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12.15 pm.

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No 2485

10 May 2013

Tom Waller The Movie Maker

Tom Waller (full name Thomas de Warrenne Waller) was born in Bangkok to a Thai Buddhist mother and an Irish Catholic father. He spent his formative years at a Benedictine monastery school in Yorkshire, England, before pursuing a career in film and television. After attending the Northern Film School in Leeds, England in 1995, he embarked on producing and directing his first film project *Monk Dawson* (1998) aka *Passion for the Priest* (US video title), a made-for-TV movie based on the award-winning novel by Piers Paul Read. After five years in London, Waller returned to his native Thailand in 2002 as an independent feature-film producer.

Since 1996, Waller has been owner and Managing Director of De Warrenne Pictures which is now one of Thailand's leading full service production companies serving foreign productions based out of Bangkok and Chiang Mai. In 2006, he formed Tiger Entertainment, a Pan-Asian film and TV production house.

Tom Waller gave us an interesting insight into the burgeoning Thai film industry, which has produced a num-

ber of internationally acclaimed and award winning movies. Thailand has served as a base for the production of Hollywood movies due to the availability of exotic jungle, beach and bar locations (Hangover II). The availability of elephants is also a draw, the first international film made here being "Chang" in 1927.

Disney filmed *Operation Dumbo Drop* which was released in 1995, it is little wonder therefore that several of his movies feature elephants; *The Elephant King* (2006), *The Prince & Me (The Elephant Adventure)* (2010), the Hollywood action thriller *Elephant White* (2011) starring Kevin Bacon.

In 2011 he made his first Thai language directorial debut with the movie *Mindfulness and Murder*. Movies currently in post production are *Glory Days*, *Secret Sharer* and *Ninja 2*.

Movies are required to be submitted to the Film Censorship Board for review. The Board is composed of officials representing the Ministry of Ed-



ucation, the Ministry of University Affairs, the military, the Department of Religious Affairs, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. All foreign companies have to apply for shooting permission to the Film Board of Thailand. Some topics will be rejected if the script is judged inappropriate.

The Film Board checks to see that the script, plot, and other details are as agreed to by the Board.

Tom admits to having the advantage of being able to make movies as a Thai which has considerable cost and censorship advantages. Whilst there are laws and regulations for the movie industry to follow, Thailand is the land of all possibilities and with the right lubrication obstacles to filming fade away. He related that as a Thai he was able to rent a movie set here for only 50,000 Baht; however, when his American director appeared on the scene, the price went up to 100,000 USD!

Article by CP Geoff Carter





A picture is worth...



Rtn Marco with PP Niti and PP John...



Rtn Tyrone dressed and packed for the weekend



Rtn Colin, Joe, Rtn Mike and VP Ken



Rtn Mike's busy day at Rotary comes to a happy end



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Khun Khob's Club Almanac # 2485 – 10 May 2013

Happy Birthdays

David Record May 10
 Vitool Tantianunanont May 12

Attendance for 3 May 2013: 66%

Present 40, Make-up 10, Absent 27,
 Exemption 28, Total 105

Visiting 3 May 2013

From Local Club

Chiangmai West Colin Jarvis

From Abroad

Andrew Dickson RC Edinburgh, UK
 Per Dibber RC Bruxelles Versale, Belgium

Invited Guests

Dylan Jenkins
 Kirk Albrow
 Malcolm Young
 Matt Bryan
 Prae Piromya

Introduced by

Ron Livingston
 IPP Mark Butters
 Mark Shaw
 Ron Livingston
 DG Alex Mavro

Recent Make ups

RC Phnom Penh Metro, 29/04/13: Arie Bloed
 RC Bangapi, 30/04/13: Chip Bowness, IPP Mark Butters
 RC of Sydney, 30/04/13: Jan Akerman
 E-Club of 3310, 2/05/13: Peter Williams
 E-Club of 7150,1 & 2/05/13: Thanakorn Telan

Make-up Credits

Incoming Admin, 26/04/13: Dana Caron, PP Don Lavoie,
 Ian Morris, Stuart Lucani

Membership, 2/05/13: AG Andrew MacPherson, Krin
 Charnmaytesakul, PN Mike Doyle, PE Mike Schulz, PDG
 Praphan Hutasingh, Rui Belo, PP Vichai Tantratvud



Club Calendar

Friday, 17 May
 Khun Saranya
 Protecting Your Spouse

Friday, 24 May
No Meeting

Friday, 31 May
 DG Alex Mavro, District Governor
 What it's all About

Friday, 7 June
 Vuttiaphol Wanglee
 Rice Scheme the Real Story

Friday, 14 June
 Hakån Skoglund
 Mechai Foundation

Friday, 21 June
 TBC

Friday, 28 June
No Meeting

For Bangkok South Events
[rotarybangkoksouth.org/
 calendar-of-events](http://rotarybangkoksouth.org/calendar-of-events)

Important Date to Remember

Saturday, 29 June 2013
Installation Dinner
Dusit Thani Hotel



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