



Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2588

28 August 2015

Happy Birthdays:

Michael Ellis August 28

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Chamnarn Viravan August 31

Attendance for 21st August 2015

Present 33, Make-up 15, Absent 26, Exemption 29, Total 103

Visiting for 21st August 2015

From Local

Eva Maria Kerdphol RC of Bangkok
PDG Gen. Saiyud Kerdphol RC of Bangkok

From Abroad

Terrance Annamunthodo RC of Kowloon Golden Mile,
Hong Kong

Invited Guests:

Rich Cohen
Rick Logan
Van Tang

Introduced by:

Arie Bloed
PP Sean Brady
Tim Cornwall

Recent Makeups:

RC of Feldkirch, Austria, 18th August 2015: Elmar Lins
RC of Bangkok, 18th August 2015: Rudy van der Hoeven
RC of Bangkok, 20th August 2015: PP Sean Brady

Makeups:

Water Sub-committee, 13th August 2015: PP John Quarmby,
Marco Casanova, IPP Mike Doyle

Board, 17th August 2015: Dana Caron, Dean Outerson,
Finbarr O'Connor, John Casella, Joop Van Delden, PE Krin
Charnmaytesakul, IPP Michael Doyle, P Narain Suradejvibul,
Ravi Sehgal, Tim Cornwall, Vitool Tiantianunanont

Inter-Club Delegation to RC Dhonburi, 19th August 2015:

HAC Andrew MacPherson, Arie Bloed, Douglas Riach,
PP Mark Butters, P Narain Suradejvibul, Rudy Van Der Hoeven,
Tim Cornwall

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 4th September 2015 – Rtn Rick Smith
"Developments in Medical research"

Friday, 11th September 2015 – Andrew Langston "Life as a
Footman at Buckingham Palace"

Monday 14th September 2015: RC Bangkok 85th Anniversary
Gala Dinner, Grand Hyatt Erawan from 6.00 pm –
– details to be confirmed

Friday, 18th September 2015 – Veena Sethi "Yoga as a Life
Style & Healthy Diet"

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

Friday, 2nd October 2015 - Oktoberfest at a venue to be
confirmed

Friday, 9th October 2015 – "TBC"

Friday, 16th October 2015 – DG Chaivai Poonlapmongkol
"DG's Address"

Friday, 23rd October 2015 – "NO MEETING – Public Holiday,
Chulalongkorn Day"

Thursday 29th October – Inter-club Delegations to RC
Bangkok, Grand Hyatt Erawan at 12.15 pm

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

Friday, 6th November 2015 – Tag Murphy – "Japan and the
Shackles of the Past"

Friday, 13th November 2015 – PP Sirichai "The New RI Global
Grants System"

Friday, 20th November 2015 – Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak
"Comparative Democratization in Southeast Asia"

Friday, 27th November 2015 – "TBC"

Friday, 4th December 2015 – Korn Chatikavanij, topic TBC –
Delegations of other Bangkok Rotary Clubs to RCBS.

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• Fundraising Director : Tim Cornwall • Rotary Foundation Director : Yod Tantianunanon • Service Projects Director : Dean Outerson • Sergeant at Arms : Songkran Grachangnetara

No. 2588
28th August 2015

Today's Topic:

"PROBLEMS OF AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION IN THAILAND"

