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President's message

Mark Daniel Maloney, November 2019



*Rotary President Mark Daniel Maloney
outside the United Nations headquarters
in New York City.*

Dear fellow Rotarians and members of the family of Rotary,

Rotary Day at the United Nations, which we celebrate each November, is an important reminder of the historic relationship between our organizations. But this year's event is even more important than usual, because we are building up to the 75th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter in June 2020.

You might ask, why celebrate this anniversary? For Rotary, it is entirely appropriate, because we played such a critical leadership role in the San Francisco Conference that formed the United Nations in 1945. Throughout World War II, Rotary published materials about the importance of forming such an organization to preserve world peace.

Not only did Rotary help influence the formation of the UN, but this magazine also played a leading part in communicating its ideals. Rotary educated members about plans to create the UN through numerous articles in *The Rotarian* and through a booklet titled *From Here On!* When the time came to write the UN charter, Rotary was one of 42 organizations the United States invited to serve as consultants to its delegation at the San Francisco Conference.

Each organization had seats for three representatives, so Rotary International's 11 representatives served in rotation. The people officially representing Rotary included the general secretary, the current and several past presidents, and the editor of *The Rotarian*. In addition, Rotarians from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North and South America served as members of or consultants to their own nations' delegations.

We have a deep and lasting relationship with the UN that deserves to be celebrated and appreciated. To recognize this relationship, Rotary will host five special events between now and June: Rotary Day at the UN in New York on the 9th of this month; three presidential conferences next year in Santiago, Chile, in Paris, and in Rome; and a final celebration just before the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu.

The focus on the UN in the year ahead is not only about the past; it also lights a path to our future. There are so many parallels between the work we do through our areas of focus and the work of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. While those goals are indeed incredibly ambitious, they provide inspiration and direction — and are similar to many Rotary goals, which have proven to create lasting, positive change in our world.

The goals can be achieved, but only if undertaken with the same long-term commitment and tenacity that Rotary understands so well. Alone, we cannot provide clean water for all, we cannot eliminate hunger, we cannot eradicate polio. But together with partners like the United Nations, of course we can.

Please consider attending one of our five UN celebrations. I look forward to sharing news of these special events with you throughout the year.

MARK DANIEL MALONEY
President, Rotary International

President's message

Mark Daniel Maloney, December 2019



Just as Rotary is a way of life for Rotarians, aloha is a way of life for Hawaiians.

Aloha, Rotary!

There is no experience quite like attending the Rotary International Convention. Discover the true spirit of aloha and Rotary with your family, friends, and fellow Rotarians from 6 to 10 June in Honolulu. It is the perfect setting for the entire family of Rotary to celebrate, collaborate, and connect.

There are two types of people who enjoy visits to Hawaii — those who have never been to the islands and are about to have unique and wonderful experiences, and those who have had those Hawaiian moments etched into their memories already and cannot wait to create some new ones.

The convention is the best place to find and share your aloha, which you will soon discover is much more than a greeting. Just as Rotary is a way of life for Rotarians, aloha is a way of life for Hawaiians — one that focuses on living in harmony, being patient, treating everyone with respect, and sharing joy with your family, or 'ohana.

Our host committee has arranged some fabulous events for you and your family. This includes a Hawaiian Culture and Lunch Boat Cruise, a two-hour tour that will feature spectacular views of Diamond Head, Waikiki, and the Kahala Gold Coast. On board, you can learn to play the ukulele, take part in hula dancing, and create your own Hawaiian flower lei.

You will also have the opportunity to enjoy a full range of island hospitality events, from small backyard picnics to multicourse family meals. There will be fantastic

service projects to see, including two ancient Hawaiian fishponds. And a sunrise Walk for Peace will take place at the beautiful Ala Moana Beach Park, a 3-mile stroll in the shadow of the iconic Diamond Head crater.

Inside and outside the convention halls, we are going to hold the most family-friendly convention in Rotary history, including a family-centered opening ceremony and family-focused events in the House of Friendship. The opening session will, of course, include our traditional flag ceremony.

Our 2020 convention will also be a time to celebrate Rotary's historical ties to the United Nations. As I mentioned in my November message, June 2020 will mark the 75th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations charter. On the day before the start of the convention, Rotary and the UN will host our fifth joint event of 2019-20, one focused on environmental sustainability.

In addition, we are planning the greenest convention in Rotary history — and I will share more details about this in the months ahead. But now, go to riconvention.org and click the REGISTER button right below the Honolulu Hawaii 2020 logo. Early registration discount pricing ends 15 December, so do not delay.

Rotary Connects the World in no better way than at the Rotary Convention. Bring your family to meet our family. See you in Honolulu!

MARK DANIEL MALONEY
President, Rotary International

A message from Foundation Trustee Chair

Gary C.K. Huang, November 2019



Ni hao, Rotarians!

We just had our first-ever fundraiser in Taiwan for The Rotary Foundation — and it was a great success.

The Taiwan AKS Members Association organized the event in August in Taipei. We were treated to an inspirational speech by Ravishankar Dakoju of the Rotary Club of Bangalore Orchards, India, in District 3190. He shared why he contributes his time and money — and why he's an organ donor. His generosity is legendary, and he wants to help the world in any way he can. His speech touched everyone who attended the event.

We are pleased and honored to announce that the final total for the fundraiser was \$5.5 million. We have 11 new Arch Klumph Society members contributing at the Chair's Circle level (\$500,000 to \$999,999) and 14 at the Trustees Circle level (\$250,000 to \$499,999). Thank you to our generous donors in Taiwan!

At great events like this one, I am reminded how Rotary gives us something good that we can all do together. Our service puts us in touch with so many interesting people from all over the world. When we meet, we hear about projects of all kinds, and it is always inspirational. And we never stop learning from one another.

This provides such a wonderful lesson to our children. We share with them the importance of fellowship and forming new bonds with other people. We also show them what is really important in life: making connections, improving life for those in need, and doing all we can for others. Rotary is the best education a family can have.

I am excited that Rotary President Mark Daniel Maloney has made expanding the family of Rotary a priority. We must bring our family members to Rotary events and do all we can to encourage them to be part of this wonderful organization. And through The Rotary Foundation, we can make these family connections part of our legacy. You are never too young or too old for Rotary.

So give your high-five to Rotary and find ways to bring your family into Rotary. It's the most wonderful gift you can share with the people you love.

GARY C.K. HUANG
Foundation Trustee Chair

Gary C.K. Huang, December 2019



Ni hao, Rotarians!

The year is almost over, and I know that you are thinking about giving gifts and making last-minute contributions. You are wondering how best to show your appreciation and love.

The answer is very simple — make your gifts to The Rotary Foundation. Don't take my word for it: In an independent analysis, your Rotary Foundation was ranked No. 1 among the world's best-known charities. For the 12th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities. The Foundation earned the maximum of 100 points for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency in Charity Navigator's August ratings.

In a letter to the Foundation, Charity Navigator notes that "only 1 percent of the charities we evaluate have received at least 12 consecutive four-star evaluations, indicating that The Rotary Foundation outperforms other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets the Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."

This recognition comes on top of awards won in the past several years. Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio worldwide won Best Nonprofit Act in the Hero Awards of the One Billion Acts of Peace campaign, an international global citizens movement to tackle the world's most important issues. And the Association of Fundraising Professionals — the world's largest network of professional fundraisers — named The Rotary Foundation the World's Outstanding Foundation, honoring our long-term achievements.

It's easy to say that we belong to one of the greatest philanthropic organizations in the world. But the truth is, your Rotary Foundation is the best. So close out the year by giving the greatest gift of all to the world. Gimme five and show your support for The Rotary Foundation.

Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

GARY C.K. HUANG
Foundation Trustee Chair

Editorial

PP. Vanit Yotharvit, D. 3360

Fellow Rotarians,

HOW DARE YOU!!

A speech shared throughout the social network of a 16-year-old girl speaking to leaders around the world at the UN Climate Action Summit at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. GETA THUNBERG, a Swedish girl began protested in August 2018 by sitting alone outside the Swedish parliament with a sign that said "School strike for the climate"

That message created an impact on young people around the world (Gen-Z) when more than 4 million people in 150 countries went to the streets to join the "Global Climate Strike" protests, requested the politicians (Gen-B, Gen-X) dealing with weather disasters.

"If you can rape a grandmother who is 80 or 90 years old ..."
Some of the emotional interviews against the abuse of humans of Dr. Denis Mukwege, a Congo doctor that has used the medical profession to treat and heal women who have been raped.

This doctor is determined to encourage people around the world to be aware of this cruelty and barbaric as well as to protect and demand justice for victims. His efforts almost cost him his life by being assassinated by the authorities who losing their benefits. But he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize of the year 2018 (page 10-13, Denis Mukwege interview).

"THIS CLOSE ..."

Rotary's Polio Eradication Campaign in 2011 featuring celebrities as presenters including Bill Gates, the founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the foundation that bringing 1 billion US dollars donations to fight Polio in that year.

Rotary is a brave organization that declares to eradicate Polio from the entire world by starting with the vaccination of the 6 million children in the Philippines in 1979.

Polio Plus Project began in 1985, and for more than 35 years, Rotarians and their allies have worked together to eradicate this deadly disease and will continue to fight until we can finally eliminate it. (Page 14-16, Polio Plus Project)

"No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference"

I would like to conclude with a great phrase of the girl, Greta to encouraging everyone to keep service for others regarding our ideal "Service Above Self".

Yours in Rotary
PP.Vanit Yotharvit

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Experience of the new generation in Youth Exchange students Program of Rotary.

There are various programs of youth in Rotary, including Rotaract, Interact and Youth Exchange, which given different opportunities for the participants. This article will focus on the Youth Exchange Students Program, commonly known as YE students, how does this project make a change to the youth? As much as I have been involved with this group of young people for over 5 years, from my point of view I can conclude that “To be an exchange student is to experience new things, explore a new world and has a chance to live in a foreign country without the eyes of the parents. However, the journey of being an exchange student is not so easy and not so smooth but must start from the understanding between the parents, the exchange student, and the Youth Exchange Project Committees. These three factors also have to get through the problems and obstacles together.

Becoming an exchange student requires a lot of courage. Since they will not know what the house and host family would be like? Would it be a beautiful city as they have seen in the movie? Or some of the students might imagine that they would have such a wonderful life in that city. Sometimes there are some disappointments at first arrive, but the city that they dislike from the beginning gives a good experience, which is more than a pleasure as well as having the endless memories. Another example of youngsters who had confirmed that they going to live in New York, but they found out later that it is the New York State not New York City. That means it is a very rural town with only 3,000 population instead of a big city. So, there were some complaints that the city is too quiet and feeling a bit lonely. However, the Rotary Exchange Students have to keep going and never give up. Therefore, the important thing that YE students have to think about before deciding to join the project is “Changing from the fear to the curiosity and change the curiosity to be the challenge to face anything that could happen. And they will become a better young generation because the exchange program will make them more patient and learn to deal with unexpected situations”. In our District 3360, there were more than 500 youth exchange students in and out from 2001 to the present. And when they had returned from the exchange program, we provided a questionnaire made by RI. It can be concluded to the 6 Areas of Focus of being a youth exchange student as follow.

1. Going out to experience the world, and traveling at the same time. This is a bonus that comes with the youth exchange student program. Because aside from studying travel matters are on the focus either.

2. Developing language skills, while living in the midst of other languages students will improve their communication skills

better than studying in Thailand. Youth Exchange students will have the opportunity to experience countries that use various languages, such as English in the United States. Spanish in Latin America and may also earn the local language such as German, French or even Chinese which could improve to be their language skill in the future.

