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President's message

Mark Daniel Maloney, January 2020



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Dear fellow Rotarians and members of the family of Rotary

People from all over the world have multiple reasons for joining Rotary. Many new Rotarians each year join for the same reason I did — because Rotary is a great way to benefit your career. When I was a new attorney starting out in Alabama, Gay and I became partners in her father's firm. He instilled in us the value of joining Rotary as a way to build relationships and demonstrate to potential clients that we were serious professionals who held firm to values even more robust than what our profession required.

Rotary's commitment to vocational service is built on the highest ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful work, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society. That last point is so important. No matter our profession, we all contribute mightily to the world when we conduct our work with integrity and always adhere to The Four-Way Test.

I have made balancing the demands of Rotary with professional and family commitments one of my priorities as president. No Rotarian should feel pressured to put in more time than a volunteer position should ever demand. This is true for several reasons, one of them being that the work we do in our day jobs is just as important to Rotary as the work we do in the organization. We carry our Rotary values everywhere, and our professional success helps build a case for Rotary every day we go into the office.

This is particularly important in our efforts to reach younger new members. We want to see a Rotary where no one is ever asked to choose between being a

good Rotarian and being a good parent, business owner, manager, or employee. When we ask busy young people to join us, we should not be asking them to give up their time and freedom. We should be rewarding them with an experience that makes everything they already do even more inspiring.

Providing greater balance within Rotary will have another benefit as well: It will create opportunities for other Rotarians, including Rotaractors, to step up and take a leadership role on projects and committees. This will ensure that they remain engaged in our clubs and inspired to be Rotarians for life.

Throughout the world, Rotary is admired for its vocational service and for the time-honored values we instill in all business relationships. As we continue our work to grow Rotary, let us remember that vocational service remains a crucial selling point to potential members.

Rotary Connects the World, and by making Rotary's vocational service work known to people in more professions and at different stages of their careers, we will help grow our organization and make it stronger and more diverse.

MARK DANIEL MALONEY
President, Rotary International

President's message

Mark Daniel Maloney, February 2020



In every area of focus, and in every part of the world, Rotary projects are improving lives and helping communities adapt in a time of rapid change.

In Sumpango, Guatemala, workers demonstrate the mechanical cow. Many children in Guatemala are lactose intolerant, and soy milk is a substitute for cow's milk.

Happy 115th birthday, fellow Rotarians and members of the family of Rotary!

Much has changed in the world since 1905. Then, the global population was roughly 1.7 billion. Today, it is 7.7 billion. There were 5 telephones per 100 people in the United States 115 years ago. In 2020, it is estimated that 96 percent of the U.S. population has a cellphone — and both China and India have more than a billion cellphones in use.

In the 115 years since Rotary was founded, seemingly everything has changed except Rotary values. We began, and remain, committed to fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership. While our Service Above Self motto dates to 1911, the ethos behind those words had already been ingrained by Rotary's founders.

As the pace of change worldwide continues to accelerate, the need for Rotary service is greater than ever. It's one thing to read about service projects, quite another to see them in action and to see the grateful faces of people who have benefited from them. Rotary projects change lives and connect the world. And over the past year, I have seen some amazing Rotary projects in action. Gay and I visited Japan's Fukushima prefecture last year.

Few places in the world have had to deal with the kind of devastation that visited Fukushima in March 2011, when a tsunami touched off by an earthquake led to disaster at a nuclear power plant. But the story of Fukushima today is not one of destruction; it is one of hope and renewal. Rotary grants have helped improve access to medical and mental health care for victims of the disaster and reduced the isolation of these communities by sharing the experiences of people from other parts of the world

who have also recovered from disasters. Our grants have also helped to foster self-motivation and encourage sustainable long-term community recovery across the region.

In Shanghai, I learned about the Careers in Care program. This helps migrant workers fill the need for skilled professionals in elder care facilities. After taking a course, trainees receive certification to boost their employment prospects, while the care industry benefits from an expanded talent pool. Rotary projects like this are successful because they address a local need, and they have the potential to attract local government funding to sustain their impact.

And in Guatemala, Gay and I went to Sumpango. Global grants there provide mechanical cows to produce soy milk; an improved water distribution system; water filters; clean compost latrines; family gardens; support for income generation; and training in WASH and literacy programs. The food items sold there not only provide nutrition to women and children, but also create a source of income for local women.

In every area of focus, and in every part of the world, Rotary projects are improving lives and helping communities adapt in a time of rapid change. As we celebrate another great year for Rotary, let us rededicate ourselves to strengthening the connections that make our service so impactful. We will make lives better as Rotary Connects the World.

MARK DANIEL MALONEY
President, Rotary International

A message from Foundation Trustee Chair

Gary C.K. Huang, January 2020



Ni hao, Rotarians!

Something amazing happened in Vienna in October. A runner from Kenya named Eliud Kipchoge was the first person in history to run a marathon distance — 26.2 miles — in less than two hours.

For many years, experts thought this would be impossible. They said the human body was not capable of achieving this feat. But Kipchoge succeeded because he had an incredible team working with him. He had pacers who ran with him every step of the way, and people who made sure that he had the proper fuel and hydration. Every few miles, fresh runners were sent in to keep up the pace and help him reach his goal.

Like Eliud Kipchoge, Rotary has a great support team as we approach the final mile in our marathon journey to rid the world of polio. So many amazing Rotarians have helped pace this effort along the way, donating their time and energies to bring us close to our goal.

The World Health Organization has certified type 3 of the wild poliovirus as eradicated. This is big news! We have also gone three years without any wild poliovirus on the continent of Africa. It may soon be certified polio-free.

The final mile of our journey is a difficult one. Pakistan and Afghanistan are great challenges for us — but we have met so many great challenges before. Every time a goal has seemed out of reach, Rotarians have stood together and answered the call.

This is no time to lose our focus or to think the race is already over. Can you imagine what would have happened to Eliud Kipchoge if all of the pacers had gone home for the final 2 miles? He might never have reached his goal.

It takes a special character to pursue a difficult task all the way to the end. These are the times that we need each other most. In the Tao Te Ching, Laozi wrote that the journey of 1,000 miles begins with one step. But it also ends with one step. And those final steps take just as much courage as the first.

Let's make history, Rotary — the finish line is within reach!

GARY C.K. HUANG
Foundation Trustee Chair



Ni hao, Rotarians!

Since ancient times, people have built communities around water. Having the ability to draw clean, fresh water from a well means that a village has staying power and the ability to endure hard times.

Wells are vital to people worldwide, but as a metaphor, they are just as powerful. What is The Rotary Foundation's "well"? From what source can we draw to replenish ourselves to keep up with all of the amazing global grants saving lives around the world?

The Rotary Foundation well is our Endowment, of course. We are building a very deep, strong well that will ensure funding for major projects for generations to come. A strong endowment will ensure the long-term financial stability of our Foundation and provide essential resources to help deliver even more outstanding humanitarian service into the future.

We are aiming high with the Building TRF Endowment: 2025 by 2025 initiative to build an endowment of \$2.025 billion by 2025. By then we expect the Foundation's Endowment to have a minimum of \$1 billion in net assets, with the balance in expectancies and bequest-type commitments.

Imagine the good we will be able to do with a \$2 billion Endowment! The investment earnings will provide about \$100 million annually for Rotarians to do all sorts of life-changing projects around the globe, year after year. Together, we can make this happen. As much as the world changes around us, the well of The Rotary Foundation will stand the test of time and keep making a positive impact on the world.

Confucius took great pleasure from water. He said: "Great water can continuously move forward without stopping. It is so kind as to irrigate the lands everywhere it goes, yet it does not regard itself as having performed outstanding feats. It's just like virtue."

Speaking of accomplishments, the Rotary Club of Shanghai just celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding. And the club just reached another great milestone: its first Arch Klumph Society member, Frank Yih. Gong xi to our friends in Shanghai!

GARY C.K. HUANG
Foundation Trustee Chair

Editorial

PP. Vanit Yotharvit, D. 3360

Fellow Rotarians,

“What is it? When I was an amateur assistant to Dentist.

The fresh red blood came out of a mouth of patient made amateur assistant to Dentist seem to be faint. It's about the 20 year's memories with mobile dental clinic project for 2 times a month for 2 years. It's very impressive experiences until now.

I still remembered that I had to take these volunteers to the service stations at Chai Prakarn, Fang, Baan Khobdong on Inthanont mountain. Om-koi etc.

Life of after retirement of all Rotarians, everyone eager to do their jobs even though up high to the mountain or remote areas. Sometimes they have to sleep on the bamboo beds, eat local foods that not as usual for them.

Beside their inspirations, many of them made a donation and helping for writing the first Rotary Club of Masai Matching Grant Project (at that time) which was the first District 3360 project via email.

Times passing with many responsibilities, doing the Magazine is the one of Rotarian experience as a volunteer editor in chief.

The future is not come yet but in any role, the inspiration from the memories make force and eager with me to service, volunteer, and share the one who need help.

“Be inspiration be with you all”

Yours in Rotary
PP.Vanit Yotharvit

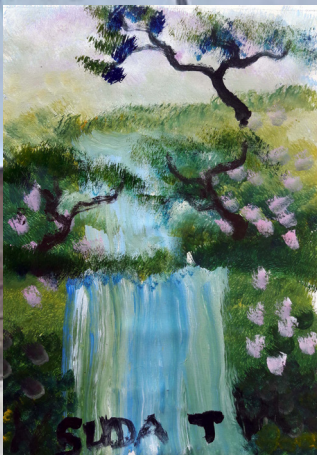
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How should we cooperate to reach “Rotary Connects the World?”

I started from being Rotary Ann (Spouse) for 7 years and then being Rotarians for 8 years that's mean all for 15 years. I felt that doing Rotary Information in the club help Rotarians to express their opinions ,promoting good will and understanding through Rotary Information to cooperate to reach “Rotary Connects the World”.

Starting from ourselves, to love and looking at Rotary as beautiful things and convey Rotary stories happily to others as they can feel. So it is very easy to expand Rotary and make a connection that can make our organization stronger. It's many ways to do it but I prefer to use a public relation because we can use them in many channels such as LINE or online. Don't forget that we have Social Media for publicize our service projects spread to all over the world.

Please remember, we can do more in everyday life. We can use our Rotary Club identities such as shirts, hats, pens, bags or Rotary logo items. We can do it in every opportunity, every time to make people know Rotary much more. For me if there is someone ask me about these, I assume that my public relation is success. Fellow Rotarians, I am a Muslim Rotarian who lives in the three Southern Most provinces that comprise of Buddhists and Muslims living together but I can create public image of Rotary for showing that we can live and connect together.

One other thing is we should invite the outsiders to know Rotary stories that we have good projects which is RYLA. I like this project very much because this project can invite the outsiders to know Rotary. Not so long time ago at RYLA project in Pranburi, I had a chance to know one of the RYLA parent and had a chance to ask them how they knew this project. The answer is they knew this project from one of former RYLA who finished this project and told others. It's a good public relation.

Four nights and five days in this project, I believed that the knew more about our Rotary. It's a sign that I believe that they will come back to our project again. This is a story about public relation to make our organization bigger and wider.

Fellow Rotarians, let's make beautiful public relations to others to know our Rotary for “*Rotary Connects the World*”

Article

PP. Dr. Busabong Jamroendararasame,
Rotary Club of Phayao



Rotary Connects the World Manila Rotary Zone Institute Aftermath

Every time I come to Zone Institute Seminar, I have a chance to remind that all Rotary Clubs of 530 Districts, 34 Zones depending to the number of members of each zone. Thailand has 4 district-3330, 3340, 3350 and 3360. We are in Zone 10 with the Philippines. Philippines is 10A Zone. We and Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore are in Zone 10 B so we join this meeting in Manila. Next year we are going to join the meeting in Singapore which is in the sam10B Zone.

Manila is still the same in many things such as traffic jam, high building and slums. In the meantime, there many more high building, more bigger hotels for convention located close together. The Marriot hotel where is the meeting place is very huge capacity for many attendances. And there many small hotels surround there. So that we can see many Rotarians stay all around. But for me I stayed with my friend, PDG.Lina Aurelio, the first female district governor of the Philippines. So I can see the different views.

At that time Manila is hosting SEA Games, full booking flights, full hotels, full roads with cars. If you leaving from inappropriate time, the time would be change from 30 minutes to be 2 hours. There was my siren car lead the sport teams to the venues. Moreover, there were warning of Typhoon coming. Warning to evacuate from the danger zone. The attendances were so much worry whether the can go home or not. For me myself after I flew from Manila,

I heard that the Ninoy Airport was temporary closed. This is another experience I ever met. It might be the impact of environmental changed, global warming and etc. So, we have to adapt ourselves to live in safe and help each other.

This meeting, district 3360 has shown the Dengue exhibition. This is a joint project among Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines which was very interest by the attendances. We also had the breakout session. We brought the lemon grass oil from Phayao learning center to give to the interested persons. It's ran out in short time. Moreover, the interest in how to apply the Global Grant more than Dengue. There are many followers about this. it will be more about this.

