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# What is Rotary?

## The Object of Rotary

“Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build good will and peace in the world”

## The Four-Way Test

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Of the things we think, say or do

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## The Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster :

**FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life;

**FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business, and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## At a Glance

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### ROTARY

Members : 1,227,217  
Clubs : 35,263

### ROTARACT

Members: 226,389  
Clubs: 9,843

### INTERACT

Members: 483,230  
Clubs: 21,010

### RCCS

Members: 210,500  
Corps: 9,154

# Message from RI President

John F. Germ, March 2017



**Dear Fellow Rotarian,**

Forty years ago, the Rotary Club of Duarte, Calif., admitted three women members, in violation of the Rotary International Constitution. As a result, the club's charter was terminated by RI.

Undeterred, the club's members continued to meet. They put an X over their Rotary insignia, made themselves new pins, and dubbed themselves the Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte as they continued to fight for the right of women to serve as Rotarians. Ten years later, a restored Rotary Club of Duarte sent Sylvia Whitlock, Rotary's first female club president, to a presidents-elect training seminar. Not long after that, in 1989, Rotary's Council on Legislation permanently ended Rotary's status as a men-only organization.

Today, with more than 240,000 women in our clubs, Rotary is stronger than ever. We are women and men from nearly every country of the world, serving our communities in more than 35,000 clubs. At the club level, we need men and women of all backgrounds, ages, cultures, and professions; internationally, we need clubs in every city, country, and region of the world. The better

our clubs reflect their communities, the better we can serve them. Our diversity is our strength. It is difficult for most of us to imagine today why anyone argued so strongly against the idea of women in Rotary. Looking back, I think that opposition came from a simple resistance to change. Rotarians loved Rotary the way it was and couldn't imagine it any other way.

We still love Rotary as much as we ever did. We love the friendships and connections we make there, and the ability Rotary provides us to serve humanity. We believe Rotary has tremendous value in our own lives and in the world at large. And we recognize, more than ever, that for Rotary to continue to grow, it needs to embrace the world it serves – in all of its diversity, all of its variety, and all of its evolving needs for service.

The Rotarians of today owe a debt of gratitude to the Rotarians of Duarte 40 years ago. Their determination, persistence, and enduring goodwill set the stage for the organization we have become: 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](http://www.rotary.org/office-president)*

# Message from RI President

John F. Germ, April 2017



**Dear Fellow Rotarian,**

Globally, in developed as well as in developing countries, child mortality is on the decline and life expectancy on the rise. In 1960, 182 of every 1,000 children born died before turning five; today, that number is down to 43. A child born in 1960 could expect to live an average of just 52 years; by contrast, a child born this year can expect to live to 71.

Then as now, the factors most likely to determine a child's fate are set at birth: where he or she is born, the educational and economic condition of the family, the availability of medical care. Yet one of the most important advances in public health has reached every country and must now reach every child: immunization.

The use of vaccines has, in many parts of the world, nearly eliminated diseases that once were widespread, such as diphtheria, tetanus, and rubella. Thanks to vaccines, 20 million lives have been saved from measles since 2000. Smallpox has been eradicated – and polio is next.

Thirty years ago, there were an estimated 350,000 cases of polio per year worldwide. As this issue of *The Rotarian* went to press, only 37 cases of polio had been recorded in 2016 – the lowest number in history. All of the other cases, and the paralysis and death they would have brought, were prevented through the widespread use of a safe, reliable, and inexpensive vaccine.

Overall, the World Health Organization

estimates that immunization prevents an estimated 2 million to 3 million deaths every year. It also averts a tremendous burden of disability and economic loss. Yet we could be doing so much better: An additional 1.5 million deaths could be avoided by improving vaccine coverage worldwide.

This month, from 24 to 30 April, we join WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in celebrating World Immunization Week, raising awareness of the incredible impact that vaccines have had on global health. This year's theme is "Vaccines Work" – and they do. Increased use of vaccines has broader repercussions for public health: controlling viral hepatitis, reducing both the need for antibiotics and the development of antibiotic-resistant microbes, and reaching more children and adolescents with essential health interventions. In every part of the world, routine immunization is as crucial as ever to ensure that all children have the best chance at a healthy future.

In an uncertain world, vaccines offer something remarkable: a way to protect our children throughout their lives. By working together to safeguard all children against polio and other preventable diseases, Rotary is truly Serving Humanity – now and for generations to come.

John F. Germ  
President, Rotary International

# Message from the Foundation Chair

Kalyan Banerjee, March 2017



## Your gift transforms lives

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you can be completely confident that your fellow Rotarians put those donations to work on life-changing projects in our six areas of focus. That confidence should inspire our continued support, especially when we consider the remarkable results.

In March, as we observe Water and Sanitation Month, let's take a closer look at how Rotarian-led projects are providing millions of people with access to clean water and adequate sanitation facilities. This area of focus has long been high on many Rotarians' service agendas, and for good reason – 663 million people do not have access to clean water, and one-third of the world's population live without access to a toilet.

Think about how different life would be if you had to spend hours each day fetching water or worry about the threat of dysentery, cholera, Guinea worm, and a host of other waterborne diseases.

Our efforts in providing clean water have far-reaching effects. An estimated 10,000 clubs participate in water- and sanitation-related projects, with strong support from our Foundation. In 2015-16 alone, The Rotary Foundation provided \$19 million for global grants in this area of focus.

And that's just one of the six critically important issues that our Foundation is addressing today. In 2015-16, our Foundation provided \$76 million for all global grants, which also fight disease, save mothers and children, promote peace, support education, and provide economic opportunities to many people worldwide. Your gifts are what make this good work possible.

Our Foundation was conceived in 1917 to "do good in the world," and that is exactly what it has been doing for 100 years. To celebrate this milestone, I encourage all Rotarians to consider making a special centennial contribution to ensure that we continue our urgent and transformational work throughout the world.

Kalyan Banerjee  
Foundation Trustee Chair, Rotary International

# Message from the Foundation Chair

Kalyan Banerjee, April 2017



## Centennial celebrations spread the word

In communities worldwide, Rotarians are finding creative ways to celebrate The Rotary Foundation centennial and showcase our Foundation's century-long commitment to doing good in the world.

Rotarians have arranged for a commemorative postage stamp to be issued in Pakistan, sponsored a cruise on the Danube River with some proceeds going to our Foundation, and sold bottles of wine with "100 Years Doing Good in the World" printed on the label in Vancouver, B.C.

And, of course, there have been scores of centennial dinners. In Arch Klumph's hometown of Cleveland, Rotarians gathered to celebrate the centennial and honor the father of The Rotary Foundation with a banquet and concert by the Cleveland Orchestra. In addition to raising more than \$2.1 million for our Foundation, the event paid tribute to Klumph's virtuosity as a flutist.

Some Rotarians are honoring the Foundation by sponsoring global grant projects. They are fighting dengue fever in Indonesia, providing sanitation facilities in Colombia, and promoting early detection of breast cancer in Turkey.

Rotaractors and Interactors have answered

the call to perform 100 acts of good this year in honor of the centennial. They are donating blood, visiting the elderly, and volunteering at food pantries, to name just a few of the activities this challenge has inspired.

By celebrating this milestone, we are sharing our success stories with the world. In 2016, cable news channel CNBC named The Rotary Foundation one of the "Top 10 Charities Changing the World," citing our PolioPlus program as well as our financial health, accountability, and transparency of reporting. In addition, the Association of Fundraising Professionals named The Rotary Foundation the World's Outstanding Foundation for 2016.

Our centennial year is not over yet. You still have time to plan a special event, make a centennial contribution, and add more acts of good. In June, I hope you will join me for the biggest centennial celebration of the year at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta.

Kalyan Banerjee  
Foundation Trustee Chair, Rotary International

# Editorial

PP.Vanit Yotharvut, D.3360, RI

Fellow Rotarians,

If we lack air, we will be unconscious in 2 minutes.  
If we lack water, we won't be able to live for more than one week.  
And we will be able to live without food for a maximum of 45 days.  
It is predicted that in the next century there will be a war of clean water.

This year is the 100th anniversary of Rotary Foundation.  
It was founded by Mr. Arch Clump with very little start-up money.  
When Mr. Paul P. Harris, the founder of Rotary, passed away,  
Rotarians around the world donated their money into the Foundation to commemorate him.

Currently, Rotary Foundation is ranked among the world's top service organizations.\*\*

Nong None Tai Monkey Cheek Project, Sakon Nakorn Province is a project to reserve water for agriculture and to alleviate flood problems. We'd like to invite every Fellow Rotarian to be a part of this history, the history of doing sustainable good in commemoration and honor of His Majesty King Bhumipol.

**Yours in Rotary**  
**PP Vanit Yotharvut**

*\*\*Rotary Foundation was the world's outstanding foundation for 2016.*

*\*\*\* Singing Sand Dune @ DunHuang Xinjiang China*

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## MULTI DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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Many of you may know organizations, associations and clubs. Some have the same goals while others are different in goals and methods of operation. There is no need to talk about the background of Rotary as it was born over 110 years ago, and it has continued to develop all through these years under different Boards of Directors and Rotary International Presidents. It has added more ways to help mankind, from the matters of food and drinking water to literacy and world peace. In other words, the activities under the 6 Areas of Focus which Rotary supports are likely to promote almost all activities of mankind. However, Rotary announces clearly that it is “a service organization”.

