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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.

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Message from RI President

Barry Rassin July 2018



Dear fellow Rotarians,

One year ago, your Rotary International Board of Directors adopted a new vision statement, reflecting our aspirations for our organization and its future. It reads, “Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

That simple sentence distills so much of what is essential about Rotary. We unite, because we know that we are far stronger together than we could ever be alone. We take action, because we are not dreamers, but doers. We work to create lasting change that will endure long after our involvement has ended – across the globe and in our communities. And perhaps most important of all, we work to create change in ourselves – not just building a better world around us, but becoming better people ourselves.

A quotation attributed to French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry goes: “If you want to build a boat, don’t begin by collecting wood, cutting boards, or assigning tasks. Begin by awakening in the souls of your workers a longing for the vast and boundless sea.” Each of us came to Rotary because we had a longing – to have an impact, to make a difference, to be part of something larger than ourselves. That desire, that vision for a better world and our role in building it, is what drives us in Rotary. It’s what made us become members, it’s what motivates us to serve, and it’s what led me to choose our theme for this Rotary year: Be the Inspiration

I want to see Rotary Be the Inspiration for our communities by doing work with a transformational impact. It’s time to start moving forward, by removing the barriers that are holding us back. Let’s make it easier to make adjustments in our clubs or start new clubs that suit different needs. Let’s work to strengthen Rotaract and smooth the transition from Rotaract clubs into Rotary. Let’s give all Rotarians the flexibility to serve in the ways that work best for them, so that every Rotarian finds enduring value in Rotary membership.

Truly sustainable service, the kind of service we strive for in Rotary, means looking at everything we do as part of a larger global ecology. This year, I ask all of you to Be the Inspiration for sustainable service by addressing the impact of environmental issues on our work. The environment plays a key role in all six of our areas of focus, and that role is only becoming greater as the impact of climate change unfolds. It’s time to move past seeing the environment as somehow separate from those six areas. Clean air, water, and land are essential for healthy communities – and essential for the better, healthier future we strive for.

Be the Inspiration – and together we can, and we will, inspire the world.

Barry Rassin
RI President 2018-19

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*Speeches and news from RI President Barry Rassin at
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Message from RI President

Barry Rassin August 2018



Dear fellow Rotarians,

A well-known saying goes, “If you want to change the world, go home and love your family.” That doesn’t mean people should ignore the needs outside their own homes; instead, they should pay attention to the needs within.

It can be tempting, when our priority is service, to focus only on the things that look like service: the projects, the planning, the work that yields a visible benefit to those who need it. But to do that work effectively, we need to keep our own house in order. In Rotary, that means conducting ourselves in accordance with the principles of Rotary, treating others with respect, and following The Four-Way Test. It means maximizing our impact by planning carefully and stewarding our resources wisely. And it means looking after the long-term health of our organization by ensuring that our membership is strong, engaged, and healthy.

Our membership has hovered around the same 1.2 million mark for 20 years. We aren’t growing, and our membership is getting older. We have too many clubs that don’t have the knowledge or motivation to have an impact: clubs that don’t know what we’re doing on a global

level, clubs that don’t know about our programs or our Foundation, that don’t even know how to get involved. And with a membership that is still mostly male, we clearly aren’t doing enough to become the organization of choice for women who are seeking to serve.

We are a membership organization first. If we want to achieve the goals we’ve set for ourselves, we need to put membership first. All of us have a responsibility to take membership seriously, not only by inviting prospective members, but also by making sure new members are welcomed into clubs that offer them something of value. If you see someone walk into a meeting and hesitate, be sure that person has a place to sit and is part of the conversation. If you’re enthusiastic about a Rotary program, make sure your club knows about it and knows how to get involved. If you see a need in your community, talk about it at this week’s meeting. If we want to be part of an organization that’s strong, that’s active, that’s having an impact – start at home, and Be the Inspiration in Rotary.

Barry Rassin
RI President 2018-19



About a year and a half after I joined my Rotary club, I terminated my membership because I missed four consecutive meetings. That was the rule at the time. I'll freely admit – I didn't care much for the food or the weekly meetings. I didn't think they were the best use of my time. But the real issue was that I wasn't engaged. I had no role, I had no reason to be a member, and I didn't need to go to a luncheon meeting every week that appeared to offer me absolutely nothing.

But then my incoming club president asked me to chair the club's Rotary Foundation committee for the next Rotary year. That was a turning point for me, and the rest is history. I want you all to think about engaging those members who have their doubts about Rotary. In 2018-19, I need your help. I want you to join me in focusing on our four core goals for the Foundation.

First, the No. 1 priority of our entire organization (and this won't be a surprise) is ending polio. We must fulfill our promise of a polio-free world to every child.

Second, we must increase the sustainability of our service efforts within the six areas of focus. This means conducting thorough needs assessments. It means working with communities to see what they really need and get them to buy in – to own the project and measure it over time.

Our third priority is to encourage districts to use all their District Designated Funds. Whether through district grants, global grants, or PolioPlus, there are many ways to form transformative partnerships and put these funds to work.

Finally, we choose to build our Rotary Foundation Endowment to \$2.025 billion by 2025. Our comprehensive fundraising goal for the year is \$380 million. These funds will allow us to continue the life-changing programs that Rotary members undertake every day. But we each need to think about our Rotary legacy. The Endowment is our future.

So please join me, and let's make this a legacy-building year for Rotary. Your legacy, Rotary's promise.

Ron D. Burton
Foundation Trustee Chair 2018-19



Without The Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund, our efforts would be for naught. The endowment is the backbone of Rotary's efforts around the world, providing access to the time, talent, and resources needed to make a difference. Our goal of building the Endowment Fund to \$2.025 billion by 2025 and this year's fundraising goal of \$380 million are surely some of the most important tasks at hand for our organization.

Your financial support has made possible every single thing that Rotary has done over the years. But what's equally essential – and might sometimes be in danger of being overlooked – is your participation.

Without you, Rotary is nothing. The Foundation needs your presence, your input, and your creative mind just as much as it needs your generous financial backing. Your Rotary club needs you to be there at meetings – not to warm a chair, but to engage, to inspire.

I shared last month how my relationship with Rotary changed when I went from being a tepid (at best) seat-warmer to a committee chair who was engaged and focused. You don't need

to wait for someone to ask you to chair a committee or be a club officer to begin to transform your Rotary journey. There's a place in Rotary for all of you to step up and become people of action.

Be engaged. Working with your club on service projects that qualify for District Designated Funds is one way to participate and use your voice to make a real difference. If your club has no service projects that interest you, work on getting some new ones underway. Carry out community assessments to find out how we can best use our resources to create positive change.

This month, I invite you to transform the way you think about your involvement with Rotary. Consider every meeting a chance to discover new channels for your energy and to brainstorm with like-minded Rotarians about how you can work together for a better world.

Ron D. Burton
Foundation Trustee Chair 2018-19

Editorial

PP.Vanit Yotharvut, D.3360 RI

Fellow Rotarians

A new Rotary year of “Be the Inspiration” has begun along with some changes of our magazine, in order to get the same style as the magazine in the global network.

In addition to the changed format, in this new Rotary year, we have added more space for each district. We also have each district’s editor to inspire and to be more close together.

“Among the current high popular social media trends, the print media will remain. But only good content is not enough, we need to create new experiences.” The printed media gurus said.

The combination of both digital and print media will create experiences. Do not forget to use the App on your mobile phone to scan QR code at a bottom of this page is to feel new experiences. That might make a communication among Rotarians a new perspective.

But for the last, all communications has the same goal. It is to inspire us of a “hands-on” way of doing things or we call ‘People of Action’

Yours in Rotary
PP.Vanit Yotharvut



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The Joy of Being a Rotarian

“To be a happy Rotarian, we must start from being a good contributor. That is to respect other people, share happiness to society, and cooperate with the organization “

The question “What is the benefit of being a Rotarian?” is a question that we have heard very often. This is such a boring question for some Rotarians, but when we expect for the answers, there are plenty of answers depending on the status of individual person such as professions or positions. However, that is not a problem if we can still find the answer to the question, but if you are one of the people who cannot answer it, please read what am I going to share.

When I was a new Rotary member, I just came to the meeting as usual without any participation in club activities. At that time, I thought it consumed times and costed lots of money. One day, I was elected to be a Club President. In my mind, I had a question if I could lead the club. However, I had to keep my words and decided to do it best for my club.

I started to join activities and meet many Rotary members. I learned interesting activities from other clubs, having chances to share suggestions or even noticed some little conflicts in working. These little things prompted me to develop myself and my club. I started from the smallest unit in a club, “member”. We must respect and honor our members. As a result, the members willingly cooperated in club activities. This was my first happiness of being a Club

President. Then the first happiness led to my second happiness, that was “Service”. When the club members had good collaboration, doing activity was not difficult. We did activities in our local area until we got stronger and stronger. Then, we started off to take part in various activities in other areas.

This brought me to my third happiness that was “friendship”. As in every place we visited, we had the opportunity to join in activities, we had chances to meet with friends who had a service mind like us. Every time we had the opportunity to do things for others, what we always got were the words of thanks, smiles and blessings.

This was the fourth happiness that I call “happiness at heart.” These were just some joys of being a Rotary. There were also many joys that sometimes I cannot explain in words.

To be a happy Rotarian, we must start from being a good contributor, respecting everyone, giving happiness to society, giving collaboration with the organization. It is important to give yourself a chance to experience being a Rotarian that’s not just a meeting or only paying for the club dues. When we understand Rotary, friendship and service, then we will discover the joy and the answer to the mentioned question. “What is Rotary?”

Article

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Inspiration

"Sweat at the nose tip"

This year Rotary International President Barry Rassin convinced Rotarians to share their inspirations of doing service projects and activities. The inspiration in each individual may have different meanings which are invisible but everyone can feel and can create it by themselves.

There is an example, four Rotarians went out for a service activity in the remote area on a rainy day. The village was not so far but the road was too tough especially when it was rain all night and day before. Then the truck which carried full load of sweets and school supplies and sport equipments for children fell into a pit of mud on the road. The driver stopped the car, walked around the and tried to figure out what he could do.

One of the members who felt unsatisfied since leaving because of a tumult at home in the morning sitting still in the car, trying to forwarded the full inspiration for the driver.

Two other members did not care about the inspiration but jumped out and together pulled the truck from the pit.

Unfortunately, there were so many pit on the road and forced the truck to stop more often. So everybody had to come to the wheel and pulled the truck make it moved forward. Then they were all had full of sweat on their back and face.

After looking at each other everyone had the answer, the sweat of friends was the inspirational that support the whole team to overcome the difficulties and finally completed the successful service activities.

The united of the force that pulled the car up from the pit of mud can be seen clearly. But the inspiration was not visible. The sweat is very meaningful; it represents the inspiration for the whole group. Sweat is really could be an inspiration.

For the Thai people, we are all impress with the image of Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej having a sweat at the tip of his nose. It makes Thai people realize that the king was very tired, but he was still working for the benefit of the people.

The sweat at the tip of the nose of Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej can inspire Thai people to do good deeds.

Rotarians are people who serve above self, so we need to inspire ourselves all the time to do so. Many people have learned the happiness from receiving, but we found that giving could generate hundred times of happiness. Our happiness come from seeing the smile of the child when received new pair of shoes, the smiles of the poor who received blankets in the winter season, the delightful smile of teachers and students while reading fairy tales from the library provided by Rotarians, and happiness in the eyes of many beneficial people without saying any word but it's really an inspirational language.

