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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, March 2019



Dear fellow Rotarians,

One of the things I appreciate most about serving as president of Rotary International is the people I get to meet. Much of my time is spent traveling and visiting Rotary clubs around the world. A Rotarian welcome is something quite special. But let me tell you, there's nothing so warm as the welcomes that have been rolled out for me by Rotaractors. These are young people who are committed to Rotary ideals, who are pouring their hearts into service, and who, in the process, don't forget to have fun.

One of the highlights of my recent travels was a trip to Ghana, where I visited a district that boasts some 60 Rotaract clubs. They aren't satisfied with that number, though — in fact, they're excited about a plan to double it. They'll do it, too.

Rotaractors are vaccinating children against polio. They're donating blood where the supply is dangerously low. They're providing handwashing facilities to schools where children previously had no way to get clean. In short, they're all about transformational service: carrying out projects that make a real difference in their communities.

In Nakivale, Uganda, one special Rotaract club is making a difference in its community — which happens to be a refugee settlement. These young leaders are turning what others might see as disadvantages into opportunities for service, building community and opening up new possibilities to those who are most in need of them.

In Turkey, Rotaractors are visiting children in the hospital every Wednesday to lift their spirits by playing games with them. They also are mentoring new students at their university and teaching them leadership skills.

Rotaractors are blazing the path for Rotary to be more relevant in this new century of service. And World Rotaract Week, which we're celebrating 11-17 March, is the perfect opportunity to get to know your local Rotaractors and talk to them about how your clubs can work together. If your Rotary club doesn't already sponsor a Rotaract club, know that you don't need to be near a college or university to do it: Community-based Rotaract clubs are a great option. And remember that Rotaractors are part of the Rotary family. When Rotaractors are ready to leave their Rotaract club, we don't want them to leave that Rotary family behind. I'm asking all Rotarians to help them make the transition into a Rotary club or to start a new one: I'm happy to charter as many new clubs as we need to give everyone a place where they feel at home while making the world a little better. Service should be fun, it should be inspirational, and it should be open to all.

If there's one thing Rotary has always excelled at, it's diversity. In the past, that often meant diversity of profession, nationality, and outlook. We've made great strides when it comes to diversity of age and gender, and as we welcome more Rotaractors into our organization, we'll become even stronger.

Rotary is powerful. Together with Rotaract, it is unstoppable. Working side by side, we have the potential to Be the Inspiration in every part of society, to every person we meet.

Barry Rassin
RI President 2018-19

On the Web

Speeches and news from RI President Barry Rassin at www.rotary.org/office-president

Message from RI President

Barry Rassin, April 2019



Dear fellow Rotarians,

Every two minutes, somewhere in the world, a woman dies from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. And babies whose mothers die within the first six weeks of their lives are far more likely to die themselves than babies whose mothers survive. As I've traveled around the world as president of Rotary, I've met families for whom these aren't simply tragic statistics. But I've also met people who are devoting themselves to helping mothers and children — and because of them, I'm hopeful. And because many of those people are Rotarians, I'm also proud. April is Maternal and Child Health Month in Rotary, so it's a perfect time to tell you about some things Rotarians are doing that will make you proud too.

Last fall, I paid a visit to a hospital in the town of Jekabpils, in Latvia. It's a modern hospital, and the doctors and nurses there are caring, dedicated, and skilled. But despite all their hard work, the maternal mortality rate at the hospital had remained stubbornly high, due to a factor that was beyond their control: a lack of vital diagnostic equipment and even basic items like incubators.

And that's where Rotary came in. Twenty-one clubs from around the world joined forces for a global grant that provided what the hospital required. And in September, when I walked into the maternity ward there, I saw state-of-the-art equipment, and I met patients who were getting the care that they needed — and that every mother and child in the world deserves to have.

In Brazil, club members worked with fellow Rotarians in Japan on a global grant project that dramatically increased the capacity of an overstretched neonatal intensive care unit. New incubators, monitors, and other equipment have enabled the local hospital to save many more babies' lives each year.

And in Mongolia, a vocational training team from New Zealand organized instruction in emergency response techniques for doctors and midwives, set up a program that taught midwives modern best practices, and researched and wrote a culturally relevant childbirth education manual. Between 2013, when the team first went to Mongolia, and 2017, the neonatal mortality rate in the country fell from 11.2 to 9.1 per 1,000 births, and the maternal mortality rate has decreased as well.

That's what I mean when I talk about transformational service, and it's what Rotarians do best. Because of our networks, which span the globe; our community presence, which allows us to see what's most needed; and our expertise, which encompasses countless skills and professions, we're able to serve in a manner that has no equal. And we're able to Be the Inspiration as we help those who need us most.

Barry Rassin
RI President 2018-19

Message from Foundation Trustee Chair

Ron D. Burton, March 2019



The last quarter of the Rotary year is approaching, and it's time to check our progress. In January a year ago, we set a series of fundraising goals, and this June, we will give ourselves a report card. What will it be?

As Rotary Foundation trustee chair, I am looking forward to telling you at the Rotary International Convention what we all most want to hear: that we not only met our goals, but exceeded them.

That's because each of those goals corresponds directly to progress in each of our six areas of focus. In 2017-18, we approved 1,300 global grants. Those grants funded large, international projects with measurable, sustainable outcomes. Some were to keep newborn babies alive. Some were to bring clean drinking water and sanitary toilets to communities. And some went to economic development in poor areas. But every dollar had an impact — the kind of impact that lasts.

But there's something else just as important: making sure we can continue doing this long into the future. That's where our goal for the Endowment comes in. Our Rotary Endowment is our promise to tomorrow — that our service to humanity will continue, that we will never give up.

Our goal for the Endowment this year is \$26.5 million in direct gifts, with an additional goal of \$35 million in commitments. But that's not all we're aiming for. We also have a long-term goal: reaching \$2.025 billion in 2025.

Bringing the Endowment to that level will ensure that the World Fund has annual income to fund Foundation programs year in and year out. This money will go in perpetuity to the programs you have determined to support through your gift to the Endowment. If each of us supports our Endowment, we can truly make Our Legacy, Rotary's Promise.

Together, we can make our Foundation even stronger, so that we can do even more good in the world.

Ron D. Burton
Foundation Trustee Chair 2018-19

Message from Foundation Trustee Chair

Ron D. Burton, April 2019



As we begin the last quarter of the Rotary year, our thoughts turn to ensuring a strong finish. I hope that your goal has been to make your club stronger than it was at the beginning of the year. All clubs depend on members to do their part so the club doesn't just survive, but thrive.

But for that to happen, each member must contribute to that success every day of the year. It is important that we identify potential new members and sponsor them, that we reach out to former members and invite them back. Above all, whether they are new members or returning members, we must mentor and engage them to make them strong members of our club. We must roll up our sleeves and work on club projects, district projects, and global projects, because nothing creates fellowship more than working together with other members of your club.

We must also support The Rotary Foundation. Doing good in the world doesn't just happen. In addition to having the people to carry out projects,

we must also have the funds to make them viable. That's where each of us comes in. We, our partners, and our beneficiaries are the sources for those funds. I hope each member will make our Foundation a charity of choice so we can continue to change lives and improve the world. For the cost of just two "crafted" lattes a month, one can become a \$100-per-year contributor to the Foundation. That is a small amount to pay for all the good our Foundation does.

And giving to our Foundation has never been easier. You can make your contribution securely and conveniently anytime at rotary.org/donate. I plan to go online this month and make another contribution. I challenge each of you to do the same.

Ron D. Burton
Foundation Trustee Chair 2018-19

Editorial

PP.Vanit Yotharvit, D. 3360 RI

Fellow Rotarians,

Over the past year, we probably have received news about extreme climatic events occurring throughout Thailand and the world.

Global warming means the average temperature on the earth's surface and the ocean are on the rise. In other words,

This is because of a constant increase in greenhouse gases caused by activities of human such as burning coal, fossil fuels and chemicals containing greenhouse gases, etc. The gasses concentrated in the atmosphere trap more infrared radiation emitted from the planet's surface and literally and gradually raise temperature of the earth's climate system.

The obvious effects from the global warming are polar ice melting, which causes polar bear population to decline or, worst case scenario, extinct; and an increase of ocean's water level that could contribute to flooding of cities on the plains, including Bangkok.

The water level of the ocean will increase due to the melting of polar ice until coastal cities around the world, including Bangkok, will be inundated or submerged.

Today our world is facing increasingly and constantly extreme climatic events. The crisis will get worse if we cannot maintain the global temperature, the increase not to exceed 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The world has awakened to this problem, especially young people. They have called for government to take this crisis very seriously and to act. They reminded the country leaders about the timing and that we have only twelve years left to manage the global climate change crisis before it is too late. It is not a matter of any one person acting. We are all part of making this global crisis and must be a part of repairing it. We must cooperate and work together to save it for the future of our children.

