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President's message

Shekhar Mehta, March 2022



Greetings, dear change-makers of Rotary,

We have overcome so many challenges these past two years and changed numerous lives. It brings me great joy that we have worked so hard this year to grow Rotary through the Each One, Bring One initiative. The result has been excellent growth in membership. Let us keep up the momentum. I am happy that you have put a spotlight on all we do by organizing projects around the world in our Rotary Days of Service. The future looks brighter than ever for Rotary and our 1.4 million members.

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization declared that COVID-19 constituted a pandemic, and two years later it is important that we continue to draw on our expertise in our disease prevention and treatment area of focus to help people worldwide cope with the continuing challenges. The pandemic continues to defy all expectations, but we cannot be frozen in fear. Our work is too important. It is also important that we make time for each other, and I urge you to register for the upcoming 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston. It is a great way for all of us to safely celebrate Rotary service.

We can continue to build hope and spread peace in the world by using our resources to help the most vulnerable and keeping our faith in the future. The pandemic has had an especially devastating impact on girls worldwide. On the first anniversary of the pandemic, Henrietta Fore, the executive director of UNICEF, said that “immediate action is needed to mitigate the toll on girls and their families.” This need, unfortunately, remains just as strong a year later. The ripples of the pandemic have affected girls in unique ways — stunting their educational attainment, weakening their job prospects, and contributing to other terrible results such as child marriages and increased human trafficking.

Data from UNICEF reveals why our action is so essential. In the 2010s, important progress was made toward eliminating the practice of child marriage, and UNICEF estimates that 25 million such marriages were averted worldwide. Unfortunately, the pandemic reversed those positive trends, and as a result an additional 10 million girls are vulnerable to becoming child brides by the end of this decade.

This is why our focus on Empowering Girls is such vital work, and I am delighted that at this year’s virtual International Assembly, President-elect Jennifer Jones committed to continuing this initiative for another year. In my travels, I have witnessed many wonderful examples of club projects that back our Empowering Girls goals. But all Rotary members know that real change requires big efforts sustained over many years. This is the power of our global grants and actions taken within our areas of focus.

I encourage clubs to think of innovative ways to empower girls when designing their grant projects. Every step we take to improve education, health care, and economic opportunities for girls makes an important difference in helping them achieve their full potential. With opportunity we create hope, and with hope we address the root causes of conflict around the world, setting the stage for sustainable peace.

None of us know how long the COVID-19 virus will linger — and as an organization that has worked tirelessly for decades to eradicate polio, we understand better than most the difficult work that lies ahead for the world. That is why we need to remain focused on the future and on what is possible — not feeling nostalgic for the way our lives were, but looking hopefully to a future that uses this opportunity to Serve to Change Lives. I look forward to continuing this good work with you.

Shekhar Mehta
President, Rotary International

President's message

Shekhar Mehta, April 2022



Greetings, dear change-makers of Rotary,

Friends, one of my mantras in Rotary has been do more, grow more. I am sure you are adopting this mantra. Do more, as in bigger and impactful service projects, and grow more, as in increasing our membership. There is so much excitement across the Rotary world about our Each One, Bring One effort. Everywhere I travel, club presidents, district governors, and Rotary members — both veteran and new — express appreciation that their membership efforts are inspiring the Rotary world.

We are growing more, and I cannot wait to celebrate all of this success with you at the Rotary International Convention in Houston in June. There is still time to register and make your plans to join us. We are looking forward to a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will unite our members after far too much time apart.

As we grow more, we will have so much more opportunity to do more. April is Maternal and Child Health Month, a great opportunity for your clubs to consider what you are doing to support the health of mothers and young children. Improving access to care and the quality of care for women and children worldwide is an important focus for us, and it also ties in very well with our Empowering Girls initiative. I appreciate the work being done by various clubs in this area of focus, and I would encourage you to think of ways to do more.

It has been so exciting to see Rotary members come together at the presidential conferences to share ideas about using our areas of focus to bring about big, lasting change in the world. The past and upcoming presidential conferences are looking at our new area of focus — the environment — and

how our work to protect our planet must also support our efforts to grow local economies, especially in places with the greatest poverty.

I also had the honor to speak at the 26th United Nations climate change conference, known as COP26, in Glasgow, Scotland. This important meeting brought together nearly 100 heads of state and government over a two-week period to set new targets for fossil fuel emission. My call to action was to restore man-groves, a crucial ecosystem that can mitigate the effects of climate change in coastal areas. Already, countries across the world are showing great enthusiasm for this plan. Our survival is at stake — the damage of environmental catastrophe is already upon us — and so, too, is our ability to lift the world's most needy out of poverty and offer them hope. We must find ways to protect our planet while sustaining the economic growth necessary to achieve our highest humanitarian goals.

This is a very exciting time in Rotary, a time when the world needs us most. As we Serve to Change Lives, remember that we are also changing ourselves. We are becoming the world's great change-makers and peace-builders.

The world is ready for us. It's time to rise to that call.

Shekhar Mehta,
President, Rotary International

John Germ, March 2022



Seize the moment

What's your Rotary moment — a time that strengthened your dedication to Rotary and confirmed you would be a lifetime Rotarian? I have had many such moments over the years, and they all had one thing in common: They showed me Rotary's tangible power of turning our dreams of a better world into reality.

Rotary members are exceptional at it. I see that power in my own club in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and now, as Rotary Foundation trustee chair, in clubs and districts around the world.

Rotary members from Austria, Germany, Nigeria, and Switzerland are realizing their dream to help mothers and children in Nigeria. In partnership with several organizations, they have launched a multiyear, large-scale project to reduce unwanted births and drive down rates of maternal and child mortality. This project, once a vision of a few members but now the recipient of Foundation global grants, is training doctors, nurses, and midwives throughout all 36 states of Nigeria.

Every great project begins in the minds of our members. You are the ones who see schools that adolescent girls have stopped attending because of the lack of private bathrooms. You are the ones who see families facing food shortages, children who can't read, and communities with health problems caused by mosquitoes. Not only do you see these things, because you are in Rotary, you also do something about them.

And because of your engagement, over the past decade, the amount of money the Foundation has awarded for global grants has grown by more than 100 percent. As more and more Rotarians have become involved, to keep our grants going we have had to adjust and stretch those funds by reducing over-head and by other means. The reason is simple: While the need for these projects is increasing and grant participation is also on the rise, annual giving from Rotary members has stayed relatively static for years.

Quite simply, we need more clubs and individuals to give to the Annual Fund to help keep our district and global grant programs thriving. This year, we set a goal of raising \$125 million for the Annual Fund. We can't realize your Rotary dreams or those of your fellow members without everyone's support.

Remember: It's not about the money, but about what our money can do. I am a firm believer that when we all give what we can, both as clubs and individuals, to the Foundation every year, we take another step toward making the world a better place.

Imagine the Rotary dreams we could make real if every member and every club got together and made a gift to our Foundation today. That would be quite a Rotary moment — for all of us.

John F. Germ
Foundation trustee chair



Let's get clean water flowing worldwide

In the mid-18th century, Benjamin Franklin wrote: “When the well’s dry, we know the worth of water.”

Right now, in the 21st century, many of us take water for granted because we have been fortunate to live in places where clean water is plentiful. But that’s not the case for millions of others around the world. The United Nations estimates that 2 billion people — about 1 in 4 people on the planet — lack safely managed drinking water. Just under half of the world’s population lives without access to safely managed toilets and sanitation systems, and nearly a third lacks basic hand washing stations with soap and clean water.

Isn’t it astounding that, in an age of instant information and space tourism, we still haven’t managed to guarantee the necessities of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) to so many?

Rotary is doing something about it; WASH projects are among the most funded within our areas of focus: Since 2014, Rotary clubs have carried out more than 2,100 global grants related to WASH by using \$154 million in Foundation funding, impacting countless people.

