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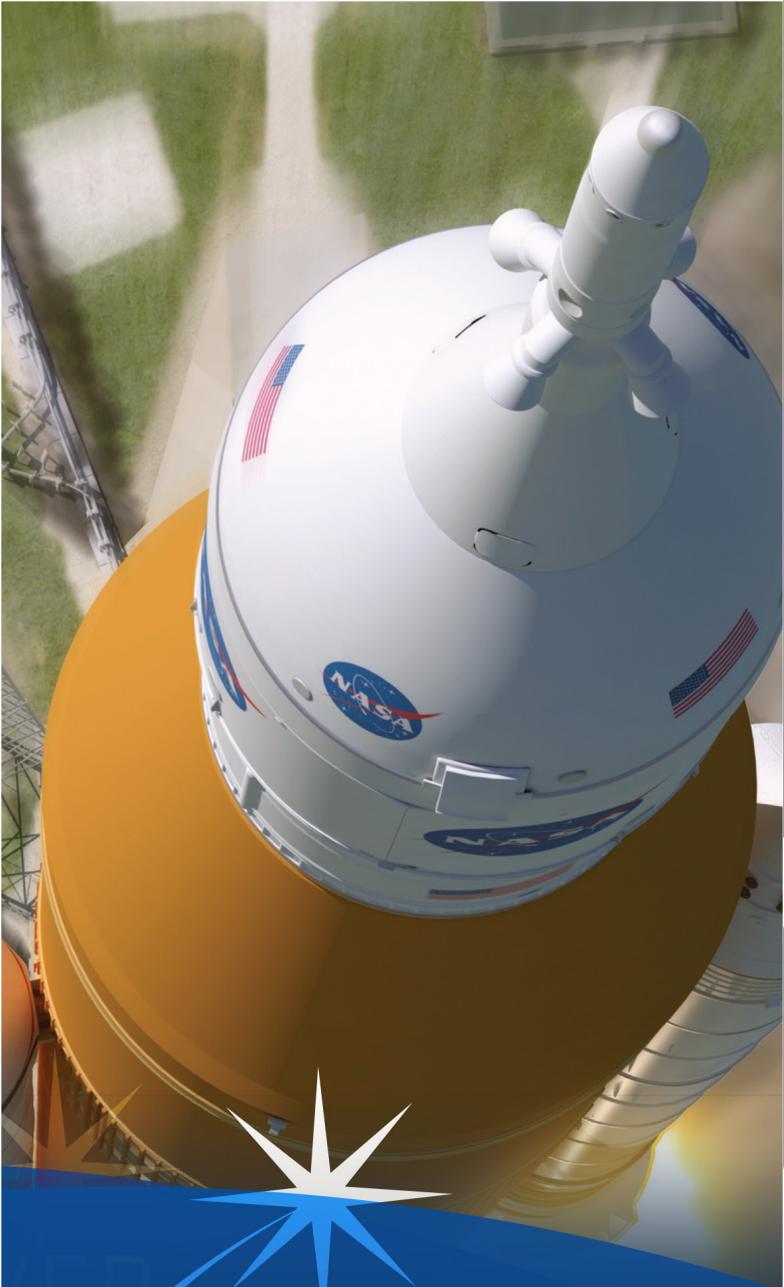


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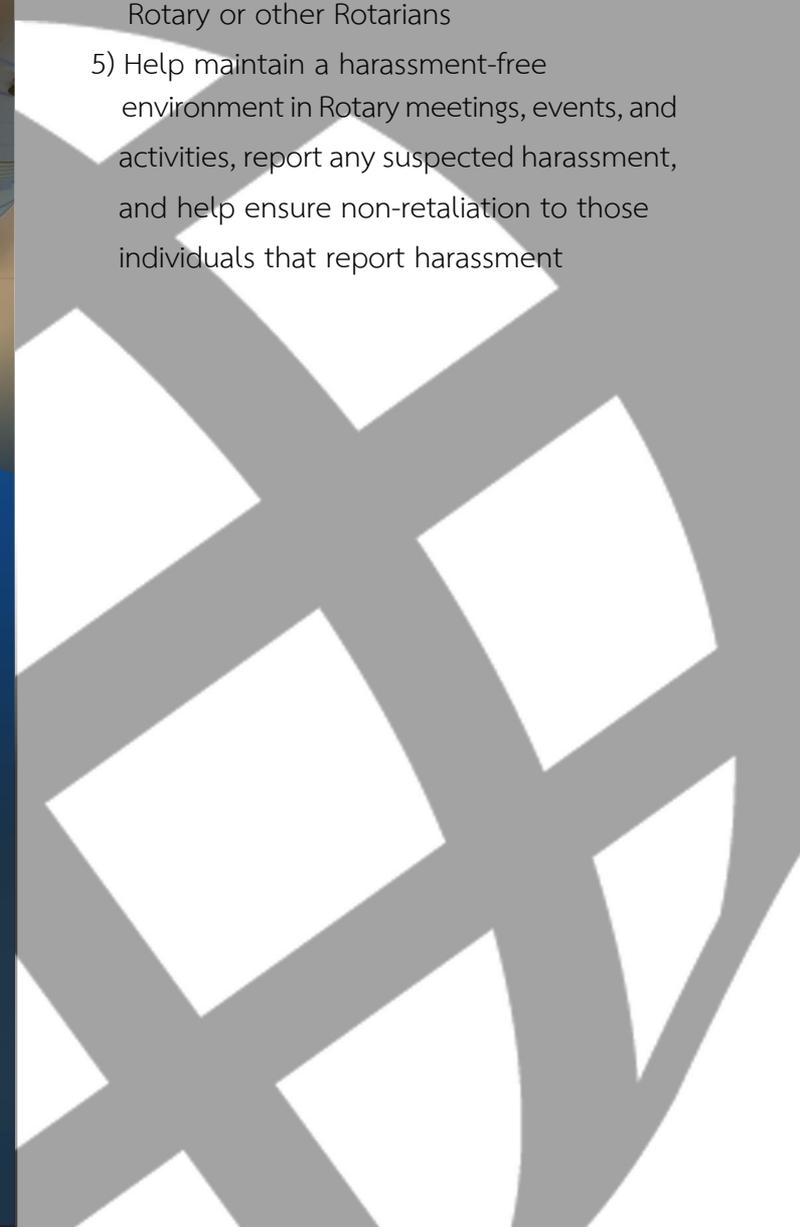


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## ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

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 behaviour 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



## President's message

Shekhar Mehta, November 2021



*Rashi and I drove 200 kilometers to meet a patient from Pakistan who was being treated at the Mission Hospital in Durgapur. His mother said, "My son was born in Pakistan but got his life in India. Thank you, Rotary."*

*Courtesy of Shekhar Mehta*

### GREETINGS, DEAR CHANGEMAKERS OF ROTARY,

I first discovered the value of service when I saw how a few simple acts can immeasurably change lives. It began when I joined others in my club for a project to bring toilets and clean drinking water to rural villages near our city. It moved forward when we promoted sanitation and provided opportunities for education across the country, thanks to generous gifts from supporters who believed in our projects as much as those of us on the ground did.

There is no better time of the year to be reminded of that generosity than November, which is Rotary Foundation Month.

As the charitable arm of Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation is the engine that powers so many Rotary projects throughout the world. The Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives. It is the Foundation that helps us to get closer to our goal of eradicating polio, to show more people how we promote peace through tangible actions, and to demonstrate the impact our projects have in our areas of focus.

Consider some recent projects that were made possible by the Foundation:

- The Rotary clubs of Guatemala La Reforma, Guatemala, and Calgary, Alberta, received an \$80,000 global grant to organize a comprehensive plan to train nurses and rural health care workers to prevent and treat cervical cancer and to implement a sustainable system of referrals in seven regions of Guatemala.

- More than two dozen hospitals in Honduras received personal protective equipment for their medical staff thanks to a \$169,347 global grant sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Villa Real de Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Waldo Brookside-Kansas City, Missouri.

- The Rotary clubs of Cotonou Le Nautille, Benin, and Tournai Haut-Escout, Belgium, received a \$39,390 global grant to provide agricultural training at an ecologically responsible permaculture mini-farm connected to a center for children in Sowé, Benin. This will help a new generation of farmers become economically self-sufficient.

I like comparing The Rotary Foundation to the Taj Mahal, a monument of one man's love for a woman. The Foundation is a dynamic monument of our love for all of humanity.

This month I am asking all Rotary clubs to bring attention to the Foundation. It is what connects all Rotarians worldwide and transforms our collective passions into projects that change lives.

Visit [rotary.org/donate](http://rotary.org/donate); once there, you will have an opportunity to give directly to the program you're most passionate about.

Thank you for giving your all to Rotary. You are the reason that Rotary is able to do more and grow more. Let's continue to represent that important legacy this month, this year, and beyond as we Serve to Change Lives.

Shekhar Mehta  
President, Rotary International

## President's message

Shekhar Mehta, December 2021



GREETINGS, DEAR CHANGEMAKERS OF ROTARY,

Public health is on everyone's mind due to the global pandemic that still threatens the safety of ourselves and our loved ones. In a sense, COVID-19 has made all of us much more aware of the roles and responsibilities of medical professionals than we were before we had to wear masks and maintain social distance. In addition, while moving through this pandemic, we have also learned about the role we can play in keeping others safe.

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month in Rotary. The pandemic unfortunately has schooled most people on the toll that disease takes on our communities. But fighting disease is something that Rotarians around the world have been doing for decades. In fact, it is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus.

As Rotarians, we believe that good health and wellbeing is a human right — even though 400 million people across the globe do not have access to essential health services. The work we do in establishing clinics, eye hospitals, and blood banks, as well as in building infrastructure for medical facilities in underserved communities, all returns to a central belief that access, prevention, and education are the keys to stopping deadly outbreaks that harm the most vulnerable.

My exposure to health work began with my Rotary club, Calcutta-Mahanagar. There, among other things, I helped pioneer a program called Saving Little Hearts that over the years has provided more than 2,500 free heart surgeries for children from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Africa. Before the program went international, it started locally with the goal of performing just six surgeries within our community. Today, our goal is to complete another 20,000 surgeries over the next five years.

The world relies on Rotary to tackle challenges like these and to set an example for others. Over the past decade, medical professionals and government workers have provided free health services to 2.5 million people in 10 countries during Family Health Days, which are organized by Rotarians around the world. Similar health camps in India also provide thousands of surgeries to those in need. Medical missions from India to Africa each year are an excellent example of hands-on service in disease prevention and treatment. Rotary members can also get involved at a local level; clubs in the United States and Mexico, for example, fund a free health clinic in Guerrero, a small town in Mexico.

And of course, our effort to eradicate polio is by far the best story in civil-society health care.

This month, think about how your club can focus on preventing and fighting disease. This is the time to take a bigger, better, bolder approach through both club and district projects that can impact more people. Reevaluate where you are with your goals. Create strategies that can sustain change over years, not months.

Everyone deserves a long, healthy life. When you Serve to Change Lives, your actions today can help extend the lives of others.

Shekhar Mehta  
President, Rotary International



## Do you know your Foundation?

**When people ask me** what The Rotary Foundation is, I tell them it's the heart of Rotary. You may have heard before that Rotary has an intelligent heart. The Foundation combines our emotional response of compassion with pragmatic action. With both heart and brains, you can change the world.

So, what does the Foundation mean to you? November is Rotary Foundation Month, but do you really know our Foundation?

First, it truly is our Foundation. The Rotary Foundation doesn't belong to me or the other 14 trustees, nor to the RI Board of Directors, nor to the RI president. It belongs to each Rotarian around the world.

And it's there for all of us to change the world. We save mothers and children because we have compassion, and we know how to plan. We provide clean water and sanitation where they're needed to those who need them, because we build strategies based on a community's needs. We combine support for peace, education, and economic stability for at-risk communities with an ability to manage big projects.

Giving to the Foundation is smart, too, because in doing so, you multiply the value of that gift. How many other foundations can you think of that identify the projects, fund them, and run them on the ground themselves? Ours is the only one I know. And we get it all done at such a relatively low administrative cost. This is one reason Charity Navigator consistently gives the Foundation a four-star rating.

I sometimes get asked a question: How much should I be giving to the Foundation? Each year, make a gift of what you can afford to give. For some, that is \$100, and for others, more. What's most important is that you give something, because each generous gift helps us meet the increased demand we're seeing from members for global grants and our other programs.

This year, we want to raise \$50 million for PolioPlus, which will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, for a total of \$150 million. If every Rotary club contributed just \$1,500, we would surpass this goal. We have other goals as well — for the Annual Fund, the Endowment Fund, and outright gifts — adding up to a grand total of \$410 million.

We will get there if we set our hearts — and minds — to it. But remember, it's not about the money; it's what the money can do.

There's a saying that goes, "I alone can-not change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

The Foundation is that stone, so let us turn ripples into great waves with it, using our hearts and our minds.

John Germ  
Foundation trustee chair



### Together, we can reach our goals

December marks a special time of year. It's a time of holiday gatherings and family reunions (COVID-19 permitting). It's also the halfway point of the Rotary year, when we look back on our goals, reflecting on the what and the why of our work.

First, the what. This year, to stay on course to reach our goal, we need to raise \$50 million for PolioPlus, with a 2-to-1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation bringing the total to \$150 million. To keep our Rotary Foundation programs running strong, we set a goal to raise \$125 million for the Annual Fund. We also aim to raise \$95 million for the Endowment Fund in outright gifts and new commitments, and a further \$40 million for other outright gifts. So how do we reach our grand total of \$410 million? We must remember that in all great endeavors, including Rotary, we are part of a TEAM: Together, Everyone Achieves More.

