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Today: Professor Vitit Muntarbhorn - Human Rights in Thailand at a Crossroad

Next Week: CP Geoffrey Carter, The History of Video Games

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Dr Michael Moreton Vaccines



Leading us once again skilfully and with a sense of humour, Dr Michael Moreton presented the history of vac-

cines which started in 1796 with a GP in Gloucestershire, Dr Jenner, who discovered that Cowpox victims did not get small pox and subsequently invented a vaccination.

Before moving on to a detailed history of the polio vaccine, Dr Michael explained that when a foreign protein (an antigen) invades the body, the body makes an antibody to fight it. Then, when the disease is over and the antigen is gone, the antibody stays.

Vaccines, he continued, are a modified form of the antigen, in that the patient does not get the disease but manufactures antibodies to fight it, which means that if a disease invades, the anti-

bodies are there to reject it.

Polio has been known since ancient times; but only broke out in epidemics in the 19th century probably due to the dense living conditions and squalor during the Industrial Revolution.

Invading and colonizing the gut, surprisingly, 90% of those infected show no symptoms, with a further 8% only experiencing a flu-like illness. In 1 to 2%, the infection invades the central nervous system, but does not cause paralysis. Finally, in about 0.5% of those infected, it destroys motor neurons causing weakness, paralysis and long-term damage.

In 1948, a Harvard team grew the virus in a tissue culture, winning them the Nobel Prize in 1954. In 1950, Gamma Globulin was created but was only a treatment and not prevention.

The 1952/53 epidemic, the worst ever recorded with 58,000 and 35,000 cases of paralytic polio, led to a hastening in the search for a viable vaccine.

Salk, a Russian Immigrant at the University of Pittsburgh cre-

ated a vaccine with minimal side effects in 1952, and with 90 per cent immunization rate, a huge vaccination program started.

However, in 1954, disaster struck when a bad batch of vaccine lead to an outbreak of polio in vaccinated children causing 11 deaths.

Meanwhile, Dr Sabin, University of Cincinnati, discovered that many children had natural immunity based on this research and its results and in 1957 was ready to trial his vaccine, but as the Salk vaccine was dominant, he was forced to trial it in Russia, Mexico and Holland, but not in the USA.

Although easy to administer, with lifetime protection and low cost, it does not offer 100% immunity and causes the occasional infection (1 in 750,000).

For these reasons, it is no longer employed in the West, although we continue to use it in the Rotary Polio Campaign as remains a very beneficial vaccine against a disease we would like to see eradicated.



◀ Rotarian Jim showing Rtn Peter how much he has been missed...



▶ Rtns Narinder and Poul welcoming Visiting Rotarian Lars



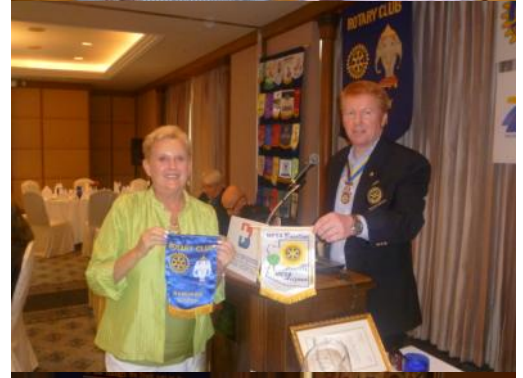
◀ Rotarian Wanit and former Rotarian Bertrand...



▶ Rtn Narinder and former Rotarian Harmeeet...



◀ Visiting Rotarian Lars and P Andrew exchanging banners



▶ Visiting Rotarian Kit and P Andrew exchanging banners



◀ PP Don making the Cosmos Rounds to the tune of 4,400 Baht...

▶ **Rtn Yongyuyth's Busy Day...**

1. Birthday Announcement
2. Wedding Announcement
3. Made an Announcement
4. Won Cosmos for Charity





Rotary names new top executive

EVANSTON, Ill. (12/1/ 11)

RI has named John Hewko, an attorney with extensive international experience in both the private and public sectors, to be our top executive as general secretary.

Hewko is a former partner with the international law firm of Baker & McKenzie and was VP at the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a US government agency established in 2004 to deliver US foreign assistance to the world's poorest countries.