This year, Rotary Club of Phayao was approved for Global Grant about environmental which is a pilot project. Before we could finish this grant, we had to write to Cathleen Evan many times. I almost gave up. It's not easy to apply the Grant because it is not the one of Area of Focus. We hope it will be the one of Area of Focus soon.

Next copy I will write about how to apply the project like this. It is not only a hard for writing but also for doing when the application is approved. Wait for a moment, after learn from very useful lesson, I'll do it.

What it's like . . .



Scrub in on the world's first heart transplant

DEAN ROHRS

Rotary Club of Langley Central

British Columbia

past RI vice president

IN DECEMBER 1967, I was completing my nurse's training at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa. At that time, Christiaan Barnard was leading a team that hoped to perform the first successful human heart transplant at that hospital. There was a race between teams, because it was such a huge medical achievement. I was on "backup rotation" one night when I was called into the OR. It was just a coincidence that I happened to be on duty.

You have to understand, with a surgery like that, the room is crowded with people: the surgeons, their assistants, the anesthetists, the folks operating the heart-lung machine that keeps the patient alive. My job was just to do whatever needed to be done. I counted the cotton swabs used during the surgery, to make sure none were left in the patient. I fetched water. The surgeons would lean toward me and say, "Please mop my brow," because they were perspiring.

In the moment, you understand that you're doing something most unusual, but you're so involved with the process that you're just making sure you're watching and filling in wherever you can. I knew the man receiving the heart and his family; he had been on the ward for a long time and he was clearly dying. He would have been gone in 24 or 48 hours. And here was this young woman who had been in a car accident and donated her heart.

Because of the surgical draping and the number of people leaning over the patient, I had no sightline into the chest cavity. But I did see everything that went in and came out. I saw the needles the surgeons were using to sew tissue together and tie off the bleeders. I saw the suctioning and the cauterization. And I saw the new heart itself go in. It was very different back then in how they did harvesting, and far more dramatic. They had to carry the new heart from one surgical theater to the other. I saw it being brought into the OR and lifted into the patient. Of course there was drama, because you are putting something into somebody's chest that could give



life but came from somebody who gave life. When I saw the new heart itself, I don't remember thinking anything other than, "Oh my God, that's somebody's heart."

Our surgery wasn't the first attempted heart transplant. There had been one earlier, but the patient didn't survive the procedure. Our patient survived for 18 days and was able to talk to his family. It wasn't his heart that gave out; he died of pneumonia, partly because the immunosuppressant drugs weren't as effective back then. Still, because our patient survived, that surgery became international news. Nobody on that team could have anticipated how big the reaction would be. It was instantly a world-famous event.

I was only 25 when it all happened — that's 50 years ago now, good grief! Sometimes I feel a little embarrassed when people make a big deal out of it, because I was so peripheral. But that surgery did shape the course of medical history. And I have to give Professor Barnard credit. He was not always an easy man to work with, but it took a lot of courage to do what he did, because many people said back then that you can't touch the heart. It was culturally and religiously unacceptable. That surgery changed the way people thought about the heart, and it changed the way we treat heart disease to this day.

From Thailand to Ireland

Rt. District 3350, THAILAND

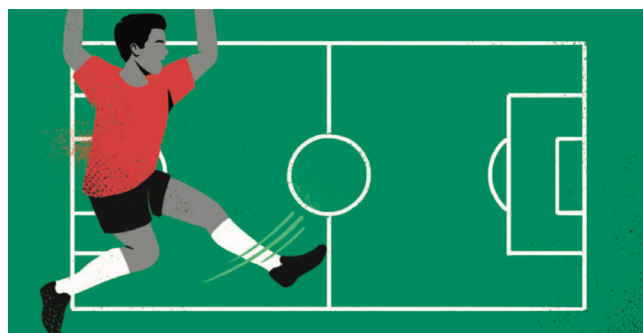
Towards the end of June 2013 newspapers printed the news of a foreign man falling from the 4th floor of an apartment building near Suvarnabhumi airport. He was found unconscious on the ground floor the next morning and sent to Sirinathorn Hospital and then to Samitivej Srinakharin hospital's ICU.

Robbie Robinson, age 32 was the son of a Rotarian at the Rotary Club of Wicklow D. 1160, Republic of Northern Ireland who was visiting a friend in Bangkok. When his father received the news he flew to be by his son's bedside for 10 days and then returned to raise funds for his son's return. His mother and sister came to be beside him. DG. Verity Swan of D. 1160 wrote to DG of D 3350 of the time, Pravit Rojkajonnapalai about this case on 15 July 2013. At the time DG Pravit was leaving on a trip. He answered the email, and assigned AG Jason Lim, Chair of District Community Service Committee and PP Yod Saengsawangwattana, District Secretary to take care of this matter. Both AG Jason and PP Yod went to meet Rt. Martina at Samitivej.

By then Robbie had been on life support system for 25 days and a lot of money has been spent on his treatment. Rt. Martina tried to organize an airline to take him, but 4 airlines have refused because Robbie was in a coma. Luckily the 5th airline contacted – Thai Airways International agreed to take the patient to London where the Air Ambulance was waiting to receiving him to continue his journey to Dublin.

Next came the search for doctor and nurse who will accompany the patient on the trip. Robbie's condition was stable but if they delayed he could contract pneumonia or his health could fail so that he was unable to take the trip. The airline must also have 10 seats which they can pull together to install the bed and other instruments required.

Finally District 3350 Thailand was able to send Robbie and relatives on Air Ambulance from London to Dublin when his condition was still stable. It is a pity that after reaching his family for a few days, Robbie passed away on 21 July 2013.



Play in a legendary

World Cup game

MANUEL AMOROS

Rotary Club of Arles-sur-Rhône, France

IN 1982, WHEN I WAS 20, I received my first invitation to join the French national soccer team and got to compete in the World Cup. I was selected Best Young Player of the tournament and scored a memorable penalty shot in the semifinals.

But the highlight of my career was our quarterfinal match four years later at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico. The game, against Brazil, began at noon on 21 June at Jalisco Stadium in Guadalajara. It was scorching hot and very humid, and we had to deal with the pollution and the high altitude. They provided oxygen tanks to help us cope with the severe conditions. I had never seen that before, and I haven't seen it since.

Some people called a contest between France and Brazil a dream match. The coach of the Brazil team said he thought it the equivalent of the final game of the tournament, and one journalist wrote that everything that came after would be anticlimactic. Two hours before the game, there were already about 30,000 fans there — eventually the crowd swelled to 66,000 — and most of them were Brazilians, chanting and dancing. So Brazil definitely had a home-field advantage.

For this matchup, our coach, Henri Michel, had changed tactics and told some of us to play different positions. We were all at sea and immediately realized the new system wasn't working out. Brazil scored after only 17 minutes. We had to reorganize quickly, which is not easy in the midst of a game. We went back to our usual positions, and shortly before halftime, Michel Platini, our captain, scored a goal.

In those days, water breaks were unheard of, and with the high caliber of play, the ball rarely went out of play. Our medical team filled small plastic bags with water and tossed them to us from the sidelines, making sure the referees didn't notice. About 15 minutes before regulation time ended, with the game still tied 1-1, Joël Bats, our goalkeeper, fouled an opponent and drew a penalty. The Brazilian players started to celebrate as if they had won the game, which I thought was arrogant and quite presumptuous. And I was right: Zico, a god in his country, took the penalty shot — and Joël stopped it.

We had a fantastic opportunity in the second overtime when our striker, Bruno Bellone, faced the Brazilian goalie in a one-on-one duel. Bruno was fouled and couldn't score; worse, the referee didn't call a foul and award us a penalty kick.

And so, after 120 grueling minutes, the contest was decided on penalty kicks, a lottery you cannot depend on. We alternated, with each team taking a total of five shots. Four years earlier, in the semifinal against Germany, I had shot second and scored. Out of superstition, I asked to be second again, and I didn't miss. There were three missed shots — one by France and two by Brazil — but finally, my teammate Luis Fernández took the winning kick. What an incredible moment! We had defeated Brazil. I would never experience such an amazing feeling again.



Plant a butterfly garden with the first lady

CHRIS PUTTOCK

Rotary Club of College Park, Maryland

IN APRIL 2010, I got a call from some office within the White House. The congressional spouses wanted to put in a garden with Michelle Obama at the Marie Reed Elementary School in Washington, D.C. With about 13 days' notice, they said, "Can we get this garden together and put it in?" I said, "Tall job, but we'll do it."

I'm a botanist by training. I did my degrees in Sydney, Australia, and I was the collections manager of botany at the Bishop Museum in Hawaii before I came to the Smithsonian Institution, where I am a research associate. I'm also the chair of the Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group. Around 2009, I met a Rotarian named William Dent at the Rotary Club of Washington. He is the executive director of Natural Partners, which works with the Monarch Sister Schools Program. He was looking for somebody who could design gardens and put them into schools.

Thirteen days is a short time to get all the plants together, plan a garden, prepare the beds. But we were able to do it. I laid out the pattern of where the plants would go in the garden. Then the truck with 600 or 700 plants arrived, and we had them all set out, along with the tools, gloves, and all the things that the kids would need.

It was afternoon when Michelle Obama arrived with the group of congressional spouses. They put on gloves; some of them would do planting. Some of them were doing watering. At one point, Michelle was working with me in a corner of the garden. Several children were helping us, so we talked about how to dig the hole where the plant was going to go, how to take a plant out of its pot, and how to water it.

She knew about gardening. She had been working with the gardeners at the White House and was growing vegetables there. In the garden I had designed, most of it was native plants, but there was a section that was, basically, plants for pizza: peppers, tomatoes, and basil. We spoke about vegetable gardens versus butterfly gardens, which provide food for the caterpillars and nectar for the butterflies.

The garden was about 750 square feet, and we planted about 30 species of plants native to Washington: plantain-leaved pussytoes, common milkweed, purplehead sneezeweed. If you want to attract butterflies, you have to have plants that provide nectar. They like plants that will give them a little tube with a drop of sugar. Butterflies and moths have specific groups of species that they will lay their eggs on. The monarch will lay them only on milkweeds. But so much of their habitat has been lost that the monarch population is at less than 10 percent of what it was 50 years ago. Some years it could be as low as 1 percent of historic levels.

Michelle was a lovely lady to work with. She also helped paint a mural on the wall next to the garden that featured butterflies and plants, and then she signed her name. After about an hour and a half, she left with the group of spouses.

Butterfly gardens in inner-city schools can bring nature home to the kids. Butterflies are an easy way to teach kids about the needs of specific creatures. The charismatic monarch is a fantastic ambassador for the classroom. The Monarch Sister Schools Program is now more than 10 years old and has installed many gardens; when I was associated with it, we installed about 30 gardens in three years. Several Rotary clubs are still engaged in the school programs.

Teacher Choke: Teaching elephants to draw

PP Pongpranat Petchratnakul

Rotary Club of Chiang Mai-Phu Ping, District 3360, THAILAND

‘All living beings can live in peace and happiness on this earth if we make an effort to learn about them and understand them.’ This was the answer given to Kru Choke when he worked with elephants, teaching them to draw.

PP Pongpranat Petchratnakul or Kru Choke is a member of Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Phuping in D. 3360. He is also known as the elephant’s teacher because he

taught elephants to draw. Many of you may have seen beautiful and strange pictures when elephants use their trunks to hold the paint brush and slap paint on the canvass. Elephant art can bring large sums as much as 1,500,000 baht.

Kru Choke said that in the beginning he was teaching elephants to draw in a hit or miss manner teaching elephants to shake the brush and slap colours on. It started first with abstract art. The person who had lots of influence here is Khun Anchalee Kalmapichit, owner of Mae Sa Elephant Camp. She brought several artists to teach elephants to draw. Then it was the turn of Kru Choke to teach art to elephants. His idea of art is first to have elephants draw nature scenes. Kru Choke spent time with elephants getting to know them and work with the elephant and mahouts. Art is what is created by humans. For elephant art, human will first conceive of it, and then convey that to the elephant. Painting is done with the mahout and the elephant. Thus it is 3-way art. Finally it is the creation of the mahout and the elephant. The mahout is able to influence the elephant the most.

Elephant art is not just the finished painting, but people are charmed by the elephant’s actions. Young elephants may not have much in term of artistic ability, but are great charmers. The mahout is great at transferring the concept of what man wants from the elephant. The artist cannot interfere between the mahout and the elephant when the elephant is creating his art. Thus when the elephant is holding the brush, the mahout has to guess ahead and be able to read the desire of elephant. This is a big challenge. The elephant too has to concentrate on orders and move his trunk in the way ordered. This gave rise to the formula 1+1=1. The mahout and elephant must become as one.

Surprisingly, the result is often better than expected. Sometimes the designer think the elephant can only do so much, but actually the elephant often performs better than expected. However we must acknowledge that it is not always 100 % as we expected. Still this is up the mahout to solve the problem and control the elephant’s action.

