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Today's Topic :

CLASSIFICATION INTERVIEW
RTN SONGKRAN BY RTN COLIN HASTINGS

MEETINGS :
EVERY FRIDAY
AT NOON.

KHUN VORANAI VANIJAKA ON "CHALLENGES OF LAUNCHING A NEW MAGAZINE"

By Ron Livingston

RCBS welcomed back a regular speaker to the club. Known for his straight shooting review of Thailand's dynamic political scene, Khun Voranai introduced his presentation topic by announcing that he was now editor of Thailand's GQ magazine. "The World's Leading Lifestyle Magazine for Men" – Style – Fashion News – Grooming – Life – Sport – Entertainment – Sex – Interviews. For many a strange transition from his previous position as a writer with Bangkok Post, with his often direct and outspoken comments on Thailand's fascinating political scene. Khun Voranai admitted that he wasn't gay and he added, "By the way I am dressed you can see that I don't have an eye for fashion. So he questioned himself as to what he was getting himself into, as editor of GQ. Why did he change jobs? Why did he leave the Bangkok Post? Why did he stop writing a year ago? Was it that he had been writing the same things, about the same people and still nothing was changing on the political front?

Voranai admitted that possibly he was allowed to write about Thailand's politics and society, when no other Thais would talk so directly about certain sensitive issues, because he had an Australian editor, and that he was writing in English and not Thai and thereby not many Thais were reading his controversial comments. But now he is writing in Thai and pleasantly surprised about the positive feedback he was getting from his new Thai audience. So he is happy with his new job package and the job benefits, and getting to travel to observe Paris's fashion week. It has been life changing, Voranai

admits, and an opportunity to learn more about a world that he knew very little about – Art - Popular Culture – Fashion. One thing he has learned is that if you don't push the envelope, you don't know the limits, and you don't know what people are thinking and what the mindset of society is. We as Thai people have a culture of building up a wall around us and trained not to speak out or challenge the norms. There is an inherent fear of society rejecting you. But in his new role as editor of the GQ magazine he can provide a platform for young opinionated writers that continue to challenge some of Thailand's traditional society values.

Voranai recalled that three weeks before the coup he had written his least cautious and more reckless articles about the volatile political picture of the day, "something about Thaksin losing the battle". The next morning not long after the paper was on the streets, while having a massage, he received a call from his editor suggesting that they needed to talk, and then he got a call from someone, a call that you never want to receive. The timing of the call seems to coincide with his decision to accept the opportunities offered by GQ.

Voranai admitted that he has been called everything, good and bad; by people he has never known, for expressing his views in an open way. He says it is important to write something worth saying. Voranai's response to RCBS questions brought out the style that has made him popular with his followers...Yingluck is a nice looking lady...Prayuth will have an election when he knows he can win it....I am not aware that Yingluck is looking for asylum in the U.S.....A political settlement is on the horizon. I do miss writing about all this, he concludes.

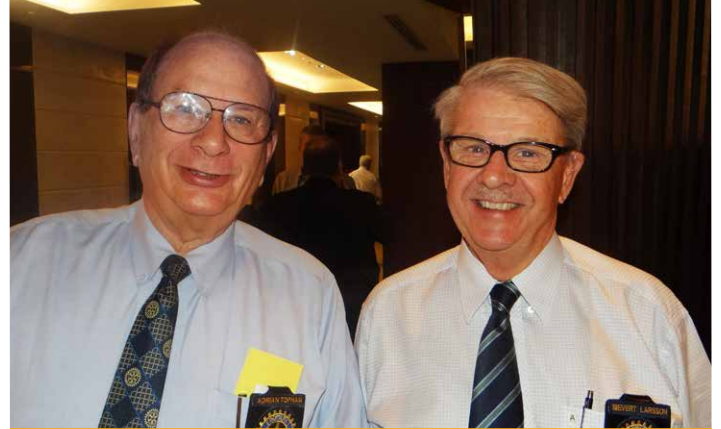




FLASH BACK DÉJÀ VU... IS IT YOU?



Rtn. Dr. Peter Minderjahn (CDWS Sponsor) from RC Monschau-Nordeifel, Germany and his cousin, Rtn. Wolfgang Minderjahn.



Rtn Adrian and Sievert sharing a joke



Rtn's Elmar and Rod enjoying fellowship



Prasert Mangkornkarn, Samrit Michelson (PP Mark's guest) and Rakesh Sodhia



CP Geoff Carter, Peter Upperton and Prasert Mangkornkarn discussing future RC strategy!



Rotarians Eid Jazairi, RC BKK; PP Rene Clausen, RC Bangkapi; P Margaret McMillion, RC Srapatum; and Rtn Charles Ooms RC Bangkapi



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ROTARIAN JOHN CHIRGWIN

John Chirgwin, who splits his time between Bangkok and the Island of Martha's Vineyard, has maintained an almost perfect attendance at RC of Bangkok South, as a visiting Rotarian, dating back to the days of our meetings at the Montien. He's been passing through Bangkok continually since 1961, with vivid memories of activity along the klongs, a "low rise" city, windsurfing at Jomtien, early Pattaya days and both day and night activities on Pat Pong.

