

Bulletin 623 Volume 17 – No. 6 Tuesday 16th August 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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Rotary
Club Patong Beach



Members from sixteen countries – Rotary is International



Australia



Austria



Belgium



Canada



Egypt



France



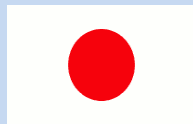
Germany



Hungary



India



Japan



Mongolia



South Africa



Switzerland



Thailand



United Kingdom



USA



President Rotary International
Jennifer Jones Ontario Canada



District Governor 3330
La-Or-Chinda



President Rotary Club of Patong Beach
Best Wanamakok



The President's Message

Dear Fellow members of RC Patong Beach and Friends,

This week we returned to our normal dinner meeting at the Four Points by Sheraton on Patong's beach road. Very fortunate to have such a beautiful place and great service to have our meeting at a reasonable price. 🙏 We have two visiting Rotarians - one from RC Singapore and another from RC Navi Mumbai-Palm Beach. Great to have both of them at our meeting. Looks like we will have more visiting Rotarians in the near future – 10+ from RC Dharwad Central India, RI District 3170 will visit our club on 13th Sept.

The talk by Kh. Brendan Mooney from Andamanda Water Park is very informative and filled with interesting facts. The water park is definitely a great addition to Phuket – attracting tourists and creating jobs. The trickle-down effect is already underway. Glad to see the business is doing well – currently averaging about 900 guests daily out of 3,000 projected.

Our club had an opportunity to donate second hand clothes, toys, and snacks to needy families at Child Watch Foundation's annual mother day event in Kathu on 11th Aug. It was such a humbling experience to see something we don't need at home become a prized possession for somebody else. It reminded me of a Garage Sale back in the States. Double dipping the pleasure when I saw my two boys donated their toys to poverty-stricken kids.

PP Sam and I attended a "Club Vibrant" seminar in Nakornpathom – an hour west of BKK last weekend. The seminar is about update for Foundation, PR, and Membership. One key takeaway is that our club is financially sound. Another 40k USD (2022-23) is added to the 76k USD (2021-22) DDF fund available for RCOPB to use totalling 117k USD. Money can be used for District level projects regardless of size (application deadline 31 July, but with some flexibility built-in) or Global Grant projects (international partner required, 30k USD minimum budget, but no deadline.) Out of 117 USD, 50k USD is committed to our own and joints projects with other clubs. Approx 70K is sitting there at our disposal. Ladies and gentlemen, with another 950k THB safely tucked away in our UOB charity account - thanks largely to our EPIC music fundraising event back in Songkran of 2022 – there is no better time than now to undertake charity projects with our own hands. I challenge you all to come up with practical & impactful projects, yet small enough to implement without stress. Present it to the Board via Service Project Committee. The answer is half-way YES!!

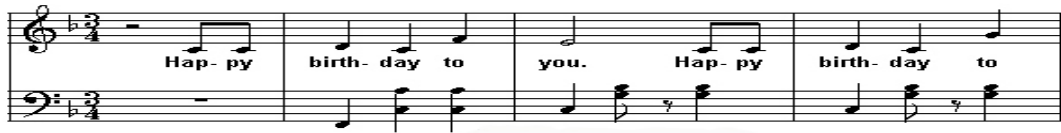
This week marks the last two club president installation parties – RC Tongkah and RC Andaman. Be part of the release of 200 green turtles at Nai Harn Beach on the 13th Aug, 4:30pm follow by a big party at Nai Harn Park. Not many turtles were released to the Andaman Sea in the past two years due to Covid-19. It will be a heart-warming experience. Bring your best mood and enjoy the Saturday evening together with like-minded Rotarians on the island. Free of charge and NO flowers, please.

Yours in Rotary,

Pres Best W.



BIRTHDAYS



August

ALEX LONGMAN 19th



Check out this latest edition of the Bulletin.

I draw your attention to this week's History for 2007-2008 PP O.B's year.

See PP Sam, up to his ears in chocolate. Not sure if it was before or after the wine with PP Arnaud LOL.

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

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

I have not received many contributions of jokes, photos or interesting stories. Only **four** have sent me items from 35 members.

I am as close as an email. So please forward your contributions or comments to me.

Denis.carpenter@gmail.com

Brickbats & Bouquets most welcome

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

Club Programme

August 16th

WOW Workshop Summary by Membership Chair
Rainer Schmitz

August 23rd

Kyle Daniels

Mindset for Athletes

August 30th
Montavee Hongsyok
Phuket Cable Car from Phuket Town to Patong

September 6th
Dinner Out @ The 9th Degree Waterfront
Restaurant & Wine Bar Boat Lagoon

September 13th
Dr. Kanitta Chatamma - Managing Back Pain & Arthritis
Pain with non-invasive treatment.
How MLS robotics laser technology helps.

