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As a Rotarian, I will:

- 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
- 5) Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment harassment

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President's message

HOLGER KNAACK, May 2021



For years, Susanne and I hosted many Rotary Youth Exchange students in our home. This program was an entry point to Rotary for me, and my heart is truly in it. When Rotary's exchange programs were suspended because of COVID-19 to keep students and families safe, we felt sorry, especially for the participants, because those years cannot be repeated.

As we look ahead with hope, we thank Youth Exchange officers, host families, and other volunteers for their contributions in years past. We are hopeful that in-person exchanges will be back next year. And because of the many uncertainties, we're encouraging districts to offer virtual exchanges as a way of connecting students, families, and volunteers.

For those who are not able to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary offers other opportunities. New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE) is a Rotary program that deserves wider recognition: It is an excellent

opportunity for young people ages 18 to 30 to participate in community service as individuals or in a group and to gain internship experience. Simukai Matshalaga, a Rotaractor from Zimbabwe, stayed with us in Ratzeburg during her NGSE experience three years ago.

When I applied for the New Generations Service Exchange program, I did not realize that I was signing up for a life-changing experience. This program gave me that opportunity and much more. It taught me about the importance of failing fast, learning quicker, and being myself.

Some of my greatest experiences happened at the dinner table. The warmth and kindness of every home I lived in still resonate with me today. It took me weeks to understand how a stranger could care for me as deeply as these members of the Rotary family did. I am inspired by the lessons of humility I learned from all the amazing people I met. I came to understand a new culture and realized that the only things that separate us as people are our experiences and, at times, our false assumptions.

Professionally, it gave me confidence in my own abilities as an engineer. Seeing how other organizations handled problems made me aware that the best person to solve the challenges in my country was me. Returning home from northern Germany, I declined a promotion, quit my job, and began building a family business — a decision that previously I would have never made, out of fear.

I am indebted to the Rotary family. I am not sure whether the friends, mentors, and families I left behind knew that they changed my life permanently. I hope they now do.

New Generations Service Exchange changed Simukai's life. It can change yours, too. All Rotary members can experience something similar at any time: I encourage everyone to take a virtual journey this month and visit meetings of other clubs online. You will see how different Rotary is around the world as you meet great people and make new friends.

Let us build upon these connections forged online — and later, when the time is right, enjoy in-person exchanges with them through Rotary Friendship Exchange, another excellent program for Rotary members of all ages.

Our ability to meet in person is limited now, but we know that Rotary Opens Opportunities, always. Now is the time to get ready, so that when the pandemic is behind us, Rotary's exchange programs will come back stronger than before, serving a world that is yearning to reconnect.

President's message

HOLGER KNAACK, June 2021



In January 2020, when I announced my presidential theme, Rotary Opens Opportunities, and spoke of the changes that Rotary needed to embrace, none of us had any idea how quickly change would arrive. But I am a longtime believer in seeing challenges as opportunities. This year, we seized new opportunities to reimagine what Rotary could be. For years, we had discussed ways to make Rotary flexible and adaptable, and we had tried a few experiments. This year, we all experimented — and succeeded! Online meetings are a regular fixture now as clubs invite guests from across the globe.

Susanne and I love to meet members of the family of Rotary around the world, and we've missed seeing you in person over the past year. But for me, it was a new way of experiencing Rotary. We traveled the world virtually. I definitely met thousands more of you than I would have otherwise. I never

set foot in my office in Evanston as president, yet we found new ways to get the job done while cutting travel costs.

This is the Rotary we experienced in 2020-21: nimble, adaptable, and creative. The next step is not to go back to the way things were before the pandemic. We must move forward. Let's apply what we have learned in order to offer new experiences and opportunities for our members, such as online attendance as a regular option.

We need a younger, more diverse Rotary at every level to keep our clubs strong. What diversity means is different from region to region, but I encourage you to welcome people from all backgrounds. Another step we can all take is to increase the number of women and amplify their role everywhere.

I am glad that many now see Rotary and Rotaract clubs as equals. Let's keep going in this direction by inviting Rotaract clubs to be a part of everything we do. Let's not squander any opportunity to reach young leaders, but partner with Rotaract and invest in our many new approaches.

I am very proud of the work Rotary is doing to fight COVID-19 by supporting vaccination campaigns through advocating for fair distribution and combating misinformation. But we must also continue to do everything we can to end polio. And we now have opportunities to work in a new area of focus: the environment.

The world is a different place today from when I first announced that Rotary Opens Opportunities. We can all be proud of how we updated what Rotary can be this year. Let's continue on this path, always taking care of our clubs and of our friends in those clubs. They are precious, and they keep Rotary alive and thriving.

Susanne and I are thankful for all the opportunities to serve the organization during this special year, a year of finding new meaning in Service Above Self. We see Rotary as a community of people who live their values by putting them into action. In these extraordinary times, there is no doubt that we must place increased emphasis on service. This is our opportunity to show the world what Service Above Self means for Rotarians.

There are so many opportunities waiting for us that will help us change the world. Let's seize them together and get ready to open doors to achieving greater things. And as we open these doors to new ideas, our minds and our hearts also open. Remember that everything we do in Rotary opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere.

A message form Foundation Trustee Chair

K.R. RAVINDRAN, May 2021



Rotary members are writing the future

In the classic film Lawrence of Arabia, Peter O'Toole plays T.E. Lawrence, the British scholar, military officer, and author who helped Arab tribes in their struggle for independence against the Ottoman Empire.

Lawrence leads a group of Bedouin warriors through the desert for a surprise attack on the Ottoman port of Aqaba. As they reach the end of the desert, they discover that a soldier, Gasim, has fallen off his camel during the night. But it is morning, and the tribesmen, led by Sherif Ali, played in the movie by Omar Sharif, advise Lawrence that going back to find him would be futile, that Gasim would already be dead given the sandstorms and the scorching heat. "Gasim's time has come; it is written," one of the soldiers tells Lawrence.

But Lawrence does go back and finds Gasim near death, staggering in the dunes. When they return to camp, Ali offers Lawrence water. Before taking a drink, Lawrence looks at him and says: "Nothing is written."

This unforgettable scene means more than just a quotable movie line; it represents a way of looking at the world. It is a challenge to fatalism — that we must accept a certain outcome because of the way it has always been. No, Lawrence says, history is not written, yet.

So it is with The Rotary Foundation. We have not yet emerged from the sandstorm of the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic fallout from it. We are still occupied by work to raise awareness, deliver critical personal protective equipment, and provide support for frontline workers.

We do not know the day when, standing beside our polio eradication partners, we will announce that for the second time in history, a disease has been eradicated. We do know that, because we have worked steadfastly for years, the end of that story will be written soon.

And thanks to a \$15.5 million contribution from the Otto & Fran Walter Foundation, we are also adding a new chapter in the story of our expansion of the Rotary Peace Centers: Plans are underway to launch a new peace certificate center in the Middle East or North Africa.

Rotary is engaged in so many noble efforts; it is an ongoing story that inspires me even more than Lawrence of Arabia. We do not yet know the name of the baby whose life will be saved because of a maternal and child grant from Rotary, or the name of the girl who will learn to read with our support. When will those grants start, and will your district — or you — be directly involved?

Nothing is written. We write it.

K.R. Ravindran Foundation Trustee Chair

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K.R. RAVINDRAN, June 2021



A time to look forward

"I have no fear of the future," Winston Churchill once said. "Let us go forward into its mysteries, let us tear aside the veils which hide it from our eyes, and let us move onward with confidence and courage."

Churchill used the phrase "let us go forward together" in some of his most famous speeches. He had no other choice but to look forward as he led his war-battered nation with courage.

Each generation inherits its own share of challenges; we are living through ours, never once stopping in the face of this challenge. In a year when people were unable to meet, families stayed secluded, and businesses struggled to flourish, we still managed to go forward together in many areas. Through Rotary Foundation grants, clubs and districts brought creative solutions to their pandemic-hit communities. Since March 2020, the Foundation has awarded over \$34 million in grants to initiatives related to COVID-19.

The demand for our global grants was high. They were so popular that we had to make adjustments to grant funding policy that will begin 1 July in a prudent effort to balance demand with resources, so that more districts can participate.

This year, The Rotary Foundation took bold steps forward, breaking new ground: The Foundation expanded its reach with recognition of the environment as an area of focus and awarded our first Programs of Scale grant to a Rotarian-led program that aims to greatly reduce malaria for severely affected communities in Zambia.

Even though our polio immunization activities paused for a few months in 2020 because of the pandemic, they began to resume in midyear. We also were finally able to celebrate a huge step forward in our journey together to a polio-free world: the World Health Organization (WHO) declaration that the African region is now free of wild poliovirus.

And the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation signed an agreement with us to fully fund the establishment of a Rotary Peace Center in the Middle East and North African region. This welcome development gives Rotary the opportunity to make a tangible contribution to an area where lasting peace has been so elusive.

Our accomplishments are a reminder that Rotary is a great force for good everywhere and that you are the reason we did not stop. At this writing, we've raised more than \$282 million, putting us on track to reach our \$410 million fundraising goal. The great work we have done this year, and the work we will do next year and in the years ahead, is all thanks to your support. On behalf of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for keeping the Foundation — one of our greatest gifts to the world — thriving.

K.R. Ravindran Foundation Trustee Chair



"No one helps take my photo, that's fine. I'll do

I believe that way before using their cell phones to take photos of themselves.

The word selfie.

'Word of the Year', was established by the Oxford English Dictionary in 2013 from Wikipedia. Selfie is a kind of self-portrait taken of oneself using a digital camera or cell phone camera. It may be taken by hand or with a selfie stick then share on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Selfies are often taken by holding a camera up high and arms extended rather

selfie stick would provide a wider

used in September 2002 by an Australian man who had

on and asked for advice to what he should do with the wound. He wrote, "I had a hole about 1 cm long right through my bottom lip. And sorry about the

(Selfies are very important to the idea of oneself. Considering from the English root of the word selfie, it comes from the word self, meaning oneself. both Self-esteem and Ideal Self.)

Another purpose of selfie is to share happy moments of a person with his/her surroundings, which could be landmarks, sceneries, or a group

> Yours in Rotary PP.Vanit Yotharvut Editor-in-Chief

Davidson: This is a classic portrait revealing the character of the woman chewing on her cigar.It's an absolutely gorgeous color palette, and thephotographer creatively uses the intensity of thecolors as a magnetic compositional element. This photograph inspires our curiosity and desireto learn more about this woman.

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2021 PHOTO AWARDS

SECOND PLACE

PHOTOGRAPHER:

LUCA VENTURI Rotary Club of Siena Est, Italy

LOCATION:

LONGSHENG COUNTY, CHINA

Davidson: I love the thought behind this graphically infused image. The use of black and white highlights the varied tones that work together to almost demand that we sit with this image for a while. It also works as a pandemic time capsule of sorts because of the young boy wearing a protective mask and riding his bike through deserted streets.



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Rotary against Human Trafficking



Human trafficking, an act that violates human rights, is a major problem for the global society. It is an international crime which reduces human dignity and human values; it also causes other problems such as illegal drug problems, smuggling, prostitution, etc.

The United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish

Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, is a 2000, UN-sponsored multilateral treaty, sometimes called the Palermo Convention. It defines human trafficking as the means of procuring, transporting, relocating, sheltering or accepting people by threatening or using force or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, and deception. Also included is abusing power or causing injury, giving or receiving money or benefits to a person controlling others to benefit oneself. This includes the exploitation of others in prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or service, slavery, or any other act similar to slavery or movement of any organ of the body, etc.