3. Opportunities to learn new cultures, from the education system and social-cultural that is quite different from Thailand. There is also something that YE students will have a chance to learn more than in the classroom such as food, way of life of local people around them. They may have to practice to adapt themselves to a different culture. These could also improve the vision of life for the Youth Exchange students.

4. Meet new friends, aside from going to a new school every day the youth exchange students also have the opportunity to do various activities which held in the Rotary club as well as meet with international friends or new Thai friends who go to exchange programs together. That means they could have a chance to make a lot of new friends and develop human relations skills.

5. Find and try things by themselves, another benefit of the exchange students who are away from home is that they have to do things by themselves. They will not have their mother keep reminding them to go to bed on time and no close friends to walk to school together, but they have to learn to live by themselves such as manage their time and finances as well as solving problems by themselves. This could help them turn to be a better person. Then the parents will see the difference after they come back.

6. Make an outstanding profile, the student who has experience in the youth exchange program is normally has more special profile than other ordinary students. This will help YE students' profile more remarkable when they apply for their further education in universities.

Before the ending of this article, I would like to give some advice for the students who interested to participate in the program. Do not decide to join because of thinking that being YE student is something chic and cool or just feeling jealous of friends that have a chance to studying abroad. Please consider that living and study in high school abroad for 1 year would not be the same as traveling for a few days. And nobody might ever realize that to be an exchange student must be patient and ready to face everything that could be different from what you expected such as city, school, people, environment or even host family. Keep reminding yourself that you won't have a chance to choose, sometimes it is something about luck.

Article

PP. Dr. Busabong Jamroendararasame,
Rotary Club of Phayao



Rotary connects the world. Three important words

Good health is not for sale you must create it by yourself, a phrase that clearly states that something can't be bought and must be done by oneself. Over the past several years, the behavior of almost all people in the world has changed clearly. Especially running has developed a lot. People outside of the running track can be seen and felt about the change, people in running society must know a lot better about what is happening, how did it start? and what is going to be in the future? Even the shoppers may have noticed that more sportswear is on sale. There are both cheaper and more expensive available to be purchased and have evolved in many ways such as beautiful design, fast-drying, more comfortable to wear, etc. There also are more places for running. More people are invited to exercise. People who do not have time or do not like to go out might buy treadmills that offer to buy more in the house. Even if sometimes it had been used for laundry in some houses. However, to use it for running occasionally still worth, because at least it makes the owner still remembers that he bought a treadmill for running. When someone asks, and another one response by running a little for friendship is not bad.

There is a News in Rotary, an organization of people who believes that friendship leads to services and activities, that inform about the Project of Rotary District 3350 "Runs to Eliminate Polio". District 3360 also join, running for fight polio and running for friendship as well. On 22nd of September 2019, the Rotary Club of Mae Sai, the northernmost city in Thailand also held the running project "Run to fight the bites". This event was held for the second time and had more than 2,000 runners joined, they were all full of sweat and full of fun. There were many members from various Rotary Clubs in District 3360 registered for this event, while some members drove for a long distance. But they all had a good time with good exercise and fun. Aside from getting good physical health and mental health they also increased knowledge about dengue. At least they got to know that Dengue is not an epidemic, but the mosquito

bites patients and then spread the virus to the next bites. Causing people to become ill with dengue fever and can cause death.

Many clubs in District 3360 have been involved in dengue fever prevention activities for many years. Both supported government agencies and those of other organizations that had various activities aimed at getting rid of mosquitoes. There were many activities such as providing basic knowledge of dengue fever, the essential oil extracted from citronella was a signature project that has been granted a Global Grant and still functional as well as the running project to make people aware of this matter, etc.

It has recently been a freshman festival in many educational institutions. Chiang Mai University has activities to take the freshmen up the hill. By taking a freshman to walk from the university with a distance of 14 km to pay respect to the monks on Doi Suthep. It is a continuous activity for the 60th year. This event is reported in news, both online and offline channels. Walking up the hill is exhausted so the seniors have to create activeness among the freshmen by encourage them to boom. Sometimes they all have to run together especially on the uphill curve while embracing the neck of each other. This action can create an experience to them that doing activities must be tired, must be patient, must have obstacles then they learn to fight and embrace one another, etc.

The result of running uphill is friendship, both in person and in a group. Friendship from doing activities that has clear targets together bringing determination that leads to the pride of success. When these activities are publicized by any media, it creates the public image of that group of people or organization.

This year Rotary focuses on parallel work: friendship, service, and public image. For Rotary club members, these three important words are the best way to describe clearly what Rotary is.

2018 Nobel Peace Prize



DENIS MUKWEGE
2018 Nobel Peace Prize

DENIS MUKWEGE

As a doctor, this Congolese physician cares for women brutalized by sexual violence; as their champion, he cries out for justice. His efforts nearly cost him his life – and earned him a Nobel Peace Prize

DENIS MUKWEGE HAS TALKED ABOUT the horror of rape hundreds of times. He has testified in front of the United Nations, the European Parliament, and the U.S. Senate. He has given countless interviews to journalists and filmmakers, spoken at events for doctors, politicians, and laypeople, and trained other doctors to perform the lifesaving gynecological surgeries he's famous for.

Despite all that, the Nobel laureate sometimes finds himself struggling to describe the terrible things he has witnessed. Last May, Mukwege, 64, sat down with *The Rotarian* to discuss his decades working in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and at one point words failed him. "If you can rape a grandmother who is 80 or 90 years old ..." he began before his voice trailed off into silence.

Mukwege's graphic accounts — and be forewarned, they are gruesome — come from the front lines of Congo's ongoing conflict, "arguably ... the world's deadliest crisis since World War II," according to a 2008 report from the International Rescue Committee. The report estimated that between 1998 (the beginning of the Second Congo War) and 2007, an estimated 5.4 million people died as the result of the violence. More than 2 million of those deaths occurred after the war technically ended in late 2002, as armed groups and militias continued to fight, perpetrating hideous and premeditated acts of sexual violence on innocent women and children.

In 1999, when he founded Panzi Hospital in the hilly outskirts of his birthplace, Bukavu — a city in eastern Congo that bumps up against the border with Rwanda — Mukwege intended to concentrate on reducing maternal mortality. That illusion didn't last long: His first patient needed multiple surgeries after being raped and shot point blank in her genitals. He soon understood this was not an anomaly: Within three months, he had treated 45 women who had been raped, their genitals shot, burned, or sliced with bayonets. "At the beginning, I could not believe that a human could do these kinds of things to another human," he says. "It was shocking to me."

In 2010, a UN special representative called Congo "the rape capital of the world," an epithet validated by another study — this one published in 2011 in the

American Journal of Public Health — which estimated that 400,000 women in Congo were raped over a 12 month period in 2006-07. Over the past two decades, Mukwege's Panzi Hospital has treated more than 50,000 victims of sexual violence.

Fueling this violence are ethnic tensions and a struggle to control the untapped riches that lie buried in the impoverished but mineral-rich eastern Congo. During the interview, Mukwege pointed the finger at one culprit in particular: coltan, a dull, black metallic ore (technically, columbite-tantalite) that's an essential component of cellphones, laptops, and other electronic gadgets.

Mukwege began delivering speeches around the world about the problems in his country. In September 2012 at the UN, he excoriated Congo and the international community for lacking the political will to "arrest those responsible for these crimes against humanity and to bring them to justice." A few weeks later, he survived an assassination attempt in Congo that left his security guard dead. Mukwege moved with his family to Belgium; he returned to Bukavu and a hero's welcome in January 2013.

In 2018, Mukwege shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Nadia Murad, a young Iraqi woman held in sex slavery by ISIS before she made a nighttime escape; the Nobel committee saluted them "for their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict." Mukwege dedicated his prize to "women of all countries bruised by conflict and facing everyday violence."

When they heard the news, "the patients and staff were singing and dancing and shouting out of joy and happiness all over the hospital," says John Peter Mulindwa, a doctor at Panzi and a member of the Rotary Club of Bukavu Mwangaza. "The prize has impacted our everyday work. Everyone as a team is motivated and encouraged." Mukwege spoke with senior staff writer Diana Schoberg after his speech at the Rotary Peace Symposium in Hamburg, Germany. Nyenemo P. Sanguma, a regional grants officer for The Rotary Foundation who was born and raised in Congo, also sat in, expecting to serve as an interpreter — until Mukwege graciously agreed to conduct the interview in English rather than French.

2018 Nobel Peace Prize

THE ROTARIAN CONVERSATION



Mukwege and Iraqi human rights activist Nadia Murad received the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon in war; well-wishers march in Oslo, Norway, after the award ceremony; Mukwege (receiving an honorary doctorate at Harvard in 2015) dedicated his Nobel to “women of all countries bruised by conflict and facing everyday violence.”

THE ROTARIAN: You’ve been working on the issue of sexual violence against women in conflict for nearly two decades. But there are still mass rapes, and there are still thousands of women and children coming into your hospital as a result. Is there any reason to think things will improve?

MUKWEGE: Twenty years ago, no one could hear from me. It was taboo to talk about sexual violence, to talk about all these terrible things happening to women. Today I spoke as a keynote speaker about this issue. This is progress.

We have to understand that the world will not change in one day. But I can see that people are starting to really talk about this issue of rape in conflict, and rape generally. Because what is happening in wartime is also what we are living in normal life. In countries like Germany or France, one woman is killed every three days by her boyfriend or her husband, by her ex-boyfriend or ex-husband. Women don’t have the freedom of their bodies, of themselves.

TR: In some parts of the world, women are beginning to speak out about harassment. Are you encouraged?

MUKWEGE: Everywhere I travel, I see women struggling to get the right to be heard. Women are starting to shift the shame from victims to perpetrators. Men will start to think twice before perpetrating rape because they know that women will not keep silent. Silence is a tool that allows rapists to continue. When women keep silent

because they may be blamed by police or their own families, it is difficult to have justice. And when a woman keeps silent, another woman will become the next victim.

TR: What needs to happen to effect change?

MUKWEGE: The relationship between men and women should not be a relationship of power and domination. It must be a human relationship, where we are equal. We need to start educating children about this earlier — from the crib. When you start to say this color is for boys and this color is for girls; when you have aggressive things for boys but all the kind things for girls, what are you teaching? We are creating a model where men have to be strong and aggressive, someone with power, to be a man. This has to change to get a world where our children will feel that they are equal so they can support each other.

My dream is to see a world where gender equality can be the general rule. Many of the bad things that are happening are only because men are making a lot of decisions themselves, and most of our decisions are made to get more power, to get more money, to be strong. But this is not the goal. The goal is how we can make decisions together.

TR: How did rape become a weapon of war?

MUKWEGE: We’ve done many studies on this. Rape is performed in war not as a sexual relationship, but as a weapon to destroy.

Some of the perpetrators' methods — raping women with sharp objects; burning or shooting a woman's genitals — have nothing to do with sex. Rape is a way to terrorize. And it's really an effective weapon because it's not only women who are traumatized, but also their husbands and their communities. When men rape 100, 200, 500 women in one night, there must be planning involved. It's systematic. It was planned to destroy a community.

I have treated women who were more than 80 years old. The first time I treated a 19-month-old baby, I just about lost my patience. How this can happen? When you see those kinds of things, you begin to question human beings. I am starting to get an answer. It's a kind of terrorism, and terrorism has no humanity. It's meant to destroy, to harm, and to make things painful for others. And when girls' genitals are destroyed, it means their capacity to have babies is also destroyed. It's a form of ethnic cleansing, which is what they did, for example, in Bosnia and Sudan.

TR: Where do you find your inspiration?

MUKWEGE: Most women who arrive at my hospital are completely destroyed, physically and mentally. Living through this terror changes their lives. I'm so surprised to see how these women can stand up and become agents of change in society. Women can be so strong. It pushes me to go on.

