



# SOUTH WIND

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**Today's Program:** Dr Mano Laohavanich: Thailand's Current Political Situation

\*\*\*\*\* **Next Week's Program: Oriental Hotel Club Birthday Cigar Joe Single Malts and Cuban Cigars** \*\*\*\*\*

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## Classification Interviews

**Tyrone Jenkins by Alex Mavro - Jamie Cummiskey by Michael Doyle**

**DGN** Alex led the way in the club's all-American classification interview, interrogating Tyrone Jenkins, born and raised in Newark NJ. With a varied background ranging from football captain to singing opera in the New Jersey State Symphony Orchestra boys' choir, (means we know who is doing Christmas carols this year) to a one-year stint in the US Air Force, it was quite a journey to understand his current classification in Rotary – International Trade Film.

**Leaving** the Air Force, Tyrone started selling video tape and film on commission. Offered a choice between a pittance in commission or a good chunk of change in profit, Tyrone took the deal on his own, left the company and started his own firm.

Enjoying the heyday of this now dying industry, Tyrone spent most of the 1980s in New York City before leaving for LA where he became one of the biggest importers of film and video.

**Moving** further East, he came to Thailand to find more like-minded people. Like many newbies in town, he quickly met, courted, or was courted by and married Khun Charn,

all since St Patrick's Day last year.

**Tyrone** in closing mentioned he sees Rotary as a great way to make friends through fellowship and to be involved in worthwhile projects.

**Second** up was Jamie Cummiskey, interviewed by Michael Doyle who very quickly set the tone of the more laid-back Southern approach and carefully led his witness through the interview, "tell me, what brought you into the honourable and noble profession of law, a *Burning Bush* or a *Chorus of Angels*?"

**Claiming** that his goal on entering the law profession, his classification is International Legal Consultant, was to get *'the guilty off'*, Jamie commented that if he were not a lawyer, politics would be an option as it was the only other profession one could get away with BS.



**Jamie**, surprisingly led quite a different childhood as part of a family clown act that he, his mom and dad, did from the time he was 5 until 12. At 14, off to Nairobi with his parents for a few years before back to the US to an all boys Jesuit high school.

**When** asked what car he would be, Jamie surprised, perhaps even himself, and also left a lot unsaid, that he would be a hippie VW van, as it was the first vehicle he learned to drive while in Nairobi and that the seats folded down to make a bed, which is perhaps the story left untold.

## Clean Drinking Water for Schools August Adventure

C'mon friends, the beautiful countryside is waiting. Join the RCBS Fellowship and CDWS Inauguration trip (11-15 Aug) with P Andrew, Marco, Volker, Tim, Frank and Wolfgang.

Join this exciting field trip on an extended weekend (including HM the Queen's Birthday) Wednesday, 11 (leaving Pan Pacific Hotel at 13.00) to Sunday, 15 August to the provinces of Lampang, Sukhothai, Uttaradit and Phitsanulok.

A round of Golf is planned at the famous Sirikit Dam Golf Course as well as a visit to a national park between inauguration ceremonies with five different Rotary Clubs.

For more details about the trip and how you can join for the entire adventure or perhaps just one or two days, contact: Volker: 089 895 2963 or sie-matic52@hotmail.com



When the cat's away...



Khun Poo congratulates Rtn David on his lucky ticket that won in a draw raising 5,000 Baht. The bottle and Khun Poo returned to Cosmos, Rtn David, not sure.



Guest Garry Irvin and Rtn Boaz

PP Don, Rtns Adrian and Dana with varying body language to express how their week went.



## A sponsorship with a difference

At the Rotary Club of Bangkok South, we do a lot of work with schools. In fact, our signature programme, Clean Drinking Water for Schools, is built around them, as is our more recent Library Fellowship programme.

And we rely very heavily on sponsors for both programmes. But it is not very often that we get a school sponsoring a school.

That was what happened recently with Water System No 348 at Ban Takut Tarsar School in Buriram, inaugurated earlier this month. The former primary school of Rtn Gary White, Laguna Street Public School in Caringbah, Australia, recently celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



*Students and teachers of Ban Takut Tarsar (headmaster far left)*

In commemoration, the school and its alumni wanted to do something to help another, less well-off school. Through the initiative of two other former Laguna Street students, Robyn Wiggins and Kay Camarsh, both visitors to our club and fans of our water projects, Laguna Street decided to not only sponsor a water project in Thai-

land through RCBS, but also a Library Fellowship for the same school.

