Jennifer Jones Ontario Canada



District Governor 3330  
La-Or-Chinda



President Rotary Club of Patong Beach  
Best Wanamakok

# The President's Message

Dear Members and Guests:

This week's message I would like to mention the induction of our newest member, Rtn. Joe Gerardi. Like many on the island, Joe is enjoying his retirement in Phuket. Joe is an American with strong background in computer and management. He will be a great asset to our club. Can't wait to hear his Who am I? talk and get to know him better. Welcome to the Club, Khun Joe!!



Rtn Vanessa gave a great talk on Tuesday. Very nice to learn where she had been in her long career. This is an important first step to get to know new members.

2022 Phuket Vegetarian Festival is just around the corner. This year it will run from 26 Sep to 3 Oct celebrating a long running tradition that was hindered for two consecutive years due to Covid. This year the festival is once again back in full swing. Expect some traffic delay and parades in the morning. All 9 Rotary Clubs donated plastic plates, bottled water, and Rice to 5 Chinese Temples this past week as part of another long running tradition since there were only 4 clubs on the island. 5,000 THB per club. See photos.

Swim program end of year BBQ party was held at a Mr. Kung Korean BBQ in Chalong on 22 Sep. Swim instructors and Rotarians enjoyed each other company. 🎉 🎉

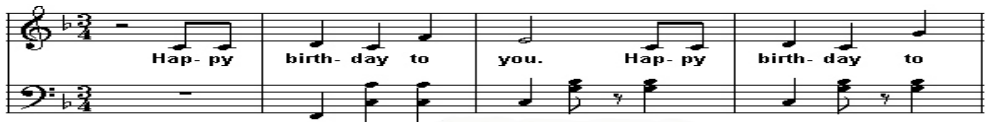
Last but not least Club Membership Chair Rainer is organizing a New Member Orientation on Sat 24 Sep for 6 newest members. PP Sam and PP David will be the presenters. Thanks, guys.

OK, that's all for this issue. Have a great weekend, everyone. 🙌 🙌 🙏 🙏

Best Wanamakok  
President 2022-23  
Rotary Club of Patong Beach



## BIRTHDAYS




September – October

ARNAUD VERSTRAETE 24<sup>th</sup> September

WALTER WYLER 1<sup>st</sup> October

RAINER SCHMITZ 5<sup>th</sup> October



It has been another busy week for the RCoPB. The Board meeting prior to the normal meeting, attended by many was a packed agenda.

The look back on the 20 year History this week is very interesting.  
Do make sure you check it out, a surprise awaits. LOL

## Club Programme

**Saturday September 24th**

**New Member Orientation Day from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm.**

**Monday September 26<sup>th</sup>**

***PHIST (Phuket Hotels for Islands Sustaining Tourism) 2022***

Click on the pdf – I hope it works ed LOL – check with Vanessa



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**September 27th**

**Saweang Kaola (Jack)**

**SOS learning center and food bank in Phuket**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Dinner Out Baan Or Jor**

**102 Thepkrasattri Rd, Mai Khao, Thalang District, Phuket**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Jazon Edouard - HeadStart International School  
Phuket Expansion**

**October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Paul Merry & Kimmy Upatising  
Inclusion World Championship for Sailing**

October 25<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting canceled due to DG visit on  
Saturday 29 Oct

**Saturday** October 29<sup>th</sup>  
District Governor Visit

November 1st  
Dinner Out

November 8<sup>th</sup> Who Am I?  
Shiho Katsuura

November 15th  
PP OB Wetzell - Give up hope of a better past

November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Club Assembly - 1st CA of 2022

November 29<sup>th</sup>  
HE Matthew Barclay-Australia Consul General for  
Phuket