December 26th, 2004 after being shocked by Tsunami in Phuket, everybody offered help to the victims in different way. We all know that the rescue mission could be much bigger and longer. Everyone was free to think. What could they help and how could they involve?

For the Rotary clubs, to offer help through the partner clubs in local area seem to be the most convenient way. Many clubs' member had experienced that in just a few days, a lot of shrouds, shoes, medicines and so on were mobilized to urgently solve the problem. The recovery for that situation took times. Later on, there were several projects such as built boats, fixed schools, created houses for hundreds of Tsunami victims which was coordinate by the Rotary Centre in Thailand.

Time passes, many have learned that there are the inspirations in thousands of people which can be mobilized to set up a great rescue. Everyone was free to think, to cooperate, and in the end everyone was proud of their accomplishments. The key element in inspiration is to have the greatest goal that we have the freedom to think, to do, to be proud of the successfully work as well as to develop ourselves.

This year, Rotary International President has opened an opportunity for Rotarians to come out and take action, so why don't we try, feel and share the inspiration by doing some service activities either with your club or your partner clubs.

CALL ME BARRR

Rotary's new president, Barry Rassin, strikes a perfect balance between Bahamian bonhomie and decisive leadership

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Barry
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Rotary
Club of East Nassau
District 7020
Club 6765



SEVERAL MILES off the shoreline of Nassau, Barry Rassin, the 2018-19 president of Rotary International, balances in the bow of the bobbing Rat Bat. There are no colossal cruise ships out here, no noisy Jet Skis, only the occasional passing pleasure boat and the sound of water lapping against the hull. In the turquoise sea below, giant turtles glide across the ocean floor.

“To me,” Rassin says, “the sea is freedom, it’s peacefulness. When I’m out on the water, everything fades away. You feel like you’re at one with the world and nothing could go wrong.”

A few minutes ago it was drizzling, but now the weak December sun struggles to peek through. The Rat Bat sways suddenly in the wake of a passing vessel. Unfazed, Rassin stands perfectly poised, staring toward a patch of blue sky floating on the horizon.

LATE IN THE AFTERNOON of 12 January 2010, Rassin and his wife, Esther, were at home in Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas, when a magnitude 7.0 earthquake rocked Haiti,

550 miles away. Shortly thereafter, Rassin got a call from Errol Alberga in Jamaica. At the time, Alberga was the governor of District 7020, which encompasses the Bahamas, Jamaica, and Haiti, as well as several other island nations in the West Indies.

Alberga told Rassin – a former governor of the district and president of the renowned Doctors Hospital in Nassau – about the earthquake and asked him to lead Rotary’s relief efforts. Rassin spent the rest of the evening pacing around his living room as he called other Rotary leaders in the region. In a corner of the room, a television broadcast images of Haiti in ruins – and then, scrolling across the bottom of the screen, came the emergency warning that caught Rassin’s eye: A tsunami might be headed for the Bahamas, a seismic sea wave so formidable it had the potential to wash over the entire country.

Rassin and his wife walked out onto their second-floor balcony and waited. “At night, if you look out toward the ocean, all you see is lights, stretching down to the edge of the water, and then everything turns black,” Rassin recalled in



From left: Barry Rassin at his home office in Nassau, Bahamas; a former colleague hugs him at Doctors Hospital, where everyone is on a first-name basis; Rassin converses with Charles Diggiss, who took over as hospital president when Rassin retired.

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a powerful speech he delivered in January at the International Assembly in San Diego. “I looked at where the lights ended and the black began, and I waited for the blackness to come toward us and swallow the light.”

Fortunately, the tsunami failed to materialize, and Rassin got back to work. Over the next few days and weeks, as Richard McCombe, another past district governor, headed Rotary’s day-to-day response, Rassin coordinated long-term recovery efforts funded by donations from Rotarians around the world to The Rotary Foundation. He created a 132-page spreadsheet to track each detail: how much money was available, how much had been spent, which Rotary club was in charge of which initiative. “At the district conference the year after the earthquake, Barry went through the dollars for every single project,” says Lindsey Cancino, past president of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, Rassin’s club. “It matched to

the penny what was in the [disaster recovery] account. I was mesmerized.”

In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, Rassin worked with Claude Surena, a Haitian doctor and Rotarian who had turned his home outside Port-au-Prince into a makeshift shelter and hospital. There, Surena provided care for more than 100 displaced people. Elsewhere on the island, tens of thousands were dead and tens of thousands more injured. In nightly calls to Rassin and his team, Surena – who, at the

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behest of René Préval, then president of Haiti, would later oversee the recovery of the nation’s private and public health sectors – detailed the medicine and other supplies he urgently needed. And then, each morning, a private plane flew from Nassau packed with the necessary goods.

Rassin decided to tag along on one flight. On the four-hour journey, flying low over the ocean, he gazed out at the limitless blue of



Esther and Barry beneath the Queen's Staircase, which was carved by slaves from solid rock in the 1790s.

the sky and an azure sea dotted with green tropical islands. “It just looked like paradise,” Rassin said in his speech. “And then we came in over Haiti.”

On the ground below, he saw buckled roads, collapsed houses, and entire neighborhoods turned to rubble. Unable to land in Port-au-Prince, the plane touched down on a grassy strip outside the capital. After unloading its cargo, the plane headed for home. “In a couple of minutes, we were out over the water,” Rassin recalled in his speech, “looking down on that same gorgeous view. Haiti disappeared behind us, the Bahamas lay in front of us, and there we were, in between.

“And looking down at that water, out at that horizon, I realized that there was no line, no boundary between there and here, between them and us, between the suffering we had escaped and someone else hadn’t. It could just as easily have been the Bahamas. It could just as easily have been us.”

BARRY RASSIN ALWAYS FELT he was supposed to go into medicine. It was his heritage. His father, Meyer, a notoriously brusque orthopedic surgeon, had arrived in the Bahamas from England during World War II to oversee the medical care of the Royal Air Force troops there. Except for some submarine activity, the Bahamas was outside the theater of war. Nassau’s Oakes and Windsor Fields provided flight training for would-be RAF pilots destined to return to the fighting over Europe.

With little in the way of military medicine to occupy him, Dr. Rassin spent time ministering to local residents, including treating people with leprosy who had been exiled from society. This work endeared him to the populace. After the war, he returned to England, but in 1947, a few weeks after the birth of his son Barry, Rassin père returned with his family to Nassau to work in the government hospital. In 1955, he and his wife, Rosetta, a surgical nurse, opened Rassin Hospital to better serve their patients.

Barry was 10 when his father had him watch his first cesarean section. (“That kind of freaked me out,” he says today.) This was his introduction to the family profession. His older brother, David, would earn a PhD, specializing in pharmacology, and devote himself to researching the properties of breast milk.

As for Barry, he enrolled as a pre-med student at Long Island University outside New York City – and flunked out after two years. “I don’t know whether it was too hard for me or I just had no interest,” he explains. “I was never a good academic. Teachers always said I never applied myself.”

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Rassin returned to Nassau and worked menial jobs at the British Colonial Hotel. He started at the front desk – “That was not me” – but was soon relegated to microfilming and delivering office supplies. After a year, Rassin realized he had to make a decision: He could either spend the rest of his life working at the hotel and living at home with his parents, or he could go back to school.

In 1967, he moved to Miami, enrolled in community college, and took whatever classes struck his fancy. He wanted to figure out what suited him best. “Two days in accounting and I said, ‘This is me,’” he recalls. “It was just so easy. It came to me.”

He transitioned into a business program, improved his grades, and transferred to the University of Miami, where he earned a degree in accounting – with honors. Later, he received his MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida.

Back in the Bahamas, following several prosperous decades, Rassin Hospital had undergone a decline. After the Bahamas won its independence in 1973, a lot of British expats, including many of the hospital’s patients, left the country. That’s when Rassin, with several years of health administration under his belt (primarily at Miami’s Mount Sinai Medical Center), returned to Nassau once again, with his first wife and their kids, Pascale, Michele, and Anthony. His goal was to bring the best in modern medicine to the country – and he planned to do it at a transformed Rassin Hospital.

Charles Diggiss, today the president of Doctors Hospital (as the reinvented facility came to be known), covered emergency room shifts there in the late 1980s, when he was a surgical resident at the public hospital. “Barry was running a hospital that was one block away from the public hospital,” Diggiss says. “He had the courage to take that on. There was no promise of success, but every guarantee that this was going to be frustrating, every guarantee that the physicians were going to be skeptical.”

Looking back, Rassin recounts the challenges he confronted: “It was a battle with my parents. It was a battle with the doctors. It was a battle with my wife.” All that pressure caused the demise of his first marriage, he says. But the friends he made through Rotary steeled his resolve to persevere. “It gave me the support from a group of citizens of the Bahamas who said there was really a need to do this.”

Several years earlier, Rassin was working for American Medicorp in Hollywood, Florida, when a doctor asked him to join Rotary. Rassin declined. “In my mind, he was at least 70,” he explains. “I was 30. People say new members aren’t

From left: With his wife, Esther, Rassin mingles with fellow members of the Rotary Club of East Nassau; in December, he helped Rotarians and Rotaractors plant mangrove trees at Bonefish Pond National Park on the southern coast of New Providence Island in the Bahamas; the East Nassau club recently helped clean up a community center for teenagers with HIV/AIDS.



joining because we don't ask. It's not just the ask. I was asked. I didn't want to join."

He changed his mind about Rotary when he moved to Nassau and met John Robertson at a fundraiser for the East Nassau club. Robertson was helping out, and Rassin's daughters, Pascale and Michele, were participating. The two men chatted, and at the end of the conversation, Rassin accepted Robertson's invitation to lunch at Rotary. Seven years later, in 1987, he was the club's president. Michele, the club's first female member, would take the helm in 2009.

Rassin's rise through the ranks of Rotary coincided with the culmination of his plan to transform Rassin Hospital. In 1986, he worked with a consortium of doctors to buy the hospital from Meyer Rassin and create the newly christened Doctors Hospital. In 1993, under Rassin's direction, it completed an \$8.5 million expansion, and today it's considered one of the Caribbean's leading hospitals.

As all this transpired, Rassin's personal life changed as well when he met and, in 1990, married Esther Knowles. A

successful banker, Esther dived into her husband's life at Rotary. When he was district governor in 1991-92, she accompanied him on a six-month odyssey to every club in every country in the district. Their mutual respect and partnership are evident when you see them together. "Esther has always kept me grounded," Rassin says. "As soon as she thinks that my ego is kicking in, she makes sure she kicks it back out. After any speech, if Esther was there, I always ask her how it was. She's the only one who I know will tell me the truth."

Rassin retired as the hospital's president in 2016, though he continues to serve on its board of directors. In retrospect, the long struggle to make his dream a reality was worth it. "You've got to take risks in this life," he insists. "That's what we're here to do: not to follow the same old path, but to take out your machete, cut away the bush, and create a new way. People here weren't getting good health care. They needed it badly."

"One of the most appreciable things about his journey is watching how he committed himself wholly and



fully to Doctors Hospital while maintaining his involvement in Rotary,” says Charles Sealy, who met Rassin through Rotary and succeeded him as the hospital’s CEO. “To see how someone can balance the two – except I don’t think the word is ‘balance,’ because he was wholly committed to each of them.”