Hence, there’s a question: What is the difference between “a service organization” and other organizations? Other organizations established for any purpose have different ways of raising their funds. Rotary International has its own way too. It has a foundation and various funds in order to implement activities of Rotary Clubs and Rotary International for the benefits of groups or communities that need help. Rotary is not for any one person. In other words, Rotary does not help people based on their look, acquaintance or same religion, but it helps those who need help. After help is provided, those people have better quality of life.

Then, another question follows: Can a Rotary Club offer help to a particular person? The answer is yes. Rotary International does not prevent any club from doing so. And how about this question: Is it possible for any Rotary Club to implement an activity outside the 6 Areas of Focus? The answer is also yes. Rotary International does not prevent any club from doing so either. As you can see, Rotary Clubs are free

# Rotary Information

by Mr.Jornjad Thaewwatmai (pen name)

## How is Rotary different from other organizations?

to carry out activities without any prohibitions from Rotary International. However, if a club needs support from the Rotary Foundation, the Foundation has rules and regulations for supporting projects.

Rotary was born from fellowship, and it believes that good fellowship will lead to good activities for our society. Therefore, it has created some conditions related to fellowship in order to use money from the Foundation or any clubs' funds. For example, in order to request Global Grant support the project activity must fall in the 6 Areas of Focus and the host club must have a sister club in a different district joining its project. The criteria for large projects are based on the project amount. It is clear that Rotary Foundation takes the relationship among clubs and their joint financial investment into its consideration. It also provides funds to support a project that the clubs have agreed to implement and have set clear terms and conditions for successful project implementation.

Global Grants have been around for only a few years. The aim of the Grants is to create large projects which involve many clubs and benefit wider communities or help more people. In the past, each Rotary Club implemented its own projects. Some projects were completed whereas others disappeared. These activities did not have much impact on the communities. Nevertheless, it doesn't mean that with the existence of Global Grants, clubs cannot carry out their own little projects. Each Rotary Club still has the freedom to implement a project on its own using little investment or no investment at all but the efforts of its members to complete an activity.

Meeting time of various clubs may change as a result of the demand from many clubs or suggestions by Rotary International's Board of Directors. However, the

original condition set by Rotary International aimed at providing time for members to discuss and exchange ideas on the implementation of worthwhile activities for various communities. Rotary strongly believes that "fellowship leads to service."

Rotary International has various projects that help strengthen the fellowship and improve the clubs' strength. This includes Rotary Exchange Family, Youth Exchange, visits to different clubs, District-level meetings or even Rotary International Conferences. All of these projects put emphasis on fellowship.

Rotary International will be strong or not depends on the strength of each district. Each district's strength depends on the strength of clubs while a club's strength depends on its strong members or Rotarians. So, how do we build a strong Rotarian? It's certainly not a direct responsibility of Rotary International President nor District Governors. Then, who will make Rotarians strong?

To impart concepts and knowledge about Rotary, the method of absorbing has been used. For so many years, Rotary has continued to lose its members despite on-going increases in new members. During the past 10 years, the total number of members or Rotarians remains almost constant in spite of the increased number of districts and clubs.

Rotary is a non-profit organization; therefore, it has no profit or loss. However, Rotary is an organization that brings community service volunteers together to create bigger projects that benefit wider groups of people. Rotary has never done any harm to anybody but has provided Service above Self for the benefits of mankind.

# Special Scoop



Multi District Conference was held at Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre! BITEC between 13 - 14 May 2017. There were 5 Districts in Zone 6B joined in the event. They were District 3310, 3330, 3340, 3350, and 3360. Representatives from 7 countries were from Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand. This year RI President John F. Germ and his spouse, Judy, came to Thailand for this conference. For the coming of RI President to our country, this was an honor for Rotary in Thailand in 25 years. This inspired Rotarians and we could take this opportunity for discussing, planning, and increasing membership. One of the key speakers was DG.Michael Angelo Caruso from District 6380, Michigan, USA. He was an expert in communication and organization development. He delivered speech about membership development by induction of young generation. PP. Ong Hok Siv also inspired participants for friendship, meet new friends and old friends as the theme of Rotary "Rotary Serving Humanity".

On Friday 2017, RI President John F. Germ and his spouse, Judy visited the project of Rotary Community Corps and historical site in Ayutthaya.

Multi District Conference was successfully organized by PDG. Suchada Ithijarakul, Organizer Chairman, with cooperation of 200 committees from 5 Districts. The conference was 5 months prepared

in prior. As a result the conference was succeeded with good participation from all sectors.

Besides concentration of Rotary, the organizer provided some entertainment in a House of Friendship, a place we enjoyed activities such as making artificial flowers for His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, making flower garlands, picture sketching, having massage. Some activities from Rotaract and Interact were also presented. At a banquet, there was a session of RI President which was exciting with several performances provided.

In training session, the information was packed and various. Activities from 5 Districts were presented. At night, there was a 100th Year anniversary of Rotary Foundation banquet. Before the banquet, Rotary donors were invited to take photos with RI President John F. Germ on stage.

Spouse programs were also provided. Spouse could visit Show DC Department Store, Thai Culture Village, and performances on stage at night.

Organizing Committees devoted their times and effort for the conference. RI President John F. Germ, PRIP Bichai Rattakul, and RID Assoc.Prof. Dr.Saowalak Rattanavich were appreciated with the conference.

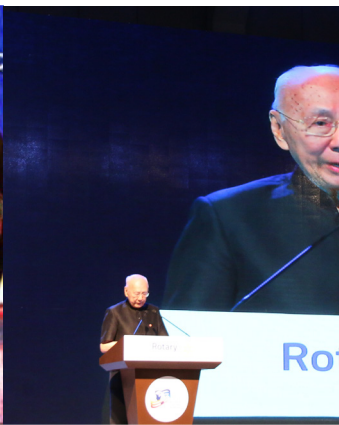
# Multi DC@BKK

## Multi District Conference

PP. Kitthanate Vasukiatcharoen  
Rotary Club of Sraprathum, District 3350



# 2017 Multi District Conference @ BKK





# Our DC



# Article



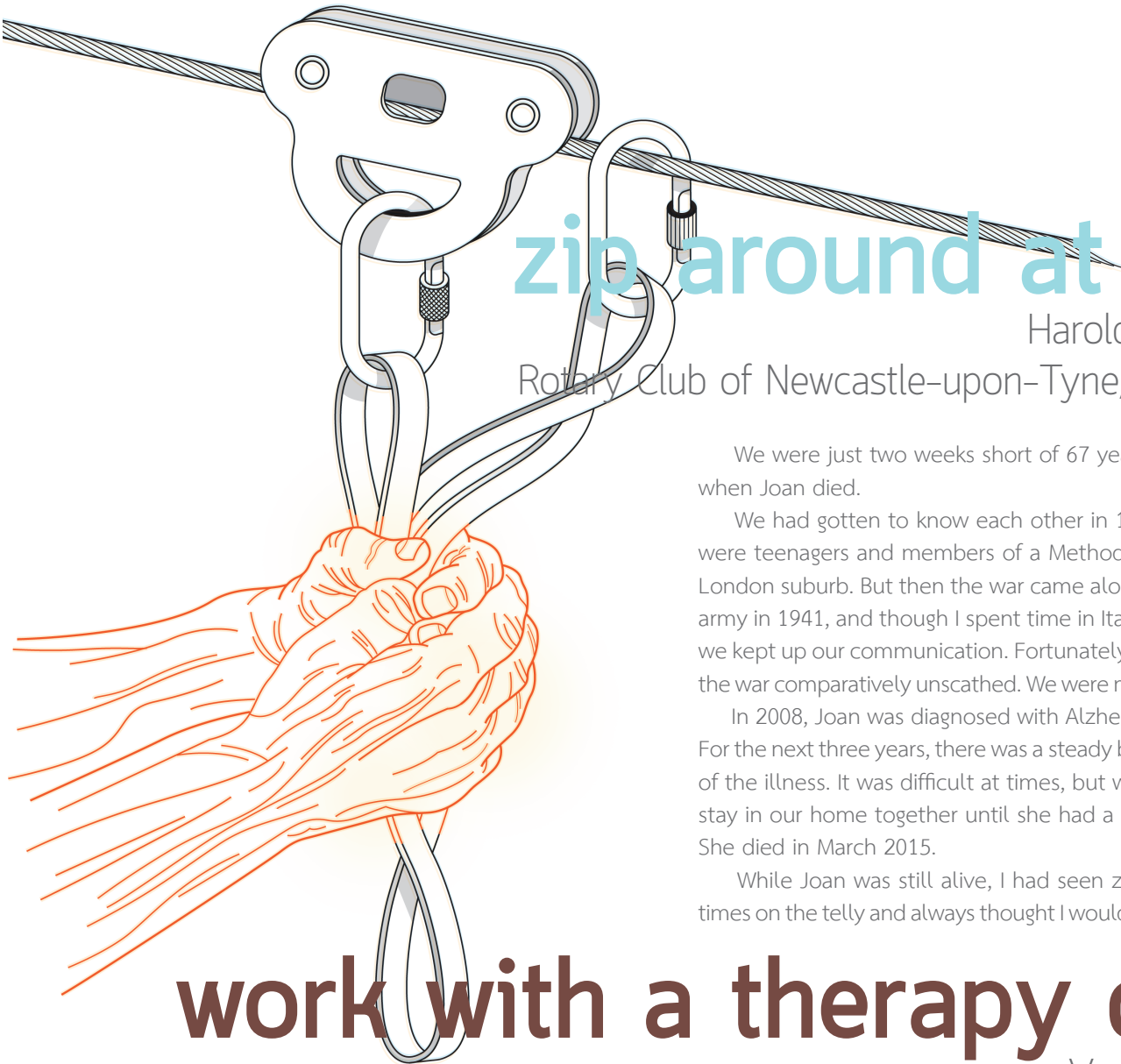


# What it's Like

Ordinary Rotarians  
can find themselves  
in extraordinary  
circumstances. In their  
own words, they tell us  
what it's like to..

illustrations by Harry Campbell





# zip around at 93

Harold Robson  
Rotary Club of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England

We were just two weeks short of 67 years of marriage when Joan died.