# ROTARY 2022-2023 CALENDAR

Day is Tuesday unless otherwise advised

DATE	DAY	EVENT	NOTES
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
24	Saturday	New Member Orientation Day	
27		Saweang Kaola (Jack) - SOS learning center and food bank in Phuket	
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
4		Dinner Out - Baan Or Jor	
11		Jazon Edouard - HeadStart International School Phuket Expansion.	
13	Thursday	King Rama 9's passing anniversary	
18		Paul Merry & Kimmy Upatising - Inclusion World Championship for Sailing	
23	Sunday	King Rama 5's passing anniversary	
25		Meeting canceled due to DG visit on Saturday 29 Oct	
29	Saturday	Sat 29 OCT DG La-Or Chinda visit	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
1		Dinner Out - TBA	
8		Who am I? Shiho Katsuura	
15		PP OB Wetzell - Give up hope of a better past	
22		Club Assembly - 1st CA of 2022	
29		HE Matthew Barclay - Australia Consul General for Phuket	
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
5	Monday	Father's Day	
6		Dinner out	
13		Meeting Canceled due to X-mas Party on Sat	
17	Saturday	AGM & Christmas Party	
20		No meeting	
27		No meeting	
31	Saturday	New Year's Eve	
<b>2023</b>			
<b>JANUARY</b>			
1	Sunday	Happy New Year	
3		No meeting	
10		Who am I? Bill Trempus	
17		Josh O'Neill - Phuket Toastmasters	
24		TBA	
31		TBA	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
7		Dinner Out - TBA	
14		Who am I? Alex Longman	
21		TBA	
28		TBA	
<b>MARCH</b>			
6	Monday	Buddhist Day	
7		Dinner Out - TBA	
14		TBA	
21		TBA	
28		Club Assembly	
<b>APRIL</b>			
4		Dinner Out - TBA	
6	Thursday	Chakri Day	
11		No meeting	
13-17	Thur-Mon	Songkran	
18		TBA	
25		TBA	
<b>MAY</b>			



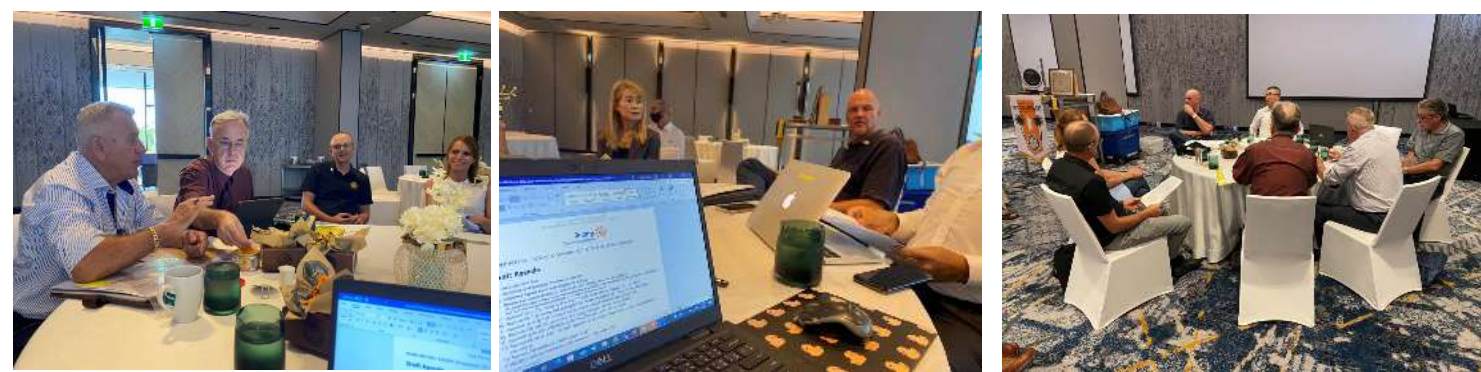
1	Monday	Labor Day	
2		Dinner Out - TBA	
5	Friday	Buddhist Day	
9		TBA	
16		TBA	
23		TBA	
30		TBA	
JUNE			
3	Saturday	Queen's Birthday	
6		Dinner Out - TBA	
13		TBA	
20		TBA	
27		TBA	

## Night Report Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Who Am I ? – Vanessa

The Board Meeting 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm

Preceding the meeting, the Board meeting was held with many members participating & open to all.  
A full Agenda with results the RCoPB members will receive information transfer in due form.