TR: You use the terms "victim" and "survivor." What's the distinction?

MUKWEGE: Victims are women who come to the hospital with their trauma and feel that nothing will change. But when they overcome that trauma and decide to lead a new life — one where they are not only living for themselves, but working to prevent what has happened to them from happening to others — they become survivors.

TR: Can you give me an example?

MUKWEGE: Every six months we take about 90 young women who went through terrible trauma and put them through a program called City of Joy, which teaches them skills and supports them psychologically. Most of those girls become leaders when they return to their villages. Today, one of them is an anesthesiologist. She told me, "I went through terrible pain, and I don't want to see other women experience pain." This is wonderful.

TR: Rotary builds international understanding on a personal basis. Can that be a model for others?

MUKWEGE: What I love about Rotary is how it brings cultures together. When you don't know another person, you have an impression that he is dangerous to you. This is normal. And when you are afraid, you can do bad things. Rotary's Youth Exchange is a good thing because when people can cross a culture and see what others are doing, they can change their point of view. I'm sure that if you put people from Africa and from Europe together, there are positive things in each culture that everyone can learn. They can understand each other better, and maybe together build a world better than we have today.

It's possible, but you can't do it when you are afraid about the culture of another. When you think that he is not like me, he is different from me, then you can't build anything positive.

TR: What specific things can Rotarians do?

MUKWEGE: In Rotary, you have a worldwide movement with more than a million people who believe in what they are doing. First, if

1 million members of Rotary said the war in Congo over coltan has to stop, and if they pushed on companies, pushed on international organizations, pushed on the United Nations, it would take only one year before you got a result. Companies and politicians are afraid to have people talk badly about them.

It's possible to get coltan cleanly, without resulting in the rape of women. The problem is that to get it cleanly, it means that we need to get companies who respect the environment and human beings. But this would cost a little more money. So my cellphone might cost me 10 or 20 percent more, but I would know that it is not harming anyone. It's my responsibility to say I would rather pay a little more, that I can't accept that a child be killed because I have to get a cellphone. It's a social, moral, and ethical responsibility.

Second, in 2010, the UN released a report mapping human rights violations in the Democratic Republic of Congo from 1993 to 2003. It documented that hundreds of thousands of people had been killed. But nothing happened after the report was released. If there is no justice, people feel that they are authorized to do these bad things.

So Rotary clubs need to ask, why can't we get clean coltan? Why can't all these atrocities, these crimes against humanity, be prosecuted in Congo? We need people who can demand the implementation of the recommendations [about reparations and legal and security reforms] in the UN report. Rotary clubs can do this. That would make a big difference.

TR: People asked you to run for president of Congo last year. Why did you decline?

MUKWEGE: Residents of Congo have the impression that people become leaders as a way to become rich. When people have this impression, I think, I can't run for that. What I'm doing is enough for me. I'm a doctor; I'm a teacher. I don't need more.

TR: So as president, you would no longer be an agent for change?

MUKWEGE: I'm afraid things would remain the same. In Congo, we need a moral revolution. People have to think about how society should be organized. To go on in the same system, nothing will change. We need to work at the grassroots level. People have rights, but they don't use them. Authorities or leaders should be accountable, but they're not. How can you be a leader in a country where people don't understand one another's roles?

TR: What does justice look like?

MUKWEGE: Justice is not only a repressive tool; it's also a tool to repair. Justice is a way to fight against repetition. It's a way to respect the social contract and to guarantee the moral values in society. If you don't have justice, everyone thinks that they can do what they want and that nothing will happen. We need justice to make people understand, to make people think twice before committing the crime of genocide.

TR: What can Rotary do to make that happen?

MUKWEGE: Rotary is an organization based on altruism, on trying to make the lives of others better. In Congo, we need to teach people to understand that you can win when you make others win. If you only care about making yourself better, everyone will be worse off. If you make life better for others, your life will be better. So what I can ask Rotarians in Congo to do is to teach others what altruism means.

The PLUS in PolioPlus

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The PLUS in PolioPlus

We're doing so much more than eradicating polio

Musa Muhammed Ali, a farmer in Borno state, Nigeria, has had to deal with the many ways polio has affected his life. For instance, he used to have to pay for transportation when he needed to buy feed for his animals. But after receiving a hand-operated tricycle funded through Rotary's PolioPlus grants, Ali can now spend that money on other necessities. His life was changed by the "plus" in PolioPlus.

When we talk about PolioPlus, we know we are eradicating polio, but do we realize how many added benefits the program brings? The "plus" is something else that is provided as a part of the polio eradication campaign. It might be a hand-operated tricycle or access to water. It might be additional medical treatment, bed nets, or soap. A 2010 study estimates that vitamin A drops given to children at the same time as the polio vaccine have prevented 1.25 million deaths by decreasing susceptibility to infectious diseases.

In these pages, we take you to Nigeria, which could soon be declared free of wild poliovirus, to show you some of the many ways the polio eradication campaign is improving lives.



PREVENTING DISEASE

Polio vaccination campaigns are difficult to carry out in northern Nigeria, where the Boko Haram insurgency has displaced millions of people, leading to malnutrition and spikes in disease. When security allows, health workers diligently work to bring the polio vaccine and other health services to every child, including going tent to tent in camps for displaced people. The health workers pictured here are in Maiduguri, the capital of Borno, where the insurgency began 10 years ago.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), of which Rotary is a spearheading partner, funds 91 percent of all immunization staff in the World Health Organization's Africa region. These staff members are key figures in the fight against polio — and other diseases: 85 percent give half their time to immunization, surveillance, and outbreak response for other initiatives. For example, health workers in Borno use the polio surveillance system, which detects new cases of polio and determines where and how they originated, to find people with symptoms of yellow fever. During a 2018 yellow fever outbreak, this was one of many strategies that resulted in the vaccination of 8 million people. And during an outbreak of Ebola in Nigeria in 2014, health workers prevented that disease from spreading beyond 19 reported cases by using methods developed for the polio eradication campaign to find anyone who might have come in contact with an infected person.

children protected from polio still face other illnesses, and in Borno, malaria kills more people than all other diseases combined. Worldwide, a child dies of malaria every two minutes. To prevent its spread, insecticide-treated bed nets — such as the one Hurera Idris is pictured installing in her home — are often distributed for free during polio

immunization events. In 2017, the World Health Organization, one of Rotary's partners in the GPEI, organized a campaign to deliver antimalarial medicines to children in Borno using polio eradication staff and infrastructure. It was the first time that antimalarial medicines were delivered on a large scale alongside the polio vaccine, and the effort reached 1.2 million children.

Rotary and its partners also distribute soap and organize health camps to treat other conditions. "The pluses vary from one area to another. Depending on the environment and what is seen as a need, we try to bridge the gap," says Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee. "Part of the reason you get rejections when you immunize children is that we've been doing this for so long. In our part of the world, people look at things that are free and persistent with suspicion. When they know something else is coming, reluctant families will bring their children out to have them immunized." Rotarians' contributions to PolioPlus help fund planning by technical experts, large-scale communication efforts to make people aware of the benefits of vaccinations, and support for volunteers who go door to door.

Volunteer community mobilizers are a critical part of vaccination campaigns in Nigeria's hardest-to-reach communities. The volunteers are selected and trained by UNICEF, one of Rotary's partners in the GPEI, and then deployed in the community or displaced persons camp where they live. They take advantage of the time they spend connecting with community members about polio to talk about other strategies to improve their families' health. Fatima Umar, the volunteer pictured here, is educating Hadiza Zanna about health topics such as hygiene and maternal health, in addition to why polio vaccination is so important.

Nigerian Rotarians have been at the forefront of raising support for Rotary's polio efforts. For example, Sir Emeka Offor, a member of the Rotary Club of Abuja Ministers Hill, and his foundation collaborated with Rotary and UNICEF to produce an audiobook called Yes to Health, No to Polio that health workers use.



PROVIDING CLEAN WATER

Addressing a critical long-term need such as access to clean water helps build relationships and trust with community members. Within camps for displaced people, vaccinators are sometimes met with frustration. "People say, 'We don't have water, and you're giving us polio drops,'" Tunji Funsho explains. Rotary and its partners responded by funding 31 solar-powered boreholes to provide clean water in northern Nigeria, and the effort is ongoing. At left, women and children collect water from a borehole in the Madinatu settlement, where about 5,000 displaced people live.

Supplying clean water to vulnerable communities is a priority of the PolioPlus program not only in Nigeria, but also in Afghanistan and Pakistan — the only other remaining polio-endemic nations, or countries where transmission of the virus has never been interrupted. "Giving water is noble work also," says Aziz Memon, chair of Rotary's Pakistan PolioPlus Committee.

Access to safe drinking water is also an important aspect of the GPEI's endgame strategy, which encourages efforts that "ensure populations reached for polio campaigns are also able to access much-needed basic services, such as clean water, sanitation, and nutrition." The poliovirus spreads through human waste, so making sure people aren't drinking or bathing in contaminated water is critical to eradicating the disease. Bunmi Lagunju, the PolioPlus project coordinator in Nigeria, says that installing the boreholes has also helped prevent the spread of cholera and other diseases in the displaced persons camps.

Communities with a reliable source of clean water enjoy a reduced rate of disease and a better quality of life. "When we came [to the camp], there was no borehole. We had to go to the nearby block factory to get water, and this was difficult because the factory only gave us limited amounts of water," says Jumai Alhassan.

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CREATING JOBS

Polio left Isiaku Musa Maaji disabled, with few ways to make a living. At age 24, he learned to build hand-operated tricycles designed to provide mobility for disabled adults and children, and later started his own business assembling them. His first break came, he says, when a local government placed a trial order. It was impressed with his product, and the orders continued. Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee recently ordered 150 tricycles from Maaji to distribute to polio survivors and others with mobility problems. The relationship he has built with local Rotarians has motivated him to take part in door-to-door polio vaccination campaigns. "It is not easy to be physically challenged," he says. "I go out to educate other people on the importance of polio vaccine because I don't want any other person to fall victim to polio."


Aliyu Issah feels lucky; he's able to support himself running a small convenience store. He knows other polio survivors who have attended skills training programs but lack the money to start a business and are forced to beg on the street. However, the GPEI provides a job that's uniquely suited to polio survivors: educating others about the effects of the disease. "Some of my friends who used to be street beggars now run their own small business with money they earn from working on the door-to-door immunization campaign," Issah says.



IMPROVING HEALTH CARE

In Maiduguri, Falmata Mustapha rides a hand-operated tricycle donated to her by Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee. She is joined by several health workers for a door-to-door immunization campaign, bringing polio drops to areas without basic health care. UNICEF data show that polio survivors like Mustapha have a remarkable success rate persuading reluctant parents to vaccinate their children — on average, survivors convince seven of every 10 parents they talk to. In places where misinformation and rumors have left people hesitant to vaccinate, the survivors' role in the final phase of the eradication effort is critical. "Since working with the team, I have seen an increase in immunization compliance in the community," Mustapha says. "I am well-regarded in the community because of my work, and I am happy about this."

Eighteen million people around the world who would have died or been paralyzed are alive and walking because of the polio eradication campaign. Health workers and volunteers supported by PolioPlus grants have built an infrastructure for delivering health care and collecting data that, in many parts of the world, didn't exist before. It's already being used to improve overall health care and to fight other diseases, proving that the legacy of PolioPlus is more than eradicating a deadly disease from the planet — it's also building a stronger health system that provides better access to lifesaving interventions for the world's most vulnerable children.



The polio eradication campaign needs your help to reach every child. Thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, your contribution will be tripled. To donate, visit endpolio.org/donate.

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The Loi Krathong Festival at the Lake of Love Nong Non Tai which having Past Rotary International President Bichai Rattakul presided over the ceremony.

