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Today's Program: Dr Michael Morton The Pill - Half Century of Oral Contraception

Next Week's Program: Classification Interviews

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Richard Greaves

From the eye of the Red Storm

Rotarian Richard Greaves (Bangkok RC), General Manager for Hyatt Erawan, home, among many other great things in Bangkok, to the Bangkok Rotary Club (the mothers) and Bangkok Rotary Club (baby sisters) dropped by to lead us into and through the events this spring as seen from his viewpoint, inside the Red Zone and inside the five-star hotel property he manages.

While detailing what was going on just outside the hotel, Richard offered an insight into what he, his staff and guests were experiencing inside as events started, unfolded and came to the sudden end most of us witnessed on TV. Not for Richard, though, his seat for everything was front and centre, just a few meters from some of the action and for about a month, well inside Red Town.

Intertwining details about guest comings and goings, his adventures as the man in charge, his staff and their support and most

importantly, his security team who came through unharmed and with a level of dedication to the hotel that was truly remarkable, Richard painted an amazing story.

With events escalating outside, services inside being cutback to avoid potential problems, guest numbers rapidly dropped eventually leading to a need to move even diehard Erawan fans to other hotels around the city.

While Richard's story does have a happy ending, it was clear from what he had to say that at all times, the well-being of his guests and staff was of paramount importance.

Ending his talk with a few heart-warming stories about staff going out of their way to help guests, he left Rotarian Andrew with a unique beginning to his vote of thanks in that Andrew, for some reason unknown to most, decided he needed to explain why he, of all people, was the first guest to



check-in when the Erawan Hotel reopened.

Turns out, Andrew was married there 17 years ago and he and his wife celebrate every year by staying at the Hyatt Erawan, complimented by the fact Rtn Andrew and Rtn Richard have a strong friendship stretching back quite a few years to when they were both relatively new to the charms of Bangkok.



Another elephant off for the summer with Mahout Rtn Dean

Rtn Nouw Saoreun, Charter President, RC Battambang, Cambodia, PDG Dan Tynon and DSG (District Special Representative, DGN Alex (Singha) Mavro



Coins on Silom 2010 Director, PP Nart



Speaker Rotarian Richard (Bangkok RC), Rtn Andrew, (Vote of Thanks), PP Wanit (for color), Rtn Dana (Program Chair) and VP Prasobsook (Introducer)

Khun Fon from Cosmos Academy, PP Wanit and PP Ole doing their parts to help push the weekly draw over 3,00,000 Baht.



Weekly Raffle Reaches 3,000,000 Baht....

- ◆ Cosmos started on 15 May 2000 and has had several generous sponsors - Chivas, Cosmos (first time), Witch's, O'Reillys, Nicolas and, again, Cosmos.
- ◆ Last week, 27 August the total from all raffles held under all of these sponsorships, passed the 3 million Baht mark - THB 3,001,411.50.
- ◆ That is an average of THB 6,440.80 for each of the 466 weeks we have run a raffle.



PDG Dan getting his treat from Khun Fon.

Sports Bar Challenge Huge Success as BS Canadians continue to dominate at indoor sports

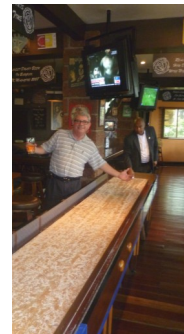
The competition was fierce, in fact causing a least two pints of beer to be spilled, filled with long pregnant pauses as the tournaments leading competitors took time-outs to light various cigarettes and cigars noted for their relaxing effect on the nerves of skilled indoor sports stars.

Much to the chagrin of Tournament Director Rtn Michael Doyle, once again a prized sporting trophy made its way to a northern neighbor. At least half the trophy as the winning team featured the combined talents of Tyrone (Jet-lagged) Jenkins (USA) and Tim (Shuffle) Cornwall (Canada).