You can't have a great team without great PEOPLE. P stands for pride in our organization, our achievements, and our potential. E is our empathy for others, which we transform into service. O has two parts: the tremendous opportunities to make a difference that Rotary has granted us, and an obligation to pull others up and to increase our ranks. Our second P is for perseverance, helping us stick to our goals, like polio eradication, when the going gets tough. L stands for leadership, and E for enthusiasm — the fuel of Rotary.

While we are revisiting our goals, we also need to remember the why. For me, this needs little explanation. Why wouldn't you help expectant mothers and their children survive and thrive by supporting a Rotary Foundation grant? And why wouldn't you initiate programs to help preserve the environment, our cherished home? The pan-demic has only renewed my conviction that life is precious, and we must seize every opportunity to enhance the lives of others. You are one of the PEOPLE on our TEAM. I encourage you this month to join other leaders who participate in Rotary's strong tradition of philanthropy by making a gift to The Rotary Foundation. It is the season of giving, and every gift counts. Please contribute any amount that feels right by 31 December, and your gift will keep on giving in 2022 and for years to come. There are many ways to give, as a club or an in-dividual — why not set up a giving plan?

The Rotary Foundation offers us count-less opportunities to help make a difference in the world. Let us never squander those opportunities, nor take our Foundation for granted.

Judy and I wish you the happiest of holidays.

John Germ  
Foundation trustee chair

# Editorial

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## Everest Basecamp @ Tibet

Sound of a heavy breath and the heartburn occurred while I was climbing on only several steps of the rock and stair that now look alike the infinity path. This condition is common for a man from the sea level who is moving on the elevation of 5,200 meters above the sea level (while Doi Inthanon, the highest peak of Thailand is 2,565). The less air pressure caused the AMS (Acute Mountain Sickness) to whom that never get used to the high altitude.

Despite a week spent in Tibet, this kind of altitude caused some unusual symptoms as I stopped on the rock. The panoramic view in front of myself now is the stunning glacier, rock field, and the tourists' tents.

Triangle-shaped peak of the famous Everest Mountain appeared at the farther distance. Noontime sunlight couldn't even warm myself up since the Himalayan wind brought the coldness to us always. The multi-layers winter outfit didn't help anyone at this moment.

As the afternoon thick clouds covered the peak of Chomolungma (Tibetan name of the Everest which means "Mother of Heaven"), the weather became colder and the Cherpa's Yak skin teahouse was ready to welcome all guests.

Unfamiliar scented of salty Yak milk tea and the warmth from stove made this tent a real heaven.

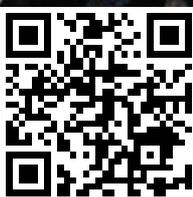
The world-shaking news about Mark Zuckerberg's "Metaverse" or the virtual world allows me to recall my memory in Tibet without encountering of AMS.

Amidst the pandemic, the travelling of the members of a friendship organization of people with the same ideal aka "Rotary" especially the elderly members is not as convenience as usual.

Therefore, in exchange with the efforts in learning on more complicated technology, the "Metaverse" is expected to allow the members to conveniently join wider range of various activities.

Now, it is your own decision whether the "virtual world that goes beyond any imagination" would substitute the feeling of "....truly heaven".

Yours in Rotary  
PP.Vanit Yotharvit  
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Everest Base Camp



Metaverse

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ENTRANCE



*Mr. Vern Unsworth (British national Tham Luang explorer), Mr. Krishna Lalai (host from the TV show “ Krishna Go Around on the Wheel”), President Kongkiat Taphromma (Rotary Club of Mae Sai) at the entrance of the main chamber of Tham Luang Nang Non.*

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## “Tourism for All”

The latest effort of United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) that draws attention from people across the globe is the campaign for promotion of all genders, ages, and physical conditions to access the attraction sites, public infrastructures, and tourism activities conveniently and safely, regardless of the obstacle of different physical conditions, ages, and genders. The initiation of “Tourism for All” is therefore recommended for the destination cities for tourists.

13 Universal Architecture Ambassadors (on wheelchair) from the northern and eastern region led by Mr.Weerasak Kowsurat, (Senator, former Minister of Tourism and Sports, Deputy Chair of Commission on Natural Resources and Environment) together with Mr.Krishna Lalai , host from the TV Show namely “ Krishna Go Around on the Wheel” had visited the Tham Luang Khun Naam Nang Non Cave, Tham Luang- Khun Nam Nang Non National Park, Maesai District, Chiang Rai Province. Purpose of this visit is to study for the improvement of its service infrastructure in accordance with international standard, the key mechanism to promote this site as the world – class attraction for tourists.

This is the activity under the collaboration of local volunteers , President Kongkiat Taphromma (Rotary Club of Mae Sai) and the Interact members of Mae Sai Prasitsart School. On this occasion, the Ambassadors and delegation received a warm welcome from the National Park Officers, representative of the local administration organizations, private sectors’ volunteers ,and the local network of Tham Luang.

The 2018 rescue operation for 13 members of Wild Boar Academy at Tham Luang Nang Non Cave had drawn significant attention from people across the globe.

The Main Chamber (last check-in point) was the site that each member of the Wild Boar Academy had been rescued by the assistant of Thai SEAL and international divers under their the strongest efforts in rescuing the trapped one from the Cave.

This world class operation that draw the world’s attention has also presented the unity of human as well as the power of faith houses in the spirit of all mankind.

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# Change **youth** by having them mature in their thinking through their experience with **RYE**.

The student exchange program, or Rotary Youth Exchange, or what many people call for short RYE, already gives enough information in its name to know the goal of the program – that is the exchange of students to study abroad. But that is not enough; it also includes cultural education and lifestyle, including participating in Rotary activities overseas in order to build good relations between countries.

Rotary District 3340 is another district that has done RYE for a long time. It began with the separation of districts 30 years ago when it was part of the north. At the beginning of that program, RYE sent exchange students overseas, what was called outbound. They were just a few in number because at that time communications with foreign countries were still a difficult problem and took a lot of time to contact exchange students in each country. The author's older sister was also an exchange student at the beginning of RYE in District 3340 in that era. But 10 years later, our world entered the Internet age. That was the reason that this program greatly increased the number of places. Communications and the good relations of the RYE chair and the RYE committee made it possible to request many places from foreign countries to the point that District 3340 had inbound exchange students who came from overseas and outbound students totaling more than 120 people, to the point that District 3340 caught the attention of Rotary International and other districts. We continually expanded our ability to do RYE until Thailand was a country in which many other countries were interested and wanted to come on exchanges, too.

Currently, RYE has been affected by the COVID-19 epidemic, which meant that in year 2019-2020, most of the exchange students already in the program had to travel home ahead of schedule at the beginning of 2020. In addition, Rotary International met and discussed the suspension of exchanges in 2020-2022 for two years. Even so, for Rotary year 2022-23, Rotary International contacted many districts, including in America, to ask about the readiness for exchanges of the various districts in many different countries, including Thailand. This meant that

many districts in these countries began to look for and select teenagers between the ages of 15 and 17 studying in senior high school who are interested in joining the program in order to travel in August 2022 during Rotary year 2022-2023.

This year, District 3340 received applications from nine students who are interested in joining the program, which is a very good signal for the return of exchanges that open opportunities to gain experience, to build strength in young people, and to discover one's needs while living overseas for one year.

From the writer's experience of having been an exchange student, there are still many things to remember from the entire period of being an exchange student up until the return and becoming a part of Rotary and a club that supports and is a member of the District 3340 RYE committee, which therefore knows about the good opportunity of being an exchange student and overseas education.

Many readers who have read this far probably still have many questions such as why and how is RYE better than other programs? The care of exchange students from overseas and their involvement in the various and many activities of the district. On the other hand, in return, our exchange students also receive excellent care from families whom the program certifies are prepared to care for adolescents as well as the club that looks after them and the various activities that Rotary overseas organizes. Because the basic reason for the program is not a narrow focus on education but includes the lifestyle of the family overseas as well as the introduction of Thai culture to other nationalities who will then know about the student's country.

But the thing that one gets beyond the substance of the almost one year long exchange student period is the friendship within the family and among exchange students from many countries who have joined the program in the same district as well as school friends. These friendships will remain if the youth who were exchange students see the importance of friendship.

## Article

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“As you get to know and understand about The Rotary Foundation, you’ll see how much your contributions benefits the mankind.”

# The Rotary Foundation Month

The Rotary Foundation is 12 years younger than Rotary International. Currently, Rotary members in Thailand are in favor of recognizing the anniversary of RI as their own “class” (the year they become club presidents) The club presidents of this year is class 117th same as Rotary’s 117th anniversary. To remember TRF birth simply minus 12 from RI anniversary which will be 105 years old.

TRF is the backbone of RI. For the ideal of Rotary is Service Above Self. Rotary is a service organization which renders several kinds of humanitarian service. Rotarians are ready to contribute to help in their communities. Each one can give according to their favorite cause. Many donors would like to be recognized while others donate anonymously.

One of the Rotarians saw a disabled man with no legs and tried to get help from Rotary’s wheelchair project for him. The Rotarian was filled with joy when she was successful in helping him. Later she met a patient with burns all over the body, so tried her best to provide service by getting more information, asking others for help. In the meantime, she understood more of life, thus inspiring her to do good even more. Helping others, no matter by faith or financial capability, one can be filled with joy after succeeding in providing help.

As a Rotarian, one may have a chance to become a president, past president, or assistant district governor, one will get to know more of how to do good, get to know more to do service by contributing to TRF and later get funding from the SHARE system. One will also learn about

EREY, PHF, MPH, Major Donor and more. Eventually, one will learn about DDF, and using DDF with fellow Rotarians around the globe whom each have never known before to donate an ICU to a local hospital.

All one needs is an effort and patience to overcome any obstacles. AG Sirimon Sukawatt, the charter president of the Rotary Club of Khanu Worlaksaburi has a lot of experience in Rotary, and a lot to tell. She is one of the many role models in Rotary for doing good.

TRF has many ways to contribute and get recognition. Only the interest earned will be used for gifts to the permanent fund. Specific contributions can be made to the PolioPlus Fund. Contributions to the Annual Fund will be returned in the form of DDF for funding projects. Donors are recognized according to their contributions.

Service projects can be implemented by inviting Rotarians to join hands, or planning small scale project using District Grant through DDF. Or the large-scale projects (Global Grants) that may need a large sum of money to implement. When you get to know, learn and understand about TRF, there is no limit in helping others through the Rotary Foundation.

November is designated as TRF month. Please try to get to know and understand about The Rotary Foundation, you’ll see how much your contributions benefit each community. Learn more from Rotary Thailand magazine and other documents.

by Miles Howard  
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# THE



Against the backdrop of Houston's global tapestry,  
Rotary will chart its future at the 2022 convention

L I M I T

# A 2019 U.S. CENSUS BUREAU COMMUNITY SURVEY FOUND THAT NEARLY 30 PERCENT OF HOUSTONIANS WERE BORN OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.



**Opening pages:** The lights are much brighter there — Downtown.

**Above:** Saturn V, the type of rocket that sent man to the moon, on display at Space Center Houston. Right: The rooftop pool area at the Marriott Marquis Houston includes a lazy river that meanders around a Texas-shaped concrete deck.

I am squinting into a glass case lit by red and blue LED lights, looking for some-thing alive. It's a sunny Friday after-noon in the Houston metro area, and I've ducked inside a vast building with a group of fellow travelers at Space Center Houston — the museum at NASA's Johnson Space Center. This is where the Apollo program astronauts trained for spaceflight in the G-force simulator, a machine, known as the "centrifuge," that Apollo 11 astronaut Michael Collins called "diabolical." Today, you can walk into the Apollo Mission Control Center, where NASA officials sat saucer-eyed as Neil Armstrong took his first steps on the moon. The glowing box I'm studying is a vegetable grower. One day, it could be deployed in a colony on Mars. I spot wispy leaves sprouting inside. Lettuce, or possibly arugula.

You're not allowed to pop open the incubator and sample the goods, but a handful of adventurous recruits might get to experience this in fall 2022, when NASA will transform one of the Space Center's hangars into a simulated Mars colony. A volunteer crew will spend a year there, living inside a 1,700-square-foot module, so that NASA can plan for the physical and psychological stressors that cosmic exploration will present: confinement to tight quarters, delayed messages from Earth, and lots of freeze-dried food. It's one of several spaceflight experiments being conducted at the Space Center: a blueprint of our future taking shape right here, in the shadow of Houston.

Or is it the other way around? Houston is the fourth largest city in America, with 7 million residents in the metro area. And though





Houston has all the familiar iconography associated with Texas — space shuttles, brisket — as a native Bostonian, I had, even long before my visit, begun to pick up transmissions from the city that went beyond everything I'd believed to be true. Photos of crawfish, harvested by Vietnamese-American fishermen off the Gulf Coast and served Viet-Cajun style, glistening with garlic butter. Video of Anthony Bourdain at a city park, talking with young men about their candy-colored, elbow-wheeled slab cars, an innovation of Houston's hip-hop scene.