PP Pongpranat is a native of Prachuab Khirikhan, and obtained Bachelor’s degree in Fine Arts from Vithayalai Kru Nakhon Pathom (now Nakhon Pathom Rajabhat University). After graduating he worked in Bangkok for many years before moving to Chiang Mai in 1996. At that time he was following his dream and ‘the meaning of life’.

In Chiang Mai he came to the conclusion that Life is really nothing more than living life to the full, be contented and happy. In addition to work, give and be humble and accept what others give wholeheartedly. Thus he stayed in Chiang Mai and now has a motto: Live low, aim high, as it was in the past, it will be so in the future.



Meet a future

monarch

GLENN ADAMS

Group Study Exchange

WHEN AKIHITO, THE 85-YEAR-OLD EMPEROR of Japan, stepped down from the Chrysanthemum Throne last spring, it brought back memories of my meeting with him more than 40 years ago at the Imperial Palace.

In April 1978, I was part of a six-person Group Study Exchange sponsored by Rotary; the Japanese would later send a delegation to our Philadelphia-area district.

Because of Rotary's high standing in Japan, we received first-class treatment throughout our six-week visit: We stayed in four-star hotels, dined extravagantly, and rode around in black limousines with little flags on the front fenders. We toured agricultural and manufacturing sites, Tokyo's Tsukiji fish market — at the time, the world's largest — and the National Diet Building, the equivalent of the U.S. Capitol. While sailing the Edo River in an antique boat, we enjoyed a lunch of fish caught, gutted, scaled, and deep-fried during our voyage. At the Supreme Court, a justice insisted we try on his robe; at a sumo school, we sat down to a typical wrestler's lunch of beer, two cooked fish, seaweed, raw yellowtail fish, cool broth, soy and rice cakes, and noodles.

One of our most memorable excursions began with a train ride from Tokyo. We rode past villages and terraced rice fields. As the mountains drew closer, we switched to three black taxis, which took us up a steep, winding road to a cable car that carried us over a sprawling cedar forest. We disembarked at a gleaming blue lake, Ashinoko, which we sailed across on a replica of a 17th-century boat. The following dawn brought a breathtaking view of snowcapped Mount Fuji.

Our much-anticipated meeting with Akihito, who was then the crown prince — his father, Hirohito, would reign as emperor for another 11 years — took place inside a pine-paneled chamber at the palace. When he entered, our Rotary hosts bowed reverently, as did we, having received a crash course in royal etiquette. Akihito wore a plain blue-gray business suit with a white shirt and dark tie. He spoke softly, and his English was good but deliberate. According to my diary, "he stared straight and unflinchingly as each of us was introduced — by order of age."

We sat in red chairs near a pair of black lacquer-topped tables. They were set with four ashtrays, matchboxes printed with the royal symbol, and a cigarette case on a silver tray, but I don't recall anyone smoking during our meeting. As we spoke, servants brought in trays of sweets and green tea, bowing each time without facing the prince directly. Akihito asked about our impressions of Japan, and we mentioned the politeness of the people, the cleanliness of Tokyo, the historic sites we visited, and the foods we had come to enjoy. "The prince," my diary notes, "remained virtually expressionless most of the time."

Knowing that we were from Philadelphia, Akihito recalled his visit to that city in 1953, when he was 19. When I asked him what he considered to be the major concern of the Japanese people, he replied that it was preserving their traditions, history, and culture, while integrating them with modern trends and technology.

Our visit ended with good wishes and more bows. If there had been a theme to our conversation, it was maintaining ancient customs in modern times — that, and a word Akihito kept repeating: "harmony."

Rotary Club under Royal Patronage

President Prakorb Mukura, District 3350, THAILAND

Rotary Club of Vadhana was chartered in 1998 by a group of Thai students returned from US working in a variety of professions and businesses to offer service to the needy without expecting anything in return. HRH Princess Kallayani Vadhana kindly accepted the Rotary club under her Patronage and offered her Royal Insignia to be placed above the RI logo. HH Princess Vimolchatra accepted to be Honorary Member of the club.

HRH Princess Kallayani Vadhana chaired the Charter ceremony and the Installation of Club officers for the year 1999-2000 at the Grand Ballroom, J W Marriott Bangkok. This was a great source of pride for club members. They have firmly held to the service activities, and with the Royal Patronage the service projects were well sponsored.

(Note from Editor of District 3350: Another club was sponsored a few months prior to RC Vadhana is Rotary Club of Banglampu under Royal Patronage of Princess Kalyani Vadhana. The Charter President here was Dr. Yongyuth Vacharadulya)



Evade capture in World War II

SEIJI IMAIZUMI

Rotary Club of Kawagoe, Japan

MY SHOES WERE SO WORN that I had to tie rope around them to hold them together. Sometimes I had to eat small animals, even grass. But I kept walking, hoping to reach somewhere safe. I spent every day thinking I was probably going to die. Come tomorrow, I would say to myself, I won't be in this world.

Most of my unit died during the battle in Imphal, India, which took place near the border with Burma (now Myanmar) in 1944. British soldiers surrounded them and killed or captured nearly everyone. I was not among them because I had been ordered to investigate how we could cross a nearby river. If the circumstances had been different, I would have died too.

The British were searching for any remaining Japanese soldiers, so I retreated into the Burmese mountains to hide. This was near the end of World War II, and Japan was losing steam, so our food and ammunition hadn't been replenished in a long time. I had almost nothing left. I walked about 15 miles a day over very difficult terrain.

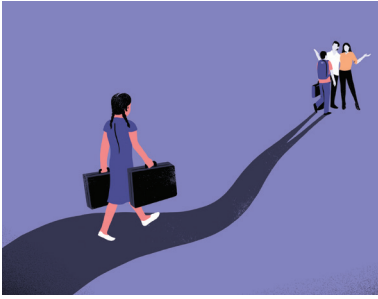
Finally, I found a house. It was one room. If you opened the door, you could see the entire house. But the family took me in. They gave me food. When British soldiers came, they told me to hide under the bed. Once the British moved on, they told me I could come out.

I stayed in hiding until the war ended. I kept moving, and everywhere I went, families took me in. I didn't worry that someone would tell the British. I later heard many stories of local people hiding other Japanese soldiers. No matter where I went, I heard this kind of story. They were very kind to us.

I returned to Japan in 1946 and had to start over. For years, I struggled to farm on land that no one wanted to cultivate. Everyone was poor. It was a difficult time. But I knew from experience that if I wanted to live, I would find a way. I had the strength and will to survive. I also started thinking about how I would repay the kindness of the Burmese people.

I began dairy farming and my life stabilized, so I started the Imaizumi Memorial Burmese Scholarship Foundation. The scholarship is for students from Myanmar who study in Japan. In 1989, we awarded our first scholarships. Today, about 200 young people have received the scholarship.

I've mentored many of the students who've studied here in Japan, and my goal is for them to have the skills they need to bring prosperity to their country. Investing in the next generation was the best way I could think of to repay the strangers who took me in. And for my comrades to rest in peace, I hope this generation brings peace and prosperity to Myanmar.



Host two generations of Youth Exchange students

RANDY WILSON

Governor, District 7150

JANET WILSON

Rotary Club of Sauquoit, New York

IN 1988, a 15-year-old Rotary Youth Exchange student from India named Anant Agrawal arrived in District 7150 in central New York. His first host family had a construction project going on in their home when he arrived, so he stayed with our family for about six weeks.

We had just added two bedrooms to our house, and Anant helped us paint. He was thrilled to be able to help us finish those rooms. He did well in school, he worked on Rotary projects, and then he went home. There wasn't any social media or email then, and although we had become close, we lost contact after that. We were raising our family. He went home to go to college, and he eventually married and started his own family.

We've hosted students in our home from Australia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, and the Netherlands. We always love learning about the students' culture and seeing them mature while they are here. For many of these students, it's the first time they've been away from their family for an extended period. It's amazing to watch them grow as the year progresses. For the host family, it's a wonderful opportunity to expand your worldview and, in effect, to adopt a child into your home for three or four months.

Not every exchange is perfect. You have to understand that the kids will experience some homesickness and know how to work through it with them. The host family has to work at it; the student has to work at it. But in general, host families find that they make a connection if they see the student not as a guest, but as a member of their family.

From 1989 until 2006, we weren't in touch with Anant. Then District 3060, which includes part of the state of Gujarat, sent two students to District 7150. We asked the students if they knew Anant. One of them remembered that after speaking at a club, he talked to a man who told him: "I'm really excited for you. I was in central New York about 18 years ago. The winters are very cold, but the people are very warm. You're going to have a wonderful year."

Sure enough, that was our Anant. We reconnected, and in 2011 he, his wife, and their two children traveled to the United States and came to stay at our home for a week. They visited the high school he had gone to. It was wonderful. Then in 2014, we went to India for his cousin's wedding. We got to spend about nine days there.

Anant's son was a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Brazil, and his daughter, Aarohi, applied as well. In the fall of 2018, the Sauquoit Rotary Club, our home club, hosted her. She stayed with us in the same bedroom her father had helped us paint 30 years earlier. She was in a play at school, and she took Advanced Placement courses. She graduated with about 80 other seniors in her class. Then she went back to India. As hard as it was to watch her go, we knew we'd see her again.

When we talk to potential host families, we tell them the greatest thing about Rotary Youth Exchange: If you agree to host a student from a foreign country for several months in your home, you will host them in your heart for the rest of your lives.

From a young under privileged kid to a giver with empathy and access

President Wacharapon Panoi

Rotary Club of Magkang, District 3340, THAILAND and the Scholarship for Underprivileged Youth in under developed area

Offering 3 years scholarship to poor students who has desire to learn is the inspiration that I myself was such a student living far from developed areas. I was very poor. Passing each class was very difficult. At the end of the day I return home to help my parents find money to send me to school the next day.

Today I fully understand the feeling of the poor and lacking opportunity to study. I was able to push myself forward, and is now in the position to help others especially working under Rotary as club president for 2019-20 with determination and inspiration. This project is for kids whose family is poor, has only one parent, or none, with only relatives looking after, providing scholarship so that the person can study and proceed to higher study to the Bachelor's level. This way the kids will have access to better quality of life and meet life's goals.

This project completed 6 years and is approaching 7th year. There are more than 80 students who have all received 3 years funding for each level. It created contented youth and pride in their achievement including parents and guardians. I have become like a second mother to the 80 youth.

Our District



TRF President Gary C.K. Huang participated in the Walk-Run Campaign for Polio Eradication organized by 4 Rotary districts in Thailand at Her Majesty Queen Sri Suriyothai Monument (Tung Makhom Yong) at Ban Mai Sub-District, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya District, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya Province.

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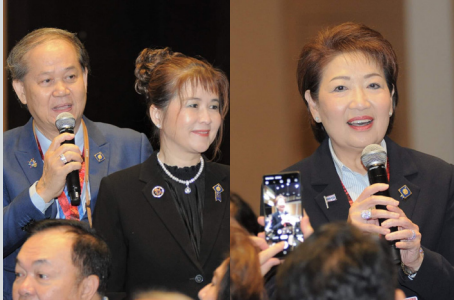
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ROTARY INSTITUTE 2019



ZONES 1B, 9, 10A, 10B, 10C



Memoirs from the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

Programs before the Institute:

From the Ninoi Arquino International Airport in Manila, we traveled by bus for about 15-20 minutes to the new business center called the Resorts World Manila. It is a grand and luxurious place surrounded by many leading hotels with international restaurants and casinos like those in Las Vegas. And located majestically here is the 5-star Manila Marriot Hotel, the location for the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute.

The Opening Ceremony of the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute:

During the first 3 days before the Rotary Institute began, the Governors-Elect Training Seminar or GETS was held for the various districts under the following zones: Zone 1B (Bangladesh, Pakistan and Indonesia); Zone 9 (Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau and China); Zone 10A (the Philippines); Zone 10B (Thailand, Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia); and Zone 10C (Singapore and Malaysia). Governors-Elect and their spouse fully participated in this training.

With determination, attention, seriousness and fellowship among the participants, this training ended with a celebration of success. At dinner with entertainment, the certificate was presented to each participant wearing a graduation gown (borrowed from a local university) to make it look sacred and fun. The evening was presided over by RI President-Elect, Mr. Holger Knaack, and his Ann, Mrs. Susanne Knaack, and witnessed by other past, present and

future leading RI executives. Training for Governors-Nominee and District Trainers of various districts were held on the same day.

On 29 November from morning until noon, past, present and future Rotary leaders attended the Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar. During the seminar, they heard the reports on the Rotary Foundation's policy, contributions and activities of the 3 major zones. In addition, the participants took the opportunity to exchange information and opinions on various current issues or activities for maximum benefits to mankind. Lunch was also held for Major Donors and AKS Members and awards were presented to the representatives of various districts for their contributions to the Foundation.

From 15.00 hours, RI leaders including past, present and future RI officers as well as club leaders who were invited by the convener, Mr. Rafael Garcia – RI Director, Rotaractors from various towns in the Philippines and more than 1,700 invited guests from over 20 countries joined this event making the hotel's huge conference room looked small. All attendees were impressed with the flag ceremony and the cultural performances by the Filipino artists.