We had gotten to know each other in 1938, when we were teenagers and members of a Methodist church in a London suburb. But then the war came along. I joined the army in 1941, and though I spent time in Italy and Greece, we kept up our communication. Fortunately, I came out of the war comparatively unscathed. We were married in 1948.

In 2008, Joan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. For the next three years, there was a steady but slow march of the illness. It was difficult at times, but we managed to stay in our home together until she had a stroke in 2011. She died in March 2015.

While Joan was still alive, I had seen zip wire several times on the telly and always thought I would like to do that

# work with a therapy dog

Vanita Louie  
Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown

Moo Moo is a Brussels Griffon. That's the kind of dog that Jack Nicholson has in the movie *As Good as It Gets*. She's 9½ years old, and I've had her since she was three. I believe all dogs are special, but I've always known Moo Moo had a gift: She can sense when somebody is in distress. I saw that quality in her the first time we met. She was so alert and observant.

Six years ago, I trained her as a service dog. She had to pass a series of four tests. Some dogs are trained to provide a physical service, like being a seeing-eye dog. Moo Moo is a therapy dog. It's her instinct to comfort people, especially if they have a special need or ailment.

She has a schedule. She visits the Kaiser Permanente

hospital and the UCSF Medical Center every month, and she visits autistic children at public schools twice a month. She sees people who are very ill with cancer and other ailments. She'll walk right up to a person who is lying in bed with their eyes closed and she'll nudge them with her paws.

When we visit schools, we read to kids who often have trouble controlling their bodies. They have so much energy. And Moo Moo is able to deal with that. She lets them pet her. She's very relaxed, and it rubs off on them. She knows, This is what I need to do to help these kids calm down. In those moments she becomes everyone's dog.

I always wonder why Moo Moo doesn't play with balls or run around. If I took her to the park and removed

sometime. But then I would have a more or less immediate thought: “Don’t be so stupid, dear old so-and-so.” Joan and I were leaders of the church youth club and went on camping expeditions. We didn’t do anything more adventurous than that. But last year, after Joan had died and I was pulling myself together, I suddenly felt like I could do this. I could zip wire. And instead of just doing it for my own satisfaction, I could do it to raise money for Alzheimer’s research.

When I called the zip wire organizers, I asked, “Have you got any age limit?” and they said, “Well, you’ve got to be 18.” And I said, “Have you got any upper age limit? Because I’m 93.”

Two of my granddaughters did it with me. When we woke up on 16 April, it was cold, windy, and snowing. Fortunately, by the afternoon it was sunny and the winds had dropped considerably. Still, I wore my son’s long johns underneath my trousers, a couple of pullovers, and a coat. The zip wire took place from the Tyne Bridge in Newcastle. I was strapped into a harness and hooked up, and then it dawned on me what was going to happen. I was sitting on the edge of the bridge with a drop of about 130 feet down to the water, and there was a mild push behind me to get me going. It was great fun. The zip wire itself was nearly 700 feet long, and you’re going about 25 to 30 miles an hour. There were a lot of people watching – nearly all of my family and quite a few members of my Rotary club and church – so I waved at the crowds as I went, dangling off the wire. It took less than a minute to complete.

When I got to the landing point, I knew that the

media man from Alzheimer’s Society was going to be there, but what I didn’t know was that he had arranged for reporters from national agencies to be there too. There were headlines in the national papers saying things like “Fearless Harold” or “Oldest Brit Ever to Take On a Zip-Wire.” One of the reporters asked me, “Would you do it again?” and just as a complete throwaway, I said, “Oh, yes, I’ll do it when I’m 100.” To my astonishment, that came out in the Sunday paper.

I thought that if I was lucky I might raise £1,000. The story went on the internet, and donations came in from all over the country. From friends but also from many people I have never met. It must have struck a chord with them because they had experiences with relatives with this horrible illness. In total I’ll have raised well over £7,000, equal to about \$9,000 or \$10,000. The week after the zip wire, Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland honored me as a Champion for Change at the House of Lords.

From a personal point of view, the experience did me a tremendous amount of good. I felt that I was doing something positive in Joan’s memory, so it helped with the grieving and emotional process. When you’ve been married for 67 years, it’s a bit of a wrench.

Joan was a very steadying influence. She was well-loved by everybody at church and the Rotary club and all the rest. I tended at times to go off on a tangent, but she kept me in check. She would have been very supportive of my experience on the zip wire, though I think she would have been a bit nervous about it. I’m quite sure she was with me when I did it.

– As told to Diana Schoberg

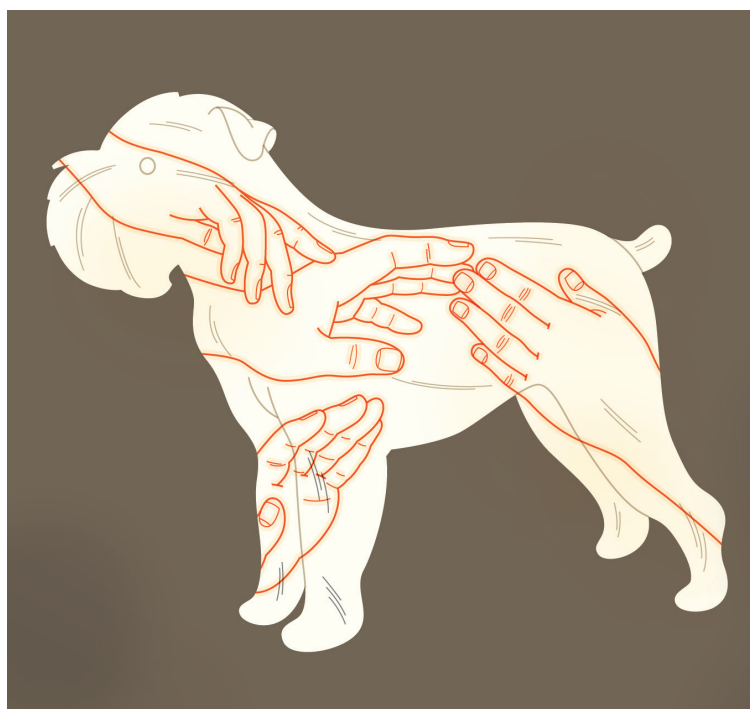
her leash, she wouldn’t run around with the other dogs. It’s like she doesn’t know she’s a dog. Even the teachers notice that – how much she acts like a human.

When I bring her to Rotary meetings, she sits quietly. When she hears the bell ring, she sits up because she knows the meeting has started. She’s quiet and attentive. And she knows the meeting is over when the bell rings again.

She provides a lot of happiness at our meetings. I’m the president of the Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown, and the members are always asking me, “When is Moo Moo coming back?” If I don’t bring her, they ask why she’s not there. She also loves to get dressed up in her Rotary scarf for fundraisers and other functions. She loves partying. But when it comes to service visits, she puts on her therapy vest and that’s work time.

You know how Rotarians are always trying to give back? I believe that’s how Moo Moo sees it – that it’s her job to bring moments of joy to people who are suffering.

– As told to Steve Almond





# over from a traumatic spinal injury

John Miska

Rotary Club of Bixby, Okla.

“No! Stop! No!” Those were the last words I shouted before being struck by a car turning into my bike lane. I was riding on a quiet neighborhood road on the Pacific coast in California. I had no time to avoid the car and nowhere to go.

The impact ripped my bike away and sent me careening off the top of the car like a rag doll. Everything went into slow motion as I seemed to drift to the ground while looking skyward. Then I slammed onto the street, landing hard on my back, neck, and right arm and shoulder. The pain arrived instantly. Lying on my back and writhing in agony and shock, I looked at my right hand, certain that I would see it in flames. Citizen responders called 911 and offered me comfort.

Within minutes it happened. It was as if a tarp were being removed from my body and taking all of my ability to feel and move. I knew something terrible had happened. I did not know if I would die or be paralyzed for the rest of my life.

