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## At a Glance

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## Message from RI President

## John F. Germ, September 2016



### Dear Fellow Rotarians,

In the summer of 1917, only a few months after the United States entered the first world war, Rotary held its eighth annual convention in Atlanta. Although many Rotarians at the time thought the convention should be canceled, the Board of Directors ultimately agreed with Paul Harris that it should continue as planned. In the midst of such uncertainty and fear, Harris penned, as part of his convention greeting, some of the most-quoted words in Rotary:

Individual effort when well directed can accomplish much, but the greatest good must necessarily come from the combined efforts of many men. Individual effort may be turned to individual needs but combined effort should be dedicated to the service of mankind. The power of combined effort knows no limitation.

Fittingly, it was at this convention that then-President Arch C. Klumph proposed a Rotary endowment fund "for the purpose of doing good in the world." The power of combined effort was joined by a new power: that of combined resources. It was a combination that has proved unstoppable and has been behind so much of Rotary's work for the last 100 years. Today, it is difficult to imagine Rotary without its Foundation. It was the Foundation that turned Rotary from an organization of local clubs into an international force for good with the power to change the world.

In this Rotary year, we are marking the centennial of our Rotary Foundation in the city where it all began: Atlanta. Our 108th Rotary International Convention promises to be one of the most exciting yet, with inspiring speakers, great entertainment, and a wide array of breakout sessions to help you move your Rotary service forward. And of course, we'll be celebrating the Foundation's centennial in style.

Whether you're a regular convention goer, haven't been to one in a few years, or haven't yet attended your first, the 2017 convention will be the one you won't want to miss. Atlanta is a great destination in its own right, with great food, friendly people, and many local attractions to enjoy. But the real reason to come to the convention is always the convention itself, and the people, ideas, inspiration, and friendship you'll find there. To learn more, and save money on registration, visit www.riconvention. org. See you in Atlanta!

> John F. Germ President, Rotary International

# Message from RI President

## John F. Germ, October 2016



### Dear Fellow Rotarians,

In 1979, James Bomar Jr., the president of Rotary at the time, traveled to the Philippines as part of Rotary's earliest work to immunize children against polio. After he had put drops of vaccine into one baby's mouth, he felt a child's hand tugging on his trouser leg to get his attention. Bomar looked down and saw the baby's brother looking up at him, saying earnestly, "Thank you, thank you, Rotary."

Before Rotary took on the task of polio eradication, 350,000 people - nearly all of them children were paralyzed by polio every year. That child in the Philippines knew exactly what polio was and understood exactly what Rotary had just done for his baby brother. Today, 31 years after the launch of PolioPlus, the children of the Philippines - and of nearly every other country in the world - are growing up without that knowledge, and that fear, of polio. Instead of 1,000 new cases of polio every day, we are averaging less than one per week. But as the fear of polio wanes, so does awareness of the disease. Now more than ever, it is vitally important to keep that awareness high and to push polio eradication to the top of the public agenda and our governments' priorities. We need to make sure the world knows that

our work to eradicate polio isn't over yet, but that Rotary is in it to end it.

On 24 October, Rotary will mark World Polio Day to help raise the awareness and the funding we need to reach full eradication. I ask all of you to take part by holding an event in your club, in your community, or online. Ideas and materials are available for download in all Rotary languages at endpolio.org/worldpolioday, and you can register your event with Rotary at the same link. You can also join me and tens of thousands of your fellow Rotarians for a live-streamed global status update at 6 p.m. Eastern time at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. I'll be there along with CDC Director Tom Frieden , other experts, and inspirational presenters, sharing an inside look at the science, partnerships, and human stories of polio eradication.

It is an incredibly exciting time to be a Rotarian. We are gathering momentum for the final race to the finish: to the end of PolioPlus and the beginning of a polio-free world. It is truly a once-in-a-lifetime chance to End Polio Now, through Rotary Serving Humanity.

> John F. Germ President, Rotary International

### On the Web Speeches and news from RI President John F. Germ

at www.rotary.org/office-president

## Message form the Foundation Chair

## Kalyan Banerjee, September 2016



### Literacy offers the key to a better future

A few months ago, I read a story in this magazine about a man named Carl Sanders, a member of the Rotary Club of Kenosha, Wis. Sanders had developed a successful painting business despite the fact that he could not read – a shameful secret that he struggled to keep to himself.

This story surprised me a little. I tend to think of illiteracy as a problem that mainly afflicts people in poor countries, not U.S. Rotarians. But Sanders' situation is not so uncommon. Even in a wealthy country like the United States, millions of people lack basic reading skills.

Sanders' story had a happy ending. He shared his secret with a fellow Rotarian, who steered him to a local literacy program and encouraged him as he tackled his reading lessons.

Our Rotary Foundation wants to create more such happy endings, and there is no shortage of people who need them. Today, more than 750 million adults are functionally illiterate globally.

In 2015-16, our Foundation awarded 146 global grants totaling \$8.3 million to support basic education and literacy projects worldwide. These projects vary considerably – from providing computers and school supplies in Ghana to sponsoring an after-school homework program in the U.S. to developing a literacy and mentoring program for Roma girls in Bosnia, a project that addresses the gender imbalance that exists in many parts of the world.

In my country, Rotary has been on a literacy mission for the past few years. India has a population of 1.2 billion and is about 75 percent literate. Illiteracy occurs mainly in rural India, where most people live. So Rotary in India joined hands with the government to eliminate illiteracy, especially among women, because literate women raise literate families, ensuring a better future for all. Indeed, the numbers are staggering, and when it is done, the impact could be incredible.

As we observe Basic Education and Literacy Month in September, let's think about the millions of people whose chances for success remain blocked by illiteracy. Our Foundation is helping many of them, but with Rotarian support and involvement, we can do so much more.

> Kalyan Banerjee Foundation Trustee Chair

## Message form the Foundation Chair

## Kalyan Banerjee, October 2016



### Celebrate World Polio Day on 24 October

In our work to end polio, we've noticed a disturbing development: People in many parts of the world think polio no longer exists. Even some of our members, especially younger Rotarians who were born after the development of the polio vaccine, assume that because the disease doesn't afflict anyone in their country, it's no longer a problem.

To make everyone aware that this disease is just an airplane ride away, Rotary started World Polio Day, held annually in October. Over the years, we have marked this occasion in various ways. Clubs have held fundraisers or lit up iconic structures in their country with the words "End Polio Now." More recently, we created live-streamed events featuring prominent public health experts and journalists, along with some of our celebrity ambassadors.

This year, we partnered with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which will host a live-streamed event at its headquarters in Atlanta. (Taking into consideration different time zones, the event will be immediately archived so your club may watch it at a time that is convenient.) Tom Frieden, the CDC's director, and Jeffrey Kluger,

Transtator : PP Pichet Ruchirat, RC.Ratchaburi pr.pichet3330@gmail.com Time magazine's senior editor overseeing science and health reporting, will be joined by other public health experts to discuss the milestones, promising developments, and remaining challenges in the fight to eradicate polio.

But we want Rotarians to observe World Polio Day everywhere, not just in Atlanta. In fact, we would like to see at least 1,000 World Polio Day events take place throughout the world. I encourage you to host viewing parties of the live-streamed event and organize fundraisers. Be sure to register your event at www.endpolio.org/worldpolioday, where you can also find resources to help make it a success. Polio is still out there, even though the number of cases has dropped by more than 99.9 percent since 1988. We're almost there, but until the number of cases reaches zero, polio remains a threat to all of us. World Polio Day offers an opportunity to share that vital message with your club and your community.

> Kalyan Banerjee Foundation Trustee Chair



## Editorial

PP.Vanit Yotharvut, D.3360, RI

Fellow Rotarians,

As volunteers, we must have witnessed the queue of people waiting for help as a result of various causes. This kind of picture can be seen in many regions around the world. Many types of conflicts end up with violence and impact children, elderly people and women. Preliminary help in various forms is only a temporary solution to the problem. That's why this issue dedicates its space to the Rotary Center for Peace in Thailand, one of the many centers in the world. The key duty of this center is to promote education of those who will lead in the future, "leaders who will drive peace and conflict resolution work in their community and in the world."

> Yours in Rotary, PP Vanit Yotharvut

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### Why Rotary Information is important?

Fellow Rotarians,

One of the benefits we receive from joining Rotary is the opportunity to practice speaking in front of the public. This includes speaking at our Club Assembly, Club meeting, District Conference, etc. within the specified time and content while the audience enjoy it and gain knowledge at the same time. This is the art of speaking that you can apply in every role and situation.

District 3330 realizes the importance of Rotary Information at every meeting, and has, therefore, appointed the Chair of District 3330 Rotary Information Speech Contest. The chair will be responsible for organizing a contest in each location and find the winner to compete in the final round.

All Rotarians have the right to register themselves in the contest. Success comes from practice, teamwork, coach and moral support. If you join, at least you will gain knowledge from researching on the chosen topic. Most importantly, you will have graceful personality. It will be useful for you as you are the key to finding new members and publicizing the work of your club to the community.