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Statistics of missing people jumped up, children are lured through the internet.

The Mirror Foundation revealed that statistics of missing persons since the beginning of this year until after Songkran festival increased from last year. The situation is worrisome, especially among children and young people under the age of 18, mainly due to technological threats from game addiction, telephone chat, LINE and the internet. Interesting information is that the disappearance of children under the age of 18 years has increased by 1 percent or equal to 8 people, in which the Foundation has returned 37 cases. The cause of the disappearance is mainly due to sexually seduced.

Nowadays, media have a great influence on children and young people, especially online media. Children are increasingly communicating with the online world, so there is a comparison that now people, especially children and young people, are more interested in online people than their family members or those around them and it is at risk of being lured by online malicious contacts such as news that we know about.

Therefore, relevant agencies have organized projects or activities that help promote and develop children and youth to be aware of the media and at the same time make the media producers realize the importance of the role in development of children and youth so that they produce media to spread information which reflects the situation of child and youth development toward the society and encourage all sectors of the society to participate in driving the children and youth development to have the right attitude towards children and youth.

Children and youth development is currently in the period of the 2nd National Youth Development Plan 2017-2021, which has given importance and focuses on the promotion of participation from relevant parties because the development of children and youth is not a matter of any sector. All sectors must work together to help each other to catapult as a mechanism to effectively drive child and youth development. The process and operational model therefore adopted the "Benchaphaki" mobilization principle,

which is a collaboration from agencies/organizations at all levels from 5 sectors, consisting of government, civil society, economic sector, academia and child and youth network. All 5 sectors have an integral role in carrying out activities related to child and youth development, namely

1. Government organizations comprise of government agencies with mission roles including authorities related to child and youth development by creating systems and management mechanisms for various aspects, such as personnel, information systems, rules, regulations and laws etc., in order to achieve the main goals for children and youth to be stable in their lives, have physical and mental strength, morality, ethics, citizenship awareness, dare to think and act creatively in a democratic and happy way.

2. Civil society organizations have important roles in child and youth development for carrying out public activities, stage for the discussion, educational exchange including pushing the agenda through working with government or policy decision makers or access to resources in the area.

3. Economic organizations consists of private and business sectors which play an important role in supporting the use of resources including the knowledge of local development such as human resources, budget, knowledge and expertise and various facilities that can promote and support the development of children and youth which will not be harmful or risk to children and youth.

4. Academic organization is the main agency that aims to promote the concepts, principles, methods, including various approaches related to child and youth development through developmental innovations in various forms such as research studies, curriculum development, knowledge package, work plan/project as well as following up and evaluating work related to child and youth development

5. Children and youth are a group of stakeholders and are directly affected, so it is a group that can reflect the output, the results, including the problems and obstacles that will arise from development. It is also an important group of people that determine the direction and pattern of development. By the important role

of children and youth in participating in development through the provision of information, comment, and needs, it reflects on the network of children and youth to join listening, make decisions and participate in social development activities.

The report summarizes the situation of online media with Thai children and youth in the country for both private and government agencies regarding the latest situation related to protecting children and youth in Thailand, it is found that there are “10 online crisis situations for children and juveniles” in which government agencies and relevant sectors are creating precautionary and preventive measures and dealing with at the moment, namely

1. Problems of playing games, kids addicted to games and esports, an online bounty hunting game.
2. Problems of media possession by the underaged as in Thailand, there is no legal supervision of appropriate age yet.
3. Using online media and online gambling or hidden in the form of online games.
4. Online bullying and being a victim of online sexual harassment especially bullying through video clips for abuse and dissemination, sharing, are appearing through media coverage regularly.
5. To be seduced and lured out to meet strangers from social media.
6. Using media in ways that enhance online identities, create images and imitate behavior. Wrong values.
7. Delusion in disclosing information and privacy on online media.
8. The lack of promotion, building awareness of online media towards children and youth and families
9. Lack of law, the law of children protection from online media.
10. The lack of civil regulatory agencies to prevent and solve problems that integrate and keep up with particular situations.

Today's situation, children and technology are too closed to each other to be separated. The important thing is to accelerate the creation of media immunity in children and parents including building systems or mechanisms for overseeing digital media technology and online that are affecting children's learning process and behavior change which the government has established “coordination center to promote and protect children and youth in the use of online media” (Child Online Protection Action Thailand = COPAT) to act as coordination connecting children and youth cares on online world with various sectors including government, private business, academic, civil society, and network of children and youth

The COPAT Center conducted a survey of juvenile opinions on children's situations with online dangers in 2019 from 15,318 people, with the majority finding that the internet is more useful than the penalty (71%). However, some children find dangers and different risks on internet (59%). For facing online dangers or risks, most children think they can help themselves (54%) and believe that they can give advice and help their friends (84%). More than half (54%) of children use the internet for more than 6 hours a day while females are slightly more likely to use internet than males and the majority of children (83%) use the internet via tablet or smartphone with the purpose of leisure or entertainment such as watching movies, listening to music, playing games (65%), followed by communicating with friends or relatives (14%) and studying or working (11%).

From the data, we see that children use the internet the most in their daily lives and at risk of many forms of danger. Parents and those involved must therefore understand what is called to keep up with children in order to protect them from dangers that are hidden in these media. At the same time, they must proceed according to the National Child and Youth Development Plan to seriously develop

children by using media that is close to them to the maximum benefit.

In addition to the internet, there are also other media many more types. The media that has played a role for a long time and still stay until now by changing the format of presentation according to the situation, namely radio and television, in which the television is more popular with children because of both audio and video. The Rotary Thailand Editorial Team therefore interviewed a journalist about the presentation of the program and the role in development of children and youth that have continuously been around, i.e.

Yupa Petrit Rattanachan, the producer of media and documentaries about children, youth, environment, rural life, culture, health and others, gave an interview with Rotary Thailand that she was the co-founder of Pa Yai Creation Company Limited, having produced television programs about children and youth since 1991. The best known since the beginning is Thung Saeng Tawan program that still runs to the present day as well as other items which has conducted activities until the era that online media has played a role and has to adjust the format of the broadcast to YouTube online program which has a wider audience. It is a must to learn both the shooting and storytelling in accordance with the presentation through new media, which the program “Sarn Rak Kon Keng Hua Jai Kraeng” is being a popular program. It is a documentary that creates an awareness for viewers that there are still children and youth who lack opportunities in society. He may be born in a family that has problems such as being abandoned when the mother is not ready. Children live with grandparents that cannot foster them appropriately. The program was presented by social media to realize that children are actually powerful, have the ability to do good things if he gets the opportunity to live in the environment and good culture.

The Program of AIS Sarn Rak Kon Keng Hua Jai Kraeng funds scholarships to children and young people with a team to help as a mentor to take care. When the children's stories are broadcast, there are benevolent audiences offering help with things with money. Some people may help a lot like building a house, dozens of house. Some may help as much as they can afford. For students, they raise funds to help by playing music, opening hats, build a house. The society is alert to help children who have family problems which the government has not yet reached.

To the question that why there are so few programs on children and young people presenting on television and so on. Khun Yupa said that baby items are difficult to find sponsors so there is little space. Our country does not pay attention to this matter because the production program must have both capital and availability. If there is only availability but without funding, it cannot be produced and broadcasted. For example, the international children's program, Sesame Street, which is well known for being a popular children's program for a long time. It avails in all aspects with a lot of people behind the scenes in order to design a really good and suitable program for children. There are even psychologists involved. Therefore I would like our country to have a good program for children and youth with support from executives in each sector so that the media can help develop children and youth either way.

Although the media are very closed to children, family is more important and closer. Rotary recognizes the importance of families by promoting joint activities of the Rotary family. Parents must take care of their children by using media as a part of their development. Even Microsoft's owner, Bill Gates said: “Technology is just a tool, so taking children to activities and motivating them to work is still the most important role for teachers. “



Cervical cancer protection project, Rotary International District 3350

If Evita Peron, First Lady and beloved of Argentinians had this opportunity 80 years ago, she would have served her country and her people for much longer instead of passing away at age of 33, in the prime of her life, from cancer of the cervix.

Cervical cancer is the second highest cause of death of Thai women for several years and still is, today. The current figure is 14 deaths daily, and this figure is rising. Yet, this is one of the few cancers that is preventable, by vaccination.

Medical science has found that cervical cancer is not caused by genes but by the HPV virus which causes cancer. HPV has 15 Serotypes, of which the most common are Serotype 16 and 18 which can be infected by sexual intercourse. This virus is found mostly in women and so the high risk group is women in their reproductive years from 12 to 48 years old. Just a single sexual intercourse can infect the woman with HPV. The risk increases when intercourse occurs at a young age when the cervical wall is not strong and can be infected. The risk increases when there are multiple sexual partners or from smoking.

Cervical cancer is a serious threat for all women. The patient will suffer and cannot work leading to worsening quality of life. Treatment includes chemotherapy with medicine costing average of 1 million baht per person. The patient becomes a drain on family finances. The poor uses government financial resources, which leads to social costs for the society, especially when we consider the cost for

the treatment and compare with cost of protection. Thus it is easy to understand why prevention is better than cure.

Rotarian Dr. Saisawat Rojanaprasertkit, MD, of Rotary Club of Bangkok Suwanabhum proposed this issue at our club board meeting, but with the high cost of vaccine (each person must be receive three doses), the price was high. In those days it was still Matching Grant and not many youngsters will benefit. The project failed to go ahead. The year Dr. Saisawat became President, Global Grant with its much larger value was in place and this project was revived again. The club contacted the vaccine provider and negotiated a favorable price. Because this is a high value project and no one in D 3350 has done it before, the project started from scratch and more than 20 questions from RI had to be answered. The project was approved end of 2013-14 and implemented in 2014-15.

Sincere thanks to PDG. Prawit Rojkajonnapalai, PDG. Surachat Chuenchokesan, PDG. Chaivai Poonlapmongkol, PDG. Jason Lim and PP. Sirichai Simasakul for supporting this project. This project was sponsored by 14 clubs in District 3350, and received technical support from 'Network against Cervical Cancer by Thai Gynecologic Cancer Society.' The records of students who were vaccinated were kept at the Public Health Center # 22, Wat Pak Bor.

In the Global Grant we offered to provide information to 1000 persons which included students male and female, Parents and guardians, and teachers so that they become aware of the danger of this disease.



Vaccines were injected into 370 female students who were in Class 5 and class 6 aged between 9-12 from 5 leading schools in Pravet district area of Bangkok. Students did not have to pay anything. If the vaccines were offered at the government or private hospital, it would have cost 4,500 -7,500 baht per person. This leads to improving the health of our youth, providing protection against a dreaded disease, and providing information which will create the right attitude in their daily lives.

When this project became the Signature project of Rotary Club of Bangkok Suwanabhum, the club entered the project contest for Outstanding activity during the year and won the Praya Srivisarnvacha Cup for 2015-2016 duration.

D. 3350 sees this project offers protection which is better than disease treatment and labeled it Distinguished project. Then we were able to discuss with other clubs at the Governor meets club president meetings to encourage more clubs to give this opportunity to children in their communities. Thus the inoculation project expanded to Bangrak and Buengkum districts, and provinces of Nonthaburi, Pathum Thani and Pra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya. Rotary Club of Bangkok Suwanabhum became their advisor. Now that the Thai government has announced that vaccination for cervical cancer will be offered free, there are still many young people who are not covered. We changed direction from municipal schools to those in the Office of Basic Education and to Ban Rajvithi to provide immunization to sexually traumatized Thai and foreign

girls who are placed in their care.

This project receives support from Rotary Club of Kariya of D. 2760 in Japan in the 4th of our Global Grant projects. The Japanese partner attended our activities and we gave a talk at their 2016 District Conference in Nagoya, Japan.