Whisked away by ambulance, I was then helicoptered 30 miles to Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla Trauma Center. MRI and CT scans revealed multiple spinal injuries. Many patients with severe trauma to the cervical spine have severed the spinal cord, an irreversible condition. I did have fractures in my neck, but the main concern was a ruptured disc that was smashing my spinal cord.

At this stage, the medical decision-making became complicated. Typically, a patient with a complete spinal cord injury does not benefit from surgery because the damage is permanent. Furthermore, I was medically unstable due to spinal shock, which was causing my blood pressure and heart rate to fall to dangerous levels. Despite these odds, neurosurgeon Scott P. Leary made it clear to me and my wife, Sheri, that a procedure to decompress my spinal cord

and stabilize my cervical spine was imperative. Even with the surgery, though, he told us that I had a less than 1 percent chance of any form of recovery. In so many words, Leary informed us that I was destined for a lifetime in a wheelchair as a quadriplegic.

The morning after surgery, to everyone’s amazement, I was able to feel my entire body. I could wiggle my fingers and toes and even lift my waist slightly off the bed. This was not supposed to happen. In fact, no case like it had been documented. By the fifth day in intensive care, physical therapists had me standing for minutes at a time. It was like climbing Mount Everest.

By day seven, I transferred to Rehabilitation Center at Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas for 14 days of intensive rehabilitation. I arrived by ambulance with a nasogastric tube, a catheter, an intravenous drip, and a neck brace. The goal was to reteach my body enough motor skills and active daily living tasks to allow me to return home, either in a wheelchair or with a walker.

When I arrived, I didn’t have the strength or ability to sit up on my own. I had taken a hard impact on my right side, and on day one of rehab, I couldn’t complete a right-hand curl with my 3.4-ounce cellphone. I had to relearn to sit up, transfer to and from my bed to a wheelchair, stand up, sit down, and ultimately walk again.

I learned the golden rule of spinal cord injury rehab: no bending, lifting, or twisting. Terrified of re-injury, I followed that rule strictly. The days were intensive, packed with different kinds of therapy. This left me so exhausted at the end of the day that, for the first few days, it was an effort to stay awake through visits from my wife and family. I focused on setting

goals. Eleven days after my accident, I was determined to take my first unassisted steps. Under the watchful eye of Maria, a physical therapist, I pushed myself up out of the wheelchair between a set of parallel bars, steadied myself, and took my first steps. I will remember those steps for the rest of my life. The more I took, the more I wanted to keep going.

After 14 days of intensive occupational and physical therapy, and 21 days from the accident, I walked out of the

rehabilitation center on my own power with only a neck brace – no wheelchair, no walker, no cane.

My healing is a story of the perfect combination of medical science, a miracle, and motivation. However, millions of people suffer from paralysis. That's why I created Ride for Cords, a global fundraising event to support the research for a cure. Today, I dedicate my time to speaking publicly about my experience, and to cherishing every day.

# Rotary Moments

by PP Patapinya Lekvichai  
Rotary Club of Doi Prabhat, D3360

Five years ago, I was admitted as a member of RC Doi Prabhat in Lampang, and casually heard of Rotary Moments from my club members. I had no idea what it was about, nor was I impressed.

One day I was taken down in critical condition by a disease which had long disappeared from Thailand for many decades. No medication was thus available for the treatment in Thailand. I only prayed and hoped some miracle would happen to save me from a brush with death.

While receiving treatment at Bamrungrad Hospital in Bangkok and waiting for the medicine, I prayed for a life-saving miracle.

Believe it or not! Someone read an SOS message in the local media web site posted by my fellow Rotarians trying to help seek out this medication.

Having read the message, this savior without the least hesitation flew out to Vietnam on a one-day trip and returned the next morning with the much desired medication – a total of 7 boxes.

He gave me two boxes and another one one ambassador recuperating in Chiang Mai, without expecting the least in return.

After I had returned to my old self, PDG Anurak Napawan accompanied me to thank my savior in person. I came to know later that he has been a member of RC Dhonburi in Bangkok for the past 32 years and achieved 100% club meeting attendance.

My savior also donated the remaining 4 boxes and additional subsequent supplies of medication to Suan Dok Hospital in Chiang Mai, and the Liver Foundation of Khon Kaen Hospital in NE Thailand, saving 315 lives as a result.

That's not the end of my Rotary Moments! This kind-hearted gentleman and his club members further donated infant incubator, dictionaries, and other materials to Lampang community members.

I want to tell you this Rotary Moment of exceptional humanitarian service rendered and received to Serve Humanity.

He so saved my life from this wicked viral infection, enabling me to reveal today that my savior's name is PE Vichai Chivakanit of RC Dhonburi.

Wherever we are, we truly remain in one Rotary world!





# save someone from drowning

Rick Wilson

Rotary Club of Sebastopol, Calif.

by looking at their body language. If you study somebody closely enough, they're going to give you clues.

For example, when you approach somebody in distress, you don't grab them with your hand, because a lot of times they get into a panic mode. Then they look at you like you're a ladder, and all they want to do is climb you. You go out with a life jacket, something you can hand them, and that way you have a chance to gauge the look in their eyes. You can figure out: Is this person going to be helpful, or is this person so panicked that they're going to do something stupid?

Anyway, while we were waiting for equipment, it became clear that the current was wearing him down and he wasn't going to be able to keep his head above water. Rather than waiting for the equipment, I decided that I and another guy were going to go get this kid or he wasn't going to make it. My job was to reach out and grab him and get him in the boat while the other guy was paddling. Luckily, we got him to safety. He was very grateful, and that was the end of it. Everybody took a deep breath and went back to work.

When something like that happens, your adrenaline is up, and anyone who says it isn't is a liar. When somebody's life is in jeopardy, that's where the importance of training comes in. You get into this mode where you're almost on automatic pilot and you're just reacting. You're doing the things you've been trained to do over the years; there's no time to rationally think about it.

My experience with rescues made me believe that every child deserves to know how to swim. For 32 years, our Rotary club has taught every second-grade child in Sebastopol how to swim for free. We've taught more than 10,000 children over the years. When you join my club you get a mentor, and when my mentor looked at my CV and saw I had had a whitewater rafting business, he said, "I believe you'll be helping with swimming," and I said, "Yes, I will." For every 100 children you teach to swim, you save a life. Ten thousand kids in 32 years – that's a lot of lives.

I owned a whitewater rafting business in Rumsey, Calif., for 23 years. One day shortly after I bought it, there was a knock on the door. It was the sheriff saying there's an emergency on the river and asking if I would loan him a boat. I said, "I'll do better than that. I'll come with you." It didn't take long to figure out I should be a member of the volunteer fire department. I coordinated rescues on the river for 15 years.

Living there, you never could totally relax. You didn't know what hour of the day or night you would get called or what the problem was going to be. There were some weekends we didn't have a call at all; some weekends we had five. Most often it was a rescue for somebody who was on the river on their own and didn't have the right equipment.

I remember one young man who had gotten thrown out of his boat, and his foot had gotten lodged between two rocks. When we first got there, he was standing, but we could tell that it wasn't going to be long before he was going to topple over. You can't really hear because of the roar of the river, so you just have to read how they're doing

– As told to Anne Ford

Each president of Rotary tries to meet as many Rotarians as possible. If he can't travel to an event, he appoints another member to attend as his representative. So what's it like to stand in for the president?

I represented RI President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran at a district conference in 2016, and it was one of the most rewarding experiences I've had as a Rotarian. As the "RI rep," I was briefed by the president, who asked me to deliver a message that would inspire Rotarians and guests to get more involved in service.

In March, I was with my wife, Rose, representing President Ravi at the District 9630 conference in Queensland, Australia. The conference was in Roma, a town at the far western end of the district that has some 15,000 residents, and the Australian Rotarians were quick to have me try local customs and skills. There was a demonstration from an Australian whip-cracking champion (cracking a whip is a competitive sport Down Under), and I was chosen to join a lineup of volunteers to see who was best. For this, I represented the RI president miserably. Instead of cracking the whip by swinging it overhead, I somehow managed to whip myself across the back and buttocks – much to the amusement of everyone around me.

I also visited a health facility sponsored by the Rotary Club of Roma. In this sparsely populated area, it falls on the community to provide many facilities as the local government doesn't have the resources. Over the years, this 20-member club had built homes for the elderly and a health care facility. In partnership with the Australian health care system, the clinic provides secure accommodation

for those with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. It was humbling to witness the care and loving attention given to the residents – care that would not happen if not for Rotary.

I have represented various RI presidents over the years, and it has been an honor each time. I've learned that the president must have the constitution of an ox, along with diplomacy and the ability to manage on a few hours of sleep in someone else's time zone – yet it's one of the best jobs in the world.



## stand in for the RI president

Allan Jagger

Rotary Club of Elland, England

### Share your story

*Everyone has a story. When we talk about our experiences, it helps us connect with one another. That's how people become interested in Rotary – by learning about who we are as individuals and as an organization. Next time you talk with a potential member, think about who in your club might have a shared connection with that person. Rotary's greatest recruitment tool is you: your stories. Your experiences. Your passion for Rotary.*

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# Convention

## Field trips



Atlanta embraces its sports history, and when you're there for the Rotary International Convention from 10 to 14 June, you might want to plan on a few side trips to local shrines of sports.