At the hospital, as in Rotary, people recognize Rassin as both a visionary and a detail-oriented administrator. They also salute him as a valuable mentor. “He’s good at identifying leadership talent,” says Felix Stubbs, a board member at Doctors who credits Rassin with creating the opportunities that led to Stubbs’ own stint as District 7020 governor. “When he sees someone with skills that he thinks could be advantageous to Rotary, he makes sure to pull that person along. That’s exactly what he did at Doctors Hospital. He identified good young leaders and pulled them up – and then he was able to retire and dedicate his time to Rotary.”

The friends he made through Rotary steeled his resolve to persevere. “It gave me the support from a group of citizens of the Bahamas who said there was really a need to do this.”

AS BEFITS AN ISLAND organization, the Rotary Club of East Nassau meets inside a wood-paneled room at a yacht club. Pictures of sailboats bedeck the walls. Sir Durward Knowles, who, until his death in February, reigned as the world’s oldest living Olympian (bronze and gold medals in sailing in 1956 and 1964, respectively), was an active member.

In many ways, it’s the ideal 21st-century Rotary club: Sixty percent of its members are younger than 50, and one member is a dual Rotarian/Rotaractor. At a meeting in October, there were so many women in leadership positions that a man didn’t come to the lectern for the first half-hour. One order of business: handing out attendance awards. Rassin receives one for 30 years of perfect attendance. Since joining in 1980, he has missed only one meeting.

Though Rotary has been central to Rassin’s life for nearly 40 years, it was never his goal to become president of Rotary International.



He was loath to even put his name up for consideration. But, he explains, “the Bahamas and the Caribbean have never had a president, and Rotarians there felt I should put my name in and represent them. I realized that they want to feel part of Rotary, and I was in a position where it was possible. So for them, I thought I should do it.”

Sam F. Owori, a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda, was nominated in 2016 to serve as Rotary’s 2018-19 president. After he died unexpectedly of complications from surgery in July 2017, Rassin was selected to take his place.

Among the first people Rassin called was John Smarge, a past Rotary International director from Florida who had served as Owori’s aide. Rassin asked Smarge to serve as his aide too. “One of his first sentences was, ‘I want Sam’s memory to continue, and I want you to help me do that,’ ” Smarge recalls. “Barry was uniquely qualified to come in at this time. He will allow Sam’s memory to

shine brightly.”

Smarge and Rassin have known each other for two decades. They’re from the same Rotary zone and served as district governors around the same time. They worked together closely after the earthquake in Haiti and served as account holders of the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund established through the Foundation that supported projects totaling \$6.5 million. “Barry Rassin is a rock star in Haiti – there’s no other way to say it,” Smarge says. “He’s a rock star because they know what he’s done for that country.”

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Rassin may be a Rotary rock star and the pride of the Caribbean, but he shuns the limelight, says his friend Felix Stubbs, and considers himself a regular guy. Back when he ran Doctors Hospital, it was not uncommon to see him roaming the halls in shorts and flip-flops. When he visited recently, this time smartly dressed, everyone – from the staff at the front desk to the doctors and nurses – stopped to



From left: Rassin enjoys some time on the water with his good friends Wade Christie (center) and Felix Stubbs; golf is one of Rassin's favorite pastimes; Rassin embraces his daughter Michele (right) and granddaughter Bella at a party thrown by Bahamian Rotarians in honor of him and Esther.



say hello. One woman rushed up and gave him a big hug. Another smiled and shouted, “Looking good, Barry!”

No disrespect there – just following company policy. In the early 1990s, Rassin (that is, Barry) asked everyone at the hospital to address their colleagues by their first names. He recalls that “one housekeeper walked up to me and asked, ‘Can I really call you Barry?’ I said she could. ‘Well,’ she replied, ‘I’ll just whisper it because I don’t feel comfortable.’”

“We’re all on the same level,” Rassin continues. “We just wear different hats. I happen to wear the president’s hat this year, but Rotarians all wear the Rotarian hat, and I have that hat too. We’re all in this game together. We’ve all got to work together no matter what hat we wear.”

THE BAHAMAS IS FAMOUS for its swimming pigs (Google it, it’s true), but Barry and Esther Rassin wish another creature would get more attention. The country is home to the world’s largest breeding population of Caribbean flamingos, a species hunted to near extinction in the mid-20th century. At

Ardastra Gardens, a zoo and conservation center in Nassau, the birds parade around a ring several times a day, stopping for photo ops with delighted visitors who perch on one leg to mimic their new friends. Rassin came here as a child, and he has returned many times with his children and grandchildren. It’s the last show of the day, and Barry and Esther stay afterward for a photo shoot alongside the flamingos. When that’s done, they are shaking hands with the birds’ “drill sergeant” – the gardens’ operations manager, who is also a Rotarian – when Esther remembers something: They didn’t get to stand on one leg like everybody else.

She and her husband, now Rotary’s distinguished president, dash back into the ring. The squawking, coral-colored birds gather round. Barry and Esther thrust out their arms and lift one leg off the ground. Their eyes lock, they can’t stop laughing, and it looks as if they could remain perched there, perfectly balanced, forever.

New directors and trustees take office

The RI Board of Directors has 19 members: the RI president, the president-elect, and 17 club-nominated directors, who are elected at the Rotary Convention. The Board manages Rotary International affairs and funds in accordance with the RI Constitution and Bylaws. Eight new directors and the president-elect took office on 1 July.

The Rotary Foundation's 15-member Board of Trustees manages the business of the Foundation, the charitable arm of Rotary which funds service activities. The RI president-elect nominates the trustees, who are elected by the RI Board to four-year terms. The trustee chair-elect and four new trustees took office on 1 July.

DIRECTORS

Mark Daniel Maloney, PRESIDENT-ELECT 2018-19

ROTARY CLUB of Decatur, Alabama



Mark Daniel Maloney is a member of the law firm of Blackburn, Maloney, and Schuppert LLC in Decatur, practicing in the areas of taxation, estate planning, and agricultural law.

A Rotarian since 1980, Maloney is a past president of the Rotary Club of Decatur and was governor of District 6860 in 1989-90. Maloney also served on the RI Board of Directors in 1999-2001 and as the aide to Jonathan Majiyagbe of Nigeria, RI president for 2003-04. Maloney was vice chairman of the 2004 Council on Legislation, chairman of the 2010 Council, and parliamentarian and trainer for the 2016 Council. He was a trustee of The Rotary Foundation in 2004-08 and vice chairman of the Trustees in 2006-08. Maloney served four terms as chairman of RI's Operations Review Committee and was the chairman of the 2014 Sydney Convention Committee and vice chairman of the Foundation's Future Vision Committee. He is a recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation.

Maloney's wife, Gay, is an attorney at the same firm and a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club of Decatur Daybreak, Alabama. Both Mark and Gay are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, and Major Donors of The Rotary Foundation and members of its Bequest Society. They have two daughters, a god-daughter, and two grandsons.

Francesco Arezzo ROTARY CLUB of Ragusa, Italy



Francesco Arezzo is an orthodontist who has worked in his own practice since 1980. He has taught courses in the subject and belongs to numerous professional societies. Arezzo owns a farm that produces extravirgin olive oil. He and his wife, Anna Maria, are fans of art and music, and Arezzo founded the Ragusa chapter of Fondo Ambiente Italiano (the National Trust for Italy), which focuses on the preservation of art and the environment.

A Rotarian since 1988, Arezzo has served RI as training leader, president's representative, assistant Rotary coordinator, and committee member and chair. He was president of the editorial board of Rotary Italia in

2009-10. Arezzo is a Benefactor and Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola ROTARY CLUB of Trans Amadi, Nigeria



Olayinka Hakeem Babalola is regional safety manager responsible for Shell Petroleum's upstream oil and gas activities in sub-Saharan Africa and chair of the

board of directors of Riviera Nigeria Ltd., an oil and gas engineering consortium. He is lead consultant for an executive coaching and organizational performance company.

Babalola has served RI as endowment/major gifts adviser, training leader, member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, committee member, and president's representative. As regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, he helped increase the number of Arch Klumph Society members in his zone from four to 19. As club president in 2002-03, he won the RI Global Quest Award for highest percentage net membership gain world-wide and was recognized onstage at the Brisbane convention.

Babalola is a recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award, The Rotary Foundation's

Citation for Meritorious Service, and the Rotary regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Precy, are Foundation Benefactors and Major Donors. They support the Foundation through a named endowment fund and as members of the Arch Klumph Society.

Jeffrey Cadorette

ROTARY CLUB of Media, Pennsylvania



Jeffrey Cadorette had a 25-year career as a physical therapist in private practice as president and CEO of Physical Therapy Associates of Delaware County in Pennsylvania until merging his practice with Riddle Memorial Hospital to form the Riddle Rehabilitation Institute and Riddle Sports Medicine. He is now associate broker and executive vice president at Media Real Estate Co., where he is active in all phases of commercial real estate sales and leasing, tenant representation, and new project development.

A Rotarian since 1977, Cadorette has served RI as a committee member, Council on Legislation delegate, training leader, seminar trainer, and president's representative. He was world-wide coordinator of Rotary Foundation alumni coordinators in 2010-11.

Cadorette is a Foundation Benefactor and Major Donor and has received the Citation for Meritorious Service, the Distinguished Service Award, and RI's Service Above Self Award.

Lawrence A. Dimmitt is retired from AT&T, where he was general attorney. He then was an adjunct professor at Washburn University School of Law, his alma mater. He is a member of several professional associations.

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A Rotarian since 1983, Dimmitt has served RI as committee member, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and president's representative. He personally raised \$200,000 for a Million Dollar Dinner in District 6040 (Missouri) in 2010 and co-chaired a similar event in District 5710 (Kansas) in 2014.

Dimmitt has received the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Lois, are Benefactors and Major Donors to the Foundation, and members of the Arch Klumph Society and Bequest Society.

Rafael M. Garcia III

ROTARY CLUB of Pasig, Philippines



Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III is the chairman and CEO of Mega Group of Computer Companies, a multinational conglomerate of 44 companies that specialize in high-tech systems. The company is based in the Philippines and has offices in the United States, Shanghai, Buenos Aires, Singapore, and Germany.

Garcia joined Rotary in 1971. He has served RI as endowment/major gifts adviser, training leader, committee member, president's representative, and member of The Rotary Foundation's Cadre of Technical Advisers. He was chair of the Philippine Rotary Magazine Foundation in 2016-17.

Garcia received the Avenues of Service Citation from Rotary International for his work on the Pasig Rotary GK Housing Village, a 159-unit housing project in Pasig City. He and his wife, Minda, are Benefactors and Major Donors of The Rotary Foundation, and members of the Arch Klumph Society.

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Miki has served RI as president's representative, training leader, GETS trainer, committee member, assistant Rotary coordinator, Council on Legislation representative, and sergeant-at-arms for international conventions and assemblies. He is director of the RI Ja-pan Youth Exchange Committee.

Miki is a former Interactor and a

recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service. He and his wife, Chiharu, are Benefactors and Major Donors to the Foundation.

David D. Stovall

ROTARY CLUB of Hall County, Georgia



David D. Stovall retired from commercial banking in 2011 after a 32-year career, 22 years of which were served as president and CEO of a national market NASD bank holding company. He then launched a career as a commercial real estate broker.

Stovall has served RI as committee member, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, training leader, president's representative, endowment/major gifts adviser, and Council on Legislation delegate. In 1994-95 he hosted a Rotary Peace Forum in Senegal that led to the formation of what is now the Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development.

