



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

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



Rotary
Club Patong Beach



Members from sixteen countries – Rotary is International



Australia



Austria



Belgium



Canada



Egypt



France



Germany



Hungary



India



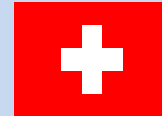
Japan



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,

Last week meeting on 26 July we had a very interesting speaker who comes from solid waste industry – Mr. Michael Pohl – who shared information how people deal with solid waste in general.

Many thanks to PP David who made the connection with Kh. Michael.

That brings me to the subject of guest speakers. One of the contributing factors to have members attend Tuesday's meeting in great number is the guest speaker. Speakers with interesting topic make it worthwhile to be at the meeting. Therefore, let me or Club Admin Chair know if you run into potential speakers and would like to invite him/her. We have approximately 3 openings per months for guest speakers. Let's make our meeting fun and interesting!!

We had our first board meeting on 26th July. A number of administrative items were discussed and voted on. Sec Hans will send out Meeting Minutes to all members once approved. I am particularly pleased to report that the board voted unanimously to support 5 joints projects with other clubs in our district 3330 at 5,000 USD each using our District Designated Fund (DDF) which has to be spent within 5 years of receiving it or it will be returned. Big thank you for PP Arnaud, RCOPB's DDF fund account is very healthy. Our Charity account also has a healthy bank balance. Thanks to our super successful "Epic Music" fundraising event back in April by PP OB and IPP Dieter. So, if any of you come across a worthy cause AND would like to lead the effort, your motion will most likely get a blessing from the Community Service Committee and subsequently the Board.

Many of our members are travelling. Please feel free to look up the local Rotary clubs and visit them if you can. Spread the word about the Rotary Club of Patong Beach!!

Looking forward to seeing many of you at "Suay" Restaurant on 2nd Aug. Seems like Club Admin Chair Stewart is aiming to raise the bar again with this Dinner Out. Have a good weekend, everyone.

Yours in Rotary,

Pres Best W.



BIRTHDAYS



August

Ahmed Heshmat Hassan 2nd – Vanessa Temple 6th



Dear members & friends of the RC of Patong Beach

I would like to draw your attention to **A Look Back at the 20 Years** in this edition. It is a detailed look at PP Sam Fauma's year 2004-2005. The club had a busy year of supporting those in need as a result of the Tsunami which occurred on 26th December, 2004

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

Club Programme

August 2nd

Dinner Out @ Suay Restaurant in Cherngtalay

<https://suayrestaurant.com/suay-cherngtalay>

6.30pm for 7.00pm

August 6th

Club Vibrant Workshop

Foundation, Membership, Public Image

In Nakompathom

August 9th

Andamanda Water Park the Newest & Largest

theme park in Phuket

August 16th

Who am I? One of our new members.

Who is free?

To Be Advised

August 23rd

Kyle Daniels

Mindset for Athletes

August 30th

Phuket Cable Car from Phuket Town to Patong

September 6th

Dinner Out

September 13th

Dr. Kanitta - Back and Joint Pain Treatment
by Laser

September 20th

To Be Advised

September 27th

Club Assembly

ROTARY 2022-2023 CALENDAR			
Day is Tuesday unless otherwise advised			
DATE	DAY	EVENT	NOTES
AUGUST			
2		Dinner Out - Suay Restaurant Cherngtalay	
9		Kh. Gib – Andamanda Water Park	
12	Friday	Mother's Day	
16		TBA	
23		Kyle Daniels – Mindset for Athletes	
30		Tommy Hongsyok – Cable car to Patong	
SEPTEMBER			
6		Dinner Out	
13		Dr. Kanitta – Back and Joint Pain Treatment by Laser	
20			
27		Club Assembly	
OCTOBER			
4		Dinner Out	
11			
13	Thursday	King Rama 9's passing anniversary	
18			
23	Sunday	King Rama 5's passing anniversary	
25			
29	Saturday	District Governor Visit	
NOVEMBER			
1		Dinner Out	
8			
15			
22			
29			
DECEMBER			
5	Monday	Father's Day	
6		Dinner Out	
10	Saturday	Constitution Day	
13		AGM & Christmas Party	
20			
27		No meeting	
31	Saturday	New Year's Eve	
		2023	
DATE	DAY	EVENT	NOTES
JANUARY			
1	Sunday	Happy New Year	
3		No meeting	
10			
17			
24			
31			
FEBRUARY			
7		Dinner Out	
14			
21			
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			
		Fundraising	
		DC	
		DTA	

Report on 26th July Meeting -

The evening commenced with the first Board meeting for the new Rotary Year.

President Best advised Board meetings are open & transparent.





