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## ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

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## President's message

Shekhar Mehta, September 2021



Greetings, my dear changemakers,

I am sure you are having an enriching experience as you Serve to Change Lives. One of the ways you can make the greatest change in a person's life is to help them learn to read. Literacy opens up the world to us. It makes us better informed about life in our own communities and opens vistas to other cultures. Reading and writing connects people and gives us another way to express our love for one another.

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month in Rotary. Enhancing literacy skills is critical in our pursuit of reducing poverty, improving health, and promoting peace. In fact, if all students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills, it would result in a significant cut in global poverty rates.

Without education, illiterate children become illiterate adults. Today, 14 percent of the world's adult population — 762 million people — lack basic reading and writing skills. Two-thirds of that group are women. Literacy and numeracy skills are essential to obtaining better housing, health care, and jobs over a lifetime.

Especially for girls and women, literacy can be a life-or-death issue. If all girls completed their primary education, there would be far fewer maternal deaths. And a child is more likely to survive past age 5 if he or she is born to a mother who can read. Improving outcomes for more people worldwide is possible only if countries remove barriers to education for girls. The economic argument for doing so is clear: In some countries where schooling is geared toward boys, the cost of missed economic opportunity is more than \$1 billion per year.

Empowering people through education is among the boldest goals we have as Rotarians. We don't have to travel far from our homes to encounter those whose lives are being curtailed because they struggle with reading, rely on others to read for them, or cannot write anything more than their own name.

Starting this month, consider how your club can Serve to Change Lives through literacy: Support local organizations that offer free programs to support adult literacy or local language learning, or that provide teachers with professional development centered around reading and writing. Become literacy mentors, or work with an organization like the Global Partnership for Education to increase learning opportunities for children around the world. Have conversations with local schools and libraries to see how your club can support their existing programs or help create needed ones in your community.

In India, the TEACH program, a successful collaboration between the country's Rotary clubs and its government, has demonstrated how to scale up literacy efforts to reach millions of children. And at a time when schools across India were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the program's e-learning component reached more than 100 million children through national television. Literacy is the first step out of poverty. As Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai has noted, "One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world."

Shekhar Mehta  
President, Rotary International



## President's message

Shekhar Mehta, October 2021



Greetings, my dear changemakers,

A quarter of the Rotary year is now behind us. I am sure you are helping Rotary to grow more and do more. And I hope you have already done your part for the Each One, Bring One initiative by introducing one person to Rotary.

Do you ever think about your earliest days as a Rotarian? I often do — because those first moments of discovering the power of service shaped who I am today. When I joined my Rotary club, our efforts focused on India's rural communities, where people were living without toilets, getting their drinking water from the same pond they bathed in, and sending their children to outdoor classrooms set up under a tree. The nearest health care provider often was miles away — and the services were inadequate.

But after Rotary clubs carried out some service projects, the villages had toilets, clean drinking water, a classroom for early learning, and an ear by health care center.

The spark that Rotary kindled within me forced me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity. It made service a way of life and led me to a guiding principle I still stand by: Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on Earth.

If you feel the need to reignite the spark of service in yourself or your club, October — Community Economic Development Month — is a great time to do so. When we work to improve the lives of people in underserved communities — through, for example, projects that provide vocational training and access to financial resources — we help build and sustain local economic growth.

The need is great. According to the United Nations, 9 percent of the world's population — that's 700 million people, a majority of them in sub-Saharan Africa — live on less than \$1.90 a day. By supporting strong community development as well as entrepreneurs, we can help improve conditions for people in that region and others.

Your club can also promote economic development in your own community by expanding vocational training opportunities through local schools and community colleges, partnering with lenders to improve access to financial services, or working with a nonprofit that provides resources to entrepreneurs and connects them with the business community.

Of course, developing strong communities is impossible without strong public health. On 24 October, World Polio Day, we'll celebrate our tremendous progress in the effort to eradicate polio. But we also know the fight is not over. We still need your help raising funds and awareness to ensure that all children are immunized against polio. Please don't forget to activate your clubs on that important day and encourage them to donate here: [endpolio.org/world-polio-day](https://endpolio.org/world-polio-day).

Service has been rewarding for me throughout my life. I know the same is true for many of you. Join me this month in becoming a good tenant of our planet by helping others to better themselves and their communities. Together, we can Serve to Change Lives.

Shekhar Mehta  
President, Rotary International



John Germ, September 2021



### If you can dream it, you can do it

Malala Yousafzai is a young Pakistani activist for the education of girls and women. As a teenager, Malala, whom the world knows by her first name, courageously spoke out for the rights of girls to learn. Extremists in her country disagreed with Malala, and she was shot by a Taliban gunman on her way home from school.

But the attack didn't dissuade her; it made her more determined. As soon as she recuperated, she resumed her mission of education activism. Today the Malala Fund supports education through projects around the world.

Not only is Malala an inspiration for Rotary members, we also have some commonalities: a drive to do what is right, a passion for literacy, and the power to transform dreams into reality.

One of my life mottos is: If you can dream it, you can do it. This applies to everything Rotarians do, particularly with The Rotary Foundation. We literally make our dreams happen.

Like Malala, we know that literacy is, for many, the first step out of poverty. To put our vision into action, we first understand a community and the unique problems of its members, and then form a partnership with them. Next we join forces with others — exchanging ideas with clubs in other districts, and working with people and organizations outside of Rotary.

Our solution, in the form of a district grant or global grant, will be tailored for that community. And if it's a Rotary grant, you can bet it will be well-planned, strategic, and most of all, sustainable. We want that gift of literacy to not be a one-time book donation but a plan to transform a community over time.

Over the years, I have seen countless literacy efforts in Rotary, from national programs to local projects. When the global COVID-19 pandemic hit last year, many clubs took action to help communities adjust to online schooling, including providing laptop computers. Rotary's solutions are endless, our volunteers tireless. And if I know Rotarians, I know that more solutions are being created as I write these words.

Rotary's passion for literacy and education projects is well-known. So is our commitment to make them happen. You, through Rotary, are a big part of helping people take their first step out of illiteracy, out of poverty, and into something much better. Remember, if you can dream it, you can do it — just like Malala.

John Germ  
Foundation Trustee Chair





### Rise to the challenge

When Rotary courageously stepped up to pursue the dream of a polio-free world, we knew realizing our dream wouldn't be easy. But since 1988, working with our partners, we've brought worldwide case counts down by 99.9 percent.

However, it's not over 'til it's over. It will take courage. We're going to keep up the funding and keep on the pressure until this fight is finished, and no child ever again has to experience the devastating effects of polio.

As we mark World Polio Day on 24 October, we can take heart; we continue to make progress, and with the current low transmission rates of wild poliovirus in Afghanistan and Pakistan, we have a unique opportunity to interrupt transmission. We also have a new strategy and vaccine that will bolster our eradication efforts.

To eradicate wild poliovirus and stop outbreaks of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV), the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's new strategy centers around several key areas: political advocacy to create greater urgency and accountability in the endemic and outbreak countries, improved engagement with high-risk communities, improved operations and polio surveillance, and the inclusion of polio immunization in broader health programs.

Along with our new strategy, Rotary and its partners are using a new tool, novel oral polio vaccine (nOPV2), to help address outbreaks of type 2 cVDPV. This new vaccine has been deployed in a growing list of countries and is a promising development in our quest to end polio once and for all.

But there is still much work to be done. In particular, we need to remain strongly committed to our goals in the face of recent events in Afghanistan. As a nonpolitical organization, Rotary will continue to do the work that is necessary to protect the health of children everywhere.

After all the progress we've made in our decades-long fight, the worst thing we could do is to become complacent, so here's where you come in.

Let's raise awareness of Rotary's role in polio eradication. And let's double down on our commitment and keep raising \$50 million each year for polio. Remember: Thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, any contribution you or your Rotary or Rotaract club makes will be matched 2 to 1.

In Rotary, when we dream, we get behind our dream with everything we can muster. We have always risen to challenges — and now it is more important than ever for us to rise again, with courage, to defeat polio.

John Germ  
Foundation Trustee Chair



## Editorial

PP.Vanit Yotharvit, D.3360

Dear my fellow Rotarians

The Red Dome Lighthouse is dominantly located on the natural rock as the landmark of the World's Heritage ancient city namely "Mahapali-Buram". This is the best location for giving the direction beam to the naval traffic around the area.

Chennai (formerly known as Maddras) is the capital city of Tamil Nadu Region of India. The city blessed by the location of the Bengal Peninsula is the commercial center since the ancient era as well as the exporter of civilization to nations across the South East Asian region.

While the Lighthouse was built in the early 20 century but the nearby rock is location of more than 1,000 years old temple that the ignited bonfire was functioned as the naval traffic light for the seaman. This is accepted as the oldest lighthouse in the world.

In a present days, since the new lighthouse has been built on the Marina Beach in the middle of Chennai, the ancient one become the tourist attraction site where the bird eyes view can be observed from above.

The adjustment and improvement for maximum utility has been inheriting from generation to generation.

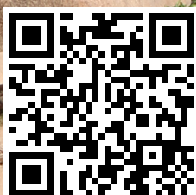
In the era of disruption aka the age of demolition, technology and the pandemic of COVID-19 have stimulate the rate of changing.

The adaptation in order to catch up with the era and time are considered critical.

"Fresh way to connect" and "Rotary response to the pandemic" are the topics presenting the responses of the organization toward the crisis and the organization's milestone for the future.

This is our key footstep for keep moving together throughout this crisis.

Yours in Rotary  
PP.Vanit Yotharvit  
Editor-in-Chief



Disruptive or  
Disruption ?



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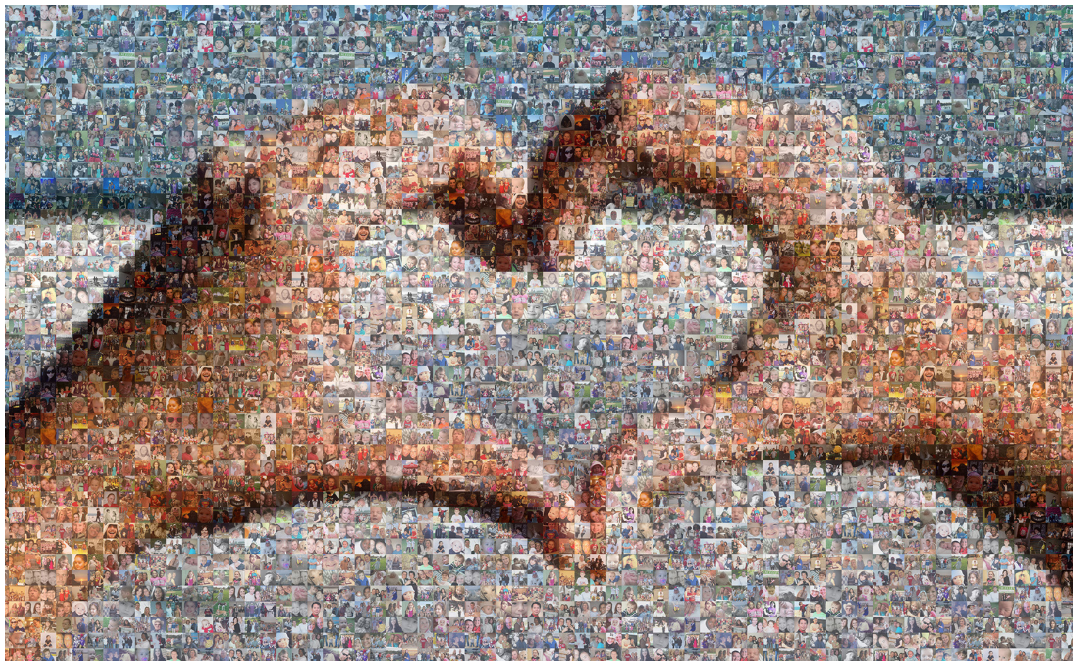
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# The Image of Rotary



What is Rotary seems like an easy question. To it, there are many answers depending on whom you ask. The campaign to promote the new image of Rotary is the same. The aim is to have a simple, clear, regular answer and join Rotarians in the same line of thinking to tell the story – to show – the world that we are People of Action.