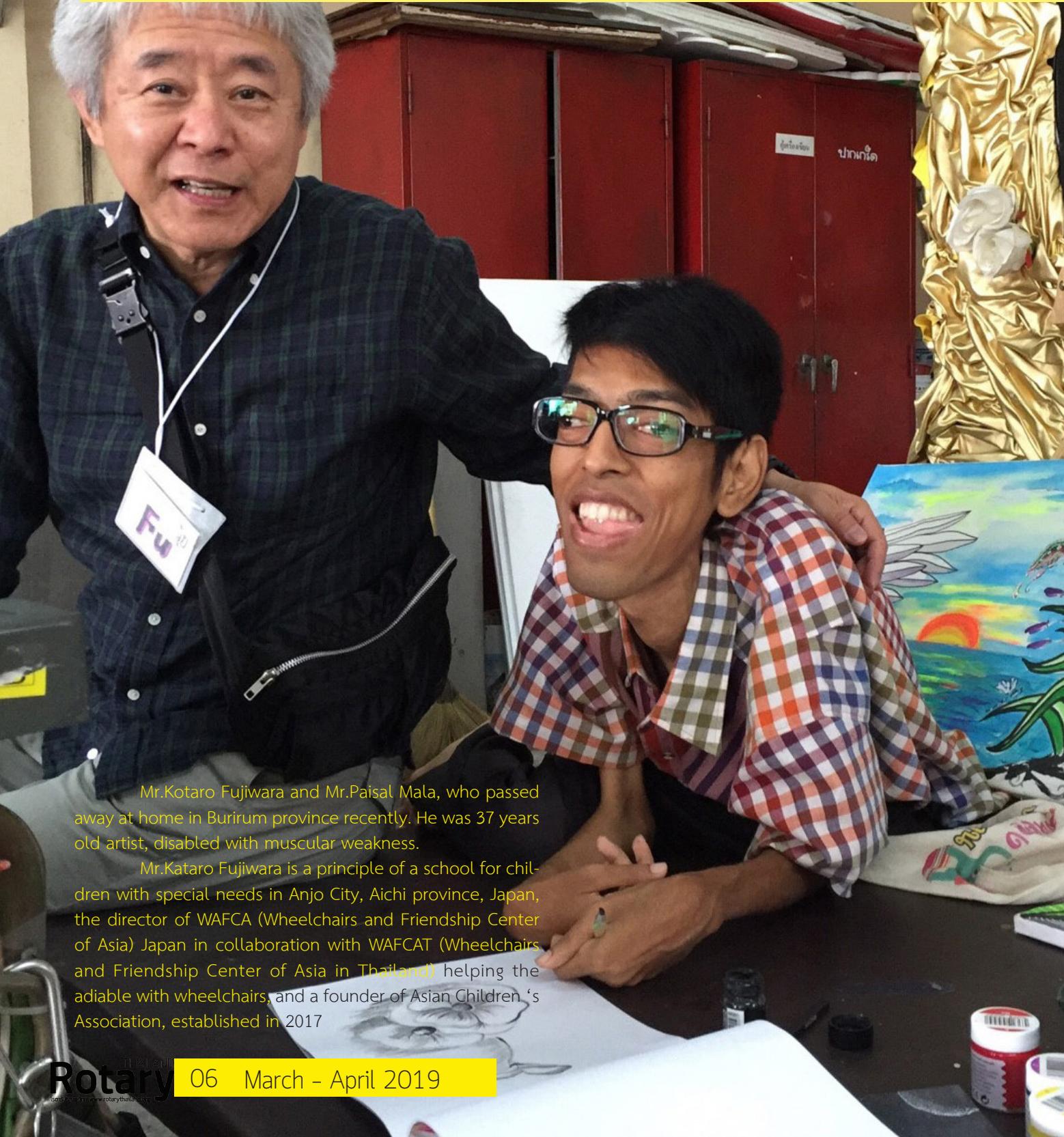
Yours in Rotary
PP.Vanit Yotharvut

* QR Code for more details about Global warming *



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Mr.Kotaro Fujiwara and Mr.Paisal Mala, who passed away at home in Buriram province recently. He was 37 years old artist, disabled with muscular weakness.

Mr.Kotaro Fujiwara is a principle of a school for children with special needs in Anjo City, Aichi province, Japan, the director of WAFCA (Wheelchairs and Friendship Center of Asia) Japan in collaboration with WAFCAT (Wheelchairs and Friendship Center of Asia in Thailand) helping the adiable with wheelchairs, and a founder of Asian Children 's Association, established in 2017



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Rotary Information

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How does friendship inspire other members?

My dear fellow Rotarians, in the selection of the topic for Rotary Information, I have presented friendship as the most important thing that makes Rotary organizations strong and sustainable. Now I would like to share with you how friendship inspires other members.

Barry Rassin, president of Rotary International mentioned in Rotary magazine, Thailand No. 177, he chose the motto “Be the Inspiration” because he believed that “if you want to build a boat, don’t begin with collecting wood, but beginning by awakening the souls of your workers, longing for a vast boundless sea.” Friendship is the most important key in awakening the spirit of Rotarians. I’ve seen it since the first day I joined Rotary. All members greeted me and I was lead to a seat and a conversation ensued that was a warm welcome. The memories of the members who participated in the service activities made me happy. It inspired me to lead the Global Grant project of a Library project in the classroom. I had more confidence after attending district meetings and conferences. It turned my fear to challenge. As a result, I accepted the challenge to become the club president elect of RC Sritapee. This will be a historic year of my life, and Rotary club presidents 115th. We shall, together, create a legend in Rotary.

Fellow Rotarians, from listening to members both in our club and others, I have concluded that Inspiration cannot be purchased or borrowed from anyone. It is within each of us and can be used at any time for any purpose.

Friendship is the inspiration for us to do the Rotary project. Every hands-on project is conducted step by step with planning, delivering and evaluating. Charity Navigator stated that Rotary International is a transparent organization with best use of funds, 91% of donations had gone to receivers. We are so lucky to be part of and do good things with Rotary in every single moment in every day. Please put photos of your success stories and friendships in Rotary Showcase to inspire Rotarians and the world.

In the 115th year of Rotary, I have a dream and I believe that everyone sitting here (or reading this) also has a dream. We are inspired to complete Rotary projects, but we cannot do it alone. We need our friendships to unite us and to combine with dreams and inspiration. In so doing, the motto, “Be the inspiration,” can make the dream become reality for every project while strengthening Rotary and increasing its sustainability.

*A starting point from afar
Unite us, our best efforts
As to when friendships grow
As for Rotary to reach its goals*

*A pile of timbers, a dream, and aspirations
To become the boat of inspirations
All difficulties dissipate
We must bond and participate*

Article

PP. Busabong Jamroendararasame, Ph. Dr.,
Rotary Club of Phayao



Inspiration

declines tiresome

Every year in April, there are many holidays. In the beginning of the month there is Chinese Tomb Sweeping Day. Mid mid-April there is the Songkran festival and a time to visit our parents, senior friends in business and in Rotary clubs. Some people go to temples and festivals that hosted by almost every city in Thailand. This year some travelled abroad to escape the polluted air.

In the beginning of May, the duties for Rotary club committees begin again. A Governor elect's team have to prepare for District Training Assembly (DTA). There are many things to think about: How to motivate more members to attend the conference, how to manage District Directory printing and make sure it's on time, and how to arrange a venue and hotel reservations (for preserved guests). Will there be enough attendants to cover the cost of organizing the event? Lately, we encourage members to pre-register on line so that we can forecast the numbers of attendees. There are many more conferences that need to be managed the same way throughout the year.

June is when the installation of new club presidents and their officers takes place. Many Rotarians attend the installations in their various provinces. Most of them car-pool to make it easier and more enjoyable for all and many travel alone or in couples.

June is also the month when club administrative committees must submit reports of completed projects. The most important of these are the number of members and the donations made to the Rotary Foundation. Clubs need to keep track of whether all members are current in paying their club dues? If not, they need to decide how to resolve the problem? Dues not paid result in members being deleted from the clubs for non-payment. June is the month that sometimes proves to be most difficult.

In July, each club begins its meeting club meeting with a new president. Members visit other clubs to support and encourage incoming officers. The attendance at meetings

may be reduced in following months. Some weeks there may be few attendees which is discouraging to club presidents. We have to understand and accept it while looking for the reasons for low attendance; are meetings boring, is there a lack of speakers, is there too much talk and not enough action or are people simply away from home and unable to attend?

The rest of the months are not much different, sometimes bustling sometimes quiet. It is always a challenge for club presidents because managing Rotary is quite different from that of the government or private sectors, where department heads and owners are empowered by their positions and very much have full command to assign works to their subordinates. Rotary is unique. Club presidents have to understand their duties of supporting, facilitating, and supervising club members in various areas of work through the year. It's more challenge but they will be rewarded with passion and pride - a by-product of the inspiration.

While in discussion with both outgoing and incoming club presidents, I asked them what they have learned from running a club meeting. Their answers are interesting. They learned that they must answer questions from member during meetings clearly and concisely. The club president controls the meeting hour even though some members may want to continue talking. They learned to suggest that some members might like to stay after the meetings to continue discussions of particular interest. Other might choose to return home. Some discussions are best held in committees and some just in casual conversation apart for formalized meetings. When meetings are over, there is no time constraint and members are free to stay and enjoy the conversation. Sometimes the Club president must serve as a peace maker between members as well.

President elect remain silence before saying "Be the inspiration" then "Rotary connect the world"

Special Scoop

Climate Change



WHY CLIMATE CHANGE IS ROTARY'S BUSINESS

(AND WHAT ROTARIANS ARE ALREADY DOING ABOUT IT)

Rotarians understand that the whole world is their backyard. They can see the effects of climate change in communities they care about, and they haven't waited to take action. They're tackling the problem the way they always do: coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy – and planning for the future.

(RI PRESIDENT BARRY RASSIN SAYS)

"LET'S START THE CONVERSATION"

Eighty percent of the land in the Bahamas is less than 5 feet above sea level. Which means that, if oceans rise at the rate scientists are projecting, the hilltop home on New Providence Island owned by Rotary International President Barry Rassin may someday be reclassified as beachfront property. "I look at my own country – climate change is almost personal," he says. "My country is going to be gone if we do nothing."

The environment isn't one of Rotary's six areas of focus, but it's deeply intertwined with each of them. Senior staff writer Diana Schoberg sat down with Rassin to talk about why and how Rotarians should put the welfare of the planet on their agendas.

THE ROTARIAN: Why should Rotarians care about climate change?

BARRY RASSIN: We're people who care about our world. We want our world to be a better place, and it's not just about the six specific areas of focus. It's broader than that. We have to look at the world as a whole and how we can make it a better place. If we're losing countries due to sea level changes, if stronger storms are disrupting water supplies or destroying people's livelihoods, that's more people who are going to be disadvantaged. So caring about the environment goes toward our ultimate mission, and we should give it the importance it deserves. As a humanitarian organization, we're obligated to talk about it. We need to have the conversation.

TR: What kind of feedback do you get from Rotarians when you give speeches about climate change?

RASSIN: There's a lot of positive response. About 95 percent of the people I've spoken with say it's about time that Rotary talks about the environment. They say it's about time that The Rotary Foundation Trustees look at helping us understand where the environment fits into the six areas of focus. People have been waiting a long time for this. We plant trees, but we don't really have the larger conversation.

TR: What do you say to the other 5 percent?

RASSIN: I've had one very negative letter telling me that I was doing a great job until I mentioned climate change. Well, the writer said "global warming," but I've never used those words, so he reinterpreted what I said. But for me,

climate change is something we have to talk about.

TR: What kind of language do you use when you talk about climate change? Are there ideas that Rotarians can rally around?

RASSIN: I talk about the environment. People don't have a problem with that language. I talk about the seas rising, and they don't have a problem with that language. I don't use the words "global warming." It's the only thing people get up in arms about; they say there's no such thing.

I don't make judgments. I just say the facts, that things are changing: 2017 was a devastating year for hurricanes. These things are happening. Call it what you want, but we need to look at the environment and we need to talk about it.

With polio, people say, "OK, that's just health care." But when you start talking about the environment, people ask if it's political. I'm not talking politics; I'm talking about our world and how to make it a better place. We're in a position where, with all the people Rotary has around the world, we can make a difference.

TR: Why is Rotary uniquely able to have an impact?

RASSIN: Our strengths are that we're in 200-some countries and geographical areas around the world, and our members are people who are connected to the right people. You look at our polio eradication program: It's successful not because we've provided vaccines. It's because Rotarians were able to talk to the right people, to give the right support, to do the right thing. If we did that with the

environment, governments would listen to us.

TR: What else can Rotarians do?

RASSIN: I've been asking Rotarians: What can you do in your region? In the Bahamas, for example, we can plant mangroves to make our coastlines more resilient to stronger storms. After I gave a speech about the environment in the Netherlands, I received an email telling me that if we need any help in the Bahamas, they're experts, and they can come and help us.

There are a whole lot of Rotarians who want to do something, but they aren't sure what to do. I think that's part of the dilemma. Rotarians are very solution-driven. If we know a village doesn't have water, we could bring them fresh water. We know how to do it, and we do it well. But climate change is a complex challenge. How do we find a complex solution?

TR: Is this Rotary's moment to make a difference in climate change?

