

SOUTH WIND

Charter Granted 7 August 1961

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No. 2582
10th July 2015

Today's Topic:

"DR BARRY MARSHALL – AN AUSSIE HERO; THE DISCOVERY OF CAUSE OF STOMACH ULCERS."

Dr Mike Moreton

MEETINGS :
EVERY FRIDAY
AT NOON.

PRESIDENT'S DAY WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

By Rtn Roy Howard

The luncheon commenced with a dire warning from the new 'no-nonsense' Sergeant at Arms, Songkran Grachangnetara, who warned members of impending changes to the Club Constitution. He then went on to welcome a visiting Rotarian named Wain from Brisbane, to tumescent applause from the audience.

President Nairain gave thanks to Past President Michael Doyle and his hard-working Committees, and noted that it was a good year for new memberships, however, resignations late in the year pulled overall membership back to 105 Rotarians. He urged all members to endeavour to recruit suitable prospects, regardless of age or gender(!)

Signature projects for the coming year include the highly successful Coins on Silom and Charity Golf Tournaments, also the Kids-Day-Out and Kids-Day-In events. The Clean Drinking Water Systems continue to provide real benefits to up-country communities, and the RCBS will continue to develop this programme. 100 new collection boxes have been produced and all members were invited to take a box and find ways to keep it filled.



All members were asked to serve during the year on at least one working committee and to support the Paul Harris Fellowship. P. Narain also stated his intention to increase the Club's involvement in Rotary District affairs, and to initiate new social activities which would include family members. One event under consideration being a Charity Ball, which drew a favourable response from the audience.

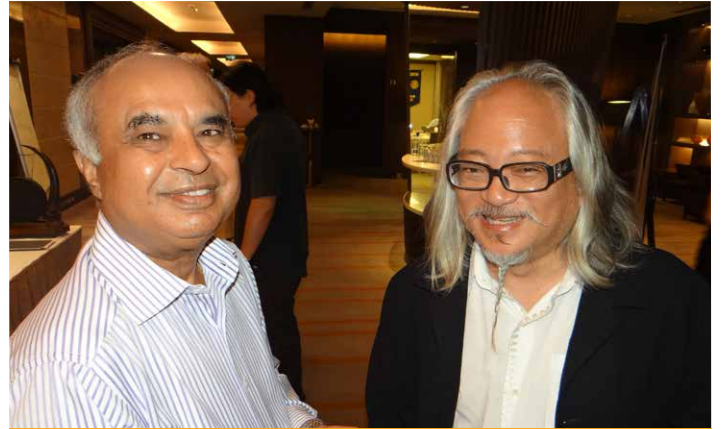
P. Narain thanked Communications Director, Ravi Sehgal, for his contribution in producing the 2015 Yearbook, the cost of which was supported by advertising revenue. He also endorsed the ongoing efforts to generate publicity in the Bangkok media and to make the general public more aware of the Club's existence and good works in the community.



In conclusion, President Narain stated that it was his ambition in his new elevated role, to do less work, to be achieved by bringing in young men or whatever...we eagerly await his definition of whatever!



Visiting Rtn. from RC Bangkok, P. Joe Goh, his Ann Jiraporn greeted by PP Mark Butters



PP Wanit & Rtn. Lalit



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Rtn Ian Morris and visiting Rtn., PDG Gary Brown from RC of Sydney

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A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE PP. KOICHIRO ISHIHIRA

By Rtn Dean Outerson



Past President Koichiro Ishihira, “PP Ishi” to most of us, passed away on June 13th at the age of 88. He was a dedicated Rotarian, a retired successful business leader, a husband, a father, and a grandfather.

PP Ishi was born on March 14th 1927 in Tokyo, Japan. He once told me some of his difficult experiences as a teenager during the war, and he even shared these experiences with the rest of the Club as part of the program at a weekly luncheon many years ago.

His early adulthood was spent traveling around the United States and Canada as a salesman for a Japanese company. Returning to Tokyo in the 1960’s, he started working for Hakuholdo, one of the biggest advertising and PR firms in Japan. Eventually, he moved to Bangkok where he served as Founder and President of Hakuholdo Thailand from 1972-1992. He also helped establish Hakuholdo offices throughout the region.

