

SOUTH WIND

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BANGKOK SOUTH

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Luncheon Meetings: Every Friday 12.15 p.m. at the Pan Pacific Hotel Tel : 0 2632-9160 Fax : 0 2632-9161.

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Service Projects - Joop van Delden • **Sergeant-at-arms** - Thanakorn Telan

Today's Program: Dr Sethaput Suthiwart-Narueput: *Economic Recovery Will Thailand Reap the Benefits*
Next Week's Program: Nigel Cornick

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President's Day: Maiden Speech Andrew McPherson

Freshly minted President, **Andrew McPherson** led the club through an enlightening journey into and through the back room (committee) along with responsibilities, plans for 2011/11 both new and familiar and, from time-to-time, a reminder that *RCBS* is a team effort extending beyond the thoughts and efforts of just the committee.

Beginning with **President Elect Mark Butters**, President Andrew highlighted his role as the head of the Membership Committee, itself a mix of new and familiar voices. This year, they have three goals: encourage new members to join, previous members to rejoin and existing members to stay with the club.

Jon Plate, Treasurer, has and is working to make club-related payments easier for everyone involved – those who need to pay, all of us; and those who are forced into the uncomfortable position of having to collect fees owed by members who have, perhaps, forgotten the financial commitment associated with being a Rotarian. With Khun Prakai now able to collect fees, with a slight bank-related commission, from MasterCard and Visa, payments should become much easier and less onerous for all concerned.

Secretary Nick Pisalyaput, President

Andrew's right-hand man, is the person to see about any obscure club by-law that has been keeping you awake late into the night. **Communications** – **Gareth Marshall** and his flock have been preparing this year's South Wind with other projects to come.

Mike Ellis, Fund Raiser, will, with the help of those already on his committee and with others who are desperately needed, plan to continue with our core, and to-date, successful fund raising activities (Coins on Si-lom, Golf, and Cosmo among others).

They have planned two new events this year: 1) an Art Exhibition and Sale (Rtn Boaz Zippor) where all proceeds for paintings sold will go directly to the Library Project, 2) a Gala Dinner co-hosted by the American Women's Club (Rtn Mike Ellis and Joop van Delden).



With Projects, Joop van Delden has started a project to revisit the 350+ CDWS installations to ensure they are still working; and if not, what is required. **Michael Doyle, Administration**, having organized a groundbreaking ball in terms of crowd movements and control is now looking for new challenges in terms of ideas for fellowship events.

Rotary Foundation, overseen by **Rtn Leo Alexandersen**, has been working on the 1 July deadline for matching grants and time will tell if and this year's projects will get the nod.

P Andrew mentioned the 100% challenge accepted by **SaA Thanakorn Telan** and built up eager anticipation for meetings to be hosted by **VPs Manu Mekdhanasarn and Prasobsook Thawilvejjakul**.

In closing, P Andrew asked everyone to keep in mind that while we have a committee dedicated to *Rotary and Service above Self*, anyone with any idea was more than welcome to step forward and offer their ideas, recommendations and comments.



Meeter-Greeter Jamie Cummiskey and the well-groomed, well-supplied Douglas Riach chat over a cold beer...

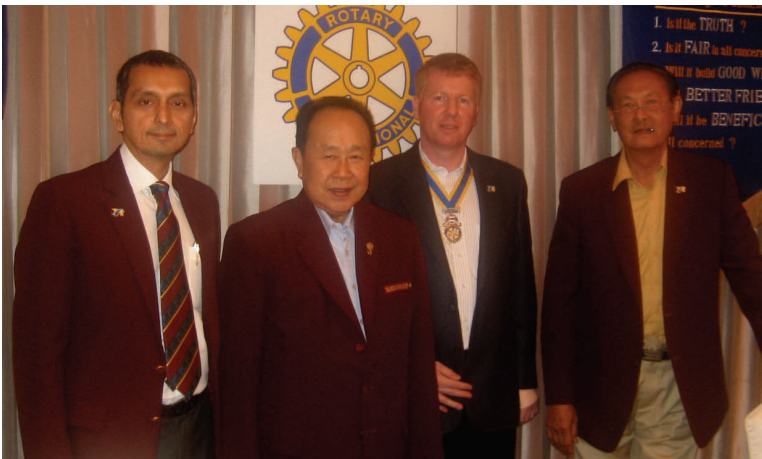
Khun Paweena, looking a bit shy, smiles while giving Lucky Leo his prize, which by the way went to Cosmos without him while the 5,100 Baht raised quickly made its way into our Charity coffers.



