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# Inspiration AROUND EVERY CORNER

## The bottle caps that changed everything

When the Kissels, Heike and Dennis, met fellow German Rotarians (and former Rotaractors) Sandra Buehrke, Constanze Abendroth, and Lutz Olbrich during the 2013 Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, something deeper than friendship was formed. A chance encounter at a House of Friendship booth featuring a bottle cap collection fundraiser led to dinner, where the idea sparked excited conversation to do the same at home.

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## 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

*Source: the rotarian (February 2018)*

### ROTARY

Members : 1,220,185  
Clubs : 35,727

### INTERACT

Members: 511,796  
Clubs: 22,252

### ROTARACT

Members: 242,949  
Clubs: 10,563

### RCCS

Members: 210,500  
Corps: 9,900

# Message from RI President

Ian H.S. Riseley, January 2018



## Dear Fellow Rotarians,

In Rotary, our diversity is our strength. This idea dates back to the earliest years of our organization, when the classification system was first proposed. The idea behind it was simple: that a club with members who had a wide variety of backgrounds and abilities would be capable of better service than one without.

In the years since, the idea of diversity in Rotary has come to be defined more broadly. We have discovered that a club that truly represents its community is far better able to serve that community effectively. Looking ahead, it is clear how essential diversity will remain in Rotary: not only to strong service today, but to a strong organization in the future.

One of the most pressing aspects of diversity to address in our membership is the age of our members. When you look around at almost any Rotary event, it becomes immediately obvious that the age range in the room does not promise a sustainable future for our organization. Our membership is near a record high, and we are bringing in new members all the time – yet only a small minority of those members are young enough to have decades of Rotary service ahead of them. To ensure a strong and capable Rotary leadership tomorrow, we need to bring in young and capable

members today.

We also cannot discuss diversity in Rotary without addressing the issue of gender. It is difficult to imagine that just three decades ago, women could not join Rotary. Although we have come a long way since then, the legacy of that misguided policy is still with us. Far too many people continue to think of Rotary as an organization only for men, and that idea has had a detrimental effect on both our public image and our membership growth. Today, women make up just over 21 percent of Rotary's membership. While this is certainly a great improvement, we have a long way to go to meet what should be the goal of every club: a gender balance that matches the balance of our world, with as many women in Rotary as men.

Whatever brought each of us to Rotary, we stay because we find value in Rotary membership and believe that our service has value to the world. By building clubs that reflect that world in all its diversity, we will build even more enduring value in Rotary: Making a Difference.

Ian H.S. Riseley  
RI President 2017-18

*On the Web*  
*Speeches and news from RI President Ian H.S. Riseley*  
*at [www.rotary.org/office-president](http://www.rotary.org/office-president)*

# Message from RI President

Ian H.S. Riseley, February 2018



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

One hundred thirteen years ago this month, the four members of Rotary's first club held their first meeting. Although no minutes were kept, it's unlikely anyone talked about service; the club did not begin focusing on the needs of the community for another few years.

The meeting was held not in a hotel or a restaurant, but in a member's office; there were, so far as we know, no agendas or announcements, no committee reports, speakers, or nametags. The meeting would have failed today's usual standards for a productive Rotary meeting most resoundingly. It was, of course, the most productive Rotary meeting ever held.

Today, as in 1905, many of us come to Rotary seeking what Paul Harris sought: friendship, connections, a place to feel at home. But today, Rotary gives us so much more than it could ever have given its earliest members in those earliest days. The Rotary of today, more than 1.2 million members strong, lets us feel at home not only in a small group of our peers, but also in our diverse clubs, across our communities, and indeed throughout the world.

Today, Rotary connects us all in a way that Paul Harris could never have dreamed on that February

evening so long ago. Not only can we go anywhere in the world there is a Rotary club and feel at home, but we can reach out to anywhere in the world there is a Rotary club and make a difference.

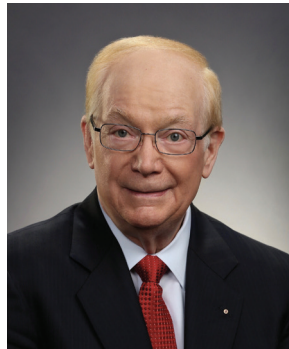
In the 113 years since that first meeting, Rotary has become far larger, and more diverse, than those founding members could have conceived. We have gone from an organization that was all white and all male to one that welcomes women and men of every possible background. We have become an organization whose stated purpose is service, reflected in our motto, Service Above Self. And we have become not only an organization that is capable of changing the world, but one that has already done so, through our work to eradicate polio.

None of us can know what lies ahead for Rotary. It remains for all of us to continue to build on the solid foundations that were laid for us by Paul Harris and his friends: to forge and strengthen the bonds of service and friendship through Rotary: Making a Difference.

Ian H.S. Riseley  
RI President 2017-18

# Message from the Foundation Chair

Paul A. Netzel, January 2018



## Happy New Year!

We are at the halfway point of this Rotary year. There is plenty to look forward to in 2018 as we complete the first year of The Rotary Foundation's second century of service. By working in partnership with our Foundation, Rotarians are making a difference in ways we could never have imagined when we began.

First, our signature polio eradication initiative continues to bring us closer to the historic day of a polio-free world. Following our tremendous World Polio Day event in Seattle, and the thousands of local events hosted by Rotary members around the world, we are keeping up the momentum to reach this year's polio fundraising goal of \$50 million (including District Designated Fund contributions). We are already closing in on that target thanks, in part, to the efforts of Rotarians and friends who participated in the recent Miles to End Polio bike ride to raise funds for the cause.

Second, our Foundation's comprehensive fundraising target of \$360 million this year will empower you and other Rotarians to continue helping people all over the world.

In addition, the Building TRF Endowment: 2025 by 2025 initiative is progressing well. Our goal is to build an endowment of \$2.025 billion by 2025 to ensure the long-term financial stability of the

Foundation and provide essential resources well into the future.

Another emphasis relates to our work in peacebuilding and the Rotary Peace Centers program. Applications for Rotary Peace Fellowships become available this month. Be on the lookout for great candidates and support our Peace Fellow alumni in the field by inviting them to work with you as advisers on your projects.

Between February and June, RI President Ian H.S. Riseley is convening six Presidential Peacebuilding Conferences, which will showcase the connections between our work in each area of focus and sustainable peace. You are invited to attend!

Of course, the biggest event of the Rotary year will be the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto from 23 to 27 June. We will celebrate not only the highlights of this Rotary year, but also the 50th anniversary of Rotaract.

In the new year, let us continue to show that we are People of Action! And let the world take notice: We Rotarians are Making a Difference.

Paul A. Netzel  
Foundation Trustee Chair, 2017-18

# Message from the Foundation Chair

Paul A. Netzel, February 2018



On 23 February, Rotarians will celebrate World Peace and Understanding Day – the 113th anniversary of Rotary’s founding.

Peace has been at the core of our organization from its earliest days. We established the Fourth Object of Rotary in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921. We were in London when the seeds were sown for what became UNESCO after World War II. In Havana in 1940, we adopted a resolution calling for “freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word, and respect for human rights,” which became the framework for the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

We were active in the formation of the United Nations. In 1945, almost 50 Rotarians served as delegates, consultants, and advisers at the San Francisco Conference when the UN charter was written. Today, almost 73 years later, Rotary maintains the highest consultative status with the United Nations of any nongovernmental organization. A number of our Rotary Peace Fellows work in UN agencies. Rotary’s representatives to the UN also host a Rotary Day every November to celebrate our partnership for peace.

Today we also have a new partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, which was founded in Australia by tech entrepreneur Steve

Killelea. The institute emphasizes what is called Positive Peace, based on eight “pillars”: a well-functioning government, a sound business environment, equitable distribution of resources, acceptance of the rights of others, good relations with neighbors, free flow of information, high levels of human capital, and low levels of corruption.

Between now and June, we have the opportunity to participate in Rotary President Ian H.S. Riseley’s Presidential Peacebuilding Conferences in six cities across the world. Take a look online at [rotary.org/presidential-conferences](http://rotary.org/presidential-conferences). We will continue to explore how the eight Pillars of Peace align with our areas of focus.

We also are joining with the University of Chicago to host Pathways to Peace, a series of talks featuring leading scholars, practitioners, Rotary Peace Fellows, and thinkers in the field of peace and conflict prevention and resolution. Watch the first one, which was held in September, at [bit.ly/2j9cSUh](http://bit.ly/2j9cSUh). Together with our partners, we will work to establish ourselves as global thinkers and leaders to advance understanding, goodwill, and international peace.

Let us work together on this journey.

Paul A. Netzel  
Foundation Trustee Chair, 2017-18

# Editorial

**PP.Vanit Yotharvut, D.3360 RI**

Fellow Rotarians,

This is the age of both economic and social changes coupled with technological development particularly in online communication channels. News can be spread quickly through the powerful communication tool called “Mobile Phone”.

We are aware of the changes in our society which begins from true and false, good and bad online news.

Demands in various matters are emerging in every society. Everyone can use online media to make their demand.

This newsletter is, therefore, dedicated to the “Power of Women in Rotary”, for which women have had to fight before it comes to this point.

Currently, the “Power of Women in Rotary” is well recognized. Women are a major force in pushing the Rotary Wheel forward.

This graceful power will continue to flourish into the future.

Yours in Rotary  
PP.Vanit Yotharvut

*Annual Peony Festival @ LuYang China*

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Talents, determination, patience,  
creativity and sincerity to  
“Service Above Self”  
will lead to Rotary’s bright future.