Since 1982, Rice University's annual Kinder Houston Area Survey has tracked the evolution of Houston as one of America's most racially and ethnically diverse cities, with Black, Hispanic, and Asian residents constituting more than half of the city. A 2019 U.S. Census Bureau survey found that nearly 30 percent of Houstonians were born outside the United States. Not only does this make Houston a bona fide majority-minority town, it also reflects broader demographic changes in cities worldwide as globalization and other factors spur migration. It's no wonder that the 2022 Rotary International Convention will be held here. Houston isn't only a hub of technological innovation; it's a window to the world beyond our immediate present.

But what does Houston look and sound like today? In this mosaic of a city with international roots, what awaits us? That's what I've come here to get a taste of.

While the Space Center conjures a cosmic future, the second stop on my itinerary— a late lunch before I can check into my hotel — offers a more earthbound glimpse into tomorrow. The joint is called Blood Bros. BBQ, and it's hidden in a strip mall in Bellaire, a few miles southwest of Downtown. The menu is Texas barbecue, but not in the way that you might think. Co-owners Robin and Terry Wong and Quy Hoang grew up in a nearby neighborhood, close to Houston's Chinatown, and with Blood Bros., they have established a laboratory in which Texas barbecue can evolve. The orange walls are adorned with Astros jerseys. Buckets of iced Shiner Bock flank the counter. Brisket sits atop the menu —but what emerges from the kitchen on a steel tray is a game changer. Thit nuong pork belly burnt ends, with a sweet-and-tart glaze that permeates the meat. Brisket fried rice, fiery, tossed with smoked beef. An electric green cucumber salad with hints of rice wine and sesame.

Like a neutron star in the maw of a black hole, it's all gone in a matter of minutes.



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**Above and right:** At the Oaxaca-inspired restaurant Xochi, chef Hugo Ortega offers a variety of homemade masas, including this tantalizing molotés de Xoxocotlan, filled with potato, chorizo Istmeño, chile de onza, and other ingredients — all served with a grasshopper garnish.

**Far right:** Once inside Teo Chew Temple, visitors are greeted by a statue of Quan Am, the goddess of mercy.

#### Neighborhood watch

Let me say this again: At 637 square miles, Houston is big — and its population has grown by 10 percent over the last decade. When you drive the labyrinthine freeways that snake through the city, the high-rises of Downtown can sometimes appear to be a hundred miles away. For new residents, the scale of Houston has meant more housing supply and more spaces for building businesses, which gives Houston a competitive edge against cities like New York or Los Angeles. But for a traveler, the size of Houston means that you can't possibly experience it all in one weekend. Instead, you choose a couple of Houston's neighborhoods, and you dig in.

One effective way to orient yourself with the sprawl of Houston is to focus your in-augural trip on the communities inside the Loop. That's how Houstonians refer to the core of the city, which is encircled by Interstate 610. I've chosen Downtown as my base camp, and with the help of Jeff Balke, a Houston-raised website developer and freelance writer whose coverage of food and nightlife have appeared in *Houstonia* magazine, I've assembled a list of leads that will take me through several neighborhoods in the Loop. "Eating is the best thing to do in Houston, bar none," Balke tells me during our phone conversation. "Basically, a new taqueria opens every third day, and almost all of them are great. I feel like they're gonna open one in my bathroom next week."

In a way, the story of Downtown Houston as it exists today begins not with the skyscrapers that house Fortune 500 companies such as Chevron and Kinder Morgan, but with the George R. Brown Convention Center — a glass behemoth topped with bright red decorative smoke-stacks that look like Godzilla-scale Lego pieces. It's also home base for the 2022 Rotary Convention.

Not too long ago, the area was in a chronic state of retreat. The early 20th-century oil boom brought commerce and life to Downtown, but when the highways seeded new suburban neighborhoods, Downtown experienced an exodus. Even when the 1973 oil embargo spiked crude prices, showering Houston with more oil money, many of the dividends



landed beyond Downtown. A decade later, oil prices plummeted, and the resultant oil recession yielded a new consensus among city leaders: Downtown needed to be more than a business hub. Specifically, it needed more spaces where Houstonians could play and have fun.

The convention center was one of the first recreational venues to emerge from the oil recession, in 1987. It was followed by Minute Maid Park — Houston’s first retractable roof stadium and home of baseball’s Astros — and a new lineage of restaurants, nightclubs, and apartments. Because Houston doesn’t have zoning laws, the residential and the recreational run into each other here.

You can see this convergence while walking around Downtown, which is my first order of business after dropping my duffel at The Lancaster Hotel. The boutique hotel has been in business since the Roaring Twenties, and some of that opulence has survived (think white marble, gold doorknobs, and a Champagne check-in.) The hotel is just steps away from the concert halls of the Theater District, in-numerable patio bars and restaurants, and better yet, Discovery Green, where I find myself near dusk. Created by the city with a nonprofit partner in 2008, this \$125 million park sits right outside the convention center doors, and it’s easy to envision a mass of convivial Rotarians and Rotaractors spilling into the park on 4 June for the opening night welcome bash planned by the Host Organization Committee. The offerings here include a glassy pond, along which I bumble through waterside gar-dens; lush picnic greens, where I witness young people practicing yoga; splash fountains; sculptures; and even a fine dining restaurant called The Grove, which grows its herbs and produce in a rooftop garden.

It speaks to the rebirth of Downtown as a place for people to come together and raise a glass, or a selfie stick. Even for those who live outside the Loop, ram-bling around it is alluring. Just

ask Rhonda Kennedy, a lifelong Houston metro resident and the host committee chair. A resident of Sweeny — one hour southwest of Downtown — Kennedy makes regular pilgrimages here with her family, and also with her motorcycle club. “We’ll stay in a boutique hotel and I’ll take the guys to a restaurant in the Theater District,” Kennedy says. “And remember, we’re talking about bikers.”

After draining a Cougar Paw red ale in the backyard of 8th Wonder Brewery — where I encounter four towering stone statues depicting each of the Beatles, created by local sculptor David Adickes — I trek a few blocks northwest to Xochi, where chef Hugo Ortega, who came to Houston from Mexico in 1984 with no connections or job leads, has assembled a menu with an exceptional selection of Oaxacan mole dishes. Anticipating a meaty 48 hours (after all, I am in Texas), I order the wild mushrooms with zucchini flowers and masa dumplings in a mole amarillo. But the highlight of my first night in Houston involves hopping aboard the light rail train that runs through Downtown and taking it to Hermann Park, a 445-acre oasis of woodsy gardens and duck ponds just south of the city center.

Here, beneath the pyramid-shaped canopy of the Miller Outdoor Theatre, a sizeable crowd and I are treated to a performance of classical Indian dance by Silambam Houston, whose founder, Lavanya Rajagopalan, taught the art form to children in her native Chennai before immigrating to the United States. As one dancer in vivid green fabric spins to harmonic percussion and strings, I decide to move from the reserved seats near the stage to the upper lawn, where most of the crowd has unfurled picnic blankets on the grass, under the stars. You get the sense that just as much as the people came to see the dancers, they also came for this — the unspoken ecstasy of gathering together for something beautiful.

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### Flight path

The next morning, I fuel up with a flat white from Minuti Coffee and hop back on the light rail. But this time, I take the train to Houston’s Museum District. In this leafy and walkable residential neighborhood, 19 museums offer a smorgasbord of cultural immersions, from contemporary art to medical sciences, Czech culture, and even the psychic explorations of the Swiss psychologist Carl Jung. It’s a dense maze of museums, apartments, and parks: another nod to Houston’s nonexistent zoning laws. But the district also benefited from a grassroots community vision that began in the 1970s. Residents of the nearby neighborhood of Montrose (I’ll amble over there later) formed their own development organization, which, combined with the efforts of others, led to more housing construction as well as pedestrian safety improvement projects on the streets and sidewalks that link Houston’s enviable collection of museums. The district was officially mint-ed by the city in 1989.

I begin at Holocaust Museum Houston. Siegi Izakson, a Houstonian and Holocaust survivor, inspired a volunteer movement to secure funds and resources to build a museum where the stories of his fellow survivors could be preserved and shared for generations. As I wander through the museum, sizing up an authentic Danish boat that may have transported Jewish people to safe havens in Sweden, I unexpectedly make a new friend. Her name is Gloria. She’s a volunteer greeter who welcomes visitors to the museum and offers insight into the exhibits. Within moments of her approaching me and introducing herself, we’re talking about how her family immigrated to the United States from Czechoslovakia in the late 1920s.

I wander several blocks north of the museum until I arrive at an older brown brick building that resembles a high school. This is the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, which is dedicated to telling the story of the Black soldiers who served in the military after the Civil War — and of how this yielded new generations of Black naval officers, pilots, and astronauts.

The museum sits at the nexus of the Museum District and one of Houston’s historically Black neighborhoods: the Third Ward. If you’re visiting midday, you can easily saunter from the museum to the Turkey Leg Hut, where co-owners Lynn and Nakia Price crank out smoked turkey legs that are stuffed with seasoned rice and smothered in decadent sauces and toppings, such as crawfish macaroni. When I arrive at 11:30 a.m., there’s already a sizable queue wrapped around the block beneath shade tents. But I’m determined to experience the Prices’ signature creations (the couple sold their turkey legs outside the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo before opening the restaurant in 2017). A juicy drumstick liberally glazed with Hennessy justifies the 45-minute wait.

Sated but still curious, I take a Lyft back to the hotel and pick up my rental car for a deeper foray into the Third Ward. My destination is a series of understated white shotgun houses. You wouldn’t know it from the road, but some of the houses are standalone galleries that feature rotating exhibits from local or visiting artists. A jungle of houseplants overwhelming a 1960s-era couch and television set. Golden orbs superimposed on floor-to-ceiling photographs of oil refineries.

These are the Project Row Houses, the brainchild of Third



Ward artists and community leaders who saw the derelict houses as potential incubators and hosting grounds for creativity. But the Project Row Houses are also a living thesis that art can be an engine for social transformation. And the galleries aren't the only innovation here. Other row houses are set aside for young single mothers seeking a supportive, creative environment where they can raise their kids. The older houses sit smack in the middle of modern duplexes owned by a sister corporation, Row House CDC, that provides affordable housing to community residents. At the Project Row Houses visitor center, I meet a former resident, Trinity Williams, a mixed-media artist who moved to Houston from the Northeast and raised her three boys in one of the duplexes. "It takes a village to raise a child, and this right here is the village," she says, as we check out the well-stocked community food fridge that Project Row Houses set up in one of the shotgun houses this summer. Williams has worked for Project Row Houses as a docent — a cross between a teacher and a guide. In 2018, with her sons grown and out in the world, Williams was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, which drove her to pursue her art full time. "For me, it's a way of healing," she explains. Her work, which includes mixed media on canvas and photography, as well as sculptures made of "upcycled" materials, has appeared and been sold at Houston exhibitions and galas.

What I'm learning, quickly, is that the more you wander around and bump into Houstonians, the more likely it is you will find yourself exchanging life stories or swapping telephone numbers with some-one. For a city so gargantuan and diverse, there's a foundational gregariousness here. It manifests in spontaneous conversations, but also in socially minded projects that Houston's communities have undertaken and shared in together.

Near the eastern edge of the Third Ward, I'm greeted with another of these group projects: Smither Park, a grassy lawn that would be understated if it weren't for the incredible glimmering mosaics that artists have built on the pathway, walls, and shade shelters in the park. Colorful shards of glass, kitchenware, and electronics depict tigers, angels, fish, and creatures yet to be named. As I enter the park, a young woman emerges from a blue Camaro parked nearby, a camera in one hand and an iced coffee in the other. "Pretty spicy out here, huh," she exclaims, and I offer a gallows quip. It's humid as all get out. And yet, here we are.

In summer, Houstonians tend to save their outdoor exploits for early or late in the day, when the sun isn't quite so fierce. At sunset, I go for a jog in Buffalo Bayou Park, a 160-acre corridor of cypress and cottonwood trees and glassy streams: a preserved piece of the wetlands on which Houston was built. I notice a crowd gathered on a hillside, staring at an unremarkable bridge that crosses the park's central waterway. I join them to see what's up. A family tucking into big bags of Chick-fil-A enlightens me. Waugh Bridge, the crossing we're staring at, is home to 250,000 Mexican free-tailed bats, and at sunset, the bats depart from the crevices of the bridge for a hedonistic night of scarfing down insects. I've got dinner reservations at Mastrantos, a restaurant with Venezuelan, Italian, and Spanish flair that offers a chorizo carbonara that seduced my stomach during my pretrip research. But this seems vital. So I join the spectators. Promising squeaks echo from under the bridge. At 8:13 p.m. an immense cloud of bats flutters past us for minutes. I can't help but wonder: Where are they going?



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#### Future vision

There's something humbling yet intriguing about that consortium of bats flying toward some unknown destination. The memory of their flight still gnaws at me the next morning as I drive west of Down-town to Montrose. One of Houston's more eclectic neighborhoods — a potpourri of Colonial-style homes and Modernist condos, gardens, bistros, patio bars, and art galleries — Montrose feels as socially accessible as Downtown, but leafier and quieter. Powered by an emerald-striped pistachio croissant from Common Bond Bistro & Bakery, I head for the Rothko Chapel, a nondenominational house of worship and a work of art. The interior walls feature massive obsidian paintings by Mark Rothko, with the faintest traces of purple and gold. A skylight illuminates the silent chamber.

So what do people come here to worship? In two words: social justice. Rothko Chapel is regularly visited by civil rights activists and spiritual leaders, united by a vision of common good. To honor in-dividuals who have upheld or advanced human rights, the chapel bestows the biennial Óscar Romero Award, named for the assassinated Salvadoran bishop canonized by Pope Francis in 2018.