Forms of human trafficking

- 1. Sex Trade The victim may be in a position of servitude or coercion to sell sex services.
- The use of slave labor such as in gardens, farms, houses, factories, fishing boats, etc., with hard work. Abuse may include lack of rest.
- $\label{eq:condition} 3. \, \text{Organ Trafficking} \text{the theft or purchase of human organs} \\ \text{through coercion or force}.$
- 4. Forced marriage- A broker may search for people to be coerced into marriage to strangers. After marriage, one partner is in a state of slavery, perhaps including being compelled to sell sex services.
- 5. The forced beggar A broker may take children, the elderly, and/or the disabled from their hometowns to beg in big cities both at home and abroad.
- 6. Forced illegal behavior. The victims are often children who are forced to deliver drugs directly to retail traders or customers. To address this issue of human trafficking, efforts are being made, both internationally and nationally: The United Nations, which established the convention, and the United States enacted the 2000 Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) assess conditions according to minimum standards to end human trafficking in countries. The following levels may apply:
 - Tier 1 : the country that fully meets the minimum standards.
- Tier 2: a country that has not fully met the minimum standards, though there is an attempt to do so.
- Tier 3 : a country that has not fully met the minimum standards, with no attempt to do so.

In Thailand, we are currently at Tier 2 (we were at Tier 3

in 2014). Currently, the trafficked individual is considered a victim, not a criminal, and must not be prosecuted; instead, trafficked victims must be restored to society.

Later, the 2008 Human Trafficking Prevention and Suppression Act was enacted to expand the definition of "victims" from trafficked women and children to any trafficked individual, regardless of gender and age. The key was to define trafficking offences as an organized criminal process, even if the members of the criminal organization did not commit their own offenses (which is consistent with the current boundary-less state of society).

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, a 100-year-old service organization with more than one million and two hundred thousand members, has formed a Rotary Action Group known as the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS). It was formed to combat human trafficking in 2013 and was established in Thailand last year, with a coordinator * acting in Thailand.

By establishing this RAGAS group to educate, understand, and promote ways to join and support the anti-slavery and human trafficking campaign, RAGAS looks to provide information about, and promote ways for you to engage and support anti-slavery and human trafficking projects, programs, and campaigns.

**You can do this by:

- Publicizing the work of, and work with other anti-slavery organizations
- Reminding Rotarians of their ethical responsibilities with regard to the rights of children
- Encourage and encourage Rotarians and Rotary clubs to take action by:
- a. Actively supporting the work of anti-slavery organizations in the fight against slavery and human trafficking $\,$
- b. Directly supporting various projects e.g. Slavery Rehabilitation Centers through personal visits, participation in grant projects
- c. Identify and oppose identifying and boycotting offending products
- d. supporting campaigns that highlight illegal activity and seek to bring justice for those offended

Operations will include training and seminars to educate teachers, students, or people at risk to gain knowledge and understanding. This will help them protect themselves from being deceived or being a victim in various ways, including trafficking via modern technology as well.

This issue of human trafficking is one of the seven Rotary Foundation's Area of Focus goals for Peace; if the world continues to have a trafficking problem, it will be difficult for this world to have peace. There is no way to solve this problem through the efforts of the government alone. A solution requires the cooperation of all parties.

Rotary works together to create peace through service for all human beings.



Article

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



the deadline for
District Grant
and 31 May 2021
for Global Grant
Applications.
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The Month of Change

Every Rotary year, May and June are the months of preparation for change over of officers for all Districts and Rotary Clubs. DG. will be PDG. President-elect will takeover as President and so on. This year because of COVID-19, we have to stay at home hearing news about the pandemic facts or fake.

15 of May 2021 is the deadline for District Grant and 31 May 2021 for Global Grant Applications. As such it may not be possible to submit in time for the old method of using 100% from world fund.

Those with enough DDF may want to apply for Global Grant must read and understand about Areas of Focus Policy Statement and apply before 31 May. All the applications may not be granted. Any DDF remaining will be rollover.

District grants are easier to apply as there is no matching fund involved. A club may apply for both Global Grant and District grant. Clubs will have to wait to receive Application number. This does not mean that the grant has been accepted. RI will also check and ask about pending reports of previous projects before the new GG is approved

A letter of congratulations will be sent informing successful application and informing members of the good news.

There have been many news from RI, inviting members to go online to where it is easier at ones own home. According to the Rotary calendar May is Youths month, while June is Rotary Fellowships Month.

July is the beginning of new Rotary year. The governor will have to arrange his calendar and keep members posted.





COMMON GROUND

In a time of separation, our winning photographers used their cameras to make connections

It was a challenging year for photographers. Once the pandemic hit, travel plans had to be changed or canceled. That was reflected in many of the submissions for Rotary magazine's 2021 photo awards: Many more photos than usual were taken close to home, sometimes as close as the backyard. We did see breathtaking images of some photographers' journeys, many from the days before the pandemic limited travel. Others took this year to experiment with extreme close-ups of a flower petal or a bird in flight. Many photos captured the way COVID-19 has transformed our world and our daily lives. And, perhaps reflecting the fundamental optimism of Rotarians, there were many images of hope, joy, and simple beauty.

Our judge, photojournalist Barbara Davidson, evaluated the photographs with an exacting eye. "I look for use of color as an element of composition, I look for degrees of tones in black-and-white images, and I look for strong composition and an advanced level of photography as craft," Davidson says. But the technical achievement has to be in service of something. "The images that stand out invite one to linger on the photograph and successfully inspire an emotional response."

In addition to the winners and honorable mentions that appear in this issue, the magazine will feature more of the photos submitted by our readers throughout the coming year.

FIRST PLACE

PHOTOGRAPHER:

Hansruedi Frutiger

Rotary Club of Gombak, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

LOCATION:

YUANYANG COUNTY, YUNNAN, CHINA

DAVIDSON: This image presents a beautiful moment of intimacy. The composition of the family gathered around their home fire transports the viewer into this magical space. The photographer followed the photojournalist's role of being a fly on the wall and letting the authentic moment play out in front of the camera. The warm, soft color palette adds to the timelessness of this heartwarming image.



SECOND PLACE

PHOTOGRAPHER:

Randy Nickerson

Rotary Club of Oshawa, Ontario

LOCATION:

LONGSHENG COUNTY, CHINA

DAVIDSON: This photograph brings so much joy to me. I love seeing these women sitting side by side all giggling together. I get lost in this image looking at all the unique qualities of each face. The image highlights how similar we all are, no matter what culture we come from. Laughter universally warms the heart.



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PHOTOGRAPHER:

In-Hyuk Song

Rotary Club of Daegu-Dongshin, Korea

LOCATION:

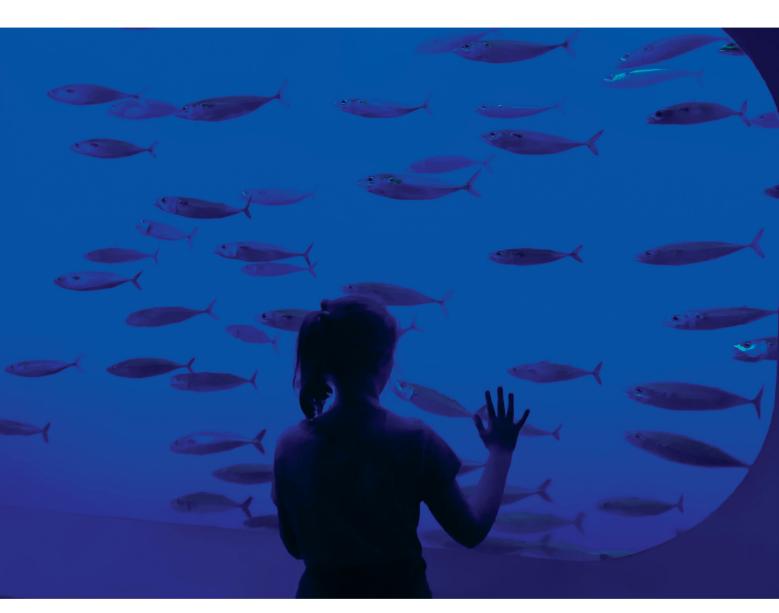
DAEGU, KOREA

DAVIDSON: Every corner of the frame is bursting with color and activity. The use of a wide-angle lens is perfect to capture the magnitude of this event. From a technical perspective, it's not easy to make an image like this: It can be tricky blending bright highlights with a nighttime background. This is a perfectly executed image.

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PHOTOGRAPHER

Krysia Mager

Rotary Club of Batavia, New York

LOCATION

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

DAVIDSON: I love the photographer's juxtaposition of the girl against a wall of fish. The blue back-drop draws us in, and then the school of fish —and all their little eyes — keeps us there. The image radiates a feeling of calm and makes me want to visit this spot.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Ting Yu Yu

Spouse of Yi-Cheng Chen of theRotary Club of Taipei Asia Link, Taiwan

LOCATION

MIAOLI COUNTY, TAIWAN

DAVIDSON: What a beautiful moment of laughter shared between two working women. I love the high angle of this photograph, which gives us a fullsense of place. The color is exquisite, and the lighthas a painterly quality, which also subtly highlights the smoky ambience.

HONORABLE MENTION

PHOTOGRAPHER

Rick Rogoway

Rotary Club of Clackamas, Oregon

LOCATION

SUNRIVER, OREGON

DAVIDSON: Animals often lend themselves to magical visual moments. The photographer captured a lovely moment in nature with different species living a simpatico coexistence.

HONORABLE MENTION

PHOTOGRAPHER

Beate Rosalie Holzwarth

Rotary Club of Bad Dürkheim, Germany

LOCATION

NORTHERN TANZANIA

DAVIDSON: I am drawn to the spontaneity of this photograph and the naturalness of theherder with his animals along a dusty road. The Maasai man in his traditional red robe is awonderful contrast against a muted earthy background. The selection of a wide-angle lens gives us a wonderful sense of place and reminds me how much I love traveling to Africa.



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PHOTOGRAPHER

Geetanjali Dhar

Rotary Club of E-Connect, India

LOCATION

MECHUKA VALLEY, INDIA

DAVIDSON: The power of photography is its abilityto make us feel something. A good photograph willtrigger an emotional reaction. The photographerachieved this perfectly in this photo of young boysbeing boys and enjoying a moment together. Theirlaughter is truly infectious.





HONORABLE MENTION

PHOTOGRAPHER

Steve Begnoche

Rotary Club of Ludington, Michigan

LOCATION

LUDINGTON, MICHIGAN

DAVIDSON: The photographer turned this incredible sunset into an impactful photographby carefully silhouetting beachgoers against the sky and water and by incorporating the rocky foreground to create a multidimensional photograph. This image inspires us to sit with it and absorb all the beauty that it offers.

HONORABLE MENTION

PHOTOGRAPHER

M A Taher

Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka, Bangladesh

LOCATION

SONARGAON, BANGLADESH

DAVIDSON: A gorgeous graphic image of atimeless moment with a farmer working his field, silhouetted against the sun. It almost feels like this photograph could have been made in the 1920s. What helps to make thisimage pop is that the activity plays out against a clear warm sky without any visual distraction.

GET READY FOR YOUR CLOSE-UP

The next edition of Rotary's photo awards will open on 1 October and close on 15 December.

For more information, go to rotary.org/en/enter-2022-rotary-magazine-photo-awards







7 ORGANIZATIONS

Rotary's influence

Easterseals

THAT GOT THEIR START BECAUSE OF ROTARY

Rotary's positive influence on the world extends far beyond its members and its clubs. From medical missions to disaster relief to combating climate change, Rotary plays a role in a vast array of initiatives that help humanity. The reach and impact of Rotary's work are a testament to Rotary members' leadership, passion, and drive to help others.

On the following pages, we look at some organizations that have grown out of a Rotary project or an individual member's incredible commitment to a cause. These entities are well known — but their roots in Rotary might not be.





In 1907, a teenager named Homer Allen was critically injured in a streetcar accident in Elyria, Ohio. There was no real hospital in Elyria, and Homer

who was reported to have lost both his legs — died after being unable to get the medical care he needed. "He might have lived if there had been a hospital," says Mark King, a current member of the Rotary Club of Elyria. The young man's grief-stricken father,

Edgar Allen, sold his business, the Cleveland Cedar Co., and devoted himself to raising the money to build a hospital in his town.

Elyria Memorial Hospital opened in 1908. Through his continued involvement with the hospital, Allen learned that children with disabilities, including polio, often didn't receive adequate services and were kept hidden away at home. He dedicated the rest of his life to creating community-based services for those children. Allen also raised funds to provide a setting where they could attend school while in treatment. In 1919, he joined the Rotary Club of Elyria, which had been chartered a year earlier, and with the support of his fellow Rotarians, he founded what became known as the International Society for Crippled Children. Rotary founder Paul Harris served as the organization's first chair, and it received The Rotary Foundation's first grant.