Convener RID Rafael Garcia officially opened the meeting while PDG Sid Garcia, the organizing chairman, welcomed all participants and proudly reported in detail on the full attendance of all the leaders. Then, RI President-Elect made an impressive speech about the special opportunity for him to attend this Rotary Institute. He saw the fellowship of Rotarians from various corners of the world, ready to form a global Rotary network to help serve humanity efficiently.

Along with a very delicious dinner and many entertainment programs, Rotarians and their spouse in their national costume exchanged their culture and enjoyed the shows. The country winning US\$2,000 for the best performance was Taiwan with its concert. Even though Thailand had very little time to rehearse, it managed to perform Loy Krathong Dance and involved leaders at different levels to join.

The Second and Third Plenary Sessions (30 November)

With Rotary songs to begin the day, all the leaders were motivated to attend the second day of the conference. Information was disseminated during the plenary and breakout sessions as well as practical workshops led by highly experienced Rotary trainers.

The Key Messages of the Conference Were As Follows:

- RI President-Elect informed the audience that Rotary's future depends on our cooperation and emphasis on quality, not quantity, membership increase. He said that for more than 10 years with new members joining and some members leaving, the average number has remained at 1.2 million. Therefore, we need to ensure that our existing 1.2 million members have the highest quality through various means so that we can provide valued service to our communities. We need to pay attention and put emphasis on the new generation including Rotaractors who are now Rotary members. These Rotaractors particularly Community Rotaractors will be our future.

- Trainers on the Foundation such as Past RI Director Sangkoo Yun, RI Trustee, RI Polio Plus Chair and Past RI Director Michael McGovern, all talked about the Rotary Foundation's goal of increasing global contributions so that we can efficiently increase our service projects to cover the 6 areas of focus for sustainable benefits to more communities.

- Rotary work on Polio Plus has a positive impact. The number of Polio patients in the infected countries such as Pakistan and Afghanistan has reduced as a result of better cooperation between RI and the various government units, as well as financial support from many countries.

- The breakout sessions focused on Rotary's strategic planning. According to RI Director Stephani Urchik, RI earlier developed its strategic planning to cover 3 main areas: membership, contributions to the Rotary Foundation and image building. At present, RI focuses on the integration of all 3 areas for higher practical results. This includes increasing the impact for maximum benefits, increasing the success of the target access capability, finding ways to involve more people and increasing the development capability.

- There were also several seminar groups focusing on different topics such as How to ensure that our work is in line with Rotary, Strategic Planning, Environmental Development, Peace Design and Conflict Resolution, etc.

The evening function was a European style gala dinner. Everybody fully enjoyed the music played by a live band and danced away into the night.

On the last day of the Institute, the key content included the 5-year forecast of RI financial statements and information on various RI awards particularly the new one called The One International Award. To win this award, each district nominates a person or a group of people with an outstanding performance for the benefits of the public. During the session led by RI President-Elect as well as past, present and future RI directors, the audience had an opportunity to discuss various topics and ask questions of their concerns. Most questions were about the role of Rotaractors as Rotary members such as their membership fee and the decision on TRF's Global Grant Projects which need people who are experienced in the 6 areas of focus. If the decision is made without the person's true understanding of the project in each area, Rotarians may not want to make contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Moreover, the meeting talked about leadership development and how to attract new members. If we make it easier for people to understand Rotary, our service process and our commitment to Rotary core values, our service work for Rotary will be smooth and sustainable.

The Institute ended successfully with fond memories and great appreciation from all involved. Following the custom, the work was transferred from the 2019 Manila Team to the 2020 Singapore Rotary Institute Team.

Finally, Auld Lang Syne was sung by all participating Rotarians who were holding hands in that big auditorium, leaving the last memory of the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute.

See you again in Singapore next year!

Interview of C.K. Huang

PP. Jantanee Tienvijit, Rotary Club of Lanna



Half an hour with Rotary Foundation Chair Gary C.K.

Early on Sunday, 8 December 2019, a group of Rotarians from 4 districts in Thailand traveled to Her Majesty Queen Sri Suriyothai Monument (Tung Makham Yong) at Ban Mai Sub-District, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya District, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya Province to join the Walk-Run Campaign for Polio Eradication. The event attended by about 2,000 people was organized by 4 Rotary districts in Thailand and hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya Province. The race was divided into a 21-km half marathon, a 10.5-km mini-marathon and a 3-5 km walk-run for health. The first group started at 5 a.m. followed by the second group at 5.30 a.m. and the last group at 6 a.m.

Gary K.C. Huang or Gary Huang, Rotary Foundation Chair for 2019-2020 and Past RI President for 2014-2015, also participated in this event. He came to Thailand on a Rotary Foundation mission and started his morning by officially presiding over the campaign and joined the 3-5 km walk-run for health. Gary Huang is 74 years old, but he walked and ran actively because he used to participate in many sports when he was a student. He still exercises regularly at present.

The editorial team of Newsletter "Rotary Thailand" made an appointment to interview Gary Huang through the help of PDG Jason Lim of District 3350 who took care of him

while he was carrying out his mission in Thailand. After he completed the walk-run and presented the awards to the winners, his group which comprised Thailand's 4 district governors and their Ann moved to the reception room for the interview.

Rotary Thailand: We learned about your background when you were RI President. However, we'd like to know more about you, and the first question is "How did you become a Rotarian?"

Gary Huang: I first knew about Rotary when I was in high school. I was head of the student council at that time and was presented with an award by Rotary for my contribution to the public. I was really impressed with Rotary activities and admired this organization. After I graduated from high school in Taiwan, I pursued my bachelor's degree in the US and forgot about Rotary. When I completed my studies, I returned to Taiwan to work for a life insurance company. A customer asked me to join him at a weekly meeting of RC Taipei. That's how I learned more about Rotary and its mission which I thought was great. I was interested in becoming a member, but I was denied 3 times because I was too young. I was 30 years old then while the average age of RC Taipei's members was 65. Another reason given to me was I had the same classification as one existing



Huang

member then. I did not give up though. I attended RC Taipei's weekly meetings for 9 months, and finally I was invited to join as the youngest member. Five years later, I was selected to be its youngest club president.

Rotary Thailand: What inspired you to become a Rotary leader?

Gary Huang: When I was studying, I knew about Rotary. I also knew many Rotarians who were successful in their profession and joined Rotary to do good for their society. I knew them, but they did not know me. At that time, I thought one day I would become just like them. Once I had a chance to become Rotarian, I helped with all my club's activities as many senior Rotarians had the knowledge, skills, money and power, but they did not have time. I had nothing like them, but I had time. Therefore, I used the time that I had to implement Rotary

activities. Five years later, I was nominated as RC Taipei's President, and 25 years after that I was nominated as District Governor. I was the youngest District Governor in Taiwan and had to oversee Rotary Clubs in Hong Kong, Macau and China.

Rotary Thailand: Which role of a Rotary leader, be it Club President, District Governor or RI President, impressed you most?

Gary Huang: When I was President of RC Taipei which used English as a means of communication, we had members from 26 nationalities. I organized a national day for all 26 nationalities and asked members to invite their country friends and families to join. So, at least 2 national days were held each month. As a result, during my year RC Taipei's membership increased from 102 to 138, or an increase of 36 members. We also chartered 1 new club. Being Club President allowed me the opportunity to initiate many new activities, to learn from them and to have fun implementing them.

Rotary Thailand: How did you balance between your personal life and your Rotary & social life?

Gary Huang: I was lucky to have my parents and my wife's take care of our children. Our family did a lot of activities together regularly. I also involved my family in Rotary activities. Later on, my wife and my children became

Rotarians at a different club. We always involved our family in Rotary activities because Rotary is also our family.

Rotary Thailand: What is the difference between being TRF President and RI President?

Gary Huang: Before one becomes TRF President, he or she must be RI President. RI President's mission is to increase membership and visit members in various countries to strengthen fellowship and Rotary. On the other hand, TRF's mission is to raise funds and provide support to Rotary clubs so that they can implement service projects for communities to promote health and hygiene, education and environment.

Rotary Thailand: When you were RI President, you set a very challenging goal of increasing membership to 1.3 million. Now that you are TRF President, do you have any challenging goal?

Gary Huang: The challenging goal that I set for this year is to achieve the contribution of US\$ 400 million. When I was RI President, I campaigned for more contributions and we gained up to US\$ 368 million, the highest at that time. Until last year before I took this mission, contribution to TRF was US\$ 395 million, and a major donor was a club president in India who donated US\$ 15 million. When I became TRF President, I called him and invited him to join RI Convention in June 2020 to receive the award from TRF. I also invited him to donate one more million, and later he sent a letter to inform me that he would join the next RI Convention to receive the award and will donate US\$ 2 million this June.

Rotary Thailand: Do you have anything to say to Rotarians in Thailand?

Gary Huang: Thailand is a big country, and Thai people are kind and generous. A lot of Rotarians have made contributions to TRF and have implemented many worthwhile service projects. A Chinese proverb says, "The more you give, the more you get." When we help those in need, we feel delighted and we achieve the goal of Service Above Self. Therefore, I'd like to see more membership in Thailand, and I'd like to invite all Rotarians in Thailand to help campaign for more contributions and more service projects.

That evening, Gary Huang presided over a TRF event at the Intercontinental Hotel where he presented the awards to those who made contributions to the Foundation. It's another meaningful night for Rotary in Thailand.

Foundation Night

PDG. Jason Lim,
Rotary Club of Bangkok Bangna

2019 Thailand Rotary Foundation Night at Inter Continental Hotel, Bangkok

On Sunday, 8th December 2019, Rotarians in Thailand joined hands and organized a Rotary Foundation Night to recognize those who have contributed to the Foundation. Major Donors and Paul Harris Fellows were all invited. It also welcomed Foundation Trustee PRIP. Gary Huang and his Spouse who kindly accepted the invitation to be present that evening gathering. There were more than 600 people in attendance. The event was a great success where participation from 4 Rotary Districts contributions as Major Gifts and Paul Harris Fellows between 1st July - 8th December amounted to Baht. 43,018,313.70 million (UD\$ 1,433,943.79)

That same evening the following persons were specially recognized:

- PP. Arnaud C.M.C. Verstraete. (Rotary Club of Patong Beach, District 3330) for his contribution of US\$ 500,000 as AKS Chair Circle Level 2.
- PP. Somchai and Rotary Ann PP. Kwanjai Kamonphanthip (Rotary Club of Photaram, District 3330) Level 1, AKS Trustees Circle
- Pres. Laura Huang Tze-Yi (Rotary Club of Phanomphen Capital, District 3350) with a contribution of 250,000, AKS Level 1, continuing with his mother's contribution as AKS level 1.
- PDG. Dr.Waewdao Limlenglert (Rotary Club of Chaing Mai Thin Thai Ngam, District 3360) contribution of 250,000 AKS Level 1

All 4 AKS mentioned that they were always ready to contribute to the Foundation because they were confident that all funds donated will be helping the communities.



FOUNDATION NIGHT





From left to right P. Laura Huang Tze-Yi (Rotary Club of Phanomphen Capital, District 3350),
 PP. Arnaud C.M.C. Verstraete. (Rotary Club of Patong Beach, District 3330),
 Rotary Ann PP. Kwanjai Kamonphanthip (Rotary Club of Photaram, District 3330),
 PDG. Dr.Waewdao Limlenglert (Rotary Club of Chaing Mai Thin Thai Ngam, District 3360).



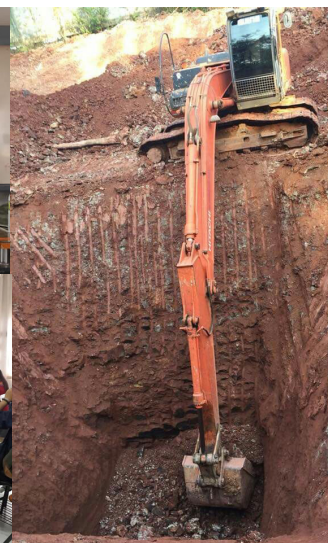
Underground Water Bank

Arkarawatt Uakulwarawat
Persident, Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon, 2018-19



Praya Srivisalwacha Cup

Awarded for Outstanding
Activity 2018-19
'underground water bank'
Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon



Underground Water Bank project

UNDERGROUND WATER BANK

In 2017 from 28 September to 10 August severe flooding covered several districts of Sakol Nakhon becoming the second worst flooding disaster post 1974. The disaster damaged the business sector of the Sakon Nakhon municipality, people's homes and agricultural land in practically every district of the province. The Rotary Club of Sakol Nakhon, assisted by the Rotary Center in Thailand received donations from almost every club in the country. The donations came through Rotary Center or went straight to the Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon. The donations went to buy consumer goods, and daily necessities which were delivered to affected families in the Sakon Nakhon municipality and other districts, including purchasing items to repair damages caused by the flood.