In addition, Rotary’s WASH alliance with USAID, more than a decade strong, is considered Rotary’s largest partnership outside of PolioPlus. Rotary and USAID have committed a combined \$18 million in WASH funding to large-scale strategic efforts at the national level in countries such as Ghana and Uganda. The partnership unites the technical expertise of USAID’s development professionals with the local leadership and advocacy of Rotary members to find workable, sustainable WASH solutions in hundreds of communities. You can learn more at rusaidwash.rotary.org.

The theme of World Water Day, 22 March, is Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible. This is an opportune time for clubs to learn more about WASH issues and take action collectively to create and sustain momentum for expanding access to universal WASH services. Rotary members can bring attention to the WASH challenges that impact us locally by sharing the stories, experiences, and WASH needs of those we serve globally.

We can be proud of the work that Rotary clubs and our Foundation continue to do to provide communities with clean water and working sanitation and hygiene systems. But let’s not stop there.

This month, let’s look out for our neighbors around the world whose wells are running dry or who lack toilets or soap. Rotary has the resources, partnerships, and passion to improve WASH services for millions in need worldwide. And most important, we have the people who can make it work — you and me.

John F. Germ
Foundation trustee chair

Editorial

PP.Vanit Yotharvit, D.3360

My fellow Rotarians,

Concerning the meaning of the phrase “War is costly, peace is priceless”, the global network of Rotary Magazine have been publishing the news on Ukraine situation under the supervision of the Kiev board of editor who keep providing news and information from the war field to us.

In addition to those actions, in collaboration with the Rotary Clubs and Rotarians in Ukraine, we have been conducting the ZOOM meeting on the provision of humanitarian aid to the affected people of this war as well.

Whereas the printed media requires time for delivering, the online media could effectively broadcast this severe situation in numbers of channel.

War has dehumanized the dignity of the doers and prays since it has also simplified the destruction action of human being.

During this war, we have been witnessing pictures of the deceases on streets, the injuries, and millions of war refugees escaping their homes.

Rotary Foundation has urgently mobilized the humanitarian aid to the affected people.

The global network of Rotary Magazine shows the network’s unity in supporting of Ukraine by presenting the Magazine’s cover in Yellow and Blue stripe.

This action also present the majority of the world citizens’ disagreement on the brutality actions of invasion that cause the severe impacts to the innocent people.

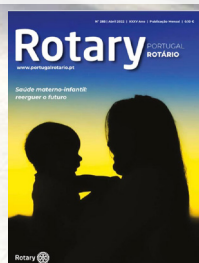
This crisis is expected to be recorded in the world’s history.

“A Guiding light of Rotary movement in Thailand”

During this time, the passing away of Mr.Bhichai Rattakul, the Past President of Rotary International who was accepted as “ A guiding light of Rotary movement in Thailand” was another commemorating period for us.

This will be in forever remembrance of all Thais Rotarian.

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



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Lake of Love or Nong Nong Tai Monkey Cheek Project in Sakon Nakhon Province

The Monkey Cheek Project at Nong Nong Tai, Ban Sao Wat, Pong-narm Sub-district, Agas-amnuay District, Sakon Nakhon Province was initiated by PRIP Bhichai Rattakul in order to express Rotarians' loyalty and love in a concrete way to His Majesty King Rama IX.

This project is not only a Monkey Cheek or "Lake of Love" which collects water for agriculture, but with the improvement of the surrounding landscape it's also a public park for sightseeing and relaxation. It consist of a 9-angular pavilion, a children's playground, a waste water treatment building, a sports ground and a multi-purpose ground which villagers can use for selling and buying local products including Sakon Nakhon's well-known indigo cloth.



*Summary of the Lecture
at the District 3330 PETS Seminar,
March 11, 2022*

Participation Makes a Strong Club

The Federation of Thai Industries has identified three large waves of our current crisis. The first wave, which is the smallest, but has also created effects for three years, is the Covid 19 pandemic. There are both large numbers of patients and deaths that increase every day. The second wave is the economic deterioration that resulted from the Covid 19 epidemic and which has quickly become graver due to the war between Russia and Ukraine. That will result in the economic situation throughout the world, including Thailand, deteriorating a lot more. We can see it from the price of fuel oil that increases every day. It will result in increasing prices of consumer goods. We then forget altogether the third, largest wave that follows and that we overlook, which is climate change. China, which was the host of the Winter Olympics, had to make artificial snow at the same time that some towns in Japan had up to two meters of snowfall. These kinds of changes are even seen in our home when the hot weather lasts longer and the cool weather is briefer. One minute it's raining; one minute it's hot, changing very quickly. Then who says that they will come help to solve the problems that we have discussed? No one is able to do anything alone. We must depend on cooperation in many sectors, and people who will do good things that are sustainable are already looking and ought to see that only Rotary has already been in existence for 117 years.

But when we look at District 3330, we have all together 101 clubs. On July 1, 2020, we had 2289 members. On July 1, 2021, we had 2348 members. On January 31, 2022, we had 2373 members or taking the current number as of February 28, 2022, we have 2,393 members. It looks as though we have an increase of 45 people, but do you know or not that we have almost 60 members who have left? If we had been able to retain members, we would have seen an increase in membership numbers of almost 100 people.

From Rotary International studies, we find that of those members who leave us, 31 percent see that the club costs are too high or that the club uses too much of their personal time; 21 percent depart because the club environment does not make them happy; 15 percent say that the club cannot meet their expectations; and of these three types that leave different clubs, 43 percent of these people say that would not recommend to anyone that they become a member of that Rotary club, and 35 percent would not recommend that anyone join Rotary at all. From this story, we can see that there is a crisis in our organization in which we look forward to having people come to help do good things in this world.

Khun Watcharawut Victor Suksee, honorary consul of Sweden in Thailand, proposed the word CRISIS (Note: a mnemonic acronym) in order to explain various words in an interesting way.

C. CATEGORIZE: Being able to do anything begins with the step PDCA (Plan Do Check Action). We thus have an emphasis on the topic of planning. Tomorrow, the first hour of information for presidents-elect is therefore about the topic of planning because if we have a good plan, we then will not lose the way and will be able to work smoothly. We probably ought to have a yearly examination of club health to see how strong our members are in order to bring those weak spots into the development plan under the topic of membership development.

R. RATIONALIZE: We should use the flexibility that RI offers to clubs, whether it is membership categories, meetings, or club types to discuss cause and effect together in order to solve the problems of members in clubs to meet their requirements and live together happily.

I. INTERNALIZE: Don't be a Rotarian in name only; internalize and act in a way that is an example, in both the areas of Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity, Service and Leadership.

S. SUPPRESS: Whenever something happens in the club, don't have a judgmental attitude but be mindful and think about the basic common interests.

I. INTERCEPTION: When playing American football, if the defensive team is able to intercept the football from the offensive side, then it stops the offense immediately. When the knowledge of each group of members increases, RI suggests that they be divided into three groups – new members and less than one year, members of 6-10 years, and members of more than 10 years – thinking about how each group differs so we can then eliminate conflicts between the groups.

S. SUPPORT: We are trained to give service above self to the point that we forget to take care of people close by in our club and to build a culture of support for each other in the club.

To have participation to make strong clubs thus can be summarized as taking the following actions:

1. Give everyone a task.
2. Arrange celebrations on appropriate occasions.
3. Learn about each group of members.
4. Analyze member trends.
5. Adjust the model of meetings.
6. Do effective community service activities that meet the needs of communities and use the abilities of club members.

Article

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



The Month of Changes

Rotary world has lost a highly respected person, who was a great source of knowledge, a role model for all. We will miss him, especially when he trots onto the stage to address any Rotary meetings. He left behind him a great deal of memories for us to remember for a long, long time. We offer our deepest condolences to the family of Past RI President Bhichai Rattakul, 2002-03, the Year of *Sow the Seeds of Love*.