A Warm Welcome to our Visitors

- Dr. Michael Pol - guest speaker and his guest Andre Zurbrugg
- Michele Felder & Cynthia Weeks : on RCoPB mailing list and were interested in topic.
- J Joe Gerardi & Bob Tilton: Prospective members

CLUB BUSINESS

1. Welcome back to Walter Wyler
2. Pres. Best invited everyone to attend a board meeting as they are transparent.
Approved \$5000 for RC Mueang Rae artificial reefs
3. Dr. Johan and Pres. Best attended World Drowning Day this last week
4. ADG Jono asked if there were any additional members attending the President induction at RC Phuket on Wednesday 27 July
5. Rtn Rainer reported that 25% of the club are now female with a total membership of 35
6. Induction of new members by Rtn Rainer and Pres. Best, pins handed out by PP Dieter: Bill, Nicha, Anand, Vanessa, Cabbie



A hearty welcome to our 5 new members

GUEST SPEAKER - Michael Pohl - Solid Waste



Dr. Michael Pohl delivered an interesting and diverse presentation covering the complexities of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) management, ownership of waste and disposal thereof, both here in Thailand and in the rest of the world.



Food and organic waste remains a challenge in communities with e-waste adding to the equation. Unfortunately, most MSW ends up in landfills or back in the ocean. There is no shortage of funding for MSW projects as long as sovereign guarantees are provided.

In 2015 the Thai Ministry of Interior took over responsibility for legislation and waste management. There are many public/private agencies involved in waste management projects in Thailand; however, they appear to be lacking in coordination and planning, with no real incentives. According to a recent Thai PM speech, more than 40% of Thailand's waste is dumped in the ocean. Within the region, Singapore has the 'best case' scenario where they declared waste as a National resource and developed a 'Zero Waste' Master plan in 2019.



Statistics issued by the World Bank on this topic are currently the most reliable, should anyone want to glean additional details.

Rtn Vanessa thanked Dr. Michael Pohl for his engaging and thought-provoking presentation



BIRTHDAYS: Rtn Larry Demco 31 July
JOKES - Thanks to Guest Joe Gerardi for obliging
HAPPY HUNDRED

Pres. Best proposed a toast and closed the meeting.

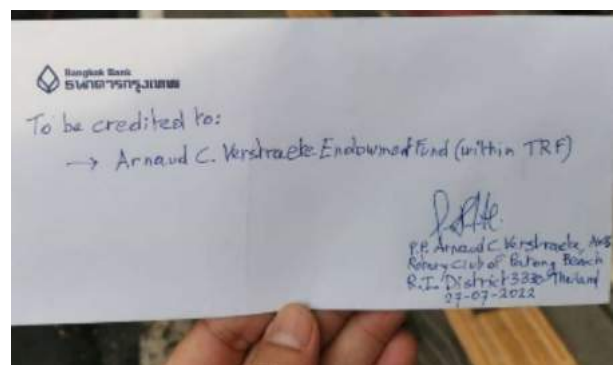
Thank you, Cabbie Rein:

for being SAA, providing the night report & photos of the meeting Ed Denis

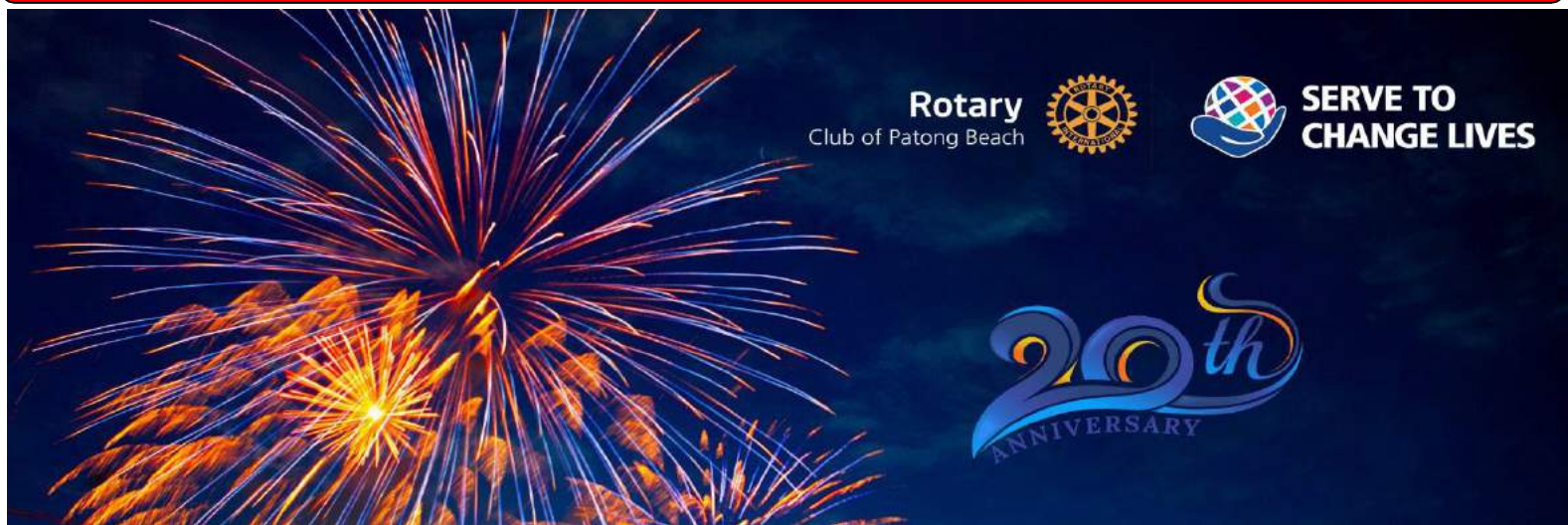
Rotary Club of Phuket Installation 27th July