After the severe flood, the club raised the idea of 'underground water bank' which will relieve the problem of droughts and floods. PP Niwat Boonyasiriwong club secretary and Rtn. Kolayuth Noppasri then Club Administration chair went to study the 'underground water bank' which will relieve the problem of drought and floods at Tambon Kaokham of Numyuen District, Ubon Rachathani province in May 2017. He brought this idea to the club meeting and where it was decided that the club should do the 'underground water bank' project. This project will meet two objectives:

1. Relieve the problem of drought by supplying water for daily consumption and for agriculture the year-round along the banks of the 'underground water bank';
2. Relieve the problem of long term flooding damage to the community and to the homes.

At the meeting PP Niwat was given the responsibility of surveying the land, and coordinating with various organizations, including the community to transfer the knowledge of 'underground water bank' and advice the community. The work will comprise of:

1. Meeting with the head of the community to organize a meeting to introduce the concept of 'underground water bank'
2. Survey the area in which to organize 'underground water bank' to solve water related problem as appropriate



3. Build an 'Underground water bank' on land held by the school, the community or the private sector that allows the Rotary club to do so, with the caveat that the community must be allowed to take part in the activities.

The result was that such activities have received good participation by communities where the Rotary Club initiated the idea. Participants were able to continue with activities themselves. Thus the club was involved with 'underground water bank' project from November 2017. This activity expanded to Tambons and Districts and the club was able to show the way to resolve the problem of drought and flooding in Sakon Nakhon. The Deputy Governor of Sakon Nakhon Dr. Suriya Viriyasawasdi was authorized by the Governor to receive this project from the Rotary Club.

The result of the project can be divided into two parts as follows:

1. Transfer knowledge of 'underground water bank' to interested communities and to interested Rotary clubs in D. 3340
2. Offer advice and participate with communities which the club has surveyed their needs.

The result of this activity was encouraging. RC Sakon Nakhon has transferred this knowledge for the past 2 years to communities and local administrative bodies who have learnt about and expanded on the concept of 'underground water bank' until it is widely accepted and applied. The aim is to have every tambon (subdistrict) have its own 'underground water bank' so that they will have water for agriculture during drought and the closed system of 'underground water bank' is good for draining and purifying waste water at the source. Thus households and communities that use the system do not have the problem of smelly waste water or becoming breeding site for mosquitos. RC Sakon Nakhon is dedicated to continue to promote the 'underground water bank' project.

Praya Srivisalwacha cup

Awarded for Outstanding Activity 2018-19 'underground water bank' Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon

Thanks go to every member of the Award subcommittee who have evaluated this project and give importance to 'underground water bank' project which the RC Sakon Nakhon has submitted. Our members are proud to receive the award for Outstanding Activity 2018-19 and to bring this award to District 3340.

The Praya Srivisalwacha Cup is awarded to any club that has outstanding activity in the year. This becomes a once in a lifetime pride to receive the award. The activity is initiated by PP Niwat Boonyasiriwong and President Kolayuth Noppasri (current position) who saw the importance of helping communities fight drought and floods by getting 'underground water bank' project accepted by the club and running the project from 2017 onwards. Members of RC Sakon Nakhon set up teams to explain the theory and the practice of the project. PP Sansonthi Boonyothayan who understands water system and I joined the team which greatly strengthened the team. When we first started the communities did not rush in to participate. Today the local administrative offices and local communities are requesting information and we cannot satisfy them fast enough.

RC Sakon Nakhon is proud to be able to help those who suffered with water with our 'underground water bank' and we built up experience and were able to solve many of their water related problems. We were able to create sustainability with water usage, and helped build community strength. These are the inspiration that made communities contented with 'underground water bank'.

Finally, we thank PDG Suraphon Taweesaengsakulthai of D. 3340 who pushed the 'underground water bank' project to enter the competition until we received the award and received the Praya Srivisalwacha Cup over other competitors from all 4 districts in Thailand. Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon will continue to be inspired to offer service to communities with "SERVICE ABOVE SELF."

Translation team

PP. Jantanee Tienvijit, Rotary Club of Lanna



This issue of the Rotary Thailand Magazine would like to introduce our 4 members of the translation team continuously from the last issue. There are two people who translate content from English to Thai and two others who translate from Thai to English for the online edition of Rotary Thailand Magazine. Let's get to know 4 of them.

PDG. Dr. Virachai Jamroendararasame
The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai,
District 3360

PDG. Dr. Virachai Jamroendararasame or as known as Doctor V is the past district governor of District 3360 Rotary Year 2010-2011. Doctor V started to become a member of the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai in 1995 and became the club's president from 2005-2006, he had been working at the district level as chair of the Polio Plus Subcommittee, Chair of District Rotary Foundation Committee (twice), a speaker and special lecturer for the District level, Thailand Rotary as well as the regional level (Zone). He has been serving as a guest speaker and special speaker at the Rotary Zone Institute meeting since 2011, and also was one of the Rotary Institute 2012 meeting committee hosted by Thailand Rotary in Bangkok. He received the Service Above Self Award from the President of Rotary International in 2006 and was the representative of District 3360 for the 2016 Rotary Council on Legislation. Now he is the chair of the International Services Committee of 3360 in term of 3 years starting from 2017.

Dr. V is currently a Major Donor Level II. Although Dr. V has a lot of Rotary work at the regional and national levels, Dr. V still helps as a part-time translator for Rotary Thailand Magazine. Here is the interviewing with Doctor V about being a translator for the Rotary Thailand Magazine.

How many years have you worked as a translator? What is your inspiration for joining the translation team and the feeling of joining the translation team?

Doctor V: "I don't remember how many years I had been involved in the translation team of Rotary Magazine. I recall only that I was willing to do this work. Although I'm not a very good translator, I understand the team because finding interesting and meaningful stories about Rotarians is not easy. Especially the stories about health, I understand that those who are not specialists about health may have to read it many times and takes time to understand. Even though I have a professional background in medicine, I sometimes still feel difficult to translate. However, for others without a professional background to read and understand I definitely not use a straightforward translation. I always read again and again to understand the real concept of the author of the article. Sometimes I need to add additional knowledge to the readers to understand the article correctly. This is my inspiration to do this job because its benefits others and myself. This job also gives me the chance to learn about academic reading and increase knowledge. As Rotarians, we must not forget that we are a special person who has a heart for service without expecting compensation. It is said that anyone who has been involved in the Rotary family for more than 3 years tends to stay forever (this might except somebody with other conditions or personal expectations). This is because Rotary's true approach is a form and communication that helps develop Rotarians to have better quality and improve leadership automatically by working independently in the same direction with some potential training. There is a really good way to communicate with Rotarians continuously and it is "Rotary Thailand Magazine ". Even though Rotary Magazine is available in many languages but reading the Thai version in which some of the

content from Rotary International was translated by the translation team from various professionals is, therefore, more important than general document translation."

Doctor V added that for Rotarians to gain more knowledge in the future he would like to see more Rotarians who are good at writing help working for Rotary Thailand Magazine. Everyone is a professional leader and is able to share your own experience directly or indirectly in Rotary. It could be in the form of documents or video clips. Rotarians also should love reading, it is not just to increase oneself potential but also to bring some useful knowledge to help the underprivileged as well as to strengthen our organization to be improving all the time.

PP. Surakit Kerasongkran,
Rotary Club of Bang Khen, District 3350

Past President Surakit Kerasongkran joins the Rotary Club Bangkok in 1999 while the district governor of D3350 was DG. Auychai Weerawan and theme of the Rotary International that year was "Follow Your Rotary Dream". He serving various positions over the past 20 years. At the district level, he worked as various a sub-committee and committees such as the Chairman of Club Administration Committee, Chairman of Public Relations Committee, District Secretary and work as the translator from English to Thai for Rotary Thailand Magazine while his career is about food export business, he is the managing director of Sanco Foods (Thailand) Co., Ltd.

In terms of translation work and inspiration of joining the translation team, PP. Surakit said that after graduating from ABAC he started to become a freelance translator for a company and translate everything from the news in magazines as well as dictionaries. For Rotary Thailand Magazine, He wasn't sure if he submitted articles to Rotary Magazine Thailand first or was assigned to translate first. But still remember that it began in 2008, the year that PDG. Som Inphayung from D3340 was the editor. After that, he has continued work as a translator for Rotary Thailand Magazine and had a chance to work with various editors with different of working atmosphere. For example, working with PDG.Som was full of freedom he was allowed to decided what to translate for the magazine while PDG.Chamnan Chanruang is very friendly and always call before assigning some work and the most modern way of Rotary Thailand Magazine under the direction of the current editor, PP.Vanit Yotharvut who creates the design and content of the magazine to be modern and the management is also very effective.

Favorite translator - while he is a person who likes to watch foreign movies (with subtitles) so his favorite translator is Jiranan Phitphreecha, her translation is very simplified and concise. Sometimes he also uses her translation guidelines in his translation.

Translation techniques - Use simple words, avoid technical terms. He thinks sometimes the readers may not be Rotarians. To translate idioms must be compared to the Thai idioms first, if it really not something familiar in Thai then translate the transliteration and put parentheses to explain. He normally reading the whole article to gets the idea of the writer before translates each paragraph.



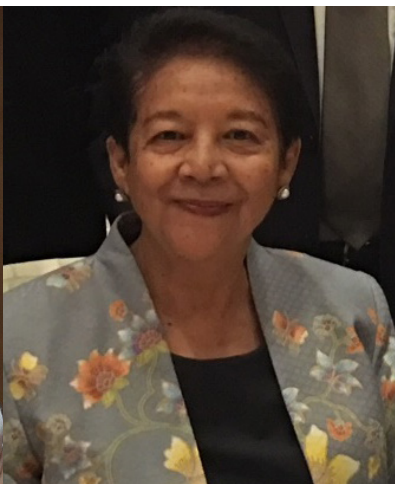
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PP. Sunisa Frenzel
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**PP. Santi Chatterjee,
Rotary Club of Bangkok, District 3350**

Past President Santi Chatterjee is a management consultancy who became a member of the Bangkok Rotary Club in 1999. His first position in the club was SAA (club hostess). After working as SAA for 2 years which made him known other Rotarians both inside and outside his club as well as learning about Rotary's Protocols, he served as committee and chair of the committee of various services. Then he becoming president of the Rotary Club of Bangkok in the Rotary year 2014-2015. PP. Santi worked for the district in many parts such as the District Secretary Committee, Chairman of the District Rotaract Subcommittee, Membership Development Committee, District Governor Newsletter translators (from Thai to English) and served as Assistant District Governor for 4 times during the last 5 years, taking care of the Rotary Club of Bang Kapi, the Rotary Club of Bangkok South and the Rotary Club of Bangkok.

In terms of becoming a translator, PP. Santi said that he has good English, so he can easily translate from Thai to English. He has worked with the job using English for more than 50 years, started by working as a journalist that interviewed for news in Thai then reported in English.

What he wants to see about the future of the Rotary Thailand Magazine is the variety of articles on various service projects which should be significant projects not only purchasing things and donations. The story of each club's outstanding project should be shared with other Rotarians to know.

**PP. Sunisa Frenzel,
the Rotary Club of Chiangmai North, District 3360**

Past President Sunisa Frenzel has been a member of the Rotary Club of Chiangmai North since 2009 and has attended the meeting as well as participated in various activities of the club. She was commissioned in various duties in the club then she became the club's president in the Rotary year 2011-2012. The project that has been assigned to be responsible and proud of it was English Vocabulary Spelling Competition Project for Grade 4 Students, which was a project to promote learning English skills for kids while studying English for communication is still a problem in our society. Therefore, laying the foundation for learning English for children in primary school which are in the learning age is so important. This project has been carried out continuously with children in schools in the authority of the Chiang Mai Municipality, temples schools both in and outside the municipality area, as well as private schools and government schools under the Chiang Mai Primary Educational Service Area Office 1. The project is not only stimulating learning for children it also helps teachers to learn more techniques and methods of teaching English.

In terms of translation and inspiration to join the translation team for

Rotary Thailand Magazine, PP. Sunisa said she never had experience with the translation before. She mostly helps to translate as a volunteer while there were some foreigners visiting the Rotary Club of Chiangmai North. So she was assigned to help in translation during the meeting. She joined the translation team with Rotary Thailand Magazine by the advice from PP. Else Choi, a member of the Rotary Club of Chiangmai North, who is one of the translation team. Elsie said that her translation is nice, natural, and easy to understand and should be participated in the translation team for Rotary. Therefore, when being approached to join the translation team from the editor, PP. Vanit Yotharvut in 2017, she agreed to be part of the team. Translation work gives many good experiences such a chance to know the people and activities of the Rotary clubs in different districts, even if she didn't have a chance to know each of them personally but having to read the story and translate push her to understand the perspectives, thoughts, and work as well as the ways of Rotary that could be adapted for her Rotary club and her career.

What she wants to see about future translations, PP. Sunisa said various stories that have been published in Rotary Thailand Magazine are all good stories that are interesting to learn. But she personally wants to see the stories that each club joins with the community to do projects that using creativity or new innovation in order to help and solving problems for the community sustainably. Regarding translation, she suggested a training or education project for the translator team in order to work in the same direction. Even though each person is all volunteering to work but not everyone has direct knowledge of translation.