He joined our Club in 1976, and became our 43rd President in 1999-2000. Having stepped in when President Steinar Paulsen was transferred out of Thailand partway through the year, PP Ishi helped navigate the Club through two difficult crises: the move from the Montien Hotel to the Pan Pacific Hotel; and the battle with District over a levy on each member for the new Rotary Centre.

During his time as President, our weekly raffle, what is now Cosmos for Charity, was held for the first time, and twenty (!) new members joined the Club, including current members IPP Mike Doyle, Thanakorn Telan, Lalit Kumar, and Vinai Phuttinin. PP Ishi also helped establish the first Japanese-speaking Rotary Club in Thailand, the Rotary Club of Surawong.

PP Ishi was an active member of the Japanese community in Thailand, having served as President of the Japan Association. He also received a prestigious award from the Emperor of Japan, for his contributions to Thailand – Japan relations. He served on the Board of Governors of Thai Country Club, taught judo for many years to young people, and he was the author of “Coffee Break”, a monthly column on language and culture that ran in a local Japanese publication from 1996-2014.

When I joined the Club in 2007, I met PP Ishi for the first time and we became fast friends. Having lived in Japan for many years, I enjoyed our conversations about my time there. And he would often call me to ask if I had time to meet him for coffee or lunch, to discuss his next Coffee Break column, or some English idiom or cultural issue that had piqued his curiosity. Many times, I’ve had to do quite a bit of research to help answer his difficult questions.

I know that I’ll miss those conversations and I’m sure that he will be missed by members of our Club, by many other Rotarians in the area, and by all who knew him.




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10 July 2015

Happy Birthdays:

Adolph Knees July 14

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Colin Hastings July 10

Jon Plate July 10

PE Krin Charnmaytesakul July 11

Attendance for 3rd July 2015 : 64%

Present 37, Make-up 10, Absent 27, Exemption 30, Total 104

Visiting for 3rd July 2015

From Local

P. Joe Goh RC of Bangkapi

From Abroad

PDG Gary Brown RC of Sydney, Australia

Invited Guests:

Henri Young

Ann Jiraporn Goh

Jompon Quartermann

Taishiro Miyayauchi

Introduced by:

Doug Riach

P. Joe Goh

P Narain Suradejvibul

PE Krin Charnmaytesakul

Recent Makeups:

Makeups:

BCC Interact Installation, 17th July 2015 : Yod Tantianunanont

Admin Committee Meeting, 23rd July 2015 : Alastair Timblick, Dana Caron, PP Don Lavoie, PN Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Mark Butters, Stuart Lucani

RC Bangkapi Installation Dinner, 30th July 2015 : PDG Alex Mavro, Chip Bowness, Doug Riach, CP Geoffrey Carter, Ian Morris, Joop van Delden, PP Mark Butters, Michael Bain, PE Narain Suradejvibul, Rudy van der Hoeven, Tim Cornwall, PDG Xanxai Visitkul

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 17th July 2015 – Peace Fellows from the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University – the individuals named are the actual Peace Fellows who will be talking to us.

“Dimitria Clayton, from USA living in Germany; Florington Aseervatham from Sri Lanka living in South Sudan; Templer Olaiya from Nigeria; Thirsa de Vries from The Netherlands”

Friday, 24th July 2015 – Dr Srilaksana Khoman “Tackling Corruption” LADIES DAY

Friday, 31st July 2015 – Fellowship

Friday, 7th August 2015 – Club Birthday “National Drinks Day”

Friday, 14th August 2015 – PDG Alex Mavro “Women in Rotary”

Friday, 21st August 2015 – Jake Needham “When you are a Novelist in Bangkok”

Friday 28th August 2015 – Brian Sinclair-Thompson “Problems of Aircraft Certification in the Airline Industry in Thailand”

Friday, 4th September 2015 – “TBC”

Friday, 11th September 2015 – “TBC”

Friday, 18th September 2015 – “TBC”

Friday, 25th September 2015 – Rtn Ola Holmgren “Adventures at Sea”

Friday, 30th October 2015 – No Meeting: COINS on SILOM – Please mark your Diaries

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