# Rotary Information

# **Rotary Information Speech Contest**

By: PP.Dr. Rattanaporn Laorujiralai – RC.Sanam Chan Chair, Rotary Information Contest Committee, D.3330

### **Rotary Information Speech Contest**

A speech on Rotary Information is a speech which provides knowledge or facts about Rotary to the audience. To give this kind of speech, speakers must do a lot of research before speaking. Also, the speech must be direct to the point within the specified time. Speakers must prepare themselves by practicing speaking and using their voice as well as gestures so that the audience can understand the subject as clearly as possible. For a speech like this, most speakers use the method of lecturing, describing, clarifying, telling stories, etc.

The objectives of Rotary Information Speech Contest is 1) to improve the knowledge of Rotary Club members as they have to study, research and find information on the chosen topic. 2) enhance their leadership skills. 3) develop their personality and 4) strengthen good relationships among Rotarians.

In order to speak on Rotary Information successfully, speakers need to follow the steps below:

• Have clear knowledge about the chosen topic through research and present information logically with supporting evidence

• Have a positive attitude towards public speaking by thinking that it's a good opportunity to display your knowledge and ability in front of the audience

• Have a positive feeling and sincere attitude towards the audience

• Use polite and appropriate words, speak loudly and clearly and pronounce each word correctly

• Build self-confidence starting from dressing appropriately to controlling own emotion. Think confidently that "I can speak and I can speak well".

• Practice and evaluate the result regularly



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# Special Scoop

By: PP.Chuntanee Tienvichit - Lanna, Chaing Mai



# Past RI President Bhichai Rattakul

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## "Ignorance is a Menace to Peace"

"Ignorance is a Menace to Peace" said Paul P. Harris the founder of Rotary, whose vision can be traced back more than 100 years, paving the way to the formation of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, driving projects that promote peace education. The Rotary Peace Center trains leaders who engage in peace and conflict resolution, both in small communities as well as the larger communities around the world. Those who graduated from this program may be involving in handling refugees in Sudan, creating jobs for women in India, or generally promoting peace in some part of this world.

## **ROTARY AND PEACE**

Past RI President Bhichai Rattakul who initiated the program in Thailand in 2004 said he proposed an idea to drive for establishment of a peace center in the country, which took two years to receive the approval from Rotary International. While waiting for RI's approval, Bhichai started searching for qualified universities to become a center for the program, Chulalongkorn University met the requirement.

Rotary International has always preferred projects that can give a sustainable impact. In much the same way Thailand needs a certain path to follow for reconciliation, in order to resolve conflict this path must be realistic and practical. The fourth objective of Rotary is to promote International understanding, peace and goodwill. One good example which exhibits that we cherish this objective, is the Peace and Conflict resolution Masters Degree program, but this program does not provide specific results in resolving conflict and bringing about a peaceful resolution. Past RI President Bhichai is a strong believer that those who are currently working in the fields related to peace and conflict prevention, can be targeted as peace fellows, those who can afford to spend three months away from their workplace to attend the course and then go back home to make use of what they were trained for. To measure the achievement, the director of the Rotary International's Peace Center can directly set up follow-up programs, or invite the alumni to speak at a Rotary International Convention. "As far as I know, they all go home with sufficient knowledge to make change in their country"

said Bhichai. "I am glad and happy with the results when compared to another program which takes two years to graduate from and covers a larger study area than peace, which results in spending the longer period of two years, from which after graduation, I believe that from that group only 50% work directly with peace".

This shorter program focuses on student interaction and exchange of experience, whereas the other program costs up to US\$70-80,000 per student, "RI still hasn't yet appreciated the benefit of this program" said Bhichai whose wish is to form two to three more centers similar to the one in Thailand in Asia, Middle-East, and Africa.

Past RI President Bhichai said the role of Rotarians in promoting Peace is significant. Unfortunately, little attention has been given so far to the Certificate program among district governors, due mainly to there being a greater emphasis on the two years Master Degree course which has been presented during training at the International Assembly, thereby leaving the short course unknown to incoming district governors. Should more information about the three month Peace study course be promoted in the training of governors, then we can expect more applicants and as a result we can increase the number of classes per year from two to three. It's a matter of adapting a change of tone from the top, we all need to give a hand to develop maintaining peace and eliminate conflicts to cover a wider area.

## ROTARY PEACE CENTER



The Rotary Peace Center

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships to pursue a Certificate Program or Master Degree program related to peace and conflict resolution and prevention at one of the participating peace centers. Host Institution (s):

• Chulalongkorn University. Thailand (Certificate Program)

• Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

- International Christian University, Japan
- University of Bradford, England
- University of Queensland, Australia
- Uppsala University, Sweden

The Rotary Peace Fellowship is designed for professionals with work experience in international relations or peace and conflict prevention and resolution. Applicants must be proficient in English, proficiency in a second language is strongly recommended. He / she must have strong commitment to international understanding and peace as demonstrated through professional and academic achievements and personal or community service. Applicants must also possess excellent leadership skills. Those who intend to apply for a master degree must have minimum three years of related full-time work or volunteer experience, and a bachelor's degree. For Certificate applicant, we require a minimum five years of related full-time work or volunteer experience and strong academic background.

To apply, in the first instance it is suggested that applicant visit the official Scholarship website to check eligibility at https://www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships.

The deadline for candidates to submit applications to their respective Rotary district for the 2017-18 scholarships, is 31 May 2016. The respective district will upon having endorsed the applicant submit the application to Rotary International before 1 July 2016.

## ROTARY PEACE CENTER IN THAILAND



Professor Dr. Surichai Wun'gaeo Director, Rotary Peace Center in Thailand

The Rotary Peace Center in Thailand was established in 2004, as an initiative of the Past RI President Bhichai Rattakul, in collaboration with Chulalongkorn University. The Center is funded by The Rotary Foundation to organize two training sessions per year, of which each class takes three months, January-April and June-August. The selected applicants will receive a fully funded scholarship, which covers round-trip transportation, tuition fee, field trip studies, accommodation, and personal expenses.

The program of study includes academic as well as domestic / overseas trips for field studies. Each year up to fifty peace fellows will be selected from among hundreds of applicants, all endorsed by Rotary Districts around the world. Each three month course accommodates up to twenty five fellows, who will receive the Professional Certificate upon graduation.

Professor Dr. Surichai Wun'gaeo the director of the center, reveals that the operational part of this program is run by an efficient team of five people. The responsibility begins with the process of selecting the peace fellows from the applications received. This process is conducted at The Rotary Peace Center in Illinois, USA, by the director himself and the other selecting committee members, including PRID Noraseth Pathamanand. The applicants have listed their preferred choice of timing for attending the course (the first or second class of the following year). Lecturers have been carefully selected from specialists who have many years of experience in research and skills in various aspect of peace. Lecturers will provide not only education and know-how to students, but also will facilitate class participation by means of exchanging students' experiences ,which is considered crucial to the success of the program. This is as peace fellows come from many different backgrounds, nationality, languages, and cultures, therefore they can learn from each other their innovative way of resolving conflicts.

Dr. Surichai added, that in the past we considered peace an issue beyond one's concern, but in fact it is closer than we think. With support from Rotary and the close cooperation of Rotarians, this can equate to peace promotion, extending the center's achievements as well as the objective of Rotary toward our society. We are now working closer to the government by providing speakers on 'Peace' to various governmental agencies.

We look forward to extending roles of the center to cover the whole country, organizing events with local universities such as Chiang Mai University, Khonkaen University, and Prince of Songkla University, etc.

## Interview



#### María Julia Moreyra,

She from Argentina is a lawyer and graduated with a Master Degree in International Relations, now working on the topics such as resolution of conflicts, women's rights, sexual violence against women in armed conflicts

María decided to apply for the Peace & Conflict Resolution because the program would enable her to deepen her knowledge and opportunity to exchange experience and expertise with professors and other peace fellows. She is glad that her application was accepted as this meant for her a significant achievement.

As for peace, she agrees with the concept of peace given by PeaceWomen Across the Globe (PWAG) that "We have a positive understanding of peace, which goes beyond the abbreviated interpretation of peace as being "non-war" and the absence of violent conflicts. Our understanding focuses instead on the causes of violent conflicts and human security as a precondition for peace: Security, which doesn't only include physical security, but is also based on social and economic justice, comprehensively includes human rights and is aligned towards future generations. This understanding of peace includes ecological security, the right to a secured livelihood that is based on sustainable management of resources and protection from the exploitation or destruction of the environment.

As a women's organization they consider it to be essential that our understanding of peace is based on gender equality, because both the idea of peace and the notion of equality for women and men are based upon the demand for a society free of violence and oppression. In this sense, we understand peace as the presence of institutions and competencies that enable conflicts to be solved nonviolently. These institutions and competencies



apply to conflicts at the level of the state, as well as in the private realm (e.g. domestic violence). Our understanding of peace requires equal and just access to material resources (e.g. water, food, land) and structural resources (e.g. education, political participation)".