RASSIN: I think this is Rotary's moment to start the conversation. I don't think we're going to get much further than that at this point in time. One of our challenges as an organization is how complex we are and how much we do. Therefore, to get everybody rallied around something, you've got to focus. It probably will take a Rotary president who's going to make this the No. 1 focus. That will make a difference, and the world will rally around it. But if Rotary is going to be relevant, then we've got to be looking at the environment.

Special Scoop

Climate Change

"Climate change could destroy the livelihoods of millions of people and create much greater migratory pressures than we see today"

FRANCESCO MENONNA

ROTARY SCHOLAR

Menonna graduated from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C., in 2014. He works as a senior power and renewables analyst at Fitch Solutions in New York City, where he focuses on electricity markets and renewable energy in emerging and developed economies.

What do you struggle with most as a professional working to combat climate change?

I inform businesses and investors about the opportunities that clean energy creates. My biggest challenge is the lack of urgency many people feel in relation to climate change, since they are often removed from its most negative effects.

What potential solutions give you hope?

There is an exciting trend of innovation and technical advancement in the field of clean energy, especially in how we store electricity and how we make our electricity systems more efficient and intelligent. This is fostering advancements in the electrification of transportation, which will be key in reducing the impact of cars on climate change. The spread of clean energy and electric mobility is going to accelerate over the coming decades, and this makes me hopeful about the future.

"I am a climate optimist, but it's up to us to act fast – to stop burning fossil fuels right now and start transitioning to clean energy."

SAHAR MANSOOR

ROTARY SCHOLAR

Mansoor, who earned a master's in environmental policy from the University of Cambridge in England in 2014, worked as a researcher at the World Health Organization in Geneva and as a policy analyst for the Selco Foundation, which focuses on sustainable energy solutions. She is the founder and CEO of Bare Necessities, an enterprise that produces and sells zero-waste personal-care and home products.

What do you struggle with most as a professional working to combat climate change?

We live in such a politically divided world. Having

LOSING GROUND

(IS THERE HOPE FOR INDIGENOUS ALASKANS FACING A 'DISASTROUS SITUATION'?)

Mary Robinson was president of Ireland from 1990 to 1997 and was a United Nations special envoy for climate change.



For more than 2,000 years, the Yupik people have hunted and fished in the icy wilds of Alaska's western coast, digging holes through the frozen sea to catch salmon and stickleback and communicating to one another in an ancient lexicon that includes dozens of ways to describe ice. Passed down from generation to generation, this linguistic adaptation has helped the Yupik to navigate safely as hunters, using specific terminology to describe the ice's thickness and reliability. But with the advance of climate change, common Yupik words such as tagneghneq — used to describe dark, dense ice — are becoming obsolete as Alaska's melting permafrost turns the once solid landscape into a mushy, sodden waste.

Recent scientific data confirm that the Arctic is warming twice as fast as any other place on the planet, with the average winter temperature having risen 6.3 degrees Celsius over the past 50 years. Alaska's soaring temperatures are caused by a perfect storm of confluence. When solar radiation hits snow and ice, most of it is reflected back into space. But as warming global temperatures encourage ice to melt, the exposed land absorbs the radiation, prompting yet more ice to melt. Now the people of Alaska — 85 percent of whom live along the coast — are among the first Americans to feel the effects of climate change as the ground beneath them melts and gives way.

Life in Alaska is defined by the cold, by the land, and by the people's relationship to the sea. To fish and to hunt is to live and breathe, and the rapid melting of the ice is causing many indigenous Alaskans to question their cultural identity. Nobody knows this Mary Robinson was president of Ireland from 1990 to 1997 and was a United Nations special envoy for climate change.



crisis more viscerally than Patricia Cochran, who has been working with communities across Alaska and the Arctic for 30 years to help them deal with the ravages of climate change. Cochran is executive director of the Alaska Native Science Commission, but she is also a native Alaskan and Inupiat, born and raised in the coastal town of Nome. Cochran grew up in a traditional Inupiat home, setting out across the tundra for fish camp every year and scrambling along the rocky coast with her siblings in the late-summer months, foraging for berries and herbs.

"It has taken science a very long time to catch up to what our communities have been saying for decades," says Cochran. "For at least the last 40 or 50 years, our communities have noticed the subtlest of changes happening in the environment around them. We were seeing the signs of climate change long before researchers and scientists started using those words. Climate change is more than just a discussion for us. It is a reality. It is something that we live with and face every single day — and have for decades."

As a child growing up in Nome, Cochran remembers the snow lying thick on the ground most of the year, and the sea — a single block of ice — stretching far toward the horizon late into the summer months. The winters were long and brutal, the summers exceedingly brief.

But over time, the winters began to arrive later and to rush prematurely into spring. Now, when Cochran visits her childhood home, the vast expanse of ice is gone, replaced by an open, glistening sea. "We have had to build a seawall in Nome because the sea ice that used to sit in front of our villages is no longer there," she says. "That ice used to keep us safe. We have had so much rain that our fish will not dry on our fish racks. We have had such warm weather throughout the summer that berries have ripened twice in the season. Most worrying, the changing ice conditions have caused extreme erosion, flooding, and permafrost degradation across the entire community."

Permafrost, the permanently frozen sublayer of soil that has anchored Alaska for thousands of years, provides a foundation for homes, schools, and roads, and it keeps the rising sea at bay. But mounting temperatures throughout the Arctic are causing this prehistoric underpinning to melt, turning the soil soggy and releasing more carbon dioxide into the air. As the cycle continues and the warming earth buckles and bends, the houses of Alaska's indigenous people topple into the sea. As the dwindling permafrost exposes the soil and the offshore ice that normally buffers the villages from storms decreases, the sea advances, eating away at the land. In the late summer, increasingly fierce storms, the results of climatic shifts, batter the coast, eroding the topsoil until it crumbles into the sea.

Combining scientific expertise with her innate traditional knowledge, Cochran works to help communities across Alaska that are relocating. For years, the tiny village of Shishmaref, located on a barrier island 5 miles from the Alaskan mainland north of the Bering Strait, has been steadily yielding its shores — and buildings — to the frigid sea. When residents voted in August 2016 to leave their land, it was estimated they would need about \$200 million to relocate homes and infrastructure to the new site and to build new roads, utilities, schools, and a barge landing. It is a staggering amount

for a community of just under 600 residents, against which the state has offered merely \$8 million.

About 400 miles south, the even smaller village of Newtok has been sliding toward the Ninglick River for years by up to 70 feet a year. Residents decided to trade their coastal land for a more secure swath on a nearby island, at an estimated cost of \$130 million. While villagers plan their new homes and infrastructure, they still need to live where they are, maintain their daily rhythms, keep their children in school, and continue their ancient way of life hunting for moose, seals, and fish. Some residents fear that their centuries-old culture and identity will suffer if they move. "For communities who have been there for thousands of years, it's a difficult decision to leave everything," says Cochran. "It's not only the physical exhaustion, but the mental exhaustion and trauma that come along with all those things."

Cochran is redoubling her efforts on what she and her organization can do to help indigenous Alaskans with community-based initiatives, research, and action. She frames climate change as a human rights issue, expanding the dialogue beyond emissions and mitigation to incorporate the language of justice and humanity. As a self-professed "elder in training," she encourages young people to take part in her climate-justice journey, so that they too can learn the tools to live a sustainable life in their native communities.

"I see that as my most important responsibility and honor," Cochran says, "to pass on that information and knowledge to the young people who must live with the disastrous situation that we have left them in." Across the one- or two-room schools that dot the vast Alaskan coastline, new climate programs are being introduced to teach young children the myriad ways to talk about the weather — and to describe snow and ice — in their native languages. It is a way to keep endangered words such as tagneghneq alive, and to help those children navigate a safer future.

While she works to help indigenous people affected by climate change, Cochran takes inspiration from one of her own elders, her beloved mother, who passed away some years ago at the age of 96. As a child, Cochran's mother watched as a flu epidemic wiped out her entire family except for her father. Bereft and traumatized, she was removed from her village when she was eight and sent to a boarding school, where she would remain until she was 18. "She lost her language, she lost her culture," says Cochran, who remembers her mother as an eternal optimist and an indomitable spirit. "She fought the rest of her life to make sure that her eight children had what it would take to survive."

Keeping her mother in mind gives Cochran the focus that she needs — and it helps imbue her message with hope. Knowing about her mother's experience "really makes me understand that we can deal with anything," she says. "We have always been resilient, adaptive, creative, amazing people, which has helped see us through the darkest of times in the past. That resilience, that spirit, will help us in the times yet to come."

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Special Scoop

Climate Change

worked at WHO during the Ebola outbreak, I witnessed the power of unity when countries get together to meet a goal. Unfortunately, there is no strong consensus on environmental issues, which stalls meaningful action to combat climate change.

Do you believe humankind will be able to stop climate change?

Based on the best scientific evidence available to date, we have less than 12 years to mobilize a complete conversion from fossil fuels to green energy, or we risk dangerously destabilizing Earth's climate.

"My biggest fear is that climate change will bring more poverty into the world."

ALEJANDRA RUEDA-ZARATE

ROTARY PEACE FELLOW

Rueda-Zarate studied energy and resources as a 2008-10 peace fellow at the University of California, Berkeley. She founded a strategic thinking initiative in Colombia called NES Naturaleza (NES stands for nature, energy, and society). Its goal is to balance environmental, social, and economic forces by working with farmers to improve sustainable practices in agribusiness.

What do you struggle with most as a professional working to combat climate change?

I work with small-, medium-, and large-scale farmers in Latin America and encourage them to embrace sustainable agriculture. One of the biggest issues I face is persuading farmers to switch from traditional practices to more responsible ones. However, once they become aware of the risks and future challenges, many are willing to switch.

Do you believe humankind will be able to stop climate change?

I don't think we can stop it, but I believe we can mitigate it and adapt to it by using better practices.

What potential solutions give you hope?

The multiple possibilities of recycling; renewable fuels, such as those made from plants instead of petrochemicals; and smart agriculture.

GABRIELA FLEURY

ROTARY SCHOLAR

Fleury completed a master's degree in conservation biology at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, in 2016. She focused on human-wildlife conflict mitigation with the Cheetah

ROTARIANS ARE ALREADY MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

GROUND GAME

(IN DOING SO, THEY'RE ALSO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE)

by Diana Schoberg



Rotarians are doers. Show them a problem and they look for solutions. But a global problem such as climate change might seem daunting to even the most resourceful Rotary member.

Break that complex problem down into smaller pieces, however, and you find there are many things Rotarians can do — and are already doing, with help from The Rotary Foundation.

A coalition of researchers and scientists led by environmentalist and writer Paul Hawken mathematically modeled the climatic and economic impact of potential solutions to learn which ones would yield the best results for people and the planet. The list, compiled in a 2017 book called Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming, included some surprising possibilities, such as educating girls, promoting family planning, and assisting farmers. As it happens, all of those align with Rotary's areas of focus.

Drawdown researchers ranked solutions from 1 to 80 based on their potential to avert or reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We looked at those rankings alongside global grant projects to see how Rotarians are already helping to fight climate change.

Find more information at drawdown.org.