Even if the world knows our name, surveys tell us that they do not understand what Rotary really is, do not know how we are, or what we do in local communities. And, the majority of respondents in surveys say they do not know that there is a Rotary club in their community.

Thus it is up to us to tell the story of Rotary. The People of Action image campaign aims to take Rotary and present it to people who do not know us by showing that Rotarians, those People of Action, are a group of leaders who come together to do good things in the community by inspiring, transforming, and connecting good things together to make them possible. This campaign will engage and inspire current and prospective members as well as donors, volunteers, and supporters.

In order for the promotion of the Rotary image to have positive results widely throughout all four Rotary districts (Districts 3330, 3340, 3350, and 3360), and to have every community know Rotary correctly according to the reality that Rotary is People of Action who do good things in their communities and help change the lives of people in their communities for the better,

I invite Rotarians to join the People of Action Global Campaign of Rotary by having clubs organize community service activities together in every country on Sunday, December 12 (POA 12.12.21) and send posters and video clips to win a prize in Region 12, Zone 10B and C -- by sending posters by 31 December 2021 and videos by 31 January 2022. Another way to participate is in the historical mosaic picture, by sending a selfie of yourself wearing the POA shirt with your work team according to the above schedule.

The People of Action image campaign of our four districts will increase the impact, expand access, encourage participation, and help tick up the capability to adapt in all four districts in accordance with the important four point strategy of the Rotary Action Plan.

An excellent image and a strong Rotary brand will help increase the number of volunteers who participate in activities with us, increase the people interested in donating money to our projects, and attract people interested in becoming members of Rotary.

Together, we Rotarians in all four districts of the five CLMVT countries are helping each other to write the history of our cooperation in a way that was never done before. Let's all be of one mind on Sunday, 12 December this year that every Rotary Club will organize activities at one and the same time so that the various communities in all four districts will know and realize that our Rotary is People of Action and that every Rotarian can help make this year the year that "Rotary Serves to Change Lives."



## Article

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“Noticing little **changes** earlier helps you adapt to a big change coming.”

# In the Changing World

During the past two years, everyone in this whole world is living around living COVID-19, with different perception. Many have passed away, leaving lessons to be learned for the rest. Many are still struggling in common traditional ways (of lives) while many accept the new normal. Many crested stories and believed in their own stories and are proud of their own wisdom, while many chose to stay quiet.

During staying home, for those who love reading, I wish to recommend a good old book: **Who Moved My Cheese?** By Dr Spencer Johnson, translated by Dr Suebsak Sirichanya.

There are four little characters running through a Maze looking for cheese to feed and make themselves happy. Two were mice, named Sniff and Scurry. The other two were little peopled called Hem and Haw. The mice had the brain of an animal, with normal instinct. They didn't analyze things much so They were not lagged by the complex beliefs. They ran around to find cheese, trying a lot of different paths to get to the cheese, and could always find a new cheese.

While for people, with complex beliefs, they belief the cheeses are theirs, the centre of their lives. For Hem, the cheese means hero, having control and own a mansion. For Haw, the cheese means safety and security; and a lovely family in a cozy little cottage.

When one day, the cheese disappeared and Hem shouted, “who moved my cheese? It's not fair, we have the right. We must have the benefits. We are not the ones who caused any problems, it's somebody else.” With angers, he waited at station C for the cheese to be replaced. While Haw felt sad and worried. Both got back home with hunger and desperation.

Haw wrote on the wall, “The more cheeses there is, the tighter I need to hold it.” He tried to find ways to get a new cheese. He gathered the thought and the brave, feeling confused, being afraid of leaving the Maze for fear of danger. Sometimes he realized things changed, nothing was the same but life had to go on.


Haw left the station C to find a new way. He repeated on the wall: “Unless you change, you may get lost.” “What will you do if no fear” “Changing direction helps you find a new cheese.” “surprised here there's no fear, there's freedom.” “The quicker you leave the old cheese, the earlier you find a new one.” “Seeking in the Maze is safer than waiting with no cheese.” “Old belief won't lead to a new cheese.” “Noticing little changes earlier helps you adapt to a big change coming.”

Now that Haw left the past and adapted himself to the future. He furthered his travel with strength and even faster than usual. The cheese he found at the station M made him stun. It's the biggest cheese storage ever with lots of cheese he didn't know. He looked around and found Sniff and Scurry with bloated belly They might have been here for some time. Haw laughed at his own stupidity. **Just let it go and one can make a further step quickly.**

Haw moved on in a far distance. He regularly examined the changes happened to see what happened around. He sat down and heard a moving sound, realized that someone was on the way to here, “Is it Hem?, turning around the corner?” He prayed and hoped that his friend might ....

Please continue reading the book. It is suitable for the current situation called radical changed or Disruption.





When a deadly crisis  
gripped the world,  
Rotary members leapt  
into action. Now we're  
imagining what comes  
next

# CHALLENGE ACCEPTED







#### Leading by example

Encouraged by three successive Rotary International presidents — Mark Maloney, Holger Knaack, and Shekhar Mehta — and assisted by about \$35 million in funding from The Rotary Foundation, Rotarians and Rotaractors from around the world stepped forward to provide a wide range of essential services, materials, and information to aid, advise, and comfort people during the COVID-19 pandemic. “Every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth,” Knaack said — and the truth of that remark is demonstrated in the photos here and on the following pages.

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Eighteen months ago, the world ground to a halt, and for one brief moment, Rotary paused along with it. In March 2020, the magazine stopped the presses on its May issue in order to include a newly written message from 2019–20 RI President Mark Maloney.

“Throughout early March, the news about COVID-19 became increasingly serious throughout the world,” he explained. “We asked all Rotary districts and clubs to curb face-to-face meetings until further notice and to hold virtual meetings instead.” Then Maloney kicked things back into gear: “The world is changing rapidly,” he wrote, “and so must Rotary. Our adaptability and strength will help us navigate this experience.”

Rotarians everywhere responded to Maloney’s call to action. In some cases, they had even anticipated it. By the time that May issue landed in mailboxes, many clubs had already shifted to virtual meetings, and members worldwide were providing on-the-ground support for health care workers, communities in need, and the people most susceptible to the pandemic’s reach.

In June 2020, we published our first roundup of COVID-related projects, and in July, 2020–21 RI President Holger Knaack noted in his first magazine message that “every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth.” In that same issue, we showed how Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative had been drawing on their experience to respond to the pandemic, and in August, we told personal stories from 10 frontline workers around the world — nine Rotarians and one Rotaractor who, despite the grave risk to their own health, stepped forward to offer assistance, comfort, and inspiration.

Since then, we’ve continued to cover the nimble and creative ways clubs have found

to respond to the pandemic, much of that work funded through grants from The Rotary Foundation: As of June, more than \$27 million in global grant funding had gone directly to Rotary’s COVID-19 response, on top of nearly \$8 million in disaster response funding.

Rotary has adapted, just as Maloney and Knaack assured us we could. And despite the pandemic, Rotarians and Rotaractors have continued to make a difference: We celebrated the end of wild poliovirus in Africa. We adopted a new area of focus, the environment. And earlier this year, we welcomed the inaugural cohort of peace fellows to the first Rotary Peace Center in Africa.

In this issue, we take stock of the last 18 months and look ahead to what’s next. You will find examples of the ingenuity, creativity, and resilience that Rotary members have displayed from the start.

You will hear from a Rotarian epidemiologist and COVID-19 task force member about Rotary’s role in the pandemic response. You will read about how clubs have embraced change — and learn how virtual connectivity could open the door for more people to get involved in Rotary’s mission.

In the past year, because of everything we’ve been through together, each of us has changed, taking on new challenges and learning new skills. Rotary has changed as well, and more change is surely coming. But as RI President Shekhar Mehta reminded us two months ago in his first Rotary message to members: “No challenge is too big for Rotarians.”







## Pandemic projects

Members of Rotary served as volunteers, as professionals, and as role models, advocating for vaccination and encouraging others by their own example. Clubs provided masks and other PPE, testing kits, educational materials, diagnostic equipment, intubation tubes, ventilators, hand sanitizer, personal hygiene items, and other essentials such as food and water. They provided aid to refugees and people who were homeless, as well as vocational training to assist people looking for work. Through online seminars, social media updates, and other outlets, clubs also served as a reliable source of information about vaccines and other pandemic-related topics.



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#RotaryResponds  
Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors all stepped up to help during the pandemic. In the photos on these and preceding pages, you can see some of the people who volunteered and the projects they organized. They include members of the Interact Club of Sonrise Christian High, Ghana, and the Rotaract clubs of Ho, Ghana; University of Health and Allied Sciences, Ghana; and Warszawa Frydryk Chopin, Poland. Also represented here are the Rotary clubs of North Jefferson and Gardendale, Alabama; Boa Vista-Çaçari, Teresina-Fátima, and Vargem Grande Paulista-Conecta, Brazil; Guayaquil Norte and Tsachila de Santo Domingo, Ecuador; Meaux, France; Evanston Lighthouse, Illinois; Madras Next Gen, India; Trenton, North Carolina; Metro Naga, Philippines; Singapore; Plainview, Texas; and Valera, Venezuela; as well as members of Rotary in districts 3040 (India), 3281 (Bangladesh), and 9212 (Kenya).



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# MEETINGS MADE MODERN

By Vanessa Glavinskas

In April, the Washington Post published an article titled “What We’ll Keep.” Eleven writers looked at aspects of life during the pandemic that they’d like to see continue, such as the flexibility to telecommute, a deeper appreciation for essential workers, and more time spent in nature.

