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Today: CP Geoffrey Carter - Great Man-Made River Project

Next Week's Program: Rotarian John Casella, Yes, there is an Ice hockey league in Bangkok

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Oktoberfest with Wolfgang Minderjahn *Paulaner Beer Tasting*

The history, unser Wasser Kaiser, so valiantly tried to present, between quaffs of Paulaner beer pretty much goes like this...

Crown Prince Ludwig, later to become King Ludwig I, was married to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen on 12 October 1810.

The citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the happy royal event. The fields have been named Theresienwiese ("Theresa's fields") in honor of ever since, although locals have abbreviated the name simply to the "Wiesn".

Horse races in the presence of the Royal Family marked the close of the event that was celebrated as a festival for the whole of Bavaria. The decision to repeat the races in the subsequent year gave rise to the tradition of the Oktoberfest.

In 1811 an added feature to the horse races was the first Agricultural Show, designed to boost Bavarian agriculture. The horse races, which were the oldest and, at one time, the most popular event of the festival are no



longer held today. But the Agricultural Show is still held every three years.

In the first few decades the choice of amusements was sparse. The first carousel and two swings were set up in 1818. Visitors were able to quench their thirst at small beer stands which grew rapidly in number. In 1896, the

beer stands were replaced by the first beer tents and halls set up by enterprising landlords with the backing of the breweries.

The remainder of the festival site was taken up by a fun-fair. The range of carousels on offer was already increasing rapidly in the 1870s as the fairground trade continued to grow and develop in Germany.

Today, Oktoberfest is the largest festival in the world, with an international flavor characteristic of the 21st century: some 6 million visitors from around the world converge each year.

The famous Oktoberfest with thousands of visitors from all over the world has an enormous influence on the economy of Munich and the surrounding area.

Approximately 830 Millions EURO are spent during the 16 days - 324 Mio EURO on the festival grounds for food, drinks and entertainment, 205 Mio EURO for shopping in and around Munich, public transport and restaurants as well as about 301 Mio EURO for hotel accommodation.

About 12,000 people are employed to enable the world's largest and most popular festival.



Another day... another picture...



Cold beer and a microphone, dangerous mix...



Rotary information gone awry...



Keep them coming...



Sure beats water...

Photos by Peter Keusgen



Rudy showing his talents in action...



Suave and knows how to pull a





Coins on Silom Friday, 29 October 2010
Four weeks to go and counting...
Are you ready for this year's fun?

Coins on Silom is our annual, high-profile fundraising event held along Silom from Rama IV to Bangkok Bank. During this unique day-long event, a broad strip of 3M red cloth tape is laid along the sidewalk, very early morning by non-Rotarians these days, on both sides of Silom and stands are prominently placed to display sponsor logos. Club and other volunteers accept donations from the general public and each donor is invited to place a symbolic "coin" (actually a sticker), bearing the logo of one of our platinum sponsors, on the tape to symbolize their contribution.

Local celebrities help open the event and provide entertainment. Each year thousands of people from all walks of life take a few moments to contribute and help those in need.

3M Thailand has been the event sponsor for Coins on Silom for many years, contributing the red cloth and self-adhesive tape placed along Silom.

Our Coin's funds come from:

- Donations from the public on the day
- Donations deposited in elephant money boxes distributed around Bangkok
- Other donations by members, colleagues, friends and acquaintances
- Sponsorships

Each year Coins on Silom raises well over 1 million Baht, all of which goes directly to our charity projects



A small photo collection celebrating the many reasons Coins on Silom has always been a great success.



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TOP 10 REASONS FOR BEING GERMAN

1. Oktoberfest.
2. Oktoberfest-beer.
3. BMW.

4. VW.
5. Audi.
6. Mercedes.



7. On a highway you can travel at a speed that would bring you to jail in any other country of the world.
8. You do not have to learn German as a foreign language.
9. You think Sauerkraut is delicious.
10. Contrary to common belief laughing is not forbidden by law (yet).



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01 October 2010

Happy Birthdays

PE Mark Butters (2 October)

Attendance for 24 September 2010: 59%
Present 41, Make-up 8, Absent 31, Leave 3, Exemption 27: Total 110

Visiting on 17 September 2010

Bangkapi: Karin Lohitnavy

From Abroad

Ekkehard Wiek (Singapore)

Invited guests

Patrick Schaub

Arie Bloed

Gerard Geraets

Chris Thatcher

CP Geoff Carter

Jacob Bejsen

Christian Sjoeborg

Peter Keusgen

Introduced by

Joe Thawilvejjakul

P Andrew MacPherson

PP Maarten Worp

Mark Butters

DGN Alex Mavro

Karin Lohitnavy

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Tim Cornwall



Recent Make-ups

Copenhagen, 22/9/10: Poul Weber

Bangkok Suriwong, 7, 14 & 21/9/10: PP Koichiro Ishihira.

Make-up Credit

Kids Day Out, 17/9/10: Douglas Riach, Gary Worthington, Tyrone Jenkins, Rudy van der Hoeven

Rotary Bangkok 80th Anniversary Dinner, 17/9/10:

DGN Alex Mavro, P Andrew MacPherson, PP Don Lavoie, PP John Quarmby, Jon Plate, Douglas Riach, Ken Hoon, PP Krit Wongsangarunsri, PE Mark Butters, PDG Prapahan Hutasingh, Rudy van der Hoeven, Rui Belo, PP Vichai Tantrativud, PP Suchart Mahantakhun, Tim Cornwall, Tyrone Jenkins, Wolfgang Minderjahn, PDG Xanxai Visitkul

Board of Directors, 20/9/10: P Andrew MacPherson, PE Mark Butters, Nick Pisalyaput, Jon Plate, Gareth Marshall, Leo Alexandersen, Rudy van der Hoeven, Mike Ellis, Thanakorn Telan, Jamie Cummiskey

Coins on Silom, 24/9/10: Adrian Topham, Alastair Timblich, P Andrew MacPherson, Mark Marshall, PP Nart Liuchareon, Rudy van der Hoeven, Tyrone Jenkins

Club Calendar

08 October 2010 (Friday Luncheon)

John Casella

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15 October 2010 (Friday Luncheon)

Brian Sinclair-Thompson

Aviation Update and Other Challenges

16 October 2010 (Saturday) 18.30

2010 Orient Express Gala

American Women's Club of Thailand

Rotary Club of Bangkok South

Grand Hyatt Erawan

22nd October 2010 (Friday)

HE Ron Hoffmann

Close Call's in Afghanistan

29 October 2010 (Friday All Day)

Coins on Silom

Polio Plus Days

15 December 2010 (Wednesday)

19 January 2011 (Wednesday)

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