September 20th
Who am I? Our New Member
Vanessa Temple

September 27th
Saweang Kaola (Jack)
SOS learning center and food bank in Phuket

October 4th
Dinner Out

October 11th
Jazon Edouard - HeadStart International School
Phuket Expansion

October 18th
TBA

October 25th
TBA

Saturday October 29th

District Governor Visit

ROTARY 2022-2023 CALENDAR

Day is Tuesday unless otherwise advised

DATE	DAY	EVENT	NOTES
AUGUST			
2		Dinner Out - Suay Restaurant Cherngtalay	
9		Brendan Paul Mooney Head of Business Units - Andamanda Water Park - Phuket's newest destination	
12	Friday	Mother's Day	
16		WOW Workshop Summary by Membership Chair Rainer S.	
23		Kyle Daniels – Mindset for Athletes	
30		Tommy Hongsyok – Cable car from Phuket Town to Patong	
SEPTEMBER			
6		Dinner Out - The 9th Degree Waterfront Restaurant & Wine Bar, Boat Lagoon	
13		Dr. Kanitta Chatamma – Managing back pain and Arthritis pain with non-invasive treatment. How MLS robotics laser technology helps?	
20		Who am I? Vanessa Temple	
27		Saweang Kaola (Jack) - SOS learning center and food bank in Phuket	
OCTOBER			
4		Dinner Out	
11		Jazon Edouard - HeadStart International School Phuket Expansion.	
13	Thursday	King Rama 9's passing anniversary	
18		TBA	
23	Sunday	King Rama 5's passing anniversary	
25		TBA	
29	Saturday	Sat 29 OCT DG visit	
NOVEMBER			
1		Dinner Out	
8		Club Assembly	
15		Who am I? - Shiho Katsuura	
22		TBA	
29		TBA	
DECEMBER			
5	Monday	Father's Day	
6		Dinner Out	
10	Saturday	Constitution Day	
13		AGM & Christmas Party	

20		TBA	
27		No meeting	
31	Saturday	New Year's Eve	
		2023	
JANUARY			
1	Sunday	Happy New Year	
3		No meeting	
10			
17			
24			
31			
FEBRUARY			
7		Dinner Out	
14			
21		Who am I? Nihan Akdemir	
28			
MARCH			
6	Monday	Buddhist Day	
7		Dinner Out	
14			
21			
28		Club Assembly	
APRIL			
4		Dinner Out	
6	Thursday	Chakri Day	
11		No meeting	
13-17	Thur-Mon	Songkran	
18			
25			
MAY			
1	Monday	Labor Day	
2		Dinner Out	
5	Friday	Buddhist Day	
9			
16			
23			
30			
JUNE			
3	Saturday	Queen's Birthday	
6		Dinner Out	
13			
20			
27			

Night Report for meeting of 9th August - Andamanda Water Park

Rotary Meeting 9 August 2022
Note taker: Vanessa Temple
SAA: Alex Longman and Vanessa

7pm Alex welcomed the Rotarians and Guests.
7:15 Dinner was announced early as everyone was there and ready.
8:00 President Best opened the meeting with the National Anthem.



Visiting Rotarians were welcomed:



- Varun Gulati from Singapore. This is a large club with 201 members. He is on the International Service Committee with 106 grants, 17 of them this year. Their sister club is Bangkok. President Best presented him with our club banner.

- Harsh Makol and his wife from Palm Beach Mumbai. This is one of two clubs for Mumbai. He is the Chief Coordinator for the District. August 7th was his Wedding Anniversary and we were pleased to help Mr. and Mrs. Harsh celebrate in Phuket. Flags and pins were exchanged.



Members introduced their Guests.

- SAA Alex introduced Matthew Cutt who is new to Phuket and is excited to offer the services of BDO Investments. He will have a Welcome Breakfast on Thursday morning to introduce his company.
- SAA Alex introduced Todd Blankenship, who is also new to Phuket. He is a screenwriter/director/producer and will explore the possibility of producing 'low budget' films in the region.
- Rotarian Cabbie introduced her husband, Russell, who is Vice-President of the Asian Institute of Technology in Pathum Thani. This is a post-graduate institution with over 44 nationalities of students. Russell moves between AIT and Phuket.
- SAA Alex introduced Jason Beavan from the Phuket News. This is his second meeting.
- President Best introduced
 - Past President Karen Eidsvik.
 - Past President Richard Jones. Welcome back to Phuket.
- Brendan and his wife Sukanya from Andamanda Water Park (guest speaker).



