

Bulletin 626 Volume 17 – No. 9 Tuesday 6th 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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ROTARY

Rotary
Club Patong Beach



Members from seventeen countries – Rotary is International



Australia



Austria



Belgium



Canada



Egypt



France



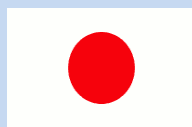
Germany



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 Friends of RCoPB:

Welcome September!!

Our guest speaker at the last meeting was Mr. Montavee "Tommy" Hongsyok from Phuket's Hongsyok family. He gave a very interesting talk about the proposed cable car from Phuket Town to Patong. Kh. Tommy was very passionate and obviously has put tremendous amount of work into it. Impressive. We wish him all the best and promised to support him in any way we can.

The Swim Program graduation ceremony, is scheduled to take place from 5-16 September at three different locations. In the morning we will be giving out the certificates, and in the afternoon students whom received the swim training will take on the beach cleaning task, as a gesture of giving back.

New members who have not been to these ceremonies, this is a great opportunity to experience.

The 3rd dinner out of the year (Sep 2022), will be held at the 9 th Degree Waterfront Restaurant and Wine Bar, located in Boat Lagoon Marina on 6 September.

Club Admin Co-Chair Stewart, has been working closely with owner Bart and his Chef Anthony to create another memorable fellowship dinner. **For those who have not signed up, deadline is Sunday at noon.** Don't forget to tell Rtn. Stewart your menu choices. 700 THB net, is a great deal for this place.

There will be 8 Rotarians from 2 Rotary clubs: Rotary Club of Dharwad Central + Rotary Club Hubli Midtown from the Karnataka State visiting our club on 13 Sept.

Heads up, everyone. The floodgates are opened!!

Rtn. Vanessa has confirmed to step in as SAA and will do her best to make it an enjoyable evening. I have invited other clubs in Phuket as well.

September is filled with interesting events. Program is already published in the Phuket News's Event section.

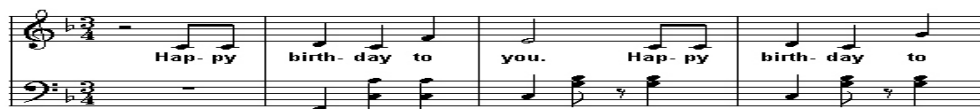
Have a great weekend krub everybody wherever you are in the world.

Yours in Rotary,

Pres Best W.



BIRTHDAY



September

Andrew Molnar 13th

Club Programme

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
TBA

October 7th

O.B. Fundraiser - details to follow

October 11th

Jazon Edouard - HeadStart International School
Phuket Expansion

October 18th
TBA

October 25th
TBA

Saturday October 29th

District Governor Visit

The Swim Program – The Kids in Action

The very successful RCoPB Swim Program has taught many children water safety & how to swim.

As can be seen from the photos, they are having **FUN**



The instructors



Lots of stretching before entering the pool





Come & see the kids in action at the certificate awarding ceremony & beach cleanup

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SAVE A CHILD SWIM PROGRAM

CERTIFICATE AWARDING CEREMONY & BEACH CLEAN UP

ATTENDEES:

- School Principals
- Local Dignitaries
- President Rotary Club Patong
- Community Services

ROTARIANS, WE NEED YOU THERE TO HELP US HANDOVER THE SWIM CERTIFICATES TO THE STUDENTS AND TO HELP CLEANING PHUKET'S BEACHES

Please find below the schedule and the [links of Google Maps](#) to get to the locations:

AWARDING CEREMONY		BEACH CLEAN UP	
Participate in the handover of the swim certificate of the students		Join the kids in their way to give back to their community	
Date:	Monday, 5th Sept. 2022	Date:	Monday, 5th Sept. 2022
Time:	09.00 - 11.30	Time:	13.00 - 15.30
Location:	Auditory Baan Kata School	Location:	Canteen School
Google Maps:	Baan Kata School	Google Maps:	Baan Kata School
Date:	Wednesday, 7th Sept. 2022	Date:	Wednesday, 7th Sept. 2022
Time:	09.00 - 11.30	Time:	13.00 - 15.30
Location:	Auditory JD Pools Factory	Location:	Canteen School
Google Maps:	JD Pools Factory	Google Maps:	Ban Pa Krong Cheep School
Date:	Friday, 16th Sept. 2022	Date:	Saturday, 10th Sept. 2022
Time:	09.00 - 11.30	Time:	09.00 - 11.30
Location:	Auditory Ban Sainamyen Municipality School	Location:	Canteen School
Google Maps:	Ban Sainamyen School	Google Maps:	Baan Sainamyen School

Dress code: casual - bring beach clothes to change for the beach clean up

Catering: Drinks and snacks included

Rotary
Club of Patong Beach

SEE YOU THERE!

ROTARY 2022-2023 CALENDAR

Day is Tuesday unless otherwise advised

DATE	DAY	EVENT	NOTES
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?	15 members of RC of Dharwad Central India, District 3170 attending.
20		Who am I? Vanessa Temple	
27		Saweang Kaola (Jack) - SOS learning center and food bank in Phuket	
OCTOBER			
4		Dinner Out - TBA	
7		O.B's Fund Raiser - TBA	
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		Meeting canceled due to DG visit on Saturday 29 Oct	
29	Saturday	Sat 29 OCT DG La-Or Chinda visit	
NOVEMBER			
1		Dinner Out - TBA	
8		TBA	
15		Who am I? - Rotarian Shiho Katsuura	
22		TBA	
29		HE Matthew Barclay - Australia Consul General for Phuket	
DECEMBER			
5	Monday	Father's Day	
6		Dinner out	
13		TBA	
17	Saturday	AGM & Christmas Party	
20		No meeting	
27		No meeting	
31	Saturday	New Year's Eve	
2023			
JANUARY			
1	Sunday	Happy New Year	
3		No meeting	
10		TBA	
17		TBA	
24		TBA	
31		TBA	
FEBRUARY			
7		Dinner Out - TBA	
14		TBA	
21		TBA	
28		TBA	

MARCH			
6	Monday	Buddhist Day	
7		Dinner Out - TBA	
14		TBA	
21		TBA	
28		Club Assembly	
APRIL			
4		Dinner Out - TBA	
6	Thursday	Chakri Day	
11		<i>No meeting</i>	
13-17	Thur-Mon	Songkran	
18		TBA	
25		TBA	
MAY			
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 for meeting of 30th August -

Scribe – Rainer Schmitz
SAA - Alex Longman
Photographer – Frank Walbaum

Meeting of the Rotary Club of Patong Beach
30 August 2022
Location: Four Points by Sheraton, Patong
Guest Speaker: Montavee Hongsyok
Topic: Cable car Phuket Town to Patong



Meeting minutes | Rotary meeting on 30 August 2022



Meeting opening by SAA Alex, K Best at 19.55

Thai anthem

Guests - Bob Tilton, Anusca and Sjaak van Driel, Hank Spielerman, Able, Joe Gerardi, Tom

Club business:

1. JP Asia Center Foundation 14 kids a 10,000 THB ceremony just happened



2. Arnaud - Success of Disabled Sailing Thailand - at German inclusion World championship - our supported team came in position 8, out of 25 teams, between them Gold and silver medalists.
Saturday, 3 August at 17.00 Celebration at Brasserie in Phuket Town

3. Swimming - save a child week - next week award ceremony on 5/7/ 10/ 16 Sept
(see separate announcements) and beach cleaning – bring casual clothes to support beach cleaning



4. RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Award
5. If you feel like Chinese food - Chinese dinner on Sunday, 4 August - contact K Best for more details
6. JP and Shiho-San - visiting French Rotarians and spreading the word, connecting us to the big wide world - well done
7. Last Board meeting minutes will be distributed
8. WOW summary is being distributed



Bill introduced guest speaker Montavee Hongsyok and wife Ann



Phuket Cable Car to Patong

Feasible study shared about transportation in Phuket by AFD (Agence Francaise De Developpement) group, cable car higher attractive than tram, East - West connection from Phuket Town to Patong, cable car 35 min for the trip, introduced the potential route, transit oriented development (TOD) around each station, each municipality developed their own TOD, bank support, construction 'takes only' 2 years

Thank you note from O.B.