In 2015 we joined with Walk/Run to help our young girls immunize themselves against cervical cancer organized by Thai Gynecologic Cancer Society and this turned into an annual event. This year on 15 September 2019 we held the 5th such activity. We must thank PP. Prasarn Chirachaisakul Chair of Walk/Run for Health Association of Thailand which has supported this activity of the club all along.

We emphasize that youth must understand that “They receive the vaccine because they behaved correctly”. This project has immunized young women so that they will not suffer from cervical cancer in the next 10-20 years. To date, 2,000 young women have been immunized by our project. This immunization will protect them for another 20 years. This means a cost saving of 750,000,000 baht in treatment costs alone. Again their families, parents, siblings, spouses, offspring and including doctors and nurses will have received 10 times the benefit of this inoculation.

Currently we are working on another global grant where we vaccinate 350 students in Buengkum and Bangpa-in districts.

Yotharvut Vanit

Asia Pacific Editors Seminar

Asia Pacific Regional Editors Seminar

PP. Vanit Yotharvit
Rotary Club of Maesai

Tamil Nadu is located on the coast of Coromandel (Joe County) in the Bay of Bengal, southeast of India. From this strategic location, a port town prospered. There's evidence of contacts with Greece and Roman. Besides trading of various goods, its culture, arts, religion and beliefs were spread on the trading route particularly in Southeast Asia. The traces of Tamil Nadu's civilization still remain and has continued to influence many areas until today.

Palawan script is the emergence of Khmer script before it was modified into Thai script.

Raja Gopura, the entrance tower to Murudeshwara Temple, is the origin of Cham's and Khmer's architecture before it was developed into Thai stupa.

The belief in Brahmanism influenced Khmer Kingdom's royal court.

In fact, the Brahmin faculty in Ayodhya's royal court came from Tamil Nadu.

Matcharat in the past or Chennai at present is a business center on the Indian Peninsula. It is India's second largest city and a city of Thewalais or places of worship for Hindu people. Chennai is also a sacred city, second only to Varanasi.

Mahabalipuram, a group of Hindu's Thewalais dated back thousands of years, is a world heritage site. The rocks left naturally along the beach were carved into a group of Thewalais and many huge statues.

India's Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, used this impressive place to host a welcome reception for People's Republic of China's Vice President, Jinping, during his official visit to India.

One day after the reception, Chennai and Mahabalipuram are very nice and clean with lots of greens. The Asia-Pacific Regional Editors Seminar for 2019 hosted by Rotary News magazine, India was held at the Intercontinental Chennai Mahabalipuram Resort.

Member countries take turn in organizing the Regional Editors Seminar every other year, alternating with the World Editors Seminar held at Evanston in Chicago, USA.

At Chennai this year, many countries have made changes in their editorial staff. As a result, some countries did not join while others sent representatives. Unfortunately for Japan, the airport was closed on the departure date due to the storm, resulting in the cancellation of the participants' trip. Thus, there were only Australia, Taiwan, Thailand, and India with Editor Rasheeda Bhagat as the host. Representing Rotary International were David Alexander, Head, Global Communication Team of RI, and Donna Cotter, Coordinator, Regional Magazines.

The seminar covered many important areas. Mr. David Alexander summarized the strategies derived from the Strategic Planning Committee as follows:

"We need to collaborate so that people gather and cooperate to make sustainable changes to the world, the communities and ourselves."

He put emphasis on expanding collaboration among members, increasing our capability to adjust to innovation and being prepared for changes.

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Standing from left to right: PP Vanit Yotharvut from Thailand, Gay Kiddle from Australia, Donna Cotter from USA, Rasheeda Bhagat from India, Henry Y T Shao from Taiwan, David Alexander from USA. Sitting in the front row: Rotary News India Team

(Photo on the right): Nature's wonder, Shiva's Butter, one of the Thewalais, Mahabalipuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India



Membership increase comes from various activities including newsletters, Polio Plus Project and various community service achievements.

The changes which must be made from the club level are to increase the capacity of Interact Clubs and Interactors through on-line training. According to the database, there are up to 250,000 Interactors.

Newsletters must motivate our Rotary Image Team to focus on "People of Action" and to use tools in the Brand Centre to tell various stories and activities.

There will be an announcement to support Rotary's Gates Foundation at the International Conference.

The World Health Organization (WHO) will announce that Africa is free from Polio in 2020. It is Rotary's great achievement which all parties must help publicize.

Meanwhile, Rotary Newsletters are facing many challenges including technological (mobile phones), social (ages), competitors' media (social), internal organization structure, decreasing membership, complex organization and lack of cooperation among the staff and experts who work according to their term. Strategic planning of what Rotary wants to do after the PolioPlus Project is, therefore, very important to communicate the content.

In order to cope with all the changes in many areas, the Advisory Teams of the newsletters (the Rotarian) meet every two years to set directions for the presentation of stories, articles, photos and permits (regional newsletters) which need to be renewed every three years. More reports on the presentation of styles and photos must be sent, starting from next year, to ensure their consistency with Rotary's directions. A survey will be conducted from 2020 to collect and summarize opinions in order to improve the newsletters.

Regional newsletters have continued to improve since the conference held in Bangkok almost three years ago. Below are examples of the improvement in the newsletters.

Thailand started to publish the newsletters in Thai and on

line in English which many other countries have followed.

A network has been set up to exchange information among the editors in the Asia-Pacific Region. This led to the establishment of the Global Media Network during the seminar held in Evanston. The purpose is to share information, stories and the development of newsletters in each region around the world. However, the network is limited to those who can communicate in English.

The concept of "One size doesn't fit all" has continued to be implemented so that readers in each region can enjoy what they are interested in. However, the content presented must be up to Rotary's standard. At the seminar held in India this year, Rotary International was requested to consider articles and stories from regional thinkers and writers to put in The Rotarian. Rotary International's content standard will help motivate each region to uplift its quality.

The host country, India, impressed participants with the high potential of its Rotary News India's editorial team: 110,000 newsletters (second only to the Rotarian) are printed each month for 130,000 Rotarians in 3 languages – Hindi, Tamil and English. India is still searching for ways to register the remaining Rotarians who have not yet done so.

India's editor Rasheeda Bhagat was one of the trainers on the hot topic of Print VS Digital. She concluded that India may be the opposite to the trend in other countries. The number of readers, both Rotarians and general public, has increased and has resulted in higher income from membership fee and advertisement.

India separated the on-line from the printed version. Both have done well. It will increase another communication channel via mobile application soon.

Bravo! Besides the different presentation methods, Thailand has shared many stories from the field team that are interesting and diverse.

In this highly dynamic world, meetings and communication to exchange opinions and learn new things are essential.

The Translation Team

PP. Jantanee Tienvijit, Rotary Club of Lanna



Introducing the translation team

The Rotary in Thailand magazine has had a requirement that it must translate articles from The Rotarian magazine, the Rotary International President newsletter, and the President of the Trustees newsletter, articles and other information from English into Thai for a long time. When the Rotary in Thailand magazine began an online English edition, documents had to be translated from Thai to English. This translation has been done totally by Rotarians who have capabilities and skills in English and Thai translation. Everyone who does translations is a volunteer who must use the necessary time to do this work, no matter what other activities or work each might have.

The Rotary in Thailand magazine would like to use this space to introduce the translation team, which now includes 11 people. We have already introduced two members, Past President Dr. Saran Chantalay of District 3360 and Past President Suthasinee Kriengsakpichit of District 3350. We hope in the next period to gradually introduce the translation team in each issue until we have completed the group. We are going to meet four team members in this issue.



PP. Pichet Ruchirat, District 3330 PP. Srifa Siriudomseth, District 3350

PP. Pichet Ruchirat, District 3330

For many years, we have seen PP. Pichet Ruchirat translate The Rotary International President newsletter and The Foundation Trustees Chair newsletter for the Rotary Thailand magazine. Therefore, we interviewed him first. PP. Pichet said, "I joined in establishing and was president of the Rotary Club of Tharua Ayuthaya, district 330, during the 1985-86 year, when the slogan was "You are the key." I moved to be the manager of the Phayao branch (of my company) in 1987. I participated in the meetings of the Rotary Club of Phayao for two years before moving to the headquarters where I was the head of the income development section in the business development branch. I later resigned to go to work in the Bangkok Motorworks Company, a subsidiary of Siam Motor Group, where I was the manager of the office and the branches for two years. Then I had to resign in order to take care of my mother in Ban Phong until she passed away. After that, I became the manager of the Nissan Center in Ratchaburi for many years. During that time, an old friend from Ratchaburi invited me to be a member of the Rotary Club of Ratchaburi. I began to work with District 3330 starting with being the head of educational exchanges (GSE). I went on an exchange to District 7710 in North Carolina, USA. When I came back, I was the chair of youth exchange in District 3330 for another three years. I was the special representative of the President of Rotary International for five years, and I was the chair of international service for three years, and did many other jobs." PP. Pichet received the District 3330 Foundation Award twice, from DG. Somboon Karnjanolarn in the year that Bhichai Rattakul was president of Rotary International and from DG. Dr. Ratmanee Tanyinyong. He also received the Paul Harris Fellow prize from DG. Somboon Karnjanolarn.

Currently, PP. Pichet has been a translator for the Rotary International President newsletter, and the President of the Trustees newsletter for more than 10 years and has translated the Governor's Newsletter from Thai to English for District 3330 every month.

PP. Pichet graduated from Assumption Business College with the 1960-61 cohort. He is married to Khun Biayorn Ruchirat. They have three children: Dr. Piyaphatu, who works at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Chatchali, who works at PTT, and Ms. Phetphatu, who works in a private securities firm.

PP. Srifa Siriudomseth, District 3350

PP. Srifa Siriudomseth has been a member of the Rotary Club of Ratchadaphisek since 2003. She was president of the Rotary Club of Ratchadaphisek in Rotary year 2007-2008, the year when the maxim was "Rotary shares." She has also worked on District 3350 committees since 2009 in many different positions, whether on various subcommittees or as chair of the committee to organize the district conference. She has also been the district



PP. Apisak Jompong D.3360 PDG. Suparee Chatkunyarat D.3360

secretary, assistant district governor for five terms, chair of the district's administration committee for two terms, and chair of the district club service committee. PP. Srifa became a member of the translation team for Rotary Thailand magazine in 2018. PP. Srifa said this work makes her very happy because she is able to use her knowledge and her capabilities. She sees that translation is a way to share knowledge, opinions and interesting ideas with other people by translating from one language to another. In the future, she would like to see good and creative articles, especially about Rotary projects that are inspiring and truly build a better life for disadvantaged people. She wants to translate in a way that reflects these feelings in order to help readers learn, understand, and enjoy reading.

PP. Srifa graduated from the faculty of literature, Chulalongkorn University. Today, she is a member of the management committee of the Giss Marketing Company Limited, which distributes, exports, imports and produces veterinary equipment for animal care, veterinary hospitals and veterinarians. PP. Srifa is married to PP. Somphol Siriudomseth, a veterinarian.

PP. Apisak Jompong, District 3360

PP. Apisak Jompong became a member of the Rotary Club of Maechan in the 2008-2009 Rotary year, when the slogan was "Rotary makes dreams real." He was the Maechan club president from 2014 to 2015. He has a special interest in the area of technology and computers, and he has completed many short term training courses about computers and technology. When Rotary International developed the My Rotary system, PP. Apisak proposed to then-District Governor Surasak Prugsiganont to establish a My Rotary group for District 3360 in order to assist members in the district with its use. He was then appointed chair of the My Rotary committee, a position he has held ever since. At the training for new presidents from all four districts on March 1-3, 2019 in Hat Yai, Songkhla, PP. Apisak lectured on My Rotary.