Today, that organization is called Easterseals, and it helps 1.5 million people each year through its community-based network and its global partners. "Easterseals



serves as an indispensable resource for individuals living with disabilities, veterans, seniors, their families, and their communities," says Angela F. Williams, Easterseals president and CEO. The organization's services include early intervention, inclusive child care, medical rehabilitation, behavioral health services, workforce development programs, transportation, adult day services, caregiver support, and camping and recreation.





Easterseals led support for the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which became law in 1990, and it continues to advocate for the rights of people with disabilities. Many Rotary members support Easterseals as volunteers, donors, and community partners, and the organization is still driven by the purpose that inspired Edgar Allen: to change the way the world views disability.

ShelterBox



Last year, Shelter-Box celebrated its 20th anniversary. What started as a project of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, England, marked this milestone as an internationally recognized disaster relief organization.

"The initial aim was

to provide disaster victims with quality equipment to enable them to survive and rebuild their lives," explains James Kingston, one of the members of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard who were active in getting ShelterBox off the ground; he later served as a trustee for the organization. "Some members thought that if we helped eight to 10 families a year, we would be doing well." ShelterBox has now assisted 1.7 million people worldwide.

The original box contained a 10-person tent, 10 sleeping bags, a folding trenching tool, water purification tablets, cooking utensils, a bucket, rope, and a flashlight. Today, the contents vary depending on needs. "We learned very quickly that each disaster is different," says Kingston. "It is really important to spend time talking to affected families to provide the right support at the right time."

Sometimes family-size tents provide a solution until people can start rebuilding their homes. After other disasters, heavy-duty tarpaulins, ropes, and nails are needed to repair damaged buildings. "But it is not just about the physical aid," says Kingston. "ShelterBox provides the emergency shelter, essential items, and training needed to support families in the long process of rebuilding their lives."

Since 2012, ShelterBox has been Rotary's official disaster relief partner. The organization's link to Rotary enhances its ability to provide help in hard-to-reach places — during a crisis, nearby club members often provide local contacts and logistical support. "Rotary is truly in the DNA of everything we do," says ShelterBox CEO Sanj Srikanthan.

Little Free Library



As Todd Bol was doing a renovation project at his home in Wisconsin in 2009, an idea came to him. His late mother, June Bol, had been a schoolteacher who loved to read, so he took some scrap wood and, after a few days of hammer-

ing and painting, mounted what resembled a tiny schoolhouse filled with books on a post in his front yard, along with a sign that said "Free books."

Bol, who joined the Rotary Club of Hudson in 2012, soon started getting requests to build more of his little libraries. When demand outpaced his ability to fill the orders, he hired a carpenter and shared his design online. In 2012, he launched Little Free Library as a nonprofit.

Today, you can find little libraries around the globe. There's a Little Free Library inside Hampton Roads Regional Jail in Virginia. In the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement in Uganda, a Little Free Library is one of the few sources of books for the people who live there. North of the Arctic Circle in Finland, a Little Free Library boasts books in Finnish, English, and Chinese.

Rotary clubs have embraced the idea because of its focus on literacy — and also because the tiny libraries help bring people together.

"I live on a street out in the country just west of Minneapolis," says Catherine Smith, a member of the Rotary Club of Cultural Exchange Enthusiasts (D5960). "I've loved having the library, as it has helped me continue to get to know my neighbors. During the pandemic, I added jigsaw puzzles for people to exchange."

Members and clubs alike began building libraries in communities large and small, making Little Free Library a testament to the power of Rotary's network when armed with a simple, effective idea that's easy to replicate. "The cost is minimal to get started, the opportunity for branding and having fun decorating is fantastic, and the libraries are an ongoing community project," says Smith.

Bol died in 2018, but his movement to spread his love of books and of community is still going strong.

Aquabox



One day about three decades ago, two members of the Rotary Club of Wirksworth, England, were chatting about their club's international service work at a backyard get-together. "One said that providing aid like blankets and clothes

to disaster areas around the world was great, but it would be really good if our club could supply clean water, because without water, after about a day or two, you're in quite a bad way," explains Roger Cassidy, a member of the Wirksworth club. In some cases, more people die in the aftermath of a disaster because of waterborne pathogens than from the disaster itself.

The two men — Peter Hare and Mike Hoole — took the idea to their club in 1991, and the other members embraced it. Soon after, Aquabox was born.

Despite the initial enthusiasm, the club ran into problems right away. The water filter that members had chosen and shipped to disaster zones relied on chlorine tablets to purify the water and left a strong chemical taste. As a result, families often didn't use the filters, but continued to take their chances drinking water from rivers or other contaminated sources.

Club members turned to John Griffith, a member of the Rotary Club of Cleadon & District. "He's a brilliant engineer and scientist,"

says Cassidy, who is chair of trustees for Aquabox. Griffith developed a filter that relies on pressure and doesn't need chlorine, but it was quite large. Knowing the filters would need to be shipped to remote areas, the club asked Griffith if he could make it smaller.

Griffith was able to scale down the filter, which relies on a membrane composed of small tubes with microscopic holes. When water flows up the tubes, the holes allow water to pass through but block dirt and pathogens. The filters are operated via a hand pump and don't require electricity. They last for years, are sustainable, and are an environmentally friendly alternative to shipping bottled water. They are also small enough to fit inside Aquabox's emergency aid boxes.

"The advantage of our filter is that it provides instant access to clean water,"

says Roz Adamson, a member of the Rotary Club of Bakewell, England, and an Aquabox trustee.

Aquabox has distributed more than 110,000 boxes to date, helping hundreds of thousands of people in more than 50 countries. Griffith also distributes the filter he invented to other aid organizations through his own nonprofit, Grifaid.

Citizens' Climate Lobby



In 2006, Marshall Saunders, a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Coronado, California, went to see former U.S. Vice President Al Gore's film An Inconvenient Truth. A week later, he watched it a second time. Then a third. Saunders, who had been dedicat-

ing his time and money to humanitarian efforts, realized that all his work would be for nothing if no one tackled the existential threat of climate change.

Saunders began giving talks on the climate crisis at Rotary clubs, schools, churches, retirement homes — anywhere he could get an invitation. After one presentation, a woman asked him what should be done. He responded: "What's needed is thousands of ordinary people organized, lobbying their members of Congress with one voice, one message — and lobbying in a relentless, unstoppable, yet friendly and respectful way."

"Why don't you do that?" the woman asked.

Inspired, Saunders started the Citizens' Climate Lobby. As CCL became more organized, members began lobbying for an idea called "carbon fee and dividend," which proposes a fee imposed on suppliers that starts at \$15 per metric ton of emitted greenhouse gas and increases every year. The collected fees are then paid directly to consumers to offset higher fuel costs. The goal is to encourage the adoption of clean energy technologies through market forces.

Saunders died in late 2019. Earlier that year, in a conversation with this magazine, he said he was optimistic about carbon fee and dividend, calling it "a solution that was a match for the problem."

The Citizens' Climate Lobby now has almost 200,000 supporters — including many Rotary members — and their congenial, bipartisan approach consistently wins over lawmakers. John

Delaney, a former U.S. representative from Maryland, called the Citizens' Climate Lobby "the most effective and enjoyable group of people that I've ever dealt with since I've been on the Hill." As the new U.S. Congress convened in January, CCL's executive director, Mark Reynolds, said, "We are looking forward to a quick reintroduction of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act."

Scott Leckman is a past governor of District 5420 and a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, as well as a member of the governing board of Citizens' Climate Education, CCL's sister organization. "What I love about Rotarians is that they are willing to tackle the biggest problems facing humankind. Our changing climate is certainly one of them," he says. "With CCL, they will learn how to advocate for a bipartisan solution for climate change."

Rotaplast International And Alliance for Smiles



When a child's palate, lip, or both do not fuse together properly in utero, the resulting condition makes it hard for that child to eat and, later, to speak. While surgery can repair the problem, in developing countries, many children lack access to the medical care needed and face

lifelong health problems and ostracism.

In 1992, members of the Rotary Club of San Francisco created a project called Rotaplast to support an annual medical mission to Chile on which volunteer doctors would surgically repair cleft lips and palates. A few years later, they began sending medical personnel to other countries, and Rotaplast International became an independent nonprofit. Rotaplast has conducted 220 missions in 26 countries, carrying out surgery on nearly 21,000 patients and providing dental and orthodontic care and speech therapy. The organization also supports education for medical personnel in host countries and the development of centers to care for patients with cleft lip and palate.

In 2004, six San Francisco club members established a second nonprofit called Alliance for Smiles, which also provides surgery as well as ongoing treatments including dentistry, orthodontia, speech therapy, and sometimes psychological counseling. To do this, Alliance for Smiles trains local health care providers and establishes treatment centers where patients can receive such care.

"Medical missions are really important, but so is education, training, and extended care of cleft lip and palate children," says Anita Stangl, a member of the Rotary Club of San Francisco, who was the president and CEO of Alliance for Smiles from 2004 to 2016. Since 2004, Alliance for Smiles has treated more than 7,000 children.

The COVID-19 pandemic has put missions on hold. Alliance for Smiles is training medical professionals virtually, and both organizations are using the time to explore new ways to serve. Stangl says that there is a backlog of needed surgeries and that medical missions should resume as soon as travel restrictions are eased.

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As we all know, every year between February and May Rotary conducts training to prepare new club presidents and club officers for the new Rotary year, which runs from 1 July to 30 June. This training is held within each district first followed by the one jointly organized by many districts or what we call in short Pre-PETS, PETS and Multi-PETS (PETS = President Elect Training Seminar). Initially, the 4 DGEs of the 4 districts scheduled the Multi-District PETS for 26-28 February 2021 in Bangkok to be hosted by D. 3350. Unfortunately, with the second and third waves of the COVID-19 pandemic at the beginning of the year it was resolved that the seminar be organized within each district itself in order to reduce the number of people gathering in one place at one time.

In this issue, Rotary Newsletter Thailand has collected information regarding PETS or the preparation for club presidents who will lead during the Rotary year of 2021-2022 through the interviews with DGEs, District Training Chair and PEs representing each district. Let's meet them now!



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District 3330 – DGE Paikit Hoonpongsimanont

DGE Paikit explained that the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented us from organizing the Multi-District PETS. As a result, D. 3330 conducted its own PETS in Ratchaburi Province from 7-9 May 2021, and it was well received. PEs registered for the seminar with enthusiasm as they wanted to meet other PEs and District Committee members. However, with the third wave of the pandemic early in April, D. 3330 still hoped that the wave would be short, and it could continue to conduct the seminar as planned. Unfortunately, the situation

got worse. Hence, D. 3330 committee members met to decide on a training format that would be most effective to prepare PEs and club officers for the new Rotary year but at the same time allow them to meet face to face.

Finally, D. 3330 chose to combine PETS with the DTA or District Training Assembly to be held in July 2021. The event will be organized 4 times in 4 zones – Trang, Phang-nga, Hua Hin and Ratchaburi Province on 10, 19, 28 July and 1 August 2021. The District will strictly follow the safety health measures set by the Ministry of Health. In addition, there will be no party but only a safe social function under the New Normal era. D. 3330 hopes that the situation will improve by the training dates, but if it does not, the District Training Committee has already prepared a back-up plan.



PDG Wichai Maneewacharakiet D. 3330 Training Committee Chair

According to PDG Wichai, D. 3330 made preparation late last year to hold PETS in May this year. When the Multi-District PETS was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the District moved PETS to July. This is the 3rd time the Training Committee adjusted its training plan and decided to hold PETs and DTA together 4 times in 4 zones in July and early August 2021.

During the time when everyone has to stay home and avoid contacting other people, Rotary activities may seem

to be very few. In fact, D. 3330 has organized training via Line Group Meeting. Line is used because most Rotarians are seniors, and it may not be convenient for them to use Zoom. Line Group Meeting is the easiest way for people of all ages. Pilot meetings have been held twice a week on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 19.00 hours. All Rotarians can register and join this meeting. The contents include 11 topics such as modern Rotary basics, Rotary objectives, Rotary theme history, membership retention and membership increase as well as advice on making strategic plans. Each week, one PDG is invited to talk while PDG Wichai is the main trainer. While Rotary Newsletter Thailand's team was interviewing PDG Wichai, up to 78 people had already registered for the first meeting on 12 May 2021.