Even if you don't make it to the Host Organization Committee's special event baseball game hosted by Hank Aaron, you should check out the Braves' old and new homes. Sculptor and Rotarian Ross Rossin's iconic statue of Hall of Famer Aaron stands outside Turner Field, where the Braves played until this year. With the team moving into its new SunTrust Park, Rossin sculpted another statue of Aaron for the new stadium.

Georgians love their college football, and Atlanta is University of Georgia country. (Their love extends to Uga, the bulldog mascot with a proud 10-generation lineage.) And in college football, coach Vince Dooley, an honorary Rotarian for many years, is a legend. He was the head coach at UGA for 25 years. Under his leadership, the school had a 70 percent winning record.

If the mention of football gets your blood pumping, you'll want to visit the College Football Hall of Fame, which has acres of exhibits and even a 45-yard indoor field. The host committee is hosting a special evening there on June 12, but if you can't make it then, the hall is just steps away from the convention.

– Hank Sartin

Register for the 2017 Rotary Convention in Atlanta at [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org).



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# Multi District PETS

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24 March–April 2017



2017 Multi District PETS held on 24-26 February 2017 at Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya was ended. The training was hosted by District 3550. The objective was preparation for club leaders of Rotary Year 2017-2018. The committees worked very hard to serve over 600 President Elects from four Rotary Districts.

PDG.Vuttichai Wanglee, the chairman of 2017 Multi District PETS expected President Elects who joined this training to have ideas in planning, managing, and making their clubs stronger. Training sessions allowed President Elects to share ideas which focused on service and sustainability. The schedule was all days and intensive in every session. Therefore, participants had to manage their times. Some participants who joined Pre-PETS would easily learn new things from this training,

Multi-PETS would help them to achieve more ideas and have more friends from different Rotary Districts.

In every Multi-PETS, one group of people who devoted themselves, and worked very hard to make ceremony and training run smoothly is SAA. This year Multi-PETS, the chairman of SAA team was PP.Chuleekorn Sutharangkru. She planned worked with team in prior for 3-6 months. Therefore, Multi-PETS in this year was smooth. If something came up, SAA could handle it in time. SAA team was ready to deal with problems and do their best in solving problems.

DGE.Marasee Sakuliew, District Governor Elect Year 2017-2018 of District 3350 from Rotary Club of Prasuriryothai, decided to organize Multi-PETS in her hometown. The reason was for all President Elects to experience culture in this world heritage town. The highlight of this training was the banquet night. Participants and guest dressed up in Thai costumes with good performance and traditional dancing. The performance was about legends and Kings and Queens in Ayutthaya period. There was an announcement of 4 District Governors Year 2017-2018 in the banquet. The ceremony was grand and elegant. At the end of the ceremony, there was a presentation in remembrance of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

In the last day of Multi-PETS, President Elects could touch warmth and friendship that they had. The training was successfully delivered. I would like to thank District 3350, the organizer who managed and devoted themselves for this event. I hoped the organizer would be happy with all of the smiles, laughs, and participation which were expressed by President Elects. President Elects were energetic to lead and make their clubs stronger. Community could learn more about Rotary as in a theme "Rotary Making a Difference".



**PE. Nittaya Chun-in**  
Rotary Club of Maneekan

It was such a good opportunity for me to join Multi-PETS in year 2017. I appreciated the chairman and committees who provided this training for President Elects. President Elects gained more knowledge to make their clubs stronger, increase member participation, and promote Rotary Public image.

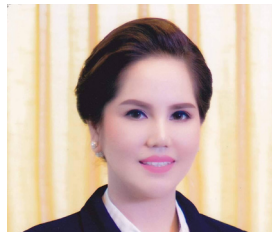
Training for President Elects is an important mission. This training brings cooperation between clubs and it is a good chance to exchange experience for community service as a Rotary Theme: "Rotary: Making a Difference"

I would like to thank District 3350 who hosted this training. This was a memorable training in Ayutthaya. It was really warm, admired, and always be in my memory.



**Worranit Phokinmaneroj**  
Rotary Club of Bangkhae Dhonburi 50

In a training session, one of the trainers told us one thing in doing service. He mentioned about our King Bhumibol Adulyadej. The king taught people to catch fish not to eat fish. From this taught, I understood that my club needed to improve the way we do service. We have to do something more sustainable instead.



**PE. Kwanjai Kumolpanthip**  
Rotary Club of Photharam

I was an honor for me to participate in the Multi PETS. I could learn more about "Rotary". What does Rotary do? What are the objectives of Rotary? I learned the role of Club President, having chances to share experiences, attitudes, opinions, and several ideas with friends from different clubs and Districts.

As a coming president of this year, I have more confident from this training.



**PE. Iam Saekho**  
Rotary Club Bungkhum

The Multi District PETS this year was very impressive. The trainers was superb, they conveyed us the service of Rotary, membership development, funding, and etc. I had no ideas about this information before. From training, I could understand more about Rotary and I believed I could truly apply this for my club.



**PE. Sirichai Ketkaew**  
Rotary Club of Kluaynamthai

I was admired with the work and cooperation of the hosting committee. SAAs devoted themselves in working even the weather was sweaty. There were some acceptable mistakes of the training. However, everything was nice, we overlooked the mistakes and everyone agreed that this was such an impressive training.



**PE. Katkanok Sukanjanaporn**  
Rotary Club Silom

I learned and planned what to do in my year. I had better vision of community service and how to build a strong club. Trainers clearly showed me something I did not notice before. I believe I could do more in my year.



**AG. Chanisana Pholjaroen**  
Rotary Club of Saraburi

"Strong Club Strong Activity brings Community Reputation". From Multi District PETS in this year, we had a chance to share experience between districts and clubs that could be applied for further club development. Examples of strong activities were literacy projects and profession training. Examples of strong clubs were how to make more than 80% club meeting attendance, how to make your club well-known. Some clubs do service with schools and children. This allowed primary school children and community to learn more about service through club service.

# Our Voice



**PE. Benyapha Srikholnu**  
**Rotary Club of Saraburi Mitraparp**

There were 2 purposes that I attended the Multi District PETS, I had my year plan to build a strong club. One thing that I would like to improve is club members' participation and attendance in a meeting. The other one is how to increase membership.



**PE. Dr. Jumpot Kanjanakomtorn**  
**Rotary Club of Phrapokklao Dhonburi**

It was enjoyable moment to meet Rotary friends. Everyone came up with happiness. We were givers and we could learn many things that we are going to do and to give service from this training. Committees were helpful and experienced Rotarians were able to deliver us useful information. Hosting was really warm, training session and work-shops were very impressive.



**PE. Warinthorn Srisaenpang**  
**Rotary Club of Roi-Et**

Rotary Club of Roi-Et has been chartered for two years. This Multi PETS was very impressive for me. I met new friends in

their late 30s. These people were creative and we had a chance to talk and share. I met new friends from this training and I had a cleared vision in service with by club.



**PE. Boonying Boonjarean**  
**Rotary Club of Trad**

From this training, I met many new friends. It was full of friendship both in training session and Rotary Banquet. Performance in the banquet was fun and impressive. Only one thing that needed to improve is the hotels. Anyway, the hosts and committee were nice and could deal the difficulties for us.



**PE. Chusak Kunpanitkit**  
**Rotary Club of Magkang**

I gained more knowledge of Rotary from trainers. If I miss this train, I would have more difficulties in doing president role. I learned how to prepare myself, what to do and not to do as a club president. Furthermore, I was friendship that we had from training.



**PE Detwichai Detburam**  
**Rotary Club of Sisaket**

From this training, I had more friends from different Districts. I learned the role of club president, Rotary International policies, and club goal setting. This information was absolutely applicable with my roles. The training was simple and cleared. Transportation was convenient and accessible. The committees met us at the airport and took us to the hotel. This was a good example for planning and working.



**Women President Elect with Willfulness**  
**PE. Thanijporn Khomson**  
**Rotary Club of Doi Prabaht**

I could learn many things. I learned the role of leader. To be a good leader, you must be tender and helpful to other people. In sharing sessions, I learned service projects from different areas and different clubs, just like a year theme "Rotary Making a Difference". For my club, "Rotary Club of Doi Prabaht Makes a Difference through Service above Self". This means our previous and new projects would be continued for community development.

# 2017 Multi District PETS @ Phra Nakorn



**Son and Mother President Elects**  
**PE. Dr. Nutthanin Sethavanich**  
**Rotary Club of Phrae**

Friendship, I met President Elects from 4 Districts. I am going to apply information from training session in club administrative. "Strong Club Strong Activity brings Community Reputation". At last, I would like to thank hosts and committees again for your warm reception.

**PE. Nuntha Sethavanich**  
**Rotary Club of Wiangkosai**

I met friends from all over Thailand. We talked and shared experience with enjoyment. I was able to set my plans and service goals with sustainability for community.



**PE. Arerom Muangngam**  
**Rotary Club of Pranburi**

Eight years ago, I was inducted to the Rotary Club of Pranburi. Two years later, I was proposed to be a club president, but I thought it was not the right time for me. Therefore, I rejected the club several times for becoming a club president. Lately, the club proposed me. They said it was the last time they would ask. I told myself, I could do, and I accepted this chance.