All the program, including two field trips to Mae Sot and Nepal enriched Maria's professional and personal life. It was a touching experience to have interviews with people very committed to help the most vulnerable. We could appreciate the efforts of the aforementioned people in order to improve the quality of life of refugees, migrants and people who suffered the terrible consequences of the earthquake in Nepal.

After the course finished in Thailand, Maria intends to continue working for PeaceWomen Across the Globe (PWAC) in her role as coordinator for Latin America and Caribbean. "We are organizing with women from Honduras and Nicaragua a Peace Table which will be the main symbol of the collective action of women" said Maria "The peace table will denounce and announce, for example denounce practices that lead to violence and war; and announce what women's *visio*n of a peaceful world is. In 2015 a peace table was organized in Managua (Nicaragua) where women, men and children participated." In addition, upon returning home in Argentina, she began working as a *l*awyer at the Committee Against Human Trafficking in Argentina.

Once of the main activities is to train and raise awareness among people about this serious crime where women and girls and the main victims. "It was a wonderful and unforgettable experience to be selected to receive a 2016 Rotary Peace Fellowship" said Maria "It meant a significant achievement in my personal and professional life. I like to thank to Dr. Surichai Wungaew; Dr. Vitoon Viriyasakultorn and the staff of Rotary Peace Center in Bangkok; to all the fellows I had the opportunity to meet and to share important moments; to Mr. Andrew McPherson and to the following host counselors; Napaskamon Promopakorn, Siri Eiamchamroonlarp, Chuntanee Tienvichit and Sukanya Nimmanhemindra"



Rozy Rani Sarmah was born and brought up in Dhenudhara village in Sonitpur district of Assam. She did my post graduation from Gauhati University and now working as an Assistant Commissioner of Police at the Police Commissionerate, Guwahati, Assam, India.

In the year 2012, she was deputed for Law and Order duty in the violence ridden Baksa district of Assam when the conflict between the ethnic Bodos and the Bengali speaking minority Muslims was at its peak.

She worked very hard to establish peace,- organized peace committees in the villages, patrolled whole night, hardly got any time to sleep or eat. But at some points of time I really used to feel helpless, and fortunately I got to know about this fellowship. I at once decided to apply for the fellowship to get the answers to my questions arose in my mind when I really felt helpless at the time of working in a conflict zone. And yes, I am finding the answers in the course.

Rozy added that "The Center at Chulalongkorn University is a very wonderfully organized, systematic and very standardized course. To get to learn from many learned scholars from all around the world is an enriching experience. The staff in the program is also very active, cordial and helpful. Dr Vitoon , the Deputy Director is organizing everything for our maximum possible benefit. The field trips are so well organized and well planned that we could uncover the basic ground realities and learn from practical experience being out of the classroom environment. Overall the course is well organized and commendable. I would like to thank Rotary International from the core of my heart for funding for such a wise cause. When I go back home I have a lot many things to do. I would like to impart the knowledge I gained here to my Subordinate and fellow officers. Also I would work with the community and people in my area. I would organize awareness camps as well so that the general public gets some idea about peace. I believe, a well trained police officer can bring lots of changes in society if desires."



Natasha Haunsperger was born and grown up in the Balkans, the former Yugoslavia and moved to Portland Oregon, USA in 2001. She has been a police officer with the Portland Police Bureau, Portland, Oregon for 10 years.

The core of her duties is to maintain peace and order on the local community scale. As an officer she respond daily to various degree of conflict (on a micro level) as well as getting involved with individuals who display signs for potential escalation of violence and criminal behavior in general, especially the youth. Her work has been focusing on developing preventative programs and outreach to gan affected refugee and immigrant youth as well as creating an effective and sustainable partnerships with the refuge and immigrant communities (especially the adults) in order to mitigate such violent act and build economically self sufficient families.

To the question what she has adopted back at home what she learned from the Peace Center for 3 months, replied Natasha "Since I've returned to Portland last year, I've been diligently working on a process called 'Internal Change of Attitude' within my own police agency around the community policing concepts to include often marginalized and underserved demographic of the growing refugee and immigrant communities. As a result of advocating for such communities, the police leadership has approved a formation of the non sworn (civilian) pollution to hire a qualified member from the refugee / immigrant community to become our first community liaison and outreach specialist.

The peace fellowship program entailed some of the avenues to provide such knowledge, skills and resources. This is an epic step toward internal reform to include such members to actively participate and positively influence a police bureau and act as bridge between the two entities, the refugee and immigrant community and the police. The peace fellowship program helped me immensely to prepare such a proposal on creating a new position. Attending courses with the visiting academics from all over the world have been proved to be effective as they have guided me throughout this process on navigating the systems' change. It was very beneficial to learn from my peace fellows about the actual field application and real life efforts to enact such reforms, that served me as a baseline for my own program.

## Interview





Burcu Gultekin Punsmann,

She from Turkey, has been working for some 15 years as a scholar, policy analyst and NGO practitioner on issues related to regionalism, border studies, peacebuilding and historical reconciliation in Turkey, the Caucasus and the Middle East. She worked 2 years ago on the Turkish-Syrian borderland as part of an international humanitarian mission delivering aid inside Syria.

Burcu applied for the peace fellowship because despite being a scholar, she mainly have a practitioner experience in the field of peacebuilding, she wanted to develop her theoretical knowledge and analytical skills.

"The fact that the program is in Thailand has been an important incentive: I am very much interested in learning more about how South East Asia has been coping with issues related to conflict settlement. Being in Bangkok gives me the opportunity to look back onto my region, a very turbulent one, from distance. I like very much the program and would have loved though to have some lectures on Thailand's and South East Asia politics and economics".

To the question of what peace means to her, she replied "I would say first of all the absence of war. I have been working close the war zone. There is nothing much to say when people are denied of the right to life, whether they are not sure they can come back home in the evening. The notion of positive peace where the sources of structural violence are addressed is of course very important, however it comes next. Well, there is a lot to do in this regard! The security situation has deteriorated so dramatically in my country since I applied for the fellowship in summer 2015. My country, Turkey, is going through difficult times. I will try to apply the knowledge, skills I would have learned in the fellowship and use in the best way the global network Rotary has provided me with once back."

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Maqsood Sheer,

He from Jalalabad city the capital of Nangarhar province and it is eastern region of Afghanistan.

He got college degree in Retail, Business and Administration (RBA) from London Carshalton College, and a Bachelor in Business and Administration (BBA) Degree from Khurasan University of higher Education Nangarhar province. Currently Maqsood works as an IT Coordinator of Afghan Youth Connect (AYC) educational project which established 23 computer labs in Jalalabad city female and male high schools, even though he is the president of Jalalabad Rotaract club and a peace activist in his local community.

"I was very interested to apply for peace and conflict resolution fellowship in Thailand" said Maqsood. In Afghanistan almost four decades of ongoing conflict is the only reason that Maqsood had seen so many tragedies in his young age, and unfortunately many families lost their beloved ones. Peace fellow from Afghanistan continued "During the war and I wanted to promote my understanding and support for peace among local communities. Therefore having this lifetime opportunity was blessing to meet people of different continents, languages, cultures and lifestyles and a phenomenal experience for me to learn from extraordinary talented professors and other people. It helped me to know that how they lesson a conflict for a better solution."

Maqsood described the meaning of Peace as "a home where there is laughter, cuddling, and quiet moments of just feeling good about all that is around. Furthermore without peace the survival of human beings is imperfect. If there is no peace then the fear of violence, injustice, inequity and abhorrence will spread in this world, and also it will not be a safe place for all of us to live happily with our families. In other word peace is the first priority for all human beings before doing anything else we should all work together to resolve conflict and bring peace to our nations."

His impression about the Peace Center in Thailand is that it is extraordinary in the way study is going on, yet it's functional and commendable in all means. The field study helped him to gain knowledge about others that how they are overcoming conflict all the way through peaceful means of communication, and how they are helping each others in difficult conditions. Here is an eye observing experience to have the sense of hearing from knowledgeable people who help enlightening them about related issues. The workshops on various topics helped him to learn new things and amplified his skills, experience and knowledge indisputably.

"I will endow presentation, upon my returning home, to the trainers in all 23 high Schools and almost 4400 boys and 4500 girls' students would be trained in all Jalalabad city schools through well organized workshops." said Maqsoon"I have the potential and aspiration to reach to every public and private high schools as well as Universities to talk about Peace & conflict resolution in Nangarhar province. Likewise I will devote my life to help others that they should learn about the importance of peace and how to overcome conflict through third party involvement, negotiations and communication. Further than that whatever I learned during this fellowship I will share that information with all my colleagues, friends, relatives and educational personnel."



Shannon O'Rourke is a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Graduated with a Masters degree in International Development from The George Washington University and a Bachelors degree in Political Science and International Studies from Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU).

In 2007, Shannon was selected as a Rotary Cultural Ambassadorial Scholar in Senegal, sponsored by Rotary District #6490, since then she had worked in Senegal, Mali, Zambia and the DRC and have been living in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) for the past 5 years.