Stovall has received the Avenues of Service Citation and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Kim Waters, a past Rotary district governor, are Foundation Benefactors, Major Donors, and Bequest Society members.

Piotr Wygnańczuk

ROTARY CLUB of Gdynia, Poland



Piotr Wygnańczuk graduated from the Faculty of Shipbuilding at Gdańsk University of Technology. During the first half of his career, he supervised ship construction in various shipyards for Polish Ocean Lines. Later, he worked for the Swedish industrial company Alfa Laval, spending his last five years there as general manager of Alfa Laval Polska. He founded the packaging company Izipak, now run by his son Pawel.

Wygnańczuk became a Rotarian in 1997. He has served RI as Council on Legislation delegate, committee member, president's representative, and assistant Rotary coordinator, co-founding many Rotary clubs as special representative of the district governor.

TRUSTEES

Gary C.K. Huang, CHAIR-ELECT 2018-19

ROTARY CLUB of Taipei, Taiwan



Gary C.K. Huang is an adviser for Wah Lee Industrial Corp., supervisor of Wah Hong Industrial Corp., director of Sunty Development Co. Ltd., and chair of Huang Ping Sing Insurance Scholarship Foundation. He previously was president of Malayan Overseas Insurance Co. and chair of Taiwan Shin Kong Security Co. Ltd.

A Rotarian since 1976, Huang has served RI as 2014-15 president and as vice president, director, Foundation trustee, International Assembly group discussion leader, regional session leader, task force member and coordinator, and committee member and chair. He wrote about his experiences in business and Rotary in his book, *Finding Solutions, Not Excuses*.

Huang received the Civic Service Award of the Federation of Non-Profit Associations and the Outstanding Community Service Award from Taiwan's Ministry of the Interior. In 2001, when the Rotary International Convention was held in San Antonio, Texas, he was named the city's honorary mayor. He is a recipient of the RI Service Above Self Award, a Presidential Citation, and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Corinna, are Benefactors and Major Donors to the Foundation.

John F. Germ

ROTARY CLUB of Chattanooga, Tennessee



John F. Germ is the re-tired board chair and CEO of Campbell & Associates Inc., consulting engineers. He joined the firm as an engineer in 1965 after four years in the U.S. Air Force. He serves on the boards of several organizations, including the board and executive committee of the Public Education Foundation and Orange Grove Center Inc., and as board chair of Blood Assurance Inc. He also is founder and treasurer of the Chattanooga State Technical Community College Foundation and president of the Tennessee Jaycee Foundation. He has

received many awards for his volunteer work.

Germ joined Rotary in 1976 and has served RI as president in 2016-17, vice president, director, Foundation trustee and vice chair, aide to the Foundation trustee chair, chair of Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge, RI Board Executive Committee member, chair of numerous committees, area coordinator, and training leader. In 2013, the White House recognized him as a Champion of Change.

Germ has received RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Judy, are Foundation Benefactors and members of the Arch Klumph Society.

Per Høyen

ROTARY CLUB of Aarup, Denmark



Per Høyen holds a bachelor's degree in media production and management from the Danish School of Media and Journalism. He has held technical, production, and management positions at several companies in the graphics industry, retiring in 2001 from Nordgraf A/S. He was national president of Round Table Denmark in 1995-96. A Rotarian since 1999, Høyen has served RI as treasurer, director, president's representative, committee member and chair, Council on Legislation representative, district Rotary Foundation committee chair, and district polio coordinator. For six years, including two as chair, he has represented the five Danish districts on the board of Rotary Norden, the official Rotary magazine that serves Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden, and chaired the committee for the publication's digital development.

Høyen has received The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and its regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Annette (a member of the Rotary Club of Assens who was district governor in 2012-13), are Foundation Major Donors, Bequest Society members, and Benefactors.

Gulam A. Vahanvaty

ROTARY CLUB of Bombay, India



Gulam A. Vahanvaty joined his family's scrap processing and ship-breaking business, and later diversified into other enterprises. In 1978, Vahanvaty traveled to Indiana (then District 656) as a member of a Group Study Exchange, which he describes as "a life-enhancing experience" that made him want to join Rotary.

A Rotarian since 1979, he oversaw a record contribution to The Rotary Foundation of \$654,000 as district governor, the largest in Indian Rotary districts until 2006-07. He has served RI as regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, committee chair and member, and training leader.

Vahanvaty is a recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his late wife, Haseena, are Benefactors and Major Donors to the Foundation.

SangKoo Yun

ROTARY CLUB of Sae Hanyang, Korea



SangKoo Yun is a graduate of the School of Architecture at Syracuse University in New York and is president of Dongsuh Corp., an architectural materials trading and engineering firm. He is involved in many civic organizations with a special interest in preservation of cultural heritage.

A Rotarian since 1987 when he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Yun has served RI as a director, convention Host Organization Committee chair, Future Vision trainer, Rotary coordinator trainer, committee member and chair, resource group zone coordinator, assistant moderator, and training leader. He has led the Keep Mongolia Green project since he was district governor in the Rotary centennial year.

He and his wife, Eunsun, are Benefactors and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation, and members of the Arch Klumph Society and Bequest Society.

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The word ‘inspiration’ comes from a Latin word, Spirare meaning breath.

“Without our breath, we can’t live. However, if we live without inspiration, our breath is meaningless.”

said an author “Num Muang Chan”(Young man from Chantaburi) in his book, Inspire. This is in line with RI President for 2018-2019, Barry Rassin’s theme, BE THE INSPIRATION. “If you want to build a better world, you have to awaken the souls of your Rotarians – to their own ability, and their own potential, and to the longing inside each and every one of us.”

Fellow Rotarians, you will learn about the inspiration of Rotary Thailand’s four district governors for 2018-2019, as well as their policy and goals for their Rotary year.

Inspiration

District Governor Roongraanee Sangsiri, District 3360.

The only female District Governor for this Rotary year talked about inspiration. What is inspiration? How do we create inspiration? Where does inspiration come from? Why do we need inspiration? She referred to a book written by President John F. Kennedy. He asked a janitor sweeping the floor at NASA, “What are you doing?” The janitor answered, “Mr. President, I am helping send people to the moon.”

DG Roongraanee said, “Only my inspiration to achieve the goal is not sufficient. We all need inspiration to achieve our goal. The goal can be anything which makes us feel that we are a part. It’s something we really want and makes us happy like the janitor mentioned above.” Rotarians must set their goal to create inspiration and allow others to involve, to connect and to create change in this world. Therefore, it’s the duty of Rotarians to create inspiration and move ahead together. However, it is not easy to tell everyone to jointly create inspiration. We must do something to create inspiration first such as thinking positive in our work and looking at obstacles and problems differently from others. Then, we must do things ourselves to achieve success. Rotary is an organization of leaders. What we do must create inspiration for others. We need to make things bigger, learn more, do more, and everything will be better.

For this Rotary year, we have set our goals in line with RI policy. We will increase at least 10% membership through each club’s strategies. We will encourage clubs to form RCCs, Interacts and Rotaracts. We will participate in at least 1 Global Grant or District Grant, and all clubs will implement at least 1 community service/vocational service/hands-on project under the Six Areas of Focus.

Regarding Rotary Foundation, we will motivate members to donate at least US\$100 and encourage all clubs to donate to the APF at US\$100 per member. The total district contribution will be US\$250,000.

For District Grant, we will implement the Oxygen Generator and Suction Machine Project through the involvement of the clubs in our district. In addition, we will organize a Polio Eradication Campaign and Rotary Day to publicize Rotary activities so that we will get continued support from communities and the public in general.

District Governor Lieutenant General Kanit Jamjuntra, District 3330.

He said that the theme of BE THE INSPIRATION signifies love and faith we have for our members and humanity. Once combined together, there will be great power of cooperation which can create endless inspiration and determination to do good for our friends in this world. For District 3330 which covers 23 provinces in

by District Governors in Thailand, 2018-2019

the south of Thailand with diverse geography, social environment, culture and life style, this has been a challenge for development and implementation by various sectors.

Despite this context, political changes and natural disasters, Rotarians and their club in District 3330 have successfully implemented worthwhile projects with determination and cooperation.

District Governors are top executives and each district's symbols of honor. They also boost the morale of their district members. Thus, the official visit of each district governor is a good opportunity for clubs and members to have a direct contact with the Governor and to learn about RI policy and District 3330 guidelines. There are 3 focuses in the strategic plan: 1) promote club strength, 2) increase community service and support Rotary Foundation, and 3) promote and create awareness of Rotary public image.

In addition, our district will encourage present and future club leaders to have vision, to be smart, brave and creative so that they can make improvements which are suitable for the changing environment. This will help make their family life and the life of the community better leading to good image and happiness for the givers and the receivers alike.

District Governor Surapol Thaveesangkulthai, District 3340. DG Surapol commented that District 3340 covers the east and north east area which is very wide compared with the population ratio and the number of Rotarians per area.

However, the shared RI policy and goals enable clubs to have the same goals under the theme of BE THE INSPIRATION despite the long distance from one club to another. This theme encourages members to create good things for their society and humanity. DG Surapol has planned to take the time visiting all the clubs to share the policy and goals of RI and District 3340 to Rotarians. At the same time, he will listen to the suggestions from Rotarians and use them to improve the District's administration.

Despite the distance from one club to another and the long time it takes to visit all the clubs, District 3340 policy and goals for 2018-2019 are in line with RI goals. That is to increase at least 150 members from the current 1,750 and to maintain no less than 98% of the existing members. The District plans to set up at least 2 clubs and contribute over US\$233,000 to the APF, EREY, Polio Plus and Bhichai Endowment Fund.

Concerning service projects which is one of RI's major activities, District 3340 has planned to implement at least 3 Global Grant projects. It will also encourage all clubs to implement

service projects with its support. At the same time, it will promote youth activities by setting up and strengthening Interacts and Rotaracts as well as support Youth Exchange Program. It will also encourage Rotarians to use My Rotary, and publicize Rotary activities via various media, both prints and online, while improving District Website and all related channels.

District Governor Nakarin Ratanakitsunthorn, District 3350. DG Nakarin explained, "My policy is to focus on making this year's various activities examples of "virtue and sharing". The purpose is to make those people who witness and participate in various service projects feel happy for being givers. At the same time, the receivers also feel happy for being receivers, and they learn to share when they can in the future. I am confident that as Rotarian, being a giver without wanting anything in return is pure giving and is powerful inspiration to the receivers and those who take part in the service projects such as Interacts, Rotaracts and members of the community. They will be inspired to give more."

For the challenging mission of leading District 3350 this year, DG Nakarin said that he will put emphasis on 3 areas in line with Rotary Strategic Plan. That is 1) to build strong clubs, 2) emphasize the importance and increase the number of service projects, and 3) to create an outstanding Rotary image. In fact, these 3 missions have been specified in the long term plan to be cooperated by this year's District Governor, District Governor Elect and District Governor Nominee. The first thing DG Nakarin tackles this year is membership.

"I am convinced that once we have fellow Rotarians who are capable and clearly understand the objectives of our organization and we can increase the number of strong Rotarians, we will be able to build strong clubs and once the clubs are strong, they will be able to do more in terms of quantity and quality of the projects."

DG Nakarin suggested that we could automatically use Rotary image as one of our project objectives. We need to think of various media which will promote our image, making the public know more about Rotary and understand how Rotary works. This will result in future cooperation and inspire all involved in implementing activities. The last item of District 3350 plan is to promote Global Grant project implementation for maximum effectiveness. The emphasis will be on long term projects which can be developed further until they become signature projects for better Rotary image in the year of BE THE INSPIRATION.

