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12.15 pm.

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### Pacharee "Nui" Pantoomano

#### Your Branding Story

Ladies Day

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No 2533

30 May 2014

### Andrew Durieux

#### ASEAN 2015 – is it all it's made out to be?

**O**n 23 May RCBS invited Andrew Durieux to assess ASEAN economic integration.

Durieux reviewed ASEAN history, briefly – how it began in 1967, here in Bangkok, as an alliance against communism. Today, the ASEAN Economic Community is defined within a treaty signed by representatives of ASEAN member countries in 2007. The plan envisions (a) a single market and production base, (b) a highly competitive economic region, (c) a region of equitable economic development, and (d) a region fully integrated into the global economy.

ASEAN Nations began with Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Later, Brunei, Viet Nam, Lao, Cambodia and Myanmar joined in, making up today's ten Member States of ASEAN.

Andrew Durieux has played an active role among the foreign chambers of commerce lobbying

the Thai government to actually implement the plan-with deadlines for implementation now upon us (or past!).

The good news, as reported by Durieux, is that tariff barriers to free trade among the member nations are largely gone. In this respect, at least, the vision is largely achieved.

The bad news is that, Thailand is way behind in liberalizing its laws regarding investment capital, ownership of land and businesses, free movement of professionals (doctors, nurses, scientists, architects, accountants & engineers) For example, foreign doctors are welcome, so long as they can pass exams in Thai language.

The concept of free flowing capital across borders and 100% ownership of property is – well – still a foreign concept in Thailand.



Modern agribusiness could be a huge benefit to Thailand and to the other ASEAN countries who buy its crops. But “protecting Thai farmers from outside competition” seems imprinted in the Thai DNA.

But our speaker also said Thailand is not alone in its implementation shortfalls. Many similar problems remain in most ASEAN countries (Singapore being a standout exception).

It is now clear the treaty's objective, “a new era for borderless competition” across industries, will not be achieved by 2015. Still, Durieux argued, the path charted is vital and material progress is being made.

**Article by Rtn Jim Fowler**



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# Flashback



PP Sean (Canadian), PP Don (American, but works for a Canadian company) and Rtn Dean, (Canadian, but grew up in Florida.) and now you know...



Debbie Singh from RC of Wanneroo, Australia and Rtn Dougie

Rtn Mark and Rtn Peter having a final moment with their money before handing it over to a watchful Rtn Rod and his helper.



P Michael gets the last laugh or will he, stay tuned to see what PE Michael will do.



The True Taste of Real Coffee





# Visit to Orphanage in Battambang, Cambodia



hanced with support from a third club from Canada. The two Canadian Rotarians were actually a reconnaissance team to explore the needs and to develop proposals for further support. Until recently the now defunct Rotary Club of Battambang also was involved in a supervisory capacity.



**F**rom 21-23 March three Rotarians from Bangkok South, one Rotarian from RC Minerva (Amsterdam) and two from RC South Surrey (Canada) paid a visit to an orphanage in Battambang, Cambodia, which has received donations from all three clubs to improve facilities and provide vocational classes.

The orphanage, run by the CPCDO (Cambodian Children and Poor Communities Development Organization), accommodated, at the time of the visit, 33 boys and girls from 3 to 18, but it has capacity for 50.

The Rotary support is a great example of cooperation between various clubs. What started two years ago as a partnership between Bangkok South and Minerva, was recently en-

riched with support from a third club from Canada. The two Canadian Rotarians were actually a reconnaissance team to explore the needs and to develop proposals for further support. Until recently the now defunct Rotary Club of Battambang also was involved in a supervisory capacity.

So far the orphanage has received Rotary help for improving the three buildings (in particular leaking roofs and improved bathroom facilities) as well as support for various vocational courses: a drawing and painting course, sewing lessons, computer lessons and a course on agricultural skills (rice and vegetable growing).