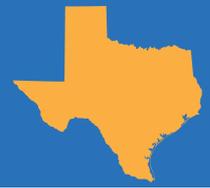
I've come not to be surprised to find such a shrine in the heart of Houston. During my 48 hours here, I've witnessed natural and man-made beauty that reflects the local ecology and international heritage of this city. I've seen what happens when you take people from all over the world and set them down in a metropolis on the Gulf Coast. They put their heads together and create new things, and they also put their own spin on the classic foods, art, and pas-times that make life worth savoring.

As a visitor, you can walk right into their workshops, as I do after my Roth-ko visit, ducking into the misted patio of a Vietnamese-American bistro called Kâu Ba. You can order some traditional brunch fare here — fancy eggs, mimosas, etc. — or you can dig deeper and discover (as I did) what's in the dish mysteriously titled "Grandma's Subsidy." It's an homage to chef Nikki Tran's grandmother, who endured the fall of Saigon in 1975 and learned to throw nourishing meals together with pantry odds and ends. It's a delicious *mélange* of umami flavor, more complex than its minimalist appearance would suggest. I'm due at George Bush Intercontinental Airport in an hour, but rather than feeling crestfallen about leaving, I'm envious of those who have yet to touch down in Houston. It's the kind of city you want to tell others about.

I want to leave Houston on a note of ellipsis — a vision of what to explore the next time I'm here. So instead of driving straight to the airport, I head southwest, traveling beyond the Loop to Chinatown (now often called Asiatown) on the city's outskirts, where the Blood Bros. BBQ proprietors grew up. I pass apartments and strip malls until I reach the Teo Chew Temple. Domed brick-colored roofs; a statue of Quan Am, the goddess of mercy; and strings of paper lanterns set the scene, along with the sweet aroma of incense. In a courtyard to the right of the entrance, teens practice a form of martial arts, the clatter of their sticks echoing through the temple interior. I'm greeted by a council of Buddhist deities, their likenesses manifested in paintings and sculptures. We will meet again, they seem to say.

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# 7 REASONS



## YOU CAN'T MISS THE 2022 CONVENTION

Whether in person or virtual, Rotary's annual gathering can be life changing

### 1. You can attend in person

"There's nothing like shaking hands and seeing smiles in person," says John Smarge, chair of the 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston. "We need to resume sharing our stories about what we're doing in our communities around the world."

This will be Rotary's first in-person convention in three years, due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. "Houston is a great convention city," says Smarge. "There are plenty of hotels near the George R. Brown Convention Center [the principal venue for the 2022 convention]. Everything is walkable."

Because it's also the first in-person convention since the adoption of Rotary's new area of focus — protecting the environment — emphasis will be placed on holding the 4-8 June event in an environmentally friendly way. For example, convention attendees are encouraged to download the Footprint app to track and offset their carbon footprint from the moment they leave home until they return.

### 2. You can take part even if you can't travel there

Luis Monteiro only started attending Rotary conventions in 2020, when the Honolulu event went virtual. "My career in nursing makes it hard to travel," says Monteiro, a member of the Rotary Club of Lamego, Portugal. But once he experienced a convention, he was hooked. He attended virtually again in 2021 and plans to log on to the Houston event. "I really enjoy participating in meetings with Rotary leaders," he says. "I will continue to participate virtually when-ever there is the option."

The Houston convention will be conducted in-person, along with an online experience. "We'll follow health guidelines," Smarge says. To make the event as international as possible, he also promises that he will do everything he can to help members from other countries get to Houston. "I'd like every-one who wants to come to be able to come," he says.

### 3. You might meet an astronaut . . .

Houston's nickname is Space City, so local Rotary members made sure to showcase Space Center Houston when planning extra activities around the city for convention attendees — and they also invited astronauts to mingle with convention-goers at the opening night's welcome event. "Space Center Houston is a must-see," says Rhonda Kennedy, chair of the Host Organization Committee. "But you don't have to go on your own, because we've planned an event for you. We will have transportation to and from the Space Center, food, and astronaut meet-and-greets."

Discover — and sign up for — host committee events, which include museum tours, sporting events, and more, at [houstonri2022.org/events](https://houstonri2022.org/events).



## 4. . . . or the love of your life

Jenny Bates had no qualms about attending the 2014 convention by herself, even though it was being held in Sydney, Australia, halfway around the world from her home. “Meeting people every-where you go is part of the magical experience [of a convention],” says Bates, a member of the Rotary Club of San Rafael Evening, California. So when Laine Hendricks took the seat next to her at an early morning interfaith service, Bates struck up a conversation. The two women, both from California, hit it off.

Later in the week, Bates ended up with an extra ticket to climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge and asked Hendricks if she’d be willing to go. “I wanted to challenge myself because I was afraid of heights,” Bates says. Hendricks agreed, and together they climbed the 1,332 steps to the top of the bridge. Since then, Bates and Hendricks have made it a point to climb something high any time they travel — including the EdgeWalk atop the CN Tower during the Toronto convention in 2018. “Laine inspires me to do crazy things,” Bates says. “She’s very supportive.”

Bates and Hendricks, a member of the Rotary Club of San Francisco, were married in 2019, and they continue to attend conventions together. “The minute we could sign up for Houston, we were all in,” Bates says. She also attended the virtual conventions in 2020 and 2021, but for her it wasn’t the same. “I’m always moved by the speakers, but watching it on a screen in my living room doesn’t have the same impact for me as walking into a stadium with 10,000 Rotarians. Plus, going to the convention is special to us because that’s how we met. Going to Sydney created a trajectory that changed my life forever.”

## 5. You will hear world-renowned speakers

“The level of speakers alone makes it worth going,” says Erin Kelly, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga Breakfast, Tennessee. “I’ve seen Bill Gates, John Cena, Ashton Kutcher, Justin Trudeau.” Tracy Carroll, a member of the Rotary Club of Vero Beach Sunrise, Florida, agrees. “Being in the same room with Princess Anne, Bill Gates, and others was a thrill,” she says.

While the list of speakers for Houston hasn’t been announced yet, Smarge says members should expect a varied program that includes experts on environmental issues. “This will be the first in-person convention since the adoption of our new area of focus, protecting the environment,” he says. “We hope to reflect that both in the way we conduct the convention and in our speakers. My personal goal is to ensure that we schedule a diverse lineup of speakers.”

## 6. You will experience a new city

Houston’s reputation as the city that launched America’s exploration of space is well deserved, and, as mentioned, its Space Center definitely war-rants a visit. But there are many more places to explore. At least 145 languages are spoken in the Houston metro area, and that diversity has spilled over into the local food, music, and art scenes. There are also world class museums, such as the Houston Museum of Natural Science, the Lone Star Flight Museum, and the highly rated Children’s Museum Houston.

Houstonians also dine out more often than the average American, so restaurants are plentiful. The city’s trade-mark food offerings include Gulf Coast oysters, crawfish drenched in spices, Tex-Mex, and, of course, barbecue

— but imaginative chefs representing the city’s diverse cultures also provide culinary surprises aplenty.

On the convention’s opening night, the host committee will stage a welcome event at Discovery Green, a park in the heart of the city. “This is the event that everyone will be at,” says Kennedy. “There will be so much entertainment around the park, from armadillo races to an aerial act — and you won’t want to miss the huge grand finale.”

For a closer look at what makes Houston a great place to visit, see “The Sky’s the Limit,”

## 7. You’ll be struck by Rotary’s power to connect you to the world

Giselle Holder has traveled to four Rotary conventions. And though she doesn’t recall every speaker that she has heard or every session that she has attended, she does remember how being at the convention makes her feel.

“There is this electric atmosphere,” Holder says. “There’s nothing like walking through the House of Friendship surrounded by thousands of Rotary members from around the world.”

Holder attended her first convention in 2011 when she was a member of the Rotaract Club of Port of Spain West, Trinidad and Tobago. It was a financial stretch — and a lengthy journey. “We flew from Trinidad to Miami, and then took a bus for 23 hours to New Orleans,” she recalls. But, she adds, it was worth it. “That was the first time I saw what Rotary can be and the reach of Rotary across the world. That was my ‘wow’ moment. Rotary is so much bigger than my club or my country.”

In 2017, Holder joined the Rotary Club of Maraval. She says going to conventions has helped keep her excitement for Rotary alive. “Conventions remind you of how many things are happening worldwide that require our assistance,” she says. “You always meet someone new, someone willing to partner on a project. It’s a great way to discover new opportunities in Rotary.”



# Season's Greetings

## Stay safe & Healthy

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### Virtual Activities

#### Virtual Activities

*As everything has changed during the past two years, we all have had to adjust our way of living. We have minimized traveling and meeting other people to prevent from and avoid being infected by COVID-19. We have also embraced the Digital Age in which the Internet plays a big part in our daily life. As a result, we have spent most of our time at home carrying out various activities. We have worked from home instead of going to the office. We have also joined Rotary meetings via the various online programs such as Zoom, Line, Google Meet, etc.*

*In addition, we have implemented many Virtual Activities on the Internet. In fact, we all have carried out actual activities at different places, but the reporting has been done online. Consequently, we feel that we have implemented the activities together. For some activities, we did carry them out together and saw what was happening on our screen. Even though the Virtual Activities are still low in number, many Rotary clubs have started to implement them. In our last issue of Rotary Newsletter Thailand, we talked about Virtual Meetings and Training at the district level, the Singing Contest and the Virtual Concert. Let's see what other activities we have on the agenda.*



PP Jantane Tienvijit,  
Rotary Club of Lanna

#### Virtual Walk-Run-Bike

It's an activity in which participants collect their walking, running or biking mileage. They can walk, run or bike anywhere and record their mileage via a certain application before sending the result to the organizer. The activity is organized systematically allowing participants to join their preferred activity from anywhere around the country. The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai and the Rotary Club of Lanna of District 3360 have already organized this activity.



**President Wasin Lertkietdamrong**, Rotary Club of Chiang Mai, explained that the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai organized this Virtual Walk-Run-Bike for the second time from 1 September to 30 October 2021, 60 days in total. The objectives of the activity were to promote good health of the members and the general public, as well as to publicize Rotary and to raise funds to support the Club's various service projects. This second Virtual Walk-Run-Bike activity was an extension from the first one held to celebrate the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai's 60th anniversary. The activity was well received and fully supported by fellow Rotarians, the public and various organizations.



**President Anna Worawongwasu**, Rotary Club of Lanna, disclosed that her club organized this Virtual Walk-Run activity on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. The purposes were to encourage the public of all genders and ages to exercise for better health and to use the funds raised to support its service projects. The activity was held from 1 November to 31 December 2021, 61 days in total. Participants can choose to join one of the 3 distances: 25, 70 or 300 kilometers. So far, 200 people have already registered, and registration is still open until the end of the activity period. The issue encountered is that some participants had difficulties using the application to record their distance and report the result online. The Club has, therefore, established an off-line system and allowed participants to report the results via the familiar Line Application.

#### Virtual Cooking Training



**President Kamol Wongjokcee**, Rotary Club of Kampaengsan, said that the Club conducted online vocational training to teach participants how to make durian moon cakes. The class was held on 15 September 2021 to enable the less privileged group to have an opportunity to learn how to make moon cakes for sale. The training was done via Zoom, and after the class participants had to send the products they made to the organizer within 14 days. Participants were allowed to record the class so that they could use the video for review. Based on the evaluation, 28 people joined the class via Zoom, and 34 via a recorded video.

**President Nuchanart Tangsunawan**, Rotary Club of Ratchathewi, conducted online training via Zoom as one of its community service projects. The initiator of this project was IPP Soranee Lamduan, and the instructor was Rotarian Sattaporn Raksuda or Chef Oy who taught participants how to make vegetarian food for health. Participants included the Club's members, Rotarians from other clubs and the general public. In addition to this training, Rotary Club of Ratchathewi's team cooks vegetarian food for sale via a delivery channel at a reasonable price once a week, one day before the Buddha Day. The proceeds from the sale go to support the Club's service activities.

#### Virtual Massage Training



**President Nuchanart Tangsunawan**, Rotary Club of Ratchathewi, explained that her Club conducted a Virtual Massage training via Zoom, and the instructor, Rtn. Taweephum Yutrirak, was its own member who has the knowledge and experience in this matter. Participating members were fellow Rotarians and the general public. The contents included how to get rid of the Office Syndrome with pressure points, how to massage oneself for symptom correction or relaxation. The two activities were well received by both the Club's members and the general public as participants could apply the knowledge gained in their own home, particularly during this Covid-19 pandemic when everyone has to stay home mostly. Based on the evaluation, the activities were successful with more participants joining.

**Online Scholarship Award Ceremony**



**PP Watcharaporn Panoi**, Rotary Club of Magkang, Chairperson of the Rotary Club of Magkang's Scholarship Project, No. 8/2021, disclosed that the Club led by



President Terry Clayton presented 74 scholarships to students: 69 scholarships for primary/high school students and 5 for students at the university level. Previously, the Club offered scholarships to students every year in person, but with the COVID-19 pandemic, the presentation was made online via Zoom on 27 August 2021, and the money was transferred into each recipient's account afterwards. DG Jareesri Kunsiripunyo presided over the ceremony and presented each student with a scholarship worth 4,000 baht and a Love and Inspiration Bag valued at 1,000 baht. The 74 scholarships plus the 74 bags distributed totaled 350,000 baht compared with the donation received of 371,000 baht. Some of the students have received this scholarship for many consecutive years until they complete their Bachelor's degree program. The Rotary Club of Magkang would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all donors for their kindness in helping these students every year. In conclusion, this new normal, efficient online scholarship presentation ceremony was highly successful with all students, donors, fellow Rotarians and distinguished guests present.