PP. Apisak became a member of the translation team for Rotary in Thailand magazine in 2012, the year that PDG. Chamnan Chanruang was the editor. He began with translating from English into Thai and then translated from Thai into English when there was an English online version. Translating from English into Thai is better. When translating content from Thai to English, which is not his first language, he needs to use technology to help him to examine the correctness of his translation. With regard to the translation work for the magazine, he considers it a way to learn and a lot of fun, too.

As a person who is interested in, and uses, technology, PP. Apisak prefers to read books, including the Rotary in Thailand magazine, online more than in print because he is able to read them anytime and anywhere he wishes. He does not have to worry about storage. At the same time, online versions save resources in production and distribution costs. Therefore, he wants to make online editions more than print editions. He himself has been a member of the team producing the directory for the 10 Rotary clubs of Chiang Rai Province with an electronic application for the past two years. As for District 3360, he has met with the district governor and two others and decided that within three years, they will try to make the directory for the district using an online application, which will be unveiled at the District 3360 inner city meeting on December 14-15, 2019 in Chiang Rai Province. In the future, Rotarians will be able to do public relations, release new stories about their various activities, register for the District Conference or other meetings, and even assess meetings through the application.

PP. Apisak received a bachelor's degree in public administration from Chiang Mai University. Currently, he manages his family's fresh market business in Mae Chan District, Chiang Rai.

PDG. Suparee Chatkunyarat, District 3360

PDG. Suparee Chatkunyarat was invited to become a member of the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North in 2000 immediately after she returned from an educational exchange trip (GSE).

PDG. Suparee joined the translation team for the Rotary in Thailand magazine in 2012. She began by translating English articles into Thai. When the Rotary Thailand Magazine began its English online edition, she joined in translating from Thai to English. PDG. Suparee said this is translation according to one's knowledge and capability, which probably is not the same as the work done by a professional translator. Rather, this work is a service to Rotary.

Since entering into the work of producing the Rotary Thailand Magazine in Thailand, PDG. Suparee has seen the dedication of the work team in the production, the formatting of content, the writing of articles, and especially the translation, which requires a significant amount of time. Thus, she thinks about ways that the magazine will be developed or modified in the future in order for it to be appropriate and serve the interests of Rotarians in the present world where lots of information is sent quickly.

In any case, she saw the development of the magazine together with the changes of the digital era during the time that she was the district governor in 2012-13. That was when Rotary International changed its master brand and began its campaign to go paperless and to encourage online communications. Then there was the use of My Rotary, which forced Rotarians to adjust and learn how to use this system, just as happened with the magazine.

PDG. Suparee has a master's degree in business management from Chiang Mai University. Currently, she is involved in a career in educational services and is a member of the management committee of the Learning Holiday Group Company Limited that brings an institute from Switzerland to teach in Thailand. She is also a specialist assisting members of parliament.

We will see that each person who translates is dedicated to their work for Rotary and believes that it is a service through which they gain knowledge that they can share with Rotarian friends together with other Rotary service work. The editorial staff of Rotary in Thailand magazine therefore expresses its admiration and thanks each of them. We will meet other members of the translation team in a future issue.



PDG. Juthatip Thamsiripong
Rotary Club of Pra Pathom Chedi

Sawasdee Ka, I use the word “Sawasdee” regularly to greet everyone, regardless of age. Whenever there is an opportunity to greet, I will say Sawasdee such as when go on stage or to speak at the podium. This word always used by Rotarians and has been practicing for a long time within a district, a country and worldwide. But as Thais, we say it with smiles. A friendly smile which creates warm friendship and power that can really change this world. Nov – Dec is the period that 2019 is about to pass by and no one can stop it. I am talking to myself to look back at my intention and to see whether anything had been done is beneficial for my family, friends and society. As same as the work in Rotary club which has been done so far half way of the year 2019-2020.

May the president club please find out the number of the club members who not yet received the Rotary Thailand magazine. As the club committee or club leaders like me, we may determine how far our engagement has created friendly activities that impact community.

In this issue of the magazine, I would like to end the year 2019 with encouragement to think good, speak good and do good things, which will always result in a good way.

See you next edition 2020

GEN to GEN

Gen-X



Gen-X

DGN. Paikit Hoonpongmanont, Rotary Club Tuptiang

Generation X and District Governor Nominee

Generation X is the product of the Baby Boomer generation. My parents were born after World War II. Both of them has many brothers and sisters in the same family. My father has six, I myself have five and I am the eldest. Fortunately, Gen-X was not born during the war.

A story told by my parents, the previous generation suffered from economic crisis, insecurity and depressing life. But Gen-X was born when the world has become wealth and peaceful. There was a leap advance in technologies so I got a fuzzy memory that I had been watching black and white TV before a colour TV. I grew up in the environment of video games, personal computer and pop-rock music of artists such as Atsani Wasan, Micro, Nuvo and Bird-Thongchai. And it is so called Gen-X just like me, I live simply and I prefer to work and learn by myself.

After complete my study and work some in Bangkok for many years, I returned to my hometown in Trang where I joined Rotary club. It was because I wanted to have friends. I was one of few Gen-X in a club among the most members who were Gen-B baby boomer. I was humble and I did my best for participation. By doing this, I am a happy one in a club. Until later, I was assigned to establish a new club of Rotary Club of ThubThiang. This time, I was one in a few of Gen-X among the most of the Gen-Y members. I started to adapt once more in order to get along with the younger people in the club. Fortunately, I like to learn new things and it helps me to cooperate well with the Gen-Y in the club.

At the end of last year, the turning point in my Rotarian life came again when I was assigned to serve as governor of 3330 in the next two years. At first, I was overwhelmed to accepted this position because of my age and experiences are not qualified. I was afraid that I may not do this job well. But later, after consulting with many respected seniors, it made me confident to commit to this role at my best. In the overall picture of Rotary, our organization is over 115 years old with more than 40% of members over 50 years of age. In the next 10 years, if there is not new generation joining us, our organization will probably get shrink. But to welcome new generation to join Rotary, we have to give an opportunity for them to share their ideas and to allow them run the organization together with us. The problem is that the ideas and attitudes of the new generation tend to differ from the previous generations, particularly between Gen-B Baby Boomer and Gen-Y. Therefore, I am as a Gen-X, want to dissolve a gap between the two generations as to let them work together smoothly to move forward our organization strongly and sustainability.

RYLA, Rotary Pranburi Club



PP. Aram Muangngam,
Rotary Club of Pranburi

RYLA is the definition of empowerment, value and opportunity creation. It is a creation that takes time to invest with youths. Cultivating youngsters to become socially valued adults is the mission of RALA. Rotary organization has vision and Rotarians who give these opportunities to young people. An opportunity to learn, to improve their leadership, patience, strength, generosity, reasoning, and gratitude, to be a recipient and giver and to share and to benefit society.

RYLA 2019 camp at Thanarat Camp, Pranburi District, Prachuap Khiri Khan Province therefore design activities as to cultivate strong seedlings ready to grow up with quality. The activities such as responsibility assignment, having a godfather, running for unity and even activity base to prove strength and working as a team are embedded with the principles of leadership.

A little young had to leave their house and family and their friends to live in a camp that was not as comfortable as at home. They may not be full, not sleep enough and may not play like before but that is the whole experience of learning. Learning to live with new friends who come from different locations of 23 provinces in District

3330, total number of 381. When they are together, friendship is built and that is what the youth receive from joining RALA camp. Being in a camp may not be enough to understand all. But when those young people return home, they will notice that there is a change in themselves without knowing it. It is a change of thought.

The great experience that youths received from RYLA camp in Pranburi is not only participating in activities but creating a new phenomenon of being contributors to END POLIO NOW activity

The youths in RYLA camp at Pranburi stayed up at night to make campaign signs, donation box and much more without being discouraged. Especially on the days that everyone has the duty of a leader, they work intentionally with smiles and laughter although in a strong sunlight. Everyone joined hands to complete obligated job which eventually brought surprises and grateful to Rotarians who are their god-parents. This happening at RYLA camp has impressed the club members of Pranburi and makes them forget all tiredness

The success of the RYLA camp at Pranburi is that we have created a small drive force within the youth themselves. We strongly believe that it will become an effective part when they grow up. Everyone in a club is proud of having organize RYLA camp that will support the youth to build creative society and to connect the world.

Pattani Rotary Club

led by P. Sumalee Keatphaiboon and club members at set up a donation booth for polio vaccine at The Art and Culture Fair, Prince of Songkla University, Pattani Campus. Another activity “End Polio Now” is to provide a polio drops vaccine at Rusamilae Health Promotion Hospital in Muang District, Pattani Province.

Rotary connects the world.**Suphannikar Rotary Club,**

led by P. Nongluck Supasopon, AG. Laddarat Tanthanawong, and club members has signed an MOU of “Rotary Sister Clubs of 5”. There were clubs from 4 districts in Thailand and Korean Rotary clubs, which are; Rotary Club of Bangkok Central, Rotary Club of Suphannikar (D. 3330), Rotary Club of Mukdahan (D. 3340), Rotary Club of Chiang Kham (D. 3360) and Rotary Club of Big J. Dagon (D. 3590) from North Korea. This was held to congratulate to Club President Dr. Chung for Rotary Charter of establishing the Bangkok Central Club and also to celebrate the Installation of Committee of 2019-2020 at the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel, Bangkok.

The Rotary Club of Samrong

together with the management of Bang Bo Hospital had the 1st organizing to inspect and deliver 16 patient beds to Pediatric ward of Bang Bo Hospital.





The Rotary Club of Krathum Baen and the Rotary Club of Pranburi together with the Red Cross of Pranburi District, donated wheelchairs and hearing aids for patients.



District Grant # 2092309 English Teacher Training Program in Nakhon Pathom province is a Free English Online Program Year 4th by Rotary Club of Thavaravadi in collaboration with Nakhon Pathom Rajabhat University and the Provincial Education office. It was a training program for 222 people of primary school teachers in area 1 and 2 of education zone and 3th year students from Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Rtn.Heather Lennie, the owner of the online program from the Rotary Club of Scarborough D. 7070, Canada, had participated in this program which has been very successful.



D. 3340

Editorial of District 3340, RI



Rtn. Deara Pibulwattanawong
Rotary Club of Magkang

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

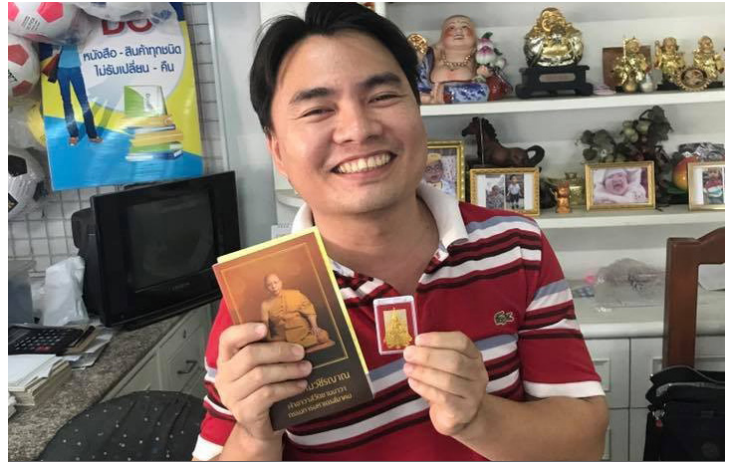
For over a century, Rotary has focused on sustainability for underprivileged in society. Following the 6 areas of focus, creative projects have been implemented in many areas around the world.

