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Treasurer Adrian Topham • Service Projects David Record • Sergeant-at-arms Rudy van der Hoeven

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President Mark Butters President's Day

President Mark Butters took the club through a well thought-out and informative insight into what the club has to look forward to during the coming 12 months.

Beginning with exciting events first, Mark talked about our upcoming 50th Anniversary, the events being planned, and the club history being up-dated. In addition, as we all know, the RI Convention will be here in Bangkok in May 2012, something we will hear more about over the coming months.

The Rotary theme for 2011/2012 is "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" and RI targets this year stress the importance of Rotary Foundation and Membership, with an additional District Target to see as many members as possible join the RI Convention.

President Mark is already thinking ahead and has our first of two Club Assemblies scheduled for 21 October 2011, to coincide with the DG's annual visit, and the second time in the New Year.



Moving on, he outlined the roles and responsibilities of the board members, beginning with IPP Andrew MacPherson, to whom Mark will turn for advice and assistance as needed. In addition, IPP Andrew has agreed to Chair the Programme Committee, which in itself is

a massive undertaking.

PE/Membership is Nick Pisalyaput, who in his own words has affirmed that his goal is to find, *"six new members this year preferably someone a little less geriatric than we are accustomed to and someone who has a good chance of being an actively contributing member"*.

This is consistent with RI targets for 2011/12 which include an increase in membership by at least one and retention of at least 85% of our existing members; along with two of the following components, a 2% increase in qualified younger professionals

(under 45), induction of one or more RI/Rotary Foundation programme alumni or increased diversity.

In response, we are targeting at least 6 new members in the year and while there are some changes in the committee, plans include a social evening for potential new members (the re-introduction of new Rotarians as Meeters & Greeters and an invitation to present Rotary Information.

Our two VPs are Rtn Prasert Mangkornkarn and Rtn Michael Doyle, who are both responsible for support and advice, and are obliged to stand in at meetings and major events when the president is not available. Rtn Prasert will be working with the Communication Committee and Rotary Foundation, while Rtn Michael will be taking on Administration and Service Projects.

Rtn Dana Caron, Secretary, is responsible for all notices and minutes of Board Meetings; to ensure all RI/District reports are filed on time, to complete monthly reports, to attend to all other relevant matters and to liaise with District and RI.

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Rotary in Pictures



Rtns Dougie, Junior and Dana playing with a Coins Elephant...



Rtns David, Gary and Jamie discussing the new SW Template (not)



P Mark and Rtn Ian, our new Photograph Records Librarian...

President Mark, Rtn Tim DGE Alex and PDG Kasemchai, (right) offer a few words of thanks to Eugene Cheang Assistant Manager in Group Corporate Communications for CIMB Group (second from the right)

During the meeting, Eugene through the CIMB Foundation generously donated 550,000 THB to help RCBS upgrade and refurbish the Huaykwang Low Income Community ICT Computer Center. The renovated ICT Computer Center will have 13 new computers, multimedia systems and furniture.

In addition, the foundation has also donated 500,000 THB towards the RCBS Library Kits.

We've supersized the current Library Kits so that CIMB Foundation will be getting 25 kits worth 20,000 THB each.



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President Day Continued

Our Treasurer, this year Rtn Adrian Topham, has a huge job as steward of the club's incoming and outgoing funds, with transactions last year having totaled 49 Million Baht last year. In addition, he will make certain all dues, donations and sponsorships are collected on time, will maintain accurate accounts/financial records and tender timely reports to the Board.

The installation Dinner, our Birthday Lunch scheduled for 5 August 2011 at The Oriental, and our 50th Anniversary Dinner on 1 October at the Inter-Continental Hotel fall under the domain of Admin – Dean Outerson.

In addition, we have a whole slew of events planned: Inter-club Networking, Family Christmas Dinner, Paul Harris Dinner, Family Bowling Night, a Poker Night, Family Boat Cruise, Fan Side Dinners, Bar Olympics and a trip to visit RC Royal Hua Hin.

The newest member on the Board, Rakesh Sodhia, comes in as our Communications Director. His responsibilities this year include both developing and maintaining a number of core functions and vehicles needed to ensure good communications.

He will develop and maintain effective communication in the print, electronic and social media so as to disseminate news of activities, events and developments to sponsors, supporters and general public.

The role of Club photo librarian will be established and this person will develop a system for storage and cataloging of club photos over the full year.

Finally, he will review the Yearbook and its production and come up with an alternative or measures to ensure sufficient funding and efficient produc-

tion of the existing version, as well as to oversee production of the 50th anniversary history book

Fundraising will be overseen by Rtn Dougie Riach, whose core responsibility is to ensure we have sufficient funds for all of our projects. This year he will be doing this limited to two main events due to the RI Convention, our 50th Anniversary and to avoid "donor fatigue."