FAMILY PLANNING

In lower-income countries, the Drawdown authors write, 214 million women who want more control over their pregnancies lack access to contraception, which leads to about 74 million unintended pregnancies each year. Giving women the health

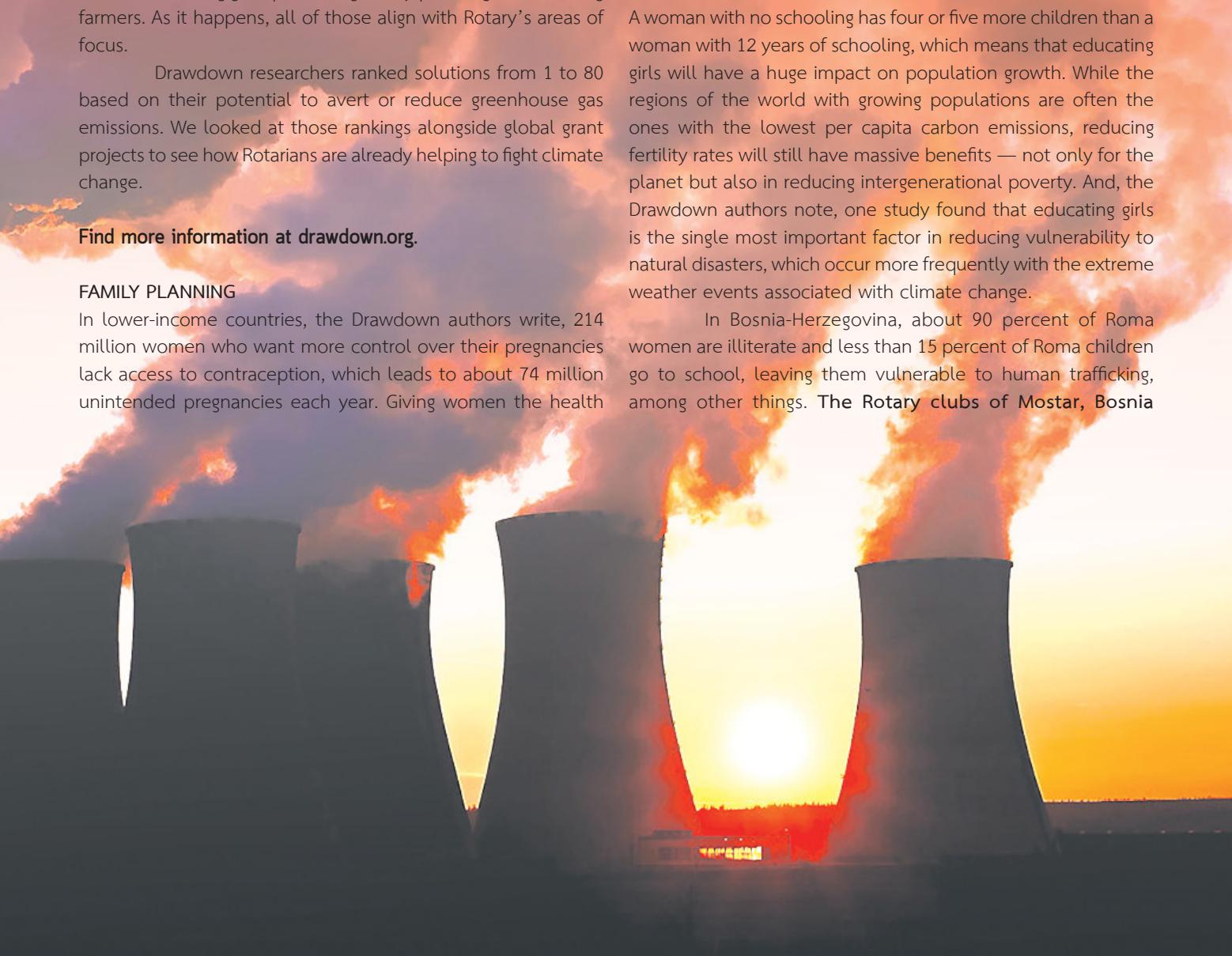
care they want and need also benefits the planet, reducing population growth as well as greenhouse gas emissions.

Pregnant women who gave interviews to Rotarians in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, said that family planning was their top priority — a sentiment echoed by their families and doctors. This led the **Rotary clubs of Finot, Ethiopia, and Darmstadt, Germany**, to develop a global grant project that trained skilled birth attendants and midwives in three health centers to provide family planning counseling. Medical staff also conducted home-based counseling for 1,500 women and organized a one-day family planning workshop for 90 women who were receiving obstetric care.

GIRLS' EDUCATION

A woman with no schooling has four or five more children than a woman with 12 years of schooling, which means that educating girls will have a huge impact on population growth. While the regions of the world with growing populations are often the ones with the lowest per capita carbon emissions, reducing fertility rates will still have massive benefits — not only for the planet but also in reducing intergenerational poverty. And, the Drawdown authors note, one study found that educating girls is the single most important factor in reducing vulnerability to natural disasters, which occur more frequently with the extreme weather events associated with climate change.

In Bosnia-Herzegovina, about 90 percent of Roma women are illiterate and less than 15 percent of Roma children go to school, leaving them vulnerable to human trafficking, among other things. The **Rotary clubs of Mostar, Bosnia**



Special Scoop

Climate Change

Conservation Fund in Namibia and now works for the Virginia-based Rainforest Trust.

What do you struggle with most as a professional working to combat climate change?

Climate change is theoretical to many people, and its effects take time to manifest themselves. This makes it hard to express the direct impact that climate change is having on our world, but it's essential that people understand this impact to make the changes that are needed.

What potential solutions give you hope?

My organization, the Rainforest Trust, has safeguarded 19,654,506 acres of rainforest in the last 30 years, working with more than 75 partners all over the world. That proves there are many people who recognize the importance of conserving areas like rainforests to lessen the effects of climate change.

"We need radical changes to the way we consume and produce, as well as enormous investment and political buy-in. This is not happening fast enough."

SALLIE LACY

ROTARY PEACE FELLOW

After her 2006-07 Rotary Peace Fellowship at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, Lacy worked on climate protection for developing countries at GIZ, the German government's international development arm. She is now based in Switzerland, where she works at the consulting firm EBP, advising public- and private-sector clients on issues related to climate change.

Do you believe humankind will be able to stop climate change?

I believe some countries will adapt better than others, but I also believe the Earth is like a life raft, and you cannot keep just part of the life raft afloat. Solutions need to be for everyone.

What potential solutions give you hope?

I am hopeful when I see advances in the spread of renewable energy, the phasing out of coal in many places, as well as the significant efforts that are happening in the world's cities to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change. Technology will play an important role in offering solutions, but we should not expect technology to fix everything. A big part of the solution is changing business-as-usual practices; making investments in resilient, low-carbon infrastructure; and changing consumer habits.

and Herzegovina, and Denver, Colorado, partnered with a local nonprofit on a global grant project that mentored 80 families with at-risk girls. Twenty students from the University of Bosnia volunteered as mentors, and 15 Roma girls enrolled in school as part of the effort. Organizers estimate that at least 1,000 parents, teachers, and girls in 20 communities learned about the importance of gender equality in education through printed materials and workshops.

REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

Regenerative agriculture practices include avoiding the use of plows to keep from disturbing the soil; planting a diverse array of cover crops; and limiting or abstaining from pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. These methods boost the amount of organic matter — carbon — in the soil, improving its health and that of the plants growing in it. According to the Drawdown authors, regenerative agriculture increases organic matter in the soil between 4 and 7 percent over 10 years, representing an additional 25 to 60 tons of carbon stored in the ground per acre. That reduces the need for fertilizer — which means regenerative agriculture can help cut carbon in the atmosphere while increasing farmers' production.

Forty people from Meihua village, Taiwan, were trained in organic farming techniques through a global grant project of the Rotary clubs of Taipei Lungmen, Taiwan, and Patumwan, Thailand. The effort, carried out in partnership with the Organic Farming Association of Taiwan, included creating a training facility and providing internships at organic farms. Organizers expected that growing without pesticides would lower farming costs and that selling organic vegetables at a premium price would improve villagers' earnings.

REDUCED FOOD WASTE

One-third of the fruits and vegetables, meat, and other food the world produces never gets eaten. Instead, it rots unharvested in fields, spoils in storage, or sits forgotten in the back of the refrigerator, only to end up in the garbage. The production of uneaten food squanders resources such as energy, land, and fertilizer. In landfills, food waste generates methane, a greenhouse gas. From start to finish, uneaten food is responsible for releasing the equivalent of 4.4 million gigatons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year, the Drawdown authors write.

Centroabastos, a food wholesaler in Bucaramanga, Colombia, generates about 20 tons of organic solid waste per day. The Rotary clubs of Bucaramanga Nuevo Milenio, Colombia, and Woodland Hills, California, are working with the company's nonprofit arm to set up a center that will use the surplus produce to provide training in safe food handling and processing. The project is expected to reduce food waste by 15 percent while creating employment opportunities.

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Smog Crisis: The Problem of Climate Change

By PP.Jantanee Tienvijit

Rotary Club of Lanna

"The environment isn't one of Rotary's six areas of focus, but it's deeply intertwined with each of them". is a statement by Barry Rassin, President of Rotary International that is aware of environmental issues as a source of problems related to all Rotary missions. Therefore, global climate change will affect everyone.

Bangkok and the problem of small dust particles

In late of December 2018, there was a big news that Bangkok population were suffering from weather conditions and breathes with dust in the air was smaller than 2.5 microns (PM 2.5) which the Department of Pollution Control warned people that in many areas could detect dust. Aerosol over standard during that time, Bangkok people whichever way you look, the weather is gloomy. The sky is not clear as usual, as it should be. People became increasingly concerned. There is a purchase of a mask that prevents dust at a level smaller than 2.5 microns or PM 2.5, causing the mask to be in short supply and many people have to order from abroad. With more alertness and anxiety with increasing weather conditions Director of Air and Noise Quality Management Bureau, The Pollution Control Department

announced that Bangkok has a normal source of pollution which is caused by pollution from vehicles and activities that occur in large cities such as the construction of large numbers but this week the weather changes which the temperature warms up. Unlike the previous week when the weather is cold, it meets the warm air, causing conditions in which the weather is still windy, not blowing with fog causing no air circulation. The government and academics are brainstorming about finding short-term solutions and preventing long-term problems of PM 2.5.

What is PM 2.5 dust?

PM 2.5 dust is dust that is smaller than 2.5 microns or about 1 in 25 of the diameter of a human hair. This tiny dust occurs from many types of activities, such as combustion of engines and construction, which are the two main causes of air pollution in large cities.

PM 2.5 dust is harmful to health because it can go through the respiratory tract to the lungs and blood stream easily increase the chance of heart disease and respiratory diseases and must be protected by wearing a protective mask that is especially dust-proof. At the level that starts to affect health or orange criteria (101-200 mg / m³) and red criteria (201 mg / m³ or more). People at risk should avoid respiratory diseases, lung disease in



the PM 2.5 dust area, beyond the standard value should reduce the duration of outdoor activities wear a PM 2.5 dust mask while outdoors. If abnormal symptoms should seek medical attention.