In Multi PETS, I have good friends in the class of 113 Club Presidents. I met friends from 4 Districts in Ayutthaya. There were friendship, happiness, warmth, good wills, and service above self of Rotary. From this training, I learned what to do, how to do, and what we get from doing service. I am more confi-

dent with the role I have in this year. And surely, I come back home with my objectives in this year. I've helped and assisted my Club Presidents for 7 year. This year, I took my opportunities. I could learn more and earn another degree. That is a Degree in Rotary. I would get my First Class Honor in Rotary.



**Youngest President Elect in District**  
**PE. Kraitsada Pornrattanapitak**  
**Rotary Club of Lampang**

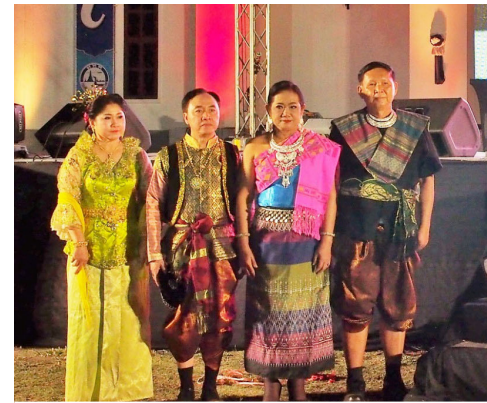
I could learn more from Multi District PETS. I met new friends from other parts of Thailand. Experience from this training would help me to achieve my service targets and lead my roles as club president with confidence under the theme "Rotary Making a Difference" which focused on community service and sustainability development.



**PE. Kunyalux Boonsong**  
**Rotary Club of Ganchan**

Actually, I was not ready to join the Multi PETS. However, when I arrived, the committees were very nice, helpful, energetic, and kept smiling as if we were friends before. In a 3-day training, trainers delivered important information which was cleared and concise. The training offered opportunities for us to talk and share opinion. It was fun and informative with ideas from different clubs and Districts.

There were much more that I could not express. "If I did not attend this training, I would miss truly borderless friendship.

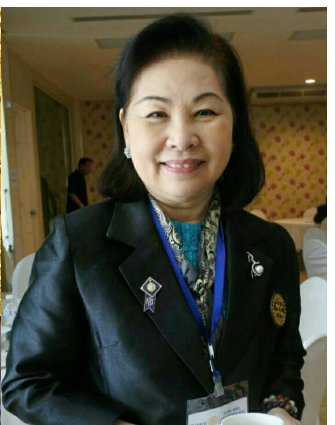


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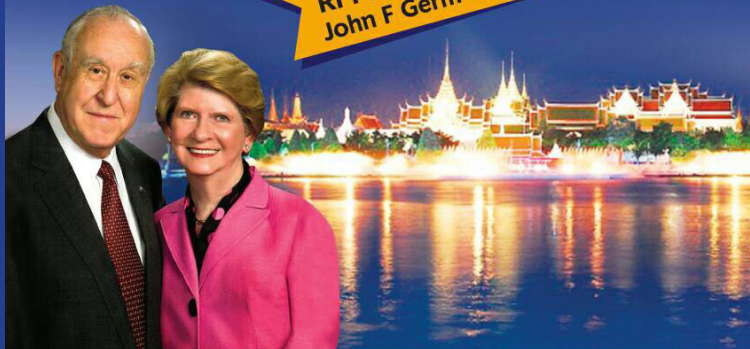
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Every year, we have a Multi-PET. The purpose is to train club presidents the role of leader. Some of the club presidents become a president with less than one year or 6 month experience in Rotary, mostly not over two years. These new presidents do not know how to manage their clubs because they have no previous experience in club administration before. They do not know how to work as a part of committee.

Some of them has been a member for 10 years, but with limited background in Rotary. To be an effective leader, we must learn many things. With training, the presidents would know how to manage their clubs, this is the first purpose for the training. The second purpose, we hosts Multi-PETS because we would like to open opportunities for presidents to meet new friends and build better friendship.



# Our Guest

By Editorial

## ng Club Presidents to Lead their Clubs ” Districts are Together for Friendship”

PDG.Vuttichai Wanglee,  
Chairman of Multi District  
PETS, Phra Nakhon Si  
Ayutthaya



Without Multi-PETS, it would be difficult for them to get in touch with friends from different Rotary Districts. To participate in Multi-PET, club presidents have possibly to work or participate with clubs from other Districts in their Rotary Year. This collaboration may be between a big club and a small club which leads to better impact and management. Furthermore, PE, PDG, and DG had a chance to learn more each other from this occasion.

### Setting Goals

Our goal is training Club Presidents to lead their clubs. We expect them to use and apply what they have learned in training for club leader.

As there were more than 300 Club Presidents in Multi-PET, it was challenging in organization, registration, and room preparation. Transportation for District Elects from Chiangmai, Chiangrai, Phuket and Hadyai must be convenient. Airport transfer must be provided. There were some difficulty, but we can deal with it.

### Problems and obstacles

In the next Multi-PETS in Khon Kaen, I believe District 3340 would be successful in hosting this event without obstacles. On this occasion I would like to invite Rotarians to join this coming Multi-PETS. Rotary trains leaders. If we learn from this training we can be good leader in our organization.

# D.3330 RI

By PDG Somphop Thirasan  
RC of Kanchanaburi



To carry on the beautiful Thai culture and tradition, the Rotary Clubs in Samutprakarn Province jointly organized Songkran Festival at the Multi-Purpose Building of Poo Chao Samingprai Municipality, Samutprakarn.



District 3330 conducted a workshop on Sustainable Clean Water Projects for the students and faculty of 9 schools in Sichon District of Nakhon Si Thammarat Province.



DG Jutathip Thamsiripong presented the awards to various clubs in District 3330 for their community service as per the District's guidelines





The final round of District 3330's Rotary Information Contest for 2016-2017 was held on 8 April 2017 at Maida Grand Hotel, Muang District, Nakhon Pathom Province.



Rotary Club of Kanjavanich-Hat Yai donated educational materials to Thammapradit School in Songkhla. This School was seriously affected by the flood at the end of 2016.



The photos show Rotary Club of Kanchanaburi's fund-raising activity called "Listening to our Father's Songs". The proceeds are used to support service projects in Kanchanaburi

District 3330, RI, celebrated its 25th anniversary at the Maida Dvaravati Grand Hotel, Nakhon Pathom Province on 7 April 2017.



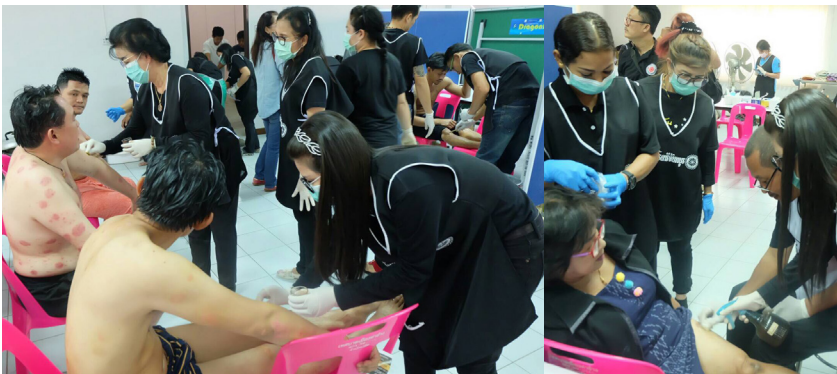




**Rotary Club of Nakhon Phanom** in cooperation with Rotary Club of Suita West and Rotary Club of Senri, District 2660, Japan, donated a water purifier to Chumchon Naphrachai School, Nongwang Sub-District, Ban Paeng District, Nakhon Phanom Province.



**Rotary Club of Mukdaharn** donated books for small children to the library of Mukdalai School, Muang District, Mukdaharn Province



**Rotary Club of Chanthaboon** provided free treatment for Psoriasis patients on Thursdays. Volunteers from the Public Health Office of Ta Chang Municipality helped treat the patients at the Social Service Center, Ta Chang Municipality, Chanthaburi Province.



Under District 3340's Library for Children and Family Project, **Rotary Club of Mittrapab Khon Kaen** led by President Sommai Srیشانah and the Club's members donated books to 3 schools in Bung Kan Province.

# D.3350 RI

By PP.Thanongsak Wiboonma  
RC of Sathorn

## District 3350's Rotary Half Marathon Walk-Run for Polio Eradication 2016-2017



On Sunday, 8 January 2017, DG Jason Lim of District 3350 presided over the event called “Rotary Half Marathon Walk-Run for Polio Eradication 2016” to win the trophy of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. The event chaired by AG.Prasarn Chirachaisakul and participated by over 4,000 people was held at the garden underneath Rama 8 Bridge and went on to Borommaratchachonnani Road. The races included a 21-kilometer half marathon run, a 10.5-kilometer mini-marathon and a 3-kilometer walk for health. Rotary International Director Associate Professor Dr.Saowalak Rattanawich led all the participants in singing the royal anthem in commemoration of H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

A part of the proceeds from this event will be presented to Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn and another part will be donated into the Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus Fund. The event was considered highly successful and played a big part in helping Polio patients around the world.