**Virtual RYLA**



**President Boonyarit Nilyam**, Rotary Club of Plutaluang, said that in 2021-2022 the Club in Chonburi was assigned by D. 3340 to host Rotary Youth Leadership Awards or RYLA in short. However, the



COVID-19 pandemic limited the number of people gathering for group activities. As a result, the organizing committee needed to adjust the event format to a new normal way to suit the situation by using an online method combined with an in-person meeting. The main concept of the event was to enhance youth leadership through

6 modules: Thinking Skill, Teamwork, Personality, Rotary Knowledge, Communication Technology & the Search for Knowledge, and Ethics. Participants were 9 students who applied for Rotary Youth Exchange Program. The 3-hour sessions took place over 3 days – on 16, 18 and 31 October 2021. As it was the first time RYLA was held in a new format, participants were informed of the training objectives and their leadership knowledge was tested both before and after the training. Participants got to know one another from the various activities. They were divided into groups so that they could practice group procedures independently as per the specified contents. Observers monitored the behavior of each participant and group online, and on the last day of the training participants met in person to present their group work.

Based on the evaluation, the participants came up with creative work. Overall, they were most satisfied with the training, and they could efficiently build relationships through the online working format. The last day's in-person meeting was the time when all participants waited for meaningfully. The Rotary Club of Plutaluang strongly believes that the young people who joined this training have a better understanding of themselves, can develop their own leadership and learn how to work in groups via the new normal technology. Most importantly, they may be Rotary's driving force in the future.

**International Online Chess Tournament**



**Dr. Beeboo George**, President of the Rotary Club of Kochin Smart City, D. 3210, India, said to Rotary Newsletter Thailand, "Our Club had prepared for the International Online Chess Tournament, but with the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic we were asked to cancel it. However, many of us were familiar with the online tournament. We, therefore, agreed to change from the face-to-face to the online format, and the event was chaired by Rotarian Suba Ragez. We stretched the tournament to an international level by inviting fellow Rotarians from around the world to participate without having to travel nor pay for the registration fee. In addition, we allowed Rotaractors and Interactors to join the tournament.

As the tournament center was in India, we set the starting time at 10.00 hours and the ending time at 13.30 hours. We understand that this timing may create an advantage or disadvantage to the participants in some countries. For the countries in the east like Australia and New Zealand, it may be time to go to bed while for others such as the USA and Chile, they are still not awake.

There were altogether 235 participants from 45 countries. We used a platform from the website called Lichess.org which is a highly popular system. Among the global professional chess players, up to 30,000 used this platform. You can have access to the mechanism, and the judging criteria follow a globally recognized standard. Consequently, there is no need to have a real person as a judge. The tournament was automatically divided into 7 rounds, and during each round the players would compete until they finished with results in the specified time. At the end of the tournament, the system would inform us about the final result immediately."

"After we organized the first tournament and gained some experience, we believe that in the future we can increase the number of players to 1,000 from 150 countries," added President Beeboo.

In conclusion, we can see that once situations change, Rotary Clubs can adjust themselves and organize more online activities. Perhaps, there are many other clubs which have already implemented Virtual Activities but were not mentioned here. From now on, we will have to fully enter the digital world, particularly the digital money which is very new. We must be prepared to cope with the new normal life which will be developed to the next levels in the future.

## Article

### Empowering Girls

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### EMPOWERING GIRLS TO SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

PRID Dr.Saowalak Rattanavich

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One major global problem today is 1–20-year-old underprivileged girls in need due to poverty and injustice in society. This issue has tended to be ignored, and the underlying problems that cause it to have yet to be dealt with to any significant degree.

The provision of human “Rights, Freedom, and Equality” is generally recognized as being fundamental in a fair society. However, millions of girls’ rights have been limited, even from birth, due to their parents or family favoring boys over girls. Various advances in medical technology regarding gender choices have also made it easier to support such a bias and have also been involved in the areas of abortion and infantilizing. Hence, a substantial imbalance has developed in the world population, which currently has 140 million more men than women.

Although girls may consider it fortunate to have been born, many must face their own life destination struggling for a living in poor families without a sufficient ability to help themselves. Various problems cause their suffering, including issues related to health, hygiene, child labor exploitation, violence, bullying, sexual harassment, child marriage, adolescent pregnancy, and even rights for basic education and literacy. There are now 60 million girls who have not received a basic education, and two-thirds of the world’s 960 million illiterates are girls. Limiting girls’ opportunities in education affects vocational skills, which are beneficial to the production of global and national products and worth approximately \$500 billion annually.

RI President Shekhar Mehta has realized the significance of Rotary International’s responses to tackle this global problem. He has presented an initiative for empowering underprivileged girls who are in various situations, localities, or communities. This approach represents the organization’s main service aim for all members’ cooperation globally to raise awareness and increase cooperation of families, communities, and other government or private organizations to take significant action for solving these issues.

One important process involves assigning the responsibilities of the empowering-girls initiative to all board members by naming ambassadors who will help promote and cooperate through their teams with leaders of clubs, districts, district committees, and Rotaract clubs. The aim is to develop a survey and brainstorm to implement at least one activity in each club during this year to help girls in need, irrespective of each project’s size. Hence, these girls will be provided with more opportunities and hope in changing their lives for the better, and these solutions and the relevant activities can be publicized via social media, such as Rotary Showcase and Facebook.

No matter how small or big the club members’ activities, the most meaningful aspect for us all is the happiness involved in rendering our services to those girls in need to provide memorable moments by seeing the smile more and improving their social rights. The aim is to ensure that these girls are offered hope and motivation so that they can be more resilient in standing on their own feet to head their family and confidently become important leaders of our society in the future. Certainly, millions of girls all over the world are waiting for their hope from us!

# Samples of Empowering Girls Projects



## 1. Rotary Club of Pra Pathom Chedi (3330)

Club members organized vocational trainings - how to make Chinese stuffed buns and herbal beverages - for less opportunity youth under the age of 18.



## 2. Rotary Club of Magkang (3340)

The club offered necessities to a 16 year old girl afflicted by physical impairment since the age of two.



## 3. Rotary Club of Chiangkhong (3360)

A joint effort from Rotary Clubs in District 3350, the Rotary Club of Chiangkhong provided trainings and vaccinations for the prevention of cervical cancer to pre-teen girls in northern Thailand.



## 4. Rotary Club of Yangon (3350)

In collaboration with the Rotary Club of Kowloon and Rotary Clubs Hong Kong, the Rotary Club of Yangon arranged career trainings for less fortunate girls in Myanmar.



## 5. Rotary Club of Buengkum (3350)

The club granted a scholarship to an eight year old girl to support her education in the future.



## 6. Rotary Club of Doiprabath (3360)

The Rotary Club of Doiprabath, together with the Rotary Community Corps of Ban Huai Maklua and the Community Learning and Development Center of Ban Hua Suea, Lampang Province, conducted rice-harvesting instructional programs for young females. The training was based on the "Khok-Nong-Na model, the Royal initiative for new agricultural theories blended with local agricultural wisdom. This also raised their awareness of the need for water conservation for the dry season.

D.3330

Editorial of District 3330, RI



PDG. Juthatip Thamsiripong  
Rotary Club of Pra Pathom Chedi

Greetings to every Rotarian,

If we consider that time is the greatest valuable asset, there would be a kind of business that attract people from various talents around the world to calculate the price of time we have spent per day.

Rotarian is people with capacity, talent, thought, patient, and intention to help others without expectation of any profits. This is the greatest thing that we can do in our lifetime. Result of the combination of time and thought would become the kind of component that is bigger than the size of soccer field. From year to year, all Rotarians have been gathering our thought from the Club level to the District, Zone, and international level respectively. Since Rotary is well-accepted international organization that is worth commending, we are proud that our thought could always help people in need.

On this occasion of New Year, I and my team wish all family a happiness, strong health, success in business, and enjoy this delightful New Year.

# “Rotarians’ experience to the w



## Global Grant No.2118447 (Year 2020-2021)

## Global Grant No.2230605 (Year 2021-2022)

The Global Grant experience from 8 Clubs in D 3330 RI

Dear my fellow Rotarians, Concerning the situation that the number of COVID-19 patients has been reporting over the year since 2019, 7 Rotary Clubs in Nakhonpathom province and the Rotary Club of Photharam, Ratchaburi province had surveyed the need of rural community in Nakhon Pathom Province. Result of this survey showed the need of Kampaengsan communities for positive pressure operating room for the operation of bone, surgery, caesarean section. This had been reported to Dr.Pawit Yuang-gnern, Deputy Director of Kampaengsan Hospital and member of Thavaravadi Rotary Club.

That is the background of Global Grant No.2118447: Better Air Quality Control and Laminar Airflow System for General Surgery Room which costs 2,500,026.35 THB (U\$D80,646). This project that helps keep the operation room clean at all time responses the need of this hospital while the number of patients (Thais, foreigners, students and personnel from Kasetsart University, Kampaengsan Campus, as well as the neighbour provinces patients) has been increasing amidst the COVID-19 crisis.

Rotary Club of Thavaravadi and 7 allied Clubs had conducted the survey for the improvement of this operating room to the most modern one in Nakhon Pathom due to the ISO Class 6 and the imported equipment from France. During



12 months, there were some transportation and installation obstacles occurred such as the delay of transportation, limitation caused by measures of travel control of staffs and mechanists, and the problem found at the improvement during the COVID-19 crisis. In addition, training of more than 20 participants (medical staffs, doctors, nurses, and healthcare volunteers) was not allowed until December 22nd. However, the training was eventually organized at the OPD (Orthopaedic) Building, Kampaengsan Hospital, Nakhon Pathom province, with these following schedules:

Morning session: Training on “Enhancement of Infection Prevention to the 2P safety Goals for the medical personnel of Kampaengsan Hospital and the Networks”.

Afternoon session: Training on “Care taking for the patients with metallic bone fixation, skin traction, and the usage of High Flow device”.

In addition to the use on daily basis, this operating room directed by Dr.Prawit Yuangngoen (Expert Orthopaedist) is used as the demonstration station for medical students from universities. Merit of this room is the saving of patient’s time and budget since they don’t have to go to downtown of Nakhon Pathom or Bangkok for the operation.

All president of Rotary Clubs and I would like to extend our gratitude to the Rotary Foundation of the Rotary International , PDG Wichai Maneewacharakiet, PDG Chalermchat Chun-In, and members of the Rotary Club of Thavaravadi, Nakhon Chaisri, Phra Pathom Chedi,

Don Toom, Raikhingsampran, Kampaengsan, D3330, and D 2830 from Japan for their kind support and the success of this project.

As the result of the 2 consecutive success years and the concerning of the patients (especially the elderly one) in travelling to the Orthopaedic treatment amidst the pandemic, Rotary Club of Thavaravadi and 7 allied Clubs decided to organize another project on “Bone operation equipment and the High Flow equipment in a negative pressure room for the labor room patient at Kampaengsan Hospital, Nakhon Pathom province”.

This project of Global Grant No.2230605 which costs 2,263,140 THB (U\$D 68,580) is supported by Rotary Club of Thavaravadi, Nakhon Chaisri, Phra Pathom Chedi, Don Toom, Raikhingsampran, Kampaengsan, D3330, and D 2500 from Japan. Progress of this project is at the purchasing of oversea equipment and the installation of those equipment in the room prepared. As of January 2022, the completion of this project will be reported respectively.

The real action proves the value regardless of any obstacles. Experiences gained will also teach us the step to success and its pride. I would like to thank the Rotary for giving the valuable experiences to me and all members of Rotary Club of Thavaravadi. It will also be our pleasure to learn about another Rotary Clubs’ actions which would bring them the proud experience as well.

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Training



District Governor-elect  
La-or Chinda,  
District 3330

# Training for assistant district and presidents-elect in year 2



In organizing the training for assistant district governors and club presidents-elect for Rotary year 2022-23 on 19-20 November 2021 at the Diamond Plaza Hotel, Suratthani, I had the objectives and goals of providing knowledge and understanding of their roles and duties. I hoped that doing so would create greater cooperation in the work of the AGs and PEs than had existed previously between the AGs and the club PEs.

Organizing this training was the first one that I did in my capacity as DGE. I and the organizing team, which included PDG Wichai Maneewacharakiet, chair of the district training committee, PP Dr. Ratanaporn Laorujiralai, chair of the district image committee and her group, PP Walaya Yoddontri, chair of the AG and PE training committee and her group, PP Nathaphat Suchatkulwit, district secretary and team, met to prepare and plan our work together three times. This meant that the organization of this training had good results that met the established goals according to the post-training evaluation questionnaires and conversations with the AGs, PEs and other participants. They mostly said that they were very satisfied with the various activities that were organized, for example, the DG's tour, the fellowship activities that coincided with the Loy Krathong holiday, and the new style of training that meant it was not boring. They both gained knowledge and had fun with activities that allowed them to internalize our Rotary story.

In my capacity as DGE, I wish to thank PDG Wichai Maneewacharakiet and every member of the team who so excellently cooperated and collaborated in unity. And I must also especially thank the AGs in every area and the PEs in District 3330 for traveling to this training.