PE Thanyarat Rittaywa Rotary Club of Nakhon Hatyai, D. 3330

PE Thanyarat explained that she has been a charter member of RC Nakhon Hatyai since 2010. She has participated in the Club's activities all along, particularly in the community service projects. Initially, she played a supporting role, remaining in the background mostly as her work did not allow her to fully dedicate herself to the Club's work. However, while working with fellow Rotarians from her own club and from others, she learned a lot about Rotary. Right now, it's

time for her to lead the Rotary Club of Nakhon Hatyai. She feels relatively confident as she has more time and more understanding of how Rotary works.

To prepare for the Club's leading role, initially she registered for the Multi-District PETS in Bangkok. However, it was changed to PETS in Ratchaburi Province. Again

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with the changing situation, she's ready to adjust herself. She has already registered for Rotary Line Meeting organized by D. 3330 on 12 May. She feels that it's another channel to learn about Rotary and to meet other Rotarians from the same district. She's delighted that D. 3330 provides worthwhile activities for members during this difficult time. At the moment, she is planning her club's activities jointly with the club officers so that they will be able to carry on the work from this Rotary year and implement more community service projects.



D. 3340 – DGE Asst. Prof. Dr. Jareesri Kunsiripunyo

Asst. Prof. Dr. Jareesri recalled the new wave of COVID-19 at the end of December 2020 which led the 4 districts to review the possibility and suitability of holding the Multi-District PETS. The 4 District Governors finally decided to cancel the Multi-District PETS to comply with the policy to prevent and control the disease for the safety of all

participants. It was also resolved that each district conduct its own training. As leader of D. 3340, she consulted the Training Chair on the pros and cons of organizing one, and concluded that it would join the Virtual Training of D. 3350. This decision was based on the global situation during the past year. Our world has been faced with the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in many changes in our daily life, health care, travel and work. It will take some time before we all can live a normal life, or perhaps some of the things may never be the same again. Rotary is one of the global organizations that have greatly been affected, and that's why Rotary International supports Virtual Training.

D. 3340 has had to change its ways of working, meeting and organizing activities. It has also brought in communication technologies to help keep up with the changes. It must equip members for the future with new skills. New members may need many more types of skills. Apart from knowing about Rotary, they must be able to use technologies. For current members who have experienced with Rotary work for some time, they only need to adjust their skills so that they can continue their work efficiently amidst this changing world. D. 3340 organized 2 Virtual Meetings: one in Thai on 20, 21, 27 and for District Goals on 28 February 2021. The meeting in English was held from 6 to 8 March 2021.

Preparation before the actual meeting included opening the Zoom room 3 weeks in advance for PEs to practice every day from 19.00 to 21.00 hours. However, Virtual Meetings may not respond to the participants' social and emotional needs as much as In-Person Meetings. Therefore, when the situation improves and opportunities arise, PEs should meet to exchange ideas and join activities. For D. 3340, meetings have been combined between Virtual and In-Person.

For the Virtual Meeting held in Thai, the number of participants did not meet the set target, about 60% only. It was found that there was some technical problems in admitting participants into the room on the first day. Some PEs could not enter the Zoom room because they were not familiar with the new way of meeting and the technology used. It's clear that on the first day, both the organizer and the participants faced problems. After the meeting, the organizing committee met to find solutions, and the result was much improved on the second day. As for the meeting in English, the result was quite satisfactory for both the organizer and participants as the participating PEs were prepared, familiar with the technology and confident in expressing their opinions broadly in a friendly way.

PETs in the new format organized for the first time for Rotary in Thailand may encounter some problems and obstacles. The most important thing is to open our heart, accept the changes and seek new knowledge. If we can overcome the problems in using new technologies and can use them proficiently, this will answer our New Normal way of living. Let's look for opportunities that are our alternatives to survival during this crisis. Open our heart, overcome the use of new technologies, and strengthen our fellowships through new channels which will stay with us for a long time.

DGE Asst. Prof. Dr. Jareesri concluded, "I dare to change even though I realize that this change may be difficult for some members to accept. There are always obstacles in our first step to change, but I am sure that we will be able to overcome them. Perhaps, it's a test of my district leadership 2021-22 Change Maker. This year may be the year we prepare ourselves for the next step or even the next leap."



PDG Onanong Siripronmanut, D. 3340 Training Committee Chair

PDG Onanong has been Rotary trainer for 20 years, and she volunteered to be D. 3340 Training Chair. The reason is that the DGE is also a Rotarian from the same club as hers, the Rotary Club of Plutaluang. Both of them are working women with similar appearance. That's why many people often mistake one for the other, so

they need to allow some time for people to identify each of them before starting the conversation.

For this year's Multi-District PETs, PDG Oranong said it was a very special year. D. 3350, the host, had spent 3-4 months to prepare for it. DGE, Training Chair, DGN and Committee Members of D. 3340 also joined the meetings to prepare for the Multi-District PETs as it will host the same event next year. About 80% of the work including the preparation for the location, food and trainers was completed. Many PEs from D. 3340 sent in their registration and reserved their flights. They expected that this lively meeting would allow them to meet and build relationships with PEs from other clubs in the district, as happened with the previous groups. However, the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic at the end of December 2020 put everything to a standstill, and the Multi-District PETS had to be adjusted immediately.

With the change in the training format that depended on modern technology, it was not easy for the Training Chair as she had no experience in it before. All District Trainers had to know how to make their presentations via Zoom. They had to rehearse and confirm their understanding with the PEs in advance, but there was not much time left. Finally, she consulted DGE Dr. Jareesri Kunsiripunyo who came to the same decision as hers, "D. 3340 requests to join training with D. 3350." Then, they informed District 3350 Trainer PDG Prawit Rojkajonnapalai and DGE Prof. Clinical Dr. Wiroon Boonnuch of D. 3350 about D. 3340's decision to join the Virtual Training via Zoom. Both PDG Prawit and DGE Wiroon agreed without any conditions. Once again, our sincere appreciation to the Training Chair, the Organizing Chair and DGE of D. 3350.

The Virtual Training via Zoom went well, following the steps laid out by the Host Organizing Committee. It was estimated that only 60% of the PEs participated in the training. However, this crisis has led to many new opportunities as a result of the change in our behavior such as more use of technology and more virtual meetings. Luckily, many of our members are familiar with working from home (WFH) and the new meeting format. The District Training Assembly or DTA held in May was also in this virtual training format.



PE Petchsupang Theerarattananukulchai The Rotary Club of Roi Ed, D. 3340

PE Petchsupang is the charter member of the Rotary Club of Roi Ed. She was the Membership Chair of this club during its first year of establishment in 2015. She said that she did not know much about Rotary at that time, but she received advice and guidance from many senior Rotarians. This plus her determination has played a part in making

RC Roi Ed well known from its many achievements. The Club has a culture of preparing club leaders by sequencing the members in advance so that each one has time to plan for this leadership role. She herself was set to become the 7th Club President.

PETs was organized on-line for the first time this year. Participants did not meet the trainers nor other PEs in person, but it was the most appropriate channel during this difficult situation. After training, she learned that being a club president means serving RC Roi Ed's members and communities, not being anybody's boss. Her approach is to coordinate with the members of RC Roi Ed so that they can be happy givers, to retain membership, and to continue with the implementation of many projects. These include medical equipment for hospitals with the cooperation of its sister club in Taiwan, fire engines with its sister club in Japan, and Rotary Library. PE Petchsupang concluded that once she volunteered to work for Rotary, she would do it wholeheartedly according to this year's theme of "Serve to Change Lives."



D. 3350 – DGE Prof. Clinical Dr. Wiroon Boonnuch

DGE Prof. Clinical Dr. Wiroon explained that D. 3350 was the host for this year's Multi-District PETS. It was scheduled for 26-28 February 2021 at Muang Thong Thani with PDG Dr. Apa Ataboonwong as the organizing chair. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Multi-District PETs could not be held, and each district had to organize it

separately. Thus, D. 3350 decided to conduct PETs online via Zoom twice: one in Thai on 20, 21 and 27 February 2021 and the other in English for those PEs in Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos who use English. PEs from D. 3340 also participated in this training.

The event was successful as a result of the cooperation and dedication from D. 3350 Committee members and trainers. 100% of D. 3350 PEs who used Thai registered for this training reflecting their flexibility and adaptability to use a new communication tool in this New Normal age. DGE Prof. Clinical Dr. Wiroon expressed his sincere appreciation to all D. 3350 Committee members and trainers who helped make this online PETs a great success. As for the District Training Assembly or DTA, it was also held via Zoom on 24-25 April 2021.



PDG Prawit Rojkajonnapalai D. 3350 Training Committee Chair

According to PDG Prawit, this is the third year he accepted to chair D. 3350 Training Committee. Originally, D. 3350 was the host of the Multi-District PETs to be held at Muang Thong Thani. However, the event had to be cancelled even though all the preparation was made - the meeting venue, training contents and materials, the explanation to D. 3360 in

Chiang Mai and D. 3340 in Nakhon Ratchasima. All 4 DGEs resolved that each district hold its own PETs. As a result, D. 3350 decided to conduct a virtual PETs via Zoom. The Committee made preparation for the training materials and the location for this online training at the office of PP Ruengsak Sangpenprow from the Rotary Club of Nontaburi. PP Ruengsak kindly prepared an appropriate broadcasting studio which allowed for both assembly and break-out training sessions at RS Paint Co., Ltd. on Prachachuen Road, Soi 4, Nontaburi. PETs in Thai was held on 20, 21 and 27 February 2021, and it was a great success. PEs from 117 clubs of D. 3340 and 3350 participated in this training. The English version of PETs for the English-speaking clubs was organized from 6-8 March 2021 with 73 PEs joining. A total of 16 invited speakers and training leaders plus 10 IT professionals were there to render their support.

The result was satisfactory. PEs from 117 clubs of D. 3350 & 3340, or 78.5% of the two districts combined, participated in this training via Zoom. It's the first time the Zoom Meeting Program was used. Luckily, IT volunteers were there to provide technical support and also assist the trainers with their presentations. Most participating PEs were not familiar with the Zoom Program; therefore, the Organizing Committee set up a working group to teach participants in advance via Line and YouTube on how to use the program. The advantage of using the Zoom Meeting Program was that a lot of expenses were saved both directly and indirectly. The Organizing Committee spent only on necessary things, and these expenses included the purchase of the Zoom Program, administrative and miscellaneous. Altogether, about 200,000 baht was spent, compared with over a million baht if the meeting was held in a normal way. The indirect savings of over a million baht involved travelling expenses, venue rental fee, accommodation and meal costs for all participants.

Many said that meetings via Zoom were unlikely to be as efficient as normal in-person ones as they did not allow participants and trainers to interact. However, it's a limitation that could be solved by adding more equipment like another set of computer separately from the first set used by the trainers. A bigger monitor screen was also used to allow the trainers to see the actual participants clearly. Participating PEs were requested to display their name for easy calling. All these helped increase the interaction between the trainers and the participants to a certain level.



PE Dr. Mewadee Reowilaisuk Rotary Club of Siam Erawan, D. 3350

PE Dr. Mewadee has been a Rotarian for 2 years, and she served as Community Service Chair from 2019-2020. She said she's a new Rotarian, and RC Siam Erawan is also a new club founded in 2018. After having been a Rotarian for 1 year, she was approached by the Charter President to become the Club President which she received full support from

all the members. It's a great honor and a life time's experience for her. She sees opportunities for community service and Rotary

fellowship within the district, among different districts and in the world.

