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Today's Topic:

**"YOGA AS A LIFE STYLE
& HEALTHY DIET." LADIES DAY**

Veena Sethi

MEETINGS :
EVERY FRIDAY
AT NOON

ANDREW LANGSTON: LIFE AS A FOOTMAN AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

By RTN Frank Timmons

On Friday afternoon, 11 September, Andrew Langston delivered an entertaining, informative, and most timely presentation about his life serving as a footman at Buckingham Palace.

Shortly after graduating from University, Andrew was offered the opportunity to work at Buckingham Palace. In 1981 he began his career as a footman, attending to Queen Elisabeth, other members of the Royal Family, and also visiting dignitaries.

Confidentiality and secrecy are important aspects of service to the British Royal Family, and the early 1980's were a particularly sensitive time. Footmen "know everything," including all of the Royal schedules and movements, all the details of their clothing, their socks, even the temperature of their bath. Andrew actually signed the Official Secrets Act Agreement three times. Andrew is clearly a moral and upstanding man; he is one of the few who didn't write a book about his experiences serving the Royal Family, and to this day he faithfully protects the family secrets.

Andrew explained that it takes 2 to 3 years to learn to be a footman. A footman must learn not only about the Royal etiquette, but also must learn to navigate and work in the various castles, including at the time the Royal Yacht HMY Britannia.

The details about state banquets were quite interesting. A State Banquet is always set for 168 people, and three days are required to



lay the table. Rulers are used to ensure that the settings are perfectly placed. Each place setting is valued at \$18,000 USD, and a single decanter can be worth over \$1 million USD. Andrew did admit to once breaking a demitasse valued at \$7,000 USD. When a plate does get broken, the staff collect every single fragment of the plate, and artisans repair the plates in a process which requires 4 months to complete. Prior to setting the table, it takes the staff three days just to polish all of the gold gilding.

Andrew considers HM the Queen "an amazing lady, no faux pas," and Prince Phillip "a great guy, with a very dry sense of humor." In addition to looking after HM the Queen, Andrew was assigned to look after Prince William when he was born. He fondly remembered Princess Diana, and recounted how she missed her privacy.

Andrew also looked after Margaret Thatcher, which was during the Falklands War period. He served during the time when Michael Fagan intruded into Buckingham Palace, Princess Anne's divorce, and Prince Andrew's relationship with Koo Stark.

John Casella introduced Andrew, and Songkran Grachangnetara offered the Vote of Thanks.

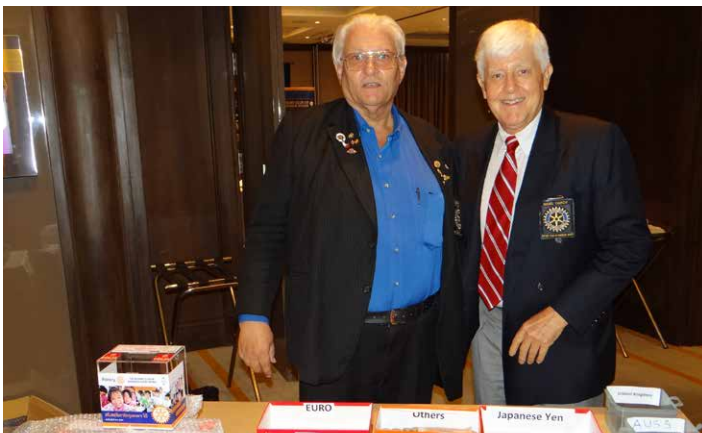
Andrew was formerly a Rotarian in the Philippines and in Papua New Guinea.



PP Philip and his father Alex, visiting from Switzerland



RTN's Rakesh, Prasert and Dean discuss events



CP Geoff and PP Nigel checking on the cash



RTN Roy and PP Mark hatching up another PR coup



P Narain and SAA Songkran presenting a certificate of appreciation to Andrew Langston



Winner of last week's Cosmos Whisky PP Wanit (with all his hair)

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OCTOBERFEST IS COMING



WHEN: Friday, 2nd October 2015

WHERE: Bei Otto German Restaurant
Soi 20 Sukhumvit Road
Traditional German meal,
Imported Beer

COST: THB 800 (drinker),
THB 700 (non-drinker)

Oktoberfest traditionally starts in the third weekend in September and ends the first Sunday of October.

It all began with a royal wedding on 12 October 1810 when Crown Prince Ludwig, later to become King Ludwig I, was married to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen. The citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the happy royal event. The fields were renamed Theresienwiese ("Theres'a Fields") to honor the Crown Princess, although the locals have since abbreviated the name simply to "Wiesn". Horse races in the presence of the royal family marked the close of the event that was celebrated as a festival for the whole of Bavaria. The decision to repeat the horse races in subsequent years gave rise to the tradition of Oktoberfest. In 1811, added to the horse races was the first Agricultural Show, designed to boost Bavarian agriculture. The horse races, once the most popular event of the festival are no longer held today. The Agricultural Show however is still held every three years during the Oktoberfest on the southern part of the festival grounds.