Staying home to slow the spread of COVID-19 disrupted our daily routines — but it changed some things for the better. Now we’re at a collective crossroads. As society reopens, how can we use what we’ve learned to make our lives better? How do we improve upon what we used to accept as “normal”?

When Rotary surveyed its members at the end of 2020, 75 percent of Rotarians reported that their clubs were mainly meeting online during the pandemic, while 18 percent were mostly meeting in person. A small number of clubs had stopped meeting altogether.

But even though the majority of clubs successfully adapted to virtual meetings, Zoom repeatedly was mentioned as a source of fatigue and frustration, especially among a segment of surveyed members who had belonged to Rotary for seven years or more. Some newer members, however, weren’t as bothered by the switch. One who has embraced it is Jenny Stotts.

Stotts helped charter the Rotary Club of Athens Sunrise, Ohio, in 2016. The club met in a coffee shop until the pandemic shut down in-person meetings. They then shifted to Zoom, which became helpful to Stotts when the club’s 7 a.m. meetings began to conflict with her kids’ schedules. She appreciated the opportunity to multitask, dialing in to the virtual meeting while driving her children to school. That’s the kind of flexibility she hopes the club will continue to offer.

“When I hear that we’re ‘going back,’ I gently say, ‘No, we’re doing what’s next,’” Stotts says. “I know people are really Zoom fatigued. But it’s not Zoom that’s bad. It’s all the time people have been spending on it that wears you out.”

“Videoconferencing is here to stay,” predicts Jeremy Bailenson, director of Stanford University’s Virtual Human Interaction Lab — not only for organizations like Rotary but for workplaces as well. “Zoom has the potential to continue to drive productivity and reduce carbon emissions by replacing the commute,” he wrote in the journal *Technology, Mind, and Behavior* in February.

It also saves money, a factor the corporate world has seized upon. In 2020, Mark Zuckerberg predicted that over the next five to 10 years, half of Facebook’s workforce could be remote. Google offers a

hybrid work model that encourages staff to come into the office three days per week for collaboration and allows most employees the freedom to work remotely the other two.

Stotts, who serves as District 6690 membership chair, hopes that Rotary clubs also continue to take advantage of videoconferencing — not just to offer flexibility to current members but also to engage new ones. “It’s part of that bigger inclusion message,” she says. “It’s time to ask: Who’s missing from this club and why? Maybe virtual makes sense for them. This is the ideal time to focus on giving people more ways to join.”

## Crisis brings opportunity

Last September, Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, took time away from advising the U.S. government on its pandemic response in order to speak virtually at a Rotary club meeting held inside a garage. (Yes, a garage.)

The meeting was at the home of Jim Marggraff, a member of the Rotary Club of Lamorinda Sunrise, California, and the setup — though simple — was well-ventilated and allowed those who chose to attend in person enough room for social distancing. “With Zoom meetings came the opportunity for resourceful clubs to recruit world-renowned speakers,” Marggraff says. Because Fauci was able to present via video, the club’s meeting location was not a limiting factor. Other presenters at the meeting included then-RI President Holger Knaack as well as leaders from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Health Organization.

Marggraff recorded the meeting — including the in-person aspects — so he could share how the concept works; he also put together a tutorial to help other clubs hold their own hybrid meetings. “The idea was to produce a video to help clubs see how easy it can be to host a hybrid or virtual/in-person meeting — one that brings people together physically while giving remote members simultaneous access to the meeting,” Marggraff says. (View the garage meeting and the tutorial at [tsgig.org](https://tsgig.org).)

Marggraff, an inventor and entrepreneur, is best known for creating LeapFrog’s popular LeapPad system, which helps children develop reading and math skills. Now he’s focusing on helping Rotary clubs through a nonprofit he founded, The Global Impact Group (TGIG),



# HOW TO HOST A SUCCESSFUL VIRTUAL / IN-PERSON MEETING

Six tips from TGIG,  
a Rotarian-run nonprofit  
that helps clubs adopt  
new technologies

(an overhead view)

## Use what you have

Many clubs already use a projector and big screen for in-person meetings. Use it to display the online audience or remote presenter to the group gathered in person.

## Set up a tech team

Ask members to volunteer for a team that will set up and manage the technical aspects of the meeting each week.

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## Don't be afraid to ask questions

For personalized help, send an email to [team@tgig.org](mailto:team@tgig.org).

## Pay attention to the audio

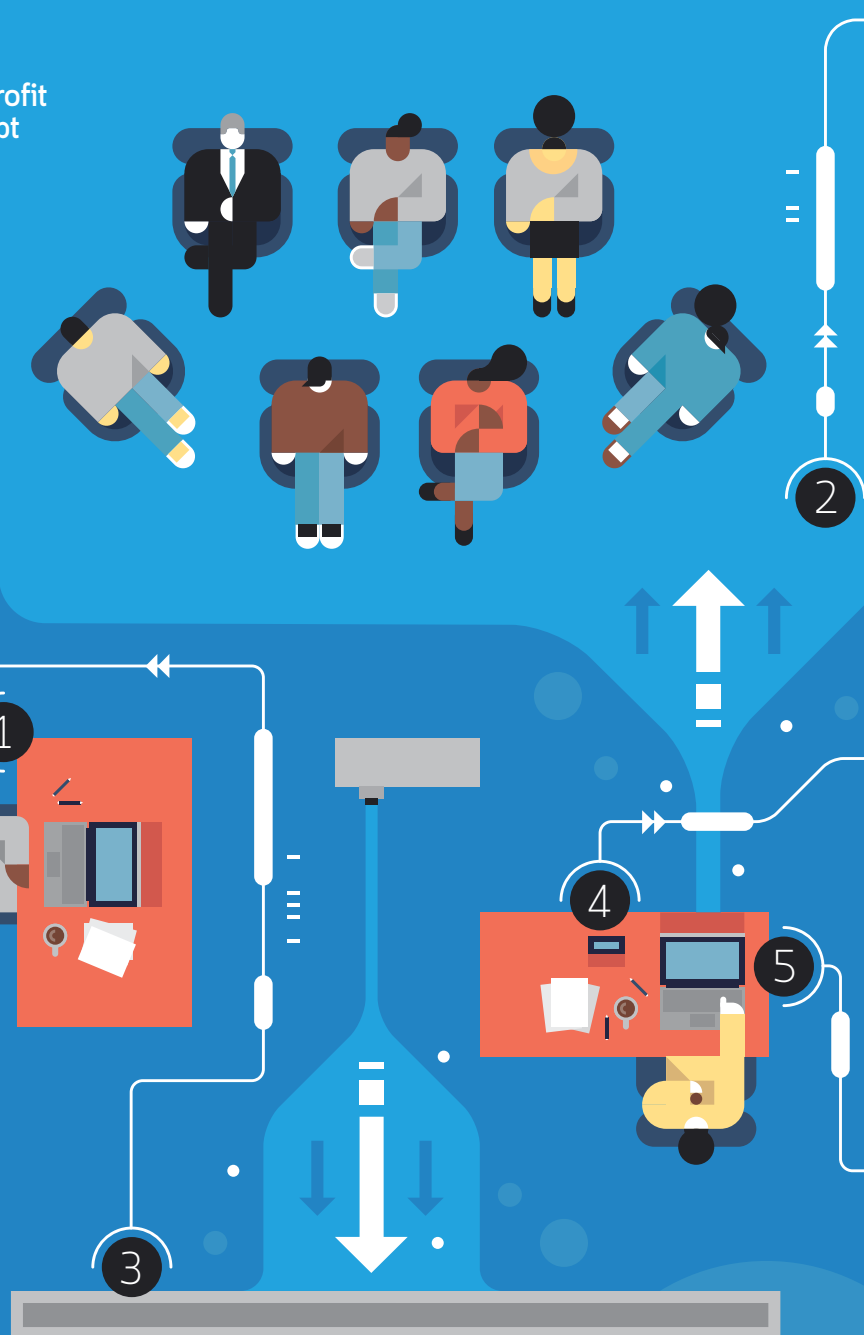
Your online audience needs to be able to hear you. Download a step-by-step tutorial on how to set up the ideal audio environment at [tgig.org](http://tgig.org).

## Show the room

Use a webcam or even a smartphone as a separate camera to allow the online audience to see the people in the room.

## Broadcast live

By placing a laptop on the lectern in front of the room, you can use its camera and microphone to allow your presenter to communicate with your online and in-person audiences simultaneously.





# MEETINGS MADE MODERN

which is run by Rotary members and aims to help nonprofits make better use of technology.

The expanded accessibility provided by virtual meetings is a perk for members who, in the tradition of attending make-up meetings while away from home, simply want to visit different clubs, as well as for members who might not be able to attend in-person meetings because of health concerns or time conflicts. Jim Simmermon is one Rotarian who has taken full advantage of the options opened up by virtual meetings.

Simmermon, who is 95 and lives in a retirement home in Pennsylvania, attends his regular Tuesday meeting of the Rotary Club of Oakmont Verona, Pennsylvania, via Zoom. Then on Wednesdays, he joins the online meeting of another club where he used to be a member, and every Thursday he attends another online meeting, this time of his son's Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch (Littleton), Colorado. "I like attending Rotary meetings; it gives me a lift," Simmermon says. "It doesn't matter how old you are. Anyone can do Zoom."

Scott Doll, who serves as CEO of TGIG, predicts that in the wake of the "Zoom boom," new technologies will make it easier to add a virtual component to any meeting. "Face-to-face contact will always be desirable," says Doll, a member of the Rotary Club of Alpharetta, Georgia. "But I also think we're going to see advances in virtual meetings and hybrid tech that will make it far more user-friendly and accepted as one of the primary ways we meet" — be it for business, pleasure, or civic good.

## Meeting the challenge

"We have to use three to four different internet connections to hold a hybrid club meeting, in case one goes down," says Diehdra Potter, a member of the Rotary Club of Road Town, British Virgin Islands, which started holding blended virtual/in-person meetings in summer 2020. "We had members who really wanted the normalcy of being with fellow Rotarians," Potter says. "But those in the at-risk group were not comfortable meeting in person."

Potter, the club's 2020-21 administrative director, says that even though she doesn't consider herself particularly tech-savvy, she was determined to figure out a way to make meetings work for everyone. But with an unreliable internet connection at their outdoor meeting space — the patio of a restaurant — the new system took a while to perfect.

"At one of our sessions, our district governor said only three words before the internet went down and he was frozen," Potter recalls. "We had to wait a few minutes and reset. But before you knew it, he cracked a joke and continued." Since then, Potter has learned to utilize the venue's two Wi-Fi networks as well as other connections, such as mobile hotspots, in order to manage the multiple laptops and phones required to film the in-person attendees and project the Zoom participants. The other available internet connections serve as backups.

Potter's persistence has paid off: Overall attendance of club meetings is up by 35 percent. "We have additional members at home who log on," she says. "Sometimes we'll have 40 members from our club and 20 from other clubs — that includes Rotaract and Interact." Many of those who attend virtually are on other Caribbean islands.