Shannon is passionate about ensuring that everyone has access to quality education. The Democratic Republic of Congo where she is living is a conflict-affected country, in an area of the country which has over 70 armed groups. Although she worked in a conflict-affected area, she did not have formal training on peace-related issues, and this is why Shannon decided to apply for the peace fellowship. Peace and conflict are something that have interested her for years. This interest is what led a brave young American lady to attend the Rotary Peace Begins with conference in Hiroshima, Japan in 2012. "The Peace Fellowship built my skills to allow me to return to DRC and have a bigger impact in the area where I am working." said Shannon.

Asked what she feels about the program, Shannon responded "I enjoyed the study/fieldtrip portion of the program. We traveled to Mae Sot, Tak Province in Thailand as well as to Nepal. It was not my first time to these types of conflicts, but it was very educational to experience these settings with others who were seeing it for the first time. It gave us the opportunity to apply the theoretical to reality, and to reflect on where we can best make a difference."

After finishing the course, Shannon put her Peace Fellow studies into action. "I work as an education consultant conducting conflict analyses for an education program, and also integrating gender-based violence into the education program of a non-government organization who works in conflict zones worldwide" explained Shannon. "Additionally, while I was a Peace Fellow, I launched the initiative Books for Eastern Congo to bring books to Eastern DRC and to establish a library in the city of Goma where I live. There are over 28,000 books on their way to Eastern DRC right now, and I am working to build community libraries in Eastern Congo through capacity building of librarians and ensuring they have the supplies and support they need. Additionally, I am working with the Rotary Club of Goma-Nyiragongo in DRC, with the support of Rotary Clubs in District #6490, to launch a project to see the creation of a publically open library in Goma, a city of 1 million people with no public library. I am also considering joining the Rotary Club in Goma."



Dr. Sombat Tapanya is a clinical psychologist at University of Chiang Mai sponsored by Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North, District 3360

Dr. Sombat works for people who have been suffered from being violent or lost of loved ones leading to s trauma complex. The longer he work and has been in touched with these people the more he felt sympathy and needs to help prevent them going deeper into the trauma stage of mental sickness. He thought of training potential patients (especially young people) to gain proper attitude, knowledge, and skills in keeping peace. He seeks for additional training obtain sufficient know-how to cope with conflicts and to build and maintain sustainable peace, the one that change an individual from inside, mentality, attitude, and behavior which will eventually turn family, community, and society into peace.

"Having been accepted to take course here at the Peace Center is unique opportunity to learn, expand horizons, got inspired to work harder for our community focusing on family and children, youth, and school in order to prevent violence of all kinds and promoting peaceful culture. An organization has already be formed for this end called "Santi Wattanatham" foundation which will pursue peace in family and community with support from external resources.



The interviews from all seven peace fellows show that they are either directly or indirectly engaged in peace keeping and conflict handling kinds of works. They all have immense positive impression on the Peace Center. Learning is not only derived from lecturers but also from peace fellows, real life field trip, and other resources. Their experiences and the related works will eventually bring the world closer to ultimate peace.

As a Rotarian, the writer has had the opportunity to assume the role of 'Host Counselor' for peace study scholarship awardees and has already carried out this role for six consecutive classes of peace fellows from different occupations. We learn from each other, story from one class has been told to the next class and Thailand was also introduced to them the way they wanted to know. Host counselors are voluntary Rotarians who give advice and look after their welfare. We can also help providing basic knowledge about the country, values, culture, and practices the fellows might not be familiar with. In Thailand we have a Host Area Coordinator who is charged with the central responsibility and now in the capacity of Mr. Andrew MacPherson (also Assistant Governor) Past President from Rotary Club of Bangkok South, who succeeded the position from Mr. Krairat Watson (Past President from Rotary Club of Bangrak). It is our aspiration to see that the small mechanism here will add to the world materialization of peace.



Thank You!



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## Convention

## Musical melange Transtator: PP.Asa Saligupta - RC.Sithammasokarat

If you want to know what the music scene in Atlanta is all about, all you have to do is listen. Centennial Olympic Park, a short distance from the site of the 2017 Rotary International Convention from 10 to 14 June, is home to an outdoor summer music series, featuring everything from pop to jazz to old-school hip-hop. That range of styles is just a taste of the musical melting pot you'll find else- where in the city – and beyond.

With a list of famous residents that includes names like André 3000, Ludacris, Lil Jon, and T.I., Atlanta has serious hip-hop credentials. You can hear the next big thing at spots like Apache Café and MJQ Concourse. Fans of rock music



Register for the 2017 Rotary Convention in Atlanta at www.riconvention.org won't feel left out in the ATL either; acts like indie favorites Deerhunter call the city home. And while jazz aficionados will miss the Atlanta Jazz Festival – one of the country's largest free jazz fests, held in May – you can hear it in several local clubs.

About a 90-minute drive east of the city, music lovers will find a sort of mecca in Athens. Sometimes called "the Liverpool of the South," the charming college town has had a significant influence on country, bluegrass, and – most notably – alternative and new wave music. The list of artists who've called Athens home includes the B-52s, R.E.M., Of Montreal, Danger Mouse, and Drive-By Truckers. While you're in town, take in a show at the renowned 40 Watt Club or at the historic Georgia Theatre. – Deblina Chakraborty.



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## The Highest Records in District 3330

## The Southernmost Rotary Club in Thailand



Our Rotary World comprises of over 1,200,000 members that belong to over 30,000 Rotary Clubs. One of those clubs is Betong Rotary Club which has been running for 46 years. The club is attractive to people from generation to generation and accepted by local community as well as domestic and international Rotarian. All members are

proud to be part of the Rotary World.

The Club is situated in the southernmost part of the country embraced by the mist and beautiful flowers all year round. Once is not enough for your visit to this charming south.

The landmark for Betong is the biggest post box in the world. Everyone has a picture taken with it as a memorable reminder of a visit.

RC Betong has a strong tide with neighboring Malaysian Rotary clubs. Members from 8 clubs from Malaysia used to join Betong club's Installation Ceremony. Since 19 out of 21 members can communicate in Chinese, inter-club communication with Malaysian Rotary clubs has become easy.

> P Nuchanart Jantaramongkon RC of Betong

### Rotary Club with Largest Plate



RC Pra Samutjedee of Area 21, D.3330, is probably the club with largest plate. Each Tuesday, club members, along with their spouses, bring food for dinner. Current Club President is Miss Pongsee Jangaewmanee. There are 19 men and 9 women that belong to the club. Members age ranges between 46-73 with the average of 63 years old.

If you want to experience one of the unseen among Rotarian practice, you should join Pra Samutjedee club meeting, You will then have dinner served on the largest plate in the country !

### The Youngest Rotary Club

RC Satoon is the youngest Rotary Club in D.3330. Miss Poytong Padungtong, 27 years of age, is the current Club President.

This is her second term being Club President. She has attended RYLA 3 times and has been involved with Rotary since she was small for many of her Padungtong family



members are Rotarian, particularly Nipon and Uraiwan Padungtong.

She is thankful to RC Satoon and will do her best as a Club President and a Rotarian in order to move forward towards RI goals.

## The Highest Records in District 3350

The Oldest Age of Members in Average Rotary Club of Dhonburi (69 years old) The Youngest Age of Members in Average Rotary E-Club of District 3350 (30 years old) The Highest Percentage of Regular Meeting Records (July - August 2016) Rotary Club of Bangkok Rattanakosin (100 %)

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Rotary Club of Srapathum



**The Highest Membership** Rotary club of Bangkok Nawamin (130 members)

The Oldest Club Rotary club of Bangkok

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(86 members)
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**The Youngest Club** Rotary club of Nakhon Nonthaburi (Chartered on 14 September 2016)



Rotary Theme Song 2016-17 เพลงโรตารีประจำปี 2559-60



The Highest PHF Donations (GG)

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Rotay Club of Silom (5 GG projects - 20.7 million baht)

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**The Committee Composed Highest Number of Rotary Theme Songs** Rotary Song Committee of D3350 (15 songs in 15 years)

## The Highest Record in District 3360

### The Most Charming -

The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Thin Thai Ngam



The only lady club in District 3360, members are experts from many different professions with varieties of interests, but we shared the ideology of Rotary "Service Above Self" with collaboration of services, intentions, and skills. We devoted our money, energy, effort, and times on our basis. Our service partners are clubs in Chiang Mai and clubs in other provinces of D3360. Friends from other Rotary Districts and other countries also visited and joined us in the many service projects regularly.

### The Newest club -The Rotary club of Thung Saliam



Rotary Club of Thung Saliam was founded on Sunday 25, May 2016. The Charter President was Roong Chiangkan, there were 27 charter members from different professions such as retired government officers, government officers, and entrepreneurs in Amphoe Thung Saliam. The club was sponsored by PDG Surasak Prugsiganont, PDG Anurak Napawan, CP Charin Adthaora-ake, PP Somkuan Kewdoknoi and CP Kwanlah Benyathien from Rotary Club of Sawankhalok North. The celebration of charter was on Saturday 24 September 2016.