Hans Michael Guelich Thank you P Best, PP Sam, PP Arnaud, PP Denis, Rtn Dr Johan, Rtn Rainer, Rtn Nitacha, Rtn Bill, Rtn Alice & Rtn Simon, Rtn Anand, Rtn Vanessa, Rtn Cabbie for attending the Board Meeting. And online from Singapore PP OB and from Bangkok PP David and PP Denis (our Bulletin Hero) for your input.





**Guests:**



A fab lab (fabrication laboratory) is a small-scale workshop offering (personal) digital fabrication.<sup>[1][2]</sup>



- Jeffrey Katz & Glenn Miller invited by Dieter - Have Fab Lab start up in Phuket town. Aim to work with Thai children with respect to 3D printing
- Bob Tilton - prospective new member
- Tom - From the USA. heard about us in the Phuket News - 2nd visit, prospective new member

**Club Business**

1. End of year party for swim instructors on Thursday 22 Sept, 6.30pm @ Mr. Gung Korean BBQ, Chalong
2. Vegetarian festival - attended by club members to hand out food
3. Board meeting feedback to be given by Hans in coming days
4. Alex Longman reported back on his trip to Singapore. He suggests we have all of our club meetings on zoom in addition to in person meetings so traveling Rotarians can attend.
5. Hans reiterated the importance of visiting other Rotarian clubs when traveling for fellowship, friendship and networking.
6. Xmas party on 17 December - looking for members to be part of the committee
7. PP Rtn Arnaud has invited Rotarian to the Brasserie in Phuket town to join him for his birthday celebrations on Saturday 24 Sept 5-8pm
8. Guest speaker next week - Jack from S.O.S. food program.







Also kinda celebration of the RCoPB Sailing Boat (yacht) S/V 14 (Simonis Voogdt 14 feet) for Disabled Sailing Thailand (DST).

Previously already 2 S/V 14 Arnaud I and Arnaud II and the Rescue Boat already sponsored by PP Rtn Arnaud.

Also honouring our Sailing-Heroes (K. Kimmy Upatising & Mr. Paul Merry) who made it #8, during a first time participation at the 3rd Inclusion World Championship 2022 (Rostock, Germany) & all those making it possible

Birthday Party PP Rtn Arnaud Saturday 24 September 2022 - 5 pm - 8 pm  
Tapas & Drinks Arnaud's Treat (Thanks) Brasserie Phuket Old Town

GUEST SPEAKER - Vanessa Temple - Who am I?  
Introduced by (longtime friend) Cabbie

Vanessa delivered an interesting presentation about her personal and professional life.  
Originally from Yorkshire in the UK,

Raised by my Grandparents in a multi-generational house.



Vanessa has worked in education around the world including: Pakistan, Dubai, Thailand, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Ha Noi, Doha, and Kuwait.

Kuwait  
- 50% share of the EY market!

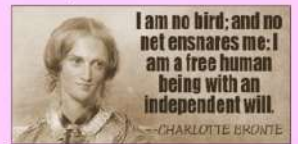


Vanessa's career in education includes everything from teaching in Early Years to managing multiple schools in terms of recruitment, curriculum, online program development and leadership.

She is considered an expert in the field of Early Years and is sought out for her skills and abilities.

She is an asset to the RCoPB.

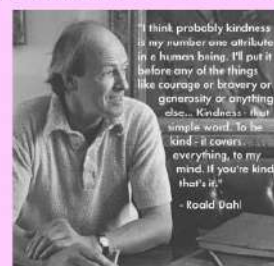
I am from Yorkshire!



Hong Kong and Shanghai - not the bank (sadly!)



Words to live by:  
Work hard - be kind.







Guest Speaker Thanks - Rainer and Anand(pin)

Take good care of others and keep your eyes peeled on yourself.