"When our borders closed to tourists, many of our members experienced losses in their businesses," Potter says. "They had to shut down, or lay off staff. Without revenue, many were worried." That's one of the reasons Potter felt compelled to keep the club going. "We needed these meetings to take care of ourselves," she says. Elvis Harrigan, a Road Town member, echoes that sentiment. "Since 2017, we've had multiple hurricanes, then COVID-19, and now a volcanic eruption on St. Vincent," Harrigan says. "Through all of this, Rotary has been a source of stress relief."

"Hybrid meetings may require a lot of planning, but it's worth it because you have to reach people where they are," Potter adds. "In difficult times, we can find joy in something we love — which is Rotary."

## What's next

"People are changing, and priorities are getting reshuffled," says Tom Thorfinnson, a member of the Rotary Club of Eden Prairie Noon, Minnesota, and Rotary International's chief strategic officer. As people emerge from a year or more of isolation hoping to be more purposeful with how they spend their time, Thorfinnson believes that clubs have an opportunity to lean in to Rotary's core values of providing meaningful service opportunities and building relationships.

While most Rotarians reported that the COVID-19 pandemic has not affected their likelihood of remaining a member in the next year, about 9 percent of those surveyed said that it is less or much less likely that they will remain a member. While Zoom fatigue has played a role for some, so has the cost and time associated with being a member. That's where keeping a virtual option could help clubs maintain their membership.

"It cuts down on expenses to the member if you meet virtually twice a month and in person twice a month," says Jeffry Cadorette, a past RI director who chaired a task force that evaluated how Rotary clubs and districts might best take advantage of virtual connectivity in the future. A hybrid club with a virtual option doesn't have to be technologically complicated, he notes, and it could offer a more flexible alternative for members concerned about the cost and time it takes to commit to Rotary.

"Our traditional club models got us through our first 115 years," Cadorette says. "But we are not going to be relevant a decade from now if we only depend on our breakfast, lunch, and dinner clubs. We need to honor our past but retool for the future."



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### Rotary News Thailand

#### Rotary News Thailand Channel

"Rotarians have work to do every day. Fellowship inspires us to serve our community together. We volunteer to update one another on every matter, and also invite some to participate in creative discussions. Rotarian community—we chat about Rotarians. Millions of views on Rotary News Thailand."



PP Jantanee Tienvijit,  
Rotary Club of Lanna

## How Rotarians connect in the New Normal way of living

When we go into Rotary News Thailand Facebook Page, we will first hear the song composed especially for the News on Rotarians program. This program is broadcast every day and is one of the most popular channels followed by both Rotarians and the public in general. Through this channel, activities of various clubs in all districts of Thailand are publicized along with general knowledge and entertainment.

I am a member of this team responsible for personnel matters of each specialized occupational group. As for production, I am the team leader of the program called Looking into our Activities aiming to publicize both past and future activities of various Rotary clubs to allow for congratulations and participation. Invited guests to the program are Rotarians from Rotary Clubs looking for an opportunity to disseminate information about their activities. The new way of broadcasting this program commenced on 6 September 2021, and has now been aired 4 times. It has been well received by Rotarians who joined the program, voiced their opinions and answered questions from the invited guests with enthusiasm. Occasionally, the guests presented gifts to the participating audience. All this has led to a good connection among Rotarians in the New Normal way and an appropriate adjustment to the current situation when the COVID-19 pandemic is still serious and everyone has to stay at home. Connecting with one another via online social media is the most suitable channel during this time, and the person who initiated this program is PP Sukkij Taweewisanont. Let us meet him now...



PP Sukkij Taweewisanont  
Rotary Club of Bangkok East, D. 3350

PP Sukkij explained that he began to broadcast this program...News on Rotarians on 4 September 2017. Until now, it has been 4 years and is about to step into its 5th year. At the beginning, he did it all by himself with a limited number of equipment. Later, both the team members and equipment grew. Currently, there are over 30 members from various Rotary clubs of the 4 districts in Thailand. All volunteer to do the work without any compensation in either cash or kind. The two things they receive in return are friendship and pride in sharing good things with other Rotarians and the public.

With the adjusted format to suit the current situation and the audience's interests, Rotary News Thailand Facebook Page has over 3,000 followers and the number is increasing rapidly. The program is broadcast at approximately 19.00 hours with the following details:

**Monday:** News on Rotarians in 3 presentation styles

- The first part: Looking into our Activities – a presentation on Rotary activities for the public by PP Jantanee Tienvijit and her team
- The second part: Knowledge Enhancement – dissemination of useful information to the viewers by PP Muenphan Bamrungron and her team
- The third part: Entertainment Variety – a relaxing time before sending the audience to bed by PP Pongpat Sattayavinij and his team





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**Tuesday:** English News Channel by P. Dr. Maywadee Riewwilaisuk and her team

- Food for thought from Rotary by PP Natthi Angsuwanmet

**Wednesday:** Outstanding Youth by PP Dr. Pornchai Samueng and his team

- Food for thought from Rotary by PP Natthi Angsuwanmet

**Thursday:** Food for thought from Rotary by PP Natthi Angsuwanmet

**Friday:** 3330 News Talk by PP Nittaya Chun-in and her team

**Saturday:** Rotary Time Bank by PP Thanantatch Ittiwattanavanich (mini-Niramitr)

**Sunday:** From the Kitchen – Rotarians’ food program for health and food promotion by PP Pongpat Sattayavinij and his team

The broadcasting technical team is consisted of PP Sukkij Taweewisesanont, PP Priyatas Sarayut and their team.

Some of the programs above have been broadcast for some time while others have just started or will start soon. This includes the English News Channel which intends to connect with international Rotarians living in Thailand and Rotarians overseas in order to increase the viewers’ base. All the programs may be adjusted or improved according to situations or feedback from the audience, allowing them opportunities to participate and connect with the program producer. As a result, communication is efficient, interesting and beneficial to all concerned.

The production team has a special song for News on Rotarians played at the start of the program. The lively song was composed by PP Thanongsak Wiboonma, Rotary

Club of Sathorn and D. 3350 Music Committee Chair, and sung by the News on Rotarians team members.

The News on Rotarians team organized a singing contest which was participated by all 4 districts between July and August this year. In the first round, each district selected the winner and 4 runners-up before sending all 5 to compete in the final multi-district singing contest round. Each applicant had to send his or her recorded audio or video clip to the team to be broadcast via Facebook Live. While the judges were invited from the 4 districts, the audience also participated actively in the voting for the applicant who would receive the Popular Vote Award. After holding 4 singing contests for each district and a final round for all 4 districts, the winner and runners-up were as follows:

*Winner:* Rotarian Poonyanuch Pornsakulpaisal, Rotary Club of Phra- Pokklao-Dhonburi, Bangkok

*First Runner-Up:* Two applicants with the same score

- President Bamrung Sukkaew, Rotary Club of Bangor, Samut Prakarn

- Rtn Chanatmatee Pattanapongsakul, Rotary Club of Phra Nakorn, Bangkok

*Second Runner-Up:* PP Dr. Nattathanin Sestawanich, Rotary Club of Phrae, who also received the Popular Vote Award

The judging committee comprised PDG Somphop Thirasan, D. 3350; PDG Vivat Pipatchaisiri, D. 3340; PDG Yongvudhi Jongkittipong and PP Thanongsak Wiboonma, D. 3350; and PDG Anurak Napawan, D. 3360.

This 4-district singing contest was very well received by fellow Rotarians. It provided for Rotary connection during this COVID-19 pandemic lock-down period when it’s inconvenient to travel and the curfew was enforced in many



provinces. The activity, therefore, enhanced fellowship and at the same time offered relaxation during this difficult time.

PP Sukkij thanked everyone who has supported the program all along – senior Rotarians who have kindly given advice, team members who have volunteered to work together, invited guests and sponsors who have provided all gifts and awards. The team is ready and willing to improve the program further.

### What has COVID given to us?

There are many ways Rotarians can connect with one another during this New Normal period. I had an opportunity to attend a weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Nakorn Hatyai online via Zoom. The special talk that day was on “What has Covid given to us” by PDG Somphop Thirasan. I’d like to share with you the content from that special talk as follows:



**PDG Somphop Thirasan**  
**Rotary Club of Kanchanaburi, D. 3350**

PDG Somphop explained that nowadays many of us may be stressful from listening to the news about the COVID-19 pandemic with a lot of infected cases and deaths. A lot of businesses and people have been affected by this pandemic. However, those who have received no direct impact are still prohibited from traveling or doing activities they used to do. This has forced us to adjust ourselves to survive in the New Normal way of living. If we look at the positive side, the situation has forced us to stay home resulting in the close relationship among family members. Mothers, fathers and their children live together and eat together. Children do not go to school but study at home with their parents helping them to work online and guide them to do their homework. At the same time, parents have opportunities which they may not have had previously to observe their children’s behavior and to understand their feelings and thoughts. Certainly, COVID-19 has reduced our income, but it has taught us to save money, to know its value and to spend it carefully each time. These are all good things for us.

Today, we have to wear a facial mask to protect ourselves from getting infected. According to medical information, since the outbreak of COVID-19 the number of people infected with the Flu has reduced substantially. This teaches us that if we know how to take care of ourselves, we will not get sick. Nowadays, we look at things which we may not have paid any attention to before such as washing our hands, keeping a social distance, eating healthy





food and using our own middle spoon. Many people are now good at technology and communication without knowing. In the past, online meetings and E-clubs were proposed, but Rotarians might have complained that it's too difficult to communicate via various online social media. However, today it's common to use these media, and almost all Rotary clubs hold their meetings via Zoom, Line or Google Meet. We do it until it becomes normal. The adjustment to online Rotary meetings during this pandemic period has led to many benefits including reduced traveling time, expenses incurred from meeting rooms, food or even our clothing and grooming. Now, when we join online meetings, we dress nicely above our waist but below that we may be in our casual outfit. In addition, it's now very easy to invite speakers from afar or overseas to talk at our meetings, something very hard to do during normal times. So, the world becomes smaller. We used to talk about saving our resources and paperless offices and wondered how it could be possible. Today, we can see that it happens in our life without us knowing.

Currently, it's difficult for any clubs to implement their activities as both the givers and the recipients are afraid of contacting other people. Nevertheless, many clubs continue to do their activities using brainstorming, IT systems and collaboration resulting in their successes. This teaches us that no matter what activity we are doing, we need to plan, coordinate and communicate. That is laying a good system. We hold training for future leaders and new Rotarians every year with a focus on project planning. However, today we don't have to say a lot as we learn from doing. We cannot use the old way of working any more. COVID-19 teaches us to be sympathetic, to practice service above self. And that is what every Rotary club's member or Rotarian adheres to.