He begins work on 1 July at a key moment in our 106-year history. Hewko will play a lead role in the implementation our newly-revised strategic plan that envisions an expanded engagement in maternal and child health, water and sanitation, disease prevention and treatment, basic education and literacy, economic and community development and peace studies and conflict prevention/resolution.

His tenure could also see the conclusion of our principal humanitarian initiative: our 25-year campaign to eradicate polio, a goal 99 percent complete.

Hewko also will interact with government and business leaders to enhance our global visibility and forge new strategic partnerships to achieve common objectives and maximize the use of resources. He will also expand and strengthen relationship with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the WHO, USAID and others.

In announcing Hewko's hiring, RI President Ray Klinginsmith hailed his "visionary leadership" and predicted that under Hewko's leadership we will "continue to grow in numbers, stature and involvement in making the world a better place."

"We are fortunate to have attracted a candidate with John's proven ability and extensive international experience, his leadership will be an important asset for Rotary."

During his 15 years at Baker & McKenzie, Hewko specialized in international corporate transactions in emerging markets. He participated in establishing the firm's Moscow office and was managing partner in Kyiv and Prague. While in Ukraine in the early 1990s, Hewko assisted the work-

ing group that prepared the initial draft of the new Ukrainian post-Soviet constitution and was a charter member of the first Rotary club in Kyiv. Prior to joining Baker & McKenzie, he worked for leading Brazilian and Argentine law firms and later with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Washington and NYC handling Latin American and finance transactions.

In 2004, Hewko entered public service with the Millennium Challenge Corporation. As VP for operations and compact development, his primary responsibility was to manage MCC's relationship with its 26 partner countries.

During his tenure he oversaw the development, negotiation and approval of foreign assistance agreements with 18 countries totaling \$6.3 billion for projects in infrastructure, agriculture, water, sanitation, health and education.

For the past year, he has been a non-resident senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace where he has focused on international development and foreign policy issues.

He is a 1985 graduate of Harvard Law School, and has a master's degree from Oxford University. He speaks six languages.

"I am delighted to be joining Rotary and honored to be able to participate in the organization's mission to promote world peace and understanding by addressing some of the root causes of conflict, such as poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy and the global water and sanitation crisis," Hewko said. "Rotary's global membership of 1.2 million business and professional leaders, supported by a dedicated, professional staff, is a powerful resource that is making a meaningful global and grassroots contribution to that goal."

Just look at what Rotary already has accomplished in the area of polio prevention and eradication."

Hewko emerged from a field of 440 potential candidates for Rotary's top job.

The Rotary search committee worked with Korn/Ferry International, the world's largest executive search firm. Hewko replaces Edwin Futa, who is retiring after ten years as general secretary.



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Khun Prakai's Club Almanac

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Happy Birthdays

- Douglas Riach (21 January)
- Leo Alexandersen (22 January)
- Joe Prasobsook (24 January)
- Wolfgang Minderjahn (25 January)
- PP Vichai Tantratitvud (26 January)

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Kurt Wachtveitl (27 January)

Attendance for 14 January 2011: 59%

Present 33, Make-up 15, Absent 31, Leave 2, Exempt 28, Total 109

Visiting on 14 January 2011

Patumwan: PP Chaivai **Royal Hua Hin:** David Lamb

From Abroad

- Kit Filbey (Mesa Baseline, USA.)
- Lars Wensell (Oslo, Norway)
- Hans Maunheim (Minerva Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- Michael Lamb (Rosebank Johannesburg, South Africa)

Invited Guests

- Alan McCallisten P Andrew MacPherson
- Henny Beeber PP Wanit Mekdhanasarn
- Chip Bowness John Casella
- Bertrand Vidal P Andrew MacPherson
- Claude Vidal P Andrew MacPherson
- Suthita Thawornpong Oldrich Capek
- Jason Marsh John Casella

Make-up Credit

Service Project, 11/1/11: Tyrone Jenkins, Vince Shueh, Narain Suradejvibul, Douglas Riach, Geoff Carter, Arie Bloed, Oldrich Capek, PP Gary Worthington