In the first few decades, the choices of amusement were sparse. In 1818, the first carousel and two swings were set up. Visitors were able to quench their thirst at small beer stands, which grew rapidly in number. In 1896 the beer stands were replaced by the first beer

tents and halls set up by the enterprising landlords with the backing of the breweries. The remainder of the festival site was taken up by a fun-fair. The range of carousels offered was already increasing rapidly in the 1870's as the fairground trade continued to grow and develop in Germany.

Today, the Oktoberfest, held annually in Munich, is the world's largest beer festival. The 16-day party attracts over 6 million people every year who consume 1.5 million gallons of beer, 200,000 pairs of pork sausage, and 480,000 spit-roasted chickens during the extravaganza. While the event reinforces stereotypical images of beer-loving, meat-loving Germans dressed in dirndls and lederhosen, visitors to the annual event come from all over the world. Oktoberfest is in fact one of Munich's largest and most profitable tourist attractions. It brings over 450 million euros to the city's coffers each year.

The Oktoberfest celebrated its 201st Anniversary last year (2011), only wars and cholera epidemics have briefly interrupted the yearly beer celebration.

Source: <http://www.ofest.com/history.html>

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ON SILOM**

**FRIDAY, 30th
OCTOBER, 2015**

Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2591

18 September 2015

Happy Birthdays:

Chamnarn Viravan September 20
Prinn Panitchpakdi September 20
Thanakorn Telan September 21

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Paul Russell September 20

Attendance for 11th September 2015: 64%

Present 38, Make-up 10, Absent 26, Exemption 29, Total 103

Visiting for 11th September 2015

From Local

PP Dr. Pichai Buranasombati RC of Dhonburi
Wichai Chivakanit RC of Bangkok

From Abroad

AG Ajay Jhalani RC of NM Vashi, India

Invited Guests:

Alex Baechtold
Gary White
G. Srinivasar
Dr. Sam Adams
Steve Wilson
Taishiro Miyayauchi

Introduced by:

PP Philip Baechtold
PP Nick Pisalyaput
AG Ajay Jhalani
Dr. M. Chase Schneier
John Casella
P Narain Suradejvibul

Recent Makeups:

RC of Copenhagen, Sweden, 2nd September 2015: Poul Weber
RC of Bangkok, 8th September 2015: Doug Riach
RC of Bangkok, 10th September 2015: PP Narinder Sachdev

Makeups:

UN-ESCAP Training, 3rd & 4th September 2015: PDG Alex Mavro

Coins on Silom, 4th September 2015: Adrian Topham, CP Geoff Carter, PE Krin Charnmaytesakul, Mark Shaw, Mark Wolf, PP Nigel Hardy, Stuart Lucani, Tim Cornwall

Program, 8th September 2015: Alastair Timblich, PP Andrew MacPherson, Colin Hastings, PP Don Lavoie, Jon Plate, Joop van Delden, PE Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Mark Butters, IPP Mike Doyle, PP Michael Schulz, P Narain Suradejvibul, PP Philip Baechtold, Prasert Mangkornkarn, Rakesh Sodhia, PP Renato Porzio, Rick Smith, Songkran Grachangnetara

Coins on Silom, 11th September 2015: Adrian Topham, CP Geoff Carter, PE Krin Charnmaytesakul, Mark Shaw, Mark Wolf, P Narain Suradejvibul, PP Nigel Hardy, Stuart Lucani

CLUB CALENDAR

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

Friday, 2nd October 2015 - Oktoberfest at Bei Otto German Restaurant – Soi 20 Sukhumvit Road, Traditional German meal, Imported Beer

Friday, 9th October 2015 – Dr Leroy Rebello
"Stem Cell Research "

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 – Anoop Sukumaran
"Irregular Migration"

Friday 4th December 2015 – RC Pathumwan Celebration Dinner, 32nd Anniversary, Montien Hotel from 18.00 pm

Friday, 11th December 2015 – Classification Interviews, TBC

Thursday 17th December 2015 – RCBS Annual Xmas Party at PP Don Lavoie's Residence from 18.00 pm – details TBC

Friday, 18th December 2015 – "TBC"

For more information about Bangkok South events contact:
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"SOUTH MOUTH"

HE MUST PAY

Husband and wife had a tiff.

Wife called up her mom and said,
"He fought with me again, I am coming to live with you."

Mom said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake.
I am coming to live with you."