I hope that I will continue to receive cooperation, collaboration, and unity in the work of every person in District 3330.

# governors 022-2023



D.3340

Editorial of District 3340, RI



Rtn.Dearra Pibulwattanawong  
Rotary Club of Magkang

Greetings to every Rotarian.

The year went so fast, half of Rotary year is over with activities that were not easily done. The situation is still under constant monitoring for Covid and keeping socially distant in each activity.

During this period, D 3340 had received cooperation from almost every club for doing Polio activities at the same time in the area each club is responsible for. Collectively, this became a big activity creating good and effective image for the public. Especially more so, when the clubs all performed their activities while wearing END POLIO t-shirts show that Rotarians are determined in their objective to End Polio from this world.

The District Conference for D 3340 was held on 26-27 November 2021 making this the first time in one year that a major conference was conducted physically with members meeting each other. Even though we had to keep socially distant and take strict measures to protect from the virus, Rotarians from every club were happy to meet with one another bringing local products from their area to share. This is a must when Rotarians meet in person.

Happy 2022 to all, may you be happy all year around.

## The International Conference



Assistant Governor Nantana Panitpacha  
(Assistant Empowering Girls Ambassador)

The International Conference (Zone Level) :  
Participants' experiences, atmosphere, and impression.

I am assigned by PRID Professor Dr.Saowalak Rattanawit who is newly assigned as the " Empowering Girls Ambassador Zone 10B&C" which has been primarily introduced this year. This was also the initiative of the RI President Shekhar Mehta for the awareness of sufficient concerns on the assistance provided to 1-20 years less-opportunity female who are the target of criminals and trafficking in the current days which the online media can easily access their bedroom without the parent's acknowledgement.

Question for this initiative plan by Rotary is; what should we do??

Concept of this Club level plan is the enhancement of Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Clubs' participation in monitoring and searching for the less opportunity girls who deserve the knowledge in healthcare, education, safety of life, better life and economic status. Those aspects could be improved throughout projects such as the scholarship granting, food offering to blind girls, financial knowledge training, vocational training, promoting of useful leisure activities such as sports, music, drawing, local tour guide, and a street teacher. Club members' decision would design whether this project could be the local or even the international one.

Example of D 3340's project submitted to the RI President are as follows:

1. Rotary Club of Magkang (2 projects): Granted scholarship and gave warm hug on behalf of the kids' parents, and handed over the inflatable mattress for the bedsores girls patient.
2. Rotary Club of Plutaluang (2 projects): Held the project of spending the leisure time.  
for useful activity by the training of skateboarding, and training of the usage of sanitary napkins.
3. Rotary Club of Kalasin: Provided helps for the orphans of the parents passed away by COVID-19.
4. Rotary Club of Nakhon Khon Kaen International: Patron 2 mental impairment children for 15 consecutive years.
5. Rotary Club of Kaen Khoon: Organized the banquet for blind children on the occasion of the President's birthday.
6. Rotary Club of Nongkhai: Held the project on vocational training (Barber and Salon) in collaboration with Clubs in D 2510, Japan.
7. Rotary Club of Khunying Moe Korat: Held the project of "Clinic Ruk Jai (Mind Care Clinic) at the Female Juvenile Detention Facility.
8. Rotary E-Club D 3340: Constructed the house for the female soccer with her poor and physical impairment mother.

Our goal is the enhancement of the significant collaboration of 63 Clubs in D 3340, or with the different District, different countries, or even with the public or private sectors.

Helping and improving of one's life is a great merit. A girl with our help today might become the world's hero someday. My fellow Rotarian, I think this is the time for us to lit up the candle in the dark in order to give the warm light to those girl with their expectation of hope from us.

# Introducing new clubs:



## Rotary Club of Udon Dusadee New diamond sparkling in D 3340

P Ilada Sukbancha, Charter President RC Udon Dusadee



This is President Ilada Sukbancha. I am Charter President of RC Udon Dusadee, RI District 3340. My personal line of business is stationary. But since I love doing things to help the community for many organizations in Udon Thani I am well known among social workers. They know that if given any work I will do it whole heartedly, impressing both those who offered the work and those who benefitted from it.

I entered Rotary on the advice of PDG Pira Popipit of RC Udon Thani. I first joined RC Silpakom Udon Thani and became the club secretary and finally President in 2008-2009, belonging to 104 club President's group of Make Dream Real theme. I was AG for D 3340 in the year of DG Thirayuth Wattanathirawat and DG Thatri Leethiraprasert.

Then I moved to RC Magkang and helped them in several areas of activities. I was always a good Rotarian. After that I moved to RC Ladluang in D 3330 for one year.

From my experience as member of several Rotary clubs I worked in clubs with different club cultures and have worked closely with many people. I was able to analyse the good points, bad points, opportunities and what is doable. This led me to the intention of chartering a new club in D 3340. My target group is largely people in Gen Y but including some of Gen X and a bit of Millennium. This means I have included all generations from the old to the young and very young. I will invite them for lunch, call them by their nick names Nong Kung, Nong Pop, Nong Sung, Nong Lan, Nong Ai and then talk to them about the objective of the club, why I am setting up a new club. I explain about Rotary so that they understand about why we are forming a new club.

Our club does not think like other clubs. I talked to many leaders of the District. Obviously there are those who agreed and those who disagree. There are those who were very supportive and congratulate me in advance, and those who asked if I can do it. Some laughed at me. We listened but did not back down. We were committed, and we pushed on firmly because we have young people who helped bring good people to join the ideology.

Our advisor is PDG Wiwat Pipatchaisiri, PP Smon Chakadthadakul, PP Sarnapa Chavalitsakulchai, PP Pataraporn Khaengkan who became our mentors. Our advisor is Col. Chakkrapong Ponakhae Commander of the 13th Infantry Regiment who understood that we may be a bit different but we do understand the Rotary image, we will position ourselves properly, offer pictures of wearing Rotary shirts to various places as is appropriate. We will not use Rotary's name for personal profit or in a bad way. Our style of meeting in the New Normal is so that it fits the current situation.

We will emphasise fellowship in the club as a priority, while activities to help humanity come second. It took two years to gather 26 persons who share the same ideology. Once we formed a group, we received the charter from RI we got more members from 3 more Rotary Youth Exchange students so that we now have 29 members.

We received many expressions of interest from parties from target groups who have requested applications to join. These are welcome and challenging for us who have to lead this club and make it sustainable. However we are holding on to quality over quantity.

I am determined to lead the club so that all stay together happily, love and help each other with unity, sharing with mankind. I am trying to instil the sense of "Service Above Self" in my members.

Whatever we do, we are determined to do it to the best of our ability without expecting anything in return.



# D.3340

## District Governer



DG Dr. Jareesri Kunsiripunyo

District 3340, RI



### The Project of “Armed PAPR for the White Hero to Fight Against COVID-19”

The project of “Armed PAPR for the White Hero to Fight Against COVID-19” is aimed on the efforts of Rotary Clubs in D 3340 RI (located in the north-eastern and eastern region of Thailand) in struggling with pandemic of COVID-19. This project was initiated in August 2021 which the pandemic ratio, the admitted case, and fatality rate reached the highest record in Thailand. Therefore, the support by provision of medical protection equipment to related agencies is considered as the provision of shelter for the heroes in a white donned and their challenged mission. Rotary, as the social service organization for the sustainable well-being of all mankind, is always ready to support the medical personnel in the COVID-19 crisis.

Medical personnel who works closely with the infected patient have a high risk of infection. However, the mentioned risk can be prevented by the usage of protection equipment such as the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (e.g. apron, long coat, gloves, mask, and goggle) which the proper usage can protect them from the patients’ aerosol and/or droplets. Despite the usage of mentioned PPEs can help protect the infection, the equipment is mostly use for only one time before disposing due to the difficulty of usage and uncomfortable in wearing and taking off. The working efficiency of medical personnel is decreased since wearing of the long coat PPE has caused the uncomfortable condition to the medical personnel because of the heat and difficulty breathing.

Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) which generate pure and clean air is used for the protection of respiratory system. This head-cover gear equipped with electric fan and air purification device is accepted as the efficient protective equipment for medical personnel amidst the outbreak of respiratory disease. Amidst the increasing rate of the outbreak, PAPR is recommended for the treatment of COVID-19 patient especially those in emergency case, operation room, Intensive Care Unit (ICU), and concerned divisions. Since PAPR allows the medical personnel to work more comfortably and effectively for 4-5 consecutive hours while the existing PPE doesn’t, the provision of PAPR to concerned agencies in the District is considered by D 3340 as one among the significant project.

On behalf of DG of D 3340, I encourage RCs in our District to organize activities in accordance with the policy to relief people affected by COVID-19 and in response with the situation of each Club as well as their safety measures. The activities comprises: 1) organize the campaign of Club members’ vaccination which enhance the herd-immunity, and the campaign on community’s knowledge enhancement in COVID-19 prevention, 2) offer of food and necessities to the infected people

3) enhance the safety and provide the moral support to the medical personnel by the activities such as the provision of PPE, surgical masks, foods, and PAPR, and 4) assist the affected people in concerned aspects.

#### Objectives

1. To provide the PPE that allows the medical personnel to work comfortably and continually
2. To elevate the well-being of the COVID-19 patients in terms of the treatment and healthcare.
3. To promote the Rotary image in the concept of “People of Action”.

#### Project implementation

As the result of D3340 Presidents’ meeting on July 31st, 2021 which the project details and the community assessment has been elaborated to the participating Clubs in accordance with the delivered document dated August 2nd, 2021, 61 PAPR devices has been reserved within 6 hours after the announcement for the campaign of half-price reservation. The rest of Clubs presented their will to reserve and support this project at full price. At the end of August, 100 devices has been fully reserved and the reservation was closed. However, in order to provide the service to communities continually, interested Clubs can directly contact and make any purchases with the producer who will deliver the product in accordance with the fixed schedule. Under the well-organized process, the delivering and handing-over of the devices to 20 medical centers with the budget of 1,300,000 THB (One Million Three Hundred Thousand Bath) was completed in September 9th, 2021.

#### Project Evaluation

Under the collaboration of related sectors, the success of this project is resulted as the safety, effectively and continually performances of the medical personnel. In addition to the standard medical practice for the COVID-19 patients, Rotary is better known by the community as the social service organization that serve them in response with existing situation and the community’s need. This also support the image of Rotary in the concept of “People of Action” as well.

D3340 has been spending efforts to organize the service project that serve people from all sectors, yet this efforts doesn’t cover all geographical areas. Therefore, Clubs in each area are expected to serve their community with fully further capacity. Actions of D3340 amidst this crisis has proved that the district hasn’t only improved the well-being of people, but has also improve and change our life.

**Rotary Club of Roiet** together with Thirarat Communication Co., Ltd. donated 300 bottles of Alcohol Gel size 250 ml. for use in cleaning hands, to organizations and communities at a value of 50,700 baht.



**Rotary Club of Channimit, Rotary Club of E club 3340, Rotary Club of Khao Soi Dao** jointly organized activity to donate dry foods and consumer goods to the field hospital of Ban Khao Kao, T. Patong, Khao Soi Dao District, Chantaburi Province to help patients of COVID-19.



**Rotary Club of Kaenkoon** donated consumer goods to Small Children Development Center, T. Kokesung, Ubolrat District, Khon Kaen Province. This is to help students who tested positive from COVID-19 and are getting treatment at the Center. They also offered motivation to the officers who are doing the work.



**Rotary Club of Amnatcharoen** offered Polio vaccination to children at None Nam Thaeng Health Center, Amnatcharoen Hospital to build awareness and promote Polio eradication according to the policy of Rotary International.



**Rotary Club of Thanthaosuranaree** provided flood relief by donating relief bags, food and drinking water under the project “Donating relief bags, rice-dry-foods-drinking water with herbal medicine to fight Covid-19” to T. Krabuanyai, Pimai District, Nakhon Ratchasima Province.



**Rotary Club of Magkang** provided lunch boxes and promoted polio eradication on World End Polio Day to show generosity to humanity. They provided 500 lunch boxes, 500 bottles of drinking water, banana cake, milk and fruit juices total of 500 sets costing 40,000 baht to be distributed among the people and medical personnel, in Udon Thani.



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Editorial of District 3350, RI



PP. Trong Sangswangwatana  
Rotary Club of Bangkok Suwanabhum

Dear Rotarians,

The year 2021 is coming to an end. This means we are fast approaching mid-year mark for Rotary year 2021-2022. Have you accomplished all your club goals? In this issue I wish to offer news of new Rotary clubs in our District. My information came from the Chair of New Club Development Subcommittee - they have not reached their target due to Covid but they will proceed faster in the 2nd half of the year.

Rotary Club of Patumwan is an example of an old club which has much experience in writing Global Grants. This club has many sister clubs both local and foreign to provide funds. Editor has requested its Immediate Past President to tell us about some of these projects. This can attract smaller clubs or clubs that has never done Global Grants to start paying attention and learn about it. The small clubs can find out more information from clubs that have these projects successfully, or from District officers, or to me, we are ready to help.

International Conferences are interesting. PP Patsri Suwimol has joined such functions almost every year and Assistant Governor Phanida Naviroj is chair of RI Convention Promotion Committee. After reading their articles, many may feel impelled to join the RI Convention at Houston in June 2022.

For photos of activities I bring pictures of World Polio Day by various clubs.