Northern haze crisis

In early February 2019, the northern region, although it was late winter, but in dry weather the area on the mountain started to have smog from the wood that was burned. While the small dust problem in Bangkok began to be sparse due to rain falling together with a short-term problem-solving campaign. The northern smog problem became more severe when Chiang Mai people did not see Doi Suthep, which symbolized Chiang Mai because it was covered with smoke. People began to panic and find more PM 2.5 health masks. The government has issued a measure to ban the burning of any plants between 1 February and 30 April 2019, but was unable to control, especially on high mountains which the problem has increased to Lampang, Chiang Rai, Phayao, Nan and Mae Hong Son until many provinces in the northern region have the highest number of PM 2.5 in the world for several days and still have PM 2.5 levels exceeding the standard for a long period until the beginning of April that will start to be sparse because of the rain, the summer storm. Various agencies together with close control, causing PM 2.5 to decrease to a normal level in just a few days but increased to the level of orange when approaching the beginning of May due to the end of the announcement of the ban on burning of the government's original plant, which was April 30.

The haze problem in the northern region has concluded that the cause of mankind in the burning of the vashach plant that has spread to become larger and more difficult to control, causing the forest to be burned and destroyed. The ecosystem is severely damaged, government and various agencies has coordinated to control the forest fire, but it can be difficult with the weather that is a barrier.

However; at this time, although the haze crisis will subside, the problem-solving campaign still being continued, especially the creation of consciousness in conserving resources and preserving the environment sustainably.

Rotary and participation in supporting the solution of dust and haze problems

Rotary clubs in the area have teamed up with communities to support the forest fire mission by raising funds to buy necessary supplies and volunteering to help officers and volunteers to put out forest fires at Doi Luang Chiang Dao, Chiangmai Province is the Rotary Club of Chiang Dao District 3360 which has campaigned to provide PM 2.5 masks to officers and people up to 300,000 pieces, as well as the Mae Sai Rotary Club In Chiang Rai Province, District 3360. For Bangkok, there is the Bangkok Suwanabhum Rotary Club, Region 3350, bringing the PM 2.5 health mask to the people in the community who are affected during the period of dust surcharges as well.

Barry Rassin, President of Rotary International said "If we want Rotary to play an international role we should encourage each other to be more interested in environmental issues." There are many environmental issues that all human beings must share, maintain, correct and restore. In the past, many Rotary clubs have already operated, such as planting trees, planting mangrove forests, build dams, catch water, etc., but if raising the level of campaigning missions that support more environmental preservation will help to preserve the environment sustainably.

Art Exhibition by Autistic Artist



Embrace Love in Art - The Exhibition of Children in Asia

Embrace Love in Art The Exhibition of Children in Asia 2019

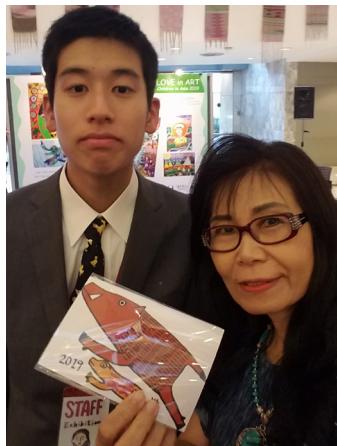
This event was held at the Bangkok Art and Cultural Center (BACC) at Patumwan Intersection from 12 to 17 February 2019 under the theme of Art for Social Inclusion, Art for Barrier-Free Minds, Art for Oneness.

The beautiful and colorful paintings were not created by only Autistic children but also those with other disabilities such as deaf, poor and less fortunate children from various juvenile detention centers and schools contacted by the organizer.

The initiator of this project is Mr. Kotaro Fujiwara, the principal of a school for special children in Anjo, Aichi Prefecture, Japan. He has worked with many organizations both in Japan and Thailand as Director of WAFCA in Japan and cooperated with WAFCAT in Thailand to help those who needed wheel chairs. In addition, he was the founder of Asian Children's Association in 2017.

The Rotary Club of Bangkok Suvarnabhumi had the opportunity to work with Mr. Kotaro through the introduction of President Bunzaburo Suzuki, Rotary Club of Kariya, its sister club in Japan, and Ms. Mio who was a student under the Rotary Club of Kariya's Global Grant and was pursuing her Master's Degree at NIDA Institute

in Thailand. Prior to this activity, the two parties worked together under the Art Exhibition of Children in Asia 2017 and the project at Nong Jig Yao School in Supanburi Province where the Rotary Club of Bangkok Suwanabhumi supported the construction of a walk way to the school's bath rooms.



The hero of this project is Mr. Hiroshi Kawabe, a young Japanese Autistic artist who used to study at Mr. Kotaro's school. At present, he is 24 years old but his talent in painting was discovered when he was a child. He loves to paint animals and flowers, and he was invited to exhibit his paintings in Thailand in 2017. With the love of Thai people's friendship, Thai food and elephant riding, he and his mother were pleased to make another trip to Thailand at the beginning of this year at their own expenses. This time, it could be seen that he had made a lot of development.

The paintings on show at the Bangkok Art and Cultural



Asia 2019

By PP.Trong Sangswangwatana RC.Bangkok Suwanabhum

Center this year were displayed from 25 to 26 January 2019 at the Art Camp at Rai Jai Fah Farm, Nikom Sang Ton Eng Sub-District, Muang District, Lopburi Province under Abbot Alongkot's Dhammarak Foundation's project. Dr. Sujin Sawangsri, the former director of Lopburi Panyanukul School which is a school for special children in Lopburi, led 45 children to join the Art Camp. These children included those who were poor, less fortunate and deaf. Please read the interviews below with the children from Rajaprachanugroh 33 School in Lopburi.

Cooperation of Rotary with people outside is considered a way to help each other. This project will be held again next January with the continued cooperation between the Rotary Club of Bangkok Suwanabhum in Thailand and the Rotary Club of Kariya in Japan.



Miss Suriyaporn Suwanputay

Art Camp is a good activity because it allows me to practice my painting skill which I don't have much. We were excited and had a lot of fun doing various activities with friends from other schools that day. We painted sun flowers which everybody knew, and the works were all good. I was very happy to put all my effort in the painting. Thank you

to the Art Camp for the great friendship, teamwork and opportunity to see a new side of the world.



Miss Waraporn Romruen

From joining the Art Camp, I have gained a lot of good experience. I am so happy to meet new friends from many schools. This Camp encouraged me to express myself and maximize my potential. And what impressed me most was the fact that I got to paint with friends from other schools. I promise that I will happily apply what I have learned from this Art Camp in my daily life. Thank you very much for such a great opportunity.



Miss Saranya Panmalee

I was very impressed with the Art Camp at Rai Jai Fah Farm and had fun painting with other people. The working team was lovely providing entertainment and laughter. I experienced teamwork which led to beautiful paintings. We exchanged our ideas on each group's work which was different. I hope this Art Camp will continue into the future in order to develop future children's art and teamwork skills.

Fellowship Game

Football Match



4-District Friendship Football By PDG.Nithi Soongswang





We all came from different directions – north, south, east and west – to Bangkok to play football which we love to watch no matter how late it is even though we may not be able to play well or don't know how to play at all. We drove a number of kilometers for many hours or bought air tickets, and even requested our Anns to join as cheer leaders. We all united and came with the same goal in mind and that was our friendship under the 4-District Friendship Football Project. I think all participants came because of this reason, and that included me. We all value friendship.

Any kind of sports is magic medicine. It enhances our movement skill, our agility and our players' spirit. Sports do not only develop our body but our mind as well. They help us learn to win, lose and forgive in both individual and team games. Sports also create connections and friendship in an organization. Our 4 district governors in the year of Be the Inspiration put emphasis on this last benefit.

I admired this event and had fun with the 4-District Friendship Football. I smile every time I think of our football players who did not have much chance to kick the ball as it was mostly in the possession of the competitor's. The players of President Adisorn Saksonviriya's team from the Rotary Club of South Chiang Mai (Project Chairman of my district) and myself often looked at our Anns on the stand. They were a small cheerleading team when compared with the much bigger teams from other districts. Once in a while, other teams helped cheer for District 3360 with kindness. What made our Anns and Rotarians on the stand keep on cheering enthusiastically? I think it was "fun unity".

Thank you very much for the friendship and the warm welcome from our friends in District 3350. I'd like to inform the governor and all the participants from the 4 districts that 15 of us from District 3360 and our lovely Anns were very happy to join this activity. Our thanks to all 4 district governors for organizing this event. We were glad to meet, talk, eat and play football together. Sports are magic medicine indeed!



D.3330

Editorial District 3330, RI



PDG Juthatip Thamsiripong
Rotary Club of Pra Pathom Chedi

Hello, dear Rotarian. The raining season is coming, and it is rather hot as a sign of season changing. For the Rotarian, we are used to many changes. In just a few weeks, we will have an internal change of our administrative committee within club. In addition, we would have the upcoming leaders in global level, zone level, regional level and club level. These changes lead us to new experience accumulated with the previous ones that we called culture. Sometimes we may face some unpleasant or shocking experience that we might not be familiar with. For example, such as the topics presented at the Council on Legislation at Chicago, USA in past April. These changes to the legislation will take effect in July which is the beginning of Rotary Administrative Year. I believe that Rotary organization is based on brainstorming and participations in many ways to make Rotarian feel comfortable. It is applicable and flexible for most culture and clubs around the world. If club members are interested in and welcome to apply these changes, I believe it would bring satisfied and positive results. However, we must create totally understanding in applying the idea proposed.

It is a good idea to have member participation in forming ideas, sharing, and making evaluation from club level. Every single story has its own value, just like a textbook. Let us Rotarian have fun, happiness, and wisdom. We would bring happiness and inspiration to other people from our best efforts.



District Conference

D.3340 RI

District 3360RI Conference (2018-2019) was held at the Mida Hotel, Dvaravati Grand Nakhon Pathom on 29-31 March 2019. The objective was to present all of the activities during the administrative year 2018-2019. Every club was pleased to participate and receive the award in the night of "Awards Night".

The conference was full of friendship of participants from the Central and the South of Thailand. Friends from other countries such as Japan, South Korea, China, Taiwan, and India were also participated in the conference. This was the opportunity to build good relations with each other, considering the typical type of friendship.



D.3330

Activities

Phra Pathom Chedi Rotary Club in association with Bucheon Mogryun D.3690, South Korea joined a Global Grant Project #1981458 "Love Heart Safety", a project to provide a respirator at Nakhon Pathom Hospital.



The Rotary Club of Khok Samed Chun organized the project "Carry a Cloth Bag of Medicine Back Home" by giving cloth bags to Kho Hong Public Health, Hat Yai Hospital. The purpose was for the patients to carry drugs back home without using plastic bags.



Ploy Ratchaburi Rotary Club and Bucheon Hullwool Rotary Club handed over the Global Grant Project (GG 1867271) to Ratchaburi Hospital, Muang District, Ratchaburi Province.



The Rotary Club of Hua Hin and Songkran Festival in the club meeting.



Tha Muang Rotary club handed over heart tracking device to Somdet Phra Sangkharat 19 Hospital. The device worth 120,000 baht.





