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Faisal Malik My Experience as a Volunteer

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Malcom Shaverin Life of a Private Investigator

When a famous author comes to talk at RCBS and brings along a great talk about his craft, who I am to mess with what he has created. With this in mind, enjoy these words by Malcom.

I came to Bangkok in 1977. Too late for the coup but I just in time for martial law and a curfew. I didn't intend to stay for 36 years. I certainly didn't intend to become a private detective. These things happen in Thailand though. It's that kind of place.

To say it has been interesting would be a huge understatement. A roller-coaster ride with failing brakes, but I wouldn't change it for the world. I like to see the last few decades as an essential and excellent apprenticeship for the aspiring novelist in me.

Where do authors come from? Writing has often been described as a form of madness. So perhaps it comes from an emotional trauma or a blow to the head in childhood. It's certainly a mental illness but I believe it is a gentle kind of madness and comes in the form of a compulsion.

Writers are notoriously prone to extreme vanity, alcoholism, self-indulgent bouts of depression, drug use, an addiction to eccentric clothing, lack of social skills, womanizing, divorce, and extreme financial irresponsibility. Unfortunately - there are also some negative things.

You don't wake up one morning and say 'I think I will become an author today.' It's more of a gradual progression towards the desk and the typewriter. There are words and sentences and stories flying around in your head and if you don't write them down you know you will never find peace.

Eventually you surrender to the realization you don't have a choice and begin writing. This is fueled by the vanity that there are people out there who will be interested in what you have to say. In most cases this is not true. I have been lucky in this regard, but I had an advantage.

I am very fortunate that people find detectives interesting. An astonishing five out of the UK's top ten bestsellers last year were whodunits. Writing



a story about a private detective is a definite advantage. Having limited choice as to my subject matter, because I strongly believe a writer should write about what he knows, I created a fictional Bangkok private detective. It was the obvious choice because that's what I am.



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A picture is worth...



Rtn Volker and Rtn Chris talking about Service Project concerns.



A South Wind Reader!



P Michael spending a few minutes with Visiting Rotarian Dr Hernann and his wife



Meeter/Greeter Jim greeting Rtn Colin



The True Taste of Real Coffee





The Luang Sit Sayamkarn Scholarship Fund

Luang Sit Sayamkarn was the name of a knighthood bestowed on Thian Hock Hoontrakul, Governor of (then) Rotary District 330, Thailand, in 1959-60. He served in many ministerial positions in various governments and helped found the Rotary Club of Bangkok South in 1961. He passed away in 1963.

In 1964, during the Presidency of the late PP Wudhi Mekdhanasarn, our members voted to set up a permanent scholarship fund in Luang Sit's name to assist needy children obtain tertiary education. Thus, the Luang Sit Sayamkarn Scholarship Fund was established in Luang Sit's memory, and the Luang Sit Scholarship Fund Committee was set up by PP Wudhi.

Thanks to donations by members, family and friends, the Fund has accumulated over the years and

now exceeds 2.25M Baht. Members make donations on their birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions. The Fund is held on term deposit under the custodianship of The Rotary Club of Bangkok South and the interest generated provides a limited number of scholarships.

In 1985, the Luang Sit Fellowship Programme was established. Under this initiative, members, wives, relatives and friends can become a Luang Sit Fellow by donating 6,000 Baht per year for at least four consecutive years.

The money is deposited in a separate Luang Sit Fellowship bank account, until it is paid out to the students. Luang Sit Fellows receive a commemorative pin to recognize their support.

Every year an amount corresponding to the number of students sponsored is forwarded to the Foundation for the Welfare of Needy Schoolchildren under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen, which administers the scholarships.

The number of students sponsored each year equals the total number of Fellowships plus the number of scholarships funded by interest



earned on the Scholarship Fund. Each year 90-100 Luang Sit Fellows support up to 120 students.

The new 'scholarship year' is here... so please contribute to this important Bangkok South project.

The 6,000 Baht you donate does make a huge difference for these students.



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Khun Khob's Club Almanac # 2498 – 23 August 2013

Happy Birthdays

Renato Porzio August 26
Michael Ellis August 28

Attendance for 16 August 2013: 52%
Present 36, Make-up 6, Absent 33,
Exemption 26, Total 101

Visiting 16 August 2013

From Local Club
RC Chiangmai West Colin Jarvis

From Abroad

Dr Hernann Norbat RC Meissen, Germany

Invited Guests

Bernard Colin	Introduced by Marcel Dubbelman
Dave Stainboulis	Mark Shaw
Gopinadh	Rakesh Sodhia
John Griffiths	Stuart Lucani
Joop van Delden	Narain Suradejvibul
Mel Heteren	Narain Suradejvibul
Nabil Ahmed Shah	Mark Shaw
Natalie Shaverien	P Michael Schultz
Rudy van de Hoeven	PDG Alex Mavro
Sievert Larson	Adrian Topham
Vijay Kishnani	Doug Riach

Recent Makeups

E-Club of 3310, 13/08/13: Peter Williams
RC Bangkok, 15/08/13: Dean Outerson, PP Narinder Sachdev

Make-up Credits

Service Projects, 12/08/13: Adrian Topham, Arie Bloed, Chris Thatcher, Doug Riach, Mark Shaw, IPP Nick Pisalyaput, Stuart Lucani, Tim Cornwall, Volker Betsch

Program, 13/08/13: Colin Hastings, Dana Caron, PP Mark Butters, PE Michael Doyle, P Michael Schulz, IPP Nick Pisalyaput, Paul Russell, Prasert Mangkornkarn, Rakesh Sodhia, Renato Porzio, Stuart Lucani, PP Wanit Mekdhanasarn

Membership, 14/08/13: PE Michael Doyle, P. Michael Schulz, PP Ole Madsen, PDG Praphan Hutasingh, Rod Vergara, Stuart Lucani, PP Vichai Tantrativud

Duck Rack, 16/08/13: Dana Caron, Doug Riach, Henny Beeber, Krin Charnmaytesakul, PE Mike Doyle, IPP Nick Pisalyaput, PP Nigel Hardy



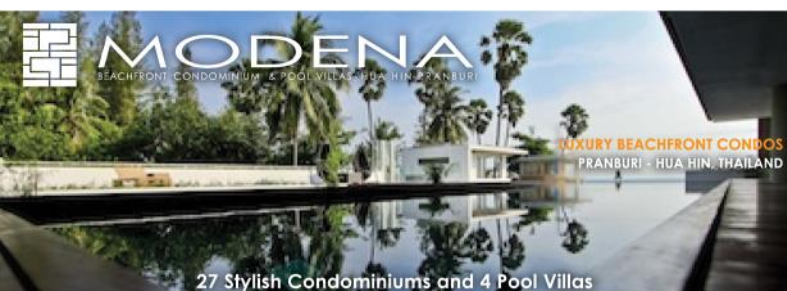
Club Calendar

Sunday, 25 August
Sparkling Brunch
Grand Millennium Sukhumvit
1,600++ BUT
Bring 4 only pay for 2
Noon to 15.00

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



Rtn Ken, Rtn Frank and PP Narinder



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