She had no problem using the technology while participating in the PETs held in February via Zoom as she has been using it at work. She felt that it's very convenient and solved the problem of organizing this training while the situation did not allow for in-person meetings. From attending PETs, she learned about the vision and policy of Rotary International President, District Governor and District Committees. She also learned from Rotary leaders who are also the leaders of their organization, business executives and experts. These speakers transferred their knowledge skillfully and professionally allowing her an opportunity to develop her leadership. She was impressed as it was the first preparation step to her Rotary Club leadership role. Once she starts her work, she will use a coaching style management system. Projects will be led by leaders with inspiration, and they will have opportunities to fully display their potential. She will encourage members to participate in all projects from the planning to the implementation steps. The Club President will help coordinate, provide support and compliment on achievements of individuals and the organization as a whole. Most important is to enhance fellowship and to respect members from all walks of lives in the club who volunteer to work together.



D.3360-DGE Jirayuth Hirunyawat

DGE Jirayuth explained that as this year's Multi-District PETs was cancelled, D. 3360 organized its own PETs from 3 to 4 April 2021 at the Siharaj Hotel in Uttaradit Province. Even though it was held before the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Organizing Committee complied with the Ministry of Health's measures for the safety of all involved. PDG Anurak

Napawan, D. 3360 Training Chair, prepared in advance for both an in-person and an online meeting via Zoom in case of emergency. Luckily, the event could be held in person enabling the PEs to get to know the District Committee members. This was because the District Team Training Seminar or DTTS was also organized at the same time. DGE Jirayuth added that any training that allows participants to meet and interact is the best. At least, PEs get to know their counterparts from other clubs. The event helped inspire the participating PEs and the District Committees who have to work together with the District Governor during the coming year.

Besides the academic contents delivered by the well-qualified District Trainers, the participants were impressed with the opportunity to get to know the PDGs, PEs, District Committees and DGE. This training has energized all Rotarians to materialize their plans and the Rotary theme of "Serve to Change Lives."



PDG Anurak Napawan D. 3360 Training Committee Chair

According to PDG Anurak, he has been District Training Chair for the 4th year. The Multi-PETs hosted by D. 3360 was held in Chiang Mai in early March 2020. Once the event was completed, the COVID-19 pandemic situation got worse. In the middle of the year, the situation seemed to improve gradually, and it was predicted that there

should be no problem this year. However, we were faced with the second wave of the pandemic forcing each district to hold its own PETs. After some discussions, our DGE preferred to hold an in-person meeting. As the situation was still unreliable, the Training Committee

planned to divide the participants in the north into 4 zones, and part of the training would be conducted online via Zoom. Fortunately, the situation improved; hence, PETs was held allowing all participants to meet in person. The District Team Training Seminar or DTTS was combined with this PETs, and the participants were PEs, AGs and District Committee members. The whole event took place from 3 to 4 April 2021 with 16 trainers and 130 participants joining. The training was shortened to 1.5 days but still covered all the contents previously set by the 4 districts. Initially, PDG Prawit Rojkajonnapalai of D. 3350 prepared the contents for D. 3360 to organize the Multi-PETs in Uttaradit located in the center of the district. It would be convenient for participants to travel, and they would have to stay at the hotel for only one night.

The result of the training was satisfactory, particularly amidst the current difficult situation. Participants travelled less and most important was the safety of everyone. Even though the participants did not meet PEs and leaders from other districts, they met their counterparts and the leaders within their own district. They learned and exchanged ideas with one another. Almost all AGs and PDGs joined this event because they had not met for some time. They all came to give moral support to the DGE and PEs for the coming Rotary year. After the event was completed, the 3rd wave of the COVID-19 pandemic occurred. Thus, we were considered very lucky. PDG Anurak added that when the situation forces us to change, it's good for us. We get to learn new things, become alert for improvement and find new ways to work in Rotary. Rotary International keeps emphasizing that we need to prepare for the changes and adjust ourselves for the upcoming district-level training and meetings. In this way, we will be able to sail through these unpredictable challenges while being able to strengthen our club and district.



PE Wasin Lertkiatdamrong Rotary Club of Chiang Mai, D. 3360

PE Wasin has been Rotarian for 13 years and was Assistant to the Club Administration Committee Chair from 2010-2013. He helped publish the Club's newsletters and was Image Promotion Committee Chair in 2014 and from 2017 to 2019. All through these years, he has been participating in RC Chiang Mai's activities. By

accepting to be a club leader, it allows him the opportunity to return his gratitude to Rotary, an organization that has helped develop him to become a leader and coordinator. While he was studying at the university, he was given the opportunity by Rotary to be Rotaract President at Payap University in 2002. After that, he was President of the Thai Students' Club in Britain. At present, he's the President of Region 5 Labor Court Judge, and his work principles came from the work practice and dedication in Rotary.

What he gained from joining PETs held in Phitsanulok from 3-4 April 2021 was goal setting in My Rotary. He learned that the goals must be consistent with RI President's and DG's policy. He also learned a lot from other club presidents, built strong relationships with them and even planned to implement community service projects together within the same district and others. In managing the club, he will combine the cultures, good practices, development of new leaders with fun to achieve the goals set in My Rotary.

Conclusion: It is clear that even though the COVID-19 pandemic has brought many changes into the world this year, it can't stop Rotary activities. Rotarians have adjusted their ways of carrying out activities and have learned to live in the New Normal age. Preparation for leaders to lead their club still continue so that Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self" will continue as well.

D.3330 Editorial of District 3330, RI



PDG.Juthatip Thamsiripong Rotary Club of Pra Pathom Chedi

Dear my fellow Rotarians and Rotary Family members,

This is the final edition of the Rotary Magazine for the year 2021-2022 which many things happened in Thailand and across the globe had been selected and presented to us by our editor, assistant editor, and honorary writers.

Thanks to all of the strong dedication in creating and sharing knowledge throughout every single page of this magazine. For this edition, DG Chalermchat Chun-In of D.3330 asked me to read the draft contents and allowed me to revise any parts under my consideration.

After 2-3 times reading, I decided to maintain the key contents of all parts which deserved the acknowledgement of my fellow Rotarians. Despite the scary of the world caused by a numbers of phenomena, Rotarians keep organizing the social service activities to help the human being continuously. I wish all of us a strong mind to fight against any challenges and obstacles.

DG.Chalwemchat Chun-In, Year



40 years of experiences and 1 year of meaningful moment.

As well as the first time of seeing the Rotary logo, my first experience with Rotary was in the year 1977 when I went to the Baan Bueng Hospital, Chon Buri Province where I met a gathering of people for their activity. After that day, I noticed that the Director of Baan Bueng Hospital was the member of RC of Baan Bueng. When I was the university student which was 10 years later, I joined the Rotary as I applied for Rotaract Club of Faculty of Agriculture (Bang Phra, Sriracha District, Chonburi Province) which was supervised by the RC of Sriracha (D 335). I still remember the delightful moment in joining the Club's activities and being selected as the Club's representative for participating the RC Sri Racha's meeting which consequently exposed many new things to my life.

In 2000, as a newly active member of RC of Kanchanaburi, I was the key force for the Club's activities such as the Club's administration and 10 consecutive years for the management of

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Matching Grant which later known as a Global Grant. Since 2003, I have been working as the President of the RC of Kanchanaburi. The important opportunity came to us when one among the members of the RC of Kanchanaburi , Rtn.Worawuth Phongwitthayaphanu, was designated as the DG of 3330 RI (2004-2005) and many members of the RC including me were invited to work for the District as well. I had another pleasure opportunity again as I was designated as the DG of the District 3330 (2020-2021) with my key responsibility in leading the Club and all members to reach the goal of the achievement in accordance to the designated plans.

Today, on behalf of the DG of D3330, I would like to affirm that I have been working with all of my dedication throughout 1 year of my position. And with my efforts, I had enlightened the role of DG in the international, District, Club, and member's aspect. I have a lot of good memories with my Club in dedicating myself for all service activities for the Club's community.

I would like to present the summary of activities (as of June 2021) for each issue as follows:

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Activities summary

1.Rotary Foundation

Donation of the District 3330 in the year 2020-2021 (as of June 1st, 2021):

- Annual Fund = 433,936 US\$ (donated by all clubs in the District).
 - Permanent Fund = 106.204 US\$.
- Polio Plus Fund = 28,815 US\$ (donated by all clubs in the District).
 - Other Funds = 6,149 US\$.
 - Total donation to all Funds = 575,095 US\$.



In accordance with the policy of RI, D 3330's activities for the World's Polio Day (October 24th, 2020) comprised the tree planting in the RC's community, and the sale of polio T-shirt produced by the Public Image and Public Relations team which 200,000 THB revenue had been donated to the Polio Plus Fund on behalf of the Clubs. Wearing of this T-shirt at the tree plantation activities could enhance the good image of the Clubs in this District.

2.Membership

- 2.1 Number of the D3330's member is 2,464 (175 members net increased).
- 2.2 Number of the D3330's RC is 101 (no club dissolution and installation recorded).
- $2.3\,$ D3330 houses the highest ratio of the female member (45.90%), meanwhile the male members is 54.78% and the unidentified gender is 8.88% .

The ratio of female members of this District is much higher than the global one which is 24.30%.

2.4 RC of Suphannikar is the Club with highest number of new members (36 new members) which added the total number of the Club's member at 91. This Club received the Krommamuen Narathip Phongpraphan Trophy, the National Award granted in the year 2020-2021.

- 3. RI Awards for the members of D3330 RI (2020-2021).
 - 3.1 Avenues of Service Award (Rotary International Recognition). PDG.Wichai Maneewatcharakiat (RC of Samutprakarn). PDG.Juthathip Thammasiripong (RC of Pra Pathom Chedi).

This valuable Award is granted to the outstanding member with the service in 5 venues of service in accordance with RI's ideology and venues.

3.2 Service Above Self Award.
PP.Ratchada Thepnawa (RC of Kuan Laang- Hat

This honourable Award (limited at 150 Awards per year) is considered by the RI Trustee and granted to the outstanding member who serve others above him/herself.

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3.3 Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award PP.Chuannaphak Siriphak (RC of Sri Thamma Sokkarat).

This supreme Award of RF (limited at 50 Awards per year) is considered by the RI Trustee and granted to the member who make any change in accordance to the RF's ideology.

3.4 Avenues of Service Award (District Recognition).

Via the channel of My Rotary, DG of D.3330 nominated RI the name list of RC members in his district for this Award. In accordance with their performance in 5 venues of service, 188 Award grantees from 46 RC are as follows:

- 45 grantees for Club Services.
- 46 grantees for Community Service.
- 38grantees for Vocation Service.
- 29 grantees for International Service.
- 30 grantees for Youth Service.

3.5 Significant Service Award

Via the channel of My Rotary, DG of D.3330 nominated RI the list of outstanding project of RC in his district for this Award. 6 Awards were granted to RC as follows: Samrong, Thawarawadee, Sanam Chan, Suphannikar, Bhuddha Monthon, and Maneekarn.

4. Public relations and promotion of the public image of Rotary.

4.1 Continuously creation of Facebook online network. In the page of District 3330 RI, number of the members which was 1,154 (as of July 1st, 2020) had increased to 2,613 (as of June 1st,2021). This fact shows this communication channel as the effective method for the public relations about the activities of D 3330 RI.

4.2 Knowledge transferring on the appropriate usage of the Rotary emblem. Interested person can search

for this knowledge from "Rotary Brand Center" as well as the example shown in various trainings .

4.3 Introduction of the appropriate presentation of the public images. Result of the photo shooting contest on the theme of "People in action" shows the better understanding and development of the RC's members in terms of this matter.

Within the past 11 months amidst the outbreak of COVID-19, there were activities that we couldn't conduct such as the Youth Exchange Project, Vocational Training, scholarships for under-graduated students, as well as the Group Study Exchange Program.

While I was DG of D3330 RI, I had been working in collaboration with many partners such as the Committee of District Governor's Advisor, Assistant District Governor, District Committee, Chairperson of the District Conference, Presidents and members of all RC, for the steering and driving of D3330 RI that is resulted in the benefits of all Clubs.

I believe that the happiness in our heart is the source of happiness in our decisions and actions in the level of RC, District, or RI, regardless of the rank, duties, and responsibilities.

I, and Rotary Ann Nittaya Chun-In, would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you. I promise that the happiness from our helping hands from the past days would be imprinted in our memory forever.