We meet again in the New Year.

Goodbye from the old year

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## Introducing new clubs:



PP Dr. Pichai Buranasombat,  
Rotary Club of Dhonburi  
Chair, New Club Development Subcommittee

“Serves to change lives” is the new RI target to change with globalization. The form of modern club is now more changeable and not strict about issues.

There are now 8 types of clubs:

1. Traditional Rotary Club where members are leaders in the community wishes the club to reach target in offering service, firming relationship and improving themselves.
  2. Satellite clubs are set up by the original club through meetings, their own by-laws and their own administration committee.
  3. E clubs holds meetings online in general.
  4. Passport club is where club members can join meetings of other club by setting minimum limit on how meetings they must have with their own club in each year.
  5. Corporate club where all or a majority works for the same business organization.
  6. Cause-Based Club where members emphasize one cause of Rotary and proceed to serve that cause.
  7. Alumni-Based Club where all or a majority are alumni of or have a role in one program of Rotary or Rotary Foundation.
  8. Rotaract Club with members age 18 and up, today no need to have sponsorship of Rotary, but Rotaract can sponsor their own.
- Thus forming a new club is more elastic, no need for a special agent of District Governor as before. All they need is advisor to new club. There is no requirement for club meeting for at least 10 times before sending the list of names to RI.

This year D 3350 has set target of establishing 10 new clubs. The Covid situation has delayed activities. Many clubs are still collecting names of charter members. They need a minimum of 20 (with the exception of Satellite club that require only 8 names) names to be sent to RI and wait for Charter document.

Take the example RC Wangsaranrom – Tha Pra led by Charter President Prasarn Chirachaisakul, RC Lopburi Wichayent, Rotary Club in the BBC model grouped from alumni of Bangkok Business College, Satellite Club by RC Siammin, Rotary Club in Chachoengsao, Rotary Club in Nakhon Nayok, Rotary Club in Vietnam, and Rotary clubs in Cambodia etc.



# Convention 2022



PP Patsri Suwimol,  
Rotary Club of Sathorn



AG Phanida Naviroj,  
Rotary Club of Dhonburi

Rotary International Convention is organized every year but the host country and the location changes each year. Joining the Convention we will be struck by the grandeur of the Opening and Closing ceremony which differs according to each Host country.

At the Convention Hall we will hear famous keynote speakers who offers knowledge and inspiration. Bill Gates gave a heart warming speech on Polio Eradication at the Atlanta Convention in 2017.

In the breakout rooms we learn about the business of Rotary such as Administering the club, Vocational Service, International Service, Youth Service, the Rotary Foundation and about membership.

And there is so much to choose from in Promoting Rotary. In the House of Friendship we learn about fellowship from other fellow Rotarians worldwide, we have the opportunity to buy products with Rotary emblem produced in member countries. We can visit booths promoting various projects. We may even get sister clubs to do joint projects together.

After this we can watch the performance of many Rotarians from different lands. We can also participate in the performance if we send the information in advance. Thai performers have performed at the House of Friendship before. Before the RI Convention are the Pre Convention activities for people who are interested in updating about Youth Exchange, Rotaract, and Interact. Our knowledge of the world will be wider and we get friendship and fellowship. We can add enjoyment of touring the area either before or after the RI Convention to the trip.

As a Rotarian I ask you to visit the RI Convention at least once in your life. Many Rotarians have done that and they felt attracted and they went again and again until it became an annual affair.



Rotary International Convention for the year 2022 is being held at George R Brown Convention Center, Houston, Texas, USA. This is the 113th RI Convention and is being held from 4-8 June 2022.

Once we have decided to attend the RI Convention, we need to get acquainted with it. The first thing we need to do is register. This is easily done by going to [ri.registration@rotary.org](http://ri.registration@rotary.org). First check the various registration fees offered. The registration fee for Members and Guests aged 31 years up is 575\$ from 16 December 2021.

The first thing to do when deciding to attend the RI Convention and to seek the experiences is to do the registration. Very easy, simply visit the website: [ri.registration@rotary.org](http://ri.registration@rotary.org)

### Registration Fee

- Up to 15 Dec 2021: member and guest 31 and over = \$475 / 19-30 = \$125 / 5-18 = \$20
- 16 Dec 2021 – 31 Mar 2022: member and guest 31 and over = \$575 / 19-30 = \$175 / 5-18 = \$30
- Guest under 5: Free
- House of Friendship only = \$60

Opening sessions have activities both in the morning and afternoon. I recommend the morning activities because there is the flag parade, I would like you to be there for the Thai flag where we can clap loudly together. The activities include many interesting entertainment features. RI President Shekhar Mehta and his family will be introduced. Closing Sessions is for the next Host City/Country, Melbourne Australia. The next RI President Jennifer E. Jones will be shown here, she is Rotary's first female president.

In the House of Friendship, aside from looking at interesting items displayed there you can exchange cards with members of other club who have opened booths for future friendship.

The reason I wanted you to visit Houston is that you have the opportunity to visit other interesting places like the Space Center, Rugby, Star Flight Museum, and shopping at the Outlet Mall. Flying there is very convenient, e.g. Emirates fly through Dubai directly to Houston, ANA flies through Japan directly to Houston. It is important to book your flight well in advance as seats are limited. The reason is that Rotarians from all over the world are coming at the same time to Texas which is a lively and fun place to visit full of music and activities. Decide soon, and we will meet at the RI Convention in Houston.

**REGISTER TODAY**  
AT [CONVENTION.ROTARY.ORG](http://CONVENTION.ROTARY.ORG)

Houston, Texas, USA  
4-8 June 2022



# Keep Global Grants in Mind



IPP Patchanee Kijkarnjanamongkol  
Rotary Club of Patumwan

The past year was a challenging year for Rotary Club of Patumwan. With the crisis caused by COVID-19, club members are largely senior, which left only the team led by PP Nathee Angsuwannameth and a few other past presidents who are active. Increasing members became difficult. We are fortunate that our club members have other capabilities, even if they are not active, they easily helped us find sister clubs both in foreign countries and domestic. They were also very supportive in every way.

It is well known that our club has expertise in writing global grants. Every year we deliver medical equipment to hospitals. PDG Chaiwai who can coordinate in all directions, while PP Boonden, and PP Napaskamon have expertise writing Global Grants. Another person who must be mentioned is PP Prasart Kiatpaibulkit who, in the year I served as club president, brought a new style of Global Grant project to the club for 2 projects. I am pleased to show these projects – Koke Nhung Na project in Phrae province, and Teaching English language at Wat Duang Khae school.

Koke Nhung Na project in Phrae province is new way of practicing agriculture according to King Rama 9th's teachings under Sufficiency Economy. Farmers can choose to live and work on his own land without having to go to the city which is quite far from his family. This method is sustainable and can be practiced by his children and grandchildren. We selected 13 farming families from Phrae who willingly used their own land to be developed along the guidelines set by Pra Acharn Sangkhom Thanapunyo through Agrinature Surin Center, with training from Under Water Bank expert from the US, And Phra Kru Sophon Panyathorn of Wat Chettawan in charge of the project. This Global Grant project is valued at 57,650 US. Funding came from RC Patumwan, RC Bangkok Pattanakarn in District 3350, RC Wiangkosai of District 3340, and sister club in Korea Rotary Club of Samcheonpo-Waryong District 3590, RC Sacheon-Gukhwa. Active members of RC Patumwan on this project are PP Prasart and PP Pornchai.

I am proud to be able to run this project, beginning from empty land, digging, raising crops, fish, land animals, underground wells, and training by Zoom conducted by Phra Acharn Sangkhom for the 13 families. This is new style of training. We got friendship in all directions. The project is now 80% complete. Only the underground water well remains. This is under construction and is expected to be completed soon. Some of the vegetable planted are ready for plucking. There is a lot to be proud of.

Another project is Teaching English to Class 4 to 5 level students. About 60 students by 2 teachers at Wat Duang Khae school in Patumwan District. We realize the importance of teaching English where the youth can apply to develop their opportunities and the country. The 2 teachers are trained and can use this to teach other students. We hired ECC who has the expertise to teach using native speakers. Our own Rotary Community Corps provided snacks for the children which is also a way to provide earning opportunity for our community. Lessons are given 3 times a week for one and half hours each, altogether 150 hours. We have taught them for one term already. But have to stop because of Covid. We will continue when the school resume normal studies. This project cost 37,499 US, and is supported by Rotary Club of Patumwan D 3350 as the host club and Rotary Club of Chinchu Sanghuck from Korea D 3590, Suntec City Singapore D 3310 and several clubs from D 3502.

We also received cooperation from teachers and students of Wat Duang Khae school. This project will take more than one year to be the pilot project for later classes to come after this.

Rotary Club of Patumwan have done projects in all the 7 areas of focus. We expect to continue to do good projects to serve humanity under Rotary's Service Above Self with sincerity and good intention.



Rotary  
District 3350



**WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER**



D.3360

Editorial of District 3360, RI



PP. Dr. Natthanin Sestawanich  
Rotary Club of Phrae

Dear Rotarians,

This issue is the end of the year 2021, but the activities in District 3360 continues very well. In October, there was a remarkable day for Rotary International, the World Polio Day, on October 24. This year, many clubs have registered for events through endpolio.org. It expresses the awareness of all Rotarians to the prevention of polio which we have been supporting for a long time. This year, DG Jirayut Hiranyawat has made an End Polio polo shirt for sale to all Rotarians. The proceeds from sales after expenses will be donated to the Foundation in the Polio Plus Fund.

I would like to present a special scoop on the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai's environmental project. This project was made possible by previous fundraising projects. And it was a project that clearly expresses the people of action. In addition, the introduction of the newest Rotary clubs in District 3360, namely the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Nawarat and the Rotary Club of Phayo Peafowl, culminated with pictures of the activities of the various clubs in District 3360.

Finally, I wish everyone stay safe from COVID-19

# Activities

The Fang Rotary Club, led by P Kantana Sathatiyangkun organized activities to donate wheelchairs and blood pressure monitors to Fang Hospital and donated wheelchairs to Mae Ai Hospital including 2 patients in Mon Pin Village, Fang District. Books and dictionaries were also donated to Ban Wiang Wai School and Ban Hua Na this time.



The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Nawarat, led by Chalida Ekachaipatanakul organized an event to set lunch for doctors and medical staff of Doi Saket Hospital at Doi Saket Temple Vaccination Center.



Phayao Rotary Club organized training on citronella distillation for the volunteers and villagers of the Kasetsuk community. The purpose was to develop mosquito repellent products at Kasetsuk Village, Mae Ka Subdistrict, Phayao Province



The Rotary Club of Phayao Peafowl, led by CP Pattaya Bunnag and members from the Rotary Club of Chiang Rai, Phayao Provincial Forest Conservation Officers explored the area where the bamboo tunnel was built to see the world's last green-necked peacock. The regular meeting was held offsite at Jun District, Phayao Province on this occasion.



The Rotary Club of Lanna Chiang Mai, led by P Anna Worawongwasu and fellow members from Rotary Clubs in Chiang Mai participated in service activities against polio. The group provided food - daily necessities for poor orphans under the patronage of Don Chan Temple, Muang District, Chiang Mai Province



Rotary Club of Nakhonping Chiang Mai organized service projects with Rotary Club of Chaiprakarn in donating medical equipment (Oxygen concentrator) at the Office of Public Health, Chai Prakan District (Huai Phai Hospital). 1 of the device was distributed to Rong Than Hospital, and the other one was distributed to Ban Mai Nong Bua Hospital along with bottled water.



## D.3360 Global Grant



**P Wasin Lertkiatdamrong**  
Rotary Club of Chiang Mai, interviewee  
*PP Dr.Natthanin Setavanich,*  
*Rotary Club of Phrae editor*



# Global Grants

Due to the situation of the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus, it is believed that the service activities of individual clubs may be reduced due to the need to use social distancing and protect yourself from communicable disease in the community. Of course, there are global grants or District Grants that have been ongoing for a long time. But if you look at the projects that earn money for service activities during this situation. RC Chiang Mai is another club that is quite outstanding in organizing activities in such situations. The proceeds from that activity have been used to build on service projects related to the 7 Areas of Focus. One new issue is the environment. Rotary Club of Chiang Mai, led by P Wasin Lertkiat. Damrong, PP Yada Thamprasert, Chairperson of the Service Committee and more than 20 Rotarian members participated in volunteer service activities including building bridges and improving nature trails. The club donated water storage tanks, water pumps and solar cells at Khun Khan National Park, Samoeng District, Chiang Mai Province on Thursday, October 21, 2021, Ms. Wimonmas Nui Phakdi, Head of Khun Khan National Park. and the staff of Khun Khan National Park welcomed the club and received donation of giving things. Most activities strictly complied with preventive measures against the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Khun Khan National Park, Samoeng District, Chiang Mai Province, under the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation is an agency that takes care of natural resources and the environment in conservation of forest areas. There is still a shortage of basic necessities to support staff operations and facilitate tourists. The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai recognized the importance of natural resource protection and social service in the field of ecotourism. Therefore, the club joined to support the donation of 8 solar cell lamp sets. The lamp sets costed for 5,367 baht and equipment to build a new bridge was donated to replace the damaged one. This was for the walking path across the bridge. Safely. The donation comprised of the construction of 14 interpretive sign bases and supporting lunch for staff and volunteers who came to help at the work site. The equipment was 27,755 baht, totaling 33,122 baht. The club hoped to provide convenience for staff and tourists in the area of Khun Khan National Park for recreation. and learn the value of natural resources and the environment safely.