The world keeps on changing. During the past 2 months, we could see various objective changes: the high-rise building collapsing, the economic sanctions imposed during the war. All of which show the changes in various aspects in every area. Who would have ever known about the rising prices of gasoline and other necessary commodities? People faced hardships due to COVID-19, followed by economic crisis which unavoidably caused the rising prices on food.

Rotary itself changes continuously. There are nearly 1,200,000 members. Members come and leave. There are changes in member's age. The average age of members in a club decrease, as the older ones have left and with a policy on inviting women and young people to be members. In the next few years, there will be more women and new generations in Rotary. Association in Rotary will be changed accordingly. I expect the new comers will make Rotary to move forward. A congratulations in advance!

Service projects have been slightly adjusted one can see more details of "small (projects) being scattered among big (projects) being clustered together". Service and contributions by Rotarians are never ending for both big and small projects. Because of social distancing, smaller groups meet that's why projects are small accordingly. A bigger scale of project supported by The Rotary Foundation is more difficult to get because of limited DDF. The in-person meeting is more difficult, thus the effort in implementing the large-scale project recedes.

The statistics of awarding TRF grants shows that in 2020 (before the COVID-19), the priority of projects are as follows: 1) disease prevention and treatment 59.4 million USD, 2) water and sanitation 15.3 million USD, 3) community economic development 11.9 million USD, 4) basic education and literacy 7.8 million USD, 5) mother and child health 8.9 million USD, 6) peace building and conflict resolution 2.7 million USD. After that period of time, the world has faced the COVID-19 resulting in spending a lot of resources for health issues. However, soon, the projects on environmental protection will be more popular. Then the statistics will keep on changing.

April is the month of mother and child health care. May is the month of Youth. If any clubs have accumulated DDF, try the projects on mother and child and as well as for youth. Perhaps, "Sow the Seeds of Love" for women, youth and children may contribute to the various changes more than expected.



The **CONNECTOR**

President-elect Jennifer Jones

for the record

THE CONNECTOR

President-elect Jennifer Jones is poised to lead Rotary into a vibrant, diverse future

President-elect Jennifer Jones' office at Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, feels different from those of her predecessors, but that's in no way a result of the fact that on 1 July she will become Rotary's first female president. On the wall hangs a recent gift from a friend — a black scratch off map on which Jones can record every Rotary destination she visits during the next two years. It's September, two months since she took office as president-elect, and on the map, only Chicago has been revealed — many planned events were canceled or postponed due to a rise in COVID-19 cases. Today, Jones is the only person on the 18th floor of One Rotary Center. There are no phones ringing, no fingers tap-tap-tapping on keyboards in the cubicles outside her door. One could do cartwheels through the Rotary boardroom and nobody would notice.

Photography by Monika Lozinska

Jones elbow-bumps her visitors, Rotary magazine senior staff writer Diana Schoberg and senior editor Geoffrey Johnson. Then, spaced apart at a table in her office, they discuss her vision for the year ahead. "If you start to think about how exponentially Rotary can touch the world, we're more than a club," Jones says. "We're a movement".

Jones is president and CEO of Media Street Productions Inc. in Windsor, Ontario, where she is a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland. (Her husband, Nick Krayacich, is past president of the Rotary Club of La Salle Centennial and was recently selected as governor-nominee-designate of District 6400.) Her company's specialties include radio and television production, corporate and nonprofit videos, and live show productions.

Using her media background to elevate Rotary's global profile is one of the primary goals of her presidency, and Jones is planning what she calls the "Imagine Impact Tour" to showcase to the world several large-scale, sustainable projects in each of Rotary's areas of focus. "I see this as a way of increasing our membership," she says. "When we tell our stories, like-minded people will want to join with us".

A Rotary member since 1996, Jones played a lead role in the organization's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary Advisory Group. She is co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts. She also led the successful #RotaryResponds virtual telethon in 2020, which raised critical funds for pandemic relief and attracted more than 65,000 views.

Between more serious topics such as elevating Rotary's image and its efforts toward diversity, equity, and inclusion, the conversation jumps around to the retro appeal of the 1980s television show *The Golden Girls* (its social commentary is relevant even today, Jones surmises) and dance parties ("Whenever a good song comes on, it's hard to not get a little groove on," she says). Toward the end of the conversation, Jones' dad chimes in with a ding on her phone and the one-word message, "passed" — he's still working at almost 80 years

old and wanted to let her know he'd succeeded at an annual exam for his job.

"He is the sweetest thing", she says with a smile. A few days earlier, his text to her had included a heart emoji and the query "How's fixing the world coming along?" With the family of Rotary behind her, Jones is well on her way.

You're going to be Rotary's first female president. What does that mean for Rotary?

When I was selected, although the process was virtual, everybody went around the "room" to reflect on something that was said during the interview. One of the points that was repeatedly emphasized was that I was selected for my qualifications, not because of my gender. I didn't enter the interview with gender being at the forefront of my thinking. However, I do think that for our organization, it was an incredibly significant moment. Diversity, equity, and inclusion is so important not only for Rotary but for our world. Maybe my nomination is happening at the right time.

When I gave my acceptance speech at the 2021 virtual convention, I mentioned my 10-year-old niece during the opening. She had given me a drawing of herself that included the words, "Different is always better. Different is me". I loved it and was so proud of her for proclaiming this statement, so much so, that I ended the speech using her exact words. [Being different is] nothing to apologize for. One of our core values is diversity, and this is another way that diversity is represented. It's just that it took 117 years for that to happen.

What does diversity mean for our organization?

There is diversity in our Rotary world, but is there diversity in our own most immediate sphere, our own clubs? When we have diversity of thought, diversity of age, diversity of culture, diversity of gender, diversity of vocation, we bring that to the table. That is our secret sauce. That's what allows us to solve things in ways that others can't. We're looking at it through that kaleidoscope of experience that we bring to the table.


There are going to be clubs that say, "No, we're good. We've got diversity figured out." And maybe they do and maybe they don't. But I think we are uniquely poised as an organization at this time in history to be the honest brokers of these kinds of conversations. Because we're nonpolitical and nonreligious, we have the ability to host this type of dialogue and do it in a safe space where we respect each other.

How will you redefine the role of Rotary president?

I don't know that I'm approaching the presidency from a perspective of change. I'm looking at it from the perspective of how we exist as a relevant organization in today's culture and climate. How do we do things that are proactive and positive for our future?

Maybe it's a bit of a shift in what we've been striving for over the past several years, in terms of reaching specific demographics. Perhaps we need to walk it more authentically. If we're going to ask more women to join our organization and we've seen negligible results, perhaps this is an opportunity to inspire others to look forward and say, "If she can do it, so can I". If we're looking for younger members and younger thinkers to be in our organization, then we need to exhibit that behavior. We need to showcase why it's important to them — to make sure we're giving people meaningful, intentional things to engage with in our organization.

The biggest thing that I'm hoping I bring to the table is not



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gender but communication — how we communicate these things to our frontline members and others who are part of our family, to understand that being different right now is a good thing and that it doesn't change who we are. Our DNA remains true. Our core values stay true. Those are things that don't go out of style. But can we look at things through a little bit of a different lens right now?

You're saying young thinkers as well as young members. What's the distinction?

Have you met a 25-year-old who is old? We all have. Have you met an 86-year-old who is young? Of course. So I talk about young thinkers. It's something that resonates regardless of where I am in the world.

Embracing the fact that we are people of action speaks to our joie de vivre. We step out. We do things. That is what I think of in terms of young thinkers. We're the people who make things happen in our world and our community.

We have such a brilliant opportunity to capture what I like to call cross-mentorship.