Club Calendar

28 January 2011 (Friday)

CP Geoffrey Carter

The History of Video Games

4 February 2011 (Friday) TBA

11 February 2011 (Friday)

Dr Ian Fenwick

Digital Media why news will never be the same

18th February HOLIDAY – Makah Bucha Day
No Meeting

25 February 2011 (Friday) TBA

4 March 2011 (Friday)

David Lyman

Are you crazy enough to be a Director in Thailand

*** Wednesday, 16 March 2011 ***

Paul Harris Dinner

Program, 11/1/11: Dana Caron, Colin Hasting, PE. Mark Butters, PP Narinder Sachdev, PP Ashraf Fancy, P Andrew MacPherson, PP Renato Porzio, DGN Alex Mavro, Prasert Mangkornkarn, PP Don Lavoie, Dean Outerson, PP Wanit Mekdhanasarn

Membership, 12/1/11: PE Mark Butters, P Andrew MacPherson, PDG Praphan Hutasingh, PP. Ole Madsen, PP Philip Baechtold, PP Vichai Tantratitvud.

Rotary Foundation, 12/1/11: Leo Alexandersen, Rod Vergara, Ken Hoon, PP Krit Wongsangarun Sri, Alastair Timblich, Jon Plate, Pichai Kanivichaporn, P Andrew MacPherson

Great Times & Great People Doing Great Things

Matching Grant Project # 73406

Providing 20 Clean-Drinking-Water Systems to 20 Schools in Saraburi

Total Project Cost: US\$ 51,515

Bangkok South: US\$3,000

Visitors: 8-10 Rotarians from District 2670

Thursday, 27 January 2011

08:00 Leave Crowne Plaza Lumpini Park (formerly Pan Pacific) for Saraburi

10:00 Arrive Saraburi for official inauguration ceremony for all schools, speeches, entertainment by students from schools

12:00 Lunch at the school

13:30 Visit another 3 - 4 schools

15:00 Depart Saraburi for Bangkok

17:00 Arrive Bangkok

19:00 Welcome Dinner at Shangri-La Seafood Restaurant in Soi Thaniya (members only pay approx 1,200 Baht for dinner/drinks at Shangri-La Restaurant Dress: RCBS Polo Shirt or Casual

Friday, 28 January 2011 RCBS lunch

Saturday, 29 January 2011 Golf

Lake Wood arranged by PP Narinder @ Baht 2,000 - 3,000 Tee-Off: 11:27

Matching Grant Project # 73640

Providing 11 Clean-Drinking-Water Systems to 11 Schools in Angthong

Total Project Cost: US\$ 28,334.

Bangkok South: US\$2,750

Visitors: 8-10 Rotarians from District 2630

Wednesday, 2 February 2011

19:00 Welcome Dinner, Miramar Sea-

Food Restaurant in Silom Plaza, Silom/ Narathiwart near Narai Hotel

(members approx Baht 1,200 each)

Thursday, 3 February 2011

08:00 Leave Narai Hotel to Angthong Province (about 120 kilometers)

10:00 Arrive main school for inauguration ceremony, speeches, entertainment

12:00 Lunch at the school

13:30 Visit another 3 - 4 schools

15:00 Head for Ayutthaya for sight-seeing

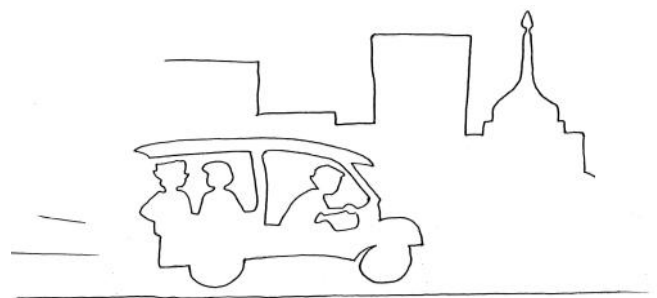
17:30 Board dinner boat while visiting ancient structures and sound and light

21:00 Arrive Narai Hotel

(No costs to members)

DRESS: RCBS Polo Shirt or Casual

Friday, 4 February 2011 RCBS lunch



After Rotary... scoot over to Cosmos Academy for an educational afternoon...