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Editor, District 3330, RI



PDG. Juthatip Thamsiripong
Rotary Club of Pra Pathom Chedi

Hello all Rotarians. If you open the Rotary Thailand Magazine and notice the pictures on this page, you would definitely start to read the article. I am Juthatip Thamsiripong, Past District Governor of District 3330. I took the limited time that I have while working at the company for Rotary business and planning for several hours. Many of you would be like me; the experience of being a Rotarian made us know a lot of people.

I became a Rotarian in RI Administrative year 1997-1998. After that, I was elected as the Club President in 2007-2008. I have learned many things about Rotary and have been a member of the Board of Committee for many years. In 2016-2017, I was in charge of District Governor of District 3330. At a present, my term was over, but I am always adhere to my own ideals. "If we can made profit for Rotary, we must make it continuously." Thank you editorial team from Rotary Thailand Magazine. Thank you Ms.Jitraporn, a staff of Rotary Centre in Thailand who provided helpful coordination in every occasion.

In the past, there were 4 Rotary Districts in Thailand. In 1991-1995, RI District 335 Governor was a military officer named Gen.Saiyoot Kerdpol. I had the opportunity to meet him in 2017, he attended the installation ceremony of RC Royal Hua Hin. He was almost 90 years old and very strong. As he walked, he talked and asked me about the Past Presidents of RC Pra Pathom Chedi. He was a very healthy guy. At that time, he founded RC Ban Phaeo in 1991, and in 1992, he founded RC Lak Ha Damnern. This made me proud that the district had the governor who was a military officer, when retired, he also sacrificed his time for a great organization in the world. Later 27 years, we had another Rotary leader, Lieutenant General Kanit Jamjantra who was a strong leader. He was an inspiration for Rotarians in many professions. He always mentioned "If your heart is ready, we are tolerable to do and to go everywhere, because we want to make better life for other people. He helped the villagers especially in the south of Thailand. This was another way to get to know one another. This gives Rotarians an example and an inspiration to change the community and the world. I wish all of you to follow these two gentlemen. Let's be inspired and go along with them.



Our Leader
DG.Lt.Gen.Kanit Jamjuntra
District 3330 RI



In this years of administration, we have a strong leaders who is a former soldier originally born in Ratchaburi. His name is DG.Lt.Gen.Kanit Jamjuntra. His spouse is Rotary Anne Chadarat Jamjuntra. Both of them are retired civil servants with 2 children; 1 female, and 1 male. DG.Lt.Gen. Kanit Jamjuntra became a club member in 2001 and a club president in 2012-56 in Rotary theme “Be the Inspiration”. At a present, our District Governor is having the official visiting Rotary clubs in the three southern border provinces up to the Hat Yai District, Songkhla.

He wrote the message in the governor’s newsletter of July 2018-2019 with one message, “Because of the inspiration, it forms creativity and the endless commitment that make an ordinary person does great things for success and happiness.” Rotary role in the world continues. To increase the service

power, more meaningful and more sustainable must be promoted because of the power of the service is the truly heart and soul of Rotary. Starting from within the club. Creating love, faith and honoring each other. These are the first priority to create the power of great cooperation, leading to success and happy life through the Rotary Benefit Program. It can change the lives of families and communities, which will be the impression both the providers and the recipients forever.

I have confidence that your commitment would make Rotarians be encouraged and inspired to meet the success and happiness for this administrative year and forever. With best wishes from all Rotarians and I to support DG.Lt. Gen.Kanit Jamjuntra and Rotary Anne Chadarat Jamjuntra.

Interview current club Presidents in District 3330, there are 99 Rotary Clubs. 48 of them are from the southern part; Yala - Prachuap Khiri Khan province. 51 of them are from Pranburi (Prachuap) to Suphan Buri province. In the Installation Ceremony (DTA), there were about 40 clubs co-hosted the ceremony. For some other clubs, the ceremony was hosted with 2-3 clubs in nearby areas. As a result, it took nearly 3 months to visit all of the installation ceremonies in the district. These ceremonies gave us friendship and enjoyment, I brought some of the leaders' ideas to share for your club management.

P.Supranee Kusurat
Rotary Club of Ploi Ratchaburi



We heard that you were elected to be Club President quite urgently because the previous President Elect lost his life after he attended the President Elect Training. (Everyone was shocked with the news and would like to express their deepest condolences)

Yes, it was a great shock to everyone, but CP.Waliarat Sapkiree, Past Presidents and all members believed and trusted me to take this responsibilities. I was scared, but I was lucky to have support from PP.Napaporn Yamkate and other club members.

As a Club President, do you have any chances to participated in the installation ceremony of the upper 51 Rotary Club? How did you manage to have good collaboration from Rotary Club of Ploi Ratchaburi members?

First of all, I have to thank all of the club members for their great support. To visit other clubs' installation, I just provided them the transportation. We also have the budget of 1,500 baht for each member join in the ceremony. Other tokens or souvenirs would be provided by the Club President.

As you had several chances to meet up other clubs, are there any differences between them?

For each Installation Ceremony, the club members would alternate between 5-10 members at a time depending on the size of the clubs that we participated in. I like the ceremony that was simple and focused on the ceremony, not making loud noise or too much talkative conversation. The ceremony that I liked most is of RC Prathom Chedi. I would like to deployed their practice with my club. Also, I had the opportunity to join the sister club's installation ceremony in Japan. I was happy to see that all members use the Line application to make their communication easier. Thank you very much for letting me share the feeling I have towards their year installation ceremony.

P.Nareewan Limsakda
Rotary Club of Jungseilon



The Rotary Club of Jungseilon hosted the installation ceremony with RC Tongkha. How was the ceremony? Did you have any chance

to join other clubs in the south?

I have brought members to the nearby provinces of Takua Pa, Phang Nga, Surat Thani and Krabi and other places around in Phuket. I like the way that we had less social gatherings. We agreed that we would have simple ceremony, no reserved table for the class presidents as we believed that the club presidents should be in the same table of their club members to show their presence and leadership.

Most of the clubs would have the activities in Phuket. Rotary Club of Tongkha, we work together in the same activity from last year. I have ideas to do activities with other clubs in the other provinces. We have partners at the northern part such as RC Sanamchan. We have seen some differences in rituals, but they were full of joy and friendship.

Personally, I love RC Jungseilon. I feel warm like living in a big family, especially with the Charter President who teaches as rules and practice that could be used for further opportunities. We really respected Pee Tum. Thank you for the opportunity to say a little bit about the installation ceremony.

P.Poonsak Nilpetra
Rotary Club of Samut Songkhram



This year you are ready to be a Club President for the second time. You are really appreciate to join the Installation Ceremony. In district

3330, there are 99 clubs, as a Club President for 2 terms, I suppose you have visited every clubs.

P.Poonsak Nilpetra laughed and said. "Not yet."

Are there any differences between the installation ceremony of the clubs in the north and south part?

I like ceremony conducted in the South, I feel it very comfortable in a formal way. In addition, it was full of friendship and information of Rotary through VDO presentation of activities and services according to the needs of community. We could find out in what aspect that we need to improve

Attending the ceremony to congratulate Club Presidents motivates me to work as club leader. In my point of view, I think it is the ceremony that was held in order to tell community that you are leader of the club and you are ready to be contacted for activities and services.

P.Porthep Kongiamphitee
Rotary Club of Phrapradaeng



You returned as the example of a new Rotarian who is looking at the current leader's approach and ideas?

I think the Rotarians need to know their club and Rotary well. RC Phrapradaeng has many senior members who have knowledge, understanding, and love for their club, but new members, especially the younger members sometimes there were additional costs for them such as tokens or souvenirs which costs a lot and not useful for some people. I think we have to think about this issue. Could it possible to visit and congratulations without these unnecessary things.

To promote the club leader in each year, what is the electoral method that the club use? Are there any special needs for the one who deserve this position?

Our club considers about the readiness of their professions and management. For young generation or new business entrepreneur, there are many things for them to do, some of them have to travel abroad all the time. It's the time factor which effects on the club management. Lots of members of RC Phrapradaeng are not located in Phrapradaeng area. Therefore, surveying the project time is quite difficult. We have to join the activities with nearby clubs.

Personally, I always think how to make at least 2 clubs in the same area or province join in the installation ceremony with us like RC Ladluang. This year was very good. We should not focus too much on the expenses. This year our two clubs succeeded with the project, no minus expenses. We made a perfect timing. I do not need luxury, but focusing on activities and friendship. We gathered together for encouragement and congratulations.

P.Prayong Akarachaipan
Rotary Club of Banpong



I think there are 51 Rotary Clubs in the upper part, I guess you have visited all of them?

Yes, I visited all of the clubs with other members. Unfortunately, there are 2 clubs that I've missed because I went to visit a sister club in Japan. I asked the Past President to lead other club members be my representative joining in the installation ceremony. I have the opportunity to visit the southern 3 border provinces. I hope to be involved with their services in the south of Thailand.

You are well cooperated with members of Rotary Club of Prapadang. How do you feel?

I was very enthusiastic thinking about doing community activities. I want to see the senior members who are ready to fulfil the needs, ready to accept the story or the pace with the growth of Rotary International. I think my club members have a good friendship within clubs outside clubs and also with friends outside the country.

Finally, I would like to say that friendship should start in the club first then other works or activities would not be difficult. Upcoming Club Presidents would find the way to manage the club. If there is conflict in clubs, on one would volunteer to take the leading position. I could say that finding a Club President is not difficult, if everyone helping building good atmosphere in club.

P.Wanchai Jaitiang
Rotary Club of Phra Samut Chedi



In your opinion, is the objective of Club Presidents joining in the Installation Ceremony only for friendship?

I think that it is a form to organise ceremony. Each club must accept the change, but there should be a framework for organizing events. Some clubs having fancy that I believed not suitable. I sympathize with the preparation of the ladies and performances. Sometimes it was too much.

What are the opinions of RC Phra Samut Chedi members? Do they like to dress up like that? How did Rotary Annes get involved?

Sometimes my spouse likes it. She likes a Thai silk costume. Most club members cooperated well with everyone.

What do you think of the past service? As in this year, you have planned the year with club committee, was that bring understand the well cooperation?

I think this year Rotary Club of Phra Samut Chedi joined hands with RC Phra Samut Chedi, RC Phrapadaeng, and RC Lad Luang which is called empowering the community to know Rotary more. I used to try several ways. I always thought of making club members happy. Now I am a club Leader. I did not order the members to do, but I use the way to make members happy and involved. I asked them for ideas at every meeting, and that was the best solution for a leader. As a result, they volunteered to work. I gave everyone a chance. I hoped every club to give members the opportunity to participate in the events, we will be a leader who lead them go through with happiness.

D.3340

Editor, District 3340, RI



Rtn. Dearla Pibulwattanawong
Rotary Club of Makkhang

To be a Rotarian “friendship is no age limit and area”. Once we join Rotary, we can find true friendship everywhere in this World.

I am Dearla Pibulwattanawong, a Public Image Chair of The Rotary club of Makkhang. I am a new Rotarian, in the Rotary executive year 2015-2016. I was assigned by PDG. Wiwat PiPatchaisiri to take care of all news and Rotary information of our district for the Rotary magazine. Therefore, I learned a lot about Rotary. As a result, I am now a member in his club.