Sometimes a great idea comes through the lens of experience, and sometimes it comes from someone who hasn't already been told that they can't do something or that it needs to be done this certain way. When we look toward younger participants in our organization, they give me hope that we can look at things through fresh eyes, that we can constantly be in a state of evolution.

This is going to be a very wide generalization: If you have a great new idea, and you give it to a Rotaract club, within days they figure out what it is that they're going to do. They've launched some sort of social media presence. They've called out and connected with partners. They've done all kinds of things. They take action really fast. Similarly, you can give it to a Rotary club, and what do we do? We form a committee and then we have meetings, lots of meetings.

That's not to be dismissive of that more deliberate path; I say that very much in jest. But the bureaucracy sometimes can bring us to a slow stop and be frustrating for people.

There is an opportunity for us when we look toward the younger demographic. They just do things differently. And I think that's something we truly can learn from them.

You're a natural storyteller. What's the first sentence of the opening chapter of your presidency?

It's one word: imagine.

That's your theme, right?

Imagine Rotary.

How did you come up with that?

Imagine to me is about dreams and the obligation to run after those dreams. I want people to think about the things that they want to achieve, and then use Rotary as the vehicle to get there. We have such a huge array of opportunities in front of us, but we need to channel our energies so that we make sustainable, impactful decisions about what we do. The most powerful thing for a member is to be able to say, "I have an idea". And then to share that with others and to amplify it and figure out where to go with it. Imagine is an empowering word, giving people permission to say that they want to do something to make their world better, and they can do it because they're part of this family.

What is contemporary leadership, and how does your style of leadership fit in?

The past two years have given us this deep opportunity to take a look at what's important to us and what things we want to get rid of, that carry too much baggage in our head and on our shoulders. Now we can look forward to how to do things a little bit differently and, probably most important, more authentically. How do we be true and honest to ourselves about what we want to spend our time doing, whom we want to spend our time with, and how we can work toward supporting each other better, not just as friends and neighbors but as humanity? From a contemporary leadership perspective, we need to take the best from the worst. We've watched world leaders broadcasting from their kitchens and from their basements. We have learned how to be different and more appreciative of other people's experiences. As Rotary, that's what we've been good at all along. This is our time to shine.

What strengths and weaknesses do you bring to the presidency?

I'm proud of being a connector. I like to connect people, and I like to connect people to stories. I'd like to see how that can be harnessed. I think my strength is also in communication and looking at how we can do things just a little bit differently. The most important thing that we can do is make sure that every member of our organization understands what it is to be part of it. There are many different ways to communicate that, and it's not just about sending an email. It's about creating a reason for people to want to hear from the organization.

One of the things I want to do is go live directly following a board meeting. I want to tell people what their organization is doing — what just literally happened. Breaking news from the 18th floor in Evanston, and here is what it means to your club experience. Can we tell that story? I want to use some of the newer tools; when I'm traveling in the field, I will have my little GoPro camera. I want to field-produce my own presidency. I want to showcase what I just saw and what this person just said to me.

A weakness? Balance. Trying to take care of myself — trying to eat right, exercise, make time for friends and family. I'm not always good at it. I think this harks back to the conversation we're having about the pandemic. We've all had this opportunity to push the pause button. Sometimes we go a thousand percent toward something that we're working on, when that's maybe not the right approach. We can be stronger when we're better to ourselves. I think we've really learned this; at least I have.

One of the things that I have taken pride in my entire life is not dropping balls. I've arrived at a place where there is a lot going on, and at the same time I've given myself permission to drop some balls.

There are so many different ways that people now communicate, whether through email, text, WhatsApp, Facebook, LinkedIn, or Twitter. I've got two phones going. It's crazy. So I have given myself permission to walk away and to not be tethered to my phone. I'm aware of it, I am respectful of it, but I need to be a little bit more present. I could literally be communicating 24 hours a day. And that doesn't serve anyone.

You are well known for being a hugger. So what's the new hug?

That's a tough one. Elbow bumps are definitely going to be a pattern going forward, maybe a fist bump here or there. Hugs are probably on hold for a little while.

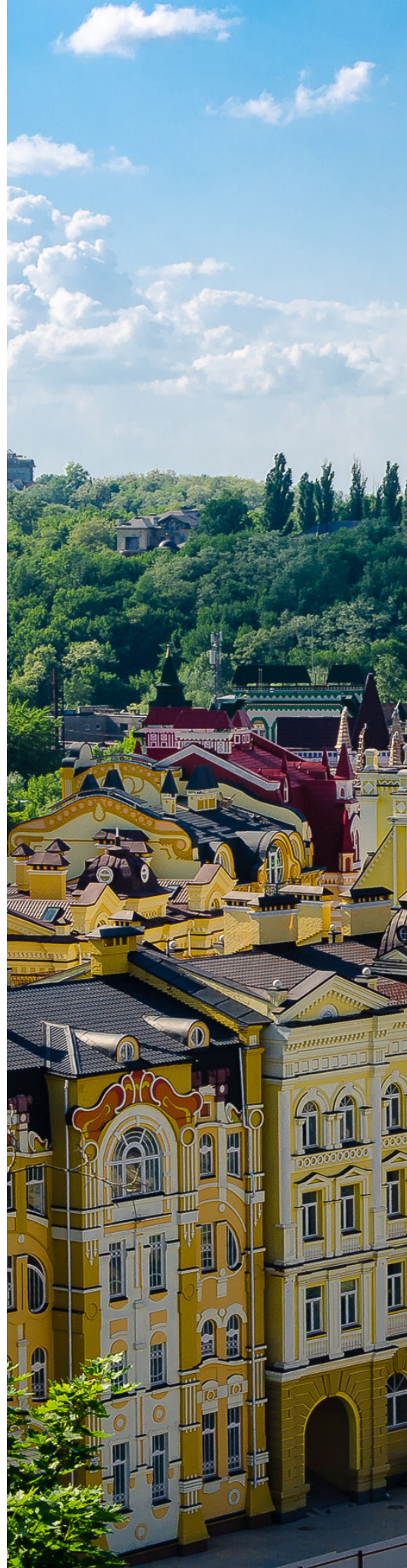
Strength in times of crisis

Past and current conflicts have had a significant impact on **Rotary in Ukraine** – which has only made members there more resolute

Ukraine is an agricultural powerhouse and a country of significant technological and strategic importance, but it has had a turbulent history. The buildup to the Russia-Ukraine war that began in February preoccupied many members of Rotary around the world, who worried about the future of Rotary within Europe's second-largest country.

Yet amid this turmoil, Rotary members in Ukraine continue to demonstrate resilience and an unwavering commitment to peace. To learn more about Rotary's circuitous journey in Ukraine over the past decade, Rotary Magazine for Germany and Austria compiled this report. (From Rotary International's headquarters in the United States, Rotary magazine has reached out to Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Russia and will feature reports from them in a future issue.)

The city of Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, basks in the warmth of a sunny and peaceful day.





A look back – and toward the future

Rotariets, the regional Rotary magazine in Ukraine

Let *Rotariets* provide our readers some background information about Rotary in Ukraine.

The first Rotary clubs within the current borders of Ukraine were chartered in the 1930s in the cities of Uzhgorod, Chernivtsi, and Lviv. During World War II, Rotary clubs disbanded in territories under conflict, and clubs were forcibly dissolved during the Cold War in countries under Communist rule.

After the collapse of the USSR, several clubs in Europe and North America sought to reestablish Rotary's presence in the former Soviet countries. Lubomyr "Lu" Hewko, the father of John Hewko, RI's CEO and general secretary, played an important role. Lu's family fled Ukraine during World War II, and years later, as president of the Rotary Club of Clarkston, Michigan, he organized several Rotary projects: delivering medical equipment to Ukrainian hospitals, assisting the victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, and recruiting doctors to perform eye surgeries for the needy. After Ukraine declared its independence in 1991, Lu helped to charter the first Rotary club in the capital, Kyiv. John Hewko is a charter member.