## The Oldest Rotary Club -The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai

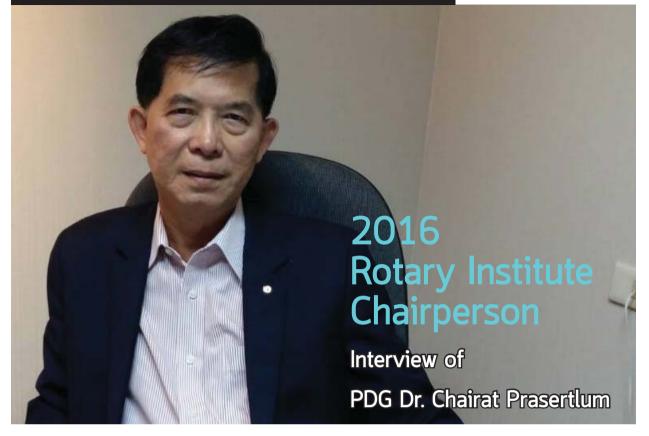


In 1959, Luang Yukotsareeviwat, the Club President of RC Bangkok initiated the idea of founding the third Rotary Club of Thailand in Chiang Mai. He had visited Chiang Mai in 1958 for preparation and consulted with Pol.Col. Nueng Rayanak, the Provincial Governor of Chiang Mai at that time.

The idea of founding a new club was accepted and a group of leading businessmen who believed in the ideology of Rotary were invited to form at Rotary Club in Chiang Mai at Lanna Thai Female Encourage Culture Association with support for the sister club, Rotary Club of Bangkok.

This meeting leaded to the foundation of Rotary of Chiang Mai in 1959. There were 40 charter members, and Pol.Col. Nueng Rayanak was the Charter President. At first, the meeting of RC Chiang Mai was on Fridays at 12.00, and has been changed to other places and times later. At a present, club regular meeting is on Thursdays 19.30 p.m. at Dusit D2 Chiang Mai Hotel.

# Our Guest



As the chair of the 2016 Rotary Institute to be held in Thailand, could you please tell us about the objectives of this event?

We have organized Rotary Institute in Thailand a few times. This year, we are honored to be the host of this event from 2-4 December 2016 at the Centara Grand at Central World Hotel in Bangkok. RI Director Dr. Saowalak Rattanavich and RI Director Frederick Lin from Taiwan are the conveners while PDG Surgeon and I myself are the organizing chairs.

The objectives of Rotary Institute are:

1.To report to present, past and future RI leaders on the progress and /or

changes in RI policy, Rotary Foundation and other programs

2.To open opportunities for Rotary leaders to make recommendations on

various matters to RI Board of Directors

3.To enhance fellowship among present, past and future district governors as

well as promote participative learning in order to inspire leaders to implement continued service projects

### Who are the participants?

Participants are zone leaders from about 10 countries who will report to RI Board of Directors on their past achievements and offer their ideas on various matters. For some years, we have a special Council on Legislation (COL) session in order to prepare leaders for the Chicago meeting. RID Dr. Saowalak, the convener, and other zone leaders feel that we should allow Rotarians in all zones to participate and listen to Rotary matters at the zone and international levels.

This year, we expect 1,600 to 1,800 participants from 3 zones: Zone 6B (Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Thai, Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar), Zone 7A (Indonesia, Philippines) and Zone 10B (Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolian, China and Taiwan). If I remember correctly, there will be about 400 from Taiwan, 200 from Bangladesh, 300 from the Philippines, 50 from Indonesia, and 50 from Malaysia and Singapore, or about 1,400 participants in total. For Thailand, we hope that at least 200 Rotarians will join so that they themselves will experience this RI meeting which RI President Elect will also attend this year.

### Which topics are important to our zone?

RI Directors are the ones who set up topics and programs for this meeting. Rotary Institute will be held for 2 to 3 days and Past RI officers in that zone will be invited to be the speakers, breakout session leaders and organizing committee members. The meeting contents should cover:

• Progress of various Rotary Foundation programs, their objectives, finance and issues

• Report on Polio Plus Program

• During the year when COL is held, there will be a break out session for COL representatives and a plenary session to discuss various recommendations to COL

• Exchange of ideas among participants

• 5 years' forecast by RI Director or a representative

### Is there anything special about this event?

RID Dr. Saowalak, Convener, would like to organize an event that foreign participants can join and experience Thai culture. We will show them the wonders of Thailand including the divine creatures. The organizer is currently looking into it. I think it will be very interesting.

### Finally, please invite Rotarians to join this event.

We have tried to promote this event. We'd like to invite Rotarians in Thailand to join. Many of them think that working for their district is already fantastic. In fact, there are meetings at the zone and RI levels. We'd like them to know about the procedures of these meetings. They will be proud to learn that they do not only belong to an organization at the district level in Thailand, but they also belong to an organization at the zone and international levels. We will be proud to know that we belong to a great organization with a global network of Rotarians in over 220 countries.

Before Rotary Institute, there will be a GETS or Governors-Elect Training Seminar, a District Trainers Training Seminar and a Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar to prepare participants for a meeting in San Diego. Another piece of good news is that more than 10 committee members from the Asia/Pacific Region will also join this Rotary Institute to discuss rezoning. These members consist of directors, zone and RI representatives. On 30 November 2016, we will know how many zones there will be and which zone Thailand will be in.

# **2016 BANGKOK** ROTARY INSTITUTE

Zones 6B, 7A and 10B





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# D.3330 RI

By PDG Somphop Thirasan (RC of Kanchanaburi)

# "No Need to Explain"

Rotary teaches us to **give** and **expect** nothing in return when such giving does not cause anyone to be unhappy or suffer.

That night, I was listening to an Indian inherited Nakornsrithammarat gentleman's talk at D.3330 Rotary Foundation Donor Gratifying Night in Nakornsrithammarat. When a modest, well educated gentleman who was able to speak many languages with a unique characteristic said, "Whoever correctly answer my question will get one million baht from me.", all the noise suddenly stopped. A person answered the question but since it was not quite correct according to the gentleman, that person got only 500,000 baht. For the next question, I should be the one who gave the correct answer but since I thought it was not appropriate to answer using impolite words, I missed the chance to get one million baht. The question was what I thought my son would say if he found there was very little money left in my bank account after I passed away. The person who answered in a more polite way got that money instead of me !

Two months later, I had a chance to meet the gentleman again at his house, Jimmy Textile Shop. He was taking care of PDG Sunil from India, a Representative

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of RI President, who was inviting him to D.3330's District Conference held in Nakornsrithammarat to be pressented a token of appreciation as Rotary Foundation Donor. Instead of staying at his house around half an hour as planned, I found myself at his house for over an hour asking him so many questions. Thanks to PDG Yuttagit Manajit and PP Nitat Narasawat, his acquainted friends, who took me there.

We talked in 3 different rooms : a visiting room, a terrace by a sauna where the gentleman uses after daily exercising while listening to ancient Indian music to gain more concentration, and his bedroom. It was just a simple bedroom, not like rich men's bedrooms that I used to see. For him, being rich means more chance to give to others. If you have a lot but you never give to others, then you are not considered a rich man.

The gentleman's intention on the night when a person gave the wrong answer was to give him 500,000 baht anyway so the person would not feel embarrassed. How many people these days think positively before doing things? Making others feel good and happy is a way to bring about happy community with strong unity. The gentleman talks to his servants the same way as he talks to his brothers and sisters. Many of his servants have worked for him for decades. His kindness was touched, even by a thief's wife who was sent to spy on his property. She told her husband, the thief, there was nothing to steal at the gentleman's house.

He showed us how he kept his money. They were systematically separated. The ones with green rubber band were for charity while the ones with yellow rubber band were his income. His expenses were for family, business improvement and charity. They were clearly separated so he easily knew how much was there for him to manage in a way that would not upset anyone in his family. That was how this 58-year-old gentleman could make his decision within 40 seconds to donate 28 million baht for the replacement of the golden top of the pagoda in Nakornsrithammarat. He used extra money from the 60 million baht that he saved for his business improvement, as if he was a postman, to return the benefit he obtained from Nakornsrithammarat people to the city where he lives.

My last question was what made him think and do that way. With his calm voice, he explained that giving is like throwing a stone into the water in a pond. The waves start from the impact point, spread to the edge of the pond and finally return to where the stone falls. That is the way Mr. Jimmy Chavala has lived all his life.

Rotary teaches us to give and expect nothing in return when such giving does not cause anyone to be unhappy or suffer. Let's look back to what we have done and continue to concentrate on giving for an everlasting and sustainable happiness.





## By DGN. Lt. Gen.Kanit Jamiuntra, D.3330

Rotary School 1 used to be an offshoot of Baan Phuhin School, established in 1981. Located on a plot of 2.8-acre land in Ban Namphu Ron village, Banka district of Rajburi province, the school commenced its academic mission in 1982. The school adheres to the philosophy of acquisition of knowledge, discipline and righteousness to enhance learners' quality and development in all aspects.