*(Thank you to the Mini-Marathon Walk-Run for Polio Eradication Organizing Committee, 2016-2017, District 3350, for all the information.)*

### Remarks from the Editorial Division

Rotary is determined to eradicate Polio from this world. After fighting against the disease for over 30 years beginning in 1985 and using billions of dollars from the donation of Rotarians around the world, Rotary started to announce victory in 2005, its 20th year of the campaign against this disease.

Thailand started the Polio vaccination campaign in 1994 with Rotary as the core volunteer organization in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and the local government units in Bangkok and other provinces. The results of the regular vaccination at hospitals and supplementary vaccination during the campaign have been more than 95% successful. However, after the victory announcement some countries have experienced the return of this disease due to the convenience in relocating from one place to another.

Therefore, the target groups without any Polio vaccination or incomplete vaccination may be the vehicles for the return of this disease. The mission of Rotary each year is to “monitor” the situation and to support Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus Program until it can be assured that this disease has completely been eradicated.



## Rotary and Support for Rural Education

48 years ago, Rotary Club of Bangkok South, District 3350 created educational opportunities for young children who lived in remote areas with insurgency problems. The writer knew from the members of Kasetsart University Volunteer Club that in 1969 before going out to do their work, a leader of the Club attended the meeting of Rotary Club of Bangkok South led by President Preeda Jangtrakoon.

After the leader explained about the background and the determination of the volunteer students, President Preeda presented a cheque for 380,000 baht to him and said, “Help the villagers as much as you can. There is no need to report in detail. We ask that you concentrate on completing your project.” The financial support from the Rotary Club of Bangkok South started to provide the future for our young people and helped strengthen this Volunteer Club. With the cooperation of the villagers and the concerned government units, two schools were built during that year.

In November 2016, Kasetsart University Volunteer Club organized the 4th Return of the Volunteers’ Project to visit the 2 schools and reminisce about the past cooperation. At the same time, 660,000 baht was raised to renovate the original school building constructed 48 years ago, to build and improve the canteen, the library, the toilets, the playground and the road in front of the school. In addition, the fund was used to support the Biological Way Project and the scholarships awarded to the students.

Following are details of the two schools at present:

1. Ban Wang Poh School (Kasetsart Anusorn 2) is located in Kutagai Sub-District, Plapak District, Nakhon Phanom Province. It is a wooden one-story building with 4 classrooms. At present, there are 37 students and 2 teachers. The school provides education from kindergarten to Year 6.
2. Ban Koke Klang School (Kasetsart Anusorn 3) is located in Plapak Sub-District, Plapak District, Nakhon Phanom Province. The two-story building is made of wood with 4 classrooms. At present, there is another school building. The school has 11 teachers and provides education for 196 students studying in kindergarten up to Year 9.

The 2 school buildings constructed 48 years ago in 1969 by Kasetsart University volunteers with the financial support from the Rotary Club of Bangkok South and the cooperation of the villagers are still in good condition and provide education for children in the community. They have been well taken care of by the teachers, students and villagers who appreciate the ideal of Rotary Club of Bangkok South and Kasetsart University Volunteer Club towards education in remote areas. It’s like growing seeds which have turned into big, strong trees. Rotary in Thailand is very proud of this success in promoting education and improving the life of Thai people.

*Source: PP.Bancha Patchana, Rotary Club of Bangkhen and members of Kasetsart University Volunteer Club*

# D.3360 RI

By PP Naratta Seemangerm  
RC of Phrae



## Pre-District Conference D.3360 RI

25-26 มีนาคม 2017 หอประชุมทองเม้ง แม่สาย

The Pre-District Conference for 2016-2017 was organized to increase the participants' knowledge and understanding about Rotary. It was also intended to measure the potential, strength and readiness of District 3360 before joining the Multi-District Conference in Bangkok. In the House of Friendship zone, there were exhibitions of various clubs' projects and booths selling both local and international quality products. Snacks and drinks were provided during the two-day conference.

In the evening, all participants willingly dressed in the Thai style to match the theme of Thainess Phenomenon@Maesai. This certainly reflected the unity of Rotarians in District 3360.







Thainess Night



Thainess Night



PP.Dr.Eugene Friesen  
(RC.Green Valley , Arizona D.5500  
USA)

PP.Kenneth & Shelia Sloan Frahm  
(RC.Colby. Kansas, USA)

It was wonderful. While we didn't understand the Thai, we still knew what was going. I loved the cultural events- especially the choir from the hill tribe choir. I would strongly recommend that District Conference be included in future exchanges.

We felt privileged to attend the 3360 District Conference and again meet Rotarians who had become friends. We also made many new friends. What had seemed to be a foreign language event became a great Rotary Exchange and grand party. Thank you to all for welcoming the Arizona US Rotarians to Thailand. We had a wonderful time.

## Thai Rotarians join in Kaem Ling Nong Non-Tai Project at Ban Saowat, Pone Gnarm Sub-District, Agas Amnuay District, Sakon Nakhon Province

The aims of this 35-million-baht project to be implemented in honor of H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej are to reserve water for agriculture and alleviate flood problems.

### Carrying on H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej's resolution

H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej was the royal patron of Rotary Clubs in Thailand. With this reason, Thai Rotarians are deeply grateful to his invaluable kindness and are committed to providing continued community service.

Past Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul said, "...I had many opportunities to humbly serve H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej on various projects. Therefore, I believe that His Majesty would be pleased if someone continues to implement Kaem Ling Projects for the sustainability of Thai agriculture..."

### Thai Rotarians join in

The Joint Council of Past District Governors in Thailand held a meeting and agreed that Rotary Clubs in Thailand implement a project in line with the royal projects to be presented in commemoration of H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the royal patron of Rotary Clubs in Thailand, and to follow His Majesty's footsteps as per the wishes of PRIP Bhichai Rattakul.

### Conditions of the Project Area

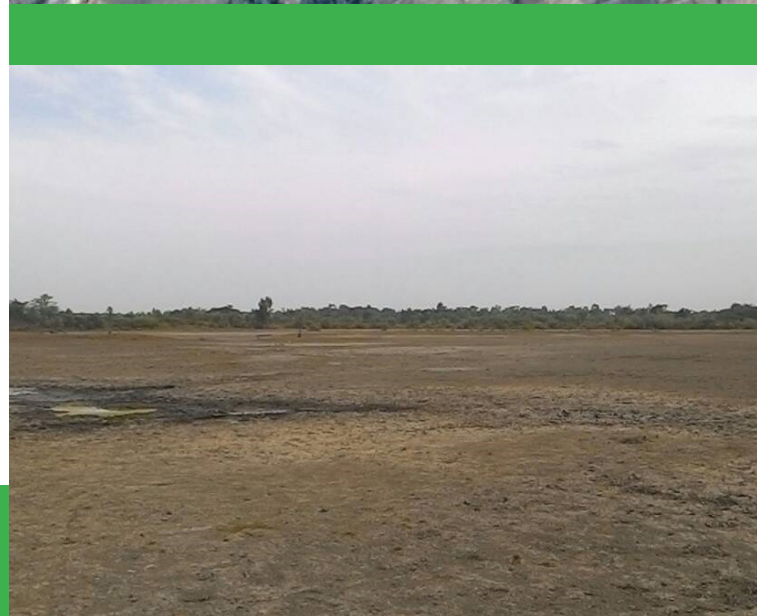
Ban Sao Wat, Pone Ngarm Sub-District, Agas Amnuay District is a flooded area. There are floods during the rainy season but not enough water for agriculture during the dry season. Nong None Tai is a natural reservoir covering an area of 507 rai and 1 gnarm, but it is now shallow. If the reservoir is dug into a Monkey Cheek and buildings with pipes to collect water are constructed, water problems will be solved. It will benefit the area of 1,800 rai and at least 350 families living around Kaem Ling area and mostly growing rice, watermelon, chili and tomatoes.