Clearly displaying skills acquired from a miss-spent youth and hours of extensive practice, T&T emerged victorious in the two major indoor sporting chal-

lenges on tap, darts and shuffle board, leaving the more onerous and exhausting, pseudo in-door sport foosball to be won by a bemused Michael Doyle and a delighted Jamie Cummiskey.

Despite being cheered on by discerning sports fans, many teams struggled to find their form early in the parched heat of the afternoon, but as time passed, beers flowed and sporting skills mellowed, the true spirit of competition infected the growing throng of spectators, culminating in a trophy presentation that will be recorded in the annals of Rotary Club of Bangkok South as perhaps the shortest.



A farmer goes in half with a friend to buy a bull so he can increase his stock. A couple of weeks later the friend comes by to see how his investment is doing. The farmer complains that the bull just eats grass and won't look at the cows. His friend suggests that a veterinarian have a

look at the bull.

The following week his friend returns to see if the vet helped. The farmer looks delighted: "The bull has taken care of all my cows, broke through the fence, and has even serviced all my neighbor's cows!"

"Wow," says his friend, "what did the vet do to that bull?" "Just gave him some pills" said the farmer. "What kind of pills?" asked his friend. "I don't know, but they sort of taste like peppermint."

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Khun Prakai's Club Almanac

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Attendance for 27 August 2010: **69%**
Present 50, Make-up 7, Absent 21,
Leave 5, Exemption 27, Total 110

Visiting on 27 August 2010
Bangkok: Richard Greaves



From Abroad

PDG Dan Tynon (LA, USA)

Invited Guests

Geoff Carter

Arie Bloed

Richard Bell

Jim Preen

Gebhard Hinden

Christian Hinden

Introduced by

DGN Alex Mavro

P Andrew MacPherson

Jim Fowler

Jim Fowler

Mike Ellis

Mike Ellis

Recent Make-ups

Huddersfield, 10/8/10: IPP John Quarmby

Playa Venice, 25/8/10: Tyrone Jenkins

Make-up Credits

Fundraising, AWC Gala Dinner, 13/7/10: Mike Ellis,

Rudy van der Hoeven, Joop van Delden

Fundraising, AWC Gala Dinner, 28/7/10: Mike Ellis,

Rudy van der Hoeven, Joop van Delden

Fundraising, AWC Gala Dinner, 11/8/10: Mike Ellis,

Rudy van der Hoeven

Fundraising Committee, 23/8/10: Mike Ellis, PP Nart

Liuchareon, Prasert Mangkornkarn, PP Wanit

Mekdhanasarn, Mark Marshall

Fundraising, AWC Gala Dinner, 25/8/10: Mike Ellis,

Mark Marshall

Coins on Silom, 27/8/10: Mike Ellis, PP Nart Liu-

chareon, P Andrew MacPherson, John Watson,

Manu Mekdhanasarn, Adrian Topham, Gary White

Sports Bar Challenge Fellowship, 27/8/10: Mike

Doyle, Thanakorn Telan, Dana Caron, Carol Kuhn, P

Andrew MacPherson, Jamie Cummiskey, Tyrone

Jenkins, Tim Cornwall, PP Wanit Mekdhanasarn,

Mark Marshall, Rudy van der Hoeven, Gary White

Club Calendar

10 September 2010 (Friday Luncheon)
Classification Interviews

17 September 2010 (Friday Luncheon)
HE Felipe Frydman
Argentinean Ambassador
Democratization of Argentina
Lesson for Asia

30 September 2010 (Thursday 19.00)
Social Night
Roadhouse Barbecue

16 October 2010 (Saturday) 18.30
2010 Orient Express Gala
American Women's Club of Thailand/
Rotary Club of Bangkok South
Grand Hyatt Erawan
Black Tie Fund-Raising Dinner
Silent Auction, Drinks, Dinner/Dancing

29 October 2010 (Friday All Day)
Coins on Silom
All Rotarians

15 December 2010 (Wednesday)
19 January 2011 (Wednesday)

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