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Today: Classification Interviews: Lalit Kumar by PP Narinder Sachdev and Doug Riach by Michael Bain
Next Week's Program: HE Felipe Frydman, Argentinean Ambassador: *The Democratization of Argentina*

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10 September 2010

Dr Michael Morton

The Pill - A Half Century of Oral Contraception

With nary a pregnant pause, the wit and charm of Dr Michael Morton shone through as we were led through the history of "the Pill" from its conception, through its infancy and into its illustrious 50-year history.

Dr Michael painted a pretty-bleak picture of the pill's conception, stating that in the beginning, no one thought it a good idea, no one thought it would make money and no one was prepared to pay for its development.

However, developed it was, albeit with private funds from a wealthy woman; and was eventually introduced fifty years ago, following what today would be very suspect experimental conditions as to efficacy and safety and finally placed on the market.

Following attacks based on religion, public health and by drug companies, the pill's introduction



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gradually made its way to full confirmation by women who could now control when they would have children and in doing so raised the average age women have a first child.

Currently taken by 100M, early concerns about the pill have proven, at least to date, to have been unfounded. It has not been shown to make it more difficult for pill-taking women to conceive, although they should wait at least a month before trying, has not re-

sulted in increased miscarriages nor has it harmed women's libido.

Dr Michael reviewed the pill's early days in terms of dangers women might have experienced due to its composition in its adolescence, but these are now avoided with a safer and more effective older sister.

While not mentioning social benefits, he did note that one long-term study has shown that expected negative side-effects in terms of cancer and other problems have, in fact, reduced by clearly visible rates. In fact, he continued, it is not clear what the true benefits might be as many of its more beneficial results are related to things that did not happen and are, as such, impossible to measure.

An interesting talk, it certainly kept us entranced as we learned more about something that has had a positive effect on most of our lives.



Audience reaction...



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Rotary Peace Center Event



Rotary Peace Center
at Chulalongkorn University



Please join us for a panel discussion

Nation Building & Conflict: The Latin American Experience

Panelists

- Ambassador Felipe Frydman, Argentina
- Ambassador Arturo Puente, Mexico
- Ambassador Alberto Yoacham, Chile

Details

9:30-11:00am
Monday, 20 September 2010

Saranites Room
2nd Floor, Main Auditorium Building
Chulalongkorn University





RCBS Fund Raising Present and Future...



Dennis Kramer, a good friend of Rtn Marco Casanova was on the recent CDWS Inauguration Trip and was so impressed with the adventure, fellowship and the schools and children visited, he has decided to support our efforts with 80,000 Baht for clean drinking water at two schools.

THE AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF THAILAND AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF BANGKOK SOUTH PROUDLY PRESENT...

Proceeds to benefit the Royal Dec. Near & Throat Foundation of Thailand and Operation Smile Thailand

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010
GRAND HYATT ERAWAN BANGKOK

6:30 PM COCKTAILS - 8:00 PM DINNER
LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS - DANCING
BLACK TIE
DONATION: 3,000 BAHT / PERSON

TICKETS AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Weekly Charity Draw 3,000,000+ Baht and counting



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Coins on Silom
29 October 2010
(Friday All Day)
Director, PP Nart

A husband walks into the bedroom holding two aspirin and a glass of water. His wife asks, "What's that for?" "It's for your headache." "I don't have a headache." He replies, "Gotcha!"

You may have heard about a new bride who was embarrassed to be known as a honeymooner. So when she and her husband pulled up to the hotel, she asked him if there was any way they could make it appear they'd been married a long time. He responded, "Sure. You carry the suitcases!"

She left him on the sofa when the phone rang, and was back in a few seconds. "Who was it?" he asked. "My husband," she replied. "I better get going," he said. "Where was he?" "Relax. He's downtown playing poker with you."

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Khun Prakai's Club Almanac

No 3368 10 September 2010

Happy Birthdays

Colin Hastings (11 September)

Attendance for 3 September 2010: 59%
Present 41, Make-up 8, Absent 28, Leave 6, Exemption 27, Total 110

Visiting on 3 September 2010

Patong Beach: Stan Bailey

Invited guests

Arie Bloed
Dennis Kramer
Alois Gnadl
Chris Thatcher
Peter Keusgen
Garry Irvin
Leigh Wilmott
PP Geoff Carter
Suthita Thawornpong

Introduced by

P Andrew MacPherson
Marco Casanova
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Mark Butters
Tim Cornwall
Tim Cornwall
Mark Butters
Alex Mavro
Oldrich Capek



Recent Make-ups

Sila-Asana, 12/8/10: Tim Cornwall, Volker Betsch, Marco Casanova, P Andrew MacPherson, PP Philip Baechtold

Uttaradit, 13/8/10: Tim Cornwall, Volker Betsch, Marco Casanova, P Andrew MacPherson

Naresuan, 15/8/10: Tim Cornwall, Volker Betsch, Marco Casanova, P Andrew MacPherson

Sriracha, 31/8/10: PP Graham Brain

Manchester, 2/9/10: John Watson

Chumphae, 2/9/10: DGE Alex Mavro

Make-up Credit

CDWS Inauguration: Chai Khao Witthaya, 13/8/10: Tim Cornwall, Volker Betsch, Marco Casanova, P Andrew MacPherson

CDWS Inauguration: Ban Khok Witthayakhom, 13/8/10: Tim Cornwall, Volker Betsch, Marco Casanova, P Andrew MacPherson

CDWS Inauguration: Ban Khok Yai, 15/8/10: Tim Cornwall, Volker Betsch, Marco Casanova, P Andrew MacPherson

Club Calendar

17 September 2010 (Friday Luncheon)

HE Felipe Frydman

Argentinean Ambassador

*The Democratization of Argentina
Lessons for Asia*

24 September 2010 (Friday Luncheon)

Program Details Forthcoming

30 September 2010 (Thursday 19.00)

Social Night @ Roadhouse Barbecue

01 October 2010 (Friday Luncheon)

Program Details Forthcoming

08 October 2010 (Friday Luncheon)

Program Details Forthcoming

15 October 2010 (Friday Luncheon)

Program Details Forthcoming

16 October 2010 (Saturday) 18.30

2010 Orient Express Gala

American Women's Club of Thailand

Rotary Club of Bangkok South

Grand Hyatt Erawan

Fund-Raising Dinner

29 October 2010 (Friday All Day)

Coins on Silom

Polio Plus Days

15 December 2010 (Wednesday)

19 January 2011 (Wednesday)

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