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**Today: HE Asif Ahmad - British Ambassador**  
*May to May – A year of in the life of UK and Thailand*

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## Mr Youssef Gad

### *Present state of affairs in Egypt*



**Following** a long and detailed introduction by a relatively new Rotarian, today's speaker Egyptair's District Manager Thailand and Southeast

Asia, Youssef Gad graciously began his talk with a self-introduction.

Once finished, it was clear that he had come to Rotary today with a heartfelt message that Egypt, his homeland, while still finding its way following the recent events, remains a safe and welcoming destination for not only its own citizens, but tourists from around the world.

Although from February to April, some 3 million tourists had cancelled their bookings to Egypt, leading to losses of about USD 2.5B, his main message was that much has changed and is continuing to change in Egypt making it an even more attractive place to visit.

He also talked about how his own family remains in Egypt, a further sign that it is safe as they could, he mentioned, easily be living here if there were even any hints of trouble or danger...

Mr Gad also talked about how Egypt has been known for centuries as the cradle of civilisation and now a cradle for inspiration. While he claimed a number of times that he is not a politician, he did mention that recent changes and many of

the unfortunate martyrs in recent events come from a very ambitious youth looking to build a new, democratic, equitable and secular society.

Cautious with his words, it is clear he is proud of his nation and the future they have before them. What exactly this future might be, he is not prepared to guess, but certainly one that was until quite recently unanticipated.

Answering a number of penetrating questions concerning who is actually running the country and what political groups will be involved in upcoming elections, Mr Gad was thanked with a second mini-speech by another distinguished Rotarian, bringing it to a total of three very interesting and informative talks in one day...



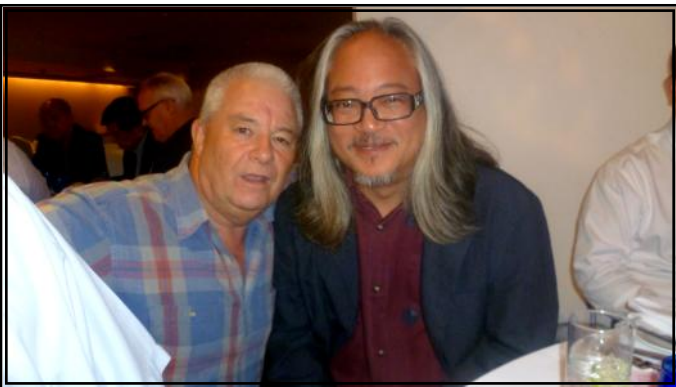
# Rotary Lunch in Pictures



BCC Interators getting ready for their talk...



Accountants have all the fun...



Rtn Frank asking something of PP Wanit



Elvis is alive an doing magic in Bangkok...



DGN Alex making his weekly donation to the Cosmos Fund...



Rtn Frank and Tyrone immediately after the Cosmos Auction...





# Christmas Gifts and Mattresses for Sister Rita's Home, Betong



Rotary Club of Betong President Sirichai and his club members present gifts to children and the elderly on 19 December in time for Christmas and later 23 mattresses...



The next, fantastic water trip to visit great Rotarians in Phitsanulok and Uttaradit, to enjoy fantastic fellowship and to help inaugurate more of our Clean Drinking Water Schools... is coming soon...



Here is the program for this great CDWS forthcoming water trip.

Wednesday, 8 June  
Departure Bangkok by van at 14.00  
Meeting point to be agreed  
Overnight: Topland Hotel Phitsanulok

Thursday, 9 June  
CDWS Inauguration - RC Naresuan  
Continue to Uttaradit to overnight

Friday, 10 June  
CDWS Inauguration - RC Sila Asana  
Overnight in Uttaradit or Phitsanulok  
(To be agreed on by participants)

Saturday, 11 June  
Morning departure for Bangkok

Your place on this great tour and accommodation can be booked via Marco on 081 920 8333 or by email at manitnova@csloxinfo.com

Please let Marco know if you wish to go on this trip so he can inform the local clubs regarding arrangements they will make for us.



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## Khun Prakai's Club Almanac

No 3398

27 May 2011

### Happy Birthdays

Rudy van der Hoeven (29 May)  
Narain Suradejvibul (30 May)



Attendance for 20 May 2011: 61%

Present 46, Make-up 4, Absent 28, Leave 4, Exemption 29, Total 111

Visiting on 20 May 2011

### From Abroad

John Chirgwin (Martha's Vineyard, USA)  
Ian Morris (Cipete Jakarta, Indonesia)  
Per Dibber (Bruxelles Vesale, Belgium)

### Invited guests

Chad Teo  
Aoron Grieser  
Martyn Hedges  
C John  
Stuart Baker

### Introduced by

PP Niti Meyer  
DGN Alex Mavro  
Dougie Riach  
Vinai Phutthinin  
Peter Upperton

### Recent Make-up

Royal Hua Hin, 6/5/11: Michael Schulz  
Bangkok, 19/5/11: Robert Menzies  
Chilliwack, Canada, 13/5/11: Chip Bowness

### Make-up Credit

**50 Anniversary Committee**, 13/5/11: PP Vibul Pattarathammas, PP Krit Wongsangarunsri, DGN Alex Mavro, PP Ole Madsen, PP Philip Baechtold, PP Maarten Worp, PP Nigel Hardy, PP Don Lavoie, PP Narinder Sachdev, PP John Quarmbly, P Andrew MacPherson, PE Mark Butters, Jon Plate

**Administration Committee**, 19/5/11: P Andrew MacPherson, Dean Outerson, Michael Schulz, Ken Hoon, John Allan, PP Philip Baechtold, PP Don Lavoie

## Club Calendar

3 June 2011 (Friday Lunch)  
**Simon Davis**

Clouds Computer Network

10 June 2011 (Friday Lunch)  
**Jean-Pierre Verbiest**

How Rotary brought me on the steps of my ancestor

17 June 2011 (Friday Lunch)  
**ML Dispanadda Diskul**

Sustainable Rural Development

**24 June 2011 (Friday Evening)**  
**Installation Banquet**  
**Oriental Hotel**

01 July 2011 (Friday Lunch)  
**HE Mikael Hemniti Winther**  
Ambassador of Denmark to Thailand

Murphy was sitting at home alone when he says, "I'm very sorry to have to tell you this, sir, but it looks like your wife's been hit by a truck."

### South Mouth

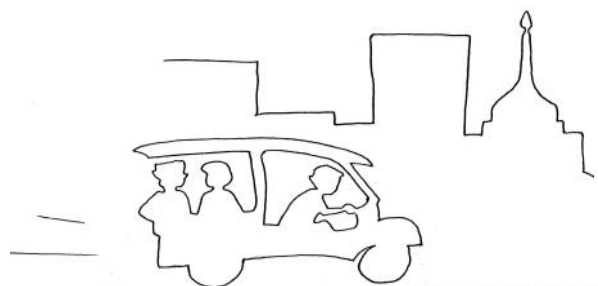
heard a knock on the front door. There, he was greeted by two police officers. He asked them if there was a problem.

One of the policemen asked if he was married, and if he could see a picture of his wife. The guy says, "Sure," and shows him a picture of his wife.

The police officer

Murphy says, "I know, but she has a great personality, and she's a good cook, too."

Two guys are drinking in a bar. One says, "Did you know that Lions have sex 10 to 15 times a night?" "BUGGER!" says his friend. "And I just joined Rotary..."



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