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Andrew Durieux ASEAN 2015 – is it all its made out to be

No 2528

25 April 2014

Classification Interviews Rtn Finbarr O'Connor by PP Mark Butters

Today's meeting saw PP Mark interview Rtn Finbarr, one of our newer members.

In a complete reversal to normal club protocol, PP Mark's first question went straight to Classification - turns out it is 'Tire Manufacturing and Distribution', which later became an integral part of Finbarr's story.

With an Irish name, it was no surprise to learn Finbarr's father was Irish but that he is, in fact, Australian and more unusually, not one known to partake in alcoholic beverages, although he freely admits he likes the spirit (no pun intended!) found in bars. Also as a member of Chaîne de Rotisserie, I have heard that many enjoy sitting next to Finbarr, not just for his good company, but double hits on all the drinks.

The youngest of five sons, Finbarr, while at first seemingly painting an amusing childhood anecdote about being locked in the bathroom all day, quickly mentioned that at the age of nine, he had had enough and went to live with his mother. His parents had divorced a few years earlier, who

promptly sent him off to Catholic boarding school where he graduated "untouched".

Finbarr then spent eight years in Perth, Australia selling new and used cars before going to Ford to sell to dealers. He then embarked on the steps needed to advance his career – BA followed by an MBA – followed by time overseas. His assignment was in Hiroshima with Ford as they had a major stake in Mazda and finally, with the luck of the Irish with him, he was sent to Bangkok.

However, he was uprooted suddenly when Ford moved to China and was "shanghaied", an experience he did not enjoy for even one day. Threatened with being sent back to the Australia, he, like so many of our members in a similar situation of being threatened with a posting at "home", said, "no, I don't think so," found a headhunter and then a great position with Goodyear.



Married twice with two grown daughters from the first union and two young boys with the second, Finbarr is now single and enjoying Bangkok. An avid photographer and Canon aficionado, he still has not been invited to a committee.

A great classification interview, PP Mark's questions allowed Rtn Finbarr's sense of humor and his passions to reveal themselves while providing us with background information that will help all of us to get to know him better. So in short, a great Classification Interview.



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Flashback



Rtn Marcel, Past Rtn Bertrand and PP Don



Another great meeting, another great Cosmos for Charity collection and another shy student helping.



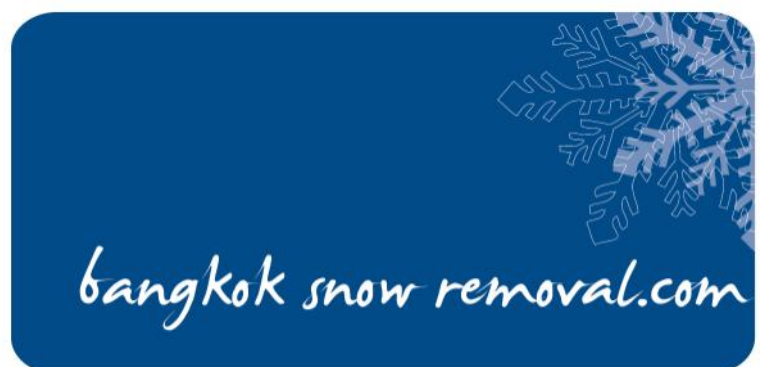
All smiles today?



PP Vichai won the draw.



