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Today: Brian Sinclair-Thompson, *Aviation Update and Other Challenges*
Next Week's Program: Michael Doyle *Thailand's Competitiveness in the Region*

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John Casella

Yes, there is an Ice hockey league in Bangkok

A scene in *Casablanca*, has Humphrey Bogart as Rick Blaine and Claude Rains as Captain Louis Renault sharing this dialogue.

Renault: *I've often speculated why you don't return to America. Did you abscond with church funds? Did you run off with a Senator's wife? I like to think you killed a man. It's the romantic in me.*

Rick: *It's a combination of all three*

Renault: *And what in Heaven's name brought you to Casablanca?*

Rick: *My health. I came to Casablanca for the waters.*

Renault: *The waters? What waters? We're in the desert.*

Rick: *I was misinformed...*

The same, might be said of anyone who'd suggested they'd come to Bangkok for ice hockey, but as we heard from fellow Rotarian and hockey player, John Casella, ice hockey is alive and doing very well in Thailand.

In fact, John began, Thailand competes regularly in the Asian Winter Games, coming in fifth out of six teams in 1999 and ninth out of 11 teams in 2003. Quite an accomplishment, he added, seeing that Thailand is not really known for its

winter sports, nor does it have large numbers of dual citizens, like Hong Kong and Macau, returning from Canada with hockey in the blood and sticks in their checked luggage.

The allusion to hockey sticks is meant to return to John and his overview of hockey night in Thailand and the fact that when he arrived, he came equipped with a hockey stick and a bicycle. Would be interesting to see which got more use, as John's name has been linked with both ball and ice hockey and the Flying Farangs since he arrived in 1996.

The Flying Farangs ice hockey club was founded in 1994 by a group of expat hockey players, who were coaching some of the Thai hockey teams, and continues to scrimmage on Wednesday nights at Imperial World Samrong on Sukhumvit Road. Its members also participate in the Thai World Ice Hockey League on Sunday evenings at the same venue.

The Flying Farangs' Annual Hockey Tournament raises money for Father Joe's Human Development Centre and has, over the years supported Father Joe and



other charities through hockey and golf tournaments.

The Hockey Tournament in Bangkok is popular with other Asian teams as the venue, Samrong Rink, is Olympic size, a treat for many of the teams from around the region who are forced to play on much smaller ice surfaces and venues.

This year's tournament, 27 to 30 October, should be good fun, and as John mentioned, it's a cool way, pun intended, to spend an afternoon raising money for a worthwhile charity.



◀ Another happy reader, checking up on our latest news...

The beer drinking gang, Rtn Rudy, DGE Alex, Rtn Tyrone and visiting Rtn Bob Gilmore ▶



◀ Final preparation for another chapter in the annals of Rotary Information...



Rtn Ron and Guest Chris doing their best to ignore PP Niti and assistants...



Not one, but two banners...

◀ Bob Gilmore from Harbor Town, USA



◀ Martin Quirke from Almaty, Kazakhstan

▶ P Andrew inviting CP Geoff to say a few words, while PP Alex looks on.





◀ Rtn Manu to the rescue...

This week's lucky winner showing various stages of excitement concerning his winnings...



◀ Rtn Dean showing off his hockey jersey from days gone by with Rtn John smiling in relief after an interesting talk and more importantly, the addition of the twin girls to his growing family.

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



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



A woman on her way home from market was carrying a duck.

A drunk staggered up to her and said, "Hey! where'd ja get the pig?"

The woman replied, "You drunken fool, that's no pig, it's a duck!"

And the drunk said, " Quiet, I was talking to the duck."

South Mouth

An old man was laying on his death bed. With only hours to live, he suddenly noticed the scent of chocolate chip cookies coming from the kitchen.

With his last bit of energy, he pulled himself out of his bed, across the floor to the stairs, and down the stairs

to the kitchen.

There, the old man's wife was baking chocolate chip cookies. With his last ounce of energy, he reached for a cookie.

His wife, however, quickly smacked him across the back of his hand, and exclaimed, "Leave them alone, they're for the funeral!"



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Khun Prakai's Club Almanac

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Happy Birthdays

Ravi Sehgal (21 October)

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Prasert Mangkornkarn (19 October)



Attendance for 8 October 2010: 56%

Present 38, Make-up 9, Absent 32, Leave 5, Exemption 27, Total 111

Visiting on 8 October 2010

Bangkapi: PP Kriangsak

From Abroad

Bob Gilmore (Harbor Town, USA)

Dan Christensen (Nibe, Denmark)

Martin Quirke (Almaty, Kazakhstan)

Invited guests

Ted Stone

Andri Girouv

Chris Thatcher

Morgan Perkins

Nicolas Leloup

Arie Bloed

Suthita Thawornpong

HJ Karwata

Introduced by

Ty Jenkins

Rudy van der Hoeven

Mark Butters

Jamie Cummiskey

James Fowler

P Andrew MacPherson

Oldrich Capek

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Recent Make-up

Royal Hua Hin, 1/10/10: PP Graham Brain

Feldkirch, 5/10/10: Elmar Lins

Make-up Credit

Membership Committee, 6/10/10: PE Mark Butters, P Andrew MacPherson, PDG Praphan Hutasingh, PP Ashraf Fancy, PP Maarten Worp, PP Niti Meyer, PP Vichai Tantrativud, Nick Pisalyaput

Kids Out Day, 8/10/10: Douglas Riach, Tyrone Jenkins, Gary Worthington, Rudy van der Hoeven

Pre Provisional Club of Battambang, 10/10/10: DGN Alex Mavro, P Andrew MacPherson, Rudy van der Hoeven

Club Calendar

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 Regional Competitiveness

29 October 2010 (Friday All Day)

Coins on Silom

5 November 2010 (Friday Luncheon)

Pichai Chuensuksawadi

Reporting Standards

Polio Plus Days

15 December 2010 (Wednesday)

19 January 2011 (Wednesday)

Wanted

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Covers the 1999-2000 Rotary Year

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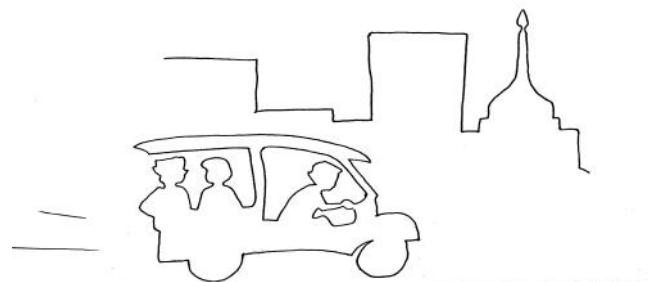
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After Rotary... scoot over to Cosmos Academy for an educational afternoon...