Coins on Silom will be on Friday, 4 November 2011 and is targeting 1.8 million and, as in the past, both sponsorship and work force are needed. Golf will be in the New Year.

Rtn Vinai has agreed to keep Cosmos for Charity going for a sixth year and Shrewsbury have confirmed their willingness to sponsor Kids Day Out.

Rotary Foundation, which is chaired by Rtn Jon Plate, deals with Matching Grants. So far this year, we have a new proposed project for 16 water systems with Japan already.

Our target for Paul Harris Fellows is 12, with quite a few already committed. PP. Narinder is in charge. It should be noted that of our 111 members, 73 are Paul Harris Fellows, while 28 are not.

Service Projects is Rtn David Record. The role of the Service Projects Committee for RCBS is to continue our existing projects, as well as identify, develop and implement new educational, humanitarian, and vocational service projects that will help local communities in Thailand.

Handicapped – Rtn Chris Thatcher (with PP Gary Worthington)

Caulfield Library for the Blind, Thungmahamek Deaf School, Redemptorist Mission, Ramintra Home for the Blind, Ban Bang Boon Aids Hospice, and any other institutions/projects dealing

with the handicapped or ill.

Kids Day Out – PP John Quarmby

Kids Day Out is really part of handicapped but requires major organization and attention and, because it is part sponsored, has a dotted line to Fund Raising as well. John attended the recent KDO as a Beach Supervisor and was very happy with how it ran and proposes no major changes.

Youth – Rtn Chip Bowness (with PP Gary Worthington)

Sparrow Home, Ban Nai Suan (Uthai Thani), Good Shepherd Sisters and any institutions/projects dealing with young people.

This portfolio has room for expansion with the inclusion of orphanages and other projects.

Low Income Communities with PP Vince Shueh undertakes projects involving assistance to low income communities in Bangkok

Vocational – PP Marcel Dubbelman

This involves assistance to educational institutions or for educational purposes but excludes Library Kit Projects and Library Fellowship.

Library Kits – Rtn Tyrone Jenkins

To keep focus, the Library Kits project has been split into a separate portfolio.

Water – Rtn Volker Betsch & Rtn Marco Casanova

Marco will assist Volker who travels extensively.

Finally, our Sergeant at Arms – Rudy van der Hoeven, who is to ensure the room is set up at our regular meetings, the head table is full, microphones and equipment work, meetings commence on time, introduce visiting Rotarians and guests and to maintain order during the meeting.

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Happy Birthdays

Andrew Hamilton (25 July)

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Michael Bain (20 July)

PP Chumpol Phornprapha (21 July)

Attendance for 8 July 2011: 60%

Present 44, Make-up 5, Absent 28, Leave 5, Exempt 29, Total 111

Visiting on 8 July 2011

Bangkapi: Sachdev

Patong Beach: Stan Bailey

Sraprathum: CP Suwanna Vongsurakrai

From Abroad

Dan Christensen (Nibe, Denmark)

Bea Hunter (Malone, USA)

Anuj Ajmera (Bombay Kandivli, Mumbai)

Invited guests

Gary Morrison

Gareth Knight

Eugene Cheng

Viray Kishnani

Suwanna Termpuntunun Suwanna Vongsurakrai

Steev

Introduced by

Jon Plate

Tim Cornwall

Nick Pisalyaput

Douglas Riach

Suwanna Vongsurakrai

Recent Make-up

Royal Hua Hin, 1/7: Douglas Riach, Michael Bain

Bangkok, 7/7: Gerard Geraets

Banglumphu 6/7: DGE Alex Mavro

Make-up Credit

Water, 4/7: Wolfgang Minderjahn, Marco Casanova, Gary White, PP John Quarmby, Volker Betsch

Rotary Foundation, 6/7: Jon Plate, Rod Vergara, Alastair Timblich, PP Vichai Tantratvud, Rui Belo, Leo Alexandersen

District Committee, 9/7: DGE Alex Mavro

RI Convention Committee, 10/7: DGE Alex Mavro

Club Calendar

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

It all began with an iPhone

March was when my son celebrated his 15th birthday, and I got him an iPhone. He just loved it. Who wouldn't?

I celebrated my birthday in July, and my wife made me very happy when she bought me an iPad.

My daughter's birthday was in August so

I got her an iPod Touch.

My wife celebrated her birthday in September so I got her an iRon. It was around then that the fight started.

What my wife failed to recognize is that the iRon can be integrated into the home network with the iWash, iCook and iClean.

This inevitably activates the iNag reminder service.

I should be out of the hospital next week!



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