Today, we are proud to be a part of helping others in the name of “Rotary”. There are many clubs in District 3340 committed to the Global Grant project with various collaborative projects in order to get support from Rotary. Recently, there was a flood disaster in many areas of District 3340. We received kindness and funding from other Districts. This showed that Rotary people are always ready to help others. However, on behalf of District 3340 and the Chairman of disaster victims relief of District 3340, PDG. Vivat Pipatchaisiri would like to thanks everyone for your great support.

Rotary will be one of the organizations that keep us doing good for community. And more importantly, Rotary brings us lots of friendships from fellow Rotarians everywhere we traveled to do activities.

GEN to GEN

Gen-X



Gen-X

PP. Kijja Teachasirithanakul
Rotary Club of Moon River

Many years ago I was quite busy doing business that I founded since a small one until it is expanded at a present. This achievement is a part of my pride because it is something that I have dedicated my potential in all areas. I learned to use technology and knowledge from the university to create smart for the business. I enjoy working a lot and I am proud to see the progress of the business. It creates jobs, income, service, and products for local people.

Throughout my working life, when starting to succeed in business, I have strong intention to help society, especially the local area where I live. Rotary is a humanitarian organization which I am proud and happy to work with. I have been working with Rotary for over 20 years. I have made friends with good ideals in helping others via the 6 areas of focus. I do not hesitate to be a part of Rotary.

Rotary makes me feel that there are still many disadvantaged people that we should not ignore. My club encourages me for the opportunity to work in District level for many years. It is a big merit. I intend to help society on behalf of Rotary as long as I could.



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10.00 น.-12.00 น.	ประชุมสภาอดีตผู้ว่าการภาค 3340 ห้องประชุม HAPA
12.00 น.-13.00 น.	รับประทานอาหารกลางวัน ห้องประชุม ตราดซิตี้ฮอลล์
13.00 น.-13.05 น.	พิธีเปิดการประชุม โดย ผว.ภ.ม.ว.ร.ว. จินตบั้งจิตวงศ์
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15.15 น.-15.35 น.	พัก รับประทานอาหารว่าง
15.35 น.-16.35 น. (60 นาที)	มูลนิธิโรตารีสากล โดย อ.ผ.ภ.ร.ร.ร.ร. ARRFC Zone 10B และ อ.ผ.ภ.ร.ร.ร.ร. RRFC Zone 10B
16.35 น.- 18.00 น.	สรุปการประชุมกลุ่ม ตาม-ตอบ - ภาพลักษณ์โรตารี - การพัฒนาสมาชิกภาพ - มูลนิธิโรตารีสากล โดย อ.ผ.ภ.ร.ร.ร.ร. (ดำเนินการ) อ.ผ.ภ.ร.ร.ร.ร. DRPIC อ.ผ.ภ.ร.ร.ร.ร. RIM อ.ผ.ภ.ร.ร.ร.ร. RIM

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18.30 น.- 21.00 น.	รับประทานอาหารเย็น ห้องประชุมตราดซิตี้ฮอลล์ ประกาศรางวัลกิจกรรมบำเพ็ญประโยชน์ยอดเยี่ยม และรอง อันดับ 1 และ 2 โดย อ.ผ.ภ.ร.ร.ร.ร. RIM พิพัฒน์ไชยศิริ ประธาน คณะกรรมการตัดสินโครงการบำเพ็ญประโยชน์ยอดเยี่ยมฯ (ด้วยเกียรติยศผู้ว่าการภาค 3340) ร่วมสนุกกับดนตรี และ กิจกรรมสันทนาการ ฯ

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D. 3340

Activities

During this time, activities of District 3340 will focus on helping flood victims from the storm disaster. In addition, the main activities of the District were Rotary Leadership Youth Camp (RYLA) organized at Khao Yai Zoo, Nakhon Ratchasima province. During the 4 days of the youth camp, the children who participated in the activities were fun, learned, gained new friendship. They were impressed with the activity and ready to apply knowledge and experience gained from the camp to apply in daily life.

The Rotary Club of Mitraparp Sattahip, led by P. Jiranan Thamrong and AG. Phraethong Linchu, together with the club members provided luncheon, necessary things, rice, and clothes for special children at Special Education Center, Educational Region 12, Sattahip District, Chon Buri.

The Rotary Club of Krasang Buriram donated mosquito nets to the Krasang district community. The mosquito nets for the community project was presided over by Krasang District Chief.

Rotary Club of Kantaraluk led by P. Ratree Lorvinitnath presided over the “35 Year Pavilion of the Kantaraluk Rotary Club” to Damrong Rajanuson Kindergarten. Mr. Thonglor Singkong, the director of Damrong Rajanuson Kindergarten and a group of teachers attended the donation ceremony in front of Damrong Rajanusorn Stadium, Kantharalak District, Sisaket Province. The purpose was to be rainproof seat for students when parents picking up and dropping off.





Rotary Club of Kaen Koon donated 18 electric fans under the purpose of Rtn. Neth Chuenchom. (Former member who passed away).



The Rotary Club of Mitraparp-Khon Kaen provided consumer goods and necessities to flood victims from the Podul.



The Rotary Club of Mukdahan donated 200 sets of consumer goods such as drinking water, dry food, medicine, snacks, torch and canned fish to the villagers initially.



The Rotary Club of Surin donated patient beds to Veerawat Hospital.



AG. Trong Sangswangwatana
Rotary Club of
Bangkok Suwanabhum

Dear Readers,

I must apologize for last issue's mistake. I intended to talk about Interact in that issue but because of insufficient space I am putting it in this issue. We also have another article about youth that is Youth Leadership Award (RYLA 2019).

We also continue our interviews about what Generation X think about Rotary. (Generation X refers to those who were born between 1965 and 1979 i.e. the generation following the baby boomers. They grew up in the period of economic boom post World War 2, where technological advances are exploding be it black and white TV, computer. Behavior of people of this generation is a mixture of Gen B and Gen Y because they saw the developments of both the before and after generations. For example black and white TV became color, tape cassette became CDs. Their thoughts are more outstanding than other Gens in that they have high resilience, high self-confidence, and a love of their organization from Gen B, while the daring to think and to do, directness in thinking and lifestyle, coupled with lack of hard times to give them caution -- they have more hope and look at life realistically and do not put themselves in unrealistically high position like Gen Y.

For the remaining space, it's about the activities of individual clubs, which is what Rotarians do for their communities.

Wishing all of you great happiness in this month before the end of the year.

Meet you again in the New Year.

GEN to GEN Gen-X



AG. Kitthanate Vasukiatchareon
Rotary Club of Srapathum

I became a Rotarian at RC Srapathum in 2003. If you ask how I knew about Rotary? Then we have to go back to 1993 when I was a Rotaractor.

As a representative of Gen X in Rotary I have to separate issues into several categories. Service projects that many of our clubs in D 3350 perform have been outstanding and interesting i.e. clean water, medical equipment and devices, literacy etc. Project at world level that I have been involved in was "End Polio Now." I had the opportunity to offer polio drops to little kids in schools and also at communities many times. Over several decades we had world level presenters saying "We Are This Close To Ending Polio."

For working in Rotary and at club meetings at District meetings and Zonal meetings or even meetings at RI Conventions I get ideas from senior Rotarians who have been successful and offer advice on how to do things in efficient ways and this became good experience for me. I have even applied it in work and things went beautifully.

Becoming a Rotarian you will get many good ideas and experience, and this opens the way for us to do service projects, and truly meet the needs of the communities and the disadvantaged people.

Working with Rotarians who come from a variety of vocations will give ideas which will help us improve our ability, thinking process and the work will be improved for it.

Being a Gen. X Rotarian who is still working you can still do service projects to give back to the community, and improve on your skills and have a role in "Doing Good in the World." You have this ability to improve your own ability and your work efficiency rises.



PP. Noppawan Fudech
Rotary Club of Pathumwan

I entered the Rotary family at RC Pathumwan in 2001 with the sponsorship of Rotarian Prasong Benchawortham. From day one I was deeply impressed with the friendship that I received and felt myself fortunate get to know Rotary.

Because I had less experience I was given opportunities to participate and join in service projects like giving polio drops at Health Center# 5, project to offer braille printer to the school for the blind, Rotary One Day etc. All these activities gave me much experience because mankind in general already loves doing good deeds. I grew to have faith in Rotary and in the thinking that one who gives first gets more back. This applies to all generations, if you are prepared, love to volunteer, those who have the financial strength, and desires to give where the recipients will definitely benefit -- give to Rotary Foundation. They finance good projects every year and we are happy to give without expecting anything in return.

I love the Four Way Test of Rotary - it is good for all occasions. For the new generation who has knowledge of foreign language and can become a Rotarian, they can help in writing projects so that bigger projects can be done and goodness can be spread all over the world. Many clubs in the world comes from areas that are already developed, and while they desire to help with good projects, but they lack partners.

This is an interesting situation. We should add more members, members who have capability because the members who exist today will be ready to wind down according to age. Many clubs still have complicated rules for receiving new members, making it difficult to increase members. We must understand and accept that new generation members must work and build their income base, but they are ready to do service projects at the same time.



Rotary Youth Leadership Award for 2019 began with DG. Thanongsak Pongsri, Committee Chair paying respects to the Buddha, and gave a talk on good behavior to the participants before declaring RYLA 2019 open. A Bai Sri blessing ceremony was performed by Reverend Monk Maha Boonsom Achin, Deputy Abbot of Wat Chai Mongkol, Samut Prakan.

The atmosphere at RYLA was filled with information given in the guise of fun and entertainment, so that participants enjoyed while learning from Past District Governors and distinguished Rotarians on such topics as life skills and success, value of being youth, emergency that must be dealt with immediately i.e. CPR technique. Then there is the 4 districts rally where participants learn about important destinations in the 4 districts of Thailand

through reproductions in Ancient City, they also learn about sufficiency economy, and how to prepare EM (Effective Microorganism). In the evening they organized PROM Night where participants prepared International Recycle sets for the contest.

On the last day, because it coincided with the Anniversary of the Death of King Rama 9th, participants performed obeisance in memory of the Late King.

PP. Songpol Sirichand, chair of RYLA 2019 organizing committee said in his closing speech that RYLA finished with happiness and success. Participants received certificates that showed they have performed good deed for others. We hope that our dear participants will continue to perform good deeds for others.

D. 3350

Activities

The Rotary Club of Yannawa
Constructing the Navasuthat Pavilion
as a residence for people waiting for
the bus areas of Bhumibol Bridge 1,
2 Perform the opening ceremony on
Monday 30 September 2019 By
DG. Thanongsak Pongsri and
Yannawa District Director, Mr. Suthat
Ruchinarong By helping to plant trees
as a memorial too.



Rotary Club of Sathorn
Organize a training program for
speaking English To be used in careers
for the blind Under Global Grant #
1860958 At Mido Hotel Bangkok on 1-4
October 2019 with 30 participants from
The Southern Region.



Rotary Club of Srapatum
With the Rotary club of Noksan, Korea
Organize English language training
programs for teachers. 47 people in
22 schools in Pathum Thani Province
By native speakers of foreign languages
Between 8-22 October 2019
At The Idle Resident Hotel,
Pathum Thani Province.



The Rotary Club of Phra Nakhon Give
away long-sighted glasses to
Bang Phli community. At the family
factory, Samut Prakan Province on
16 October 2019 is a merit-making on
the occasion the Anniversary of
the Death of King Rama 9th.





INTERACT

Interact is a service club for youth at secondary school level, sponsored by Rotary club and work to promote good understanding internationally and friendship among communities in the world. Interact club must be mentored by their sponsoring Rotary club and make annual plans to do service for their school, communities and in the world.

(The first Interact club was established at Melbourne High School, Florida, USA on November 5, 1962. The first Interact club in Thailand was Interact club of Bangkok Christian College established in 1965, sponsored by Rotary Club of Bangkok South.)

