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Today: President Mark Butters President's Day

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HE Mikael Hemniti Winther Ambassador of Denmark to Thailand

Ambassador Mikael has a very droll sense of humor that included various explanations as to why he was assigned to a post with the Danish Embassy in Baghdad for two years.

While he originally thought it might have been for something he had done, he realized it was a promotion and an opportunity to become an ambassador representing Denmark.

His Excellency balanced his talk very carefully between aspects of security which I believe many of us either know about from having watched movies or the news or can imagine from experiences in pre-Bangkok lives.

Beginning with a vivid description of the need for flights to land at the airport in a spiral pattern to



avoid becoming a target, he had us intrigued as to what it must be like to have 11 fully-armed security guards with you at all times.

“Even,” he told us, “while at the barber where his guards would watch every move with watchful eyes

ready for anything.”

His Excellency also talked about the progress being made in the country and his efforts to bring in foreign investment. However, he mentioned, it was a bit difficult getting people to actually visit the country when travel warnings firmly recommended not visiting.

Looking on the bright side of being an HVT - a highly valued target, he mentioned his wife liked

the idea that she knew where he was at all times.

In talking about being an HVT, he also shared the need to be constantly on the move, with visits, even to senior government officials, limited in time.

With Denmark as part of the coalition with the UK and the US, he added, his role was important and one that provided him with the opportunity to see potential in the country.

Clearly a very popular Ambassador with his and other communities in Bangkok, it became increasingly obvious his posting to Baghdad was fortuitous.

An interesting talk by someone who has been to places many of us will never experience, His Excellency made an indelible impression on all who were there.



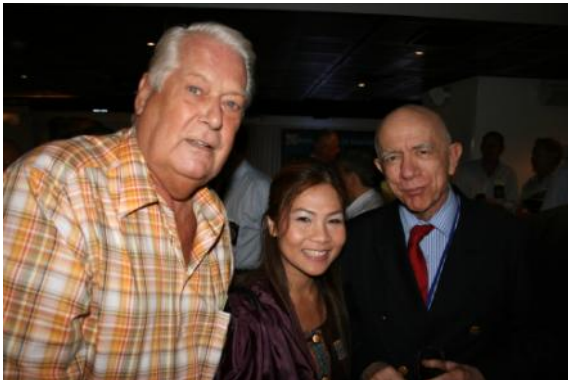
Rotary in Pictures



Rtn Dougie demonstrating to our Novice SAA how to meet and greet....



Rtn Rakesh, our new Communications Director, communicating...



Rtn Heinz Knoke, his wife Sasichai and Rtn Jim catching up on latest news



Rtn Pichai and Rtn Rod dealing with Grip and Grin with determination...



Rtn Gary watches on as our newest Rotarian Ian Morris is welcomed into the club by P Mark



IPP Andrew looking relaxed despite not having his usual reserved seat...



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PHITSANULOK/UTTARADIT WATER TRIP KARAOKE, DISCOS, LUCY ... OH, AND WATER



Last year Rtn Marco Casanova invited a friend of his, Dennis Kramer, to come along on one of our water inauguration trips.

Dennis liked what he saw so much earlier this year he donated funds to sponsor two water systems in Phitsanulok (RC Naresuan) and Uttaradit (RC Sila Asana).

Last month, an eclectic band of Rotarians and visitors went north to Phitsanulok and Uttaradit to inaugurate these two systems. The

group comprised PPs Philip Baechtold and Wanit Mekdhana-sarn, Rtns Marco Casanova, Mark Marshall and Gary White, Mark's brother Chris and, of course, our sponsor Dennis.

President Andrew put in a flying appearance (well, a flying-driving appearance) for one day, driving up one night and back the next so he could be back in Bangkok for our club meeting that Friday.

We got to Phitsanulok and went straight to dinner, and then to the Karaoke bar and disco at PP Art's Topland Hotel. The next day it was off to Uttaradit, with President Andrew joining us.

That night we went to dinner, and had karaoke, and there were discos, both at our hotel and elsewhere.

Gracing the lounge disco was the lovely Lucy, singer extraordinaire who belted out a great rendition of "I hate myself for loving you!" She also ran a great valet service, of which we believe Marco availed himself.

Lunch with Uttaradit Rotarians was some of the best sausage and noodles we'd ever had, then back to Phitsanulok and PP Art's Topland where we went to dinner, then to Karaoke and the disco.

Oh, and somewhere in between we inaugurated two water systems at Ban Wat Hin Lat and Ban Dan Mae Kham Nan.

Dennis liked what he saw so much he donated two more water sponsorships plus a library fellowship!



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Happy Birthdays

Adolph Knees (14 July)
 Arie Bloed (17 July)
 James Cummiskey (18 July)

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Colin Hastings (10 July)
 Jon Plate (10 July)
 Krin Chammaytessakul (11 July)

Attendance for 1 July 2011: 59%
 Present 41, Make-up 7, Absent 29, Leave 5,
 Exemption 29; Total 111

Invited guests

Ken Thaysen
 Hugh Sutherland

Introduced by

John Casella
 Rudy van der Hoeven

Recent Make-up

Chumphae, 23/6/11: DGN Alex Mavro.
 Bangkoklaem, 30/6/11: Tyrone Jenkins.
 Bangkok, 30/6/11: James Fowler
 Joint Installation Dinner, 2/7/11: DGN Alex Mavro

Make-up Credit

Coin on Silom Committee, 1/7/11: Douglas Riach, P
 Mark Butters, Chip Bowness, Tyrone Jenkins, Geofrey Carter, Adrian Topham, Ian Morris, Gary White

Club Calendar

15 July 2011 (Friday)

HOLIDAY
Asarmha Day
No Meeting

22 July 2011 (Friday)

Rangsan Thammanee Wong
 Is Your Business Going in the
 Right Direction?

29 July 2011 (Friday)

Classifications

5 August 2011 (Friday)

Oriental Hotel
Club Birthday
PP Phillip Baechtold
Country vs Country

12 August 2011 (Friday)

HOLIDAY

Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday
No Meeting

19 August 2011 (Friday)

Father Giovanni Contarin
HIV/Aids

South Mouth

A woman was having a daytime affair while her husband was at work. One rainy day she is in bed with her boyfriend when, to her horror, she hears her husband's car pull into the driveway. "Oh my God - Hurry! Grab your clothes and jump out the window. My husband's home early!" "I can't jump out the window. It's raining out there!" "If my husband catches us in here, he'll kill us both!" she replied. "He's got a hot temper and a gun, so the

rain is the least of your problems!" So the boyfriend scoots out of bed, grabs his clothes and jumps out the window! As he runs down the street in the pouring rain, he discovers he's run into the middle of the annual marathon, so he starts running along beside the others, about 300 of them. Being naked, with his clothes tucked under his arm, he tries to blend in as best he can. After a little while a small group of runners who has been watching him with some curiosity, jog closer.

"Do you always run in the nude?" one asks. "Oh yes!" he replies, gasping in air. "It feels so wonderfully free!" Another runner moves along side. "Do you always run carrying your clothes with you under your arm?" "Oh, yes' our friend answers breathlessly. "That way I can get dressed right at the end of the run and get in my car to go home!" Then a third runner casts his eyes a little lower and asks, "Do you always wear a condom when you run?" "Nope... just when it's raining."



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