PP. Sunisa graduated with a master's degree in the service industry from the University of Bournemouth, England. She has been working in the tourism and hospitality industry all the time, including managing tour companies, be a certified tour guide, and teaching career. She is currently a lecturer at the Department of Tourism at Rajabhat Chiang Mai University. As a person who likes to do social activities focus on creating educational and vocational opportunities, she also runs the Expert Care and Language Plus School in Chiang Mai to create opportunities for young people and the unemployed to have the opportunity to take courses in child care and the elderly care that focus on skills in caretaking and communication in foreign languages. This school can give the opportunity for the students to have a career with a stable income while we are into the elderly society.

As you can see that each translator is dedicated to translating for Rotary Thailand Magazine as a volunteer while they have a chance to learn and share with other Rotarians along with working for other services in Rotary. The editorial team of Rotary Thailand Magazine would like to admire and thanks for them all. There are still other members of the translation team that will bring to you in the next issue.



PDG. Juthatip Thamsiripong
Rotary Club of Pra Pathom Chedi

Hello 2020, I would like to thank PP. Vanit Yotharvut of Mae Sai Rotary Club and the Rotary Magazine Editor of Thailand who sent books and sacred things. Beside every meeting of the editorial team, he also gave genuine jade bracelets every time. This year I also received the Dhamma Merit Book. (Kruba Bunchumyan Suwaro) of Lanna, the best holy of this beginning 2020.

Sacrificing time, knowledge, and capability of each rotarian is so enormous and that's due to rotarian having a mind ready to give without expecting compensation from the person who is the recipient. It is the comfortableness that rotarians can behave at all times and continuously. I hope that the magazines that PP. Vanit and the team from the 4 districts have done will benefit rotarians and followers all along. Please do encourage us.

GEN to GEN



Gen-Y

PE Kullaphakorn Nateethanati Rotary Club of Thavaravadi

Let's get to know the President Elect of a club that has members aged from 24 not older than 45 years and see in almost 4 years ago how Rotary Club of Thavaravadi has played role in society in the concept of Gen Y people.

PE Kulphakorn said that the current technology was regarded as necessity and played a role in many aspects of life. In the role of working, technology makes communication easy. We can send pictures, documents, or perform meetings via wireless communication. The work is accomplished without having to travel by ourselves. It helps save both time and money. In society role, the technology makes it easier to reach different groups of people. Social media plays a very important role. We can publicize projects to people, communities, and regions to realize the benefits of projects for community and social development including finding partners to expand the projects to be more widely expanded as well.

For daily life, technology replaced traditional systems. We can view news, entertainment, do shopping, order food, sell products, make accounts, do financial transactions, view surveillance cameras, view maps, turn on-off lights, etc. All of this can be done anywhere, anytime from just one phone.

It cannot be denied that technology has helped our lives today. It is really convenient and saves time. Most of the Gen Y people are in working age. It is a period of working their way up or starting a family. Therefore, Monday to Friday is full time working. Saturday and Sunday is a holiday or personal business. Some people who can manage themselves well and have enough time will spend it to share happiness or help society. I think that the creative idea cannot be decided by anyone. We should ask for cooperation from people in the team to do brainstorming and presenting diverse perspectives in order to find the most creative and best practices for the organization. When having activities with adults, firstly, Gen B and Gen X are nervous, afraid of making mistake and being blamed but those things will give us the working experience. The adults can answer to all of our questions, suggest the ways of working with their past experience and help extend the ideas that we offer to achieve the goal completely.

As for our Gen Y friends, I think we can work together easily due to the same age and understand what we want to communicate. Asking for help and cooperation is not difficult. Gen Z is the age of a new generation having creative ideas, leadership and more assertiveness. They can help by proposing interesting views to cause new work and more modern.

Rotary Family 3330

Family of Rotary

PDG. Wichai Maneewacharakiet
Rotary Club of Samutprakarn

When we are in the Rotary Organization, we often heard the leaders of the Rotary International, Zone, or District level talking about the Rotary Family but many times we think of what the term of 'Rotary Family' means. Is it big or limited circle? Due to the motto of the past 2 years, it tells us to be the inspiration in being an example including connection by starting with the Rotary family firstly. Many people start to find from where rotarians will begin because we usually look outside but not inside. That is to look at the Rotary family at first.

We are told to survey the needs of the community in doing the project. But have we ever surveyed the needs of the Rotary family?

We say that we will cooperate with the community to develop the community. But have we told ourselves that we would firstly work with the Rotary family to develop the Rotary family?

We say that we will create a good image for the community to know Rotary. But have we ever said that we would create a good image of the Rotary family to know Rotary properly?

The Rotary family consists of club members, fellows rotarians in different clubs, spouses, children, parents, including spouses of those rotarians who passed away. In addition, there are still youth exchange students including families of Interactors, Rotaractors, ex-RYLA or groups that are funded by the Rotary Foundation such as Group Study Exchange (GSE), Vocational Training Team (VTT), Ambassadorial Scholarship Groups and Peace Fellow groups.

These people are our family that has a lot. We can do small things to connect the relationship all the time, create smiles, fun, warmth because these people may be members of Rotary in the future or a working partner of the community or become one of the future donors to the Rotary Foundation if we can maintain the relationship with them all the time. We may do something to encourage them to participate in to have an impression, such as

- Remember birthday and anniversary with greetings.
- Help them when they are sick, lonely or in trouble
- Share their sorrows during and after family deaths.
- Celebrate the occasion of birth, marriage and graduation.
- Participate in special family-oriented social activities
- Invite them to join the club meeting by holding a special agenda.
- Participate in fund-raising assistance
- Participate in community service projects
- or participate in being as a host in the Youth Exchange Program and

the VTT team

It's time that we may have to look back seriously the Rotary family because these people are valuable with some or more fundamentals of Rotary more or less. If we can connect with these rotary families all the time, we will have a great network of service. Let's understand and plan to access our Rotary family and ready to take action for further development.



D.3330

Activities

Rotary Club of Pra Pathom Chedi has cooperated with The Prostheses Foundation of Her Royal Highness the Princess Mother and Phra Pathom Chedi Temple to provide treatment for prosthetics who have incomplete legs to be able to live a normal life. The venue is at the Buddhist Arch Phra Pathom Chedi Woramahaviharn, Nakhon Pathom Province, during 15 - 20 December 2019.



Rotary Club of Maneekan led by President Pimwimon Prachansit and fellow rotarians has delivered the clean drinking water project for the community to Thep Mongkol Rangsee School and Ban Talat Khet Health Promoting Hospital under a Global Grant Project with the cooperation of Rotary Club of U Jeong Boo and Rotary Club of U Jeong Boo Hanaram of South Korea. They also delivered the technology teaching media and donated lunch to students at Phanom Thuan Pittayakhom School, Kanchanaburi Province, on 20 December 2019. The event was honorably attended by DG.Sakon Uengsroithong and Assistant Governor Natthinee Sinsap as well.



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District 3330 Conference & Awards Night 2020

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13.00 - 17.00 น. District Conference ห้องตะกั่วป่า (สูทไมโคร)

18.00 - 22.00 น. Awards Night ห้องสิรินภา (สูทไมโครและชุดสวยงาม)

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08.00 - 17.00 น. District Conference ห้องตะกั่วป่า (สูทไมโคร)

18.00 - 23.00 น. Governor's Night ห้องสิรินภา (Blue jeans and White)

Friday 27 March 2020

08.00 - 12.00 hr. Registration

13.00 - 17.00 hr. District Conference, Takuapa Room (Club/Business Attire)

18.00 - 22.00 hr. Awards Nights, Sirinapa Room (Club/Business Attire/Evening Dress)

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Editorial of District 3340, RI



Rtn. Deara Pibulwattanawong
Rotary Club of Magkang

Hello Fellow Rotarians.

Entering the new year. The year that we expect good things to happen continuously, especially the overall economy. Many people hope that it will be better and can reverse the trend. However, in Rotary's corner, we always have good things, good activities for all mankind toward the second half of the year in which every club tries to push for a good project to be achieved as intended from the beginning.

District 3340 has many outstanding activities under the leadership of DG. Maruay Jintabanditwong who has been very dedicated since the beginning of his Rotary year. He has participated in important events with almost every club in the district. His intention is to try to strengthen all of the clubs in the district but maintain friendships between them.

This period is the time that many people travel on a long holiday. It is the time to travel and be happy because of the good weather, and as I once said before, if you have an opportunity to travel, whether in the provinces or in different districts, please do not forget to visit your rotary partner whether it's on personal travel or with club because "Rotary" has a unique friendship. We can greet each other wherever we see the Rotary logo, even though we have never known each other before, we serve our Rotarians with heart. It's a pleasure to know that we have friends all around the world.

GEN to GEN



Gen-Y

PP Phakpoom Jumpharak

President of the Rotary Club of Mhak Khaeng, 2018-2019

When I was a high school graduate and entered university, I aimed to learn about technology, especially computers, which was something new at that time and I could not think of what I would do after graduation. Just learn with interest as far as the opportunity I have. When I started my own business, I was one of the first groups that understand computer technology, especially the internet connection and the use of the internet. I began to understand the importance of data searching and the work that can bring technology to create the desired results.

I have absorbed rotary since my father who was a charter member of the club and a former club president before his death. I am very proud from being "YE" to "Rotarian" and "Past President" like my father used to be. I brought my knowledge and interest about technology to benefit my club's activities, especially the Global Grant data connection, which requires a lot of surrounding information, including the use of the Rotary International website in My Rotary.

I must say that the online connectivity is very important in today's world. Working for a society like rotary does is also necessary to connect people, especially the example of good social work by rotarians and clubs is able to further great projects or achieve overall results better than before.

It's called having a certain level of technology for my generation. However I don't really like it much as today's technology makes young people become phubbing society.

Rotary Family 3340

Family of Rotary



There are 4 rotary clubs in Udon Thani, namely Rotary Clubs of Udon Thani, Rotary Club of Mhak Khaeng, Rotary Club of Ban Chiang and Rotary Club of Silapakhom. They have a separate administration according to the policies and goals of each club, based on the main objectives of service within their local communities under the ideology “Service Above Self”. Each club has carried out activities according to its capabilities. Therefore the scope of services can be done in a small limited circle.

PP Viroj Pipatchaisiri foresaw that those 4 clubs had different working capability. If they can combine the power together, they will be able to strengthen and harmonize all rotary clubs in Udon Thani to join doing activities in all aspects. The “Rotary Family” occurs with the objective to strengthening the unity among the clubs to be acknowledged and accepted by the society within Udon Thani and has a participation in development of Udon Thani Province and creating a livable society for all 4 rotary clubs will work together to carry out more scope of service activities from the usual club level to be more beneficial to the society under the name “Rotary Family”.

From the past gathering, it can be seen that the Rotary Family has conducted many service activities. Especially activities carried out at the Global Grant level were able to share knowledge, responsibilities, and collaboration to create great work in all projects. In addition, the Rotary Family of Udon Thani has resolved to engage in the following 3 activities;

1. Conducting the mutual service activities
2. Friendship
3. Academic conference or meeting of 4 clubs once a month

The atmosphere of doing joint activities then makes rotary family members feel warm and friendly, like those in the same family joining to do service activities together.

The Rotary Family of Udon Thani will continue conducting service activities with strength for Udon Thani people and by Udon Thani people so that it is sustainable with the city of Udon Thani forever.

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Activities

Rotary Club of Tao Suranaree delivered wheelchairs / handicapped equipment to the disabled and the underprivileged. At the same time, it also attended the meeting with Deputy Minister and Deputy District Chief, Municipal Committee of Chai Mongkhon Subdistrict, Nakhon Ratchasima Province.

Rotary Club of Rayong donated the alcohol detector to Rayong Provincial Police by coordinating with District 3330 for use during the new year festival.

Rotary Club of Suan Luang, District 3350, joined 3 activities with Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon District 3340 in 1 day on 20 December 2019 by organizing Rotary Run at Somdet Phra Srinakharinthara Boromarajonani Sakon Nakhon, followed by donating futsal for 4 schools in Sakon Nakhon municipality, and ending with wheelchairs for 6 disabled people. It deemed they are all full of merit happiness.

The Rotary Club of Muang Loei conducts the project “Rotary Muang Loei Against the Cold” donated 1 notebook, 2 printers, 2 water coolers, 2 sport equipment, 63 sets of school supplies, 80 sets of blankets and 80 second-hand clothes to 1 school with 63 students and 80 villagers in the community at Ban Klang School, Na Phueng Sub-district, Na Haeo District, Loei Province.

The Rotary Club of Udon Thani organized an activity to donate bicycles to local schools in Udon Thani Province.





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AG Trong Sangswangwatana
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Bangkok Suwanabhum

Fellow Rotarians – Happy New Year

The days passed so fast, but if we count in Rotary fashion - its only been half a year. I believe each of you are still enjoying your duties.