Back in 1981 Suan Pueng and Banka districts of Ratchaburi were the hinterlands where education was beyond the reach of most folks' children. The threat of communist terrorism was also widespread then to deter regular school attendance.

Past District Governor Jongmeth Supkeeree and Charter President spearheaded a campaign with General Satit Pongsawai to build an educational keystone for the new generations. With an all-out support from RC Ratchaburi, their academic brainchild led to the construction of one three-classroom wooden structure for Rotary School 1 along with four rain storage tanks. The school was officially inaugurated on 29 June 1982.

The academic initiatives expanded learning classes to Grade 5 and admitted more students. RC Rajburi contributed THB800,000 to the construction of one more building and named it "Rotary School 1".

RC Lexington Park of the USA and RC Ratchaburi jointly sponsored a Rotary canteen with a World Community Service funding worth THB 592,230.

With a proud track record of three decades, Rotary School I accommodates 86 students up to Grade 6 with a teaching staff of five. But the overall school

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condition has gradually fallen into a state of dilapidation.

RC Ratchaburi, RC Ploi Ratchaburi, and other clubs in District 3330 joined hands to refurbish the school building inside and out, donate a drinking water filter system, and provide learning kits. They hold annual learning programs and fun activities to motivate teachers, students and nearby community of Rotary School 1.

Rotary School I has become a dazzling emblem of Rotarians' perseverance in support of basic educational endeavors. Please be invited to shower your moral support Rotary School I students and teachers will always hold dear.



# D.3340 RI

By PP.Puttiporn Pattanasintorn RC.E-Club of District 3340

## "Sow the Seeds of Love" Foundation District 3340

### By PDG Som Indra-Payoong

Sow the Seeds of Love Foundation Inspiration from fruitful morale Of venerable person, Bhichai From His Practices and Adherence for a long time Join us Sow the Seeds of Love Be merciful "Be Generous" is dignity "Give Love" give care and friendship Earth would be with everlasting happiness

## Brief Information from the beginning as a "Sow the Seeds of Love Fund"

Foundation of the Fund: In 2008, a group of D3340 Past District Governors had a meeting and came out with the resolution that His Excellency Bhichai Rattakul have done many advantages for Rotary in Thailand and to all over the world. His Excellency have been a Rotarian for more than 50 years (in 2008), and was the first Thai Rotary International President (Year 2002-2003). Rotarians would like to make this remarkable for Rotary Thailand. The group of district governors had a consultation to set up a fund followed by the name of His Excellency Bhichai Rattakul. After consulting with His Excellency Bhichai Rattakul, he gave an advise not to mentioned his name in the fund as he would not like to make a praise on himself to public. Therefore, the group of PDGs asked for his permission to use the Rotary Theme "Sow the Seeds of Love" as a name of the Fund instead. His Excellency Bhichai Rattakul did not reject or give any comments on this. Later, Past District Governor Council of District 3340 had a consultation to name the fund as mentioned earlier "Sow the Seeds of Love Fund"

In a District Conference on 8 March 2008, at Nakhonphanom River View Hotel, the meeting had a consultation to found "Sow the Seeds of Love Fund." The objective of the fund was to support service projects in several levels from local or district level to international level. Past District Governor Council of District 3340 would take the main responsibility in fund management and fund raising program. In addition, the meeting also had a consultation to make the 23rd February in every year as a "Sow the Seeds of Love Day" on this occasion.

On 30 November 2011, Sow the Seeds of Love Foundation was approved with the Registered Number 6/2554. The office was at 105/1 Watcharasarit Rd., Nai Muang, Muang, Nakhon Ratchasima. The initial capital was 1,000,000 baht.

There were 8 objectives of the foundation, they were to "help disadvantaged people and people who suffered from disaster (No 2.3), "promote and support Rotary Clubs in community services (No 2.6), and "do service projects and work in collaboration with other organizations (No 2.7).

Our Foundation would have been established for five years on November 30, 2016. Campaigning for fund donations was simple by leading with morale, which was consisted of love and kindness. We used this practice as our custom continually. Sometimes we made fund raising activities to increase the capital by using the minimal expenses. The way we did was similar with small insects working together to build a big and strong nest. The capital that we had now were form several campaigns and several donations from rotary clubs and Rotarian.

His Excellency Bhichai Rattakul wrote about our foundation on 4 May 2008 at a District Assembly in Pattaya. The message written was "When giving love & giving kindness to fellowmen, providers would be rewarded doubly. I hope the Foundation to give eternity of Kindness & Love to fellowmen." And on page 337 of the book "Bhichai Rattakul, The Leading Gentleman who does for Public: The Truth I want to tell". Bhichai Rattakul said "If you ask me how long am I going to work for Rotary, my answer is until I am not able to do. I am proud and happy to give and to help people because I believe the great happiness is to be a giver not a taker."

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## Views of Charter Presidents in Forming a New Club (D3340) Rotary Club of Sri Trad Klong Yai,



CP Narongchai Thanakit Rotary Club of Sri Trad Klong Yai Charted 9 September 2016

I am a member of Rotary Club of Trad for one year, entering the second year now. I've learned that there are many things to know in Rotary. I've been invited to form a new club and then promoted to be a Charter President with the intention to develop my community. The new club "Rotary Club of Sri Trad Klong Yai" was founded at Tambon Klong yai in Trad Province. The club was comprised of friends having identical ideology of Rotary with the support for our sister club, Rotary Club of Trad.

The process in founding a new club was smooth, it took only a week for me to form the club. The further step I need to consider is sustainability; "How could the members support the club?" and "How could the club being accepted by people outside". For sustainability, I need to learn more with the problems and must be not too tense. Otherwise, we would not be achieved.

At the beginning, we didn't have club's fund which was hard to start a service project. I didn't want the club members to give supports such as sponsoring in a club's bulletin and etc. I believed it was too fast and we still needed to learn more about Rotary as well. It was good that we were a part of Rotary which was a big organization, the organization supported us and we had good advices and supports from the District Governor. The District Governor donated a water filtration system and introduced the District Library Project to us. We used these opportunities to set up the water system and installed the library project at Tambon Klongyai for club public relation. In the near future, we planned to make a fund raising for our service projects.

In my opinion, establishing a new club is an easy task, but the most challenging thing is how to make the club sustainable.



CP Sirisak Luepanichkul Rotary Club of Muang Mukdahan Chartered 12 August 2016

At first, PP Narongwit Khantiwaree of the Rotary Club of Amnat Charoen consulted me in forming a new club. At that time I only had the ideas to help communities without an intention to be a charter president, I had only information what Rotary was. After the conversation with PP Narongwit Khantiwaree, I could understand more and felt that Rotary was very interesting. After that, I invited fellow friends to form a club and was elected to be a charter president. The Rotary Club of Muang Mukdahan was chartered on 12 August 2016.

I have been working with the Chamber of Commerce for 21 years and other organizations for a while. With the experiences in working, I believed that I could apply these experiences to use in Rotary service as I am not experienced with Rotary before.

For me, the most influenced person in DG Aeknarong of D3340. The first time I met him at restaurant, he used that occasion to give me a good describing of Rotary, why was it good join Rotary and what could we do for Rotary.

I learned and joined some services that Rotary have been given to society such as an automated external defibrillator (AED), sweets or treats for children, water filtration system for schools, and other many projects that will follow. These service projects have been given to the truly needed people, there was not any organization who responsible for the need assessment. For medical instruments, if we make public release and continue the projects consistently, there would be more people to join in. However, we must work with our heart and be cleared that the money from donation has been given to the hands of needy people. I am willing to take responsibility for this.

One of the responsibilities that Rotarians are needed to help is to describe Society what rotary is. After several

## Muang Mukdahan, Prathai

meeting and club activities, it has proved that Rotary was founded because of its concrete and cleared activities. I am trying to focus on this because the organization cannot be remained with this problem.

Our next goal is to start our own project as soon as possible. At a present we have a sister club to support us, but we need to stand strongly by ourselves. The projects that I am focusing on are medical instruments for hospitals, health care, water filtration, and book and library. We are planning to start the project as soon as possible.

With the cleared intention, I do believe community and people would understand and would like to join us. There are many people who would like to give, but they do not know how to offer helps and do not sure if it will achieve their intention. Our club will be the organization who help on this. In the future, I plan to induct more members from several professions and organizations in the province to make the club stronger as soon as possible.



CP Kitti Thamviriyanont Rotary Club of Prathai Charted 9 September 2016

Rotoary for a long time but I did not have an opportunity to join and had no idea how to join the club as well. At the beginning, many School Principals supported me to be the Charter President as I am the Chairman of Amphoe Pratha Police Station Monitoring Committee. They believed I am suitable, and I am proud to take the charter president position. As I am new to the position, I have good assistance from DG Representation, PP Marayat Chobisara and the sister club, Rotary Club of Buayai with good advices for DG Aeknarong.