It was a **FUN** night at the RC of Phuket Installation

Joining in the celebration was President Best, ADG Jonathan Russell & Cabbie Rein



A Look back at the 20 Years



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, handingover 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 AsiaFoundation



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 25th 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 speakers as there was the Governor of Phuket, Vice Mayor of Patong Beach K. Chairat and 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 EVERY donation, 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



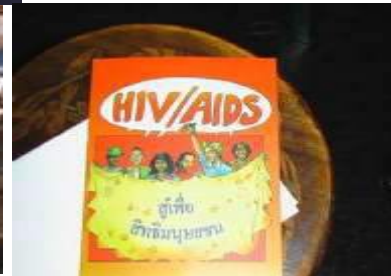
The club received many visitors from around the world wanting to help



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



Donating material and funds



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 & 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 for distribution and donation of THB 100,000 to Phuket province





District Conference



Receiving the 1st 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 Kuraburi to commence medical treatment for handicapped child



Handover of 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



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



Newspaper report on Tsunami efforts of club



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



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



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. Presidential Citation Year 2004-2005 for: Achievements & Success 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

PP Sam

A thought for the Week



PART 4

The Four Way Test

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is The 4-Way Test. It was created by Rotarian Herbert I. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of the Chicago-based Club Aluminum Company, which was facing bankruptcy. Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The 4-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy.

Herb Taylor became president of Rotary International during 1954-55. The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The message should be known and followed by all Rotarians. "Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Paul Harris — First but not First

- Was Paul Harris the first president of a Rotary club? No.
- Was Paul Harris the first president of Rotary International? Yes.

There is an easy explanation to this apparent contradiction. Although Paul Harris was the founder and organizer of the first Rotary club in Chicago in 1905, the man selected to be the first president was one of the other founding members, Silvester Schiele.

By the year 1910, there were 16 Rotary clubs, which linked up as an organization called the National Association of Rotary Clubs. Two years later, the name was changed to the International Association of Rotary Clubs, as Rotary was organized in Winnipeg, Canada, and then in England, Ireland, and Scotland. In 1922, the name was shortened to Rotary International.

When the first organization of Rotary clubs was created in 1910, Paul Harris was selected as the first president. He served in this position for two years, from 1910 until 1912. Thus, the founder of the Rotary idea, who declined to be president of the first club, became the first president of the worldwide organization, Rotary International.

Let's Have A Laugh



Always looking for more jokes or thought of the week

Ralph and Edna were both patients in a mental hospital.

One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool, Ralph suddenly jumped into the deep end. He sank to the bottom of the pool and stayed there.

Edna promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled him out.

When the Head Nurse Director became aware of Edna's heroic act, she immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as she now considered her to be mentally stable.

When she went to tell Edna the news she said, 'Edna, I have good news and bad news. The good news is you're being discharged, since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping in and saving the life of the person you love, I have concluded that your act displays sound mindedness.'

'The bad news is, Ralph hung himself in the bathroom with his bathrobe belt right after you saved him. I am so sorry, but he's dead.'

Edna replied, 'He didn't hang himself, I put him there to dry.'

'How soon can I go home?'

"Life is short, drink the good wine first."



"Can you send a tow truck?
I'm about 300 yards inside the
Lion Safari Park."



"I hope it tastes good. It's for the cat."



"I'll have to open you up again;
that watch has great sentimental value."

Photos of the Week by Rainer Schmitz

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

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

Rotarian Rainer Schmitz has got the ball rolling with this week's photos of the GRIND CAFÉ.

We had our fund-raising at their event place – nice memories



Thank you, Rainer – ed Denis