He has sponsored two Water Fellowship, one personally and the other with his (former) MV Club,. He has two Paul Harris memberships, and recently enrolled to become a Luang Sit Fellow.

He expressed delight at becoming a member of the finest Rotary Club in the world!





"SOUTH MOUTH"

WATER IN THE CARBURETTOR


WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburettor."

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburettor? That's ridiculous"

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburettor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburettor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"

WIFE: "In the pool"





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Happy Birthdays:

Paul Russell February 23
P Michael Doyle February 26

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

None

Attendance for 13th February 2015 : 73%

Present 40, Make-up 19, Absent 22, Exemption 31, Total 112

Visiting for 13th February 2015

From Local

Alex Paufler RC of Bangkok
Charles Ooms RC of Bangkok
Eid Jazairi RC of Bangkok
Daniel T. RC of Bangkok
P Magaret McMillion RC of Srpathum
Paul van der Hijden RC of Bangkok
PP Rene Clausen RC of Bangkok
PP Yuphadee Keeree RC of Srpathum

From Abroad

Dieter Meuthen RC Monschau-Nordeifel, Germany
Marc Honinckx RC Brussels, Belgium
Peter Shaw RC Brisbane MidCity, Australia
Dr. Peter Minderjahn RC Monschau-Nordeifel, Germany
Toshimune Kanaya RC Hiroshima, Japan

Invited Guests:

Chole Heung
Dr. Ian Fenwick
Jeff Guo
John van Lare
Ola Holmgren

Introduced by:

Doug Riach
Dean Outerson
Doug Riach
Rudy van der Hoeven
AG Andrew MacPherson

Invited Guests:

Roy Howard
Samrit Machielsen
William Harnden

Introduced by:

Chip Bowness
PP Mark Butters
Doug Riach

Recent Makeups:

RC E-Club One, 6th February 2015 : Vince Shueh
RC E-Club One, 10th February 2015 : Chip Bowness

Makeups:

Delegation to RC Royal Hua Hin, 6th February 2015: PP Mark Butters, P Mike Doyle, PP Nigel Hardy
District Meeting, the plans for RY 2015-2016, 6th February 2015 : PDG Alex Mavro

Program, 10th February 2015 : AG Andrew MacPherson, Colin Hastings, Dana Caron, PP Don Lavoie, Jon Plate, PN Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Mark Butters, IPP Michael Schulz, PE Narain Suradejvibul, PP Narinder Sachdev, PP Philip Baechtold, Rakesh Sodhia, PP Renato Porzio, Rick Smith, PP Sean Brady, Stuart Lucani

PHF and Donors' Awards Dinner, 12th February 2015: Adolph Knees, Adrian Topham, Alastair Timblich, AG Andrew MacPherson, Chip Bowness, Dana Caron, David Shackleton, Dean Outerson, PP Don Lavoie, Douglas Riach, Finbarr O'Connor, Frank Timmons, CP Geoff Carter, John Casella, John Chirgwin, PP John Quarmby, Jon Plate, PP Krit Wongsangarunsri, Lars Hansen, Leo Alexandersen, Dr. M Chase Schneier, PP Mark Butters, Mark Wolf, P Mike Doyle, Mike Ellis, IPP Michael Schulz, PE Narain Suradejvibul, PP Nart Liuchareon, PP Nigel Hardy, PP Ole Madsen, Patrick Gauvain, Poul Weber, Prasert Mangkornkarn, Rod Vegara, Ron Livingston, Rudy van der Hoeven, PP Sean Brady, Songkran Grachangnetara, Stuart Lucani, Tim Cornwall, PP Vichai Tantrativud, Volker Betsch, Wolfgang Minderjahn, Yod Tiantianunanot

CLUB CALENDAR

Thursday, 26th February – At Thana City 26th Annual Golf Day

Friday, 27th February 2015 – Rolf Van Bueren – “Chamber of curiosities “

Thursday, 5th March 2015 – Kids Day In : Contact Rtn. Mark Shaw for more info

Friday, 6th March 2015 – Dr Ian Fenwick – “The second half of the Chessboard”

Friday, 13th March 2015 – PP Nart Liuchareon – “If you get lost”

Sunday, 15th March 2015 – Fellowship Party at Adrian's

Friday, 20th March 2015 – Gregers Moeller “Opening a Nudist Resort”

Friday, 27th March 2015 – Dr Suvarn Valaisathien “Inheritance Tax”

Thursday, 2nd April 2015 – Kids Out

Friday, 3rd April 2015 – Classification Interviews – PP Narinder Sachdev and PE Narain Suradejvibul “Do Each Other”

Friday, 10th April 2015 – Jay Jhingran “The Hangover Part 2 – Inside Story”

Friday, 17th April – Classification Interviews (TBC)

For more information about Bangkok South events contact: rotarybangkoksouth.org/calendar-of-events

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