PDG Somphop added that Rotary clubs can carry out the following 3 activities during this COVID-19 pandemic:

1. Prevention: Every member must learn about and understand COVID-19, vaccines, self-protection and herd community. Thus, we will be able to explain to others so that they will have better understanding and will not be stressful or confused by rumors. This will bring safety to ourselves and others too. We can advise others on how to

take care of themselves and how to wear masks properly. It is appropriate knowledge to give to others in our community.

2. Treatment: Once there are infected patients, we are not doctors to provide treatment, but we can help doctors or medical staff in many ways. For example, we can donate medical equipment, supplies or medicines. Many clubs have done so, and they donated respirators, test kits, surgical masks and hand gel. Recently, District Governor of D. 3330 distributed Fah Talai Jone (or Green Chiretta) to all clubs so that they could pass it on to those in their community who needed it.

3. Remedy: It's assistance given to those affected by COVID-19. Examples of what we did in this regard included Happiness Sharing Cabinets and Survival Kits. What's important is that once COVID-19 fades away, we must provide vocational training for people in our communities so that they will have a more stable income. We cannot teach what we used to teach - how to make soy milk, but we may have to think about occupations that utilize various modern technologies. What is simple and we should do is to help one another as we are members of Rotary clubs with various classifications. We can purchase our friends' products or use their service as per the saying, "People in general see only problems, but Rotary sees solutions."

PDG Somphop concluded that everyone wants clean drinking water. However, if we keep that clean water in a glass or jar without moving it, in the end that clean water can become dirty or polluted. Likewise, Rotarians who want to continue to develop themselves must find every way to connect with our community development as we "Serve to Change Lives".

In summary, even though COVID-19 which has spread to every corner of the world for almost two years impacts our everyday life, we are able to adjust ourselves and fight against various obstacles together. We will overcome this difficult situation together as well. We must cooperate and protect ourselves and others against this pandemic while adjusting our way of living and implementing Rotary activities as mentioned above.





D.3330

## Editorial of District 3330, RI



PDG Juthatip Thamsiripong  
Rotary Club of Pra Pathom Chedi

Greetings to every Rotarian.

I have a feeling that the situation from Covid-19 and the economy has started to decline. All the while, from 2019 to now, it has been a period of turbulence, mentally and physically, affecting Rotary residents and public in a huge way. I heard very sad stories, such as knowing that Rotarians have resigned from certain clubs. This makes me think of the experience the charm of Rotary in the past and what will the charm of Rotary be like in the future? For people who read this magazine, we need to think twice before deciding to leave a good service organization. People are still waiting for our help.

When Rotarians come together, helping each other, this will be miracles that can change the world.

### Rotary Club of Sritapee

The club organized the “SAVE HERO Project”, delivered 578 PPE sets to Bang Kung Sub-District Health Promoting Hospital and Phunphin Hospital, Surat Thani Province on September 9, 2021.



### Rotary Club of Banglen

The club organized the District Grant project to provide medical equipment of 3 oxygen concentrators, 100 PPE sets, 2,000 pieces of masks, 120 boxes of food, 600 bottles of drinking water at Bang Len Hospital, Bang Len District, Nakhon Pathom Province, on September 8, 2021.



### Rotary Club of Rotary Poochaosamingprai

The club organized the District Grant project to provide medical equipment. The club donated 5 beds of a 2 trickled-bed system, valued at 223,750 baht at the Rajaprasasmasai Institute on September 6, 2021.





### Rotary Club of Thavaravadi

The club organized a project to donate 3,600 bottles of drinking water to the Community Isolation Waiting Center, Huai Khwang Subdistrict, Kamphaeng Saen District, Nakhon Pathom Province on August 18, 2021.



### Rotary Club of Nakornpathom

The club donated Phlox paniculata herbs, alcohol and masks to Nakhon Pathom Provincial Prison on August 27, 2021.



### Rotary Club of Ratchaburi

The organized a project to donate 6 air purifiers to Prachanukroh Community Health Center, worth 120,000 baht, on September 10, 2021.



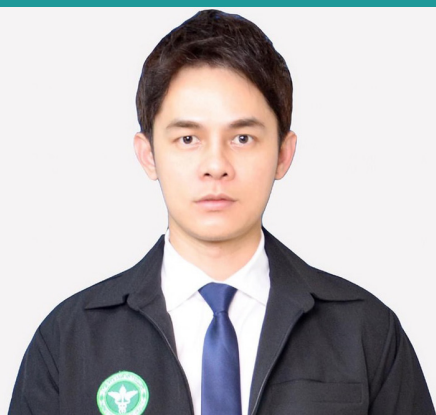
### Rotary Club of Pra Pathom Chedi

The organized a project to donate boxes to save the lives of Covid-19 patients at the Home Community Isolation Unit at Huai Phlu Hospital, Field Hospital No.4 and the Subdistrict Administrative Organization on August 18, 2021.





## D.3330 Club's President



### Education

- 2006 Bachelor of Medicine, Khon Kaen University.
- 2013 Certificate of Expertise in Medical Competencies (Orthopedics), Rajvithee Hospital, Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Public Health.
- 2021 Exequatur of Medicinal Competencies (Preventive Medicine), Division of Public Health, Preventive Medicine Association of Thailand.

### Work experience

#### 2008-2009

- Chairperson of Kamphaengsaen Community Hospital Doctor Association, Nakhon Phathom Province.
- Chairperson of Patient Care Team, Kamphaengsaen Community Hospital, Nakhon Phathom Province.

#### 2015-present

- Chairperson of Patient Care Team, Orthopedics Surgery Division, Kamphaengsaen Community Hospital, Nakhon Phathom Province.
- Committee of the Service Plan for the Orthopedics Surgery, Nakhon Phathom Province.

### Current Position

- Physician (Senior Professional Level), Acting Chief of General Affairs Group.
- Deputy General Director, Kamphaengsaen Hospital.

## President Dr. Pawit Yuangngoen Rotary Club of Thavaravadi

Despite of the 2nd and/or 3rd shot of vaccination has been distributed to the people of Nakhon Phathom and other provinces, solving of the ongoing problem caused by the pandemic is considered our duty. As the personnel at the main hospital and field hospital as well as the community, Dr. Pawit Yuangngoen had talked to me on phone regarding the situation that is expected to be relieved and return to normal. For your information, this person has been chosen by the members of the Rotary Club of Thavaravadi as their current president. Despite the chaos amidst this situation which the decision making and any actions are tough, this new generation Club could carry on working and organizing the activities and projects in response with the situation. Now, let's listen to our doctor president.

*As the doctor of the hospital with the numbers of COVID-19 infected patients, please tell me about the most panic time of people? And how can you communicate with the community in order to enhance their cooperation with the doctors/nurses of Kamphaengsaen Hospital?*

COVID-19 is the disease with simply chance of infection and the infected one may easily carry it to the family members and community. However, the common symptoms are not severe except for the elderly, person with chronic disease, obesity person, as well as the expecting mother. In addition to 14 days stay at the state treatment facility, the infected one are obligated to undergone a home quarantine for another 7 days (21 days in total). If the key person of family is infected and forced to be absent from his/her job for a long time quarantine or for medication/treatment mentioned, the wellbeing of the family members will be inevitably affected. Moreover, the surrounding people of the patient might be worry of being infected. Therefore, the COVID-19 has not only brought the physical illness to human being, but also the mental and social impacts. Those are the reason of me, the doctor, for providing of progressive medical examination for the suspected patient of COVID-19. As the director of Kamphaengsaen Hospital with a key responsibility for this situation, I have learned about the numbers of problems including the scarcity of medical equipment and personnel. I have therefore contacted with the concerned government agencies in order to provide a treatment system to the patient. However, since limited capacity of the government does not allow them to rapidly and effectively response to this situation, I have asked another sectors such as foundations, organizations, and private agencies for their assistances in terms of medical equipment and supplies such as facial masks, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), face shields, Oxygen concentrators, respirators, SWAB -Test cabins, and even the construction pebbles used for overlaying of car park. Unique characteristic of Thais. their hospitality, generosity, and solidarity that overcome many crisis, have never amazed me.

Furthermore, on behalf of the President of Rotary Club of Thavaravadi (D 3330), it is my great pleasure to be honored by all members





to work in this position amidst this pandemic. I am very happy to work with my fellows for relieving people affected by the COVID-19 by the donation of commodities and medical equipment. I have also visited the project field in order to realize the real situation such as the scarcity of commodities and stuffs, as well as the insufficiency of healthcare service. Therefore, the service projects initiated are based on the actual need of the treatment for patients.

*Since you have volunteered yourself to work as the President of Rotary Club, how have you adjusted yourself in response with further responsibilities? Do you have any concerns about the hardship for this matter?*

I am concerning about the limitation of time expected to be devoted to my fellows and the Club since I have to spend most of my time for the COVID-19 patients and another patients. However, I know that my fellows will always understand me and will offer me the opportunity to work as as the President. Prove of this matter is their kind cooperation in attending the meeting and participating in projects. I really appreciate and thanks to the continually assistant of my all fellows and Chartered President Benjawan Thamsiripong.

*What is your expectation for the community's involvement with Rotary?*

Cooperation between Rotary and community could help improve the wellbeing of the community members. Result of service projects initiated by the Club has benefited the community directly. Example of this effort is the cooperation between the Rotary Club of

Thavaravadi and other Club in the area in their handing-over of eyeglasses and eyeballs pressure measuring devices, and the improvement of operation unit of Kamphaengsaen Hospital. These are the actions conducted in accordance with the objective of Rotary and the Rotary Foundation.

*We have learned that you are the doctor who always involve with community. Please tell us about that experience and please advise us the future of Rotarian and community, as well as your expectation about the life quality and the community economy.*

The pandemic of COVID-19 has affected people in physical, mental, social, economic, as well as the wellbeing aspects. Our life has changed and seemed to be difficult to resume to normal condition. Some family that lost their key person has encountered the difficulties of life. Therefore, I and the Club intend to change this crisis to the initiation of project for the recovering of the affected people's life to a good life quality with the new norm of living without any diseases .In addition, the project is aimed on conserving and restoring of economic capacity by the creation of new inventory and technology as well as the adjustment of vision, thinking approach, and the familiar behaviour to the new one in aspects( food, dress, healthcare, education, communication, business) .It is expected that people will get familiar with these new norm which will become the normal life of the society.

*Lastly, I would like to thank Dr.Pawit for his fulfilment of this article and his moral support to our dear readers - PDG Juthatip Thamsiripong*



D.3340

Editorial of District 3340, RI



Rtn. Dearra Pibulwattanawong  
Rotary Club of Magkang

Greetings to every Rotarian.

The spread of Covid-19 is causing considerable concern for all of us. We cannot be comfortable when we meet people or go on visits even when we are confident of the safety of that person.

In District 3340 many clubs concentrate on purchasing hospital equipment for needy hospitals which are donated together with food and drinks for frontline workers to give them strength to fight for human lives. Many clubs also offer relief packages to affected people.

This is another year where we may not see large projects from Rotary clubs even though they may wish to take action. Online meetings still play a big role and clubs have to search for ways to do projects to benefit the community and achieve their goals.