Brian Sinclair-Thompson

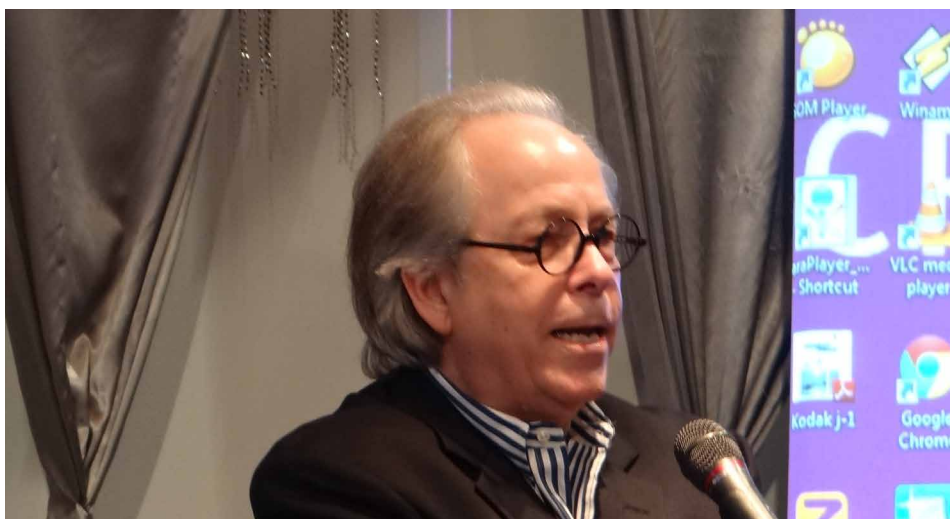
MEETINGS :
EVERY FRIDAY
AT NOON

JAKE NEEDHAM WHEN YOU ARE A NOVELIST IN BANGKOK

By RTN Roy Howard

Last week's presentation by novelist Jake Needham focused on the attitudes and misconceptions of the media in the USA, and of many Americans and others regarding life in Bangkok and Thailand. Quoting from a number of well-known writers, Jake regaled Rotarians and their guests with several examples of sensationalist writing, including authors Michael Connelly, Stephen Hunter and John Sandford. He also mentioned lead actors in TV series like House of Cards and Inspector Morse and Jack Nicholson, who refer to Bangkok as the place to go for sex and sin.

Originally from Houston, Texas, Jake Needham is one of the best-selling English-language authors in Asia. A frequent speaker at schools and universities throughout Asia, he has written eight crime novels, plus a number of screenplays for television and the cinema. A graduate of Rice University with a Bachelor degree in History and Economics, he also holds a Master's degree in Law from Georgetown University. His Thai wife is a graduate of Oxford University and they and their two sons reside in Thailand and the USA. Reading extracts from his novels



The Big Mango and The Laundry Man, he went on to delight the audience when describing a phone call from the late James Gandolfini, the lead actor in The Sopranos, who expressed keen interest in developing The Big Mango novel into a major film production. When the deal eventually fell through, Jake received an ominous phone call from Gandolfini, which was reminiscent of a scene straight from The Sopranos!

Returning to the question of Bangkok's

reputation, Jake Needham referred to the general lack of awareness of many Americans regarding life beyond their shores. This was not helped by the experiences of many US soldiers during the Vietnam War, who only witnessed the seedier side of life in Bangkok, and has certainly been exacerbated by irresponsible and inaccurate reporting by the media. The problem is not exclusive to the USA, however, as many people in other parts of the world also dwell on Thailand's sex industry rather than the many tourist attractions which exist here.

Turning to the other side of the coin, Jake Needham talked about Thai attitudes to the expatriate community in Thailand, which though generally favourable does have its

detractors. He quoted one correspondent who wrote that "all foreigners should leave Thailand and leave it to be enjoyed by the Thais". On checking the postmark it was revealed that the writer now resides in New York!

A question and answer session followed the presentation, mainly involving Rotarians originally from the USA. This was followed by the presentation of a certificate of appreciation by P. Narain.