This year District 3340 by District Governor Surapol Taweangsakulthai aims to receive a global grant for a service project. With hope that these projects not only benefit many local people and aiming also for leading the cooperation among local to internationals who will come to join each project. Hence, “Peace” and “Friendship” will come respectively.

One of our inspirations this year is to help run the Lake of Love Project in Sakonnakorn Province which is considered as a “Local Host Mission”. D.3340 will be fully cooperative in all related activities to commemorate the Royal Initiative of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

DG. Surapol Taweangsakulthai would like all service projects from D. 3340 this year to focus on Rotary Public Image, Creativity, and be Inspirational so that people would like to join our activities and become interested to be a member in the future.

Our Leader
DG. Surapol Taweangsakulthai
District 3340 RI



I am DG. Surapol Taweangsakulthai from Khonkaen, graduated with high school diploma from Hanjiang high school, Penang, Malaysia. I am married to Ann Suwimon Taweangsakulthai. We have a warm family with 4 children. We have a truck dealer business in Khonkaen.

Before I become a District Governor of D.3340, I was a charter member of The Rotary club of Kaenkoon in 1988-1989. I was a club president in the third executive year. Then I was voted to be a club president again in 2012-2013. For the past 30 years of club activities and devoted hard work lead me to be voted as a District Governor. PDG. Wiwat Pipatchaisiri is my important trainer. He gave me relevant advice, especially on a study of Rotary club service. My vision for working this year is "Social service to local and disadvantaged communities, Happy and harmony Club members" .

Therefore, as a district governor of D.3340 this

year, I aim to increase new members by at least 150 people and that each club will be able to increase new members by at least 2 people. For the club service project, we will focus on building good images, in the eyes and view of the local people by publishing in the District Governor D.3340 magazine as well as publishing on the district website: www.rotaryd3340.org. This will be updated and have easy access to all. To build up the inspiration this year, we will continue to embrace the six main approaches of Rotary. We are still focusing on "Service above Self" but what I would like to add is building a good Rotary image.

We will all be Rotary Brand ambassadors. We will join hands in building good images in people's hearts. I would like you to also be an inspiration to all D.3340 members with this motto: "Having Faith, Strong heart, giving good, receive good"

In administrative year 2018-2019, there are 67 clubs in D.3340 with new inspiration and ready to work actively as club presidents. Therefore, we would like to introduce new club presidents from six most important clubs as listed below:

- 1) *The Rotary club of Sakonnakorn, It is the host club of the Lake of Love project.*
- 2) *The Rotary club of Trat, the host club of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) together with the Rotary club of Koh Chang.*
- 3) *The Rotary club of Kalasin, the host club of Inter City Kalasin*
- 4) *Rotary E-clubs, new club with strong technology.*
- 5) *The Rotary club of Buayai-Nakornrachasima, the home club of the next district 3340 leader. And*
- 6) *The Rotary club of MakKeang, another quality activities and service projects club.*

P.Akkarawat Eaukulwarawat
Rotary Club of Sakonnakorn



The Rotary club of Sakonnakorn is a small but strong club running for over the past 30 years. My name is Akkraawat

Eaukulwarawat, a new club president. I was inspired in building a strong team for Service Project “Under Water Bank” in order to help many communities to find relief from the rice field flooding and giving moisture to the soil instead. As a result Rotary is well known to many people and organizations as well as having a good impression of our club’s work.

The Lake of Love project is a mega project since we set up our club and we are all feel honoured to be responsible and we will try our best to resume our task till the end of the project. I hope that this project will be beneficial to all people who live nearby and be relived from flooding. Our club has prepared a plan to manage the Lake of Love project to be lively with on-going activities to support and help the communities nearby to run the project by themselves smoothly and have happiness forever.

P.Aungkul Reuchakanit
Rotary Club of Trat



The Rotary club of Trat is proud and honored to be the host club of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) # 27. This is the

fourth hosting of our club. My name is Aunkul Reuchakanit, a club president. RYLA # 27 plans are already prepared by having past district assistant Hongrawee Kongsiri Wattana as chair. This year we have the Rotary club of Koh Chang to be co-host.

Trat province is well known tourist destination. The area of RYLA camp also has a beautiful nature. I think this beautiful nature will be impressed by all the parents and youth who join this camp. The club committee and myself will continue to be inspired. We did fund raising for buying medical equipment for our local hospital as well as outreach to needy people in the society. We are following the Rotary Foundation aim that is dedicated to help all the underprivileged under the slogan “Service above Self” for the benefit of mankind forever.

P.MD.Chatcharin Pinsuwan
Rotary Club of Kalasin



On behalf of The Rotary club of Kalasin. I am proud and thankful for being host of the district conference “Intercity Kalasin”

Kalasin is a small province but full of cultural tourism resources. We will be cooperating with the province, the university and the community to make this conference impressive and successful. Even though our club is small we have done many service projects such as donating clean drinking water to local schools and the library, medical equipment, help for relief for flooding in Laos, Japan as well as Thailand.

I am proud to be a Rotarian, because the Rotary Club is well known as a good service organisation with good policies and sustainable projects. Some Rotary projects are in the National Development Plan. For example, learning policies, books for pre-school children and how to build sustain career.

Interview with New Club president 2018-2019

P.Parkpum Jumsup
The Rotary Club of Makkaeng



My father was a charter member and was a club president of Makkaeng I am proud to be a club president this year. The Rotary club of Makkaeng

is a 30 year old club and has done many projects. I have planned to do a service project focused on career promotion and health care for the elderly. This project was introduced from the Rotary club of Korea to join a Global Grant for the value of US\$30,000. I hope this project will be continuing for the next executive year in order to strengthen and sustain our local community.

P..Supatcharin Jintabunditwong
The Rotary Club of Buayai



My name is Supatcharin Jintabunditwong, a club president of The Rotary club of Buayai. The wheel chair for disabled is our signature project.

We are proud to provided 119 wheel chairs as well as money to the needy. This project was not only for helping the needy but it was also helping our own members to be proud of giving and helping each other through this service project. In my administration year, 2018-2019. I will work hard and manage to increase at least 3 new members. I will run the club with happiness and harmony.

The Rotary Club of Buayai is also proud to be a home club of a district governor; he is a hardworking man. When he was a club president, he did many service projects such as a library for education which is encouraging and supporting children to learn English and Mathematics for free.



PP. Trong Sangswangwatana
RC. Bangkok Suwanabhum

I'm a new editor of District 3350 for Rotary magazine, thank you for the kindness of DG. Nakarin Ratanakitsunthorn who entrusted me to this task.

Rotary blood? I am a charter member of the Rotary Club of Bangkok Suvarnabhumi in year 2001-2002. My mother is Mrs. Benjamas Sangsawangwattana who is the Charter President of the club. Readers who have been Rotarians for over 40 years may have heard my father's name, Mr. Arun Sangsawangwattana. He is the second President of Rotary Club of Thonburi and is the only one to hold the position for 2 times as the Club President (Club President No. 2 and 4).

From the first club in Thailand that conducts the meeting in Thai when Rotary Thailand formed Rotary Club of Chiang Mai in 1959, the Charter President was Dr. Aree Sangsawangwattana, my uncle (at first Pol. Col. Nueng Raranak was proposed) Rotary Club Nakhon Sawan. founded in 1960, Mr. Preecha Saengsawangwattana, my uncle is one of the founders. He became the Club President in the following year.

For me, it would be like most Rotarians. At first, I did not concentrate much. I just had to drive taking my mother who was the Club President at that time to the meeting. The next year, AG. Yod Sangsawangwattana (Current position) was proposed to be the Club President, so I went to the meeting continuously. Later, I was proposed to be the Club President in year 2006-2007.

I agree with the principle of Rotary that we need to learn the responsibilities before the taking positions. The purpose is to bring what we know to practice and to be the mentor of the next person taking our position. This relation and responsibility was my obligation to stay with Rotary until present for the 17 years.

From a club member to District level After being a Club President in the 102th year of Rotary, I started to work for the district. I was in a Group Study Exchange Committee, School-Board of Athletics, and etc. I have been the Assistant Governor for 4 times and I am a member of the District Committee continuously throughout the year.

What do we get from being a part Rotary? From someone who do not dare speaking in public, do not dare to go alone, do not give a lot of respect and many others, Rotary taught me to practice leadership, let me know how humble I am. I learned from Rotarians and Non-Rotarians with direct experience. Many Rotarians are good examples working with pure heart. All of the tasks for public and private were well organized as we are a great contributor, etc.

I am happy and proud of being a Rotarian, in addition to having many friendships. There is a chance to help others in the club and in the district.

Our Leader DG. Nakarin Ratanakitsunthorn District 3350 RI

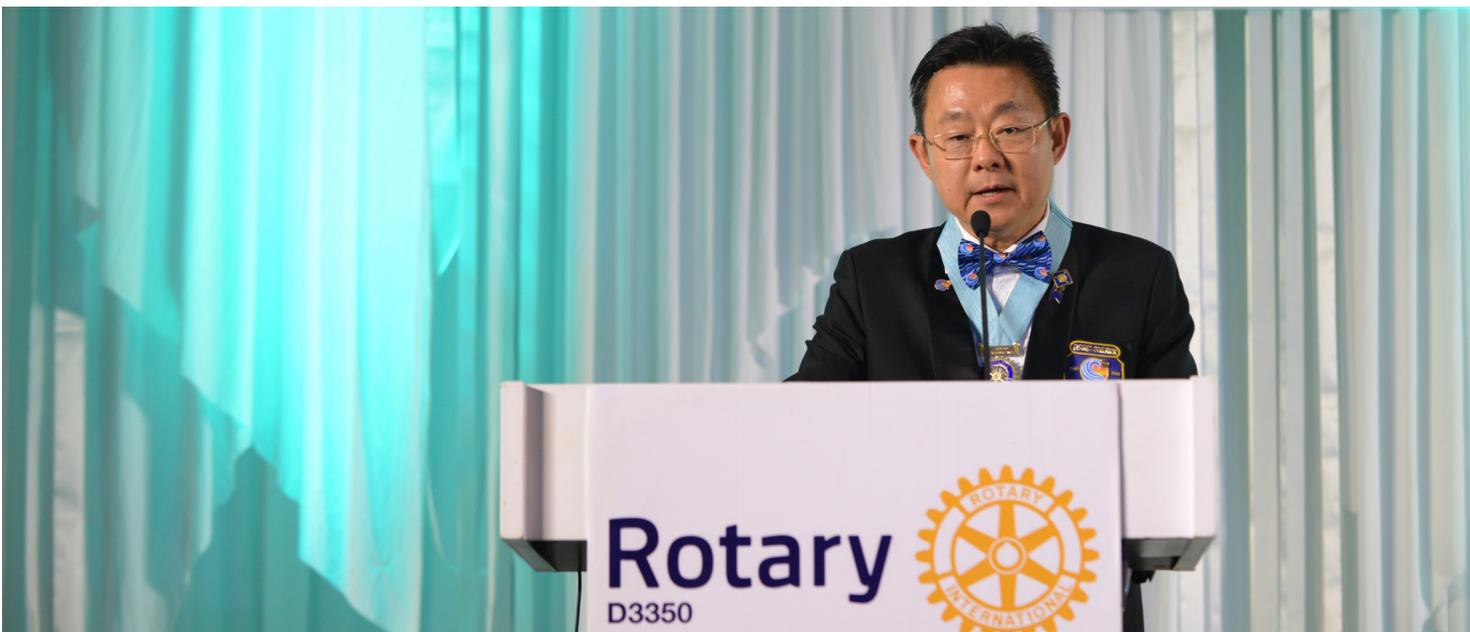
From Ordinary to be Rotarian

When I was a student at ABAC, there was a Rotaract Club on campus. It sounded attractive to be but I did not have time to attend their activities because I had to help my mother sell coffee, which was the home business. I hoped one day I would have a chance to join the Rotary group. I saw Rotary as a global organization with a high level of reputation. Everyone must be recommended to come. However, in my circle of people, no one was Rotarian at the time.

