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Friday
12.15 pm.

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No 2516

17 January 2014

The Rise and Fall of the Thai Marijuana Industry Peter Maguire

Our speaker today, Dr Peter Maguire started his engaging talk by telling us a story that brought tears to many in the room.

US Coast Guard Cutter Boutwell first spotted M/V Encounter Bay on 10 June 1988, 500 miles east of Cape Flattery Washington. When the Coast Guard radioed the 187-foot, oil-rig supply vessel and ordered it to prepare to be boarded, the Encounter Bay tried to run.

However, it was no match, as the larger, more powerful Coast Guard ship easily closed the distance and warned the Encounter Bay that if it did not stop, they would commence disabling fire.

When Samuel Colflesh, the Encounter Bay's captain, responded for the first time on the radio, he said he was under a Panamanian flag, in international waters and had no intention of stopping.

Colflesh, a former US Special Forces operator and the owner of Patpong's Superstar Bar, had

nerves of steel; he was not dissuaded by the 50 caliber rounds that began to tear through his ship's steel hull. When one of his panicked crew sought refuge on the bridge, Colflesh kicked him in the chest and ordered him to return to his station.

After a blown engine ended the chase, the Coast Guard boarded the Encounter Bay and opened the shipping containers on deck; they found 8,152 identical boxes. Inside each were eight, one-kilogram, heat-sealed bags of Southeast Asian marijuana. In the end, they recovered 144,000 pounds, wholesale value was USD 200 million, street value an even more impressive USD 400 million.

The Encounter Bay was one of eight mother ships captured by the



US Coast Guard in 1988. Not only did this mark the beginning of the end for the SEA marijuana trade, it was one of the few unequivocal victories for law enforcement in the war on drugs.

Moving on to how a cottage industry in Thailand had grown

into such a massive black market enterprise, Peter talked about the economics of supply and demand in a globalized world.

Bringing in a bit more history, his specialty, he brought all the strings together to explain how "Thai Stick" had gained its awesome reputation and at the same time how this had become its downfall.

Followed by a long question and answer session, it was clear the story had touched many of us in different ways.



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Flashback...



Rtn Poul, PP Nitti, Rtn Heinz and Former Rtn Patrick



CP Geoff and Rtn Heinz handing over some cash for our serving staff



Guest Lars and his lucky Cosmos winnings



This year, we gave 12,540 Baht to the staff who help to make our weekly lunches enjoyable.



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Rotary Club of Bangkok South

25th Anniversary Charity Golf Tournament

Thursday, 20th February 2014, Thana City Golf and Sports Club

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Join Us Again

Every year we attract over 140 players, this year 158 players joined us, for our annual Charity Golf Tournament. This event has become the golf highlight of the year for fellowship, fun, good food and drinks, and great golf.

Next's year's tournament will be held at Thana City Golf and Sports Club. We will meet at 10-11.30 a.m. for registration and a noodle breakfast at the club's restaurant.

There is a shotgun T-off at 12:30 p.m. and the format is scramble with teams of 5 players. There are awards for the overall results, longest drive, nearest to the pin and few other ways to test your skills.

Snacks, and refreshments from roaming beer carts, will as usual be provided on the course. In the evening a buffet dinner is served at the club house. During dinner we distribute the various tournament awards; draw prizes and give away a few gifts. It is a great event for a good cause and should not be missed. Please join us.

About Us

Rotary is an international organization of business and professional people who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standard in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The Rotary Club of Bangkok South is the largest and most active Rotary Club in Thailand with over 100 members, including Thai nationals and resident expatriates from 20+ countries. Members give their time freely - and free - in support of the Club's wide ranging charitable activities. Each year up to forty different charity projects are supported, some examples include:

- Provision of clean drinking water systems for rural schools, so far over 500 installed.
- Helping the severely disabled and the children of mothers in prison.
- Providing a day at the seaside for 200 handicapped children from Pakred Orphans Home.
- Library kits of Thai language Books for rural schools.
- Library kits of English language books for rural schools.
- Scholarships for needy students.
- Vocational training for women.
- Low income communities, sustainable projects.

Please see more details about our charity projects at www.rotarybangkoksouth.org



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Khun Khob's Club Almanac # 2516 – 17 January 2014

Happy Birthdays

Douglas Riach January 21
Leo Alexandersen January 22

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

PP Vichai Tantrativud January 18
PP Krit Wongsangarunsri January 19
Morgan Perkins January 19
Carol Kuhn January 20
PP Narinder Sachdev January 20

Attendance for 10 January 2014: 60%

Present 45, Make-up 3, Absent 32,
Exemption 27, Total 107

Visiting on 10 January 2014

From Abroad

Dan Christensen RC Nibe, Denmark
John Chirgwin RC Martha's Vineyard, USA
Mark Wolf RC Woodburn, OR, USA
Wendell Christoff RC Lowell Michigan, USA

Invited Guests Introduced by

Francois Linderman PP Don Lavoie
James Bradley Tom Banker
Jamie Cumiskey Morgan Perkins
John Griffith Stuart Lucani
Lars Hansen P Michael Schulz
Patrick Gauvain PP Niti Meyer
Vaughan Pope Jim Fowler

Recent Makeups

RC Nicosia-Ledra, 3/01/14: Sievert Larsson
RC Jonesboro, Arkansas, 7/01/14: PE Mike Doyle
RC Feldkirch, Austria, 7/01/14: Elmar Lins
RCC Bangkok, 9/01/14: PDG Alex Mavro, CP Geoff Carter, PP Mark Butters



Club Calendar

Friday, 24 January 2014 — Luncheon
Nicolas Harris
Hypnosis, Happiness and the Workplace

Friday, 31 January 2014 — Luncheon
Cook-off and farewell at Witch's Tavern

Special Dates to Remember

Sunday, 26 January 2014

Sunday Brunch

Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Hotel

Thursday, 6 February 2014

Kids Day In

Welcome upcountry kids to Bangkok

Friday, 7 February 2014

Delegation to RC Hua Hin and a weekend of fellowship

Thursday, 13 February 2014

Paul Harris Dinner

Hyatt Erawan Hotel

Thursday, 20 February 2014

25th Annual Golf Tournament

Thana City Golf Course

Thursday, 20 March 2014

Kids Day Out

Saturday, 28 June 2014

Installation Ball

Dusit Thani Hotel

For Bangkok South Events

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