In the early 1990s, Ukraine was part of District 1420, along with all the clubs in the former USSR, as well as some in Finland. Other district affiliations followed, until finally, in November 1999, RI decided to integrate Ukraine and Belarus with Poland in District 2230. This came to fruition on 1 July 2000. With the steady growth of Rotary in these three countries, the district was split into Districts 2231 (Poland) and 2232 (Ukraine, Belarus) in July 2016.

Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and the armed conflict in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions (collectively known as the Donbas) have hindered Rotary's development in Ukraine. In 2013, there were seven Rotary clubs (with a combined total of about 110 members) in Crimea and the now-occupied areas of the Donbas. Only two clubs remain, and both are in Crimea: the Rotary Club of Simferopol and the Rotary Club of Alushta. They have a total of 14 members.

In the rest of Ukraine, however, Rotary is undergoing robust growth on the strength of an influx of members who have joined since the beginning of that conflict. The national impulse to engage in humanitarian work and disaster assistance remains strong in Ukraine. Since 2014, Rotary has grown from 49 to 62 clubs, with an additional six satellite clubs. Membership has increased from 800 to 1,100 — and members of Rotary in Ukraine are very optimistic about the organization's continued growth.

A virtual club

Tetiana Godok, president-elect of the Rotary E-Club of Ukraine

My history with Rotary began when I was a senior in high school. The newly formed Rotaract Club of Yalta ambitiously set out to establish an Interact club, and I was fortunate enough to be a part of it. I didn't know much about Rotary, and the complex club organization befuddled me at first.

But over several months, we visited Interact clubs in Kharkiv and Cherkasy, and I came to learn more about Rotary and gradually immersed myself in the ideas and values of this service organization. With strong convictions about the role I might play, I joined the Rotaract Club of Yalta, serving as president and treasurer, and set a goal to get to know Rotaract all over Europe.

Until the annexation of Crimea, I had a very active and rewarding Rotaract career: I often traveled to Rotaract Europe Meetings (REM) across Europe, to Rotary Youth Leadership Awards events in Turkey, to Portugal in western Europe, and all over Ukraine, countless times, for conferences, for seminars, or just to visit Rotaract friends. We gladly and proudly hosted all-Ukrainian and district events in Yalta. Unfortunately, the annexation forced many Rotaractors and Rotarians to flee the turmoil and conflict on the peninsula, where it had become impossible to conduct our normal service duties. I moved to Lviv in western Ukraine, but the emotional trauma from the migration was such that it took me a long time to settle down and integrate into my new life. The good news was that a Rotary e-club had been established in Ukraine, enabling former Crimean residents and Rotarians from other occupied territories to continue to be part of Rotary. The mutual support was enormously helpful, especially in the early days.

I later moved to the United States, first to New York City, where I studied biology, and then to Philadelphia to work in a research lab. Fortunately, the virtual club has allowed me to remain a Rotarian regardless of where I live, although accommodating members from the different time zones can be tough.

I have lived in Italy, near Milan, since 2021, but continue to see my friends at club meetings. It is good that our club has enriched itself over the years with new members from all over Ukraine. Last year, I was elected club president for 2022-23. I am very grateful for the trust placed in me and look forward to presiding over our first meeting. I definitely want it to take place "virtually" against a backdrop image of the Yalta Mountains in Crimea, which is — and always will be — my home.

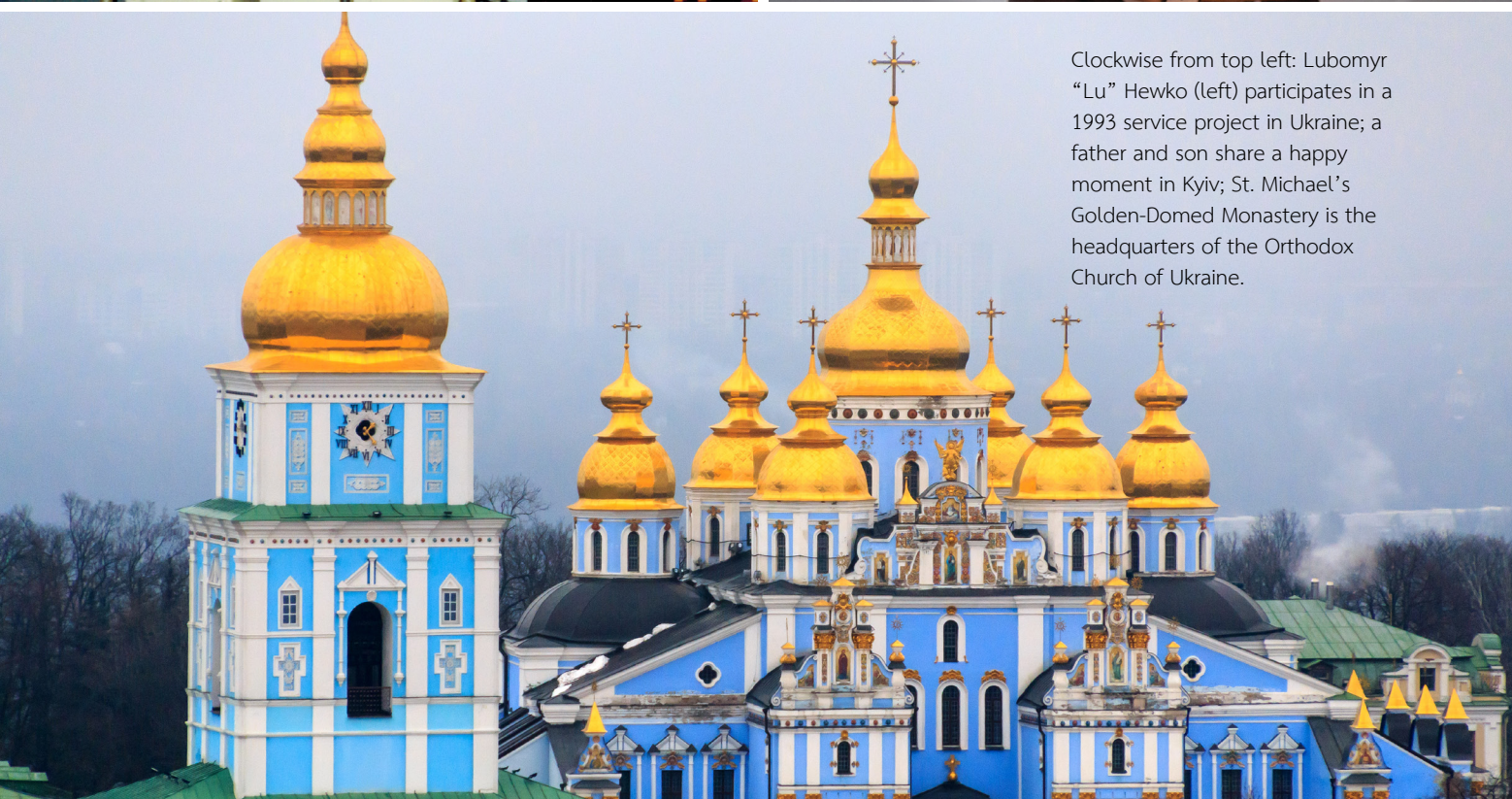
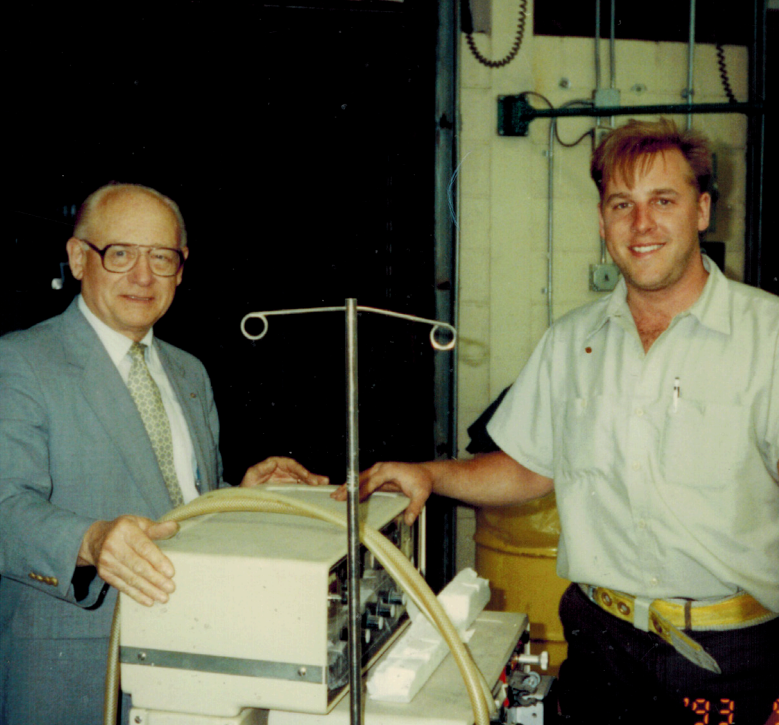
The Ukraine crisis:

A BRIEF HISTORY

1922 After several turbulent years in which Ukraine struggles to secure independence, it becomes one of the founding members of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

1954 Moscow transfers Crimea to Ukraine; among other reasons, Nikita Khrushchev, recently recognized as the leader of the Soviet Union, hopes that the ostensibly generous gesture will win him support among the Ukrainian elite.

1991 After a failed coup in Moscow, Ukraine's leaders declare their independence; in a national referendum, more than 90 percent of voters, including a majority in Crimea, endorse the change in Ukraine's status.



Clockwise from top left: Lubomyr “Lu” Hewko (left) participates in a 1993 service project in Ukraine; a father and son share a happy moment in Kyiv; St. Michael’s Golden-Domed Monastery is the headquarters of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

1992 Meeting with representatives from Crimea, Ukraine’s new leaders negotiate a framework that places the territory effectively under local control.

1996 The country’s new constitution defines Ukraine as a unitary state with 27 administrative units, including 24 oblasts (regions), two cities with special status — Kyiv and Sevastopol — and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

1994 After signing the Budapest Memorandum, an agreement that guarantees its security and sovereignty, Ukraine, until then the world’s third-largest nuclear power, begins to surrender its nuclear arsenal to Russia.

2004-05 The Orange Revolution — characterized by mass demonstrations that threaten to bring on civil war — erupts after the election of the pro-Russian Viktor Yanukovich as Ukraine’s president. After the Supreme Court declares the election invalid, Yanukovich is defeated in a new round of voting.

In the spirit of peace

Yulia Zharikova, secretary of the Rotary Club of Kyiv Advance

The history of the Rotary Club of Kyiv Advance began at the end of 2013, when several like-minded people formed the Rotary Club of Donetsk Advance. We were united by the idea of community service and our passion for art and music. The club supported young talents and devoted its energies to the development of educational programs in the city.

In 2014, after the outbreak of military conflict in eastern Ukraine, many members of our club fled to different parts of the country and even abroad. Subsequently, four club members who had moved to Kyiv decided to resume our club activities under the name Rotary Club of Donetsk Advance. Four other members who had ended up abroad or remained in Donetsk subsequently decided to keep their membership as well. So, we retained eight members.

In 2020, our club officially changed its name to Rotary Club of Kyiv Advance in accordance with the policies of Rotary International. Since relocating to Kyiv, our club has attracted many new members and even received an award from the District 2232 governor for adding the most new members in the 2019-20 Rotary year.

Given our experience from the conflict in eastern Ukraine, we have made peacebuilding and conflict prevention a main focus of our community projects. One such project, running since 2017, offers training to various groups to promote dialogue toward reconciliation at multiple levels of Ukrainian society. In addition, for the past five years, club members have been involved in a large international project for the psychological rehabilitation of children affected by war and military conflict in the east.

Rotary transcends borders

Mykola and Olga Stebljanko, the Rotary E-Club of Ukraine

Our Rotary life began in 1996, when we joined what would become the first Rotaract club in Crimea: the Rotaract Club of Simferopol. Since then, Rotary has been an integral part of our lives. Our 10-year Rotaract past has become a classic example of young leadership development that creates the conditions for a natural transition into the ranks of Rotarians.

In 2006, I, Mykola, joined the Rotary Club of Simferopol, which later sponsored the Rotary Club of Simferopol-Taurica, of which my wife, Olga, was the charter president. In 2007, I became the editor of the official Rotary publication, Rotariets, in Ukraine and Belarus. Since

2011, Olga has supported the production of the digital version.

I was president of my club in 2013-14, but when the Crimean Peninsula was annexed during my term, we had to move to Odesa. To continue our Rotary activities, we established the Rotary E-Club of Ukraine. This type of club, which was fairly new then, helped us and other Rotarians from Crimea and the Donbas keep our Rotary ties and sustain our community. Our club brings together people scattered across thousands of miles. I was elected District 2232 governor for 2019-20 and now serve as a Rotary public image coordinator at the



zone level. Olga chaired the District Scholarship Subcommittee for two years, and the District Rotary Youth Exchange Committee since 2018. Together, we continue publishing Rotariets and providing virtual Rotary events in District 2232 and Zone 21.

Nobody is left alone

Oleksiy Kuleshov and other Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Sloviansk

The year 2014 became a time of testing for us, a test of endurance and humanity. On the positive side, Rotary brought us new strength, uniting a large number of people of different nationalities, faiths, and levels of prosperity with a common idea: to serve society. In Ukraine, Rotarians from Lviv, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Poltava, Kyiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Chernivtsi, and the conflict areas of Donetsk — they were still holding on at that time — helped people who had fled the war, as did Rotarians from Moscow and Krasnodar in Russia.

We reached out to those Ukrainians who had lost their livelihood and were left alone in misery. Some helpful Rotarians had sent

2013-14 Yanukovich, who was elected president in 2010, rejects an agreement for greater integration with the European Union. Protests topple the government, and Yanukovich flees to Russia.

February-March 2014 Russian troops enter Crimea, seizing the regional parliament and other government buildings. Russia ultimately annexes the peninsula.

April 2014 Pro-Russia separatist rebels begin seizing territory in eastern Ukraine. (In July, the rebels shoot down Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, killing 298 people.) As fighting between the rebels and the Ukrainian military intensifies, the Russian army supports the rebels. As of late 2021, the Ukrainian government estimates that about 14,000 have been killed during the conflict.

groceries, baby food, and clothing; others sent personal care products and medicine. We organized logistics to help refugee resettlement. We served meals, distributed gifts, books, and clothes to people in the disputed territories, and, in the evening, delivered grocery packages to large families. Together with the Rotary Club of Lviv, we also organized a mobile dental practice.

In 2015, with the help of other Rotary clubs in Ukraine, we established a multimedia class at an art school in the city of Sloviansk, and, in 2016, the Rotary Club of Sloviansk endowed a choreography class for children. The project “Helpers of Saint Nicholas” gained momentum and became a separate major Rotary project in eastern Ukraine. Other club projects include replenishing libraries with modern literature, sponsoring sports teams, and supporting the “Believe in Yourself” project of the world-champion Paralympic swimmer Viktor Smyrnov. We also provided funding for kindergarten classes for children living with visual, mental, and musculoskeletal disorders.