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Editorial of District 3340, RI



Rtn.Deara Pibulwattanawong Rotary Club of Magkang

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The time is ticking away ever so quickly and now we are almost at the end of Rotary's year "Rotary Opens Opportunities", the year that COVID-19 virus has spread continuously and rapidly. It also seems like Rotary has hardly done any major activities; hence, many clubs that planned for big events ended up postponing them indefinitely.

However, in this crisis, we have seen many new and interesting ways of using technology to help us with online meetings at club and district levels, which is much more convenient than meeting in person. Moreover, it has also helped us develop a way of thinking and planning to create a master plan as well as a backup plan; and definitely helped us devise better methods to achieve the already set goals.

A final lesson to be learned from the pandemic is to feel more empathy for others and take better care of them as well as ourselves. Even though, times are difficult, we are still willing and able to help others in need, more.

Finally, it is hoped that this "great storm" will pass and we will be able to do our activities as usual with more happiness. "We will fight together."

DG.Wimon Kachintaksa, Year 20



Time is flying! We are all familiar with this year Rotary theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities", which is going to pass soon. It is a year to adjust due to Covid-19 that has been lingering on from the previous year. We have also been trying to monitor the situation closely when making decision on works and district conferences. As the pandemic eased, we organized four small conferences combining club president and club administrative installation with District Training Assembly (DTA) in four different areas across district 3340, even though, the dates of the events were somewhat late from the usual one.

When I agreed to be district governor, I told myself that it was an honourable position with duties and obligations that would last a lifetime. The actual position is for a year; therefore, I have to do my very best. Another valuable experience was official club visits. I started at the Rotary Club of Koh Chang, Trad. All visited clubs are very nice and I was so impressed. I gave speeches and spoke about RI President Holger Knaack, his direction and vision. I also listened to good stories of good people in our societies. All of these made my club visits very satisfying.

A golf tournament is the district fundraising event to support "Mee namjai hai kuam rak" foundation (Caring and Loving Foundation). It is one of the events that has received well supports from all clubs. It is an indication that when we join hands together, we will succeed for whatever we have intended to do; and friendships will flourish.

Many Rotary clubs participated in numbers of service project activities during the first half of this Rotary year; but the challenges occurred as the second and third waves of the COVID-19 outbreak had returned. As the result, many activities as well as fund raising events requiring of people in large group were suspended. The half and half project, together with D.3340 to donate air mattresses and masks to bedridden patients, had to be done carefully.

This has presented new challenges. We Rotarians have to adapt to new normal way of life with new technologies. We will overcome the obstacles. We have learned and adapted. I am delighted to have been working with the chairmen, various committees, strong assistants to district governor, Club presidents, fellow Rotarians in D. 3340, the district teams and network. When we come together to exchange ideas and guidelines for working and doing good deeds, our action and dedication will make the ideology of "Service above Self" sustainable forever.

Even though time flies, friendships remain and fruitful services for others extends endlessly.





Outstanding Services of the Year, District 3340 RI

Throughout the year, "Rotary Opens Opportunities", opened the opportunity for the Club Presidents to join in only one. After that we never had the opportunity to hold a big meeting like we used to because of the virus outbreak we are facing all over the world.

District 3340 tried to encourage each club in the district to perform service activities appropriate for the situation. Even if it is not a large project or international cooperation project, but truly reach the needs of the underprivileged especially the difficult situation caused by the impact of the virus. This led us to the following outstanding projects:

Membership

- 1. There are 1,415 members, an increase of 79 people.
- 2. Established 1 Satellite Club (E-Club), sponsored by Rotary Club E-Club, District 3340 RI

The Rotary Foundation

- 1. The total amount of all donations is 283,446 USD.
- 2. Global Grant, sponsored by clubs in District 3340, 8 projects worth 475,412 USD.







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Service projects

1. Rotary Love Chain project has the objective of selecting outstanding professionals according to career services in business and professional fields who had dedication and selfless work for the community and the public. This project was to build good relationships between Rotary and the community. It was a project that allowed clubs to honor and praising people who have done good deeds for society no matter how ordinary that person is. District 3340 wanted the club to take this opportunity to recognize that person through the club and announce this recognition to members and the public. By nominated to receive the highest certificate from the District Governor of District 3340, there were 34 clubs out of 64 clubs who nominated. 50 people were nominated, 32 people were in the professional field and 18 in the business field. The district has considered the award at the district level.

In the professional field, 5 people were:

- 1. Mr. Sonthaya Thiengtham, age 43, occupation, volunteer teacher by Rotary Club of Sisaket, nominated
- 2. Mr. Adisak Khumsaeng, 30 years old, motorcyclist by Rotary Club of Sattahip, nominated
- 3. MR.Hans Van Geffen, age 70, freelance teacher by Rotary Club of Mak Khaeng, nominated
- 4. Mr. Sooi Mingthaisong, 56 years old, freelance photographer by the Rotary Club of Mueang Khlung, nominated
- 5. Mr. Chonlakon Kreewatharin, 53 years old, freelance photographer by Rotary Club of Chantaboon, nominated

2 people in the business field were:

- 1. Mr. Kamphon Charoenkajornkul, 60 years old, occupation, tourism business, The Rotary Club of Koh Chang, nominated
- 2. Mr. Pongsak Ekdechapong, 49 years old, occupation, security guard, by Rotary Club of Ubon Ratchathani, nominated

2. Practical training program on marketing and online sales

Area of Focus: Economic and Community Development, because nowadays selling online or doing business using the internet is growing steadily and on an upward trend. This was a collaboration between the Rotary Club of Mittraphap Khon Kaen, Faculty of Business Administration and Accounting, Khon Kaen University and the Office of Khon Kaen Secondary Education Area 25th. There was an idea that people in the community would earn more with new careers and new knowledge. This resulting in this project to invite people with knowledge of online marketing and experts in using online media programs to give knowledge along with practice.

Most of the participants were in the age range of 16-21 years, with education from high school to bachelor's degree. After being trained, everyone's knowledge has increased considerably. Ready to apply the knowledge gained to create a career and generate income in the future.

3. "Kindness and Love Day" Activities

It was an activity to celebrate the founding of Rotary on February 23rd in each year. This year, District 3340 encouraged all clubs to do charity-based activities with the Foundation's committee of Kindness and Love. With PDG Surat Buawan as the chairman, it determined that the activities would be submitted



to the district contest. The big trophy was the honor trophy "Kindness and Love" from PRIP. Pichai Rattakul. The club received this trophy was the Mak Khaeng Rotary Club from Udon Thani Province. In addition, there were 4 other trophies, which are from PDG Surat Buawan, the club received was the Rotary Club of Khon Kaen. The trophy from DG Wimol Kachintaksa, the club received was the Rotary Chan Club of Chantanimit. The trophy from PDG Rattaprateep Kiratiurai, the club received was Chantaboon Rotary Club, and the trophy from PDG Suwan Sanphaporn, the club received was Chum Phae Rotary Club.

4. Air Bed Donation Project for Bedridden Patients

Currently in various communities, there are many bedridden patients caused by many factors. Some may cause by traumatic brain accidents or diseases such as cerebrovascular disease, paralysis and Alzheimer's. To alleviate the suffering of patients, devices that would help patients to have a better quality of life in the end was air mattresses to prevent pressure sores.

This project was created as a collaboration between District 3340 RI and 53 Rotary clubs, using half of the contributions to the district. Clubs wishing to join would notify the district with the number of requirements. The air mattresses worth 2,000 baht / piece (which was half the money, the district would support another 2,000 baht each). At the same time, the District Governor contributed 31,000 pieces of masks to all clubs in order to distribute to patients or people in that community. The project attracted 53 clubs to join in the project. A total of 379 air mattresses for bedridden patients and 31,000 masks were purchased for distribution to clubs. For those who were interested in participating in the activities, a survey of needs in the community was conducted to help poor patients for a better quality of life.

Public Image

1. The photos were submitted to the People of Action Contest at the Zone Level and got the Second Place by the Phanat Nikhom Rotary Club. The picture that won the award started when the club went to have a meal and donate a fan to Ban Sai Mun School, Phanat Nikhom District which all children would hurry after brushing teeth. The club brought this incident to a project called "Good Teeth by Ourselves Project" The project was to educate about brushing the right way. By using the knowledge of how to brush your teeth from a real dentist along with handing out leaflets from the dentists provided. This was an intention to teach that teeth and mouth are like doors. If the door breaks, a thief enters the house. If the child has brushed his teeth properly, it will make the child have good oral health.

2. Funding of the District by organizing a charity golf tournament to donate to the "Kindness and Love Foundation".

The "Kindness and Love Foundation" has been with the district for 10 years, with the initiative and vision of the district leaders. Anyway, how to make a foundation sustains and is able to carry out various activities, we need to help and more support from Rotary Clubs. How to find additional funds for the Foundation? In order to continue walking steadily and the cooperation of all Rotarians in the district, a charity golf event was held. The competition was held on 29 November 2020 at Ubonrat Dam Golf Course. It was a score-counting competition with 18 holes handicap to raise money for the "Kindness and Love Foundation". This was to build good relationships between members of the Rotary clubs in this activity. The amount to be donated was up to 569,916 baht. In addition, funds were provided from the Intercity Meeting, earning 100,000 baht. Altogether, 669,916 baht was donated to the "Kind and Love Foundation".

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Editorial of District 3350, RI



PP.Trong Sangswangwatana Rotary Club of Bangkok Suwanabhum

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

At last we come to the last issue of Rotary year 2020-2021. At this time Covid-19 still refuses to leave our country easily. So we hardly have pictures of activities in this period. We only see faces of people arraigned in blocks during Zoom meetings.

Contents in this issue will show 4 of the 6 Areas of Focus (Peace Building and Conflict Prevention, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water Sanitation and Hygiene, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Community Economic Development). And we are aware that in the next Rotary year, a new Area of focus will be added – Environment. Let's find out that in the year when activities were so difficult, how did District 3350 do?

In ending let me say I worry about the health of all of you. Please be strict in your daily lifestyle, and go for the Covid vaccine as is the wish of each of you.

DG.Somsri Mekthon, Year 2020



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The year of Rotary Opens Opportunities is a year we will remember for many challenging issues. These challenges occurred forcing us to adapt and develop so that we overcome the problems. It became an opportunity to learn new ways of doing things, using technology to assist in club administration and achieve the goals we have set.

Some achievements of clubs in D 3350 as of 24 June 2021 are summarized as follows:

- 1. Started 2 new clubs in Myanmar -- RC Loyalty and RC Metro Yangon.
- 2. Number of Rotarians in the District rose to 3,106 persons (added 246 members).
- 3. Started one satellite club that of Rachathevi-Thonglor Satellite Club.
 - 4. Started four new Rotaract Clubs.
 - 5. Total donations of all categories reached 755,580.14 USD.
- 6. All global grants approved from 1 July to this day reached 5,058,571 USD or more than 157 million baht.

All these are the result of 10 months' activities. By the end of the Rotary year, you will learn all about the results in the 2021 District Conference.

I thank all the District Committees that helped supported the work of the clubs. Thanks also to all club presidents who led their clubs and worked with their members to help the communities and youth.

All of you practiced Service Above Self and you have given the opportunity to many others as recipients because Rotary Opens Opportunities.





PP. Prof. Dr. Aroon Bangtrakulnonth Rotary Club of Lad Prao Chair, Sub Committee for Promotion of Basic Education

This is a challenging year due to the spread of Covid-19. Service in the promotion of Basic Education in the era of New Normal is voluntary leading to happiness for those who offer the service and those

who receive it. The sub-committee members are keen to expand the services to enable students to read and write fluently in all dimensions. For this project, PP. Dr.Sumalai Kongkaew has prepared a set of reading skill, and writing skill to practice. This is meant to solve the problems of youth in the Lad Prao Community, in which they are assisted by RCC Lert-Ubol4 and a few service minded teachers, members of RC.Lad Prao, and parents. This activity began in 2017. The service is extended to all clubs in D 3350 and other Districts to help solve the problem of Thai youth lacking basic skills in reading and writing and are not fluent according to the Ministry of Education courses.