DGE.Sakon Uengsroithong District Governor-Elect 3330, RI Year 2019-2020

This issue, District 3330RI would like to introduce the District Governor Year 2019-20. DGE.Sakon Uengsroithong, from Yala province, was born on August 10, 1970. At present, he is 49 years old. He married to Mrs.Siraphat Uengsroithong, having 3 children. The family business is the manufacturer and distributor of soy bean sauce, vinegar, and various seasonings. Chua Heng Panich Shop is located in the heart of the city of Yala Province (58-60 Nuan Sakul Road, Sateng Subdistrict, Muang District, Yala 95000, Tel. 073-212258.

DGE.Sakon Uengsroithong, the son of Rtn.Prapan and Rotary Anne Napa Uengsroithong, became a member of the Rotary Club of Yala in 2005-2006. He was the District 3330RI Secretary of District Governor Phakon Nilchalakul. The motto of the year 2005-2006 was Service Above Self. At a present, the three of them have passed away, but with a sense of love to Rotary and Yala Province, which is an important city in the southern border provinces, DGE.Sakol, spouse, and children continue their family business from their parents.

DGE.Sakon was a member of the Rotary Club of Yala in year 2008-2009, became the club president in year 2011-2012. He then held important positions both in the club and District level until being elected as the District Governor Elect. He has experienced many roles in social works like

- Associate Judge, Juvenile and Family Court, Yala Province
- Family Compromise, Juvenile and Family Court, Yala Province
- Good Governance Committee in Yala Province



- Subcommittee for screening and monitoring the Women's Role Development Fund, Muang District, Yala
- Chairman, Community Health Center, Yala Hospital
- Chairman of the Southern Border Provinces Development Association Executive Committee, Yala Province
- Former Yala Provincial Court Compromise
- Former Vice President of Yala Provincial Chamber of Commerce
- Former Director of Basic Education Institution, Yala Kindergarten School
- Former Sub-Committee on Economic Cooperation with Malaysia

DGE.Sakon told us that "He used to follow his father to a meeting and participated in Rotary club activities until he understand the purpose of Rotary. Then, he wanted to become a Rotarian like his father. He was proposed to be a club member of Rotary Club of Yala. He has continued to benefit society as well as being proud of Rotary's motto of Service above Self. Probably because Yala is one of the three border provinces that all Rotarian members have been cooperating with active activities. Today my spouse and I would like to thank all Rotarians in District 3330RI and other Districts in Thailand. I will join the activity as much as possible and continue to do it forever."

From the confident words of DGE.Sakon, we are proud and would like to congratulate our great leader and his family. He devotes himself to be our representatives establishing Rotary around the world as the motto "Rotary Connects the World."

D.3340

Editorial District 3340, RI



Rtn.Deara Pibulwattanawong
Rotary Club of Magkang

Hello, dear Rotarian. For District 3340RI, March and April are the time to accelerate our service activities that are to be implemented in this administrative year. In addition, it is a preparation to deliver projects the new coming committee.

There were two important meetings arranged for preparation namely the DC meeting in Ubon Ratchathani province and the DTA in Nakhon Ratchasima Province. It could be said that DG.Surapol Thaveesangskulthai and DGE.Maruai Jintabundiwong has successfully organized the meetings. Rotarian of District 3340 were impressed and inspired to create and do service as the “Rotary Connects the World”.

In preparation for the administrative year of District 3340RI, President Elects and District Committee have seen the readiness and the strongest spirit of DGE.Maruai Jintabundiwong. He dedicated to sowing the seeds of determination. We therefore hope that we will see many changes and improvements in many ways with cooperation of the district members in the volunteer work “Rotary Connects the World”.





District Conference

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District 3340 held the District Conference on 7-9 March 2019 in Ubon Ratchathani province. DG.Surapol Thaveesangkulthai was the chairman of the ceremony. Our district received a great honor from His Excellency Bhichai Rattakul to preside over the prestigious award for the club with outstanding performance in the district level and national level. This award cup was called "Give Kindness and Love". It was awarded to Rotary Club of Chanthaburi, the club that organized outstanding service activities on February 23, 2019, The other award cup was called Phraya Sriwisarnvaja. This national award was given to the club that have done activities in one of the most outstanding services in the year. Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon, District 3340 RI won this award, the trophy of pride of District 3340.

The atmosphere of the meeting was warm and friendly in the local northeastern style. YE students also attended the meeting. On this occasion, DG.Surapol Thaveesangkulthai presented the certificate of honor to the YE students who attended this meeting. In addition, souvenirs were given to guest speakers and guests. The meeting was filled up with knowledge, and important meeting resolutions has proposed and successfully passed.

I would like to thank many clubs of District 3340 who have brought members to District Conference. The annual financial report was informed and approved. The membership dues of the district have been considered. PDG. Chan was the representative for Council on Legislation at Chicago, USA. On the occasion, District 3340RI congratulated District Governor Nominee Asst.Prof.Dr. Jareesri Kunsiripunyo from Rotary Club of Plutaluang who would become a District Governor in the Administrative Year 2021-2022.

District Conference of D.3340 was a meeting held for all club members and family, not just for club committees, but for everyone to enjoy the friendship and speakers who gave inspiration. The conference also included with discussions on various matters which made membership in Rotary more meaningful. Everyone attending the conference would find that being a Rotarian would be rewarded with new experiences, ideas and friendship that arisen from the meetings.

D.3340

Activities

Rotary Club of Kalasin in collaboration with Kalasin Hospital staff organized a training program on Health Care in the Maternal and Child Health Project for Village Health Volunteer (GG.1753551). There were 250 trainees, with Mr. Jirawat Boonperm, Mayor of Kalasin Municipality presided over the opening ceremony.



Family of Udonthani Rotary Club leaded by PP.Wiroj Phiphatchaisiri along with 4 Rotary clubs in Udon Thani Province: RC Udon Thani, RC Mak Khaeng, RC Ban Chiang, and RC Silpakhom giving 100 traffic signs to support the helmet wearing campaign for Udon Thani Province. The signs are to be installed in various government offices throughout the province to encourage motorcyclists to wear helmets every time they drive. The project cost 25,000 baht.



Khun Ying Mo-Korat Rotary Club delivering a pediatric isolation room to Maharaj Hospital, Nakhon Ratchasima Province. The project was in collaboration with Chadal Rotary Club, Ohio, USA. Total value of 400,000 baht.



Roi Et Rotary Club in association with Rotary Club 1990 AIGLE SWITZERLAND and Roi Et Provincial Health Office organized screening programs to detect abnormal eye diseases in primary school students and risk groups in Samat District and Pho Chai District, Roi Et Province. Dr.Christian Farve, an ophthalmologist from Switzerland, was a diagnostic investigator.



Thao Suranari Rotary Club, in collaboration with **Rotary Club of Uttaradit**, Rajanagarindra Child Development Foundation under the patronage of the King and ICC International Public Company Limited, donated medical equipment in the Royal Name of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn by the Department of Mental Health Ministry of Public Health, Rajanagarindra Child Development Institute Chiang Mai. The project was 3,795,190 baht.





DGE.Maruay Jintabandiwong District Governor-Elect 3340, RI Year 2019-2020

In this issue, District 3340 would like to introduce the District Governor Year 2019-2020, DGE.Maruai Jintabunditwong. He was a native of Buayai District, Nakhon Ratchasima Province. He was born in 1954. At present, he is 65 years old. He is the eldest of all 6 siblings. His wife is Supacharin Jintabunditwong. He has 5 children. At present, he own a business of arranging Chinese banquet called Malee Chinese Banquet at Buayai District, Nakhon Ratchasima

He joined Buayai Rotary Club in the 100th Year of Rotary (2004). He has been trusted and proposed to be the club president for 2 times (years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008). In 2013, he became the Assistant Governor. He has participated and devoted himself in activities of the District for 15 years.

His most proud experience was to join the medical device project, an ophthalmic surgery machine to help the poor having eye problems. This was a problem normally found in the area because most people work in the outdoors. This caused cataracts or pterygium. If the eyes do not receive care, they may be blind and lead to other problems with family and society. Therefore, this project was considered the most beneficial project.

He has undertaken the project by receiving cooperation from the community and individuals with financial readiness. With support from former Minister Nipon Promphan, the 1,500,000 Baht project (One Million Five Hundred Thousand Baht) was implemented. The service areas of the project covered 6 districts: Buayai District, Khong District, Non Daeng District, Bua Lai District, Kaeng Sanam Nang District and Prathai District.

Now, the project is still ongoing for 10 years. There are at least 100,000 people coming to use the service. Another project is giving scholarships to students to study public health.



This project started one day when a member of Rotary Bua Yai by P.Weena Phitaktrirat asked funding from the club. He told that there was a student from Bua Yai district passed the examination to study in the Faculty of Public Health, Khon Kaen University. This student needed support because the mother of this student was hearing impaired. The club agreed to support this student 2,000 baht a month for 4 years until graduation. The amount of money may be not enough but this student helped the teachers' work at the faculty to increase more income.

The student also offered the right to stay in the dormitory throughout the study. At present, this student graduated, employed, married, and having one child. This student takes good care of the mother. The club expects that when this student gets a chance from Rotary, this student would probably bring this opportunity to others.

Another great pride project of Rotary Buayai is building a library and learning center for children in Buayai District. The club raised funds from the community. The budget of the project was more than 1,000,000 Baht. There were 1 building of the library and 1 building of the learning center. The open hours are on Saturdays-Sundays. There were teachers to teach, the club paid 500 baht a day for hiring staff and teachers. This creates Rotary public image in the community. The teaching period starts 2017-2019, 2 years duration.

Providing without expecting compensation is a pure offering. It is just like planting trees and yielding fruit. It means giving birth to the concrete things of Rotary's service. Throughout the 15 years joining in Rotary's ideology, what I received more than anything else is love and friendship.

D.3350

Editorial District 3350, RI



PP.Trong Sangswangwatana
RC.Bangkok Suwanabhum

Greeting on the warmest day of this year!!!

During April this year, the weather is hot, and over 40 degrees in many days. In many areas, the weather is hot, but don't be impatient by the weather.

This March - April is the time when all 4 Rotary districts have held a district conference. (DC) To Summary of past work in 2018 - 2019 of each service projects. I have compiled a short summary and assembling the activity's picture events of D. 3350 for everyone to see.

And in the DC 2019, the next governor was introduced. Therefore, in this issue, I have an interview with DGE.Thanongsak Phongsri (2019 – 2020) the next leader of the D.3350.

In this magazine I have the opportunity to present a special scoop on the subject of special children's drawings. Which the Rotary Club of Bangkok Suvarnabhumi has participated. For support each other together with other organizations and for society too. If interested, try to go back and read page 18 - 19.

See you again in the next issue.





District conference 2018 -2019 of D. 3350 Rotary International

was held on Saturday 16 – Sunday 17 March, 2019 at Royal Hill golf resort and spa, Nakornnayok Province. PDG. Dr.Ken Nakaya from Rotary Club of Ashikaga East D.2550 as a representative of RI president, Barry Rassin (2018-19) together with Rotary Ann Masako Nakaya attend the meeting as an honor guest.

There are 684 members registered from 92 clubs as we can classify as below: D.3350 there are 523 members and 57 followers, There are 6 Rotarians from other district and 4 followers, There are 6 Rotarians from Japan, There are 10 Rotarians from Korea, There are 2 Rotarians from The Philippines, There are 3 Rotarians from America, There are 2 Rotaractors, 61 Youth exchange students and 10 others.