In this issue we are still engrossed with different Generations, continuing from last 2 issues. We are still doing 1 lady and one gentleman articles.

Gen Y refers to those born in 1980 to 2000. Born into the age of IT, computer and internet use. Their characteristics are outgoing personality, expressive, high self confidence, dislike rules, or being restricted to a form. They demand clarity in work, and is able to multi task easily.

On the matter of Rotary Family that Editor Vanich assigned, I have asked several senior Rotarians and have not found a single family with three generations in Rotary, only those with two generations, or several siblings of a single generation. There are none who have reached the third generation. I have offered here two families who have 2 generations in Rotary. Of course it cannot be helped that one of the two is my own family. I ask permission to mention it here.

The District Conference for D 3350 will be held Saturday 21 to Sunday 22 March 2020 at Ambassador City Jomtien. Registration already begins.

GEN to GEN



P Chinapat Pansuwan
Rotary Club of Bangkok Benjasiri

Often called President Kloy, she became a member at the invitation of AG Rujira Posrivisuthikul and PP Pakorn Boonthong. She was first invited to attend and help out at the RC Benjasiri's Children Day function at the Benjasiri Park because that was the favorite activity of her father PP Sumeth Pansuwan at the club.

After her father passed away, the club invited her to join in activities as the heir who wishes to continue in the interests of her father. Then it struck her that this new world is interesting and should be studied. She decided to join the club in January of 2015.

People have often asked her – what is Rotary. Personally she believes Rotary is a gathering of people who wish to help society without expecting anything in return except fellowship that grow out of the activities. Being a Rotarian makes us feel that even if we are just a little person in the society we can still be a force that pushes society ahead if we are firm in our commitment. Rotary also opens opportunities for P Kloy to know many people who hold from responsible positions at work whom Kloy will not have the opportunity to know if Kloy was not a Rotarian.

When asked what she liked about Rotary, P Kloy said that she likes that Rotary opens the opportunity to learn new things like helping the disabled kids at the Srisangwal school, visiting and seeing the actual state of the hilltribe school, having foreign sister clubs bring friends from other countries and she goes to visit them and even visit their places of work and have opportunities to work on new projects. What was unexpected was becoming a cheer leader for D 3350 in the previous year.

If there are likes, then there are dislikes. Sometimes there are activities that have been going on for years and years. When these change, there are opposition and conflicts. Then when they fail they go away.

In summary, P Kloy says she is happy to follow in her father's footsteps and became a Rotarian.



P Chaiwat Kiriratana
Rotary Club of Suanluang

I have heard the word Rotary for a long time but did not know the organization it represented. That was until Immediate Past President Napatsa Tharacheewin invited me to attend a Rotary club meeting. I began as a guest of the Suanluang club, but at the time I still did not know what the club does. I met with PDG Prawit Rojkajonnapalai who explained what the main functions of Rotary were. At every club meeting, they had dinner, followed by the club meeting with invited guest speakers who are knowledgeable in various areas offering knowledge to the members of the club.

After being invited 2-3 times, I joined the club and became a Rotarian in April 2018. I felt a bit dizzy, wondering if I made the right decision to join Rotary.

I am actively working, earning wages like other people. I felt that I joined without knowing much about Rotary, and thought I should be more ready, and should have higher salary than this. I also felt I should be more highly qualified than this. When I became a Rotarian, I was given the job of Sergeant at Arms with the duty to greet members and guests, I was extremely excited.

Towards the end of 2018, the club needed a President Elect, and I did not know that position entails, what I had to do. I only know that I have to attend a training at District 3350 level. I attended almost every function and then I began to ask myself – What are you doing? Have you made the right decision? I think that was the Family Night when the club held the function in another location, and the club elders spoke about this. At that time I was the only new Rotarian and everyone stared at me as if I was the chosen one. In my heart, I did not want this position, because I have joined Rotary for less than a year. What made me decide to be a President was the realization that few people get this opportunity. But I did not think it was an easy job. "I believed there is nothing organized in this world, but we can make it organized."

2 July 2019 I became a club president and I knew the work process and rules that govern a Rotary Club. I have brought interesting speakers who gave knowledge to members, and had organized events that are useful for society and for the country. I have to thank kind elders, and all members of RC Suanluang who gave me that honor and trust me to be a club President.

Rotary Family 3350

Family of Rotary



AG.Trong Sangswangwatana
Rotary Club of Bangkok Suwanabhum

“**Sangswangwatana**” This is one family who has many relatives who are Rotarians, beginning with my father who was the first person to join. Arun Sangswangwatana joined RC Dhonburi in 1958. He was one of several charter members who joined together to form the first Thai speaking Rotary club - the second Rotary club in Thailand after RC Bangkok which has been meeting in Thailand in English language for 28 years before that.

Rotary grew slowly in Thailand because in those days not many people had the capability to conduct meetings in English. RC Dhonburi had Phaya Mahaisawan as Charter President. My father became President in the following year, and the year after that. He was the only member of RC Dhonburi to be club President two years consecutively. Past RI President Bhichai Rattakul became President in the 4th year.

The 3rd Rotary club in Thailand was RC Chiang Mai. My uncle, Dr. Aree Sangswangwatana became Vice President in the charter year 1959.

When RC Dhonburi set up the Rotary club in Nakhon Sawan, another uncle Preecha Sangswangwatana was one of the charter members.

And when the Rotary Club of Bangkok Suwanabhum was set up in 2001, my mother Benjamas Sangswangwatana who was already well versed in Rotary activities from participating with my father in his activities, so RC Suan Luang asked her to be charter president. I and my brother Yod Sangswangwatana became charter members and served this club from that day. The 3 of us still attend club meetings regularly. While Rotary Ann Suree Sangswangwatana was not a Rotarian, she joined activities as a spouse and Rotary family in District activities for years and years. We still strongly serve our club and support the District with pride in our ‘Sangswangwatana’ family.



Rtn.Thamolwan Ekbundit
Rotary Club of Bangkok

“Excuse me, your surname is Ekbundit, whose daughter are you? ”

I am Sa Thamolwan Ekbundit, daughter of Charter President Preecha Ekbundit, who chartered Rotary Club of Pranakorn and Ladprao, and I am the niece of Uncle Prajak Ekbundit Charter President of RC Pathumwan. I am also niece of Uncle Wanchai Ekbundit Past District Governor in District 3350 and Charter President of Rotary Club of Prakanong.

It is not wrong to say that I am familiar with Rotary from the time I can remember. I was running around in the installation ceremonies from very young. When I grew up a bit, father began to send me to RYLA camps where I was quite impressed and made some friends with whom I am still in contact.

When I finished my studies I became a gemologist and many Rotary clubs invited me to speak about diamond. Many clubs invited me to become a member. Finally I joined RC Bangkok. You can say that I am the second generation of my family in Rotary.

Of course growing up in Rotary means I could attend the functions of my father and my uncles regularly. I get numerous opportunities to see Rotary building worthy service projects for the community and for society.

When I became a Rotarian I see the process and dedication of the clubs in every work and I understand more deeply what Rotary does for our world, which is a great deal.

It makes me proud of Ekbudit family when I say: “I am the daughter of Father Preecha, and the niece of Uncle Prajak and Uncle Wanchai.”

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Activities



The 2nd Meeting of District Governor with Club President, Assistant Governor and Committe

on Saturday 16th November 2019 at Lopburi Inn Resort, Lopburi Province.

The Rotary Club of Bangkok Kluaynamthai gave away wheelchairs and healthy tube pillows to the Health Center No.10, Khlong Toei on Wednesday 20th November 2019 and at the Rotary One Day event in Community No.4-5-6, Khlong Toei on Sunday 22nd December 2019.



The Rotary Club of Buengkum, led by DG Thanongsak Pongsri and Rotary Anne Jongkoldee Pongsri attended the 11th Anniversary of Taoyuan Luju Rotary Club D.3502, Taoyuan City, Taiwan on Thursday 26th December 2019



The Rotary Club of Mueang Phetchabun and Lom Sak participated in a service project at Nong Mae Na Subdistrict Administrative Office, Khao Kho District, Phetchabun Province on January 9th, 2020 by donating 200 sweaters, 200 elderly glasses to underprivileged and wheelchairs and air mattresses to patients.



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Editorial of District 3360, RI



PP. Dr. Natthanin Sestawanich
Rotary Club of Phrae

Dear readers. The New Year had arrived, I believe that all Rotarians will be pleased by the coming of new things as well as the new activities of your club along this new year. Please do not forget that it has also passed the half this Rotary year. At this time, I believe that every club had done the election of each club's president nominee for the coming of the Rotary year 2021-2022. I do believe that clubs in D3360 will always find the leader to continue the club's service activities as well as create new activities for every Rotary year.

On this issue of Rotary Thailand magazine, I would like to present another article about the conceptual perspective of Rotarians in Gen Y (born in 1980-1997). And there is also a column of D3360 Rotary family which is about the family with Rotarian-members. A D3360 Rotary family on this issue is a Rotary family in which the mother is a past district governor and also a major donor to the Rotary Foundation at the Arch Klumph Society level.

Of course, it is about the family of PDG. Dr. Waewdao Limlenglert. And while we have the content about Rotarians of the Gen Y, so I interviewed Rotarian Narin Limlenglert, PDG. Dr. Waewdao's son as the perspective of his family. There is also the information for the District Conference in Lampang as well as the report of various activities of clubs in district 3360.

GEN to GEN

Gen-Y



Rtn. Kanhathai Wongpaibunwatthana
Rotary Club of Wiangkosai

Greetings, all readers. I am 34 years old and have been a member of the Rotary Club of Wiangkosai for about 3 years. People at my age, it was considered a lucky era. Because we born and living during the overlap between Gen X and Gen Y, while we have seen and grown with a variety of changes and the leap from the old era to the era of technology. That's why people of our age have no problems adjusting to the changes that exist more often. We can easily adapt to people,

as for the way of thinking, we are not opposed to the traditional way of thinking. We consider the goals, intentions, good results, and benefit so format and method are secondary. We believe everything can be adjusted at any time according to the situation and accept what has been done for the benefit of the majority. We are also able to develop from old traditional ways that do not cause trouble and realize that it would be appropriate to maintain and act accordingly. We also believe in principles of rational thinking that can be analysed, separated, considered, and explained and believe in the principle of individuality, each person is diverse so be yourself and do not put anyone to having greater value or prestige than others because of their financial status or social position. We respect every individual nature and not able to put our ideas into others or expect everyone to be like us.

Living and life goals of my generation are considered lucky while our parent generation has gone through hardships and established stability for their children already. It makes us feel lucky so our goals of life are not necessarily only about achieving success or creating wealth. It is about looking for other value in life, such as finding new experiences from traveling, meeting people from many different countries, different languages, trying or learning about new things, or doing something in return for the community, society, and the environment. We all want a lifestyle in which we feel happy, safe, without having to much pressure or competition which might lead to conflict. Therefore, in the main of our lifestyle which truly means being a small unit that is happy in itself by self-reliance and not being problems and burdens for others and helping as well as sharing to others as appropriate.

Rotary roles and responsibilities of people in GEN Y age seem not to have many problems, only having obstacles about the gap between the Generations because we are considered young. The difference in life experiences and the environment in which we grew up lead us to have different ways of thinking and working that are different from other older generations. However, we must accept and respect the decisions of the majority because we can't work alone so trying to make everyone being in good condition is the key to work together smoothly. Being a Rotarian has no reward, so to encourage each other in both success and failure situations can create friendship. Good advice and the way we help each other in small matters is considered a prize for all the selfless people like us. It also strengthens everyone to carry on their tasks in discouragement situations.

I hope to see Rotarians in my generation to stick to the objectives or looking into the core values of being a Rotarian. That's means we are ready to sacrifice our time or some other things which not adversely affect our daily lives to service to the community. Our own challenges in Rotary would be about accepting the changes and willing to change yourselves for others. It is not an easy task especially in a big organization because some things that already accomplished or have been successful in the past may not be able to be used today and produce the same results. So we must be seeking for true needs of communities and available we have such as various abilities of members. We also have to be ready to be changed and developed in a better direction and must not be afraid to make mistakes and worry that our decisions will not meet the expectations of others. Keep doing if that primary objective is reasonable and benefits the community.

Rotary Family 3360

Family of Rotary

Rtn.Narin Limlenglert The Rotary Club of Lanna

Hello to all readers. Today, I would like to present an interview with a new generation of Rotarian representatives who come from the Rotary family. His family is very well-known in District 3360, which is the Limlenglert family of PDG.Dr. Waewdao Limlenglert, one of the most talented female leaders in District 3360.

Most recently, she had also donated to the Rotary Foundation, and become the only Arch Klumph Society level donor in District 3360. A PDG.Dr. Waewdao Limlenglert's only son became a Rotarian the same as his mom which also recently donated to the Rotary Foundation at Major Donor Level 2.

In this column, I would like to interview Rotarian Narin Limlenglert from the Rotary Club of Lanna, Chiang Mai regarding the various perspectives of personal life, family as well as Rotary.