An outstanding Interact project today:

This is a project to cement relationship between District 2660 Japan and District 3550 Thailand whereby 65

Japanese Interactors, 53 teachers and nurses, total 118 persons travelled to have joint activities with Interactors in Thailand. In Thailand, 65 Interactors and 60 Rotarians held activities at the Bangkokpi school on Saturday 3 August 2019 in the morning. The children learned about Rotary and loved Rotary, they built friendship and had fun. In the afternoon they went out to do community clean up, collect garbage and repair the children's playground.

Establishment of Interact club of Satreevit 2 sponsored by Rotary Lard Praow was organized on 28 August 2019. This was the first club charted in the year of DG. Thanongsak Pongsri Another 2-3 more clubs are planned in District 3350.





PP. Dr. Natthanin Sestawanich
Rotary Club of Phrae

Dear Rotarians and all readers

As you read the Rotary Thailand Magazine issued in Nov - Dec 2019, we can say that it has been almost a half of Rotary year.

For District 3360, I would like to present a Rotary Information on youth projects. I believe that the future of Rotary will continue to progress if we build the foundation from the youth. That is to teach them learn service and society. We hope that it will be of great benefit to all Rotary clubs. It also follows from the last issue of Rotarians' perspectives and concepts from different eras. The last magazine was about Rotarian in a baby boomers' perspective. In this issue, it shows the perspectives and concepts of Generation X Rotarians to reflect the view for all readers. I believe that every club would have lost of Generation X members. By nature, this group of Rotarians are mostly working-age, but still sacrificing time for service activities. This article should be the way to boost up membership strength in clubs.

Also, there is a collection of some club activities in District 3360 including the invitation to join The Intercity of District 3360 in Chiang Khong District, Chiang Rai Province.

GEN to GEN Gen-X



PP. Apisak Jompong,
Rotary Club of Maechan

Could you tell us the attitude and life style of people in your day?

Actually, I still don't want to use this word. However, I have to accept that people in my age are entering "middle age". I could not define the meaning of this word, but I understand that we are in the middle of age who have quite a lot of responsibilities. We have to take care of both

the younger ones who are not fully responsible for themselves. And also we have older people who started to help themselves less. For people in my age, the most important thing is wealth and health. If we are sick or physically weak, we may not be able to take care of anyone. Finally, it turns out to be a burden to others.

Please tell us your roles, responsibilities and obstacles occurred at that time. How did you deal with them?

I'm not sure whether it will be the same in other clubs or not, but it seems that our generation is in great demand in Rotary clubs. With our ability in many areas, for example, we are able to work on new technology, such as communicating through various online media or designing various graphics. At the same time, we can write official letters to various government agencies. The problem seems to be that sometimes we are responsible for many tasks causing new generation members less chance to participate in the club's activities as it should be. Mean while older members began to trust and some of them engaged less in clubs' activities. If these kind of situations are not handled well, it will affect the membership of the club in the future. Sometimes we should refuse to accept certain jobs and encourage other members to join in the activities.

What are your suggestions or comments to Rotarians entering the new era? How are you adjusting?

Of course, we need new generations to fulfill our organization, but the important thing is to adjust ourselves together. Members of all generations must accept the differences, diversity which is one of Rotary's core values whether it is creativity, modernity, expertise in technology of the new generation or valuable experience of previous generation. They are equally important to the club.

What is your view of Rotary in the future?

I realized that RI is trying to modernize the organization in the rapidly changing world. Although we move a little too slowly, it is better than not to move at all. Otherwise, Rotary would probably disappear as many non-adaptive organization. However, how long can we live? It depends on all members. How can I see the importance of RI's efforts and adaptation accordingly? I hope that in the future, we will be an organization with a long legend but modern, flexible, and adaptable to the changing world situation. We are able to work with people of all generations.



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D. 3360

Activities

Rotary Club of Sila-Asana organized service activities “Mosquito-free Community Project”. The club donated 40 mosquito nets to the villagers of Ban Tha Na, Saen Tor Sub-district, Nam Pat District, Uttaradit Province.



The Rotary Club of Wiangkosai in cooperation with Phrae Hospital organized a campaign to provide knowledge of kidney disease prevention to the villagers (Project GG# 1986730). The club also donated glasses to 200 elderly under the project “5th Rotary Wiangkosai Giving Away Glasses for Community” at Huai Khon Temple, Huai Mai Sub-district, Song District, Phrae Province.



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The Rotary Club of Song and Rotary Club of Rong Kwang, Medical Unit, the Governor of Phrae, government and private agencies in the province donated mosquito nets, drinking water, and snacks to villagers and staff at Ban Mae Ram School, Tao Pun Sub-district, Phrae District, Phrae Province.



Rotary Club of Lanna together with Chiang Mai Phuping, Nakhonping Chiang Mai, and Rotary Club of Hongchoen Huimang District 3730, Korea, with students including YE and Rotarians participating in drawing library wall activities and drinking water wall. The activities consisted with 3 projects, which are 1. Library Improvements 2. Safe Drinking Water Project 3. Playground Project at Wat Phaya Chomphu School, Saraphi District, Chiang Mai Province.





The Rotary Club of Chiangkam, Rotary Club of Phayao (D. 3360) Rotary Club of Prakanong (D. 3350) in cooperation with Phayao Province gave wheelchairs 20 and Cash gave to the participants in Phayao. In the project "Organize Mobile medical unit to travel and receive blood donations in honor of the auspicious occasion of the coronation" Led by DG. Kamolsak Visitsakulchai and Kamon Chiangwong, Phayao Province Governor at Dong Ho Public Park, Nong Lom, Dok Khamtai District, Phayao Province On 14 November 2019.



The Rotary Club of Tokai (D. 2760) Japan. Together with Rotary Club of Uttaradit, Rotary Club of Pichai And Rotary Club of Sila-Asana (D. 3360) World Community Service Project (WCS) year 2018-2019 participated in the construction of Ban Bo Bia Community Health Service Station, Ban Khok District, Uttaradit Province, to be used as a building for primary care services. Total construction cost of the building is 491,631 baht.



The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Thin Thai Ngam, Chiang Mai San Sai, Chiang Mai Phuping and Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Jointly support the Children Eye Project Eye examination activity. There is Interact Club for the disabled in the audiovisual castle for help. There are 143 students examined and 11 pairs of eye glasses (7.70%) take 2 days to complete the activities. Glasses will be delivered at the upcoming Christmas celebration.



Rotary Club of Chiangkhong support for water filters in the Rotary Fund GG# 1867296 from the Rotary Club of Thawi Watthana (D.3350) which was donated to Lukrak Chiang Khong School. By The school director and faculty, including students, were honored to deliver this water purifier. PDG. Nithi and Anne Salaisathip Soongswang (Rotary Club of Nan) were representatives of Rotary Club Thawi Watthana Bring the water purifier to Rotary Club of Chiangkhong for this service activity.

Lake of Love

Nong Non Tai Monkey Cheek Project

By Mr. Sasana Ruamtham



The Lake of Love

On a normal day people living around this area come and enjoy the atmosphere of the Lake of Love, they come to take pictures, for walking around or running. Sometimes they bring their children for relaxation. There are more people visiting in the evenings, mostly with their extended families, setting up mats to have light dinner in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

On weekends there are constant flow of people throughout the day, coming from nearby villages and other areas, on average there are around 30 visitors per day.

In cooler weather many people visit, mostly in bigger groups rather than one or two, to experience the cool breeze.

Many activities and competition have taken place such as E-sport, games; ROV, for those under 18, Many teams of students participated in the competition. Each team was asked to bring one tree to plant and look after as it grows. First prize to the winner were given THB 3,000 second, third and fourth winners were presented with memory cards and cloth bags. It was hoped to instill a



sense of belonging, togetherness and love.

In November, there were 2 major events that took place:

1. “Pan Chom Bung” (Biking to visit the Lake) an event jointly held with the Bicycle Association of Amphoe Akat Amnuai with 100 bicycles for the run. The event was held on 10th November and started in front of Chao Poo Ta shrine at 07.30 and ending at Nong Non Tai (Lake of Love) with the planting of trees and meeting PRID Bhichai Rattakul.

2. Traditional Loy Krathong; solely hosted by Phon-ngam suksa School. Many events were held on Loy

Krathong Day such as Demonstration of Sepak Takraw, walking street, Krathong competition and Children Noppamas pageant. Thousands of people of all ages came to view the 200 fireworks display. The event was kindly attended by PRIP. Bhichai Rattakul.

It is hoped that many such events will be continued to make the Lake of Love a place where people of both genders, young and one enjoy each other’s company, to learn to live in harmony and make this area another place for tourism in Sakon Nakhon.

Rotary Centre in Thailand



Message from the Chair

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

During November (Foundation month) and December (Disease and Prevention month) of this year, all Rotarians will be working particularly hard during their participation in TRF activities and contributions. Some good news for all is that the exchange rate has fallen to 30 Baht: 1\$, providing us with an excellent opportunity to contribute more to help people in need. Moreover, the contributions will return to us as DDF to provide more opportunities to serve people, particularly those in our own country. That will comprise a substantial number of meritorious deeds for all, no matter how much you have contributed.

On December 8, the 4 districts in Thailand will hold a Foundation Night event at the Continental Hotel in Bangkok chaired by the Chair of Trustees, PRIIP Gary Huang. Let's join the event and welcome the Trustees Chair together.

The Rotary Center is now preparing to support the Multi-PETS of all 4 Districts for the material translation in special in order to make the program run more smoothly and ensure its success. All 4 District governors-elect are also preparing themselves to travel to Manila for GETS very soon (at the end of November). On behalf of all Rotarians in Thailand, we wish them success!

From the latest board meeting of the Rotary Center, many resolutions concerning the planning development of the center, a better online

information program improvement for clubs, and invitations for new volunteers to work for the IT social media program, such as Facebook and line, as well as an award program for the clubs who disseminated most of their activities online were developed.

The aid fund program for disaster victims has been going well, with more contributors, who are highly appreciated. We welcome all to contribute if anyone would like to do something good or provide merits on any special occasion, such as birthdays. Please contact our officers on duty at the center anytime. All of the contributions will go to the Thailand Foundation Fund, which is taken care of by the special experienced monetary auditor under the consideration of use by the Board committee. Therefore, this process is transparent to implement and can rapidly take action in order to help disaster victims in all areas.

The Rotary Center opens opportunities for all to make any comment on our Regional Magazine or how to favorably receive the magazine through survey questionnaires that will be sent to you very soon. We hope your comments can help us improve the magazine to make it more beneficial and convenient for you; comments can be made either online or by mail. We now also have an English version for this magazine online for you.

Lastly, on the occasion of the approaching New Year, I wish all Rotarians all the best and much happiness.

Thank you for your cooperation throughout the past year. That is our real encouragement that makes the center really move forward.

Yours in Rotary,

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

Number's Rotary Data source www.rotary.org, 25 November 2019 (1 July 2019)

District	3330	3340	3350	3360	Total
Members	2,436 (2,327)	1,457 (1,401)	2,970 (2,821)	1,422 (1,370)	8,285 (7,919)
Clubs	103 (102)	66 (66)	113 (113)	67 (67)	349 (348)



Join in make

Learn

Rotary Club of Khunying Mo-Korat

President of the Rotary Club of Khunying Mo-Korat helps to promote children's imagination by drawing and coloring. This will be basic training for the children to be concentrate to work on other matters in life.





Join in make

Help

District 3340, RI

Helping the victims from the biggest flood in the 50 years of Ubon Ratchathani province. A collaboration of 6 Rotary Clubs in the area in Warin District of Ubon Ratchathani Province on September 9th, 2019. District 3340 donated 130,000 baht to flood victims in Ubon Ratchathani province (only in the area of Ubon Ratchathani province).