Note: keep the diary free on 7 October for fund raising event - O.B. Will share more details in the near future

***Thank you, Rainer, for the night report & Frank for the photos
Ed Denis***

JP Phillipe & Shiho - the Rotary French Connection

Very nice Provencal evening, with over 150 Rotarians from 12 clubs of Aix en Provence for our 2nd inter clubs evening.

We presented our Patong clubs and activities.

And...

We have been invited to present our scholarship program in September in 2 and may 3 clubs who want to team up with us and contribute in our actions.

Nothing signed yet but we are working on it.

Here are à few pictures.

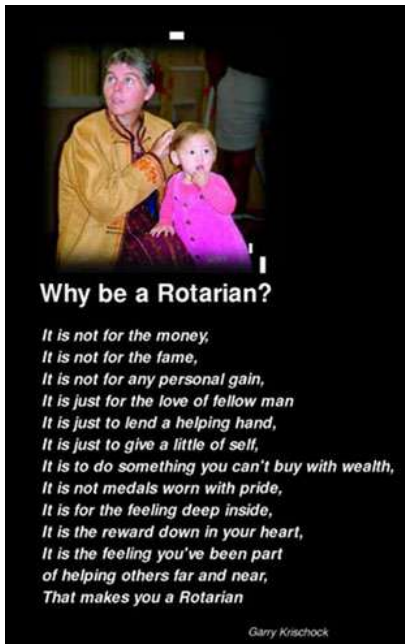
My Rotary T-shirt had a great success!

Cheers to all of you in Phuket - Shiho, JP



***Thank you JP & Shiho, super photos & wonderful venue & environment.
What a great time with 150 fellow Rotarians. Ed Denis***

Why be a Rotarian?



7 Habits of Effective Rotarians The idea for this article comes from Steven Covey's popular book entitled, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People." Mr. Covey's research found that highly effective and thus successful people who made an impact in their various fields shared a specific set of character traits and habits. Over the past 10 years, leaders have written on the habits of effective Rotarians. This version is driven and adapted by some great work. Vibrant Rotary clubs are driven by effective people.

Let's look at the key habits.

1. **PARTICIPATION:** Effective Rotarians are engaged with a priority to attend club meetings and complete timely make ups. They are active on committees, fundraising and service projects. They are keen to attend all club events and district functions and even the Rotary International Convention.
2. **FELLOWSHIP:** Effective Rotarians enjoy and value their relationships and know that fellowship is a key to the value of Rotary. They go out of their way to talk to those whom they do not know and believe a stranger is just a friend they have not met yet.

3. **VOCATION:** Effective Rotarians respect every vocation. They firmly believe that each vocation provides a cog in the wheel and is important. They advocate living Rotary values and the Four Way Test in the workplace as part of excellence in each vocation.
4. **DISCIPLINE:** Effective Rotarians understand the value of self-discipline and know that productive accomplishments are hard to achieve without it.
5. **WORK, WEALTH AND WISDOM:** Effective Rotarians are purpose-driven in Rotary and contribute to success and impact with their resources. They are effective with the proper balance between their family, vocation and community.
6. **EMPATHY/SERVICE:** Effective Rotarians care deeply about helping others and seek to make a difference.
7. **IMAGE OF ROTARY:** Effective Rotarians know they are an important part of the great Rotary brand. They maintain a positive attitude and portray a good image of Rotary, both inside and outside the organization. They proudly wear their Rotary pin and clothing. Effective Rotarians share their passion and pride with others. They tell their personal Rotary story. In so doing, they invite others to meetings and service projects to help grow Rotary, enhance impact and share the rewards of Service Above Self. John Kimbell is a member of E Rotary of the Carolinas having relocated from Florida in 2015. He is a member of the District GRAT and Rotary Leadership Institute Committee.