We have changed our lifestyle to adopt the new normal that protects us from the virus even in our own homes. In some homes every person becomes a stranger because are wearing masks or living in a designated corner of the house. We live according to the advice of CCSA because we are afraid of dying alone. What we forget is that we live alone but is not yet dead. Don't know which is more frightening.

## A Fresh Way to Connect and the Fig



The outbreak of the 2019 Corona virus or COVID-19 began at the end of 2019 and exploded across the world. In 2020, there were large outbreaks announced by the World Health Organization on 11 March 2019 (Department of Communicable Diseases, Ministry of Public Health, 2020). The infection spread rapidly around the world and affected health, the economy, and society. According to statistics from 15 April 2019, 1,982,939 people around the world had been infected with five countries having the highest rates of infection being the United States of America, Italy, Spain, France, and the United Kingdom in that order.

As for the outbreak of COVID-19 in Thailand, at the beginning when the first patients appeared, it had to be suspected that Chinese tourists traveled by air to Bangkok on flights from Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province, People's Republic of China. From January 21, 2021 on, it was found that 2369 people were infected in Thailand. After 8 April 2563, the virus spread to many provinces. The gravity of the situation was heightened. There were clusters in every region of Thailand, and the virus continuously affected the people's way of life – from changes in society and the economy to the use of technology. All of these affected everyone as their daily lives changed from normal. More people stayed at home. They worked from home, practiced social distancing, and wore face masks. This forced many organizations to adjust to the New Normal.

Rotary was one of many organizations that had to adjust its work to the COVID-19 epidemic as people's way of life changed from the past. The work of Rotary clubs, which are service organizations, has avenues of service to communities and builds



# ht against COVID-19

By P. Michael Weber and PAG Dr. Panita Prichawong  
Rotary Club of Koh Chang, District 3340



fellowship among members. There are weekly meetings in every club around the world, which becomes the charm of Rotary, which creates great friendship among its members. After the COVID-19 epidemic, the way that clubs used to operate had to change. That also included the Rotary Club of Koh Chang, which was in a situation that required it to adjust, too.

The Rotary Club of Koh Chang was affected by the COVID-19 epidemic, which directly impacted the economy, including the community, because it is a tourist destination. The way of conducting community service had to be changed from usual to make it consistent with the New Normal of members and people in the community. Because the Rotary Club of Koh Chang is always on the alert, the conduct of various activities for people in the community needed to continue even as we had to face the epidemic. Whether it was a club meeting, a get together of members, or the conduct of service activities, for example, the Rotary Club of Koh Chang innovated. What we called DELMS came to be a tool in conducting club activities to fight against the COVID 19 situation as follows.

DE = Decrease, which refers to reduction.

Reduce the number of meetings from four to two each month and reduce the number of the usual in-person meetings by increasing the use of technologies, for example, Zoom and Line, especially in the emergency period when there was a serious outbreak of COVID-19. Decrease was essential for the Rotary Club of Koh Chang and other clubs.

L = Limit the number of people who participate in an activity

In doing the activities of the Rotary Club of Koh Chang, whether it was job creation or vocational development in the community and various kinds of training, we would divide the training into sub-groups and not arrange a large group that would have many participants, which would risk continuing the epidemic. For example, organizing swimming lessons for children and teenagers, three groups of 10 people; training members in German cooking, three groups of eight people; training in solar cell installation, two groups of 20 people. Limiting the number of people who participate in activities can be adjusted in the medium and long term of the COVID-19 epidemic.

M = Mask, wearing a face mask

In doing the various club activities, participants had to wear a mask every time that they attended. We did not permit people who did not wear a mask to participate in a club activity. We were able to use masks in every period of the epidemic.

S = Social Distancing

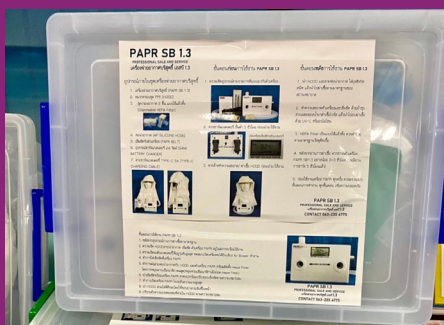
The Rotary Club of Koh Chang still upholds social distancing, for example, the ordinary weekly meetings are face to face, and the meeting place is arranged to permit social distancing. Rotary family day was also organized for social distancing. The adjustment of social distancing can be done in every period of the outbreak. For example, in the emergency period, the distance was 2 meters, in the medium term, the distance was 1 meter, and in the long term, the distance might be 0.5 meter.

By bringing in DELMS, the Rotary Club of Koh Chang was able to conduct community service activities continuously, especially job creation and vocational training activities, in a community that was experiencing a lack of income due to the inability to open Koh Chang as a tourist destination as usual. People had more ways to make a living and increase earnings. In addition, the DELMS tool is a model that other clubs can use and that can be adjusted as appropriate by each club.

More support measures that allow the Rotary Club of Koh Chang to continue to carry on its work are cooperation with the Trat Province Tourism Association to campaign for 70 percent of members and people in the community to receive the COVID-19 vaccine by providing alternative vaccines to those offered by government agencies to the public in order for Koh Chang to be able to open as a tourist destination and to help the Rotary Club of Koh Chang do activities that benefit the community in accordance with the 2021-22 Rotary slogan, Serve to Change Lives.



## D.3340 Club's President



Is PAPR (powered air purifying respirator) necessary in the COVID-19 situation?

P Sompong Chanmanee  
Rotary Club of Korat

From the doctor's descriptions each patient, especially the one using respirator, spends at least 2-3 hours in its application alone. This involves turning the patient on his stomach and performing the procedure. After that the saline drip is inserted, while the oxygen tank is set up.

This emergency procedure requires sacrifice because time spent with the patient is considerable, after that the patient must be helped in all activities because he cannot eat on his own, cannot vomit or defecate on his own, so the nursing team bear a big burden.

Because of this time consuming procedure, the President of Rotary Club of Korat and his team donated four PAPR sets to the Maharat Nakhon Rachasima Hospital to support COVID-19 patients in crisis.

The PAPR (powered air purifying respirator) is a unit that delivers air that has been filtered of impurities and diseases through a pipe to the face/nose of the hooded person (the Hood fits over the head and shoulder with elastic under the chin and around the face). This enables the hooded person to receive purified air with positive pressure at all time. Thus no contaminants can come into contact with the air. The Hood is made of composite plastic, light weight, durable, see through mask in a wide angle and easily cleaned. A fan in the set sends air at positive pressure for the medical personnel who need to be close to COVID-19 patients.

These units are sponsored by RI D 3340, through DG Jareesri Kunsiripunyo. Rotary Club of Korat thanks all who are involved in assisting with this project.





Rotary Club of Ubon, D 3340 together with Rotary Club of Lumpini, D 3350 donated 60 PPE sets to medical personnel at Muang Samsib Hospital and Don Moddaeng Hospital in Ubon Ratchathani Province while Petchseree shop added drinking water.



“Together We Save Lives” Rotary Club of Koh Chang D 3340 together with Rotary Club of Kyoto Northeast D 2650, Japan donated one unit of High Flow Nasal Cannular model S-AIRVO 2 valued at 200,000 baht to the Koh Chang Hospital in Trad Province.



Rotary Club of Silpakom led three other Rotary clubs in Udon Thani province i.e. Rotary Club of Udon Thani, Ban Chiang and Maakhaeng to donate 4 PAPR units to Nong Han hospital in the name of Rotary Family. The units were received by Hospital Director Thongpak Meepian on behalf of the hospital. Rotary Club of Silpakom also offered another 30 PPE sets to the hospital.



Rotary Club of Tharua, Trad province led by President Lawal Ruangpradit, AG Champa Puangboonchoo and club members to donate one PAPR unit to the Health Clinic at Wat Pai Lom Community, Trad Province.



Rotary Club of Sriracha with Rotary Club of Laemchabang donated 300 boxes of prepared meals and 14 units of PAPR to Sriracha Hospital and Queen Sawang Vatana Memorial Hospital (a Red Cross hospital) in Chonburi Province.



Rotary Clubs in D 3340 organized “Weapons for our white clad warriors fighting COVID-19 crisis” project.

Led by DG Jareesri Kunsiripunyo of Rotary Club of Plutaluang, Rotary Club of Sattahip and Rotary Club of Mitrapap, Sattahip Mayor and Bang Saray Municipality Mayor together donated 7 units of PAPR (powered air purifying respirator) to Queen Sirikit Hospital, 4 units of PAPR to Sattahip Hospital at Km 10, and another 4 units to Wat Yannasangwararam Hospital.





D.3350

## Editorial of District 3350, RI



PP.Trong Sangswangwatana  
Rotary Club of Bangkok Suwanabhum

Dear Readers,

We meet again while Covid is still with us as before. The only difference is that we have learnt to adjust better to the raging pandemic. We are living an almost normal life, taking care to wear a mask when leaving the house, wash hands often, until we have become used to it.

Rotary clubs have adopted Zoom meetings instead of physical meetings even when the government had relaxed restrictions by allowing a bigger group to meet, and restaurants are offering services again. For Rotarians the Covid situation is offering 'a fresh way to connect.' In this issue we are connecting at District level - i.e. the DC 2021 which was postponed again and again, until it was recently concluded as a virtual meeting and had more than 600 participants. Another function was the Charity Concert which was also held virtually, with leading artists in Thailand, Singapore, and Japan join to attract donations from Rotarians without any deductions.

The interviews and photo of activities are about Rotary Fight Covid for which District 3350 has organized several projects in addition to the ones mentioned here. We have donated oxygen concentrators to government or government-field hospitals, and set up coordinating centers to provide essential health facilities to Rotarians and families, supported field hospitals, and isolation centers and distributed health boxes etc.

We meet again in the next issue.

Please stay SAFE.

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## Rotary unites to fight COVID-19



PP Dr. Arun Bangtrakulnont  
Rotary Club of Lat Phrao

Covid-19 increased in intensity during May 2021, the number of infected persons grew and the government lockdown affected many more businesses leading to general loss of income for the people. People in dense communities not only have higher risk of disease, they lacked opportunity to earn income.

District 3350 Covid Relief project led by PDG Vuttichai Wanglee and Chair of District Service Projects committee PDG Thanongsak Pongsri had set up a coordinating center 'Rotary Come together to fight Covid' to assist suffering people in dense communities by assigning my team and I to prepare relief packages for Rotary clubs in District 3350 that request them to offer distressed people in their communities. We were responsible for organizing 1,000 relief packages worth 300,000 baht.