### Budget

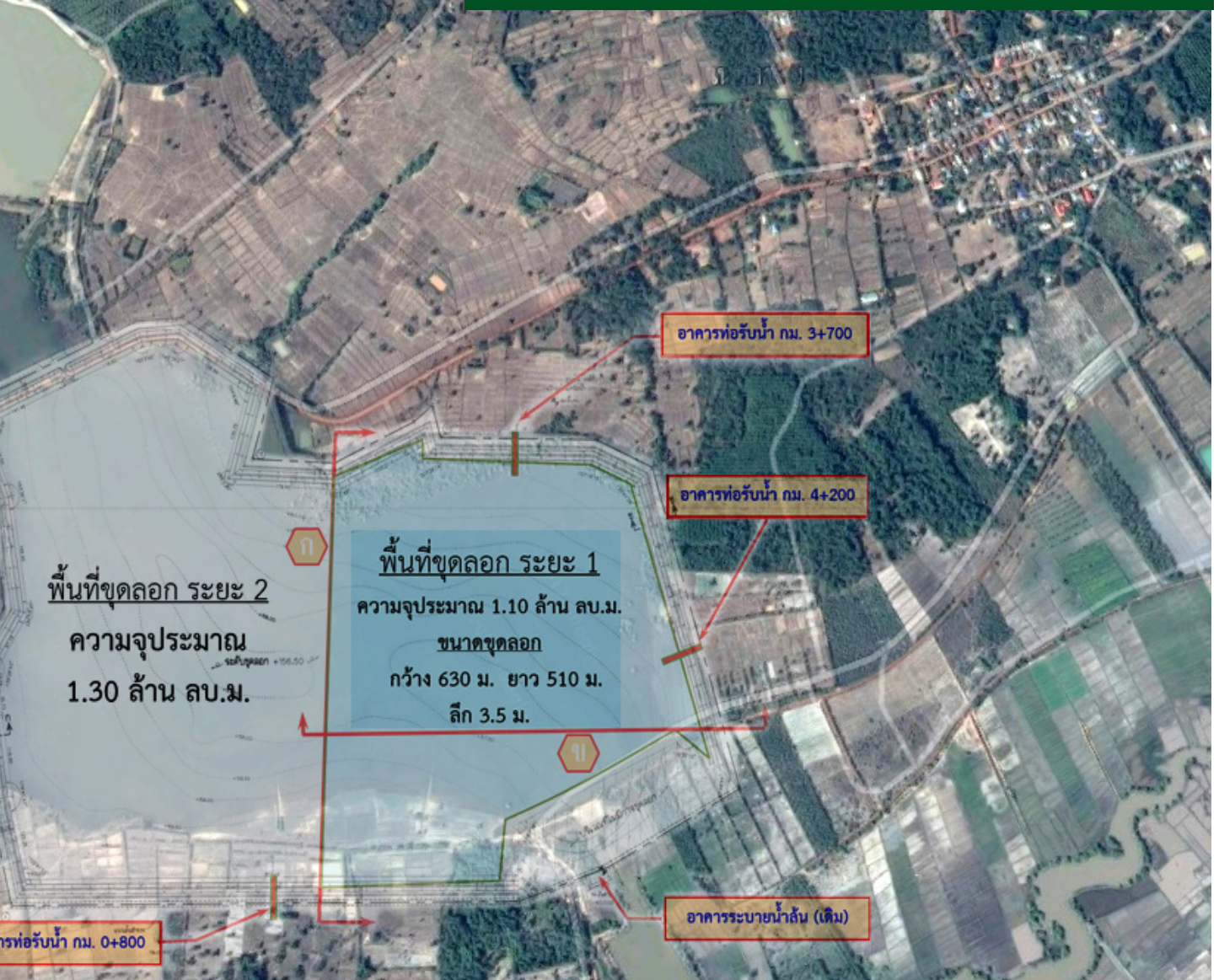
Kaem Ling Nong Non-Tai Project will be divided into 2 phases. The Royal Irrigation Department will start the construction of Phase I on 5 December 2017 and will use 35 million baht. The work is expected to be completed within 4-5 months, and it includes digging a Monkey Cheek with the size of 630 meters in width, 510 meters in length and 3.5 meters in depth. The reservoir will be able to contain 1.1 million cubic meters or the area of about 200 rai. Another piece of work to be completed is to construct 2 buildings with pipes to collect water.



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# Kaem Ling Nong Non-Tai Project



# Kaem Ling / Royal Projects / King Rama IX / Rotary

## How are these 4 words related?

For many months, Thai people have mourned the passing away of their beloved H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej who devoted himself to improving the quality of life of his subjects. H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej was the royal patron of Rotary Clubs in Thailand and kindly attended many activities with Thai Rotarians.

In addition, His Majesty offered advice and moral support to Thai Rotarians. Therefore, it is not enough for Rotarians who provide “Service above Self” to only say that we love or miss His Majesty. We should do something concrete to reflect our love and our grief for him.

Following the footsteps of His Majesty is one thing Rotarians should do. There are so many projects initiated by him both in the remote areas and the big cities. Every step His Majesty made in Thailand, he always thought what he could do to improve the life of Thai people. Agricultural

countries like Thailand need water, and farmers want water. His Majesty realized this need for water and implemented projects to respond to it all along.

This was the start of Kaem Ling Project which PRIP Bhichai Rattakul initiated and consulted the Royal Irrigation Department.

It’s a major duty of the members of Rotary Clubs in Thailand to jointly create a monument that is beneficial and confirm our determination to follow His Majesty’s footsteps.

Kaem Ling Nong Non-Tai Project will be a national project. However, it will not be successful without the support of Rotarians and the kind hearted people. We will show that “Rotary Serving Humanity” and “Rotary is determined to create” for the public’s better quality of life as per the resolution of H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the royal patron of Rotary Clubs in Thailand.

## PRIP Bhichai Rattakul

opened his heart about  
Kaem Ling Nong Non-Tai Project



In December 2000, I was bestowed the opportunity to have an audience with H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej before I went to Chicago to do my job. His Majesty gave me advice that I can remember until now and it was “Even though you return to Thailand and you do not hold any position, you must do whatever you can to benefit our country or to help the less privileged.”

Once Kaem Ling Nong Non-Tai Project in Sakon Nakhon Province is completed, it will highly be beneficial. On 10 March 2017, Rotary’s Board of Directors and I myself with the Royal Irrigation Department went to Sakon Nakhon to carry out a survey and to visit the villagers and farmers with big problems. They lacked water for farming, and they were faced with floods during the rainy season. Seeing the dry land where the Monkey Cheek Project will be constructed made me and the committee confident and fully committed to implementing this project for the less privileged farmers. As His Majesty said to me, even without any position I must do anything that benefit the Thai people, and this project will be in line with His Majesty’s resolution as well.

We will start this project in December 2017, and we expect to complete it in March 2018. Therefore, I’d like to invite all Rotarians to join in this Kaem Ling Nong Non-Tai Project so that it will be successful quickly.



# Photo Contest

## "Rotary Serving Humanity"

to win the trophy of Rotary International Director



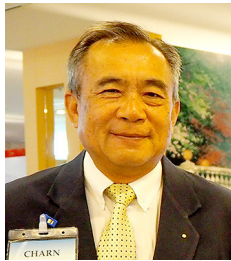
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For more information, please contact

Deadline Extension:  
Submission of photos: 1 May - 30 June 2017

Photo judging, result announcement  
and award presentation: in July 2017

## Message from Rotary Center in Thailand Chair



PDG Charn Chanlongsawaitkul

### Fellow Rotarians,

March and April this year are very special for Rotarians of all 4 districts. This is because in the following month, there will be a Conference of 5 districts including District 3310 (a part of Malaysia and Singapore). Many districts organized a Pre-District Conference to reach preliminary major resolutions. It is expected that a lot of Rotarians will attend this 5-District Conference which will be presided over by Rotary International President and his Rotary Ann. This is a very rare occasion.

Service projects in March and April are focused on clean water and sanitation as well as maternal and child health. Many clubs are working hard on these projects. Hence, Rotary Center Thailand would like to wish you all the best and is ready to give you full support.

Yours in Rotary

(PDG Charn Chanlongsawaitkul)

## Number's Rotary

(25 March 2017 - [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org))

## Service's Rotary Center in Thailand

- Coordinate with RI and TRF for clubs and districts
  - RI due payment
  - Donation to the Rotary Foundation (TRF), follow up on certificates and pins, and adjustment of donation information
  - Advice/training, application, problem solving and use of My Rotary
  - Change of club and membership information
  - Establishment of Rotary Clubs, Interacts and Rotaracts
- Translate Rotary documents, publish and provide translated documents, manuals and forms for downloading from the website and other social media
- Act as a coordination center or help organize meetings at the district, national and regional levels. Examples of these meetings include DTA, DC, Multi-PETS, Rotary Zone Institute and Zone Membership.
- Implement and coordinate work with Rotary Thailand District Foundation for the benefits of mankind and issue receipts. Examples are Kaem Ling Nong Non-Tai Project, and help clubs to receive tax exemption on overseas donated items.
- Keep data, statistics and history which are in the form of documents and items of historical values to Rotary in Thailand, as well as take care of trophies and the library.
- Provide meeting room service for clubs' and districts' meetings or training

**“Don't know what to do,  
contact Rotary Center Thailand”**

- RI fee payment
- Donation to Rotary Foundation
- Rotary documents, etc.

**There is an answer to every question.**

Districts	3330	3340	3350	3360	SCJ
Members	2,560	1,842	3,060	1,447	8,909
Clubs	101	69	110	67	347

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# Doing Good

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Participating Rotary Clubs in this Global Grant Project included RC Chiang Mai, RC Chiang Mai Thin Thai Gnarm, RC Payao, RC Mae Sai, RC Chiang Khong, RC Pan, RC Doi Phra Baht, RC Prae and RC Wang Chan. Under this project held in Chiang Mai and Chiang Khong, each school sent a representative to undergo training on how to use books and receive books and shelves.

The representatives returned to their school to teach other children on how to use books and read properly, as well as to select a candidate for the future reading contest.

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# JOHN GERM

PRESIDENT 2016-17

Rotary International President attended the handover ceremony of the Echocardiography by Rotary Club of Pranakorn Sri Ayutthaya and Rotary Club of Ala Moana, Hawaii, under the Global Grant Project named 'Save Life of Newborns and Children' at Pranakorn Sri Ayutthaya Hospital. RI President took this opportunity to visit the elephant camp too.