The Sub Committee for Promotion of Basic Education had adopted the policy of expanding this to all clubs where there is interest, and every school that ask for help throughout the year. They also devised a system for volunteers to become teachers in the communities to teach children in the community to read books.

Rotary Club of Phyathai has implemented this project in the Wat Pai Tun School. PP.Prof.Dr. Aroon Bangtrakulnonth brought a team of Rotary Lat Prao members to provide skills training to read and write for OnTai Wittaya School, Chiang Mai. P.Patravadi Srithongbai led a team of volunteers from RC Lad Prao to help develop reading writing skills for youth who had problems resulting from the survey by RCC KoiRuddin with the support of RC Bangkok East on 21 February 2021. Such are activities where they worked with the communities to solve the problems of basic education, at the same time this activity promotes Thai language which is the national language and will lead to skills in other areas.

The subcommittee can see the importance of developing youth to the vocational study of RC Sai Mai. In this they have joined with RC.Lad Prao, RC.Sai Mai and other clubs in D.3350 and interested persons by supporting 52 scholarships for students joining the project to the vocational school of Thai Rath Vidhaya 75 Chalerm Pra Kiat, on 19 March 2021. They have also supported Learning Library in RCC Thepthip Nivet under RC Sai Mai for the whole year of *Rotary Opens Opportunities*.

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PP.Tanuntach Ittiwattawanich, (RC Charoen Nakorn) Chair District Subcommittee on Community Economic Development

The Rotary Time Bank project was first proposed in late 2018 with the idea of promoting mutual help in society where people help each other, reduce reliance on payment with money, promotes a sense of looking after each other in the community by exchanging skills for basic services. The services can be accumulated in the Time Bank like accumulating funds

in the bank. When in need these accumulated services can be redeemed for use, or sent to help another person. This will result in a society with a strong network of people who help each other reducing reliance on family and on the country. This mutual assistance network is called the Time Bank.

In 2019-2020 we have developed and tested the Time Bank Software on the mobile phone multiple times in the Yannawa community, Ban Rai Community in Petchabun, Din Daeng Community, Lad Prao Community, and condominiums near educational institutes, to find flaws about the software until it become smoothly applicable.

This year District 3350 has installed Rotary Time Bank as part of District Subcommittee on Community Economic Development which has PDG Thanongsak Pongsri as the Chair. And in 2021-2022 this project becomes Time Bank Sub Committee of Community Development Committee. As such PDG Pongsak has asked club presidents and club officers to include Rotary Time Bank in the Club Plan with specific project leader who will advance the project in the right way. Club members will be encouraged to be members of the Time Bank and learn how it operates and then promoting it in the community.

The Time Bank has a system of partnering service giver with service taker. Thus it can be partnered with buyers and sellers in variety of Rotarian occupations. This means more than 8,000 Rotarians in Thailand have immense power because we have professions that allows us to buy, sell, exchange, and help each other. Please don't overlook the opportunity to benefit from this project. When you fill the type of occupation in the occupation slot, then other members search by type of member, your name will come up, leading to partnering the buyer with seller.

District 3350 invites all Rotarians to join Rotary Time Bank, learn to use the system and then promote it in your community. This project will succeed if we Rotarians join the project now. You can learn all about how to use Rotary Time Bank software at:

- 1. YouTube: Rotary Time Bank
- 2. Facebook: Rotary Time Bank
- 3. Join through www.timebank-rotary.org

For more information contact: PE Dr. Maywadi 0814410556, PP.Tanuntach (Niramit) Tel/Line 0869901066, PP.Rujira 0955199451



CP.Sumalee Unphongcharoensuk, RC Muang Phetchabun Chair District Subcommittee on Clean Water

This year the Subcommittee on Clean Water has divided water into two types -- Water used in agriculture (water bank) and drinking water.

Our activities emphasized the first type – water bank for storing water under the ground, to solve recurring

drought and flood problems.

Water banks can be divided into 2 types, open and closed systems. We recommend the method proposed by King Rama 9th who proposed shallow ponds should dot the area. We emphasized every family should have a closed water bank pond. This means that each pond can absorb rain by 6,000 liter per hour, and have a radius of moisture covering 250 meters per pond.



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A good example is RCC Ban Rai, in Petchabun. Here RC. Muang Petchabun went in to help a community of 210 families with the problem of plastic bottle waste coupled with the problems of flood and drought. RC Muang Petchabun began with teaching villagers at Agricultural Learning Center 459 with the help of RCC, Community , Rotaract and monks in the Ban Rai community.

As the land there is in the shape of a basin, there is constant problem of flooding and water logging in rainy season. During the dry season there is not enough water for agriculture. All of which bothered the inhabitants of this area.

As our committee emphasized sufficiency economy, we started collecting used plastic water bottles to reduce the problem of garbage. In turn the funds are used for closed water bank ponds in their family land. This helps prevent flooding and water logged land in the rainy season because there is no place to drain off the water, and simultaneously help provide water for use in the dry season.

(More about Water Bank can be studied from the QR Code provided.)



PP.Suphachai Hansuebsai, RC Bangkhen Chair, Subcommittee on Peace Building

This year the work on Peace Building in D 3350 has many new activities which are of interest. There are new projects from RC.Pra Nakorn and RC Yannawa. This is also a year where there is promotion of knowledge of peace building to Rotarians.

The project for RC.Pra Nakorn is by held jointly with Pra Nakorn District Office and the Chula Peace Center for the benefit of Pra

Nakorn Community. They organized a workshop "Promoting Peace for Pra Nakorn Community" by inviting 50 leaders from 20 communities to hear Dr. Vitoon Viriyasakulthorn, Deputy Director of the Chula Peace Center, talk about peace and the workshop discussed problems in the community, offered solutions and protection to build peace in the community. This project received great interest from Rotarians, youths in the network, monks, the District officials, and community leaders. This is a different type of project and brought techniques used at the international level to work at community level. The Rotary club is the prime mover. When the community knows about Peace Building and Conflict Prevention they can live together in peace and reduce the level of conflict. This is like offering vaccine to strengthen immunity against a future invader.

RC.Yannawa has taken peace building to prevent conflicts that could occur in the future. They visited the community of Thai people in exile in Tap Sakae District of Prajuab Kirikhan, bringing necessities like wheelchair, blood pressure measuring tools and consumer goods to offer to the community so that they can live a better life and have energy to fight for Thai nationality. Here the Thai people who cannot prove their citizenship must work hard with District officials to prove that they are Thai and gain Thai ID. Meanwhile they have no rights, no protection from the law, and risk exploitation in many ways. Children are given education, but get no certificates. They are taken advantaged of when they go looking for work. This project offers them peace of mind. It offers new ways of peace building in the community.

This year Rotarians have the opportunity to learn about Positive Peace from Institute of Rotary Positive Peace which is joint venture between Rotary International and INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMICS & PEACE offering online courses which can be studied at home. You can register for the course at www.rotarypositivepeace.org . Everyone who has completed the course will get a certificate. This is a good move when you are at home because of Covid and will offer sense of purpose for fellow Rotarians as well.

D.3360 Editorial of District 3360, RI



PP. Dr. Natthanin Sestawanich Rotary Club of Phrae

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

This May-June issue is the end of the Rotary Magazine Thailand in 2020-21. In this issue, District 3360 had the opportunity to speak with DG.Somchai Kerddecho for his impressions throughout the year that he led our district through the COVID-19 crisis, including visiting various clubs as well as impressive projects.

Especially the global grants in this year that are impressive good projects. A lot of them are continuation projects from the old year.

In this issue, I have brought a sample project that DG Somchai mentioned to present to everyone for appreciation together.

The Rotary year is about to end up and I believe in next year, there will be something new that challenges us for sure.

See you in the Rotary Year 2021-22 issue.

DG.Somchai Kerddecho, Year 20



Dear fellow Rotarians,

During this time, the epidemic situation of COVID-19 has resumed once again. This is the time when people have a lot of anxiety. The way of life of people who are about to return to normal has to go back to the New Normal situation again, so do the activities of Rotarians, schedule activities and events of the district. They need to be modified or postponed. May I ask everyone to follow the news and various schedules of the district closely

However, the outbreak of COVID-19 is an opportunity for Rotary to do more service, including community service, prevention and treatment of disease. This can be seen from the delivery of equipment, tools, including masks to more government agencies. We can still operate normally under the New Normal situation.

Dear Rotarian friends, this is the final phase of my duties as the District of 3360, Rotary Year is coming to an end of 2020-2021. The year of "Rotary Opens Opportunities" has transformed Rotary's ideology into a year. of "Serve to Change Lives" in 2021 - 2022, under the leadership of DGE. Jirayuth - Rotary Ann Kritikarn Hirunyawat. We will work as an excellent team. Together.

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Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Rotarians and all dear couples. Thank you to the Past District Governor, various committees, Assistant Governors, Club Presidents, fellow Rotarians in different district, Rotary Center staff in Thailand as well as all club members that have jointly created various activities for the benefit of our community all year round. May the good deeds and merits we have shared with the poor people who want opportunities in society inspire you and your family to have happiness, prosperity, good health, both physically and mentally, and far away from COVID-19.

Approaching the end of 2020-21, District 3360 continues to deliver service activities, new club expansion, building relationships in clubs, between clubs and in district, even though our country is facing the COVID-19 crisis, every club has adapted to continue running our own club very well.

Throughout the years, I visited the clubs in our district, I had the impression of love and unity. As we can see from success of many events and activities in our district. Although some clubs have minor internal problems, in the end the main goal is to keep their clubs moving forward.

District 3360 has formed 2 new clubs; Rotary Club of Nakhon Song Khwae. (Phitsanulok Province) with support for Rotary Club of Buddhachinaraj as a mentor. Another new club is Rotary Club of Dok Kham Tai (Phayao Province) with the support from Rotary Club of Chiang Kham as a mentor. It is considered to have achieved the goal of District 3360 beautifully.

And in the Youth Program, we have also installed two new Rotaract Clubs, the Rotaract Club Hiranyika (Rotary Club of Loom Nam Khek is the sponsor club) and the Rotaract Club Ekpanya Hariphunchai (Rotary Club of Nakhon Hariphunchai is the sponsor club). We also formed 1 Interact Club of Nareerat School (The Rotary Club of Wiangkosai is the sponsor club)

- Membership, District 3360 aims to increase membership by 10% of existing members, which every year will encounter problems in adjusting the membership base for each club. But since we have a new club established, the membership trend is likely to be positive. which must admit that the current economic situation under the COVID-19 situation has led to the resignation of members. However, the clubs have been able to maintain their membership as strong as possible.
- As for the Foundation, District 3360 has more than 10 global grant projects and more than 10 projects waiting to be submitted. I have looked back at the old projects 10 years ago and found that District 3360 has done a lot of projects since then, reflecting that our district has been able to help the community a great deal in all 6 areas of focus, such as a 20-year Reforestation Project that has been awarded annually by external organizations as an outstanding organization.

PDG Somchai Kerddecho, interviewee Dr. Natthanin Sestawanich, arranger

(Pictures from left to right)

 Project "New Theory Agriculture, Khok Nong Na Model"
 Medical Equipment Donation Project
 The Project "Build 100 Weirs for The King on 5 December 2020"
 Organic Vegetable Planting Promotion Project

D.3360 Conclusion



The outstanding projects that I am impressed, start with the project to promote organic vegetable planting, Project Code GG 2011413 "Value added in organic food supply chain" of the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Tin Thai Ngam. It was held in Mae Chaem District, Chiang Mai Province because Mae Chaem District is a watershed city. It is a plantation in the north of Thailand. which is a source of high chemical accumulation from cultivation in watershed areas. It is also a very large post-harvest incineration area. Therefore, there is a problem of smog from Mae Chaem District. This results in low air quality. Both causes have a high and widespread negative impact on health in Chiang Mai and nearby communities.

In 2019-2020, PP.Chalida Ekachaipatanakul from The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Tin Thai Ngam had an intention to reduce the use of chemicals in cultivation and solving the problem of smoke for systematic and sustainable development by procuring chopper to produce organic fertilizer to the Rotary Community of Mae Chaem (RCC Mae Chaem), who couls use it in grinding corn stubble as well Reduce the problem of burning crops after harvesting, and giving advice on growing organic vegetables that met the standards. Community could bring the produce to sell and has been accepted in the country. The GG 2011413 project was successfully implemented in 2020-2021 by P Kotchakon Warinsirirak who continued and closely monitored the project. There was a source for purchasing produce, building confidence for farmers to change chemical cultivation to grow organic vegetables in a concrete way.