The painting lessons demonstrate that some of the kids are very talented artists. The sale of some resulted in some extra income for the orphanage.

Rotary support was also provided for new school uniforms, a number of bicycles, new furniture for the common area and new bedroom supplies (pillows, sheets, blankets, towels).

Support is needed, as the orphanage is having great difficulty in raising

funds to cover all costs. So far, it is mainly supported by a small Dutch foundation, the Float Foundation.

During the March visit we explored in particular further needs and this will be reflected in a multi-project proposal for further support. So far, over the past two years the Canadian RC provided 5,000 CDN, RC Minerva a total of around €5,000 (over two years) and Bangkok South approximately \$8,900 (over two years).

Participants in the March visit were: Hans Mannheim (RC Minerva), Brian O'Ruairc and Stuart Wilson (RC South Surrey) and Arie Bloed, Chip Bowness and Carol Kuhn (RCBS).

Brian, Stuart, Arie and Chip also visited Phnom Penh, where they consulted with the RC Phnom Penh Metro about cooperation.

**Article by Rtn Arie Bloed**



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## Khun Khob's Club Almanac # 2533 – 30 May 2014

### Happy Birthdays

PN Narain Suradejvibul	May 30
Dean Outerson	June 2
Marcel Dubbelman	June 3
Suhendra Kosim	June 5

### Attendance for 30 May 2014: 64%

Present 40, Make-up 13, Absent 30, Exemption 28, Total 111

### Visiting for 30 May 2014

From Abroad	
Debbie Singh	RC of Wanneroo, Australia

<b>Invited Guests</b>	<b>Introduced by</b>
David Shackleton	PP Sean Brady
Prae Piromya	PDG Alex Mavro

### Recent Makeups

RC E-Club One, 16 & 23/05/14: Tom Banker  
 RC Bangkok, 22/05/14: Chip Bowness, Doug Riach, Tim Cornwall  
 RC Nicosia, 22/05/14: Sievert Larson

### Makeup Credits

**Program, 20/05/14:** AG Andrew MacPherson, Colin Hastings, PP Don Lavoie, Jon Plate, PP Mark Butters, PP Narinder Sachdev, PP Nart Liucharoen, PP Niti Meyer, Paul Russell, Prasobsook Thawilvejjakul, Prasert Mangkornkarn, Rakesh Sodhia, PP Renato Porzio, Rick Smith, Stuart Lucani

**Incoming Fundraising, 22/05/14:** Chip Bowness, Dougie Riach, Tim Cornwall

**Accounting, 23/05/14:** John Casella, Nathan Christoff



## Club Calendar

**Friday, 6 June 2014 Luncheon**  
ML Natakorn Devakula

**Friday, 13 June 2014**  
Last day with P Michael as President  
Sports day at Roadhouse

**Friday, 20 June 2014**  
TBA

**Friday, 27 June 2014**  
**NO MEETING DUE TO THE  
INSTALLATION BALL**

## Dates to Remember

Sunday, 22 June 2014  
Sunday Brunch

**Saturday, 28 June 2014**  
**Installation Ball**  
Dusit Thani Hotel

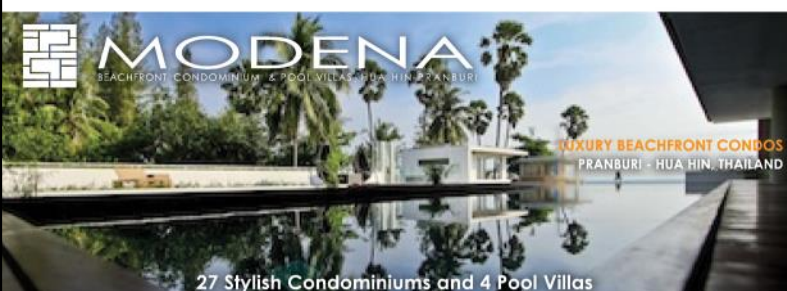
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