In my point of view, if we are not strong, it would be difficult to form a club. At first there was no one agree to be a member as they did not wat to spend money for this purpose. However, when we had the opportunity to join Rotary, we found many good points here. Later, we invited people to join the club. Our charter members were from different professions, therefore, we need to talk and find the ideal of club objectives in our meeting.

Our club run a school lunch project in Amphoe Prathai every month. More than 10 schools have been given school lunch project already. Computers, bicycles, learning material and sport equipment have been given as well.

For the club objectives, we consulted with the District Governor to find the suitable track for us. At a present, the district supported us with large number of books for donation which we have assessed the needy places for donation already. We are a new club, we keep on learning and need some experienced people to assist us in doing projects. We shared the tasks in our club and we are going to consult with the DG again in doing service.



Before I became a club president, I've heard about

## D.3350 RI By PP Thanongsak Wiboonma RC of Sathorn Rotary Club of Bangkok Nawamin Botary Club with the Highest Membershir





P Wallapa Chuenchoksan Rotary Club of Bangkok Nawamin

#### How the Club was formed

Rotary Club of Bangkok Nawamin was founded on 19 December 2014 with 20 charter members. Later, the club inducted another 29 members, they had 49 members by the end of Rotary Year 2014-2015 (30 June 2015). At a present, there are 130 members. The average age of members are 53 years old. The members are from 80 different professions.

## Participation in Club Regular Meetings, Club Activities and District Activities

Member Participation in Club Regular Meetings	40 - 50 %
Member Participation in Club Activities	70 - 80 %
Member Participation in District Activities	70 - 80 %

### Strategies for the Prospective Members

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The persons who invite the prospective members must have with them the image of "Rotarian". That is to

illustrate the advantages that prospective members can make for community if they join the Rotary.

### Factors for Rapid Membership Growth

Personal Connection From groups of close friends who regularly meet monthly for parties or recreation, inviting the groups to join Rotary.

**Spouse** Invite spouse to join Rotary. There are 8 couples in a club.

**Family** Invite the family to join Rotary. There are 5 families in a club.

**Volunteer Spirit** People with volunteer spirit tend to join Rotary without any obstacles even we haven't met them before.

**Flexibility in Club** As a new club, we have flexibility in club's rules and traditions.

### Sustainable Membership Development

Friendship Treat club members equally, be generous and be supportive to different professions. Visit members regularly when they are sick or feeling down. Travelling in group occasionally, singing, dancing after the meeting, greeting friends, and playing weekly line game with club are examples.

Service Activities Promote members to do service activities and create awareness in doing handson projects. With authentic service, members would be proud.



Activities



Rotary Club of Sathorn with Rotary Community Crops of Sathorn and Interact Club gave their community service at Tae Chew Health Park, Sathorn on 29 September 2016 between 7.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. The purpose was to celebrate the charter of RCC Sathorn together with the 100 years of the Rotary Foundation.

In the morning, the water filtration systems with the water coolers were handed over to Tae Chew Running Club at Tae Chew Health Park. There were also free health examinations from the collaboration of doctors and nurses from Public Health Service Center 63 including with blood tension checking, diabetes diagnosis, mental health diagnosis, etc. Massive of people participated in the event. Eye examination and reading glasses were also given to the needy people on this occasion as well.

This year, RC Sathorn sponsored the organization of RCC Sathorn, their founding members were from leading groups of people in nearby communities. On this occasion, rice provided by RC Sathorn has been given to poor people in their communities.

There was a massive impact of this service and it served the needs of communities. There became more stronger friendships and networks. This was one good way to present the image of rotary and RCC Sathorn to public. This was one of the best service projects ever made.

# Activities

### Giving Vaccines and Education to Prevent The Cerviacal Cancer



The cervical cancer is the second cause in Thai woman death. Each day, the cervical cancer killed 12 women. However, the cervical cancer could be prevented. The Rotary club of Bangkok Suwanabhum with several rotary clubs in D3350 in collaboration with Thai Gynecologic Cancer Society and Public Health Center 22 Wat Pak Bo applied for the grant from The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The intension was to give free vaccines for 9 – 12 years old girls studying in Grade 5 and Grade 6. From this project, over 1,800 girls have been vaccinated, over 2,500 students, parents, and teachers were trained to raise awareness and understanding the risk of cancer and prevention. With the impact of the cervical cancer vaccination and education in cancer, the national expenses on cancer treatment could be saved for more than billion baht in next 30 years. Furthermore, medical staff which are limited in numbers

would have more time for patients with other illnesseses and unpreventable diseases. This significant project could level up health care and health immunity together with health education and good attitude in living.

From this project, the Rotary club of Bangkok Suwanabhum, which was considered as a small club won the "PHAYA SRIVISARNWAJA AWARD". This award was given to the club with best community service of D3350 in year 2015-2016. Furthermore, this vaccination has proved us of the advantages and the sustainability to all Thais. Recently, the subcommittee of Thai National Formulary have approved the "cervical cancer vaccines" to be in the lists of national vaccine for Grade 5 students. In each year plan, every Grade 5 girls would get free vaccination from this scheme.

## **Emergency Life Saving Project**





The Rotary Club of Phra Nakhon initiated "Emergency Life Saving Project" by providing Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in public areas. Basic Life Support has been trained for people and staffs in nearby places for emergency cases before transferring patients to hospital.

This project was a collaboration with the Rotary clubs in Thailand and Rotary club of Geoje Chilbaekri, South Korea. The Rotary Foundation approved and supported AED with learning instruments and trainings under the Global Grant No. 1636988.

The Rotary Club of Phra Nakhon has handed over the medical instruments on Friday 14, October 2016.



This project was one of the remarkable projects of D.3350.

# D.3360 RI

By PP naratta Seema,mgerm RC of Phrae

## Club President Interview "How to develop Membership?"



### P.Chalearmyos Punyaprateep Rotary Club of Maechan

"Last year, I spent some time going through a few notes from Rotarians, who responded to questions "Why did you join Rotary and what makes you stay?", I realized that the main two reasons were that they wanted to do humanitarian works and they stayed because they liked friendship and fellowship. Could we make an assumption that Rotarians across the globe also have the same two reasons to join Rotary and to make them stick? I'm not quite sure that we could but, of course, we can do something about it.

Now, what are the real reasons why we, Thai Rotarians, join Rotary? We joined the clubs because we wanted to seek personal gains or to pass time or to look for new friends, or we truly believed in the good work of rotary. However, the reasons become irrelevant because we have already been Rotarians. What we need to do is make all of us realize all wonderful works we've done, feel at home, be part of the Rotary family, and enjoy friendship and fellowship - the one that we must focus on.

Maechan Rotary club has a few fellowship events i.e. International Golf Tournament, biking event, potluck meeting at member's home on a month-end week, serving lunches to children on National Children's Day, providing meals to students at schools, which we do twice a year, etc. I'm sure many clubs, if not all, are doing the same and more.

On a recruiting part, we understand that members who realize the good work of Rotary will likely to be around for a long time. There are a few good approaches to recruit your new and, hopefully, long lasting members i.e. open house, through a circle of friends, Rotaractors, career selection such as bankers, lawyers, doctors, nurses, & etc. And when you find ones, don't be shy about the truth and the truth is that Rotary cannot change the world but if ones would like to make a difference, Rotary can help...Go get them!!"



P.Narathip Thanatdakul Rotary Club of Naresuan

I believe everyone can reach their achievement individually, but if we expect for a greater achievement, we need team working. This is the reason that every Rotarian need to recruit more members to the club as we are building the greater thing. However, having more people in a club is not the main point. What would happen if we induct someone who is improper or someone who has conflict with the other club members? This would lead to the problem in club unity.

Therefore, the recruitment process of new members should be considered carefully. We can start by inviting prospective members to participate in our service projects and taking these chances to introduce these prospective persons and allow the club members to learn more about each other as friendship is the most important thing. Recreation activities after service projects such as travelling is another good way to develop relationship and understanding. My club regularly invite prospective members to join in these activities, I think friendship is the best way to develop membership.

## Club President Interview "How to develop Membership?"



P.Orapin Simmons The Rotary Club of Phayao

It is human nature to live in a cluster. The reasons are varieties such as for security, for warmth, for specific purpose, for strength, for power, etc.

To live in a cluster, we need to share many things in common. These things are team-spirit, and love and unity (esprit de corps). These important elements help forming friendship. Otherwise, we would have only the extended name-lists without mutual friendship which is an element in living together.

To develop relationship in club (structuralism), we need to have sustainability in membership. Otherwise, there will be a linear in membership development because we may have new members entering the club while the former members are leaving continuously.

Therefore, membership should comprise of these elements.

- M Mutual understanding
- E Enjoyment
- M Meeting of the mind and the body
- B Belonging
- E Energizing to each other
- R Responsibility
- S Shared-value
- H Humble to each other
- I Integration
- P Participation





D3360 My Rotary Committee organized a training and workshop for the board of committees in year 2016 - 2017 at The Information Technology Service Center, Chiang Mai University.