Projects for peace

Many clubs in Ukraine have initiated their own projects to bring peace to the country.

In the combat zone along the Russian border in eastern Ukraine, about 14,000 people, including more than 3,000 civilians, were killed, and at least 30,000 injured, between 2014 and 2021. During that same time period, more than 1.6 million people from Crimea and the Donbas fled their homes and became displaced within Ukraine, while some 3 million remained in the territories controlled by armed militia forces.

Rotary clubs in Ukraine have provided medical and psychological assistance to victims of the conflict and have supported the large displaced population, while also delivering relief supplies to those who live in frontline territories. Rotary International has called for peaceful dialogue within divided communities and between the governments of Russia and Ukraine. Members are sponsoring efforts to locate and remove land mines in combat areas while also educating the public about minefield demarcation and identification. For the victims of land-mine injuries, Rotary clubs have set up rehabilitation centers in frontline areas. As part of their efforts to help restore the Donbas region, Rotary members are planning and creating business opportunities that can promote restoration of communities for reintegration into the national economy.

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(Right) Members of the Rotary E-Club of Ukraine gather around a member of the Rotary Club of Kyiv (center, in white).



Left: Olga and Mykola Stebljanko joined Rotary in 1996 when they helped form Crimea's first Rotaract club; Mykola later joined the Rotary Club of Simferopol (below).



(Above) Children in eastern Ukraine through a mobile dental practice; (left) Piotr Wygnaczuk, then governor of District 2230, poses with Olga Stebljanko.

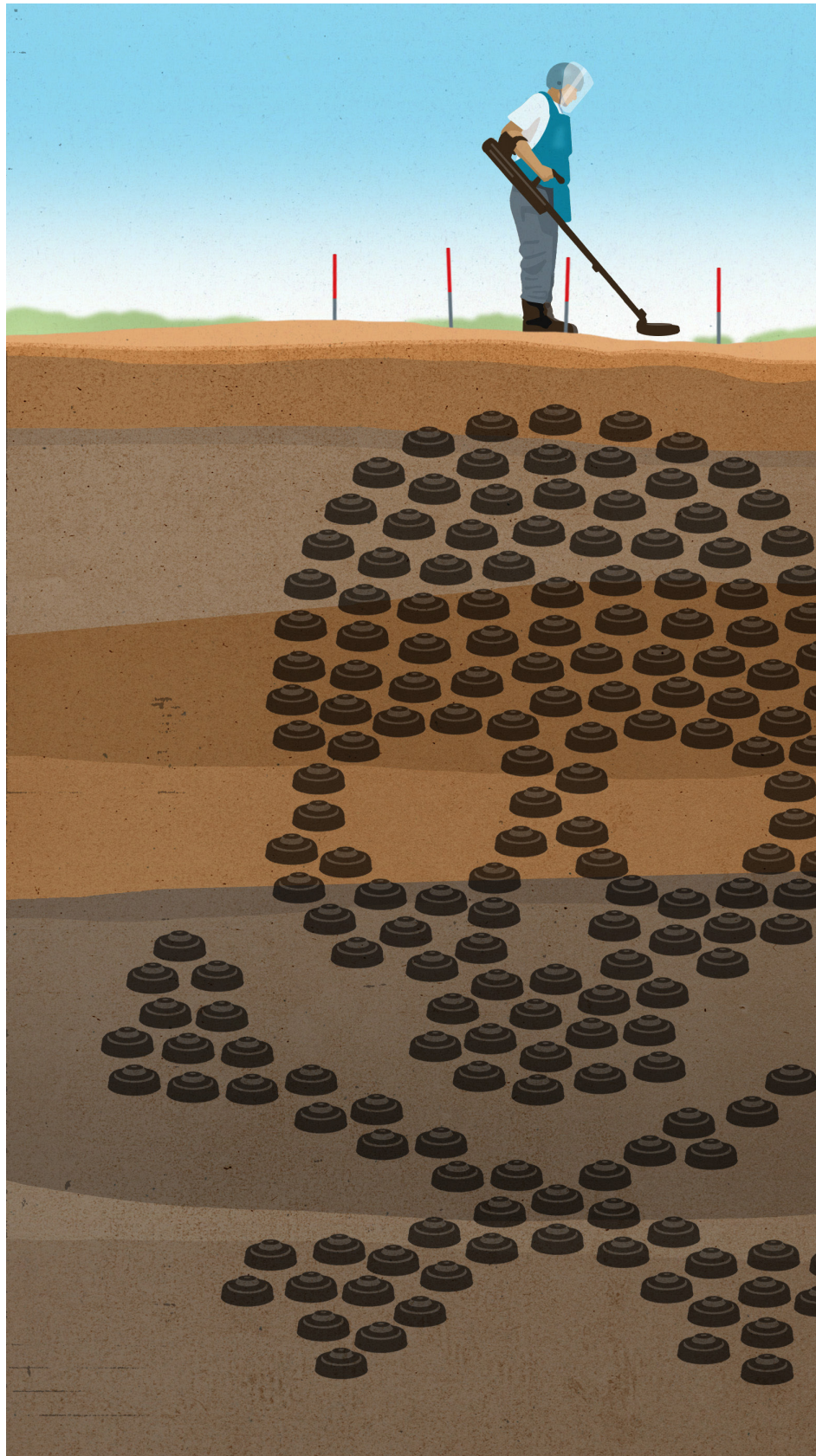




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"WHAT IT'S LIKE TO..." Clear land mines

by Hansjörg Eberle, Rotary Club of Genève International, Switzerland

I worked with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for 12 years, often in war-stricken countries such as Afghanistan and Pakistan. I lodged with the surgeons, and typically we would be alerted at 3 in the morning that there was a truckload with 10 or 15 wounded, often from land mines. What we saw was often horrible — bodies and body parts. The surgeons would have to do triage to see who could be saved.

Very often these were women and children and old people who were not participating in the fighting, but were actually running away. This was usually happening at night, a family with children fleeing for their lives — you can imagine the terror.

The ICRC spent a tremendous amount of time trying to save these people. But of course, the problem was much deeper. A farmer who loses his leg can't support his family. People cannot use areas where they believe mines to be. They cannot farm that land or use the roads to get to school or to market. Mines are really like a weapon of terror.

The Red Cross helped lobby governments to pass the Ottawa Convention, the international ban on anti-personnel land mines, in 1997. My concern was that no one, to my knowledge, was clearing them. So I set up an association with some friends and colleagues, the Foundation Suisse de Deminage, or the Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD).

So how do we get rid of the mines? First, our teams do what is called a nontechnical survey, which means they spend weeks interviewing people in the region, looking at the topography, the movement of troops during the conflict, what munitions were used. Using this forensic approach, it's possible to reduce the dangerous area by 90 percent without doing any demining. We are also hoping to use drone technology, which can identify shapes under the soil.

But I'm sorry to say that the techniques for demining have not evolved much over the past 20 years. There is no replacement for a human being with a metal detector. It's painstakingly slow and costs a lot of money. Our experts, who are typically former military special forces, recruit and train the staff who do the actual demining. We recruit them preferably from the affected region. They might be former soldiers or

combatants, but they might also have civilian backgrounds, such as teachers, lawyers, or farmers. Both men and women may become deminers, even in Muslim countries, such as Iraq. A basic deminer course takes three or four weeks.

In humanitarian demining (as opposed to military demining), deminers wear only light protection consisting of a demining vest (similar to a bulletproof vest) and a visor. This should ensure their survival if an anti-personnel mine explodes, but it does not protect their arms and legs. The reason for this light protection is that humanitarian deminers work all day long, often in extremely hot or difficult environments. They can't do that while wearing full body armor, such as the military do.

