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Songkran Grachangnetara The political issues facing Thailand

As part of the recent South Wind tradition based on misunderstandings in the past, when we have a speaker who shares opinions and positions that need to be carefully described, South Wind often searches the internet for content already published, often on the same topic area and hopefully not known to our readers. With this in mind, enjoy what follows from chiangraitimes.com/

All motorcades must openly declare with highly visible signs for what and for whom the motorcade is actually for. This way the guy dying from blunt force trauma wounds to the head in the ambulance will at least appreciate he's not being held up due to an urgent delivery of double cheeseburgers and large fries to the Speaker of the House's office or rushing to get the deputy prime minister's son to a very important late night meeting with a certain Mr Johnnie Walker.

Qualified foreigners should be eligible for high office. Why limit our choices to only Thai nationals? It's ridiculous. I'm Thai and I couldn't give a cat's whiskers who does the job as long as it's done well. If England can hire a Swede and subse-

quently an Italian as manager of their national football team and just recently a Canadian as governor of the Bank of England, why can't we hire the retiring Mayor Bloomberg of New York to run in Bangkok's governor election or the outgoing US Secretary of State Hillary as our minister of foreign affairs or the abandoned David Miliband as leader of the Democrat Party? This would be the very definition of putting the right person in the right job.

All MPs during parliamentary debates should be physically connected to two devices: a) a lie detector with real-time results appearing at the bottom of the TV screen so you know exactly when they're telling the truth; and b) an electric shock apparatus that is capable of administering a spritely 280-volt jolt when activated by any member of the live audience to the MP who's acting like a monotonous runt or caught taking an un-



earned siesta on the backbenches.

If the Thai government is allowed to sell cigarettes to the public under the Thai Tobacco Monopoly, then all Thai citizens who have developed lung cancer directly from the effects of smoking shall have their medical expenses paid by the Thai Tobacco Monopoly, namely

the Ministry of Finance.

Lastly, all stuffy bureaucrats should be made to study and follow the example of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs's public service counters at their headquarters on Chang Wattana . Rarely do I get the chance to laud Thai public servants but I have taken all my children there to apply for passports and on every occasion the service has been exemplary. The queues were efficiently managed, the service came with a smile and at the end I was charged a fee of 1,000 Baht, which I paid willingly and would be happy to pay double that!



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A picture is worth...



Visitor Andrew Crawford and his host Rtn Stuart



IPP Nick and Rtn Vinai sandwiching our delightful Cosmos Student



PDG Alex, Guest Prae and IPP Nick



Rtn Bill taking his chances...



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Naw Kyi 's Story

In June 2010, a 15-year-old girl named Naw Kyi came to BCMF with a large cyst on her neck and face. She had been living with the cyst for almost her entire life; her parents had first noticed a growth on the right side of her face when she was only two months old.



(noncancerous), but in some cases can become malignant. Their effects can range from mild symptoms to severe disability, and most require treatment, including surgery, to manage complications.¹

Thai to Burmese, and she did not face any difficulties or challenges while in hospital.

Before the treatment, Naw Kyi's tumor was much larger, causing her pain and interfering with her hearing. Now, the pain is gone and her hearing has improved, and she is glad that the tumor is much better than it was before. She is not due to go back to Chiang Mai for her final follow-up appointment until 2015.

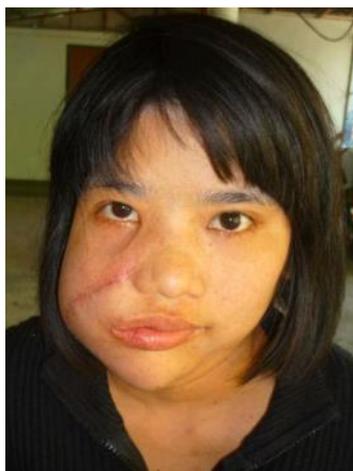
Since then, it continued to grow, but the family was unable to afford to get her treatment in Burma. At the age of 15, the cyst had become very large, to the point where it was becoming painful and beginning to impact hearing.