Sergeant at Arms Thanakorn (Chai) looking somewhat relaxed towards the end of his maiden experience controlling the cheap seats at RCBS lunch.



AG Ateeb Maskati, PDG Xanxai Visitkul and PDG Praphan Hutasingh (right) congratulate President Andrew MacPherson at the close of his first meeting.





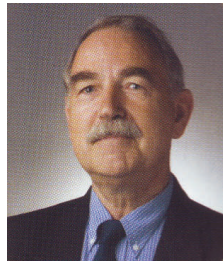
Clean Drinking Water System August Adventure

Wasser Kaiser IV, (Wolfgang) is planning an fun-filled, adventure packed, Rotary fellowship to the core, five-day trip to Isan...

Leaving Bangkok on Wednesday, 11 August and returning Sunday 15 August, the current plan includes interesting and important installations spread over some the Kingdom's most beautiful scenery, gala and casual dinners with Rotary friends along with a round or two of golf and sight-seeing in and around Uttaradit and Phitsanulok.

Rotarians, Rotary Anns, friends and family are all welcome.

For more details about the trip and/or how to join for the entire adventure or perhaps just one or two days, contact: Rtn Wolfgang: 081 425 2616 or wolffmin@tttmaxnet.com



The Horse, the chicken and the Harley

On the farm lived a chicken and a horse, both of whom loved to play together. One day the two were playing, when the horse fell into a bog and began to sink. Scared for his life, the horse cried for the chicken to get the farmer for help!

Off the chicken ran, back to the farm. Arriving at the farm, he searched and searched for the farmer, but to no avail, for he had gone to town with the only tractor. Running around,

the chicken spied the farmer's new Harley. Finding keys in the ignition, the chicken sped off with some rope hoping he had time to save his friend's life.

Back at the bog, the horse was surprised, but happy, to see the chicken arrive on the Harley, and he managed to get a hold of the loop of rope the chicken tossed to him. After tying the other end to the rear bumper of the farmer's bike, the chicken then drove slowly forward and, with the aid of the powerful bike, rescued the horse!

Happy and proud, the chicken rode back to the farmhouse, and the farmer was none the wiser when he returned.

The friend-

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ship between the two was cemented: Best Buddies, Best Pals.

few weeks later, the chicken fell into a mud pit, and soon, he too, began to sink and cried out to the horse to save him! The horse thought a moment, walked over, and straddled the puddle.

Looking underneath, he told the chicken to grab his hangy-down thingy and he would lift him out. The chicken got a good grip, and the horse pulled him up and out, saving his life.

The moral of the story...

When you're hung like a horse, you don't need a Harley to pick up chicks.



The new board in varying costumes.

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Happy Birthdays

Adolph Knees (14 July)

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Colin Hasting (10 July)

Jon Plate (10 July)

Ken Hoon (11 July)

Attendance for 2 July 2010: 56%

Present 45, Make-up 4, Absent 35, Leave 3
Exemption 29, Total 116

Visiting on 2 July 2010

Bangkok: AG Ateeb Maskati

Invited guests

K Peak

Introduced by

Oldrich Capek

Recent Make-ups

Suntec City, 19/6/10: Tyrone Jenkins

Patumwan, 28/6/10: Tyrone Jenkins

Bangkok Banglumphu, 1/7/10: Tyrone Jenkins

Bangkok Suriwong, 29/6/10: PP Koichiro Ishihira

Make-up Credit

Incoming Board, 24/5/10: Andrew MacPherson,
Prasobsook Thawilvejjakul, Manu Mekdhanasarn,
Nick Pisalyaput, Jon Plate, Leo Alexandersen,
Thanakorn Telan, Gareth Marshall, Doug Riach,
IPP John Quarmby

Club History Committee, 30/6/10: Mark Butter,
PP Nitti Meyer, PP. Narinder Sachdev, PP Nigel
Hardy, Dean Outerson, PP Maarten Worp



Club Calendar

16 July 2010 (Friday)
Nigel Cornick

23 July 2010 (Friday)
Dr Mano Laohavanich
Thai Education and Creativity

30 July 2010 (Friday)
Brian Sinclair-Thompson
Volcanic Ash and other Challenges

06 August 2010 (Friday)
Oriental Hotel Club Birthday
Cigar Joe
Single Malts and Cuban Cigars

13 August 2010 (Friday)
No Luncheon Meeting
National Holiday

20 August 2010 (Friday)
Club Assembly
Suchada Ithijarakul

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