Rotary Club of Phrae, Rotary Club of Song, Rotary Club of Wiangkosai with fellow Rotary Clubs from D 3350 organized 47th Health and Medical Services with supports from more than 200 volunteers and medical teams. The services included dental care, health examination, and eye examination with glasses service. More than 2,000 people participated in the event at Amphoe Rongkwang, Phrae Province.



Rotary Club of Wangchan with 3rd Army Area organized the project for sustainable economic development for community by growing 500 Kim Sung bamboos at Ban Rak Thai, Noen Maprang District, Phitsanulok Province.



Rotary Club of Uttaradit with Division of Public Health, Muang Uttaradit Municipal and Public Health Volunteers organized a "Fight the Bite Project" by walking and giving information how to get rid of the mosquito larva and prevent community from Dengue.



Rotary Club of Thoen Downtown donated a school set of English reading stories for children costed over 200,000 bath to Anuban Thoen School in Amphoe Thoen, Lampang Province.

## The first female RI Director in Thailand and Asia



RTM: What is your perspective on working with Rotary at the international level?

**RID:** RI work involves systematic cooperation between clubs, districts and RI Directors. We must know that Rotary is an international organization. We have to contact people internationally. If you look at our structure, Rotarians are members of a club which is a member of Rotary International. That means clubs are in the global network and make contact with the head office.

The highest level of work lies with the Board of Director consisting of RI President, RI President Elect and 17 Directors whose term is 2 years. These 19 key people must oversee all clubs around the world. The clubs are grouped into districts led by district governors. Many districts combine into zones. At the moment, there are 34 zones and these zones are supervised by RI Directors whose work is to help solve problems of Rotary clubs, districts and zones. Coordinators are appointed to help do various types of work while consulting RI Directors. A Rotary Coordinator (RC) helps with membership and strategic plans, a Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC) assists with Foundation matters whereas a Rotary Public Image Coordinator (RPIC) supports public image work. These 3 persons are responsible for giving advice to district governors and providing training. Therefore, district governors' duty is to report and send information to the concerned coordinators who will summarize the issues for the Board of Directors. This allows the Board of Directors to obtain information from the club and district levels.

## RID Associate Professor Dr. Saowalak Rattanavich and her perspective on RI and our 4 districts

The important duty of the Board of Directors is to help solve the problems of districts and clubs reported by the district governors. These problems include complaints about district governors or past district governors and about election. However, when a club wishes to complain about something, that club must submit the resolution of the Club's Board of Directors via RI Secretary-General for further report to the Board of Directors.

## RTM: Is there any difference between our clubs and the clubs in other countries?

**RID:** There are cultural differences everywhere. In the Asian culture, the elderly are respected. Clubs believe in district governors or people with a specific title. On the contrary, in European countries voting is very important. As a result, their election system involves nomination and voting while we use a nominating committee. When the district governor selection system is weak and vague and capable people are not selected, the system is not reliable and this leads to decreased membership. The cultures in Asia are similar. There is a big issue of domination by district governors. The most important task is to solve district problems. Zone 6 has a lot of issues concerning election. Members are in conflict. There are frauds in voting. RI Directors have to go in and help solve these problems.

When the root cause of election problems comes from culture, the only thing that RI Directors can do and must do is to educate district governors and clubs so that they know how important COL is, how Rotary is run and that there is democracy in Rotary. Clubs can amend the regulations at COL meetings. Therefore, district representatives who attend COL meetings are very important. When Rotarians select their representative, they must carefully consider the representative's capability, experience, knowledge and understanding. They should not only look at the person's seniority or English ability.

We need to discuss and amend what we don't like at COL meetings. The club's resolutions must be discussed

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there. In Rotary, all the changes must be made only at these meetings. I think COL meeting is the best meeting and it should be publicized to all Rotarians.

As for Rotary Institute, it's a meeting that disseminates information and allow leaders to share their opinions. Passing on information from members to the Board of Directors is most important. Please don't forget that future leaders are new people. Past leaders should act as advisors. With all the said reasons, Rotarians should also attend Rotary Institute meetings.

#### RTM: What are your past achievements?

**RID:** What I have tried to do and have made some progress is increase in membership. We have jointly set goals at the regional and district levels. District leaders have to put it in practice and give advice to the clubs. Club presidents must acknowledge and understand the membership issue. Club presidents, district governors and RI Directors must share the responsibility and work together. We must focus on the club presidents, make them understand the problem so that they can solve it together with us. Strong members start from the club level. The simple formulae is 1:1 meaning one member invites one friend to join. Increase in membership must come from the increase of club members, not from setting up new clubs (only).

Members must know what our future will be like if we don't increase membership. They must know about districting and rezoning so that they know who to choose to become RI Directors. We must also plan how to select our district governors and club presidents.

For our country, we elect district governors through a nominating committee. In Thai culture, we still rely on the seniors. That's understandable. However, we need to change committee members. They should not be on the committee for more than 3 years. This will allow for new selection ideas. This change was proposed to the Board of Directors and was approved as a Code of Policies. It will be put in practice and officially presented to the Board of Directors at the next COL meeting.

#### RTM: How is your 2nd year as an RI Director?

**RID:** During my second year, I can work better because I understand clearly where Rotary problems lie. Most problems can be solved with the leaders. If we choose good leaders, our *o*rganization will be better. Most of the time, we choose leaders from our personal preference. If we specify the qualifications of the nominating committee members, that will help a lot.

As an RI Director, I have a chance to promote education on various important topics for our Rotarians and open opportunities for our members to work at the international level. At present, we have RPIC and we will have RRFC from Thailand next year. We may have RC in the future as well.

# Thai Rotary helped the victims of the Kumamoto earthquake



PDG Tomio Hirohata, Thai-Japan Coordinator of District 2700, and DG Hidehisa Tomita of District 2700 along with Rotarians from District 2720 received the letter notifying about the contributions from Rotary Thailand.

In April, Rotarians from all 4 districts contributed 1.762 million baht to help the victims of the Kumamoto earthquake, Japan.

On 23 September 2016, DG Maami Maeda of District 2720 (Kumamoto and Oita, Japan) sent a letter to thank for the 2 lots of donations: 5,136,967 yen at the end of June and 146,665 yen in September totaling 5,282,632 yen. He explained that the money would be used to support the Victim Assistance Projects which are being considered now. These projects include providing psychological support to young people, scholarships for orphans and educational equipment for children. Progress on the projects will be reported later.

These contributions to Japan were initiated by PRIP Bichai Rattakul and was well coordinated by PP Chiemi Svensson and the Rotary Club of Bangkok.



### Message from Rotary Center Chair

## Biography of Sub-Editor

PDG Somphop Thirasan Rotary Club of Kanchanaburi • DG of District 3330 from 2012-2013

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Fellow Rotarians,

Rotarians in Thailand have been devastated by the passing of our royal patron, His majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, and have expressed their deepest condolences.

During His majesty's reign, he gave us great advice and suggested practical methods which have improved the people's quality of life. Ratarians are committed to serving and helping communities as well. Therefore, in order to follow his foot steps we all should continue to serve our communities.

Yours in Rotary

PDG Charn Chanlongsawaitkul

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### D.3330



### D.3340

PP Puttiporn Pattanasintorn Rotary E-Club of District 3340 Hometown: Chantaburi Province Education: Master's Degree of Science, Faculty of Agricultural Industry, Kasetsart University Title: Club President for 2015-2016 Motto: Being a Rotarian is my highest honor because I can use the rest of my energy and time to do good things for other people around me. This will increase the value of being born a human being. *Goodness will remain with us even when our body no longer exists.* 

International Assembly Training Leader in 2016 and 2017
At present, Chair of District 3330 Public Image Promotion

• Work: Vice Chair of Kanchanaburi Provincial Administra-

PP Thanongsak Wiboonma (Rotary Club of Sathorn)

### D.3360



PP Naratta Seenamngern

President of Rotary Club of Phrae for 2014-2015 (Group 110) Currently: Chair of District 3360 Interact Committee My Rotary Trainer, District 3360 My Rotary Committee District 3360 Public Image Committee Work: Executive and Teacher at Darunee English School Motto:"If there're no people, there's no party. If there're no Rotarians, there's no Rotary."

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Districts	3330	3340	3350	3360	รวม
Members	2,572	1,682	3,017	1,456	8,727
Clubs	101	63	110	66	340

## D.3350

1.President of Rotary Club of Sathorn from 2002-2003. Awarded the Crown Prince's Trophy

2.District 3350 Committee Member holding many important titles during the past 10 years which mostly focus on creativity, production, stage and program management, music, skits and various protocols

3.Has written many Rotary songs and has produced CDs containing Rotary songs from 2001-2002 by adapting from popular music or by creating new rhythm and relics.

4.Assistant District Governor from 2003-2004, 2009-2011 (5 times)

5.2010 Bangkok Rotary Institute: Entertainment Program Co-Chair

6.2012 Bangkok RI Convention; •Former Co-Chair, Publicity & City Decoration; •2012 Asia Breakfast, Entertainment Chair; •Chair of the Public Image Sub-Committee under District 3350 Public Image Committee

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