Independent Guests

Bob Tilton introduced himself. He has attended several meetings and is a familiar face.



Todd says a few words.



Club Business

- President Best discussed the club finances. We currently have 117,000 USD available to us. He mentioned that for every 100 USD donated to the foundation, 47.50 is given to the Club to use for projects. Grateful thanks were given to Rotarian Arnaud for his generous donations which allow the club to be the wealthiest in the district and this will allow us to continue to do good work for our community.
- Mother's Day is August 12th and there will be a hands-on donation event at Holland House - Child Watch, the home where the children of prison inmates are raised. This will involve giving donations of goods to help support the home. Khun Able has generously donated the use of her laundromat nearby to wash and dry any clothing/bedding donations prior to them being given. Laundry starts at 9:30am and donations start from 10:00am.
- August 11th there will be a new President Installation of the RC of Tongah at Merlin Hotel in Phuket Town.
- Last but not least RC Andaman has their President, Mayor Aroon of Rawai installation party on Sat 13th @ Nai Harn beach. Release turtles at 16:30 and official ceremony starts at 18:30. Colorful attire. Please confirm your attendance.



- SAA Alex is pleased to announce that we are in discussion with Decathlon to sponsor items for the water safety program.

Guest Speaker: Brendan Mooney from Anamanda Water Park.

- Khun Brendon presented a PPT slide presentation of the new water park here in Phuket supported by his wife, Khun Sukanya.



- This is the largest water park in Phuket, over 50 rai, and is designed around the theme of Thai Legends. The five characters which represent the five zones each signify a part of Thai culture and their story brings the park to life.
- Anamanda Water park is designed to service overseas tourists, the events and pricings make this a premium entertainment venue. Change in travel trends have meant that the team have had to be flexible with everything from the dates of phase openings, to the menu in the restaurants.
- The cost of developing the whole complex will reach over 4.5 billion baht on completion, which will also include a hotel, retail and restaurant complex and later a residence area.
- The mascots are not only visible around the park, but also in a tv animation and also an App that is being developed.

- The three pillars of engagement are Adventure, Culture and Leisure.
- The three areas of engagement are: Relaxation, Sport and Music.
- The wave pool has the capability to make a 3m wave, which is the largest in Thailand. The Rip Curl team will use this for local and international events.
- With a gravity drop and ground-breaking double loop twists, their water slides are designed by Whitewater West Industries, the world leader in slides.
- The lazy river, at 550m, is the longest in SE Asia.
- The entertainment zone has a stage which can host major international artists and an audience of up to 10,000 people. Watch this space for new of amazing guest artists.
- The different zones cater to the adventurous, family, sporty, relaxing and are also available for private and corporate events.
- Over 200 lifeguards who are trained by Ellis and Associates.
- The focus is on supporting the local community with over 400 jobs created and all materials sourced locally for the park, it's staff and food for the F&B outlets.
- The park works on an RFID system and is cashless. Guests use their wristbands to pay bills etc.
- At the moment they are in a soft-opening period and so prices are discounted. 800B for adults and 500B for children/seniors.
- Regular price will be 1500B for adults and 1000B for children/seniors.
- President Best thanked Khun Brendon and Khun Sukanya and presented them with certificates and flags.



8:55 Joke from Alex (groan!)
Happy Hundred
9pm President Best proposed the toast and closed the meeting.

Thank you again Vanessa Temple, for the night report AND photos Ed Denis



Listening to Rotary Stories

The current issue of The Rotarian magazine has an [interview with David Isay](#), founder of [StoryCorps](#), a non-profit offering recording booths where anyone can reserve a spot to interview a relative or friend. Isay says, "I came to believe that the act of interviewing was having an impact, reminding people how much their lives matter."

Last year while I was president of the Malone club, members were invited to tell their stories. The club had several members who had been Rotarians for 50 years and some younger members who were new to the Malone area. All Rotarians were given a chance to share a bit of their life story and get to know each other better. One meeting a month was set aside for two or three members to each give a short talk.

Everyone's stories were amazing. The first two people -- a Pastor whose early life experiences would make a great movie and a school principal who told a warm, funny and personal story -- set the bar high. The rest of the members met the challenge, with stories that brought club members closer together. One member I personally was grateful we were able to hear passed away not long after he spoke. His talk left us with some special memories.

DG Ariane says that the year she was president of the Cornwall club, she had some of the club's long standing members do what she called a "re-classification" talk. One of the members, a dentist, was an antique expert and showed club members how his log house had been dismantled and was rebuilt piece by piece at its present location. DG Ariane says, "He passed away this summer, very unexpectedly, but I still remember that talk."