The Special speech entitles “Infinite inspiration” by Bhichai Rattakul, former Rotary International president. It was very impressed with the participants.

Chairman of the Board and Subcommittee report a summary of the past results. Starting from

- Youth Service Committee by AG.Patsri Suwimol
- Service Project Committee by AG.Srifa Siriudomseth
- Membership Development Committee by AG. Wichai Chivakanit
- Public Image Committee by PP.Suraphon Kittiwet
- Board of Directors (Club) by AG. Yod Sangswangwatana
- Rotary Foundation Board by PDG.Jason Lim
- Region Hostess Committee by PP.Nongluck Kreecharoen
- Rotary Football Team Committee by PP.Nutthee Aungsuwanmate

DG.Nakarin Rattanakitsuntorn reported the result of district governor D.3350 recruitment for the next 3 years future district governor as below: DGE.Tanongsak Pongsri from The Rotary club of Bungkhum (2019-20), DGN.Somsri Mekthon from the Rotary club of Silom (2020-21), DGND.Prof.Dr. Wiroon Boonnuch from the Rotary club of Nongkhaem (2021-22)

The Resolution of the Elector room, resolved to approve the appointment of 3 Rotarians as annual audit committees and financial statements, activities of the district (2019-20) as follows:

1. PDG.Suchada Ithijarukul from Rotary Club of Bangkok Vibhavadi
2. PDG.Prawit Rojkajonpalai From Rotary Club of Suan Luang
3. PP.Somporn Vejpanich from Rotary Club Prakanong

And the meeting approved the last 5 governors in the past to be the Recruiting committee of the district governor (2022-23) as follows: DG.Nakarin Rattanakitsunthorn (2019-20), PDG.Marasee Skunliew (2018-19), PDG.Jason Lim (2017-18), PDG.Chaivai Poonlapmongkol (2016-17), PDG.Surachat Chuenchokson (2015-16)

In addition, there is a resolution to approve financial reports on various matters.

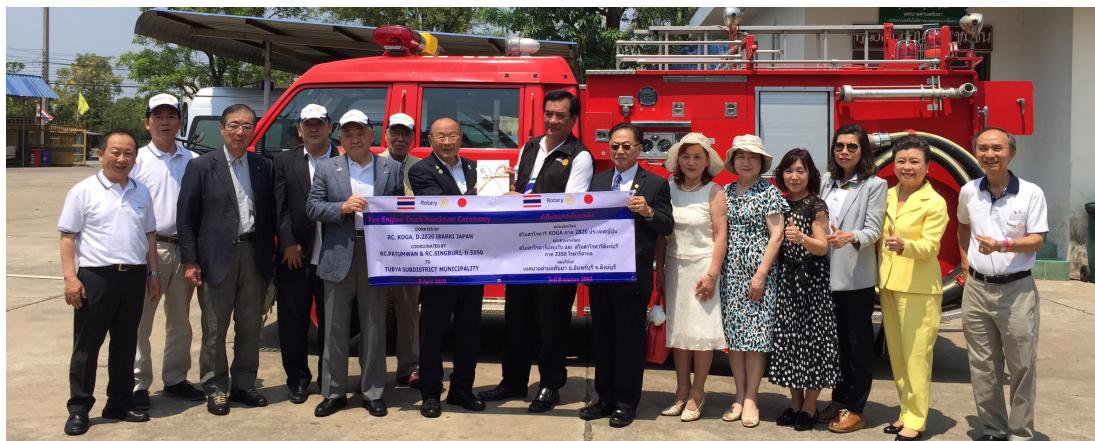
In the evening, there were a show of Youth exchange students (YE Inbound & Outbound), club presidents (114) show and ended with the singing and dancing of all fellow Rotarians.

The conference was closed on Sunday 17, March 2019 with great success and great friendship.

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Activities

Rotary Club of Patumwan together with the Rotary Club of Singburi, bring partners from Rotary Club of Koga, D.2820, Japan. Delivering a fire truck to Thap Ya Municipality, In Buri District, Singburi Province.



Yaowarat Rotary Club Join the Rotary Club of Ratchathewi and the Suphannikar Rotary Club, D.3330, provide beds for patients with beds at the Suphanburi Provincial Health Office according to the Ratchathewi Leela scholarship project.



The Rotary club of Nongkhaem By DGND. Prof.Dr. Wiroon Boonnuch has given an automatic heart defibrillator (AED) to the College of Sports Science and Technology, Mahidol University, Salaya. It is the 2nd machine according to the project. (GG # 1877082) As there is a large area of college responsibility. There are a lot of people, students and personnel to do activities. It is necessary to install the AED to distribute at various points. To support emergency events





DGE.Tanongsak Pongsri District Governor-Elect 3350, RI Year 2019-2020

DGE.Tanongsak Pongsri originally from Udon Thani province, married to PP.Jongkoldee. They have two children, Mr.Phonghat and Ms.Patcharaphon. He is a charter member of Buengkum Rotary Club since 2005. He was invited from khun Ratchanee Siripreecha Phong and Khun Chanarong Sunthornkut, husband and wife, a neighbor who opened a small hard ware shop In Buengkum community. Both of them are good examples of life fighters. Khun Ratchanee is polio, unable to walk by herself. Khun Chan is a good husband, he love his wife, khun Ratchanee very much. They are a sample of good family. But not long after that khun Chan passed away. The picture of a husband and wife who had a warm family successful in their occupation and dedicate their time to do service activities without any expectation is an important inspiration. Per as my personal, when I was a student I like to do service activities whenever there is opportunity as well.

Inspiration of being a district governor

There are two parts, For my own personality; I am a man without ambition and simple. First of all, there are several members of Buengkum Rotary Club said that during their membership life, they want to see someone from their club to be a district governor. This voice always resonates in my thoughts. Until the year 2016-2017, DG.Jason Lim was trusted to act as District secretary. I have the opportunity to travel and work with him almost everywhere in D. 3350. Including Myanmar and Cambodia. He dedicated to working hard all the times, and then I think about myself, how I feel toward problems and obstacles, I see the opportunities of children and people in the community to receive help from Rotary. As a result, all dimensions of thought come together in my mind on the same day and time that day.



Support received from the family

I can say that my family is truly Rotary family. PP.Jongkoldee Pongsri has been a Rotarian after me for 1 week, a club president after me 1 year, and worked as an assistant district governor more than me 4 times. After that, she was a district secretary after me. While the son and daughter were small every Thursday, we brought them to the meeting with us. I can almost say that they was raised in the Rotary Club of Buengkum. At present, both can name and know almost every former district governor. And both of them are Rotary exchange students.

Therefore, I get fully supported from my family. On the day that I decided to propose to be a candidate for the governor, I remember that there is only 7 days left. Buengkum Rotary Club had a meeting and already voted. DG. Jason fly back from Myanmar is still unknown. The first person I have to tell is my wife and my children. Everyone's answer is agreeing with my decision.

Draw a picture of Rotary on my governor's year. How would that be?

A picture of volunteers mind that benefit the community without reward. A picture of a Rotarian with a smile filled with the joy of giving, Pictures of Rotary clubs that have regular club meetings and full of friendship, pictures of children, and people in the community receiving services from Rotarians, which everything described is not just a drawing but it is a plan that I think it can certainly push for concrete results.

“I know it is difficult, but I will try to do it. And will accomplish”

D.3360

Editorial District 3360, RI



PP. Dr. Natthanin Sestawanich
Rotary Club of Phrae

Dear Fellow Rotarians. Thailand is now in the Summer and the temperature is also much higher, especially in the upper North. So, please take care of your health. In Summer, the most common and dangerous disease is "heat stroke" or "sunstroke". Many people misunderstand that it is a disease that occurs only with the elderly. In fact, this disease can occur at any age. Heat stroke happens in the situation that the body is trying to eliminate heat from the body, causing an increase in arteriosclerosis. This could be resulting in unconsciousness or a stroke in the brain that can be fatal. Therefore, be careful not to stay in areas with the high heat for a long period, and drink water frequently to allow the body to cool down. In case of having to be in a hot place for a long time, frequently wipe your body with a wet cloth is necessary. This Summer is probably the hottest one so do not forget to follow my instruction and taking care of yourself.

In this issue, it is a good opportunity to introduce the District Governor Elected to members in the district 3360 as well as the summary report of the recent D3360 District Conference, the conference which was including the success report of each committee of district 3360.





"The Inspiration in Chiangrai The City of Art"

The recent 3360 District Conference 2018-2019, which was held at Wiang Inn Hotel, Chiang Rai, in the title of the event "The Inspiration in Chiangrai: The City of Art" on 6-7 April 2019 by Rotary Club of Mae Chan. This event was honored by the opening speech from PDG.Rolando "OYAN" V. Villanueva, the Rotary International President Representative followed by the special speech from His Excellency Past Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul. Another interesting speech with the topic about "New Generation is the keys of Rotary" given by Rtn.Anupong Prewthong, the winner of speech contest of district 3360. After that, there were some reports from district committee chairs including the Membership Development Committee, Service Project Committee, Youth and New Generation Committee, etc. There was also the report of the Vocation Team Training Program which was support by the Rotary Foundation, D3360 will cooperate with a district in Japan to carry on this program. The first-day meeting session ended by the report about the Rotary Friendship Exchange program and the success of Public Image committee of district 3360.

In the evening, an impressive evening party in the theme "The Inspiration in Chiangrai: The City of Art" held at the Mae Fah Luang Art and Cultural Park with a leisure atmosphere allow all participants to experience the true natural scent. The host has scheduled to dress in dress code "the delightful April of Hawaiian". The audiences were impressed by the show from Rotary Exchange students and were excited by the grand finale show from the team performers of the 46th National Games Opening Ceremony. And another highlight of the event is the special speeches "The Inspiration by Mae Fah Luang Art and Cultural Park" by representatives from Mae Fah Luang Plantation which reminded us to the royal grace of His Majesty King Rama 10 and King Rama 9 and give us the inspiration to serve.

The District Conference of District 3360 2018-2019 had carried out various activities to meet the goals of Rotary International as well as showing the enthusiasm and strength of every clubs in the district. The project and activities of every clubs can be a great inspiration for Rotarians, partners, and people in the communities.



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Activities



Rotary Club of Wang Chan

service activities with the Mobile Medical Unit Foundation providing dental care and denture installation services.



Rotary Club of Chiangsaen

donate 89 coffins to the Wiang Pha Ngao Municipality Resuscitation Center.



Interactive Club of Dek Dee Phrae and Rotaract Club of Phrae distributed tamarind candy to the high way drivers in order to keep them awake and prevent them from doze off. This activity was supporting the “Save Drive” campaign.



Rotary Club of Mae Wang, Lampang

hand over drinking water, refreshing towel, and protective mask for Traffic Police Division in Lampang City to distribute to drivers during the Songkran festival.



Rotary Club of Sarapee

hand over clean drinking water purifier to schools, temples, and communities.



DGE.Kamolsak Visitsakulchai District Governor-Elect 3360, RI Year 2019-2020

I would like to take this occasion to introduce D3360's Governor Elected in the Rotary Year 2019-2020, DGE.Kamolsak Visitsakulchai from the Rotary Club of Chiangkam.