***Thank you for the photos Hans - ed Denis***



## SWIM PROGRAM PARTY - A THANK YOU TO THE TRAINERS 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER



*Thank you Dr. Johan for the great Swim Program*

## VEGETARIAN FESTIVAL 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER





# A Look back at the 20 Years



## 2013-2014 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.*

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.

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**



**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



**We 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 resided 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



# A thought for the Week

## PART 12



## Sharing Rotary with New Members

Are you aware of the responsibility or obligation most Rotarians fail to perform? Paying their dues? Attending meetings? Contributing to the club's service fund? Participating in club events and projects?

No — none of these!

Of all the obligations a person accepts when joining a Rotary club, the one in which most Rotarians fail is “sharing Rotary.” Rotary International clearly supports the position that every individual Rotarian has an “obligation to share Rotary with others and to help extend Rotary by proposing qualified persons for Rotary club membership.” It is estimated that less than 30 percent of the members of most Rotary clubs have ever made the effort to propose a new member. **Thus, in every club, there are many Rotarians who rarely share their positive experiences of Rotary membership with other individuals.**

The Rotary International Constitution states with respect to club membership:

“Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business or profession predominates.”

One merely has to glance through the pages of the local telephone or chamber of commerce directory to realize that most clubs have not invited qualified members of all businesses and professions into Rotary.

One of the founding principles of Rotary is a fair and equitable representation of the professional and business population of the community it supports. To remain relevant, Rotary clubs must be inclusive of all professions and businesses within a community.

Only a Rotarian may propose a customer, neighbor, client, supplier, executive, relative, business associate, professional, or other qualified person to join a Rotary club. Have you accepted your obligation to share Rotary? The procedures are very simple, and everyone must know at least one person who should belong to Rotary.

### Tolerance of Differences

Occasionally, there is a temptation to criticize the laws, customs, and traditions of another country that may seem strange or contrary to our own. In some instances, illegal practices or customs of one nation are completely lawful and acceptable in another.

As members of an international organization dedicated to world understanding and peace, it behooves Rotarians to exercise restraint in judging our Rotary friends and citizens from other countries when their behavior seems unusual to us. A Rotary policy has existed for more than half a century relating to this dilemma of international relationships.

The statement, adopted in 1933, says that because it is recognized that some activities and local customs may be legal and customary in some countries and not in others, Rotarians should be guided by this admonition of tolerance:

“Rotarians in all countries should recognize these facts and there should be a thoughtful avoidance of criticism of the laws and customs of one country by the Rotarians of another country?” The policy also cautions against “any effort on the part of Rotarians of one country to interfere with the laws or customs of another country.

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# Let's Have A Laugh



Always looking for more jokes or thought of the week  
You all know the nursery rhyme "Old Mother Hubbard"  
**I advise the Joke cupboard is definitely - empty - bare!**

**This joke is from a prior Bulletin a few years ago**

Three Aussie blokes named Mongrel, Coot and Bluey, were working high up on an outback mobile phone tower.

As they start their descent, Coot slips, falls off the tower and is killed instantly.

As the ambulance takes the body away, Bluey says,  
"Well, bugger me, someone's gotta go and tell Coot's wife".  
Mongrel says, "OK, I'm pretty good at that sensitive stuff, I'll do it."  
Two hours later, he comes back carrying a case of beer.

Bluey says, "Where'd you get the beer Mongrel?"  
"Coot's wife gave it to me," Mongrel replies.

"That's unbelievable, you actually told his missus her husband was dead and she gave you a case of beer!"

"Well, not exactly", Mongrel says.  
When she answered the door, I said to her, "You must be Coot's widow."  
She said, "You must be mistaken..... I'm not a widow."  
Then I said, "I'll betcha a case of beer you are."  
Aussies are good at that sensitive stuff.





# Photos of the Week by Rainer

I welcome photos from members that may be of interest to others.  
Don't be shy - send to my email [Denis.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:Denis.carpenter@gmail.com) please.



***Thank you Rainer Schmitz – Great photos ed Denis***