I have received requests from 31 clubs for 1,830 packages so the prepared packages were insufficient to meet demand because each club was able to receive only 55% of their needs. My team and I began looking for financial support from 2019-20 Presidents and non-Rotarians. We received 20,000 baht from DG Wiroom Boonnuch, 1,500 sacks of rice from PDG Vuttichai Wanglee, CP Dr Buranasilpa Tobuddee donated 1,200 bottles drinking water; CP Suwanna Vongsurakrai donated 1,000 bags of dried rice noodles. Other people donated a host of necessary consumables for the relief packages. As a result each package was worth no less than 500-550 baht and the 31 clubs received 82% of the amount of relief packages they requested. Because of this the budget for the relief packages became 470,000 baht.

I wish to sincerely thank club presidents in the 115, 116 and 117 groups who have joined in the planning of the consumable necessities and in the fund raising drive to help people affected by Covid-19 in such time.







# D.3350

## Fresh Way to Connect



Aranya Tweelapaporn  
Rotary Club of Silom



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“Anything can happen” this is the phrase we hear and can empathize with from the beginning of Covid-19 infections, to the policies used, system and design which had to change to respond to new challenges until it took on new shape never seen or done before.

The District Conference recently held clearly showed what the term ‘New Normal’ means.

In the beginning, an expert team was formed well versed in all the action that needed to be taken to meet the demands of a District Conference. They began meeting to consider the appropriate places to hold the conference, set targets for attendance, set prices for registration, for the rooms, set dates, set Theme and detailed the organization, allocated area for booths and for Coffee Break.

The team then went to survey the chosen location, tasted the food for lunch and dinner, negotiated with the hotel, paid the down payment, coordinated with hospital in Pattaya to have an ambulance on standby in case of medical emergencies.

There was much to organize. We held altogether 13 meetings, we wasted so much time, and expenses in travelling, etc.

Finally, when the Covid situation grew worse, from hundreds of infected persons, it grew to thousands of new cases daily and finally it grew to more than ten thousand daily. By then the government had ordered a ban on activities which had more than five persons at a time.

The organizing committee had to change DC to virtual meeting.

All our detailed planning had to be cancelled. No travel, no registration cost, no meeting face to face, no need for smart clothes, staying at the hotel, everybody economize.

‘Fresh way to connect’ began with online committee meeting using Zoom. They offered suggestions, made decisions, searched for Studio for making video and for use on the actual day. The Rotary Club of Ratchathewi offered Studio 83 for this function.

Everyone rehearsed their own parts, organized every part of the function, and steadily completed their video clips. Then it was organized according to the meeting program.

The actual day arrived and all went according to plan. There were some problems with WiFi – the sound quality was too soft. But it was ultimately fixed. And finally DC 2021 ended with everyone taking pride in the success of their work. This was ‘New Normal’ which we have never experienced before, but now has delivered. Now people will become accustomed to online activity as a ‘Fresh way to connect’.

The organizing committee and IPDG Somsri received compliments from the participants that it surpassed their expectations. It was fun, informative, and Rotarians took pride in the Rotary activities of D 3350 that helped society with service above self mixed with fellowship, great for all.







PP Supan Wiboonma  
Concert Organizing Committee Member/  
Rotary Friendship Subcommittee Chair,  
D 3350

“ In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity” – Albert Einstein

The COVID-19 pandemic undeniably caused immense hardship to all walks of life through the fallout of healthcare system, economy, society, unemployment, etc., not to mention the bereavement after the loss of beloved friends or family members. Even on the day of this article, we are still in the middle of the crisis.

Throughout the past 2 years, members of all Rotary Clubs in Thailand, have been working very hard to relief the impacts on the communities & health personnel who experienced shortage or lack of resources due to the scale and speed of the pandemic by providing needs that serve the requirement of the locations or situations.

At District 3350, an emergency project entitled “Rotary Covid Unified-Response” or in Thai “Rotary Ruam-Jai Soo Pai Covid” was established and chaired by Past District Governor (PDG) Thanongsak Pongsri to ensure all efforts were unified / integrated, with the financial support from Rotary Disaster Relief Fund of D3350, and/or members’ donations, and/or the Clubs’ savings, etc.

Inspired by the dedication of all concerned, and realizing that the District resources might run out sooner or later, Emeritus Clinical Prof. Dr. Wiroon Boonnuch, District 3350 Governor, strongly supported the initiative of PDG Jason Lim, District International Service Committee Chair of D3350, and Past President (PP) Thanongsak Wiboonma, Rotary Song Committee Chair, to jointly organize COVID-19 Relief Virtual Charity Concert with the helping hands of Rotary leaders who formed the Organizing Committee : PDG Vuttichai Wanglee, PDG Suchada Ithjarukul, PDG Somsri Mekthon, District Governor-elect Mitsutaka Iida, PP Dr. Jay Chung, PP Supan Wiboonma, PP Yuphadee Keree, PP Aran Srisalauay, and PP Sukkit Thaweewisanont.

In addition to fund-raising among Rotary members and the public with all proceeds without deduction of any expenses donated to Rotary Disaster Relief Fund for use in the COVID-19 relief activities continuously, the Event also gave all Rotarians the opportunity to exemplify our mission, commitment, and our being “People of Action” to the society and communities in all situations by providing humanitarian services and advancing goodwill & peace. This was well witnessed by our generous philanthropic partners of this Concert. For instance :

The 17 musical artists from Thailand, Singapore, and Japan (professional & professional-amateur) mostly non-Rotarian but knew us pretty well; the 4 major record labels : Tero Entertainment, Sony Music, Universal Music, and Warner Music, and the society of Thai composers & authors - Music Copyright (Thailand) Ltd. or MCT who assisted, coordinated and granted permission to broadcast or livestream the copyrighted songs (whitelisted) without any charge or fee; the mass media & netizens who helped publish or share our News through their channels or networks; Rotary Families who rendered referral links or singing talents; and most of all fellow Rotarians in District 3350 and other Districts in Thailand, Singapore,

## From Rotary Covid Unified-Response Project To the Phenomenon of COVID-19 Relief Virtual Charity Concert

China, Japan, etc.; the collaborations of which delightfully helped fetch a total of Baht 1,204,824.18 (US\$ 36,510) as of the morning of Sep 26, 2021.

Not only had the Charity Concert at 6-8 p.m. on September 25, 2021 via Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube & Facebook Fanpage of Rotary News Thailand been a success and the Baht 1 million donation target over-achieved, this online & viral VDO event open Rotary door to Rotarians and general public from all disciplines around the world to meet & greet Rotary leaders and Rotarians from Thailand, China, Singapore, Japan, etc., through beautiful music & Rotary ideal of service.

To recap, the key success factors behind this COVID-19 Relief Virtual Charity Concert’s “42-day Operation” (started August 14, 2021 & ended September 25, 2021) of intensive work & 7 online (Zoom) meetings had been : a TEAM structure which was lean & flat but yet determined & highly committed; extremely high level of Rotary leadership; senses of belonging & urgency; “unconditional giver” attitude & acts; demonstration of diversity, equity & inclusion; and Rotary fellowship at the heart of everything.

Thank Covid-19 crisis for Opening Opportunities to Serve To Change Lives through the processes of re-thinking, recreating and the courage to step out of comfort zone, with the support of limited but powerful & highly effective resources, and most importantly Rotary fellowship and friendship beyond frontiers – thus proving that Einstein’s Quote “In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity” was quite true.



D.3360

Editorial of District 3360, RI



PP. Dr. Natthanin Sestawanich  
Rotary Club of Phrae

Dear Readers,

For district 3360, the September-October issue of the magazine has a special scoop from PP Preeyathat Sarayuth, Rotary Club of Sila-Asana who allocates personal time very well.

He has participated in many service activities and has done it in tandem with two clubs: Rotary Club of Sila-Asana and Rotary Club of Chaiprakarn

In this covid situation, I would like to ask permission from you to create this scoop for the benefit of all Rotarian friends in finding inspiration.

We will end up with photos of activities from various clubs in District 3360 and I would like to encourage all clubs to overcome all problems and create good activities throughout the Rotary year 2021-22.

## Activities

**Rotary Club of Buddhachinaraj**, Donated 40 PPE sets from District 3360 Grant Project, and 300 pieces of Rotary cloth masks to Bang Rakam Hospital by Mr. Phuwadol Phonpuak, Director of Bang Rakam Hospital as an assignee to be used for doctors, nurses and people related to COVID-19. The club also donated PPE kits to Rotary Club of Lumnam Khek, led by PP. Wuttichai Hongsam as a recipient. to be donated to Wing 46 Hospital, Phitsanulok Province.



**Rotary Club of Changphuak Chiang Mai**, Donated 3 large cartons of powdered milk for infants to the Baan King Kaew Orphanage, Wua Lai Road, Chiang Mai Province, the chairman of aan King Kaew Foundation and the committee as recipients.



**Rotary Club of Lan Krabue**, P Manit Yukob, together with Bueng Thap Raet Subdistrict Administrative Organization, Lan Krabue District, Kamphaeng Phet Province, donated survival bags and financial assistance to the underprivileged in the area of Bueng Thap Rat Subdistrict and honor certificates for people who create benefits for society at the meeting room of the Subdistrict Administrative Organization, Bueng Thap Rat, Lan Krabue District, Kamphaeng Phet Province, in accordance with the COVID-19 measures. Strictly ... Reported by Rtn. Chalor Wattaseree.





### Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North

In collaboration with the Division of Social Welfare, Chiang Mai Municipality, the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North donated 200 bags of rice grain (600 kg. net) to the residents of Municipal Community in Mengrai Municipal District of the Chiang Mai Municipality who are affected by the outbreak of COVID-19 as follows : Chaimongkol Baanmeng Municipal Community (50 bags of rice grain and eggs), Mae Khing Municipal Community , Sri Pingmuang Municipal Community, and Thipphanet Municipal Community (50 each).



### Rotary Club of Nakornping

Organized basic training in repairing coffee machines for 20 coffee shop operators in Chiang Mai and nearby provinces at the Chiang Mai Riverside Hotel, Pa Daet, Chiang Mai Province.



### Rotary Club of Phayao

Provided medical equipment such as concentrator, gun thermometer stand, thermometer alcohol, sprayer, mask, 1,000 pieces of cloth and drinking water for Phayao Hospital for use in helping COVID patients.



### Rotary Club of Wiangkosai

Led by PP Non Sajjanoraphan and PP Nanta Sethavanich, project chairman, along with club members, donated PPE kits to Phrae Provincial Rescue Volunteer Association. At the same time, Nano mosquito nets were presented to Mr. Uraiwan Sopharat, the President of Mae Yang Hor Subdistrict Administrative Organization for use in the Mae Yang Ho Waiting Center and the needy villagers in the area.



### Rotary Club of Phrae

Led by P Sahapop Jasuphan, brought 100 boxes of lunch to the field hospital staff in Phrae province, along with N95 masks and face masks for medical staff to use in their work.





