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THE ROTARY CLUB OF BANGKOK SOUTH



Meetings: Friday 12.15 pm.

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Rtn Chris Thatcher Education "Revenge of the Principal"

Chris Thatcher, our fellow Rotarian, is, in fact, a well-respected educator and educational consultant to international schools, former President of the UK National Association of Head Teachers, and former SE Asia Education Development Director of Cambridge Education.

Entertaining us with a variety of stories, Chris was able to paint a clear picture of what it is to be an educator, and more importantly, the changes he witnessed while a principal.

Chris's first story was about Stephen a young lad of four who had cystic fibrosis and wished to attend school with his mates from the neighborhood.



He talked about the struggles they had to get him into the school and how five years later, Stephen passed away...

Chris mentioned that this would be something he would remember forever and how he still has and treasures a finger puppet made by Stephen just before he passed away.

It is stories such as these that help to bridge the gap between those in education and those who are not and helps to erase the bad taste true educators such as Chris get when clueless pundits hit us with the quotation... *Those who can, do; and those who can't, teach.*" attributed to HL Mencken (1880-1956).

The story I liked best was the field trip and the coming away from a stop with two extra kids. It reminded me of our Kids Day Out and what would happen if we increased in numbers, as our concerns are more about losing numbers.

He also talked, more interestingly in my opinion, about on-going changes in education and the influences and pressures teachers have at even the most mundane level, testing students and applying standards to huge increase in budget he mentioned he and other principals need to administer.

That Chris is a dedicated educator and principal is clear throughout his talk. That he still cares about education is clear. That he has ideas about what should be happening here is clear... Three good reasons we should have him back to talk about education on a more serious note...



Rotary in Pictures



Visiting Rtn Mark and Rtn Junior discussing the wine, Junior is to auction later in the day...



Smiles and suds all around as Greeter & Meeter Mark meets Rtns Ian and Tyrone and friends...



PP Vinai, PP Krit and Rtn Rod all looking very dapper...



PP Don and Rtn Volker trading stories about something profound...



Our newest member Rtn Nathan Christoff with P Mark and IPP Andrew



Rtns Gary and Ian being accosted by Rtn Dean, Cosmos Madchens and an inbound meal...



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50th Anniversary Gala Dinner

Come join our Gala Dinner to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Bangkok South.

All members, former members, members of other clubs and friends are invited to join us to mark this milestone in our club's history.

**Saturday, 1 October
18.30 to 22.00
Intercontinental Hotel
Baht 1,800 per person**



**Club Delegation Calendar
2011/2012**

RC Srpathum: Wednesday, 19 October 2011 12.30, Novotel Siam Square

RC Bangkok South: Friday, 2 December 2011 12.00, Crowne Plaza Lumpini Park Hotel

RC Sathorn: Thursday, 26 January 2012 19.30, Holiday Inn Hotel, Silom Road

RC Bangkok: Thursday, 29 March 2012 12.00, Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel

RC Patumwan: Tuesday, 24 April 2012 12.00, Montien Hotel

RC Bangkapi: Tuesday, 5 June 2012 12.00, Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel

CDWS Trip 28-30 October

Come join one of Rtn Wolfgang's (Water Kaiser) trips up country to inaugurate two water projects in Lampang and Sukhothai Province.

Included are visits to the Elephant Conservation Center and Sukhothai Historical Park.

To book a seat in the van, leaving Friday, 28 October after lunch contact Wolfgang at **wolfgang-minderjahn@gmail.com** no later than the third week in September.



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Khun Prakai's Club Almanac

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Attendance 26 August 2011:
65%

Present 42 , Make-up 11,
Absent 22, Leave 6,
Exemption 28, Total 109

Visiting on 26 August 2011

Bangkapi: Sachdev Satpal.
Bangkok: JP Ver Buest, Vinaqi Sachdev

From Abroad

Mark Wolf	(Woodburn, Oregon, USA.)
Invited guests	Introduced by
Stuart Baker	Mike Doyle
Peter Panels	Wolfgang Minderjahn
John Lane	Vinai Phutthinin
Knut K	Vinai Phutthinin
John Shelter	Vinai Phutthinin

Recent Make-up:

Dhonburi, 24/8/11: P Mark Butters, Krin Charnmay-teesakul, IPP Andrew MacPherson, Prasert Mangkornkarn, Nick Pisalyaput



Club Calendar

Friday, 9 September (Luncheon)

Dr Norbert Spitz
Culture in Conflict Zone

Saturday, 1 October

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18.30 to 22.00

Intercontinental Hotel

For more Bangkok South Events check the club calendar at

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If you can't convince them, confuse them.

Harry S Truman

I never drink water; that is the stuff that rusts pipes.

WC Fields

A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

George Bernard Shaw

A word to the wise ain't necessary - it's the stupid ones that need the advice.

Bill Cosby

I am not afraid of death, I just don't want to be there when it happens.

Woody Allen



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