P Wasin mentioned about the service activities at Khun Khan National Park this time that the budget for donating in this activity is partly from fund raising activities of RC Chiangmai Virtual Walk Run Bike Year 2, which has received a lot of acceptance and applications to join the activity. The activity has ended on October 30, 2021.

This service activity was fun, impressive and full of happiness. and laughter. The club received a warm welcome and impressed by the park staff. In addition to the fact that we had come together to donate the aforementioned items, many members also took the opportunity to travel to different places. They could go hiking, see nature, waded through the water, and do activities together. They helped taking care each other. There was a surprise birthday cake in advance for PP Chutima Kerddecho in the midst of beautiful nature, making full happiness and impression. In addition, the Head of Khun Khan National Park also invited members of the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Visit Tham Luang Mae Sap, Samoeng District, Chiang Mai Province on the way back. This cave is located in Ban Mae Sap, Samoeng Tai Subdistrict, Samoeng District, Chiang Mai Province. Currently, the place is under the supervision of Khun Khan National Park. The cave is located just 100 meters from Samoeng-Kalayani Vadhana Road and only 5 km from Samoeng Municipality, which is a beautiful tourist destination. Inside the cave, many bats were found upside down. As for the walls and ceilings of the cave, some points look like a rainbow curtain, making it the most beautiful and unseen place. In addition, black stalactites are also found, which is a remarkable natural phenomenon. Therefore, I would like to invite all Rotarian friends. If there is a chance to travel to Samoeng District, please come and visit the beautiful nature at Khun Khan National Park. There are trekking activities to study nature trails. with staff to guide the route and visit Tham Luang Mae Sap Finally. P Wasin Lertkiatdamrong would like to thank Ms. Wimonmas Nuiphakdi, the Head of Khun Khan National Park, every Khun Khan National Park staff, military officers and volunteers who helped each other complete the task successfully. Thank you to all Rotary club members. This event would not have been possible without the cooperation of all parties. We sincerely hope that in the future we will be able to do good activities together again, give back our good wills to the society.

# New Rotary Club



**CP Chalida Ekachaipatanakul.**  
**Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Nawarat**

Rotary has been serving for a long time.  
Together we bring joy and happiness  
Chiang Mai Nawarat Desire  
Inheriting Rotary's aspirations  
For the community, happy, smiling, rejoicing  
We sincerely do it with joy.  
Long-lasting friendship  
Come together, the Nawarat family joins together.  
Build friendships forever  
From the heart of a real person, based on honesty  
Bring goodwill to each other Happy Everyday Rotary

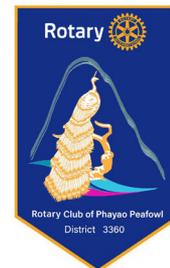
“Nawarat Ruamjai”, a song that brings our feelings of faith and belief in the Rotary Organization. Our club sings this song on a regular basis to constantly review our intentions starting from building friendships within the club. When we are happy inside, we are ready to spread happiness to the community. Every message in the song conveys why we are together. “Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Nawarat.”

Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Nawarat founded by businessmen and those who have knowledge in a variety of professions who have potential and are ready to follow the service guidelines that Rotarians have practiced for more than 100 years, starting with 6 members meeting and visiting and discussed ways to manage Rotary organizations. This values friendship in the club and makes foundation for a new member's understanding of Rotary. For a long-term service project and short-term activities that are in line with the current situation that benefit the community, we encourage members to participate universally in all dimensions with no discriminate. The starting point of our club was on September 16, 2021. We are united to establish. Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Nawarat. It is the name of the club by adopting the image of “Kua Lek”(Metal Bridge) as the symbol of the club. The name of this bridge was established in honor of Chao Kaew Nawarat who was Chao Luang Nakhon Chiang Mai. It is a route connecting the two banks of the Ping River, representing the stability for more than 130 years that has benefited to the people of Chiang Mai. We use fuchsia colors which is the color of the province of Payap as the club color.

On September 23, 2021, Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Nawarat submitted an application for Rotary International membership with the number of 23 founding members, namely CP Chalida Ekachaipatanakul as the Charter President, President Elect Sudrutai Vejchakul as the Club's Secretary; to be the coordinator for the establishment of the Chiang Mai Nawarat Rotary Club. The received a certificate of Charter on October 15, 2021. The club number was 223253 of Rotary International, and it is the 72nd club of District 3360.

The goals of the club in its founding year are:

1. Donate to The Rotary Foundation 100% of members, divided into 10 PHF members and all EREY members.
  2. Set goals for the service of SAVE LIVES and FIGHT HUNGER to help alleviate the burden of problems from the widespread COVID-19 situation in the community.
  3. Set up a long-term fundraising project by setting up a donation center and selling second-hand clothes. A portion of the proceeds go to Doi Saket Hospital. Another part is fund for community service activities.
- When joining together to establish the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Nawarat, it proceeded smoothly and beautifully. All members of the Chiang Mai Nawarat Rotary Club are ready to serve as Rotarians with a united heart for “Service above self” and the ideology of Rotary.



**CP Pattaya Bunnag**  
**Rotary Club of Phayao Peafowl**

“Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerns? Will it build goodwill and better friendship?”

Peafowl are an animal that is an indicator of the integrity of the environment. Natural peafowl live in the forest intact. From the international research, it was found that Phayao Province has a large flock of peafowl living, and is the last stronghold of the world.

Founding members realized the importance of peafowl in Phayao forest. They indicate that the environment of Phayao Province is still intact. Therefore, there is a common idea to take care of the environment of Phayao. “Peafowl” are used as an indicator of environmental integrity. It will also lead to a better community economy. The Rotary Club of Phayao Peafowl has a mission to help people, forests, and birds to coexist, under the perfect environment

The Rotary Club of Phayao Peafowl has received support from all sectors, both the government and Rotary District 3360 and the Rotary Center of Thailand. Supports and advices were given in the direction of environmental service and cover aspects in the 7 Areas of Focus.

The Rotary Club of Phayao Peafowl is the 71st which is the newest Rotary Club of District 3360. The is ready and very pleased to work with the Service Above Self ideology with every club. We sincerely hope that opportunities for the new Rotary club to do activities together for our society, country and the world.



PDG Nakarin Ratanakitsunthorn  
the Chair of the Translation  
Subcommittee of the Rotary  
Centre in Thailand

## News from the Chair of the Translation Subcommittee of the Rotary Centre in Thailand

Greetings Rotarians! Before anything else, I want to thank all the Rotarians who visited the website of the Rotary Centre in Thailand (website: [www.Rotarythailand.org](http://www.Rotarythailand.org)) and most importantly, those of you who took advantage of the translated documents that we had carefully done to accommodate you and to increase understanding of the essentials of Rotary.

I would like to inform you that translating Rotary documents takes time and personnel who have the knowledge and the capability in both English and experience in Rotary that will then get good results to send on to you to make good use of.

I'm going to introduce the two translation teams right now: the document translation subcommittee and the advisory group.

### *Sub-Committee:*

1. PDG Nakarin Ratanakitsunthorn (Chair)
2. PDG Charn Chanlongsawaitkul
3. PDG Wichai Maneewacharakiet
4. PDG Somphop Thirasan
5. PP Phanu Yoshmetha

### *Advisors:*

1. PRID Dr.Saowalak Rattanavich
2. PDG Krit Indhewat
3. PDG Alex Mavro

The sub-committee considers important Rotary vocabulary together with the advisors.

### *Sub-Committee:*

1. PDG Nakarin Ratanakitsunthorn (Chair)
2. PDG Somphop Thirasan (District 3330)
3. Dr Sumana Tangkanasingh (District 3330)
4. PDG Charn Chanlongsawaitkul (District 3340)
5. PDG Siri Eiamchamroonlarp (District 3340)
6. PP Srifa Siriudomseth (District 3350)
7. PP Phanu Yoshmetha (District 3350)
8. PDG Dr.anusorn Kunanusorn (District 3360)
9. PP Apisak Jompong (District 3360)

### *Advisors:*

PRID Dr.Saowalak Rattanavich

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the translation subcommittee and its advisors and Khun Danucha Bhumithaworn, (the manager of the Rotary Centre in Thailand) who sacrifice valuable time in helping to share their knowledge and experience in the translation of Rotary documents for us to understand Rotary better.

It is more than one year and five months since 1 July 2020 when we were assigned to translate Rotary documents. We have succeeded in the following translations for Rotarians in Thailand.



# คำแนะนำเอกลักษณ์ ของเสียงและภาพ (Voice and Visual Identity Guidelines 2019-20)



1. MOU - Cooperation Organization (web)
2. Leadership in Action (web)
3. Rotary Community Corps organization Form (web)
4. Identity at a Glance (web)
5. Voice and Visual Identity Guidelines (web)
6. Presidential Theme & Rotary Citation (print & web)
7. District Committee Basics (print & web)
8. Assistant Governor Basics (print & web)
9. Leading Change (web)
10. Committing to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (web)
11. Preventing and Addressing Harassment (web)
12. How to Update Rotaract Club Information (web)
13. How to Update Interact Club Information (web)
14. Rotary Citation Goal Instructions (web)
15. Starting a Club - Learning Center (web)
16. Guide to Satellite Club (web)
17. Nurturing New Clubs - Learning Center (web)
18. Rotary Vocabulary (web)
19. Youth Exchange Handbook (web)
20. Rotaract Handbook (web)
21. Starting a Rotary Club (web)
22. A Guide to Global Grant (web)
23. Grant Management Overview - Learning Center (web)
24. Interact Club Constitution & Bylaws (web)
25. Areas of Focus Policy Statement (web)

In addition, we are still working on the courses in the Grant Management Seminar.

All of you must know very well that Rotary International produces lots of informational media about Rotary and mainly relays them on line. The translation subcommittee and I realize that we still have a lot of work that we will need to do but according to the time and the potential that we have right now. We probably are still not able to respond to everyone's needs on every subject; therefore, we have to prioritize the documents that we need to translate for Rotarians, as in the translations mentioned above.

At the same time, we see the importance of translating the narration in the various videos in the Learning Center, so I will ask permission from the Rotary International officials who supervise instructional media to translate and add subtitles in Thai to the videos. I assigned this issue to Khun Danucha Bhumithaworn to coordinate, and it is still underway.

Lastly, I and the subcommittee invite every Rotarian to visit the website of the Rotary Center in Thailand (website: [www.rotarythailand.org](http://www.rotarythailand.org)) to view the results of our work in order to encourage us to create quality translations for all of us who are Rotarians in Thailand. Thank you.

A Message from the Chair of  
the Rotary Centre in Thailand

PDG.Vivat Sirijangkapattana



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I believe that you will feel relief with the relaxation of COVID-19 pandemic in Thailand and the country re-opening policy has been adopted. Despite the ease of situation, we are still expected to be careful in any social gathering activities as well as the service activities with communities. The concerned healthcare measures are expected to be strictly complied for the safety of all. However, the Rotary Center in Thailand still operates with 2-3 daily stationed officers.

As the result of 4 months dedication and hard working, the Rotary vocabulary translation committee led by PDG Nakarin Ratanakitsunthorn has completely translated, improved, and updated the vocabularies which has been publicized to Thai Rotarians via the LINE channel as well as the website of Rotary Center in Thailand. The committee's dedication is highly appreciated.

My fellow Rotarians, for the 2022 Rotary International Conference (which will be held during June 4th- 8th at Houston, Texas, USA.), the early bird registration with the fee of 475 USD (whereas the on-site registration is 675 USD) is now open until December 15th, 2021. The mentioned fee will be 100 USD increased after this. It is expected that this face-to-face event will allow the Rotarians across the globe to meet up with others in the friendship atmosphere. However, in case of the cancellation of this event, the registration fee will be fully refunded.

Yours in Rotary,

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

## Number's Rotary Data source: www.rotary.org As 1 December 2021 (1 July 2021)

District	3330		3340		3350		3360		Total	
	Rotary	Rotaract	Rotary	Rotaract	Rotary	Rotaract	Rotary	Rotaract	Rotary	Rotaract
Members	<b>2,360</b> (2,348)	<b>358</b> (572)	<b>1,361</b> (1,352)	<b>55</b> (48)	<b>3,160</b> (3,041)	<b>275</b> (183)	<b>1,496</b> (1,422)	<b>389</b> (377)	<b>8,377</b> (8,163)	<b>1,077</b> (1,187)
Clubs	<b>101</b> (101)	<b>28</b> (32)	<b>63</b> (63)	<b>5</b> (5)	<b>119</b> (119)	<b>27</b> (27)	<b>72</b> (70)	<b>13</b> (13)	<b>355</b> (353)	<b>73</b> (77)



Let's join hands together

# Save the Environment

Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Thin Thai Gnarm, led by President Piyaluck Leesin, conducted a survey and collected the information at Phrao District for Global Grant Project on the reduction of PM 2.5 caused by the open burning.

This project aims on the enhancement of local

farmers for the usage of Longan branches and corn cob for the production of Bio Char. In addition to the reduction of air pollution, the sale of Boi Char Charcoal and the by-product fertilizer with qualification of chemical absorbance is expected to generate the community's income.



# ROTARY RESPONDS TO COVID-19

Visit Rotary's COVID-19 resource center to help your club take action in support of COVID-19 vaccination and prevention

[rotary.org/covid19](https://rotary.org/covid19)