# D.3360

## Fresh Way to Connect



By PP Preeyathat Sarayuth  
Rotary Club of Sila-Asana

“If we Rotarians don’t do it, then who will?” This is an uplifting speech and raises awareness of our Rotary contributions to good activities between clubs. We already have a desire to serve each other just with the situation during the COVID-19 coming in making some clubs put the gear in neutral for activities, even though there are both factors and capital readiness. To make it successful, everything must start with ourselves. I am a member of the Rotary Club of Sila-Asana, Uttaradit Province. I have to travel to and from Uttaradit and Chiang Mai because my wife is a Rotarian in Rotary Club of Chaiprakan, Chiang Mai Province. It is an important factor that helps to encourage Rotary Club of Chaiprakan and Rotary Club of Sila-Asana to organize service activities during the situation of the COVID-19 epidemic.

Fresh way to connect: Strategies and ways to connect between different clubs. The club sees the importance of organizing activities although the severity of the Covid situation in all areas of the country is becoming more and more intense. We do not know when the situation will end in order for the club to turn to activities during the COVID-19 situation without fear of covid is not easy. However, it’s not too difficult, we just need to adjust the attitude of the club members. Let’s understand together, adapt and use our daily life in a New Normal way to live with the COVID-19 situation. How long will it stay with us, no one can answer. We allow members to participate in activities even though they are worried about COVID-19, we need to use strategies to build trust and use 10 directions of coordination. Make friends with all parties, including knowing the situation and coordinating the key persons. We need to know who to communicate with and that person is able to convince club members to have a point. How do you aim in the same direction and work together? This is an extremely important skill to connect and reconcile between club members and those who have long distanced themselves from their activities. It takes leadership skills and be a good listener at the same time. These are very important because listening more than speaking is like accepting opinions. When we accept all opinions of all members, members will also accept our comments and suggestions. Another is to respect everyone and we will be loved by the members of every club.

Personally, I always enjoyed doing activities since I was a Rotarian, and during the time as Club President of the Rotary Club of Sila-Asana as the 115th President, I had the opportunity to organize 27 service activities for the club. I admitted that my term was affected by first wave of COVID-19. The activities of all clubs in Thailand, including Rotary clubs around the world were suspended. This current wave is a testament to the blood of Rotary in me. This turned the crisis into an opportunity and was an important force for the Rotary Club of Sila-Asana and the Rotary Club of Rotary Chaiprakan. We have risen up activities to do good deeds against the world trend without caring about COVID-19. Every activity that is organized has received positive feedback from Rotarians between clubs. People in the community and social media are also well accepted. The service activities that both clubs have held during the COVID-19 situation arose us to travel and participate in activities by themselves, such as the handing out medical equipment and tools; the “Segregate waste before throwing it into the bin” activity. People in the community would invite the club members to sort the waste before bringing the sorted waste to donate to the community. In order to generate income from selling garbage to the community, this waste sorting event will be organized as a continuous activity of the club. Another activity that turns the traditional forest planting dimension into an activity “Planting a forest without planting” This activity was a reforestation slingshot activity. It uses a special kind of clay bullet inside containing wild tree seeds that were easy to grow, strong and fast growing, such as the seeds of the rosewood tree, wild padauk, red wood, packed into clay bullets. The germination rate of seeds will be as high as 80 percent. This “forest planting slingshot without planting” activity helps to restore forests and help build watersheds. To be in line with the environment policy of Rotary International’s





7th Areas of Focus and in response to the Royal Initiative to build community forests that were stable, wealthy and sustainable. The slingshot shooting activity at this time was very popular among members of the club and members of other clubs. It also helped to promote income for youth in Lamphun province as well because we have ordered soil ammunition packed with seeds. It is a sculpture made by students who lead the natural farming network in the Khok Nong Na Model Project to study in Lamphun Province. Fresh Way to Connect, which specializes in molding clay bullets packed with special seeds, can see that Fresh Way to connect here also builds confidence and motivation for clubs in the District and clubs from different Districts such as the Rotary Club of Cha-am Rotary, Rotary Club of Chaiprakan, Rotary Club of Sila-Asana, Rotary Club of Uttaradit and Rotary Club of Pichai that co-organized in a slingshot shooting activity to plant forests as a counter to the COVID-19 trend.

In the fight against COVID-19, we follow the regulation to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We must ensure 100% of the members who attend the event will not get infected during the activity. We will use DMHTT measures such as D: Social Distancing, keep 1-2 meters apart, avoid being in crowded places, M: Mask Wearing, wear a cloth mask or a hygienic mask at all times, H: Hand Washing, wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol gel, T: Testing Temperature measurement and detection of COVID-19 (only in cases), T: Thai Cha Na scan, checking the application before entering and leaving public places every time. To have information to coordinate easier, members who attended the event will feel a sense of security. We have the campaign for members to wash their hands more often. With alcohol, there will be a very good humour for the members. Sometimes we create stress relief words, such as members washing their hands with alcohol until their hands deteriorate like this. COVID-19 will not become more advanced than our club. There will be laughter to relax when doing activities. I believe this banter will apply to all clubs during COVID-19 as well. The courage

to come out and do the activities of the members, we could start with the activity to donate masks and PPE kits to hospitals or provincial public health first. In order to point out to members that doctors and nurses which is like a warrior in white who is at the front line at high risk of contracting COVID-19, doctors and nurses themselves will have a way to prevent the risk. The activities of the clubs held at the hospitals are like a sacrificial effort to ensure members can get up and join together in community service activities. Our activities are organized using the D-M-H-T-T measures to ensure members and their families are always present at the club's activities. And we also have to check for inquiries via Line or call members when members return home and have to clean their bodies immediately to reduce the chance of spreading infection into the family especially those who live in the house with the elderly and those with congenital diseases because if such groups are infected, they will have more severe symptoms than other groups. Because all members at the beginning will not dare to join the activity, they are afraid of Covid-19 causing panic attacks in members. As soon as we built up the confidence of our members with the D-M-H-T-T measures, the members became interested and continued to come back to join the club. We have to change the New Normal way of life to be able to participate in this covid-19 situation in Thailand. Let's get up and help organize service activities and reshape your club in the New Normal style to be the happiest.

Finally, I am confident that in the daunting circumstances surrounding COVID-19. If Rotary takes the benefit of our fellow human beings first, self-interest is the second business. and join together in solidarity to create love and unity among our Rotarians, we will have physical strength in the service above self for those who have suffered. "If we Rotary don't do it, who will do it?" Let's join together to organize activities to create good deeds to bring happiness to people and the world. Serve to Change Lives.





# our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion



At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.

We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.

Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.

We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong.

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



Dear Rotary members,

In Rotary, we celebrate diversity, equity, and inclusion. It doesn't matter who you are, who you love, how you worship, whether you have a disability, or what culture or country you (or your family) are from. All that matters is that you want to take action to create lasting change.

Rotary is working to ensure that everyone sees us as a just and welcoming organization. Diversity has long been one of our core values, and we're proud of the organization we've built. But there's more we can do to exemplify diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI); to expand our ability to reflect the communities we serve; and to respond to our communities' needs.

Based on input from our DEI Task Force, Rotary International's Board of Directors strengthened the DEI statement we adopted in 2019. The result is a heightened commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion focused on celebrating everyone's contributions, advancing equity, and creating an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are not political issues. Each of us has the right to be treated with dignity and respect, to have our voices be heard, and to access the same opportunities to succeed and lead at Rotary. Our members consistently tell us that being a welcoming organization is vital to our future and that by being diverse and inclusive is how we'll remain the preeminent place for people of action to connect with one another and make a difference.

We look forward to your continued support as we make Rotary more diverse, equitable, and inclusive, ensuring that everyone who engages with Rotary knows they are valued and belong.

Shekhar Mehta  
RI President, 2021-22

Jennifer Jones  
RI President, 2022-23

## 5 ways your club can support diversity, equity, and inclusion:

- 1 Share our updated statement about Rotary's commitment to DEI with your members via email or at a club meeting.
- 2 Post the updated statement to your club website and social media accounts, and link to it in your club's email signatures.
- 3 Use the statement to discuss how your club can be more diverse, equitable, and inclusive for current and future members.
- 4 Encourage your fellow members to be respectful of one another and speak up when a person's actions don't reflect our ideals and values.
- 5 Expand your knowledge by taking a DEI course in the Learning Center.

**Find more resources at [rotary.org/dei](https://rotary.org/dei).**



## A Message from the Chair of the Rotary Centre in Thailand

PDG.Vivat Sirijangkapattana



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

On behalf of the Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Rotary Center, Thailand, I would like to begin my message and remind us that we are now amidst the pandemic of COVID-19 which brought the long term difficulties and the widespread impact to all of us. Despite the relaxation of the situation, the Rotarian should not live carelessly and keep our health strong. I would like to remind us again about our commitment to help those who are in more difficulties situation than us.

My fellow Rotarians, report of the sub-committee of the Rotary Center, Thailand at the ZOOM meeting on September 28th, 2021 regarding their working progress is one among the positive thing amidst this crisis. In this regard, the sub-committee on public relations (led by PDG Thanongsak Phongsri) reported the increasing of followers on the new media channel, the committee on the Rotary vocabulary (led by PDG Nakarin Rattanakijsoonthorn) reported the completion of the improvement of existing vocabularies that will be distributed to Rotarians in Thailand. In addition to those, the Thailand Rotary Online Magazine (led by PP Aphisak Jomphong) reported the completion of the application of the online platform which is now under the data saving and system testing. The completed magazine is expected to be distributed to all Thai Rotarian soon. I would like to thanks for the devotion of the sub-committees' members for this matter.

Yours in Rotary,

(PDG.Vivat Sirijangkapattana)

Chair, The Rotary Centre in Thailand

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

ภาค	3330		3340		3350		3360		รวม	
Members	Rotary <b>2,329</b> (2,348)	Rotaract <b>441</b> (572)	Rotary <b>1,386</b> (1,352)	Rotaract <b>55</b> (48)	Rotary <b>3,148</b> (3,041)	Rotaract <b>241</b> (183)	Rotary <b>1,474</b> (1,422)	Rotaract <b>389</b> (377)	Rotary <b>8,337</b> (8,163)	Rotaract <b>1,126</b> (1,187)
Clubs	<b>101</b> (101)	<b>28</b> (32)	<b>63</b> (63)	<b>5</b> (5)	<b>119</b> (119)	<b>27</b> (27)	<b>71</b> (70)	<b>13</b> (13)	<b>354</b> (353)	<b>73</b> (77)



Let's join hands together

# Fight Disease

**Rotary Club of Thavarawadee, D 3330**

August 26th, 2021 : President Dr. Pawit Yuangngoen operated the vaccination for people in the project of " 1 District, 1 Subdistrict Health Promotion Hospital" initiated Governor of Nakhon Phathom Province at Wat Pracharat Bamroong ( Wat Rang Maan) Vaccination Center.





# DIVERSITY STRENGTHENS OUR CLUBS



New members from different groups in our communities bring fresh perspectives and ideas to our clubs and expand Rotary's presence. Invite prospective members from all backgrounds to experience Rotary.



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