Naw Kyi went to Chiang Mai six times and underwent four separate surgeries to reduce the size of her neurofibromatosis; her final visit to Chiang Mai lasted two months, and she had two separate surgical procedures during this time.

Naw Kyi's family would have been unable to afford to pay for treatment in Burma, and Naw Kyi is happy and grateful that she had the opportunity to get treatment for her condition in Chiang Mai.

Beyond her physical discomfort, the cyst also took a toll on Naw Kyi's emotional wellbeing – she felt different from others, and shy and uncomfortable around her friends.

She required multiple surgeries due to the complexity of her tumor, which affected facial nerves and muscles. Doctors could not completely eliminate the growth without risking damage to her nerves and muscles, but were able to significantly reduce its size and alleviate Naw Kyi's symptoms.



She is not certain of what she wants to do when she grows up, but she knows that she wants to help her parents on their farm in Burma. To

With financial support from RC Bangkok South, BCMF was able to send Naw Kyi to Chiang Mai for an investigation and surgery.

Since 2010, Naw Kyi had been diagnosed with non-malignant neurofibromatosis – a genetic disorder that disturbs cell growth in the nervous system, causing tumors to form on nerve tissue.

the donors who helped to fund her treatment, Naw Kyi would like to say thank you and wish them very happy and healthy lives.

These tumors are usually benign

Naw Kyi said the doctors and nurses were very kind to her and did their best to explain her treatment; a BCMF staff member helped to translate for her from

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Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Jean-Marie Cattand Aug 2
PP Chatri Chiarapurk Aug 8



Attendance for 26 July 2013: 60%

Present 38, Make-up 7, Absent 30,
Exemption 26, Total 101

Visiting 26 July 2013

From Local Clubs

Werner Kubesch RC Bangkok
Joe Goh RC Silom

Invited Guests

Andrew Crawford
Gary White
Prinn Panitchapakdi
Sievert Larson
Rudy van de Hoeven

Introduced by

Stuart Baker
P Michael Schulz
IPP Nick Pisalyaput
Adrian Topham
Dean Outerson

Visitors

Prae Piromya

Introduced by

IPP Nick Pisalyaput

Recent Makeups

RC Bangkok, 25/07/13: Chris Thatcher, Doug Riach, PP John Quarmby

Make-up Credits

Coins, 19/07/13: Adrian Topham, Alastair Timblich, Dana Caron, Douglas Riach, Jim Fowler, Stuart Lucani,

Club Calendar

Friday, 9 August

Club Birthday

Friday, 16 August

Malcom Shaverin
Life of a Private Investigator

Friday, 23 August

Faisal Malik
My Experience as a Volunteer

Sunday, 25 August

Sparkling Brunch

Grand Millennium Sukhumvit

1,600++ BUT

Bring 4 only pay for 2

Noon to 15.00

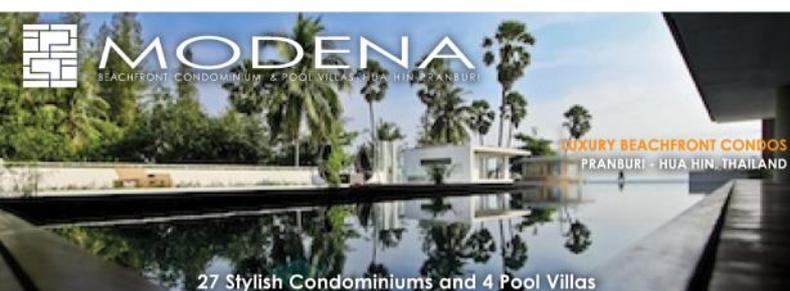
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Meeter and Greeter Wolfgang catching up with his old friend former Rtn Gary...



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