By PRID Associate  
Professor Dr. Saowalak  
Rattavich,  
2015-2017



In fact, women have played an important role in Rotary for a long time even though there were no female Rotarians in the past. Especially in 1978, Rotary Ann was recognized and used for the wives of Rotarians. Thanks to Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker who performed the role of a good wife and supported their husband to be a good Rotarian, they were well accepted in the Rotary society. Both of them always joined Rotary Annual Conference with their husband despite the hardship in traveling. Most importantly, there were very few ladies like them who would accompany their husband to the conference. Later, their Rotarian husband was selected as Rotary International President – Guy Gundaker in 1923 and Bru Brunnier in 1952. Both ladies became Rotary’s First Lady as recorded in the history of Rotary. If both of them had not supported their husbands so well, it’s doubtful whether their Rotarian husband would have been able to accept the job of Rotary International President.

Later, “Rotary Ann” was changed to “Spouse or Partner”. At present, the role of women in Rotary is not less powerful than in the past. Actually, it has increased since 1989 when the Council of Legislation resolved that women could become Rotary members just like men. The number of female Rotarians has continued to increase in various clubs in America and other countries around the world. Until now, the number of female Rotarians in the world who are as good at service to all mankind as men has increased to more than 22%. So far, there have been many female Rotarians who held important jobs in Rotary. These women include 10 RI Directors, 4 Vice Presidents, 4 Trustees, Regional Coordinators in various regions,

# Rotary Information

## Role Rotarian Women in Rotary

District Governors and Club Presidents.

According to the global statistics, there are over 50% of women in the world. Particularly in large industrial countries like the USA, Great Britain and Canada, a lot of women hold top executive positions. Even the statistics of students attending top ten universities reveal that more women than men have been selected. From various news sources today, we will find that there is no job that women can't do, be it police officers, soldiers, investigators, scientists, astronauts, etc. Superficially, women may be inferior to men physically, but mentally we cannot look down upon them on their strength. There are many examples in our history and present day society that we can refer to.

Once the world of Rotary opened its door to women, we have to accept their role. What should be the role of female Rotarians which will enable Rotary to manage its organization according to the specified targets? There are 3 points as follows:

The first and most important point is family. Most women have a "Mother" instinct. Certainly, they are concerned about their family, no matter whether they are their children, spouse or subordinates (even though they may not tell anyone about this). Therefore, the first role of female Rotarians is to take good care of their family to ensure happiness. If their family is not happy, it's impossible for these women to be happy as Rotarians and to fulfill their duties happily.

The second point is their occupation. Women have different potential and occupational skills. Even if they are housewives, they can use their skills to offer vocational service. It is, therefore, not difficult for women in Rotary to coordinate with other male and female members to promote vocational service from their own ability. It is an

important start in Rotary service work. In fact, we who become Rotarians start from our own occupation, but we consider what we can do to benefit, respond to the needs and enable people in various communities to have a better life.

The third point is women are sensitive. They can better understand and reach various groups of people than men. With these skills, women can do this work beyond expectation, be it membership, club administration, community service, communication that leads to international service or Rotary Foundation work. They are also good at fund raising, creating service projects and publicity. We witness their many outstanding achievements today in the Rotary world. A high percentage of female Rotarians have received Rotary and Rotary Foundation Service Awards as well as awards from other organizations like UNESCO and UNICEF.

If we ask whether female Rotarians are ready to become Rotary International President, I can answer immediately that they are certainly ready. At present, female Rotarians are playing more and more important roles and they have a lot of outstanding achievements. There is no doubt that in the near future we will proudly see female Rotarians in the position of Rotary International President.

It's not important who they are and where they are from if we are ready to give them moral support. However, female Rotarians cannot take advantage of being a "woman" over men. It's their talents, determination, patience, creativity and sincerity to "Service Above Self" that will contribute to the bright future of Rotary. I beg that we do not destroy the good future of Rotary only because they are "women". We need to give everyone in every occupation an opportunity to truly Make a Difference.



# Women : Power of Flow

By PP.Chuntanee Tienvichit  
RC Lanna Chiang Mai,  
D.3360



# Women: Magnificent Power

**Deborah Walters, a member from Rotary Club of Unity, Maine, USA.**

She was mentioned as “Maine’s Kayaking Grandma.” She has raised funds to help communities and families live around Guatemala’s giant waste sites of more than ten thousand residents.

Raising funds by kayaking 2,500 miles from North America to South America from the Arctic Ocean, Maine to the Gulf of Guatemala, this fundraiser aimed to raise money for an organization called “Safe Passage”, with an aim to raise the well-being of people through education, vocational training, and job creation.

The kayak fundraising program began on July 11, 2014, and Deborah had to undergo a bone surgery and stay for relieving several months. However, she has done her kayaking in April 2015.

Deborah won Rotary’s Global Women of Action 2015

## owers

**“...If you want anything said,  
ask a man; if you want anything  
done, ask a woman. ”**

Margaret Thatcher

We call the person who invents something for  
the first time as

**‘FATHER OF...’.**

On the other hand, we often gave the title

**‘MOTHER OF...’**

for things or persons who delivered extremely  
great works.



## Timeline of Women in Rotary

### YEAR 1950

An enactment to delete the word “male” from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 RI Convention.

### YEAR 1964

The Council on Legislation agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs. Delegates vote that it be withdrawn. Two other proposals to allow women to be eligible for honorary membership are also withdrawn.

### YEAR 1972

As more women begin reaching higher positions in their professions, more clubs begin lobbying for female members. A U.S. Rotary club proposes admitting women into Rotary at the 1972 Council on Legislation.

### YEAR 1977

Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 RI Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members.

The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club’s membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978. (The club was reinstated in September 1986.)

## Statistics of Women in Current Rotary Organization.

At present, there are 265,663 women, representing 21.78% of the total number of 1,217,498 Rotarians in the world.

The country with the highest proportion of women is Indonesia. There are 54.52% of the total number of 1,051 Rotarians. In Indonesia, there were 47.48% of male Rotarians. There are 472 male members.

The country with the lowest proportion of women is India, there are only 3.26 % of female members. They have 97 female members of 2,873 Rotarians in the country. The number of male Rotarians in India is as high as 96.47%.

Thailand has 3,228 female members, that is 38.88% of the total number of 8,303 Rotarians. There is a growing rate of female members, especially the female clubs in each district.

# Statistic

## Timeline of Women in Rotary

### WOMEN IN ROTARY THAILAND

This is the information of women from 4 Districts of Thailand.

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF CLUBS	FEMALE MEMBERS		MALE MEMBERS		TOTAL MEMBERS (PERSON)
		(PERSON)	(%)	(PERSON)	(%)	
3330	101	946	38.68	1,494	61.08	2,446
3340	67	645	40.80	934	59.08	1,581
3350	110	1,112	38.58	1,766	61.28	2,882
3360	68	525	37.66	868	59.27	1,394

SOURCE : WWW.ROTARY.ORG

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District 3330: 1.RC Phra Pathom Chedi 2.RC Ma-neekarn 3.RC Ploi\_Ratchaburi 4.RC Suphannikar 5.RC Sritapee 6.RC Chor-Srirang 7.RC Jungceylon 8.RC Leung Krabi

District 3340: RC Mitraparp Khon Kaen

District 3350: RC Prasri Suriyothai Ayutthaya and RC Pranarai Lopburi

District 3360: RC Chiangmai-Thin-Thai-Ngam

### Thai Women and Leading Roles in Rotary

The first female District Governor in Thailand was PDG. Sriya Siriwej from RC Sritapee, District 3330, in Rotary Year 2001-2002. The second female District Governor was PDG. Dr. Saowalak Rattanaich from the RC Bang Rak, District 3350, in Rotary Year 2003-2004. After that PDG. Dr. Saowalak Rattanaich was elected to be RI Board of Directors in the Executive Year 2015-2017. She was the first woman in RI Board of Directors from Thailand and Asia.

### Female District Governors in Thailand

Year:

2001-02 PDG.Sriya Siriwej - RC Sritapee (3330)

2003-04 PRID.Dr.Saowalak Rattanaich - RC Bangrak (3350)

2007-08 PDG.Dr.Apa Ataboonwongse Tansod - RC Sathorn (3350)

2008-09 PDG.Ratmanee Tanyingyong - RC Sanamchan (3330)

2009-10 PDG. Dr.Waewdao Limlenglert - RC Chiang mai Thin Thai Ngam (3360)

2010-11 PDG.Suchada Ithjarukul - RC Bangkok Vibhavadi (3350)

2011-12 PDG.Orachorn Saisrithong - RC Phuket South (3330)

2013-14 PDG.Suparie Chatkunyarat - RC Chiang Mai Nua (3360)

2014-15 PDG.Rachnee Euprasert - RC Chumphae (3340)

2016-17 PDG.Juthatip Thamsiripong - RC Phra Pathom Chedi (3330)

2017-18 DG.Marasee Skunliew - RC Prasri Suriyothai Ayutthaya (3350)

2017-18 DG.Onanong Siripornmanut - RC Plutaluang (3340)

Since the founding of Rotary Club in Thailand in 1930 to present in 2018 (88 years), Rotary in Thailand has 12 female District Governors, which is a small proportion. However, when focusing on the time when women began to be members in 1990 and the female member increasing rate, the proportion of female leaders is increasing significantly.

And if deeply focused into female leadership in Rotary Clubs over the past 20 years, it was found that the number increases every year. There are no statistics on the number of female Club Presidents, but from the image of Rotary activities through various media, the evidence is clearly confirmed. The number of female Rotarians in Thailand is growing at an annual rate of 1-2%

#### YEAR 1980

The RI Board of Directors and Rotary clubs in India, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States propose an enactment to remove from the RI and club constitutions and bylaws all references to members as “male persons.”

#### YEAR 1983-86

In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club, the California Superior Court in 1983 rules in favor of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the lower court’s decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

#### YEAR 1987

On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership.