What do you currently do?

Rtn.Narin: Currently, I am the manager of the Marketing Support Division and Agency Business Division of Saha Panich Chiangmai Company Limited. The company is currently a leading company in the north, there are branches in Chiang Mai, Lamphun, and Mae Hong Son. My job is to oversee the Profit Center of all departments in the company by focusing on the profitability of the unit. Also, in the past year, I have to act in place of the manager of the Agency Business Division which takes care of Sahapanich Company's agency, business owners who sell products.

What motivated you to become a Rotarian?

Rtn.Narin: I became a Rotarian with the guidance of PDG.Dr. Waewdao Limlenglert (My mother) because in the past, I was not studied in Thailand. Therefore, I have less society in Thailand during the last two years of secondary school and while studied bachelor's degree as well as a master's degree. I usually speak less, so entering Rotary was forcing myself to be open mind and get to know people. Members of Rotary come from various careers, but they all share the same ideology, so we can make friends and socialize quickly.

What are the ways of living? Is there a role model?

Rtn.Narin: I learned ways to live a lot by reading books especially during the pre-working period. I can read many books in one year. In the past, when I had a problem while the information on the internet was not yet widespread, so I went to bookstores such as B2S, Se-Ed, as well as the local bookstores in Chiang Mai, Suriwong Book Center to find the solution for each problem. The book about psychology could be applied for a great way of living.

However, my way of living has been shaped by the society in the United States as well. Because living in American society for a long time could create confidence in one's way of thoughts, pride in itself, and not attached to the trend in society. I feel free to do something that does not negatively affect others and not afraid to be different.



What is the proudest of being a Rotarian?

Rtn.Narin: Being a part of a global organization like Rotary International allows us to approach people worldwide. I became a member of the Rotary Club of Lanna Chiang Mai after my graduation. After that, I returned to the United States to continue my master's degree. However, I attend a Rotary club meeting at The Rotary Club of Charlottesville. I have entered a society that nobody in the same master's degree class could have a chance.

As a Rotarian What's your mother's suggestion about Rotary?

Rtn.Narin: My mother gives freedom in Rotary whether to attend the meeting or accepting any positions in the Rotary Club. My mother also took me to many Rotary events both regional or global which helps to open my vision a lot. While I studied abroad, we had a chance to attend several Rotary International Conventions. I always impressed with the opening speech and the closing speech of every International convention, it gives me a lot of inspiration as well as a lot of ideas. This also teaches me to aim to be the stars, even though we can't reach it we still have to do our best for the highest result.

What do you get about becoming a Rotarian?

Rtn.Narin: The important thing is to practice working with others in the context of Thai society. Rotary is the organization that has very diverse in ideas, careers, and ages. As a member, we have to learn to let go and trying understanding people.

What is the most important part of Rotarian's role?

Rtn.Narin: It was a time I was a club secretary. I had an opportunity to practice various background work of the clubs. While the responsibilities in the family's company were not as intense as today. It is a valuable memory because it is a mixed experience including fun, happiness, disappointment.

As a member of Rotarian Family, what do you want to tell the readers?

Rtn.Narin: I would like to convince everybody to look for an opportunity to make new friends from different clubs by joining local and international meetings and events, as much as you can. It truly helps widen your vision in Rotary.

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Activities

The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai organized the “Save the Children from Winter Project” by providing blankets to alleviate the cold for children on the mountain.

There was also the handover of school supplies, sweets, and dolls as a children’s day gift at Ban Huai Sompoi School, Chomthong District, Chiang Mai Province

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The Rotary Club of Phrae, led by President Chatree Sethavanich, organized an English Camp and service activities for Den Chai Pracha Nukul School, Den Chai District, Phrae Province, for 120 students from grade 3-4-5-6 to develop communication skill in English including speaking, listening, writing by using activities, expressions, and playing games. Students can have fun while enhancing their English skills. And the service activities of the Interact Club of Dek Dee Phrae in developing the school playground by repairing some of the broken items and repaint. The project was supported by members of the Rotary Club of Phare who also participate in this service activity.

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The Rotary Club of Sila-Assana participating set up a food distribution service for 3,012 runners in the project “The Power Thai Local for the Father of the Nation Walk and Run Mini-Marathon. On the auspicious occasion of the coronation of Uttaradit Province, 2019, at the Stadium in front of Phraya Phichai Dab Hak, Uttaradit Province.

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The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Thin-Thai-Ngam’s project of providing eyeglasses to 34 monks in the project “Offering glasses to the monk” with the initial funds sponsored by Rtn.Suksan Wongsinphaibun from the Rotary Club of Andaman in the Rotary year 2018-2019. After the end of the Rotary year, there are still 122,972 baht remaining so President Chalida Ekachaiphatthanakun decided to continue the project in Rotary 2019-2020.





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The Thai Rotarian stream of kindness . . . puts out the forest fire in Australia



*Thanongsak Pongsri,
District Governor of Rotary
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*Prawit Rojkajonnalai,
Chair, District Disaster Relief
Fund*

The serious bushfires in southeastern Australia at the beginning of January, CNN reported on January 14, 2020, burned an area of more than 17.9 million acres or 72,439 square kilometres – an area comparable to the countries of Belgium and Denmark together, or for our Thai Rotarian friends to see this more clearly, comparable to Southern Thailand (all 14 provinces or 70,714 square kilometres) plus the area of Bangkok (1,568 square kilometers). The fire also took the lives of more than 500 million wild animals. The total losses cannot yet be estimated.

This issue of the Rotary Thailand magazine therefore brings an interview with Thanongsak Pongsri, Governor of Rotary International District 3350, and Past District Governor Prawit Rojkajonnalai, chair of the District Disaster Relief Fund. They want to show good wishes for Rotary friends in Australia, by sending a message of concern about the situation that has developed, and joining together the forces of the members of District 3350 to mobilize donations for the Australian bushfires. All through January 2020, donations flowed in continuously, matching the slogan for Rotary Year 2019-20, “Rotary connects the world”. We invite our readers to follow up on the details together.

How did the District 3350 Disaster Relief Fund begin?

PDG Prawit: It began in the era of PDG Krai Tungsanga because at that time there were many disastrous floods and storms in many places in Thailand. The mobilization of donations for assistance among the Rotarians in District 3350, essentially by coordinating the work by e-mail and telephone, was not convenient the way it is today. Most of the money that was collected was used to produce basic necessity bags to help people in their daily life during the emergency period. We used the warehouse of PDG Kriangpet Thongborisoot, for example. It was a place to assemble Rotarians to pack and load. From then on, we developed continuously. We had a base for preparing assistance at Siam Makro Limited (Public Company) in every event that occurred, thanks to the kindness of, and assistance from, PDG Suchada Ithijarukul, which we greatly appreciated. Today, we have donations that we keep to be an emergency backup reserve ready to use when needed in the district.

What inspired District 3350 to gather donations?

DG Thanongsak: It was the natural disaster of the worst ever bushfires in Australia that led to the loss of people, animals and forests. In the past, many Australian Rotarians have volunteered to work in our district, especially in Cambodia and Vietnam. In addition, the RI Representative in the District Conference this year is Past Rotary International Director Noel Trevaskis, who is Australian. We wanted to show our concern for our friends. At the beginning, I sent an email to the 21 district governors in Australia, so I knew that our Rotarian friends in Australia were experiencing not just a little bit of trouble. So, I discussed the problem with PDG Prawit Rojkajonnalai and started the District Disaster Relief Project of Rotary International District 3350 to help people who had experienced the natural disaster of bushfires in Australia.

Does District 3350 have a goal to collect donations at a certain level, and how will it deliver the funds?

PDG Prawit: We expect and hope that the initial donated assistance from District 3350 that we will send to districts that have experienced disaster will be US\$ 10,000. We closed donations on January 21

(before Chinese New Year), and they could be combined with the money collected for the Rotary Disaster Relief Fund to reach the amount we mentioned. We will transfer the District funds to the RI President’s Representative who was appointed to attend the 2020 District Conference in order to carry out or plan rehabilitation assistance themselves. As for the ceremony to deliver the assistance, we can say briefly that we will arrange it at the 2020 District Conference from March 21 to 22, 2020 in Pattaya.

DG Thanongsak: This assistance project has received assistance and support from many Rotarians in District 3350. The kindness and concern for Rotarian friends in Australia was not lacking or late. This shows that in addition to the donations already received, we can see unity and Rotary fellowship are not only words but are tangible actions, which is very meaningful.

What is your viewpoint of the subject of the environment in connection with the world?

DG Thanongsak: The problem of the environment is a major topic that we have overlooked for a long time. We are seeing it more clearly close to us. It has a chain effect everywhere. Rotary International is therefore increasingly addressing this issue.

What would you like to tell the readers?

PDG Prawit: Rotarians in Thailand, especially in District 3350, are people who have potential and kindness in helping people who experience various kinds of catastrophes. Every time there is danger of any kind, wherever it is within our own district or other districts, we have all shown ourselves to be concrete examples every time – this time as well. We hope that the mobilization of assistance this time will help with the recovery from the troubles and sorrows of not just a few of the people, wild animals, and livestock in the disaster zone.

DG Thanongsak: I must deeply thank everyone who showed kindness and concern to our Australian brothers and sisters. I want to confirm to everyone that every baht and satang will be used in a way that has value and that will serve the highest interests in accordance with your intentions.

Rotary Centre in Thailand

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Welcome all to the first month of our New Year and also the Chinese new year in January. I wish all of you happiness and energy for our new activities in Rotary Vocational Service month in January and Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention month in February.

On January 19, 2019, the Rotary Centre in Thailand welcomed all peace fellows of the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University, comprising international students from every corner of the world and aiming at promoting peace and happiness. Supported by different Rotary clubs across the world and the Rotary Foundation, they attended an orientation on Rotary basics and idea exchange on peace and conflict resolution globally and in Thailand.

The keynote speaker, PRIP Bhichai Rattakul, and other speakers such as PRID Noraseth Pathmanand, PRID DR. Saowalak Rattanavich, Director of the Rotary Peace program and Host Area Coordinator, Magaret K Mcmillion of the RC of Srprathum attended the program.

Amidst the warm atmosphere with friendship moments, there were many selected host Rotarian Counselors carefully looking after those peace fellows who attended the orientation program as well. The peace fellows showed their significant interest in Rotary global and in Thailand activities and projects. The Rotary Centre typically assists the Rotary Peace Center of Chulalongkorn University in activity cooperation and communication. Many peace fellows were interested in joining Rotary to have more opportunities in peace services according to their level of expertise. All of their comments and ideas are particularly worthwhile for those projects related to building peace for conflict resolution in different communities.

Any clubs that are interested in inviting those peace fellows who have substantial experience in peace aspects or would like to exchange some ideas with them, please contact the Rotary Centre to establish contact and cooperate with the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University.

Due to the resolutions of the administrative committee board meeting of the Rotary Centre on February 3, 2020, we will increase our ability in engaging Rotarians in Rotary Centre activities, particularly in public relations, both in the districts and with general people outside; for example, using online social media such as

Facebook and Line. Organizing sub-committee groups selected by Rotarians can increase the center's efficiency. Recruiting more efficient Rotarians to help or hiring some with any part of the budget necessary will be good ideas. Further, recognizing the volunteer Rotarians and others who help in the center's activities will encourage them to continue their services.

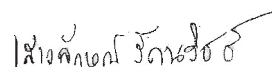
Another issue concerns cooperation for the donation for Australian bushfire victims in all 4 districts in Thailand, from which we have already collected and will present the donation through the President's representative attending the 3350 district conference in March. All 4 district governors will present the donation together to show Thailand's Rotary spirit and generosity in helping others, playing a significant role in connecting the world through the Service.

Clubs interested in any particular Rotary International information or that would like to publicize important activities or projects, please contact the office of the Rotary Centre in Thailand directly Monday to Friday during office hours. All are welcome to visit the Rotary Centre's website, where they can find information that includes Rotary Magazines, both in Thai and English.

Your cooperation and support represent the essential power of a Strong Rotary in Thailand and reflect our long-term public image and Rotary ideals that will be more evidently attractive and therefore lead to the development of more Rotary engagement.

Thank you to all administrative board committee members, advisors, staff, and Rotarians of all clubs for supporting Rotary Centre's activities as always.

Yours in Rotary,



PRID. Dr. Saowalak Rattanavich
Chair, The Rotary Centre in Thailand
Administrative Committee

Number's Rotary Data source www.rotary.org, 1 January 2020 (1 July 2019)

District	3330	3340	3350	3360	สจพ
Members	2,403 (2,327)	1,448 (1,401)	2,899 (2,821)	1,338 (1,370)	8,088 (7,919)
Clubs	100 (102)	66 (66)	113 (113)	62 (67)	341 (348)



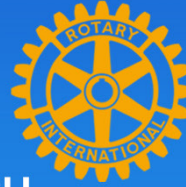
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ปี 2563-64

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Friday 28, Saturday 29 February
Sunday 1 March 2020

The Empress Hotel, Chiang Mai Thailand

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