Education:

- Graduated from Prince Royale College, Chiang Mai
- Bachelor degree of Engineering (B.E.) in Civil Engineering from King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi.

DGE.Kamolsak was married to Rotary Ann Wantanee Visitsakulchai in 1984. They have 3 sons including:

1. Mr. Kritchawish Vitsitsakulchai, Bachelor degree of Engineering (B.E.), Civil engineering
2. Dr. Krirkwisch Visitsakulchai, MD of Medicine from Siriraj Hospital and Specialized in cosmetic surgery from Faculty of Medicine Chulalongkorn University.
3. Mr. Kornwisch Visitsakulchai, Bachelor degree of Engineering (B.E.) in Civil Engineering.

DGE. Kamolsak has worked as a civil engineer at Office of Architecture, Fine Arts Department from 1978-1980 and become the Managing Partner of Wisit Charoen Limited Partnership since1983 and Managing Partner of Wisit Construction (1994) Limited Partnership since1994.

Social Position

- Chairman of the Election Subcommittee Election District 2, Phayao Province, (Chiang Kham District, Chun District, and Phu Sang District), 2000.
- Police Inspection and Monitoring Committee, Chiang



Kham Provincial Police Station, 2012 - present

- Vice President, Chiang Kham Hospital Foundation, 2015 - Present

Position in Rotary

- Chiang Kham Rotary Club Members 1996 - Present
- President of Chiang Kham Rotary Club, 1998-1999
- Assistant Governor, District 3360, Rotary International, 2006-2007, (PDG.Naphon Nithithawatphong as the District Governor)
- Assistant Governor, District 3360, Rotary International, 2016-2017, (PDG.Anusith Puvaseth as the District Governor)
- District Governor Nominee Designate of District 3360, Rotary International, 2016-2017.
- District Governor Nominee of District 3360, Rotary International, 2017-2018.
- District Governor Elected of District 3360, Rotary International, 2018-2019.
- District Governor of District 3360, Rotary International, 2019-2020.

Finally, DG. Kamolsak Visitsakulchai said that "It is a great honor and pride for me and my family that has become part of the Rotary which is an organization that has an objective to service as well as create friendships, peace and happiness for the world. I promise to do my very best as the District Governor of D3360 Rotary International."

Trophy Awards

2018-2019 Trophy Awards for Rotary Clubs in Thailand

On 9 April 2019, the Trophy Award Committee which is composed of the following committee members and advisors met to select the winners of the 2018-2019 awards:

Committee Members:

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| 1.Past RI President Bhichai Rattakul | Chairman |
| 2.PDG Dr. Pornchai Boonsaeng | District 3330 |
| 3.PDG Rathprateep Keeratiurai | District 3340 |
| 4.PDG Dr. Supong Chayutsahakij | District 3350
(representing PDG Suchada Ithijarukul) |
| 5.DG Roongranee Sangsiri | District 3360
(representing PDG Pairoj Ueprasert) |

Advisory Committee:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1.DG Lt.Gen. Kanit Jamjantra | District 3330 |
| 2.DG Surapol Thaveesangskulthai | District 3340 |
| 3.DG Nakarin Ratanakisunthorn | District 3350 |
| 4.DG Roongranee Sangsiri | District 3360 |
| 5.PDG Wichai Maneewacharakiet | District 3330 |

The Committee reviewed the 12 projects selected from the 4 districts and requested for more details from the respective district governors. Finally, the Committee members cast their vote for the outstanding project whereas the decision

for the other 3 awards was based on the highest percentage calculated from the figures obtained from each district.

Result for 2018-2019

- **Prince of Kamphaengphet's Trophy**
for a Rotary Club with the highest average annual attendance rate:
Rotary Club of Sanpathong, District 3360 (95.91%)
- **Prince Narathip Praphanphong's Trophy**
for a Rotary Club with the highest net membership increase:
Rotary Club of Singburi, District 3350 (100%)
- **Prince Bidyalabh Bridhyakon's Trophy**
for a Rotary Club with the highest number of members attending the District Conference:
Rotary Club of Rangsit, District 3350 (100%)
- **Phya Srivisar's Trophy**
for a Rotary Club with an outstanding community service project:
Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon, District 3340
(Underground Water Bank to solve the drought and flood problems)





Lake of Love

Nong Non Tai Monkey Cheek Project



Nong Non Tai Monkey Ch

Preparation for the handover

On 2 April 2019, the Lake of Love Project Committee inspected the dredging work to which Rotary has provided support and requested the Royal Irrigation Department to randomly check the depth of the lake. This was to ensure that it's 3.5 meters deep as specified in the contract. When all the points were randomly checked and complied with the contract, the Committee signed the handover document with the contractor.

In addition, the Committee carefully inspected the construction of the 9-angular pavilion, the water purifying plant, the toilets, the road and the electrical system. Some parts had to be improved before the second inspection at the end of April.

A meeting with Sakon Nakhon Province to prepare for the project handover

The Working Committee and the Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon's members met with the various offices of Sakon Nakhon Province including the Regional Irrigation Office, representatives of Agas-Amnuay District, Pone-Ngarm Sub-District Administrative Organization and others. Rotary Committee informed the meeting chaired by Mr. Noppadol Paitoon, Vice Governor of Sakon Nakhon Province, that it would hand over the project in June. Therefore, the Committee requested this joint meeting to prepare for a





Week Project

smooth handover. The meeting resolved that in principle Pone-Ngarm Sub-District Administrative Organization be responsible for this project as the Royal Irrigation Department was the initiator of the dredging work and Rotary extended the project to cover the landscape and a public park in the area originally under the supervision of the Royal Irrigation Department.

Furthermore, to ensure that this project in which Rotary has invested so much is sustainable and beneficial to the people in the area, Sakon Nakhon's Vice Governor requested the Royal Irrigation Department to be the host in preparing for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing among the provincial units: the Royal Irrigation Department, the Provincial Administrative Organization, the Sub-District Administrative Organization and other units, Phupan Development Studies Center and the Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon. Each unit involved is able to set up a budget to take care of and move this project forward. Also, it must be written in the MOU that this project would be handed over to the Sub-District Administrative Organization.

Moreover, Vice Governor Noppadol requested the government units concerned to maximize the use of this project. All parties agreed that this project is beneficial to the

people in the area. Hence, a Water Users' Group should be set up and district agriculture officials must find ways to set up a budget to push the project forward. They must also act as a host to educate the public while the government units must find out what to do to make the project a study center. After that, tourism will follow. Both Agas-Amnuay District and Pone-Ngarm Sub District Administrative Organization must create a calendar for the use of the project, prepare a demonstration area, and the results must be recognized in the next quarter.

The Project Committee and the Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon will help plan and take care of this project for another year. Activities in the area would be discussed further.

Readiness of the Project

The Project Committee organized the planting of additional Vetiver and Bermuda grass on 27 and 28 April 2019. It received full cooperation from the villagers of Ban Sao Wat, Dong Siew and Na Wai, Pone-Ngarm Sub District Administrative Organization and Ta Gon Sub District Municipality. Once the rainy season comes, the grass will grow beautifully and the public park will be ready for handing over to the government unit concerned.

Rotary Centre in Thailand



Message from the Chairman of Rotary

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

On the occasion of the ascendancy of His Majesty the King's coronation Phra Prenamthorn Ramathibodi Sri Sinthorn Mahavajiralonkorn Phra Vajira Klae Chao Yu Hua, Rotary Thailand would like to request all Rotarians to join in commemorating the grace Blessing Chai Mongkol for His Majesty's longevity and happiness.

The Rotary Center in Thailand has planned to carry out several important projects for the coming Rotary Year. The resolution was drafted for approval by the Executive Committee of the Rotary Center. There is a Fund for helping victims of sudden disasters in the name of Rotary in Thailand. It will help those suffering from various disasters in an initial stage. The Fund is to support coordinating Rotary clubs in the area of disaster. This project will be implemented in the coming Rotary year onwards. Any Rotarians who wish to donate or volunteer to work on this project can directly contact the Rotary Center.

Another important project is the Roadshow public relations project to motivate people to join Rotary as members by creating a website with concept for "Membership Lead" (guidelines for becoming Rotarians). It is for people to learn more about Rotary and its service projects. People can request about joining Rotary or Rotary's service projects throughout the country.

This project will help people reach and understand Rotary better. It is a guide to effectively increase membership while publishing Rotary projects and creating Rotary public image.

One project that has gained attention from Rotarians is the service project with Miss World Organization. Both have the same ideals. Information and details of the activity and location will be announced. This activity will help strengthen friendship among Rotarians and beautiful friends from many countries worldwide. In addition, this will promote Rotary service projects and introduce Rotary to more people world-wide. Please follow the news that will be posted.

The project to which Rotarians in all 4 districts of Thailand have contributed is the Nong Non Tai Monkey Cheek Project in Sakon Nakorn. Currently, the construction is complete. PRIP Bhichai Rat-takun, Chairman of the project, is waiting to sign an MOU together with the provincial governor and the municipality of Phon-gnam, Sakon nakonn in order to deliver and maintain the project to be sustainable. Rotary will continue to oversee operations for a period of one year. Rotarians will be informed of the official opening ceremony with date and time. Hopefully, many will attend that event.

Translation of various documents of Rotary has increased and been published on the website of Rotary Center and the Center is trying to improve public relations by updating the website to provide various information in both Thai and English. Thank you PDG Anurak Napawan, District 3360 and Khun Narong Chanphati, the Rotary officers who have been working hard to provide useful and up to date information at all time.

Lastly, big thanks to Rotarians, the Executive Committee and the staff of the Rotary Center, who cooperate to support the activities of the Rotary Center as a center of communication and an important source of information.

Yours in rotary,

(PRID Associate Professor, Dr.Saowaluck Rattanawit)

Rotary Centre in Thailand's Chairperson

Number's Rotary Data source www.rotary.org 20 May 2019, (1 Janury 2019)

District	3330	3340	3350	3360	Total
Members	2,495 (2,323)	1,468 (1,472)	3,020 (2,796)	1,444 (1,348)	8,427 (7,939)
Clubs	102 (99)	66 (67)	112 (110)	69 (68)	349 (344)



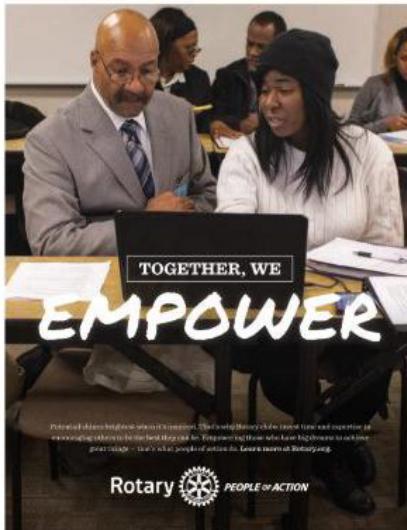
Join in make

change

Rotary Club of Thawarawadi

Project of providing wheelchairs and presbyopia glasses for 3 consecutive years at
Kamphaeng Saen Hospital, Nakhon Pathom Province

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