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing), is chartered on 28 May. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members.

Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.

#### YEAR 1988

In November, the RI Board of Directors issues a policy statement recognizing the right of Rotary clubs in Canada to admit female members based on a Canadian law similar to that upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

#### YEAR 1989

At its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.

#### YEAR 1990

As of June, there are about 20,200 female Rotarians worldwide. The Rotarian runs a feature on women in Rotary.

#### YEAR 1995

In July, eight women become district governors, the first elected to this role: Mimi Altman, Gilda Chirafisi, Janet W. Holland, Reba F. Lovrien, Virginia B. Nordby, Donna J. Rapp, Anne Robertson, and Olive P. Scott.

#### YEAR 2005

Carolyn E. Jones begins her term as the first woman appointed as trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

#### YEAR 2008

Catherine Noyer-Riveau begins her term as the first woman elected to the RI Board of Directors.

#### YEAR 2010

More than 199,000 women are members of Rotary clubs worldwide, with an increasing number serving as district governors.

#### YEAR 2012

Elizabeth S. Demaray begins her term as treasurer, the first woman to serve in this position.

#### YEAR 2013

Anne L. Matthews begins her term as the first woman to serve as RI vice president.



**FIRST WOMAN IN RI BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM THAILAND AND ASIA**

The first person to be interviewed was Assoc.Prof. Dr. Saowalak Rattanavich, RI Board of Directors in administrative year 2015-2017, and Governor of District 3350, year 2003-2004. She was also the first female who won the Meritorious Service Award in 1993. Assoc. Prof.Dr.Saowalak Rattanavich said that the role of RI Board of Director is an important task as it has a great impact on the overall management and progress of the organization, especially supervising and problem solving for clubs and Districts all over the world. The performance of the staff and the secretary general is responsive and must meet the objectives and goals of Rotary. Therefore, it is a very challenging task as there are many problems (which may be disclosed and not disclosed) which need to be shared in the team of the executive committee. The committee composed of 17 Rotarians elected from 17 different Districts around the world and the President of Rotary International.

Every team leader needs to brainstorm through the experience, knowledge, and expertise including research to find solutions to problems, planning activities in the strategic plan, and Codes of Policies to help clubs around the world operate as efficiently as possible under the RI Constitution and By-laws. In addition, all Executive Directors are assigned to oversee, evaluate, and address the problems of clubs in the assigned zones. Assoc. Prof.Dr.Saowalak Rattanavich has been assigned to Zone 6B, comprising Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Brunei, Singapore, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Pakistan, where there are



# Our Guest

## Women : Power of Flowers

### THE ROLE OF WOMEN AS ROTARY LEADERS IN THAILAND

language and cultural issues in the administration of Rotary in each area. Difficulties in the performance of the Executive Committee vary by location and problem. The important function is to act as a representative. The Executive Committee must be the voice of the responsible zone, no matter what the problems are, they need to be able to find details and information presented to the RI Board Directors. Formal, especially the President of Rotary International. The meeting was not just scheduled according to the agenda. Each year, special meetings are required via telephone-conference. As the time is different in each area, the meeting could be in the early morning or at night till 2-3 A.M.

Many times it is necessary to represent and protect the rights of Rotarians, clubs or Districts such as Rotary Zone Division, or asking for support special assistance such as floods, storms in some areas, emergency relief, justice, suggestions for solving all issues to the board via voting. Therefore, the presentation must be careful and used a variety of techniques to convince the board to understand.

In summary, understanding, knowing Rotarians and leaders in each country is the way to access information. Studying research as well as motivating and inspiring Rotarians and leaders in each of the different areas are also important. As a woman, it is necessary to have more preparation such as traveling, security, dressing up properly with the culture of each area and climate. Eating carefully is also important because health problems can be a barrier to work effectively.

Some areas have political problems and must be in special surveillance zone. Communications and planning activities in the area must always be thoroughly considered with Rotarians in the areas. Diplomatic practices need to be taken care of and used. We cannot forget that we are senior Rotarians who must be credible and exemplary. Familiarizing with local Rotarians, especially the identity of Thai is also the point that Dr. Saowalak has always paid attention to as well. The aim is to spread reputation of Thailand. Creating Relationships and the exchange of Thai culture is an opportunity for working with Rotary too.

In addition, patience and tolerance in the workplace is very important in each mission. Every time, even tired, but returned home with a great impression on the hospitality and kindness of friendly Rotarians in all countries including Thailand.

The task that made me proud of being RI Board of Directors was solving conflict in various Districts of Pakistan. There were major problems associated with RI's lawsuits including the dissolution of the Districts, solving the problem of unfair election systems in many areas, correcting corruption problems of Rotarians and District leaders, regional planning, district membership development, Sector Achieve regional goals, charitable activities, and donation. The 2016 Bangkok Institute meeting broke the attendee record of Zone 6B, Zone 7A and Zone 10B (more than 1,300 attendees). This was the second time in a row, the first record in was 1967 Bangkok Institute.

The summary of Rotary International Zone 6B reports on the responsibility of the RI Board of Directors from Thailand revealed the achievement of goal in 2015-2017. All aspects of progress have been very satisfactory.

As Rotary's policies on women's empowerment, Dr. Saowalak said that Rotary has set up four policy areas.

1. There is a Strategic Plan of Rotary for increasing the woman members in each year. There is a guideline for the Rotary Coordinator's ongoing work, coordinated with the Regional Foundation Coordinator (RRFC) and Rotary Image Coordinator (RPIC).

2. Rotary International President Elect will design club activities in each year to be honored by Rotary and awarded presidential citation for woman member development. The aim is for club planning and execution.

3. Promoting Woman Development Activities at the Rotary Convention, such as a Seminar on Women Rotarians.

4. Authorized to have at least one woman in Rotary Board of Directors.

5. Encourages Rotarian woman to serve as an Executive Director of the Rotary Foundation (Trustee). Currently, there are up to 3 people currently working.

6. Promoting the recruitment of Rotarian women to do Rotary activities and involve in Rotary FOUNDATION.

Dr. Saowalak said, we would have a female Rotary International President in the near future based on readiness and decision of those woman Rotarians who used to be RI Board of Directors. If they volunteer to be a Rotary International President candidate, having a female Rotary International President would be possible immediately.



# Rotary Global: Women of Action 2015

## THE FIRST WOMAN DISTRICT GOVERNOR IN THAILAND



Past District Governor Sriya Siriwej, RC.Sritapee, District 3330, the first woman District Governor of Rotary in Thailand told us her inspiration to join with Rotary and prides in her works. Initially, she participated with Rotary in a role of Rotary Anne of PP. Opas Siriwej, RC Surat Thani. She later co-founded and was elected to be the Chartered President

of the Rotary Club of Sritapee, the first women's Rotary Club in Thailand. After 10 years of working with Rotary, she had the opportunity to work as the first female District Governor in the year 2001-2002. At that time, it was quite moderate pressure to work out with high expectation of others, but with commitment and supports from the family, cooperation from committee, Club Presidents and all Rotarians, she successfully managed the Rotary year with outstanding manifestation. More than 400 members were increased as the District Goal at that time. Consequently, she was elect-

ed as one of 34 outstanding District Governors from 516 governors around the world.

PDG. Sriya Siriwej mentioned that women play a greater role in the workplace as well as men at a present. They play a leading role in the organization and adapt to be followers sometimes depending on the situation. And at the same time, they need to learn to keep up with modern knowledge and current information because if you need any information of Rotary, they can be found on the Rotary website. Therefore, we need skills in technology.

As for the pride, PDG. Sriya Siriwej said that there were joy and great pride when she was graciously pleased to visit His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej as a District Governor of District 3330 with PRIP Richard D. King, President of Rotary International at Klai Kangwon Palace. She was proud to work with Rotary and having a chance to know every club from Suphan Buri to Betong. Friendship has been formed, she could learn and gain many things from Rotary that were nowhere to be found except Rotary.



From left to right

**Lucy C. Hobgood-Brown from Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney, New South Wales, Australia,** Co-founder of HandUp Congo, a non-profit organization promoting and facilitating on business, education, society and health for disadvantaged communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**Dr. Hashrat A. Begum from Rotary Club of Dhaka, North West in Bangladesh.** Carry out many large projects on health care for poor and disadvantaged communities.

**Stella S. Dongo from Rotary Club of the Highlands in Zimbabwe.** She is leading the Community Empowerment Program in Harare. The project establishes basic business and computer training for more than 6,000 women and children affected by HIV. /AIDS

**Kerstin Jeska-Thorwart from Rotary Club Nürnberg-Sigena, Germany,** initially the Galaproject Babyhospital after surviving a 2004 Tsunami in Sri Lanka, with a budget of US\$ 1.8 million, supported by over 200 Rotary Clubs. This projects installed medical equipment at Mahamodara Teaching Hospital in Sri Lanka. It can handle over 150,000 children and more than 2.2 million women.

**Dr. Deborah K.W. Walters from Rotary Club of Unity, Maine, USA** Neurologist serves as a Director of Safe Passage (Camino Seguro), a non-profit organization providing educational and social assistance to families residing in Guatemala.

**Razia Jan from Rotary Club of Duxbury, Massachusetts, USA.** It takes decades to fight for the educational rights of children in Afghanistan. He is a founder and Director of the Zabuli Education Center, which provides free education to 480 young girls in Deh'Subz, outside Kabul, Afghanistan. She is also recognized as a CNN Hero in 2012.

#### CHAIRMAN OF PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR COUNCIL



PDG. Dr. Apa Ataboonwongse Tansod, a lady who serves as the Past District Governor Council Chair of District 3350 in executive year 2017-2018. She revealed that the role of women in Rotary is “Rotary is an organization for friendship and volunteer service to help the poor and needy without anything in return”. The purpose of

the organization was clear that whether male or female, we were equal and we were “givers”, whether it was for the education. supports, funds, resources or times.