"Children's Eyeglasses Project" by project leader Dr.Peter Bell who is currently an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai in Thai Ngam. This project has been doing for more than 10 years

"Switch on the Heart Project" is a global grant project of the Rotary Club of Lampang who is the main coordinator since term of PDG Dr. Waewdao Lim Lenglert. From that day until today, it was found that "Lampang Hospital Heart Center Foundation" has helped more than 10,000 heart patients, which is a proud number that we have saved people's lives immensely.

Baan Tor Ruea Community Economic Development Project "Build 100 Weirs for The King on 5 December 2020" by Rotary Club Buddhachinaraj realizes the importance of Sustainable development of the community economy according to the royal initiative of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej. From the survey of the environment problems and needs of the community found that Baan Tor Ruea, Moo 13, Wang Nok Aen Subdistrict, Wang Thong District, Phitsanulok Province, is located in the Land Reform Office. The community is allowed to use the right





to work in agriculture in that area. Baan Tor Ruea Community is the direct resource manager. People who have a career in agriculture found that the community's problem was water shortage. which was important to the agricultural career. There will be flooded only during the rainy season. The three permanent weirs of the Royal Irrigation Department were in a shallow state, unable to store water. The community wanted to build check dams along the canals. This will provide water for agricultural use throughout the year and fertility in both forests and water. For the Golden Bamboo Waterfall, there will be water almost all year round. This will be another important eco-tourism attraction in Phitsanulok Province. This will allow people in the area to earn more from selling agricultural products and tourism

This project is a global grant project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ashikaga East, Japan, and was approved by the Rotary Foundation in the amount of US \$ 46,250 (1.5 million baht). This sustainable community economic development project made Rotary Club of Buddhachinaraj awarded the Phraya Sriwisarnvaja Cup. The award was for the clubs with outstanding activities in the trophy competition of Rotary Clubs in Thailand 2020-21.

There are also a number of health promotion projects, such as Nan Rotary Club's Medical Equipment Project, the "100,000 Masks" project, in which 18 Rotary clubs have gathered to make cloth masks to distribute to people in times of Covid-19 crisis. In addition, 27 oxygen concentrators, alcohol gel inhalers, 200 blood oxygen monitors, body thermometers were also provided. I am very impressed with the collaboration of 18 clubs.

The last one is the Global Grant project that has just been implemented, named "New Theory Agriculture Khok Nong Na Model", project under the concept of The Sufficiency Economy. There were RC.Pathumwan, District 3350, together with District 3590, and District 3502 from Korea, and Rotary Club of Wiangkosai, Disctrict 3360, who coordinated in the area.

Since the project area was located in Long District, Phrae Province, there were 13 farmers participating in this project. The objective of the project was to develop the community economy based on the concept of land and water management for agriculture in the land for maximum benefit, and strengthening of the community and the cooperation of the villagers.

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Results of the Trophy Competition for Rot

These trophies were first awarded in Rotary year 1989-90. There have been many adjustments in the competition in order to make it appropriate to the changing situation. In this Rotary year 2020-21, there was also another review that led to the following rules.

Krom Phra Kamphaengphet Akkarorhin's Trophy

(Picture at top left)

For the club that has the highest average monthly attendance, as calculated by the attendance from July 1 to March 31 of the Rotary year. The club must have at least 20 members and meet at least twice a month.

Krommamuean Narathippongpraphan's Trophy

(Picture at center left)

For the club that has the greatest increase in its membership between July 1 and March 31 of the Rotary year.

Krommamuean Phittayalappruettiyakorn's Trophy

For the club that has the greatest number of members who attend the annual district conference as a percentage of the number of club members at the end of February of the Rotary year. The Club must be located at least 50 kilometers from the meeting site and have at least 20 members on July 1 of the Rotary year.

Phraya Srivisarnwaja's Trophy (Picture at lower left)

For the Rotary club that has the best service activities during the year, counting altogether the best activities from July 1 to March 31 during the Rotary year.

After all four districts sent the results of the competition to the Rotary Center in Thailand, a committee of five people met on June 1, 2021 to determine the winners of three of the trophies. The five committee members were PRIP Bhichai Rattakul, PDG Pornchai Bunsaeng (District 3330), PDG Ratprathip Kiriurai (District 3340), PDG Wuttichai Wanglee (in place of PDG Suchada Ithijarakul District 3350), PDG Pairote Euyprasert (District 3360) and PDG Wichai Maniwachkiet (adviser). All of the district governors who proposed the nominees and the district governors-elect participated in the meeting as observers.

The winner of Krommamuean Phittayalappruettiyakorn's Trophy (for the club with the greatest number of members attending the district conference) has not yet been decided because all four of the districts were not able to organize the annual meeting due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

ary Clubs in Thailand, 2020-21

Krommamuean Narathippongpraphan's Trophy
For the club that has the greatest increase in its membership
Rotary Club of Suphanniga, District 3330, Suphanburi (increase of 36
people)



This all women Rotary Club was able to increase its membership from 55 to 91 people, which was the most outstanding result in the six years of the club's existence. It was led by President Donjai Jongpanich, former director of the nursing college and President of the Red Cross in Suphanburi province, the wife of the former governor of Suphanburi province, an honorary member of many Rotary clubs, and a person who has deep ties with and has worked with many Rotarians for a long time. The president's acquaintance with many different groups, her excellent image, and her wide acceptance in society made it possible to greatly increase membership.

President Donjai told us that we need to explain the story of Rotary to help prospective members understand it and that we also work together to create well-being. Suphanburi is an artistic community that likes to dress beautifully. When we meet, there is sometimes a dress theme but not too often, or we would quarrel. We don't collect a lot of money from our members, especially during Covid. Even though we have to meet on line, we have been able to do many activities, for example, purchasing 7000 liter water tanks, which are of the greatest benefit to communities. We are a club of women who believe they have strength because women are the decision makers at home. The big issues we give to men to decide. Even so, if there are smaller issues, we are the decision makers. All of this is truly behind our success as well as for our husbands and children.

The club received information and suggestions from the District Governor and attended training. There was planning and the establishment of KPIs, in which the district emphasized the number of members. Thus, the club tried to increase its membership, and it was further able to successfully establish three Rotaract Clubs. It's especially fitting that the club receives this national trophy.

Krom Phra Kamphaengphet Akkarorhin's Trophy For the club that has the highest monthly average attendance Rotary Club of Phra Narai Lopburi, District 3350 (Score: 97.18%)



This club was able to turn the Covid crisis into an opportunity. It changed to on line meetings through the Line video call. It turned out that when meeting on line, more members came to meetings than usual. Some members who could hardly come at all were able to attend meetings. Sometimes, more than 40 of the 45 members attended, and they were still able to call when they saw someone was missing.

President Thanwarach Lithongloh told us that normally, the club meets four times a month. The club attaches importance to dividing duties and teamwork, for example, sergeant-at-arms and taking care of welcomes. The

administrative committee also arranges fellowship activities and delicious food in order to build up the meeting atmosphere. The leader must be sincere and warm in order to make everyone feel happy. He must share news and organize various activities, even if they are small things but done frequently, for example, birthdays, local holidays, etc.

The club still has a goal of increasing its membership by at least two to three people a year, and it will take care of its new members in order to keep its membership at not less than 45 people, which he believes is a number that gives a club well-being, strength and happiness.

Phraya Srivisarnwaja's Trophy

For the Rotary Club that has the best service project during the year Rotary Club of Buddhachinarat, District 3360, Pitsanulok Community Development Project in Baan To Reua – Build 100 Weirs to Offer to Father 5 December 2020



The Rotary Club of Buddhachinarat realized the importance of implementing a sustainable community economic development project in accordance with the royal initiative of His Majesty Rama IX. The club discovered that the village of Baan To Reua, Wang Nok Aen township, Wang Thong district, Pitsanulok province, lacked water, which is important to farmers. There was flood water only in the rainy season. The three permanent weirs of the Royal Irrigation Department were located in shallow conditions and were not able to retain water. Therefore, the club did a Global Grant project to build 100 weirs to slow down the water flow along a five kilometer canal. They dug locks along the To Reua Canal in front of the three Royal Irrigation Department weirs and planted perennial plants along the two sides of the canal. The project organized training and career development. Demonstration crops were planted to show modern farming methods. As a result, water is available for agriculture throughout the year, which increased the fertility of the forest, including the Phai Si Thong (Golden Bamboo) Waterfalls, which has more water and can thus be developed into a tourist attraction and conservation area. The population in this area has increased incomes from agriculture and tourism. The beneficiary community has around 820 people in 323 households, and it has also established a Rotary Community Corps (RCC) in this area. Altogether, the project received a grant of US\$46,250 from the Rotary Foundation. The provincial governor and the district governor were the chairs of the opening ceremony for the project.

Club President Phubet Thanachet said, "I received unity in action and spirit from the members. President Pattana Phittraphan was the project coordinator all the way through to the Rotary Club of Khek River led by PP Phaibun Suiad. We received unity in action and spirit from more than 20 various agencies, governmental, private, local, educational, military, volunteer youth groups, and the Baan To Reua community. To construct the weirs to slow the water, we needed to use a lot of labor and resources. This cooperation can be used to create other works, too. In the management of earnings from tourism, in digging canals and building weirs, I believe that Rotary lit the spark that created development in this area. Altogether, we received support from the Rotary Club of Wangchan, the Rotary Club of Pitsanulok, three Rotaract clubs, PDG Chaivai Poonlapmongkol and the Rotary Club of Patumwan, which coordinated with its sister Club of Ashikaga East from Japan. They combined funds that finally made this project successful.

PDG.Vivat Sirijangkapattana





The Open Chat group of the Rotary Centre in Thailand is happy to welcome all Rotarians. They can join the group to chat and to exchange information about Rotary topics. We invite members to share pictures of their activities and experiences in community service with their friends. By sharing our ideals, we will get to know each other better.

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

With the Covid-19 situation in Thailand returning in an explosive third wave that apparently will be more intense than previously, all of the Rotary Districts in Thailand have felt the impact. Because they have not been able to organize important meetings and training seminars, for example, from the District Conference and the District Training Assembly up to the installations of club presidents and executive committees that are usually arranged in the June-July time period every year, there have been cancellations or changes in the type of events if in that time, the situation did not improve. Even so, I wish to express my admiration for every district for the very good way in which they were able to adjust to the situation. For example, they used online methods to organize training that had satisfactory results. As for the Rotary Centre in Thailand, it also supported the translation of various documents, whether it was the

set of handbooks for club officers, the theme of the Rotary International President and Rotary Citation that was published in pamphlet form, or the online curriculum from the Rotary International website that can be downloaded from www.rotarythailand.org/doc.



Facebook

I would also like to tell you about another topic, which is that this year, PDG Thanongsak Phongsri, from the Rotary Centre's public relations committee, has revamped our operations to make them more diverse by increasing the public relations channels on both Facebook and Instagram in order to multiply the opportunities to spread the word about Rotary activities to more outsiders. He looks forward to attracting people who love community service being able to see our activities and then to having them join us in the future. I also want to take this opportunity to invite everyone to follow the Rotary Centre's various public relations channels by scanning the QR code and pressing follow in order to make the Centre's public relations channels go farther. Lastly, thank you to every Rotarian who supported the work of the Rotary Centre in Thailand throughout the past year.



See you again in year 2021-22, Serve to Change Lives. So long

Yours in Rotary,

(PDG.Vivat Sirijangkapattana) Chair, The Rotary Centre in Thailand

Number's Rotary Data source 1 June 2021 (1 July 2020)

District	3330	3340	3350	3360	Totel
Members	2,464 (2,289)	1,404 (1,336)	3,142 (2,860)	1,470 (1,411)	8,480 (7,896)
Clubs	101 (101)	63 (63)	118 (116)	70 (69)	352 (349)





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