One day, I had a chance to contact a chemical company in Baroda, India with one Indian guy. He went to meet the merchant there who was the Club President of the Rotary club in Baroda. When talking about Rotary, and he saw that I was interested in Rotary. He recommended contact with a Taiwanese guy he knew who was a member of the Rotary club in Thailand at that time (but now he left club already). Rotary Club of Prakanong invited me to attend the meeting. One member named Jarun Changtrakul, the former President of the club welcomed and took a really good care of me. I went to the club every week for 4 - 5 times. The club president presented my name to the board meeting and issued a letter to all members of the club to comment. After that I was welcomed to become a member of Rotary Club Prakanong completely in 2009 and had the opportunity to become a President of the club from 2013-2014, so I tried to learn and work in the leader role with an intention to do my best.

From the Club President to the Governor

The year I was Club President, RI Convention held in



Sydney, Australia, I decided to take my wife to attend a meeting and to see the greatness of Rotary. The trip was organised by PP. Atchara (Dr.Aoy). the group was occupied by several PDGs. I have seen the willingness of these persons to attend the RI Convention, which is the annual global conference of the Rotary Organization in order to convey to Rotarians in the district training level. We also had the chance to talk and discuss in several topics of Rotary. At first, I thought after my position term, I would fade down myself, but this job was like inspiring me to come to work for the District.

A year later after being a Club President, I became a candidate for a District Governor. I do not think I had to be selected, but it was the way to get to know Rotarians in general. I learned that the key features of being a governor would be to devote time to activities of the District. Thanks to the Past District Governors who believed in me to serve as the chairman of many events such as membership seminars, RI Honour Rolls and many others. I started to know and experience in the District work.

In the same time that year, I was given the position of Assistant Governor to take care of Rotary Club of Bangkok East and Rotary Club of Taksin Thonburi. In the following year, I was a candidate for a District Governor for the second time and was selected because the Nominating Committee were satisfied with my efforts of learning, vision, and my willingness to lead the future.

Family support

I like to make merit and do charity. The family is so happy about this. I talked about stepping up as a leader,

my personal time was not enough. Families must help with business matters. I assigned Rotary Anne Waraporn and her first and third daughters to continue the job after practicing for nearly two years. They were well qualified and skilled including customer care. I own only a few large customers. Today my families are appreciated and happy that I work for Rotary.

Hobbies

If I have time, I like to cook in the family, but my time was so limited. There was no time for a hobby. In my brain are full of Rotary works. Cooking is something to do and enjoy. I enjoy more when I see people enjoy eating my food.

What do you want to do next?

My first goal was to do for poor people both in the community and in other areas of our country, such as in public hospitals who need more medical equipment. I have been trying to introduce and encourage our District 3350 Rotary Clubs to focus on the Global Grant Program through the Rotary Foundation, which will support Rotary Foundation grants. That means we have to educate our members about the benefits of donating to the Rotary Foundation and focus on the project in the 6 Areas of Focus for more impact.

Expectations

The big problem of Rotary is that the number of members around the world is still stable. How can we increase membership? If each club has members added, we will have more power. We could do more service including donation as well.

At the starting year of Rotary, almost every club will hold an installation ceremony. The clubs might hold an event individually or in a group of 2-5 clubs depending of their basis. In District 3350, our DGs have been invited every club to hold the ceremony together since year 2000 at the BITEC Convention Center. Each year, the numbers of clubs joining in the event are vary depending on their reasons.

A separate club may have reasons for having a foreign partner or focus on community invitations. The club is responsible for the cost of guests at the event. Some clubs may use the ceremony for finding the capital of the club, while some clubs may see examples of foreign countries that do not emphasize this issue. There is no need for the Governor to attend for the medal or badge ceremony. They believe it is the activity inside the club. Read the comments of some sub groups to see it.

AG.Pornnipa Praditsuktavorn Installation Ceremony Chair of D3350 Year 2018-2019



I intend to organize this event as a sacred ceremony for the Club President attending this event. Everyone would be impressed and proud

to be held together.

The main purpose of the event was to establish a partnership to foster friendship between the clubs and to inspire collaboration. In addition, each club also has the common interest in saving time and cost savings in attendance whether it is a return trip, personal payment or registration fee. If each club separately organizes a solo event, participants would have to pay an average of 1,000 - 1,500 baht for each event. If the number of participants is 700 people, we would share the savings and energy, the total value was over 20 million baht.

I would like to thank the Club Presidents, President Elects, and the board of directors of all 32 clubs, and all partners who supported and cooperated in this event to make it successful.



Interviews with Joint-installation Ceremony Chair, Year 2018-19

AG. Woramon Baiyok

Rotary Club of Bangkok Kluaynamthai



Joint-installation Ceremony Chair of 3 Clubs

Rotary Clubs in Klongtoey area usually hold a Joint-installation Ceremony because we do many club activities together such as Children's Day, Rotaract, Intract and etc. It is a tradition that we invite community leaders and Khlongtoey officials at all levels and volunteers to the event. They have been involved in activities such as polio vaccination before. The purpose was letting them to see what we can do and what have we done already. At the ceremony we present last year service including the intent of the upcoming activities in the administrative year. They have a chance to know the new Club President and committee.

We emphasize simplicity and economy because we see that the establishment of the event have high registration fees. If you are a member of a club, you need to register for the ceremony which might be up to ten thousand baht altogether. This is our concept in this year's event. And it is expected that next year will be the same. The number of clubs will increase or decrease, it would be discussed again because if we organize with suitable expense, there are many clubs that are interested.

AG.Mongkol Tungkasamit

Rotary Club of Singburi Veerachon



Joint -installation Ceremony of 11 Local Rotary Clubs in Singburi

From the discussion of the first 3-4 Rotary clubs in Rotary meeting such as DC Citation if they were interested in organizing Installation Ceremony together. Then, more clubs were persuaded for a Joint-installation ceremony. The ceremony was held at Paiboon Grilled Chicken Restaurant at it was very convenient for the guests.

Why did the event named Joint-installation Ceremony of 11 Local Rotary Clubs in District 3350

Initially, we had several names such as using the name Joint-installation Ceremony of Rotary Clubs in Chaophraya River Basin and Joint-installation Ceremony of Local Provinces. However, we ended up with name given above.

Why are there 11 Rotary clubs?

The number was based on the voluntary. The more friendly the club is, the more the Rotary club has hosted a number of events. In fact, the joint event like this were held before. At that time, the Chairman was CP.Chairat Aniraktipan, RC Bangkok Ploenchit. Therefore, this event was not difficult. The Rotary Club members were familiar.

What's the advantages from this event?

- Rotary clubs in neighbouring provinces learned each other more. Friendship increased with opportunity for exchanges and activities to be done next year.

- Save on travel expenses for participants. They can join the ceremony of 11 clubs at a time.

- Save money on organizing events. There are a lot of participants, especially Rotarians.

- The club members who attend the event had more convenience.

AG.Chanthana Thaichareon

Rotary Club of Pranarai Lopburi



Installation Ceremony of 4 Rotary Clubs in Lopburi

Rotary Club of Lopburi was established in 1968. In the year 1992, Rotary Club of Lopburi helped forming Rotary Club of Narai Lopburi and was *they hosted joint installation ceremony every year.*

When new clubs were founded, we still held the ceremony together.

At present, Lopburi has four Rotary Clubs. There will be a rotation of the club to become the chairman of the event. It is a tradition to announce the change of the club management board to various government agencies, so we have been working together for a total of 25 years.

D.3360

Editor, District 3360 RI



PP. Dr. Nattatanin Setthawanich M.D.
Rotary Club of Phrae

Dear fellow Rotarians

May I introduce myself; my name is IPP.Dr. Nattatanin Setthawanich M.D. from the Rotary Club of Phrae D3360, it is my great honor to be part of Rotary Thailand Magazine.

I have involved with Rotary Thailand Magazine since 2016. Thanks you for the Rotary Thailand Magazine in assigned me as the Sub editor for District 3360. I am ready to work with Rotary Thailand Magazine in presenting the interesting issues of the Rotary District 3360 as well as Rotary in Thailand.

I joined Rotary in 2014-15 the rotary theme was “Light up Rotary”. After that I had participated in various activities with my club then I have had the opportunity to be a member of District 3360 Committees since 2015-16. I was chosen to be a club president in 2017-18 (Rotary: Making A Difference) which DG.Nithi Sungawang was the district governor for D3360. At the end of the 2017-2018, the Rotary Club of Phrae won many awards from Rotary Thailand and District 3360 especially “The Most Outstanding Rotary Club of the Year” which was made me and all club’s members very proud. In this year 2018-19 leading by DG Roongraanee Sangsiri with the Rotary theme “Be the Inspiration”, I was assign as District Public Image Chair, Rotary Fellowship Committee, My Rotary Committee, Assistant District Secretary. I promise to do the best I can.



Our Leader
DG. Roongraanee Sangsiri
D.3360 RI



Although, District 3360 Rotary International had a few former lady district governors but each of them has the great potential and ability and made the impressive contributions to the district. They are still in mind of all members during this day.

In this Rotary Year with the theme of “ BE THE INSPIRATION”, district 3660 has another beautiful lady governor; DG.Roongraanee Sangsiri, so I would like to take this occasion to introduce more about her.

DG.Roongraanee Sangsiri is originally from Prachinburi province she has moved to Phitsanuloke after married with her husband Mr.Arthit Sangsiri since 1981. They have two daughters; both are graduated and have a great job.

Besides doing her routine work and taking care of her own business, DG. Roongraanee Sangsiri always help many social activities such as being a member of the Industrial Business Development Program of the Department of

Industrial Promotion in Phitsanulok Province, Member of the Women’s Business and Professional Association of Thailand in Phitsanulok Province and served as associated judge for the Juvenile and Youth Court of Phitsanulok Province.

DG. Roongraanee Sangsiri has been a member of Rotary Club of Wangchan since 2001, where she served as a good Rotarian until she was elected as the club president in 2005-06. She was provided a lot of great activities for the community as well as in District 3360. DG. Roongraanee Sangsiri had also served for D3360 in many important duties such as District Team Training Seminar Chair in 2008-09 (PDG. Pornsak Eurprasert) and District Conference Chair in 2015-16 (PDG.Surasak Prugsiganon).

Obviously, DG. Roongraanee Sangsiri is a successful working woman which has a perfect family life. She also serves the best for social activities as well as Rotary.

After we know more about DG.Roongraanee Sangsiri the governor of District 3360 Rotary International, Let's get to know some Rotary Club Presidents of our district by seeing some interview of them. The interview is about how do they feel about being the club president? And how do they inspire Rotary?