After Rotary International has admitted women as members, it also recognizes the rights and duties of equal rights for all women. The election or appointment of club managers in Districts were mixed male and female working together. At present, women might have a lower number of executives than men because a lower population. However, it was not a problem that affected in the mind and management in any way. For Rotarians, women in Thailand are increasing in number. The quality and efficiency of the Rotarians are very good in terms of meetings, responsible for the duties assigned by the clubs or

District. They devoted and sacrificed themselves in the medium to high level, I personally feel very proud of these Rotarians.

PDG. Dr. Apa Ataboonwongse Tansod said that after taking office, chairwoman of Past District Governor Council of District 3350 in year 2017-2018, two official meetings were held the past six months. The meetings have been successfully cooperated by Past and Present Governors. The meetings were full of great friendship between each other. The content of the conference had its benefits and conclusions in the development of the District especially membership development which was an important part of Rotary. DG. Marasee Skunliew and PDG. Yongvudhi Jongkittipong, District Training Chairman took the advice of the District Governor Council for practice with an intention for the club to have at least the minimum of membership requirement of Rotary. There is also a growing number of members in District 3350, which are long-term goals for the next four years. PDG. Dr. Apa said “With the decision to become a Rotary member in 24 years, I was assigned to learn and do new things such as forming a club or even being a District Governor. These experience were different from my profession. Anyway, when I look back, I am happy and proud to have many good friends. We have done a great social contribution.”

## FIRST WOMAN GOVERNOR OF DISTRICT 3360



PDG. Dr. Waewdao Limlenglert was the first woman Governor of District 3360. She served as a District Governor in the executive year 2009-2010. She became a Rotary member of the RC Chiang Mai Thai Ngam in 1994, which was the Women's Club of District 3360. She revealed to us of her leadership role as followed. She has

been supported by members of the club and Past District Governors. She learned the role of District Governor from former District Governors and she downloaded the function of the District Governor of the Rotary from the Rotary Website to study herself. The manual was 326 pages long in English. She planned to read 5 pages each day and emphasize the important message before going to bed. It would take about 2 months to finish the manual. In the article, there were case studies that we need to think about if we were the District Governor. She learned the case of other countries together with the recorded data of District 3360 on membership, new club management, the collapsed club, Rotary Foundation activities, donations to the Rotary Foundation, etc. There is a preparation for the leadership role because they are committed to ensuring that women can function as governors as well as men.

At the start of her responsibility as a District Governor in the Rotary Year "The Future of Rotary is in your hands", she worked with 20 appointed Assistant Governors and District Committee. Everyone worked hard together. One of the signature works that she would like to express is service project that PP. Dr. Wannachan Pimpila was the chairman. The project was to build Heart Surgery Center at Lampang Hospital, in the amount of Baht 98 million. The project can be closed in just 2.5 years with funding from the government and other organizations as well as the general public of 153 million Baht. The project rescued people in the North and could relieve the burden of waited patients from Maharaj Nakorn Chiang Mai Hospital by having treatment at Lampang Hospital without much queue as before. For the donation to the Rotary Foundation, PDG. Dr. Waewdao Limlenglert has campaigned for Rotary members to donate increase more than 50% of their donations. In the 2009-2010 administration year, District 3360 received the highest donation of \$ 137,000 in Zone 6B

Being a part in Rotary especially the District Governor, she could learn many things including problem solving. There are many other problems that we have not seen, but there is nothing unsolvable. I would like to take this opportunity to thank District Committee, Past District Governors, Club Presidents, and Rotarians all support and encourage. We worked together and have done it successfully. The best year in my life is 2009-2010. Please be reminded District 3360 leaders and all Rotary members, "The future of Rotary is in your hands"

## PRESENT WOMAN DISTRICT GOVERNOR



To the date of this interview, District Governor Onanong Siripornmanut from District 3340, has served as a District Governor for 7 months in Executive Year 2017-2018. She became a member of Rotary Club of Plutaluang in 2014-2015, and later was elected to be the District Governor Nominee Designate.

To prepare herself for the leader role, she gathered many little things and information from several Past District Governors. She managed self development in every dimension in order to prepare for the District Governor's mission.

The first part is the family institution, which is the most important institution in society. She has a good relationship with her husband and her family. She is happy to be able to develop herself into a leader without any family problems.

The second part is good hygiene. It is another matter that results in physical strength, moral support, good personality, and respectable.

The third part is information of Rotary which have things to learn all the times. Keeping up with the technology that is constantly evolving in present. These will help the woman leaders to be up-to-date.

At the International Assembly in USA, Ian H.S. Risele, RI President, had a speech on woman leader, "From 539 District Governors, they are 103 woman governors. These woman leaders can connect, symbolize, and do anything with everyone in our community." Once heard, my idea is to hold a women's glory ceremony in District 3340. Finally, "Women in Rotary 28th Year" was organized on August 13, 2560 at Khon Kaen Hotel. The ceremony was to honor the role model, 15 women Rotarians, who are good and brave with manifested works.

Working as a District 3340 Governor is very challenging, there is a vast area from North East to the East of Thailand. There are 67 clubs in 27 provinces altogether. Traveling with a car, a bus ride, take an airplane, or take a ferry is common. There are both urban comfort and hard time traveling. I had a chance to speak visually, exchange of ideas between Rotary members, participated in various activities of Rotarians. It also creates friendship between Rotarians and be worth remembering for a lifetime.

# Our Voices

## Women need to make a visible contribution.



PP.Jurai Chamnan, founder member of RC Chiang Mai Thin Thai Ngam, the first women's club in District 3360, has done several roles in the District such as Assistant Governors and District Chairman in many terms. PP.Jurai Chamnan said that in previous time, women were not as well accepted in management. They had to make a contribution and manifested their works to be accepted. For example, in 1996-

1997, PDG.Dr. Jesda Chaidarun assigned her to preside over the District Assembly. She worked hard to achieve the objectives of the assembly without prejudice to the insults from others. The first generation of women Rotarians worked hard and continuously until present time that we have more powerful woman members to work with.

## Women need to upgrade their abilities.



PP.Patsri Suwimol, RC.Sathorn, Chairman of Rotary Youth Leadership Program 3350 (RYLA) in Executive Year 2017-2018, Assistant Governors and District Committees in many terms, now she is being prepared for the Chairmanship of the 3350 Youth Services Committee in the following year. She expressed the view of working in the role of women in Rotary that women are more

active now. Personally, she thinks men and women have the same role in management. However, women tend to work with neatness more. Mostly, she works with women. Even in the RYLA training, the majority students are female. This is suitable for the participants. For an opinion on the role of women in Rotary, she wants men to open their minds to more women in the Rotary International and District level. At the same time, women have to raise their own management capacities to become more visible and accepted.

## Volunteer work requires good coordination.



CP.Benjaphan Ukrit from RC.Leung Krabi was the lady who has a role in the establishment of District 3330 Women's Club in the Executive Year 2010-2011. She has done several club's activities and charitable projects that promote learning such as vocational training and health examination for female inmates. She organizes training and gives necessary items to mothers and children on Mother's Day. She joins the Red Cross in Krabi to organize blood

donation campaign, gives a respirator to Krabi Hospital, make library restoration, make donation of a clean water filter to the community, etc. Recently, she has been the Chairman of President Elect Training in Area 7-14, 31 of the administrative year 2017-2018. She mentioned that the most important thing in volunteer work is to coordinate well with the people involved, work with sacrifice when doing the project. She would be proud to help people.

## Working with youth must be sensitive.



PP. Wimon Kachintaksa, RC.Mitraparp Khonkaen, District 3340, Youth Exchange Program Chair in Administration Year 2016-2017 and 2018-2019. She is elected to be District Governor Nominee Designate for the Administrative Year 2020-2021. She mentioned that the Youth Exchange Program is an important project that is a partnership between Rotary, host families, schools and communities. This program offer changing the life of a child from one culture to

another, traveling to live in another place. The exchange student would get a chance to learn different experience purposefully. This program needs volunteers who extremely devote to work for the program because there are jobs to do throughout the year, both outbound and inbound youth. Care must be taken to solve problems that arise during the exchange year. To work in the youth exchange program, it is seen as another role for women in the sensitive field including caring for youth and counseling for host families and Rotarians.

## To do projects, we need to learn continuously.



PP.Sangtiwa Tong-U- Chang, Service Project Chair of RC.Nong Khai, District 3340, is a woman who has been running the service projects of the club for over six years. The Global Grants Project is in partnership with District 2510, Hokkaido, Japan. The project is focused on vocational training for young people called the "Vocational Training Project". At the end of the project implementation period under the Global

Grant, there are ongoing follow-up projects. The project is cooperated with Nongkhai Vocational College, Nongkhai Technical College, and Nongkhai Shipbuilding Technology Institute. The purpose is for young people to practice their profession such as Barber-Salon Practice and Industrial Sewing Machine Practice. PP.Sangtiwa said it is a continuation project of the Rotary and partners. Form the projects, we gain knowledge, experience, friendship, and have pride on our contribution.

## Women can work under pressure.



PP.Napaskamon Promopakorn, RC.Bangkok Pattanakarn, Youth Exchange Program Chair in Administrative Year 2016-2019 mentioned that women are accepted more in the administration of Rotary. In the past, not many women have become members and have less role because of the belief that women are followers. When there is a change in attitude, it is proven that women work very well and can work under pressure.