We didn't use an interviewer, though members were free to ask each other questions and they often did. Many clubs have "vocational/classification talks" where new members get a chance to introduce themselves to the club, but how new members learn about everyone else in the club is sometime a bit hit or miss. Sharing stories is, as Isay says, "...about connecting with someone you care about." The one thing I regret is that we did not record the talks.

The photos to go with President Best's message

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Rotary Club of Tongkah Installation



A Look back at the 20 Years



2007-08

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.





(update: Yes it is President Best on the tug of war)

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
(thanks Jamie) gave us all a lot of feel-good smiles.

kids in the BPH

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

PP O.B. Wetzell

A thought for the Week



PART 6

The fourth Avenue of Service, International Service, describes the many programs and activities that Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace. International service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands. When a Rotarian understands and travels down the four Avenues of Service, the Object of Rotary takes on even greater meaning.

THE ROTARIAN and the Rotary World Press

The month of April is annually designated as Rotary's Magazine Month, an occasion to recognize and promote the reading and use of the official RI magazine, THE ROTARIAN, and the regional magazines, which make up the Rotary World Press.

THE ROTARIAN has been around since 1911 as the medium to communicate with Rotarians and to advance the program and Object of Rotary. A primary goal of the magazine is to support and promote key programs of Rotary. The magazine also disseminates information about the annual theme and the philosophy of the RI president, major meetings, and the emphasis of the official "months" on the Rotary calendar.

THE ROTARIAN provides a forum in which both Rotary-related and general interest topics may be explored. The magazine serves as an excellent source of information and ideas for programs at Rotary club meetings and district conferences. Many articles promote international fellowship, goodwill, and understanding. Regular readers usually have superior knowledge of the activities of Rotary and understand how each Rotarian may be more fully involved in the four Avenues of Service around the world.

In addition to THE ROTARIAN, the Rotary World Press includes 29 regional magazines printed in 21 languages with a combined circulation of almost half a million. Although each regional publication has its own unique style and content, they all provide Rotarians with up-to-date information and good reading in April — and all through the year.

- International Responsibilities of a Rotarian

As an international organization, Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities. Although each Rotarian has first responsibility to uphold the obligations of citizenship of his or her own country, membership in Rotary enables Rotarians to take a somewhat different view of international affairs. In the early 1950s, a Rotary philosophy was adopted to describe how a Rotarian may think on a global basis. Here is what it said: "A world-minded Rotarian:

- looks beyond national patriotism and considers himself - as sharing responsibility for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace;
- resists any tendency to act in terms of national or racial superiority;
- seeks and develops common grounds for agreement with peoples of other lands;
- defends the rule of law and order to preserve the liberty of the individual so that he may enjoy freedom of thought, speech, and assembly, and freedom from persecution, aggression, want, and fear;
- supports action directed toward improving standards of living for all peoples, realizing that poverty anywhere endangers prosperity everywhere;
- upholds the principles of justice for mankind;
- strives always to promote peace between nations and prepares to make personal sacrifices for that ideal;
- urges and practices a spirit of understanding of others' beliefs as a step toward international goodwill, recognizing that there are certain basic moral and spiritual standards which will ensure a richer, fuller life."

That is quite an assignment for any Rotarian to practice in thoughts and actions!

'When this philosophy was developed, Rotary was still an all-male organization. The description of a world-minded Rotarian today would obviously include all women members as well.

Let's Have A Laugh



Always looking for more jokes or thought of the week



**I'll never forget the
look on the cashier's
face, when she
scanned the packet of
bird seed,
And I asked her how
long does it take for
the birds to grow once
I plant them.**

**Husband takes the wife to
a disco. There's a guy on
the dance floor break
dancing, moonwalking,
back flips, the works. The
wife turns to her husband
and says, "See that guy? 25
years ago he proposed to
me and I turned him
down."**

**Husband says, "Looks like
he's still celebrating!"**

**OLD AGE COMES AT A
BAD TIME!
WHEN YOU FINALLY
KNOW EVERYTHING,
YOU START TO FORGET
EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.**



Thank you, PP Andy Becker – ed Denis

*OK Gals & Guys, how about following
PP Andy & send me a few jokes **PLEASE***

Photos of the Week by

I welcome photos from members that may be of interest to others.

Don't be shy - send to my email Denis.carpenter@gmail.com please.

We had a wonderful visit to the Mekong region of Vietnam-always happy to snap away.



This young lady is not camera shy.



Getting up close & personal with some of the locals.