The True Taste of Real Coffee





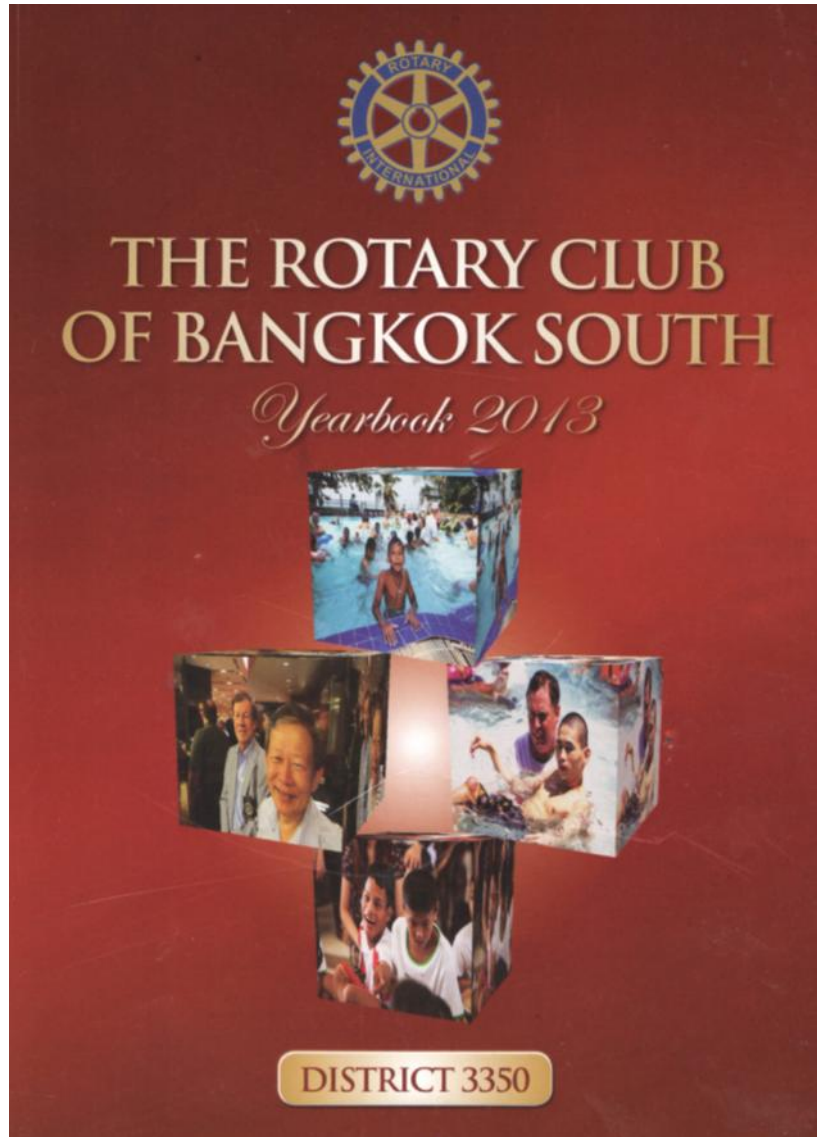
CLUB YEARBOOK 2014

It is that time of year again as we begin to think about one board leaving us and fading into the annals of BS history and another springing into action to lead us bravely into the future.

To help us celebrate this 52-year Bangkok South Rotary Club tradition, book your spot in history by adding your name, your company or your greetings to our.

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Khun Khob's Club Almanac # 2528 – 25 April 2014

Happy Birthdays

Morgan Perkins	April 25
Praphan Hutasingh	April 25
Tyrone Jenkins	April 27
Benjamin Ferguson	April 29



Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Leo Alexandersen	May 1
Poul Weber	May 1

Attendance for 11 April 2014: 56%

Present 39, Make-up 7, Absent 36, Exemption 28, Total 110

Visiting for 11 April 2014

From Abroad	
IPP Per Dibber	RC Barbados, Barbados
Hans Mannheim	RC Minerva Amsterdam

Invited Guests

Benjamin Ranck
Bertrand Vidal

Introduced by

Chip Bowness
Marcel Dubbelman

Recent Makeups

Club Calendar

Special Dates to Remember

Saturday, 28 June 2014

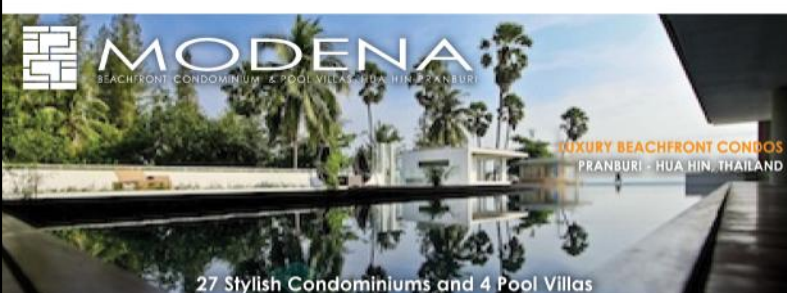
Installation Ball
Dusit Thani Hotel

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