A Look back at the 20 Years



2010-2011 Mark Pendlebury

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 overlooked 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.

A thought for the Week



PART 9

More Rotary Firsts .

- Rotary established the "Endowment Fund" in 1917, which became the forerunner of The Rotary Foundation.
- Rotary first adopted the name "Rotary International" in 1922 when the name was changed from the International Association of Rotary Clubs.
- Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellows recognition in 1957 for contributors of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.
- The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931 at the time of the Vienna Convention.
- The first Rotary club banner (from the Houston Space Centre) to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of that club.
- The first Rotary International convention held outside the United States was in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921.
- The first head of state to address a Rotary convention was U.S. President Warren G. Harding in 1923 at St. Louis. Room 711 - Rotary's Birthplace The number 711 has a very special significance for Rotary. Room 711 of the old Unity Building, formerly located at 127 North Dearborn Street in downtown Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., was the birthplace of Rotary International. That historic room, which was the office of engineer Gus Loehr, was the location of that first meeting when Paul Harris met with several friends to discuss his new idea of a club for professionals and businessmen.

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It took extensive research and dedication by a few Chicago Rotarians to preserve the room and restore it to its 1905 authenticity. For years, Room 711 was preserved as a miniature Rotary museum by Rotarians around the world who voluntarily belonged to and contributed annually to the "Paul Harris 711 Club," which provided funds for leasing, maintenance and preservation. In 1989, the Unity Building was about to be torn down. Members of the 711 Club carefully dismantled the landmark room and placed its contents in storage. There it stayed until 1994, when the recreated Room 711 found a permanent home, and this piece of the Rotary heritage is preserved at the RI World Headquarters in Evanston.

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 bare!

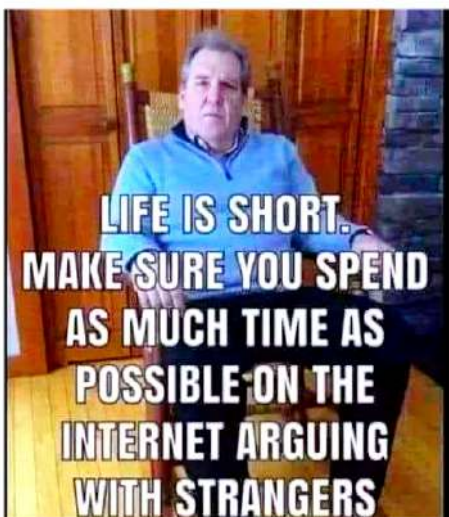
FIRST TEXT MESSAGE:

Hi, Morris. This is Saul, next door. I've been riddled with guilt for a few months and have been trying to get up the courage to tell you face-to-face. When you're not around, I've been sharing your wife, day and night, probably much more than you. I haven't been getting it at home recently. I know that's no excuse. The temptation was just too great. I can't live with the guilt & hope you'll accept my sincere apology and forgive me. Please suggest a fee for usage and I'll pay you. - Saul.

Morris, feeling enraged and betrayed, grabbed his gun, went next door, and shot Saul dead. He returned home, shot his wife, poured himself a stiff drink and sat down on the sofa. Morris then looked at his phone and discovered a second text message from Saul.

SECOND TEXT MESSAGE:

Hi, Morris. Saul here again. Sorry about the typo on my last text. I assume you figured it out and noticed that the darned Spell-Check had changed "wi-fi" to "wife." Technology, hey? It'll be the death of us. (H/T JJ Sefton)



My grandson made the mistake of telling me I was being overdramatic so I just changed the WiFi password. We'll see who's overdramatic in about 5 minutes.

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.

This week's photos from Rainer Schmitz.



Thank you, Rainer, superb photos – I understand these LOL ed Denis