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Friday
12.15 pm.

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No 2481

19 April 2013

Doug Rhein Women Incarcerated in Thailand

Doug Rhein came along today to share his research concerning the approximately 24,000 women incarcerated in Thailand of which the vast majority (74.1%) are between 21 and 39 years of age.

Beginning with facts and figures, Doug was able to paint a clear picture as to who is in prison and why.

First, he mentioned that as 4.4% are less than 20 years of age and almost 40% are less than 30 years old, the idea that female inmates are primarily young women is clearly supported.

Moving on to some numbers that would be particularly important in many Western countries, it turns out that 93.9% of the women reported never being sexually abused.

However, Doug went on to explain that poverty appears to be the underlying reason why so many women are in jail as 72% come from families that earn less than 10K per month.

Breaking this down, 28.6% of the families earned less than 5,000 Baht per month, 24.8% earned between

5,000 and 7,000 Baht and an 18.7% earned less than 10,000 Baht.

Another sad detail relates to education levels with almost 60% of those surveyed not having completed high school.

Doug also mentioned that almost 85% of the women he surveyed reported that this was their first arrest and nearly 74% reported that they were in jail for less than two years.

The high levels of poverty and the short sentences reflects the underlying fact that approximately 80% of the inmates are incarcerated for drug related crimes which includes addiction and/or possession and selling of an illegal substance.

While many inmates were supposedly forced by husbands or boyfriends to sell drugs, older inmates reported they sold drugs as it was the only way open for them to support their family.

Doug also talked about problems in the current system which includes insufficient medical care, lack of a drug rehabilitation program (water is thrown on inmates to distract them



from drug cravings), brackish water supply and overcrowding.

In concluding his talk, Doug reviewed a number of ideas about what could be done based on the fact that poverty and low education coupled with the closeness of the family suggests it is not childhood abuse which is steering women into crime.

Instead, he argued, the high rates of drug use and distribution are due to poverty and a lack of education further compounded by problems of not having sufficient means to put food on the table.





A picture is worth...



VP Prasert and Rtn Dana looking very sharp after their successful trip to talk to TAT about The Great Bangkok Duck Race



AG Andrew, Rtn Rod and VP Narinder welcome Rtn Adrian's guest, Sievert



Club Cricketers, Rtns Rakesh and Ravi welcome Rakesh's friend and visitor Rajeev



Fund Raising Committee



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Much of our Club's work is done at the committee level.
We have five (5) major committees that need volunteers for 2013-2014:

Administration

(all fellowship events)

Communications

(website, publications, marketing)

Fundraising

(Coins on Silom, Golf, Duck Race)

Service Projects

(Evaluates and recommends the projects we support)

Rotary Foundation

(Matching Grants, Polio Plus, Youth Projects)

If you're interested in joining one of these committees, please contact:



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Happy Birthdays

Mark Marshall	April 19
PDG Xanxai Visitkul	April 19
P Nick Pisalyaput	April 20
PE Michael Schultz	April 23
PP Vibul Pattarathammas	April 24
Morgan Perkins	April 25
PDG Praphan Hutasingh	April 25

Attendance for 5 April 2013: 65%
Present 43, Make-up 7, Absent 27,
Exemption 28, Total 105

Visiting 5 April 2013

From Local Clubs

RC Chiang Mai West Colin Jarvis

From Abroad

Akile Ifeanyi RC Amuwo, Nigeria

Invited Guests

Matthew Powell

Rajeev S

Richella Daly

Sievert Larson

Introduced by

Henny Beeber

Rakesh Sodhia

Stuart Baker

Adrian Topham



Club Calendar

Friday, 26 April

Stu Lloyd

Thai Military History

Friday, 3 May

TBC

Friday, 10 May

Joe Cummings

Tattoos

Friday, 17 May

TBC

Friday, 24 May

No Meeting

Friday, 31 May

DG Alex Mavro, District Governor

What it's all About

Friday, 7 June

Vuttiphol Wanglee

Rice Scheme the Real Story

Friday, 14 June

Hakan Skoglund

Mechai Foundation

For Bangkok South Events

rotarybangkoksouth.org/

[calendar-of-events](http://rotarybangkoksouth.org/calendar-of-events)

Important Dates to

Remember

Saturday, 29 June 2013

Installation Dinner

Dusit Thani Hotel



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