## Women serve many roles.



PP. Sineeporn Sawatdichai, RC. Chantaboon, District 3340 was a Rotary member for only three years, but had a remarkable performance in the year that she was the Club President. She made a campaign and raised 8.9 million baht for the construction of the Psoriasis Ward at Tha Chang Municipality, Muang District, Chanthaburi Province.

The building is called “Serving Humanity Building” follows the theme year of Rotary. In addition, she was proud to assist in forming RC Soi Dao, a new club in District 3340. she said that with Rotary membership and friendship, it feels like we are the same family. Women have many roles such as a leader, a follower and a person who gives encouragement

## The project must coordinate in ten directions.



PP. Kanchana Thanakunkan, Service Project Chair of the RC Lanna Chiang Mai and Assistant Governors of District 3360 in Administrative Year 2016-2018, is responsible for implementing the Global Grant program, which is a water supply program for the community. The project is co-operated with the RC Changweonjeil, District 3720, Korea. PP. Kanchana has devoted herself to the

project management since the beginning of the study. She studied details of the project, wrote a club plan, coordinated MOU from District level, Rotary District Foundation level, Club level to community and school level. She managed her trip to present the project to RC Changweonjeil, South Korea in order to understand the project and DDF clearly. PP. Kanchana said that from coordination with all parties, even with obstacles, Difficulties can be resolved and gone well. The most important thing about this project is that it is a real community project.

## Rotary helps prevent suicide.



PP. Vilai Chensy, RC Thonburi, District 3350, becomes a Rotary membership for 25 years. She is a woman in the early time of women in Rotary Thailand. PP. Vilai Chensy has been responsible for the project's Matching Grants / Global Grants project, which has been jointly conducted with 20 foreign partners. One of the interesting projects is the Suicide Prevention Project. It is a project

to help those in distress. To reduce the suicide rate is a big

problem of society. Suicide statistics in Thailand, the rate is 4,000 cases per year. The cause of suicide is loneliness. The Rotary Club of Thonburi has also learned that Rotary can help support this mission. She joined the Samaritan Society. It is an organization that provides volunteers with a list of problems people have over the phone. This association has been established for 40 years, but it is still lacking in capital. Volunteers are still small. The Rotary Club of Thonburi has presented the partner club in Taiwan for the Global Grant in 2013. The project has been implemented as follows: 1) Procurement of Telephone Equipment 2) Training volunteers who come to work without return. 3) Provide training for other people who can be consulted, such as university students. Let them be the listeners of problematic friends. Or those who work in the hospital so that they are good listeners to listen to patients with problems. Because the person who has the problem sometimes he does not need advice to solve the problem. They only want to say and have some people to listen, and understand them.

According to the results of the past three years, there have been calls from the Samaritans from 7,000 to 10,000, with volunteers increasing from 60 to 120. It's a short time, but when the project is supported, such as organizing training camps, volunteers love more organizations. The number of volunteers will increase.



## Women's membership is on the rise.

PP. Acharawon Sirichote, RC. Hat Yai, District 3330 District Seminar Committee Chair, said that entering the Thailand 4.0 era, the number of women in Rotary is still climbing higher year by year. From 2015 to 2016, there were 247,237 women members. In 2016-2017, there were 254,526 women. The number of 267,371 people in 2017-2018 is believed

to increase continuously. It also has higher role in leadership as well.

## Conclusion

*“If Rotary is to realize it's proper destiny, it must be evolutionary at all times, revolutionary on occasions” – Paul P Harris the founder of Rotary stated the ultimate truth. The 1987 revolution in Rotary allowing women to become Rotarians paving the way for communities around the world to grow bigger and better along with series of evolutions and the first 8 female District Governors in 1995 which explained how we Rotary population increased to 1.2 million the following year. The evolution in Rotary keep happening and the one incoming woman district governor*



# Our Choice

## Regional's Editors



### “Smiling Angels Project”

Children with cleft-lips are regarded as signs of misfortune in Cambodia; hence, they are usually abandoned and buried alive upon their birth. After RC Ilan, a major international sponsor club, contacting with local hospitals visiting children with cleft lips in remote areas, Rotarians provided vehicles, generators, pressure cookers, and so on. In a local hospital, children with cleft lips at different ages were smiling and showing their confidence after surgeries were completed. One lady at age 30 said “I am supposed

that I would remain the same way as it was in my whole life, but a piece of DM had already changed my life.”

There are two VTT projects conducted by District 3490: one is a long-term care training to be provided for seven Cambodian trainees in Japan; the other was to train a medical group for treatment of cleft lips in Cambodia, consisting of five doctors - one each of plastic surgeon, language therapist, oral surgeon, anesthesiologist, and medical record specialist and it had been trained for 3 to 12 months in Chang Gung Cleft-Lip Center in Taiwan.

### “Giveing Hope to Children Project”

They offer assistance for improvement of sanitation and clean water at Phnom Penh Peace Elementary School under Global Grant (GG No.1860294), and a district grant with support from Rotarians’ donations as well as co-sponsorship of RC Phnom Penh Capital, As a result, the project had completed 10 brand-new washstands, 18 repaired washrooms, 6 new roads, and 3 wells.

Laptops, printers, extracurricular reading books, school backpacks were also provided for local school kids through a Global Grant (GG No. 1860996). New lamps were installed in 44 classrooms to prevent students from getting sight worse. “The lamps not only improve lighting of those classrooms, but also give hope to students’ life in the future,” said PP Green and CP Annie, who were so happy to hear from a student of the second grade that he wanted to enrich knowledge, and to change his life by looking for a better job through learning.



Reported by PP.Harrison Jung,  
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Smiling school kids in Cambodia



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*A welcome speech given by President Tsai Ying-Wen*



**2017 Taipei Rotary Institute for Zones 1B, 9 and 10**

Well organized by Convener PRID Frederick and Chair Surgeon as well as their teams, the 2017 Taipei Rotary institute for zones 1B, 9 and 10 was held from December 1 to 3, 2017 in the Grand Hotel, Taipei. 1,521 Rotarians, spouses and guests, coming from Thailand, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia, China, Brunei, Malaysia, Cambodia, Laos, Singapore, Myanmar, and the Philippines of those 3 Zones, learned a great deal of Rotary subjects, and developments and at the same time enjoyed the fellowship and built partnership at the institute, as one of the most important Rotary annual events in the region. It was a privilege to have the participation of President of the Republic of China, Tsai Ying-Wen, Taipei City Mayor, Ko Wen-Tse, RI President-Elect Barry Rassin from Bahama, Past RI President Gary, Huang from Taiwan, Trustee Chair Rep. ,Young Suk Yoon from Korea, RI General Secretary, John Hewko from USA and many RI directors, Past directors, trustees and other Rotary leaders from the above- mentioned countries. The largest numbers in sequence of the attendees were Taiwan, the Philippines and Bangladesh.

There were several pre-institute meetings: GETS training team seminar on Nov. 29 -30; GETS on Nov. 29-30; Spouse training seminar on Nov. 29-30;



# Our Institute

## TAIPEI 2017



GNTS/ DTTS on Nov. 30 and RRFs on Dec. 1. Topics were related to responsibility, membership, finance management, communication, connection, strategy plan, district conference, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary Brand, Rotary Image, Rotary's Network and on-line program. My Rotary, and RCC were also discussed during these meetings. TRF reports from Zones 6B, 7A, 10B were intentionally brought to the audience. At the Major Donors Luncheon on Dec. 1, RIPE Barry and Foundation Chair Rep Young gave remarks by thanking all those who made donations to TRF and presented rewards to them.

President Tsai addressed the opening ceremony in the afternoon on Dec. 1. She spoke highly of Rotary services, including those service projects conducted by Taiwan Rotarians, making a difference in the world. She also extended sincere welcome to the Rotarians from all over the world to attend the 2021 RI Convention in Taipei, which will be strongly supported by the government. RIPE Barry in his speech urged Rotarians to set examples to inspire fellow members to support TRF and help the underprivileged people. RIGS John Hewko made a good report on membership growth in Asia region, RI recent changes, and revealed a good news: Rotary Club Central will be available in Mandarin Chinese. Then, a welcome dinner was held to cheer up the success of the institute.

At the second plenary session in the morning on Dec 2, presentations about TRF contribution goals, leadership, polio update and Rotary moment were well made, giving informative and useful guidelines to the participants. Taipei

City Mayor Ko hosted a luncheon gathering and encouraged the visitors to spend their time and money to help the capital city he is in charge now. At the 3rd session, RIDs Keiichi Ishiguro and Eun-Soo Moon talked about Rotary in Japan and Korea respectively. RID Jorge Eudardo Aufranc made a brief forecast of RI finance in the next 5 years. PRID Jackson took this opportunity to promote the 2021 Taipei Convention. Three "Meet Your Senior Leader" sessions were held later in the afternoon. An International Cultural Fellowship Night entertaining show was performed by the Rotarians from Indonesia, Taiwan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Philippines, Pakistan and Thailand to make a climax of the Institute.

The 4th session was taking place for the presentations on the Global Grants Application Update in the region. In the meantime, Rotary's public Image Update was also delivered and followed by the compliments on the success of the institute given by RIPE Barry. Then Institute Convener Frederick and Chair Surgeon made closing speeches and handed over the institute flag to RIDE Raffy and PDG Eva, the hosts of the 2018 institute in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. All the participants were excited to bid farewell for many happy returns.

# 2017 Taipei Rotary Institute

for Zones 1B, 9 and 10



# Our Districts



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District 3330,3340,3350,3360  
23-25 March 2018 at Pullman Hotel, Khon Kaen.

# Our Multi PETS



## “2018-19 Multidistrict Presidents-Elect Training Seminar”

It is a tradition of the Rotary Club. Each year, the club will have one president to manage their club in a term of one year. To successfully achieve the objectives of Rotary International, prior to taking up office in July every year, the club president must attend the club management training. In the 2018, District 3340 was honored to host the training. Khon Kaen was chosen to host this important training. The training is held from 23 to 25 March 2018 at Pullman Hotel, Khon Kaen. There will be over 600 participants.