P.Chayakorn Thongwat

Rotary Club of Chiangmai Doi Suthep



Since I was elected to be club president in 2018-19, I thought it is a prestigious position. I feel very honored and I would like to say thank

you to the club members for giving me the opportunity to lead the club. This year our club working direction is to have plan for every projects and activities in short term, medium term and long term. We will inspire the others in doing good as well as bring faith to all Rotarians. One of the important objectives is to serve the communities and make the better living.

P.Kanokkarn Suwannakul

Rotary Club of Chiang Kham



On behave of the first female president of the Rotary Club of Chiang Kham, I feel delighted that Rotary family members trusted in me

to do this important duty. For me Rotary is a big family and I believe that family members should share love, trust and give such a good things to each other, then everyone in the family will also have good friendship which is the most valuable thing in Rotary. In addition, friendship could also encouragement us to move on and inspires us in doing good.

P.Fongchan Suksawat Na Ayutthaya

Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Thin-Thai-Ngam



I am very pleased and honored to have the opportunity to be president of Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Thin-Thai-Ngam which

is a well known club in the community as well as in Rotary. Our club is also has a lot of outstanding projects by having unity of members which are engage with the club activities and keep the club running as the common way of Rotary. These are well match with my personal character, I also prefer serving the community. I have worked for social services since I was not retired. So I have a strong intention to help in Rotary work with my full potential and keep the motto "Service Above Self" as a goal of service.

Our club management guidelines in this year will follow our Club's policy as follows: participation in club activities and make change to the community in a positive way, being brave optimistic and creative, carry out at least three service projects related to Rotary's 6 areas of Focus, strengthen the club by recruit 3 new members, emphasize and increase humanitarian projects, promote Rotary Public Image and awareness. I believe if we join together we will see a world where people join together and take action in order to create a lasting change in our community, our world and in ourselves.

P.Krisana Thanachaiyaphong

Rotary Club of Kamphaengphet



I am very pleased and honored that members of the club gave me the opportunity to work for the club as a president. However, I

would not use the word "duty" for the Rotary club president. Because "duty" may refers to something I have to do whether I like or not like. I work as a Rotary club president with my heart, I am ready to do everything as well as sacrifice something and still feeling good. This makes me happy, my family is happy and the people around me are happy and I think it's the best.

And another important thing is to inspire club members and strengthen the community. I believe that if we work with our heart we will get the others' heart as well. My motto is work "with faith and commitment for the society".

P.Prattana Untes

Rotary Club of Sawankalok



This year, I was entrusted with the president of Rotary Club of Sawankhalok. I am so proud and I will do my best. My focus

is about the membership, retention of current members as well as finding new members. All together will unite with same ideology which is to volunteer and sacrifice for human being, the

Interviews with the Rotary Club Presidents 2018-19

poor and the underprivileged in the community. We do have to promote Rotary Public Image by let the people in communities know that Rotary is the service organization which provide a lot works for social benefits.

P.Pattaya Bunnag **Rotary Club of Phayao**



On behalf of one who was born in Phayao, I am very proud of becoming the club president of the Rotary Club of Phayao in the 114th years of Rotary. I am also a little bit concern as I was a member for only 2 years. I worried that I may not have enough knowledge about Rotary such as meaning of Rotary initials, functions of each position in club and scope of work. But after I attended several trainings and seminars organized by Rotary, I found that it really help my get ready for this position by learning from the training session and a lot of manual I received from each event.

However, that is just about the theory, in practical to be a Rotary club president need to have ability to motivate members. Every Rotary Club has constitution and regulation as a rule for members to follow, but I think the art of living together in the Rotary Club is also important.

Rotary is one of a prestigious organization with was stand for 114 years. I found that it is so easy to contact or cooperate with other

organizations because Rotary is a well-known international organization. Being a club president is a very challenging thing for me. I have a strong intention to do it with my full potential and will use all experience I have to administer the Rotary Club of Phayao.

P.Jakkarin Meeprasert **Rotary Club of Uttaradit**



Being a president of the Rotary club nowadays is more difficult than in the past. The developments of technology especially speed of communication and social network forced everybody to be adjustable to the change. Clubs should have plans and goals which are related to the policy of Rotary International and district. Fortunately, the Rotary Club of Uttaradit has members who always help and support club activities, so the club president will never alone.

About the question how to create inspiration to members of the club and people in community? I think the answer is to work for others people in the community. And to work for the others, your club need to be strong and has potential enough, members of the club must have good fellowship and support each other. This can also inspire everyone to do the same thing. One last thing, before doing project or activity for the community, do not forget to do the community assessment which help you to find the real needs

of the people in community and make your work worthwhile and not wasted.

P. Boonthong Panyasawangjit **Rotary Club of Phrae**



I was elected to be president of Rotary Club of Phrae in the year 2018-2019. I am so proud and I will bring the Rotary Club to the goal which is improving the quality of life of the underprivileged in the community according to the principle of The 4 Ways Test.

P.Wacharothai Kulkitcharoen **Rotary Club of Maesai**



I am very proud to be the president of Rotary Club Maesai. It was unexpected chance of my life while I am having three little kids and this could make my presidential year more difficult. However, I will do my best.

In this Rotary year, I will focus on strengthen friendships in the club by invite members to participate in various service projects and activities such as “Run to fight the Bite” project which could brought tons of laugh and smile to people in community as well as promoted positive image of Rotary in the recent year.

This year, the Rotary Club of Maesai has goal to increase 10 members.

Finally, I promise to work for the club and the community and always keep the motto “service above self” in mind

Progress on Monkey Cheek Project

“The Lake of Love”

- 1.Mr.Tarapan Mahasiripan
- 2.Mr.Chiengboonta Khemjak
- 3.Mr.Gonggidakorn Kwawasa
4. Mr.Kase Joomjanda
- 5.Meeting at Project Nong Nontai



The Lake of Love

From the start of Rotary’s Lake of Love Project, meetings have been held regularly with community leaders, villagers and government officials in the area. In addition, site meetings are held every two weeks. Until now, many people’s opinions on this project have changed to the positive side. The more progress on construction and dredging work, the higher hope and confidence of the villagers towards this project.

Mr.Gonggidakorn Kwawasa, Village Head of Sao Wat Moo 6 situated in the project area, explained that originally this place was called Nong Bor Kwan. The villagers requested the Department of Royal Irrigation to help develop this water resource. However, they had to wait as they were 13 in the queue, and they had to change the project name to Nong None Tai or the Lake of Love as it coincided with another. The name Nong None Tai came from the area’s white flower, Dok Ya Khi Kra Tai, which blooms in November. Once Rotary came in to help, there was no need for the villagers to wait.

Next, there will be a boat race among the 3 villages, but people outside the area will be invited to join. This place is really suitable for boat races as the water is deep. There is a jetty and beautiful buildings. Pone Ngarm Sub-District Administrative Organization will also lend a hand.

Villagers will benefit from drinking water. Previously, these 3 villages had to spend over 200,000 baht per month to buy drinking water. The Lake of Love Project comes with a drinking water production plant which will help save a lot of money. A village fund will be set up to take care of the plant so that it will look nice as there will be King Rama 9’s



Planting Vetiver Grass on 17 August 2018

pavilion in this area for villagers to worship.

Mr.Kase Joomjanda, Village Head of Na Wai Moo 3 which will also benefit from the Project commented that double-crop field could cover only 500 Rai out of 1,300 Rai. Once there is this monkey cheek reservoir, farming may be able to cover the whole 1,300 Rai. There will be more area to grow watermelons, and a road around the reservoir will make it easier to travel from Ban Na Wai to Ban Dong Siew, from 4 down to 1.5 kilometers. The soil from digging the reservoir has been used to fill the flooded land. Villagers can use the area to exercise, and will also enjoy electricity from the project. In summary, the project has made this community prosper.

Mr.Chiengboonta Khemjak, Deputy Village Head of Ban Sao Wat Moo 6 and 12, said he was very happy to see this project and the many good things that will follow. These include more agricultural produce from more double-crop field farming and more tourism. Growing Vetiver Grass is beneficial and makes us know more people from other villages who come to help.

Mr.Tarapan Mahasiripan, Assisistant to the District Chief of Akat Amnuai District, said that he has lived in this district for less than a year. At the beginning, he was confused about this project. Later, he learned more about Rotary which has done a very good job in community relations. It puts emphasis on continued development, sustainability of the project, and involvement of villagers as well as government officials. Hence, it will be a highly beneficial project.

On 17 August 2018, Rotary's Lake of Love Committee organized an unofficial Vetiver Grass planting even though it was cancelled the official one on 18 August 2018 due to the floods.

The reason why the planting of the grass could not be cancelled was that Sakon Nakhon Land Development Station had already prepared Vetiver Grass. If it was left for too long, it would die. When the villagers assured that they would help plant the grass, the committee decided to move forward.

On that day, altogether about 200 people including villagers from Ban Sao Wat Moo 6 and Moo 12, Ban Dong Siew and Ban Na Wai, volunteers, a team from Akat Amnuai District, Pone Ngarm Sub-District Administrative Organization, rescuers, soldiers, members of the Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon, Governor of District 3340 and Project Committee (there was no Rotarian from other clubs for safety reasons) jointly planted 80,000 Vetiver Grass. Despite the difficulty in commuting by boat and planting on the slope, the work was completed successfully as a result of everyone's determination.

(Please see Vetiver Grass Planting Video at www.rotarythailand.org)

Rotary Centre in Thailand

Message from Rotary Centre in Thailand's Chairperson



Dear Fellow Rotarians

Time is flying. On 17 August, 2018. We could not open a Rotary Club Executive Board meeting, due to the District Governor being engaged with many important businesses. The Vetiver grass planting at Sakonnakorn province on 18 August, 2018 was postponed due to flooding. As a result, our program for meeting was also postponed. I would like to apologize to all district leaders and to the Rotary Center Thailand's committee.

However, all four district governors are preparing to propose their opinion on the service of the Rotary center Thailand. I will summarize for you to know later. More importantly, we will manage about the membership by having new ideas and methods to present to clubs and districts respectively. Especially, in September, if there is any Rotarian who has suggestions toward the Rotary center Thailand on this matter, please send your suggestions directly to the center.

Thank you for all of your support.

Yours in Rotary,

(PRID Associate Professor, Dr. Saowaluck Rattanawit)
Rotary Centre in Thailand's Chairperson

Top 10

Rotary Centre in Thailand's translated documents

- **Rotary Basics:** A Reference Guide for Members, good for Rotary information. (4 colors, 40 pages. Price: 40 baht).
- **Connect for Good:** For prospect Rotary member Or newcomers (4 colors, 12 pages, with file and document set for new members. Price: 100 baht/ set)
- **Rotary brochure:** Portable documents good for prospect Rotary member. (Price: 40 brochures for 40 baht)
- **Starting a Rotary Club:** Includes Club Guide, Rotary information meeting Charter Club meeting, Club meeting and Club's Charter Celebration.
- **Strengthening Your Membership:** To create a club membership plan.
- **Rotary Club Health Check:** To assess the status and solution of the club problem.
- **TRF Reference Guide 2017:** Information about the Rotary Foundation, recent Issue.
- **Introducing New Members to Rotary:** Orientation Guide line for New Members
- **Be a Vibrant Club - Editions for Asia:** To develop your club's leadership plan.
- **Rotary Days 2018-19:** For Rotary Day planning.

**Remarks: All documents can be downloading on www.rotarythailand.org

Number's Rotary

(31 August 2018 - www.rotary.org)

District	3330	3340	3350	3360	Total
Members	2,368	1,487	2,887	1,372	8,114
Clubs	99	67	111	68	345



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