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**Today:** John Casella, Yes, there is an Ice hockey league in Bangkok  
**Next Week's Program:** Brian Sinclair-Thompson, Aviation Update and Other Challenges

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### Great Man-Made River Project CP Geoffrey Carter



While the Great Man-Made River Project or the eighth wonder of the world has the potential to transform Libyan life, it

also provided CP Geoff Carter with yet another exotic, foreign land to ply his engineering skills.

Libya is a desert country and finding fresh water has always been a problem. However, oil exploration in the 1950s revealed vast aquifers beneath Libya's southern desert, which according to radiocarbon analysis is up to 40,000 years old.

After weighing costs involved in desalination or transporting water from Europe, Libyan economists decided the cheapest option was to construct pipeline networks to transport water from the desert to coastal cities, where most Libyans live.

In August 1984, Muammar Al

Qadhafi laid the foundation stone for pipe production at Brega. While Libya had oil money to pay, it did not have technical or engineering expertise for such a massive undertaking, which is where CP Geoff came into the picture some 20 years after it started.

With such a massive project, Geoff only had time to mention a few aspects, but most impressive where the huge pipes, their construction and the time and effort put into each one. Designed to last 50 years, each pipe has a unique identification mark so if anything goes wrong, engineers can quickly establish when the pipe was made.

When completed, Libya will have spent almost \$50B. So far, this has bought 5,000 km of pipeline that can transport 6.5M cubic metres of water daily from 1,300 desert wells.

Finally while it is not certain how long the water might last, one source suggests it could be as much as 1,000 years.

### Facts and Figures

- 500K pre-stressed concrete pipes
- 24/7 pipe transportation
- distance travelled by transporters equivalent to sun and back
- 3,700+ km of roads constructed alongside pipeline trench to enable heavy trucks to deliver pipe
- Phase I: Total Length 1,600 Km
- Phase II: Total Length 2,155 Km
- Trench excavation: 250M cubic meters
- 30M tons of aggregate, equal to 20 great pyramids of Khufu
- 7M tons of Cement
- 6M Km pre-stressing wire, enough to circle the earth 280 times
- 1,300 wells will ultimately produce 6.5M cubic meters of water daily





◀ Rtn Jamie presenting his brief, brief...

Rtn Mark and Rtn Adrian posing for their weekly picture with Khun Pooh our Cosmos for Charity assistant... ▶



Rtn John collecting his bottle, his coins and

PP Maarten with guest Gerard Geraets and Visiting Rotarians Bill Barr, a former Bangkok South Rotarian...

Rtn Jim, P Andrew presenting CP Geoff a certificate of appreciation



◀The club's newest and youngest potential father-son members... Rtn Tyrone and son Javad.

Javad Tye Jenkins was born at 12:24 am 7 September 2010 in the Samitivej Hospital. ▶





## Record Turnout for the Annual Rotary Club of Bangkok South 2010 Social Night



On a beautiful, Thursday evening, 25 Bangkok Southians did their utmost to demonstrate their fellowship with the 15 guests, and in many cases, potential new members to our illustrious traditions of service above self and the pursuit of happiness at watering holes owned by our fellow Rotarians.

Host, Rtn Dana has reported that the first Rotarian, (Rudy) arrived at 18.00, the last left at 12.00 (Rudy) and in between managed to imbibe 50 beers and 17 bottles of wine and consumed over 150 chicken wings and almost 50 pulled pork sandwiches.

By all accounts, including those still suffering Friday, it was a great evening....

### South Mouth

A lecturer teaching medicine was tutoring a class on 'Observation'. He took out a jar of yellow-colored liquid. "This", he explained, "is urine. To be a doctor, you have to be observant to color, smell, sight, and taste."

After saying this, he dipped his finger into the jar and put it into his mouth. His class watched on in amazement,

most, in disgust. But being the good students that they were, the jar was passed, and one by one, they dipped one finger into the jar and then put it into their mouth.

After the last student was done, the lecturer shook his head. "If any of you had been observant, you would have noticed that I put my 2nd finger into the jar and my 3rd finger into my mouth."



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## Khun Prakai's Club Almanac

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### New Email Addresses

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Rtn Leo [leo.alexandersen@pacificorientation.com](mailto:leo.alexandersen@pacificorientation.com)

### Happy Birthdays

IPP John Quarmby (11 October)

Rick Smith (11 October)

Scott Minter (11 October)

PP Chumpol Phornprapha (12 October)



### Attendance for 01 October 2010: 57%

Present 35, Make-up 12, Absent 33, Leave

3, Exemption 27, Total 110

### Visiting on 17 September 2010

**Bangkapi:** Sachdev Satpal

### From Abroad

Bill Barr (Edinburgh, Scotland)

Dan Christensen (Nibe, Denmark)

### Invited Guests

### Introduced by

Arie Bloed P Andrew MacPherson

Chris Thatcher Dana Caron

Gerard Geraets PP Maarten Worp

CP Geoff Carter Alex Mavro

### Recent Make-up

**North Sydney, 16/9/10:** David Armstrong.

### Make-up Credit

**Fundraiser AWC Gala, 22 and /9/10:** Mike Ellis, Mark Marshall, Rudy van der Hoeven

**Club History, 30/9/10:** PDG Praphan Hutasingh, PP Maarten Worp, PP Niti Meyer, PP Narinder Sachdev, PE Mark Butters, Dean Outerson

**Social Night Fellowship, 30/9/10:** P Andrew MacPherson, PP Alex Mavro, Dana Caron, Dean Outerson, PP Dirk Naumann, Douglas Riach, Frank Crocker, Gareth Marshall, Jamie Cummiskey, Jim Fowler, John Allan, Bill Fantozzi, Jon Plate, Joe Prasobsook, IPP John Quarmby, Junior Shaw, Mark Butters, Mark Marshall, Oldrich Capek, Prasert Mangkornkarn, Rick Smith, Ron Livingston, Rudy van der Hoeven, Tyrone Jenkins, Volker Betsch

**Coins on Silom, 1/10/10:** Adrian Topham, P Andrew MacPherson, PP Don Lavoie, Manu Mekdhanasarn, Mark Marshall, PP Nart Liuchareon, Rudy van der Hoeven

## Club Calendar

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 Luncheon)

**Michael Doyle**

*Regulation of Foreign Investment and Thailand's Competitiveness in the Region*

29 October 2010 (Friday All Day)

**Coins on Silom**

### Polio Plus Days

15 December 2010 (Wednesday)

19 January 2011 (Wednesday)

## Wanted

**Who can help the Club History Committee with a copy of the 2000 Installation Dinner Issue**

**Covers the 1999-2000 Rotary Year**

**PP Steiner Paulson**

**PP Koichiro Ishihira**

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