In this event, you will meet President Elects from Rotary Clubs all over the country. You will also hear the speeches from **Past Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul** on the topic “**Faith**” along with knowledgeable speakers from all over the country.

After intensive training on the night of March 24, you will meet “**The Party of President Elects of the Year 2018-19**”, you will find the atmosphere of “**Songkran on Khao Nioew + Temple Fair**”, human waves, traditional dance, etc., which we intend to organize for **President Elects**. You are invited to dress traditionally, retro, fancy dress, etc.

All President Elects will be entitled to free training

sessions at the Pullman, a five Star Hotel in Khon Kaen with the request of staying with a roommate. For a single occupancy, President Elects are requested to stay at Kosa Hotel by paying only 800 baht additionally per night. The organizers organized Khon Kaen tourist program on March 24. The tourist program is only 400 baht including lunch. District 3340 and Khon Kaen people invite you to attend this important event. We will welcome you with our great pleasure.

All participants are invited to register by January 20, 2018 through the coordinator of each district.

Hope to see you in Khon Kaen  
PDG. Somchai Chiaranaipanit  
Organizing Chair



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# Activities

## D.3330

By PDG Somphop Thirasan  
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### Woman Role in District 3330



#### **P. Arerom Muangngam, Rotary Club Pranburi**

With the volunteer spirit and trust from Past Presidents, committees, and Rotarians, I have a commitment to serve and create a good work. This has been 7 months already. Working with government agencies, state enterprises, community leaders, and organizations make me feel great in planning. When we are leaders, we need to know what we are going to do, what we say must be based on truth.

I have pride to work. In the past, I was happy when I have done the activity, but now the satisfaction originates from the thoughts and good intentions of doing. I know more about Rotary. The term “Rotary Club Presidency” is another task of keeping the club achievement in the executive year 2017-2018.

I appreciate the opportunity to learn what good leadership is. Knowing to set up a goal and walk together in harmony. Thanks to Rotary International for bringing us Rotarians.



#### **CP. Benjawan Thamsiripong, Rotary Club Rotary Thavaravadi**

A Charter President who is a new generation of Rotary Club Rotary Thavaravadi, District 3330. The Club was chartered on August 18, 2016, Club Number 87960, by President of Rotary International, John F.Germ. At the time, the District Governor was DG. Juthatip Thamasiripong. District Governor Special Representative was PP. Anan Songvitaya from RC Nakhon Pathom. The sister clubs were RC Phra Pathom Chedi, RC Nakhon Pathom, and RC Sanam-Chan.

The Club is made up of 25 members. Most members are family of Rotarians and Rotary Alumni, such as former YE, RYLA, and Interactor. They are 24-42 year olds with ability to communicate in many languages.

Some of the past projects such as the Love Reading Project (Signature Project) has been ongoing for two years and has brought innovative English media from overseas clubs to promote skills for rural students.

At present, the club has strong membership, connections and public relations to new generation of people internationally.



#### **A.G.Pranpiya Amornchaiyapitak, Rotary Club Maneekarn**

Faith is the first reason for deciding to become a member of RC Maneekarn. I stepped into Rotary in 2005-2006, a founding member, PDG. Voravut Pongvitayapanu was the District Governor at that time and PDG. Somphop Thirasan had the main role in giving assistance to us. He always told us “Everything must be the truth and must be fair to all concerns”.

I want to tell the world, Rotary is a well-functioning organization. We have a clear and tangible goal. Our organization manages financial model of the foundation with no doubt. This is the first organization that I am willing to donate every year on my basis. At present, I am the Assistant Governor of the area 27, taking care of 4 clubs in Kanchanaburi. I am seeing how the clubs work hardly. I believe that participation of members in club is the key to make the club strong.



RC Suphannikar with Rotary Community Wang Yang joined in the reforestation project to commemorate His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun on the occasion of the 64th birthday anniversary. 500 trees have been planted in Suphan Buri



RC Ratchaburi is campaigning to eliminate polio from the world by making a publicity campaign to eliminate polio from the world at the 2 pavilions in front of Darunaratchburi School and Anubanratchaburi School.



RC Kuanlang - Hat Yai organized English Training for Career. This signature program has been implemented for 3 times already with supports from Shongkhla Institute for Skill Development 12 and Diana Complex Shopping Center. The 30-hour program started from January 24 to February 14, 2018.



RC Ban Pong provided short-term training program of making dishwashing liquid, cloth washing detergent, and multi-purpose liquid for people in Ban Pong. Free hair cut was also provided.



RC Pranburi and Rotaract Club of Pranburi Industrial Community and Education College provided motorcycle repair service in their volunteer program.



RC Pohsadej-Nakhonsi with Nakhonsithammarat Technical College organized blood donation activity to help mankind at the meeting room of Nakhonsrithammarat Technical College.



# Activities

## D.3340

By P.Chaiwat Charoenwat  
Rotary Club of E-Club District 3340



Invitation to the District Conference 2017-2018 of District 3340. The conference is held on March 2-4, 2018 at Asia Pattaya Hotel, Chonburi.



RC Sisaket organized charitable activities at Baan Kud Ngong School and Ban Kha Yung School Amphoe Uthumphon Phisai, Sisaket.

1. "1-1-Tree"
2. Student luncheon activities
3. Grant of 15 scholarships
4. Meeting with Early Act Club and Installed Club Committees of Baan Kud Ngong School.
5. Donation of blankets, sweets and educational supplies.
6. Donation of water filtering system, Uthumphon Phisai, Sisaket



Funded by members and Rotary Ann who were born in January donated blankets from District 3340, snacks from Nestle (Thai), RC Charoen Nakorn, and Club of 112th Year President under the GG Water Purifier # 1745195



RC Khunying - Mo - Korat raised fund to build a separate child-room in ICU at Maharaj Hospital, Nakhon Ratchasima. The amount of donating was 515,864 baht.



RC Mitraparp Khon Kaen donated 300 blankets received from District 3340 to elderly people and students in Phu Pha Man District. They also participated in eco-tourism promotion activities with the district.



RC Phanat Nikhom provided glasses to the elderly in the community.



RC Trat together with Rajapruek Institute Foundation donated English teaching materials to Wat Nong Samet School, Muang District, Trat.



RC Sakon Nakhon provided water filters to schools and public at Sakon Nakhon Municipal Hall.



RC Sri-Ubon with Office of Non-Formal and Informal Education Ubon Ratchathani organized the project to cultivate love reading habit for children at Ubonwittayakorn School.



RC Namphong together with Kaenwan Kwan Co., Ltd. organized blood donation activities, which is a continuous activity every three months. This activity has been organized for 74 times.



RC Buriram participated in Rotary Relief Program, “Warm love from Rotary” by distributing blankets to students in the area.



RC Kalasin donated 300 blankets to the villagers of Khao Wong District, Kalasin Province.

# Activities

## D.3350

By PP.Thanongsak Wiboonma  
RC of Sathorn



ภาค 3350 โรตารีสากล  
ขอเชิญมวลมิตรโรแทเรียนและครอบครัว เข้าร่วม

# การประชุมใหญ่ภาค ประจำปี 2561

## 2018 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THE AMBASSADOR CITY JOMTIEN PATTAYA

พบกับงานฉลองภาคค่ำสไตล์  
**ลูกทุ่งชารอด**

โรตารีมุ่งมั่น สร้างสรรค์

วันที่ 10-11 มีนาคม 2561  โรงแรมแอมบาสเดอร์ ซิตี้ จอมเทียน พัทยา



### District Conference

1. It is an event led by District Rotary families within their own districts.
  2. Committees and sub-committees report on their performance at this event, including exhibitions and a contest of projects.
  3. Financial reports are made.
    - 3.1 Approval of District's Financial Report 2016-2017
    - 3.2 Report on Polio Eradication
    - 3.3 Report on Youth Exchange
  4. There is also a report on Rotary performance
    - Report on District Rotary performance and donation
    - Report on net membership
  5. Rotary families enjoy various activities.
  6. Participants learn from Rotary President Representative (RIP) news and obtain inspiration for leadership in Rotary.
  7. Participants hear key note speeches from experts.
  8. Electors exercise their right to elect new activities including:
    - Selection of District Governing Body and Committee Members
    - Change in District Fee
    - Selection of a representative to the International Directors for 2 years
    - Selection of a representative to the Council of Legislation every 2 years
- Participants will obtain both knowledge and entertainment.

# Interview of Assistant District Governor Auyporn Boontako, RC Bangkok Nawamin (a club with the most outstanding membership growth rate in District 3350)



and provide service themselves. Club officers are encouraged to attend training as much as possible, so they don't have to work alone. The atmosphere of the club must be warm and friendly. If anyone disappears for 2 weeks, we will call them. We also extend our concerns to their family and try to involve family members in our club's activities as much as possible.

#### **4) Your vision in leading the club with stability and sustainability according to Rotary's ideal**

Club presidents, Charter presidents and past presidents must be the core and the strength of our club. The key to sustainability is true fellowship both in times of happiness and trouble, encouraging members to join training, involving them with the role they are good at and giving them a hand before they request. We work together without any pressure, but each volunteer to do what they can and like.

#### **5) Your opinion and suggestions to the clubs which cannot recruit more members**

First of all, I'd like to commend all the charter presidents around the world. This is because to set up a club, the persons must really have faith in the organization and are ready to dedicate themselves in all areas. They must be patient and can make big problems small. They must be ready to listen to all matters from all members with conscience. It's normal for problems to arise, but as charter president we are trusted by others. We need to do everything we can to make our club strong. Don't give up, but consider if we have really solved the right problem.