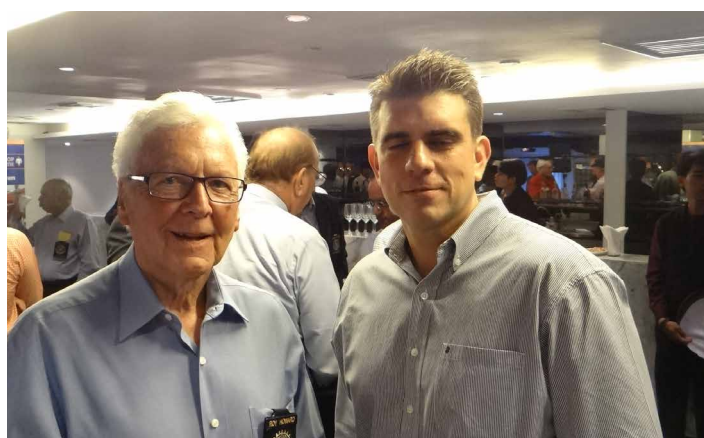
Rtn Adrian with Visiting Rtns. from RC of Bangkok, PDG Gen. Saiyud and his wife, Eva Maria



IPP Mike, Rtn Finbarr and SAA Songkran



Rtn Arie with his guest Rich Cohen



Rtn Roy with a sleepy IPP Mike



Jake Needham receiving a certificate of appreciation from P Narain



Rtn Rudy wins the Cosmos whisky (again!)

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INTER-CLUB DELEGATION TO RC DHONBURI

On Wednesday 19 August, 2015, President Narain led a delegation of seven Rotary Club Bangkok South (RCBS) Members to the first Inter-Club Delegation visit of the 2015/2016 Rotary Year to Rotary Club Dhonburi, the second club to be chartered in Thailand and home club of Past RI President Pichai Rattakun, at their regular club meeting at the Narai Hotel. RCBS were joined by delegations from other Rotary Clubs based in Bangkok, including RC Bangkok, RC Bangkokpi and RC Srapathum.



We received a warm welcome from President Sutthiphong Pheunphiphop and the members of RC Dhonburi and the meeting presented an excellent opportunity for fellowship, exchanges of ideas and promotion of the key projects and events of the Clubs in attendance, including our own Coins on Silom (30 October 2015), RC Bangkok's 85th Birthday Dinner at Grand Hyatt Erawan on 14 September 2015 and RC Bangkokpi's Kids Day Out in 2016.

A program of club delegations was first initiated in the 2007/2008 Rotary Year under President Graham Brain, with the intention of promoting more interaction between RCBS and other Rotary Clubs in the Bangkok area, and proved to be well received by the Clubs that we visited who decided to participate, creating the "Inter-Club delegations". After a brief lull in Inter-Club delegations, the current RCBS Board under the leadership of President Narain resolved to reactivate these visits, inviting six Bangkok Clubs to participate in the current Rotary Year, plus our daughter club RC Royal Hua Hin,

which hosts an annual Inter-Club Fellowship Dinner in either late January/early February each year.

The confirmed dates for the remaining Inter-Club delegations for the year are:

- RC Bangkok on Thursday 29th October, 2015, Grand Hyatt Erawan at 12.15 pm.
- RC Bangkok South on Friday 4th December 2015, Crowne Plaza Bangkok Lumpini Park at 12.15 pm with our guest speaker that day, Khun Korn Chotikavanij.
- RC Royal Hua Hin on Friday 12th February 2016, Amari Hotel Hua Hin at 6 pm (their annual Multi Clubs Fellowship Dinner adjacent to the beach), with plans for additional Fellowship events on Saturday 13th February 2015 and opportunity to participate in RC Bangkokpi's kids out program in Cha-Am on Sunday 14 February 2015.
- RC Pathumwan on Tuesday 15th March 2016, Montien Hotel at 12.15 pm – home of our current DG Chaivai Poonlapmongkol.
- RC Srapathum on Wednesday 20th April 2016, Novotel Siam Square at 12.15 pm.
- RC Bangkokpi on Tuesday 24th May 2015, Grand Hyatt Erawan at 12.15 pm.

Members are encouraged to mark their diaries and to make an effort to join the future inter-club delegations during the 2015/2016 Rotary Year.



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FRIDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 2015