Ban Takut Tarsar School in Buriram was chosen and the current headmaster of Laguna Street, Rodney Tant, and his family, came over for the inauguration on 7 July.

Laguna Street and its alumni contributed A\$2,700 to the cost of the system and library kit (total A\$3,750), and another former student from Rtn Gary's class, Professor William Purcell, donated another \$500 from his own pocket.

Our thanks go to Laguna Street School, Professor Purcell and the school's alumni body for their great support, and to Robyn and Kay for a really great idea! A gobsmacker, as Kay would say!



*Rodney Tant and Ban Takut Tarsar headmaster, Khun Visarn, with students*

*Front Row: Lachlan Tant, Annette Tant, Rodney Tant, Gary White, Yasmin Tant, with members of RC Buriram and teachers and village heads at Ban Takut Tarsar School*



Two old ladies are standing at a bus station and one of them is smoking. Suddenly it starts raining, so the smoking one takes out a condom from her purse, cuts the edge off and puts it over the cigarette.

Her friend asks her: "What are you doing?" So she replies: "I don't want my cigarette to get wet so I covered it with a condom."

So her friend asks: "What's a condom? Where did you get it?" So she says: "At the pharmacy"

So the next day her friend goes to the pharmacy and asks the clerk if she can get a condom. The clerk asks: "What size?"

So she replies: "I dunno, one that will fit a camel."

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## Khun Prakai's Club Almanac

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### Happy Birthdays

Kurt Wachtveitl                      (31 July)

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Jean-Marie Cattand                      (2 August)

**Attendance for 23 July 2010: 58%**  
Present 42, Make-up 7, Absent 29,  
Leave 6, Exemption 27, Total 111

### Visiting on 23 July 2010

**Interact Club of BBC:** Saringkarn,  
Chomapat Rujivararom, Puchong Pattana-  
soontaro, Vanthit Savangwongsakul

### Invited Guests

Richard Bell  
David Gray  
Garry Irvin  
Faisal Malik  
Wayne Bull  
John Lane  
Suthita Chamnanya

### Introduced by

Michael Bain  
Michael Bain  
Tim Cornwall  
Michael Doyle  
Joop van Delden  
Vinai Phutthinin  
Oldrich Capek

### Make-up Credit

*Administration Committee 16/7/10:* Michael  
Doyle, Dana Caron, Peter Williams, Dean  
Outerson

*Board of Directors 19/7/10:* P Andrew  
MacPherson, IPP John Quarmby, PE Mark  
Butters, Nick Pisalyaput, Jon Plate,  
Michael Doyle, Gareth Marshall,  
Leo Alexandersen, Joop van Delden,  
Thanakorn Telan

## Club Calendar

06 August 2010 (Friday)

**Oriental Hotel**

**Members must sign-up  
with entrée choice**

Club Birthday

**Cigar Joe**

*Single Malts and Cuban Cigars*

**CDWS August Adventure**

11 to 15 August (Page 3 for details)

13 August 2010 (Friday)

**No Luncheon Meeting**

*National Holiday*

20 August 2010 (Friday)

Club Assembly 11:00 AM - noon

**DG Suchada Ithijarakul**

*Governor's Address*

27 August 2010 (Friday)

**Richard Greaves**

*From the eye of the Red Storm*

03 September 2010 (Friday)

**Frank Crocker**

*Clean Drinking Water for Schools*

29 October 2010 (Friday)

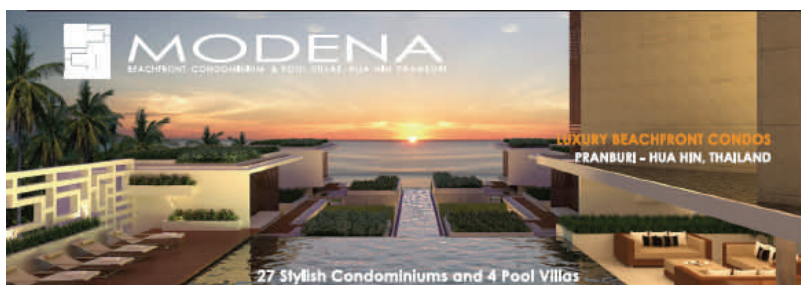
**Coins on Silom**

*All Rotarians*

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