Having 8-15 members does not mean we have a weak club, but we may be tired and have to spend more time on internal activities than service projects.

How can we increase members? Invite them to talk. To move on, we need to have friends with the same spirit to help. Rotary International opens an opportunity for us to have at least 2 meetings a month. This makes it easier for us to recruit members. Membership increase is the responsibility of every club member. We need to help one another.

I have been in Rotary for almost 20 years. I feel lonely if I don't get to see friends even though we meet almost the whole month. This is the charm of Rotary. Rotary only gives. Rotary is sincere. Every club has its bylaws. We need to review if they are too tight. Can we loosen it? Yes, we need rules and regulations when we deal with a lot of people, but don't forget that we are a volunteer organization. We need to make our club comfortable for members. If they feel easy, they will not disappear. We also need to help find new members. At RC Bangkok Nawamin, we do not force anyone. Some members may like to join meetings and never miss any. Others may prefer to work in communities. Some may not have time as they still run their company, but they don't mind making donation any time we ask them. If we tell this group of members to join meetings every week, they will feel uncomfortable.

Finally, I'd like to give my moral support to every club. For some clubs, the charter presidents have already left whereas other charter presidents are too tough. If only one Rotarian leaves us, it may affect more than hundreds and thousands of people who need our help. Flexibility is the key.

#### **1) The history of RC Bangkok Nawamin's Establishment**

Originally, I was a member of RC Bangkok East for almost 10 years. I was its first Club President, but my house was very far from the meeting venue. I felt unsafe when I had to drive alone at night; therefore, I requested a move to a club closer to my house. After being its member for two months, I saw that the service area is big. I made another decision to set up a club. I consulted with PDG Surachart Chuenchoksan as I was President in the same year with him from 2007 to 2008. I persuaded his Ann Wallapa to join me in the setting up of this club. I remember that on 11 December 2014 I noted down 50 names of my close friends who are ready to join me and invited them to have lunch with me at Panya Golf Club. I also invited PDG Surachart to educate us on the objects of Rotary. 28 of those friends were happy to become members right away, and we held another meeting on 15 December. Finally, we sent 20 names to Rotary International as Charter Members. On 19 December 2014, we received the Charter in the Rotary year led by PDG Surachart Chuenchoksan. From then on, 20 members increased to 49 within less than a month. Currently, there are altogether 133 members in our club.

#### **2) Your concept and method in recruiting membership**

The key to having sustainable Rotarian members is to encourage them to join district level training as much as we can and to assign them club responsibility so that they learn and understand Rotary. At the DTA while I was Charter President during my second term from 2015 to 2016 (under the leadership of PDG Chaivai Poonlapmongkol), I dared set a membership goal of 120. This made the 49 members present at the time uneasy. They all gathered and planned what to do as the President had already made the announcement. They felt that they had to help. They could not let the President work alone. As a result, some members helped increase 1 member while others increased 5 or 10. Finally, we could achieve 120 members during the year of PDG Chaivai.

#### **3) Your inspiration and creating faith in your members**

The longer I am in Rotary, the more I see the less fortunate that need our help. I cannot do as much by myself, but members have more power, more friends to help. Thai people are kind and passionate. How can we invite as many of them as possible to join our club? There is nothing that will make them have faith in our organization more than to let them have opportunities to do it themselves according to the preference and ability. They get to see the less fortunate people themselves



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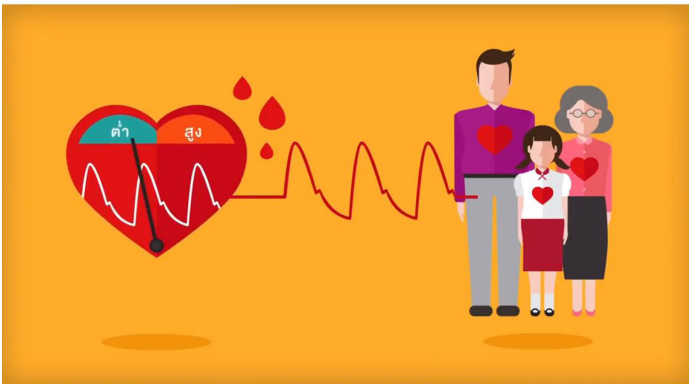
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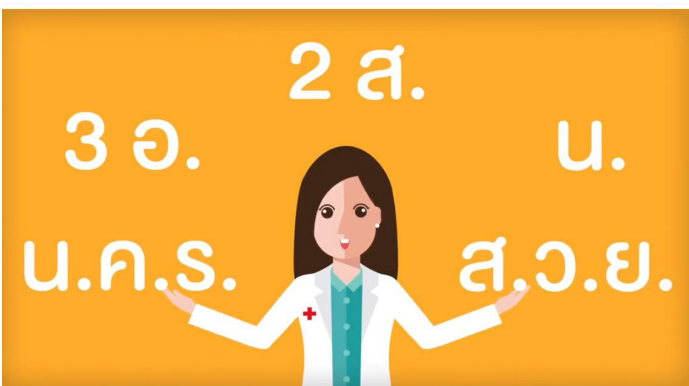
## Stroke Prevention by RC.Sukhumvit Silent Danger, Immediate Death, High Blood Pressure



In 2013, more than 1.7 million Thais suffered from high blood pressure and diabetes, 2 risk factors of stroke. Reducing the top number of blood pressure by 10 millimeters will reduce the opportunity of being paralyzed by 27%, suffering from coronary artery by 17%, from heart failure by 28% and from any cause by 13%. Making people realize that keeping important figures such as blood pressure value, weight, height and waist line within the standard criteria will help them be healthy and stay away from serious diseases.

RC Sukhumvit in cooperation with many other clubs organized training on how to take care of and prevent oneself from having high blood pressure and stroke. The training was conducted by Assistant Professor Dr. Somkiat Sangwattanaoj and his team. 212 blood pressure measuring machines which are connected to the information technology system were provided to the hospitals in Mae Fah District of Chiang Rai Province, Nakhon Nayok Hospital, Bangkok Metropolitan Public Health Center No. 16 and 21. This has enabled the Centers to provide screening and diagnostic service to patients enabling them to take better care of themselves. Support is being requested from Rotary Foundation so that the project can be implemented in Lopburi and Bangkok.

Please look up YouTube and type hypertension infographic or <https://youtu.be/t0leETVUBjw>



## RC Suan Luang and Community Development



RC Suan Luang takes care of community development in the area of Suan Luang by using the 3 pillars with the same objective: RC Suan Luang, Suan Luang District Officials and community leaders including business executives in the area. These 3 pillars visit people in each community together to gather first hand information. In 2017 to 2018, there were many incidents that the Club decided to offer immediate help to the communities. For example:

On 6 October 2017, the 3 pillars visited Prasartsilp Community. Khun Nariya Saribad has 10 children with another baby coming making a total of 11. The family lacked food, basic education, mother's and children's safety. The house had no door nor window. As a result, the Club in cooperation with Suan Luang District created a new life for her by donating a cart so that she could use it to sell grilled meat balls and drinks. In addition, safe and clean bathrooms were also constructed for the community.

On 14 January 2018, RC Suan Luang in cooperation with RCC Klong Juan organized Rotary Day Children's Day to help children and the disabled in Klong Juan community.

The principle of RC Suan Luang is not to give anything that the community doesn't want. The image of RC Suan Luang is the satisfaction of the 3 pillars.



# Activities

## D.3360

By PP Naratta Seemamgerm  
RC of Phrae



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## Can Our Club Do Something About The Number of Thai Children Who Drown Every Year?



A charter member of our new club (Chiang Mai International Rotary Club) asked that question after reading that approximately 1300 children under the age of fifteen drown in Thailand every year. Another charter member, John Schorr PhD came up with a plan: Identify a water survival training method, identify qualified Thai water safety instructors, identify which children to instruct, define the costs and raise funds to finance the effort.

A pilot program was started at one of the local Chiang Mai government schools with swim instructors from Kru Payu Swim using the pool facility at Bronco Kids Sports Club. The pilot grew into a program where every year all fourth grade students (about 350 children) at the eleven tressaban schools in Chiang Mai receive instruction on water safety composed of five hours of “out of pool” instruction and ten hours of “in the pool” swim instruction. The costs of the program is about 500 Baht per child including instructors and swim equipment. Our club hopes other Rotary Clubs might be able to expand the program to other schools in Thailand. The Rotary Club of Lampang has conducted training for students in Lampang and the Rotary Club of Patong Beach plans to conduct a program in Phuket. These efforts are supported by financing from Safe Child Thailand, a United Kingdom based charity.

For further information contact John Schorr at: [john@cmirotary.org](mailto:john@cmirotary.org)

RC Pua in association with Thai Buddha Image Admiration Association donated clothes,



RC Wiang Kosai, led by P. Nunta Sesthawanich in cooperation with Phrae Provincial Administration Organization organized 15th English Camp for Grade 5-Grade 8 students. The camp which consisted of 250 students took place at The Northern Ville Hotel. Students were encouraged to take part in the fun

and exciting days and on After comple better English



RC Doirabhat together with 32nd Military Circle organized National Children's Day activities. Lucky draws such as bicycles and shirts were distributed.



RC Chiangkhong together with Chiang Khong District, Vieng Chiang Khong, Chiang Khong Bike, and 8 Rotary Clubs in Chiang Rai - Phayao organized "1st Bike Charity Program". The objective was to bring income after deducting expenses to purchase medical equipment for Chiang Khong Crown Prince Hospital. The opening ceremony was witness by DGN. Kamonsak Wisitsakulchai, spouse and 7 partner Rotary Clubs. Thank you DG.Nithi Soongswang, Rotary Ann Salaithip Soongsawang, and DGD Somchai Kerddecho and Rotary Ann Chutima Kerddecho .



atmosphere outside of the classroom for two e night from guidance of 10 foreign lecturers. eting the camp, students were expected to have sh skills.



RC Phrae opened Rotary Community "Baan Nam Rin" on the official sponsorship of the club with the cooperation of Mr. Vishnu, a visionary community leader. Chairman of the opening ceremony was DG.Nithi Soongswang and Rotary Ann Salaithip Soongsawang. There were also

activities to plant pepper plants for villager income. Mobile medical units and treats for villagers and children were also provided with participation from Interact Club of Dekdee Phrae, RC Wiang Kosai and RC Song.



This magazine cover of Rotary Thailand, editors have invited women Rotarians as representatives from 4 Districts to take a photo together for the special scoop on the power of women in Rotary. We made an appointment at the Hua Chang Heritage Hotel, Phayathai Road, Bangkok, which was supported by PP.Woramon Biyok from RC.Bangkok Kluaynamthai.

When it was time to make an appointment, the first person arriving was our editor, PP.Vanich Yocharvut, who came from Mae Sai, Chiang Rai. His special responsibility today was to be an honorary photographer. When the models were ready for the shots, we started professionally. PP.Vanich let everyone do their homework before, taking pictures of the cover model of a magazine to study the layout and action of the models. Everybody focused on doing the best to get the best out of them. Working atmosphere was full of friendship. Although everyone just met face to face the first time.

Let's get to know the four ladies, know their roles and achievements in Rotary

The first is **PP. Dr. Rattanaporn Laorujiralai or Khun Kratae** from RC.Sanamchan, District 3330. Khun Kratae is a new Rotary member who has roles both in a club and district level. At the club level, she is the Foundation Chair. She has been working on a number of Global Grants projects. She learned how to present and promote Rotary in a variety of ways, especially through the current online media. For example, if you enter YouTube and type the word "Rotary Sanamchan", you will see many clips of the club activities.

Khun Kratae has served as the editor of District Magazine in the year 2016-2020 and the chairman of the Rotary Information Contest in 2016-2017 and the next two years in the years 2018-2019. She volunteered to do it because she understands the importance of "speaking". A good leader should have the art of speaking, and have a graceful personality when speaking. Therefore, the contestants have to rehearse. Self-training is a process leading to self-improvement. At the same time Rotarians who visit the contest will also receive information about the Rotary organization. The pride of working for Rotary is the club won the trophy from HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. The award will be given to the club that conduct full range of 4 or more activities. In that year, she was the President of the club. The club has won the first trophy since its founding in 26 years, which was proud of every member of Rotary Club.

The lady who is the representative of District 3340 is **P. Warinthip Smithinard or Khun Cee** from RC.Khunyung Mo Korat. Khun Cee has been a President for 7 months and has devoted to work with the club committee and members with all intention and ability. This year, a charity program was launched to provide medical equipment to hospitals in the province, as well as to help schools with urgent needs, such as sound labs, libraries, water filters including annual fund raising activities with an intention to build an ICU room for the Maharaj Hospital, Nakhon Ratchasima. It is proud to work with Rotary because we get cooperation from members in the organization and from both public and private sectors. It is consistent with her own vision and motto. "The long journey starts with a single step." The most important thing in working is unity among the faculty. This is due to the honesty, trust, power of cooperation and forgiveness. These will bring real success.

**PP.Jongkoldee Pongsri or Khun Mod** from RC.Bueng Kum, during the administration year 2017-2018,

# Our Cover

## Behind the Scene



she serves as a District Secretary. She is a lady who plays several roles in District 3350. She was a founder member of RC Bueng Kum who became the Club President in year 2009-2010. She was Early Act Subcommittee Chair, Mother and Child Subcommittee Chair, and served as the Assistant Governor of the five times. She said that when she became a member of Rotary, she was the youngest member of the club. When assigned to be the President, she followed her motto “Do not be afraid to walk”, by studying the principles and guidelines of rotary club management in that year, she successfully received a certificate from Rotary International.

It was challenging in Rotary’s work to be Early Act Subcommittee Chair as it was the first time of Early Act in Thailand. I needed to study what Early Act was. Once understood, then the information is transmitted to the Rotary Clubs in District of the importance in providing opportunities for young people who are studying in the elementary school age 5-13 years, give them the experience to gain knowledge and raise awareness in their schools and communities. It is believed that at the young age, students can be cultivated. They learn to Take care and help each other easily. This idea is for dignity and self-esteem, and lead to praise and honor others. It also promotes mutual understanding and friendship. It is a way to help them to be a small and prosperous practitioners of quality citizens of society. Khun

Mod said she has founded 17 Early Act Clubs in District 3350.

**PP.Chuntanee Tienvichi or Khun Mui** from RC.Lanna Chiang Mai, District 3360 has a role in managing the club and service projects, especially the project to build check-dams in the project. “Rotary Built Check-Dams for the king” ten years ago. Khun Mui served as the Public Relations Committee Chair for the Administrative Year 2009-2010, Editorial Board of District Governor’s Newsletter in 2011-2012, Chairman of the Club Management Committee in 2012-2013, District Trainers, Assistant Governor for 2 times, and Host Counselor to Rotary Peace Scholarship participants at the Rotary Peace Center, Chulalongkorn University since 2013 until the present. She became a Rotary member in 2005-2006, at that time, the club only had six active members. Membership was difficult because of many limitations. In the second year, she served as a Club President. She added more than 100% membership to RC Lanna Chiang Mai. She has many roles in a Rotary. She is a strong leader and club member as well.

The editorial staff hopes that the content of the women’s power in this magazine will encourage and promote the role of women in Rotary to develop a strength in Rotary for “Service Above Self”.



TOGETHER, WE

TRANSFORM

## TOGETHER, WE TRANSFORM

Mobile medical unit is a signature project of RC Phrae. The project has been ongoing for 2 years, in cooperation with the volunteer physicians from Phrae Hospital. The health service includes a screening for hypertension, diabetes screening test, the body mass index measuring, and dental services. The health service is focusing on the oral health of children and the elderly, visiting patients at home, patients with disability and diseases.

The service is available every 2-3 months. Rotarians and their volunteer physicians go into remote areas where people have difficulty to access medical

# Our Campaign

## People of Action



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care. In addition to support from the rotary club, there were also members of the medical community who gave assistance to treat the patients. Medical supplies and facilitates were also provided at various service points. Each mobile clinic were supported by the Interact Club of Phrae in order to encourage young people to learn to serve others. This also a good training for medical education. The youth of Phrae Rotaract Club were energetic to participate and persuade each others for the next clinic.

The main purpose of this project was to support the volunteer medical team helping people in remote areas for better healthy, helping patients with chronic

diseases, providing knowledge of disease prevention, and can take care of themselves from illness. The activities were presented in The Rotary Showcase and was published in Rotary News in several languages.

You can follow Rotary news here. <https://www.facebook.com/NewsRotary/videos/1800381389994341/>  
Or follow the activities of the Rotary club at. <https://www.facebook.com/phraerotary/>

*By P. Dr.Natthanin Sestawanich  
RC.Phare*



## Message from Rotary Center in Thailand Chair

Dear Rotarians

This issue of The Rotary Magazine presents “The Power of Rotary Women”. At present, people around the world realise the importance women. Women and men are equal in abilities as can be seen from generation to generation of Rotarians. There are several woman leaders who successfully direct their clubs and districts to achieve Rotary Mission.



On this occasion, I would like to remind Rotary Clubs to check in My Rotary if your club has reported the incoming officers of year 2018-2019. If you are unable to access My Rotary, please contact Rotary Center in Thailand for assistance.

Yours in Rotary

(PDG.Charn Chanlongsawaitkul)

## เพื่อนคู่คิด ธุรกิจไมซ์ เชื่อมโยงคุณสู่ความสำเร็จรอบด้าน

### ทีเส็บ (TCEB) หรือ สำนักงานส่งเสริมการจัดประชุม และนิทรรศการ (องค์การมหาชน)

หน่วยงานรัฐผู้ผลักดันและพัฒนาธุรกิจไมซ์ หรือ ธุรกิจการจัดประชุม และงานแสดงสินค้า เราเปรียบเสมือนเพื่อนคู่คิดเชิงกลยุทธ์ ประสานงานให้ข้อมูล และคำปรึกษาทุกเรื่องการจัดประชุมและงานแสดงสินค้า ทั้งในและต่างประเทศ เพื่อให้คุณสามารถจัดงานไมซ์ได้อย่างราบรื่น เชื่อมโยงคุณสู่ความสำเร็จรอบด้าน

### จัดประชุมเมืองไทย ร่วมงานแสดงสินค้าไทย... คุณเป็นส่วนสำคัญแห่งความสำเร็จของไทย

เพียงช่วยกันผลักดันธุรกิจไมซ์ จัดประชุมและร่วมงานแสดงสินค้า ในประเทศ ส่งเสริมผู้ประกอบการไมซ์ โรงแรม ที่พัก สายการบิน สถานที่และบริษัทผู้จัดงาน สร้างรายได้หมุนเวียนในประเทศหลายหมื่นล้านบาท คุณจึงเป็นส่วนสำคัญที่ขับเคลื่อนความสำเร็จให้ไทยในวันนี้

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District	Members	Clubs
3330	2,484	101
3340	1,593	67
3350	2,916	110
3360	1,412	68
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,405</b>	<b>346</b>



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TRANSFORM

The Chiang Mai International Rotary Club (CMIRC)  
RC Chiang Mai International organized Children's Water Safety and Drowning  
Program in Chiang Mai to help reduce the drowning deaths which was  
up to 1,300 people each year.



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