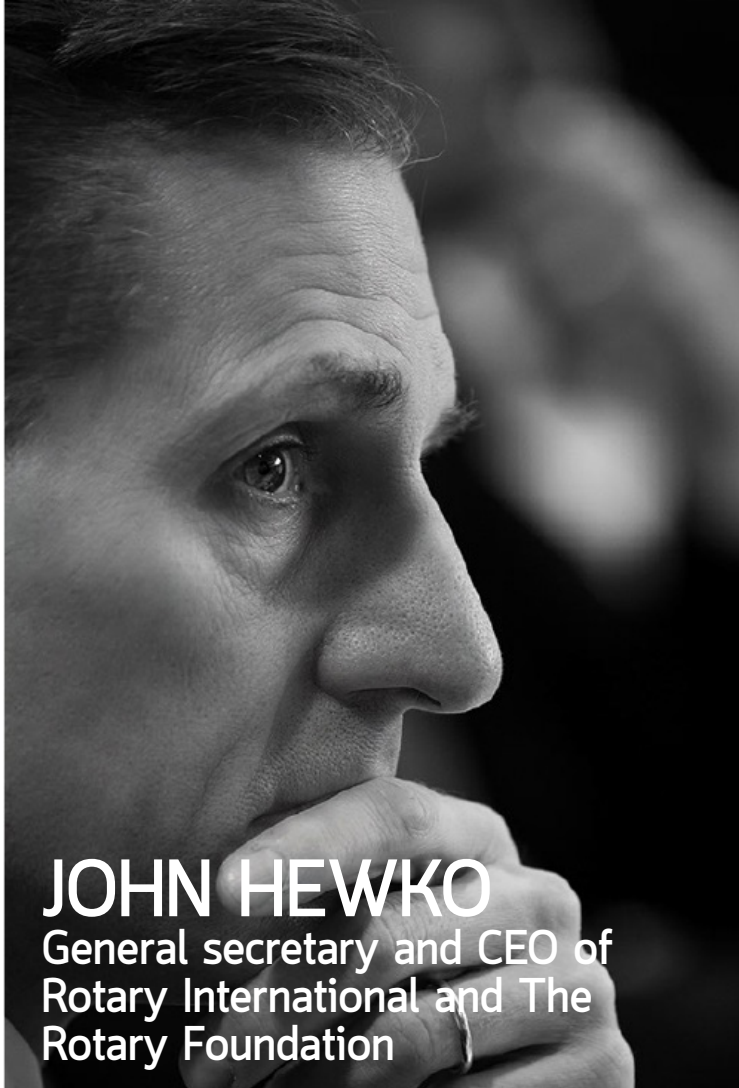
Accidents happen, unfortunately, despite the numerous precautions we take. One of our American supervisors was killed in Iraq in 2019 when he tried to defuse an improvised explosive device. Demining accidents, however, are relatively rare. All our staff are insured against accidents. In case of fatal accidents, this helps the family make it through the next four or five years.

An army might breach a minefield with a big tank and set off the bombs. If there's a mine or two left, no big deal. But for humanitarian demining, we have to find every needle in the haystack, or the local population won't feel safe. I leave the actual demining to the experts, but it is still frightening. I remember visiting one of our demining teams in South Sudan, along the heavily mined front with Sudan. The supervisor and I walked for about 20 minutes across a no-man's land with visible land mines and other unexploded ordnance. I would never walk in such an area on my own. I more or less walk in the footsteps of the surveyors. They have better eyes than I do. I feel tense but focused during such visits, and mostly grateful upon my return.

We've had a lot of success. We recently cleared another village in Iraq of improvised explosive devices, and we were very happy to see people return to rebuild their houses and farm the land and start their lives again.

— as told to steve almond

Illustration by Richard Mia



JOHN HEWKO
General secretary and CEO of
Rotary International and The
Rotary Foundation

■ Holds a law degree from Harvard University, a master's in modern history from the University of Oxford (where he studied as a Marshall Scholar), and a bachelor's in government and Soviet studies from Hamilton College in New York

■ Speaks five languages — English, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian
Served as the vice president for operations and compact development at the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a U.S. government agency, where he negotiated foreign assistance agreements totaling \$6.3 billion for 18 countries in the areas of infrastructure, agriculture, water and sanitation, health, and education

■ He and his wife, Marga, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation

My parents, Lu and Natalie Hewko, fled the advancing Soviet armies across war-torn Europe — from Ukraine to the refugee camps in southern Germany — and then began a new life in the United States. My desire to give back to the country that welcomed my parents with open arms is what motivated my interest in public service.

My father was a Rotarian and served as president of the Rotary Club of Clarkston, Michigan. He also helped start the Rotary club in Kyiv, Ukraine, where I am a charter member.

The TV series *Perry Mason* partially inspired me to be a lawyer.

My wife, Marga, is from Argentina, and we got married there in December 1989. Two weeks later, we moved to Moscow. After Mikhail Gorbachev came to power and opened up the Soviet Union, the law firm of Baker McKenzie approached me, asking if I would help establish its office there, and I later served as its managing partner in Kyiv and Prague.

I'll never forget an amazing historic experience in Ukraine. I had the opportunity to be involved in Ukraine's independence movement after the failed August 1991 coup in Moscow and the subsequent collapse of the Soviet Union. In March 1992, I spent several days with experts in Prague and hammered out the initial draft of Ukraine's first post-Soviet constitution. To be there, to help a new country get off the ground, was the thrill of a lifetime.

My Andy Warhol 15 minutes of fame came on 24 August 1991, when the Ukraine parliament called for a referendum to support its declaration of independence. The day before, political leaders and advisers from the non-Communist opposition had prepared a series of important decrees that the parliament was to debate and hopefully approve. But they had no copy machine. Fortunately, I had access to a small copier. I took the documents and spent all night making more than 400 copies. At 7 the next morning, I dashed over and handed the copies to the deputy head of the opposition. Parliament then deliberated over the decrees and declared independence six hours later. Without those copies, I wondered ...

My father was an avid reader of the Rotary magazine. He used to read it from cover to cover. In 2010, an advertisement caught his eye: Rotary was looking for a new general secretary. My father ripped the page out of the magazine and wrote a note on it, half in English and half in Ukrainian, that I should apply for the job — and then he mailed the ad to me.

Two lessons I took away from this experience: Always listen to your dad — and great things happen when you read the Rotary magazine.

In this issue, you should read about Rotary's Action Plan [see page 52] because it represents the future of our organization and serves as our strategic road map. It's exciting, and we have begun to undertake a number of important initiatives to bring it into reality.

One pillar of Rotary's strength is its deep roots in the community. The key is to find that sweet spot — to keep our focus largely local, because that is where members have the greatest satisfaction and sense of accomplishment, yet make sure that these local activities are strategically channeled so that we can have a greater global impact.

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Interview

PDG Dr. Supawat Puwakul



60 years' experience in Rotary and PDG Dr. Supawat Puwakul's brother

PDG Dr. Supawat Puwakul is a member of the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai, D. 3360, and a venerable person who has done so much for Rotary. He became a Rotarian 60 years ago when he was 34 years old. Now, he is 94 and still a Rotarian. He has a lot of diverse experience. In particular, he is in a Rotary family of PRIP Bhichai Rattakul.



PP Jantanee Tienvijit,
Rotary Club of Lanna



According to PDG Dr. Supawat, PRIP Bhichai is a good role model for Rotarians. He was highly dedicated and sincere, ready to help others. He's knowledgeable and always shared what he knew with others. PRIP Bhichai regarded PDG Dr. Supawat as his younger brother. In carrying out Rotary missions, PRIP Bhichai taught and assisted Dr. Supawat in many ways. For example, he helped check the English speeches that Dr. Supawat had to give when visiting overseas clubs. In 1977-1978, Dr. Supawat was District Governor of D. 330 which covered the areas of Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei. Also, when Dr. Supawat was the representative of RI President and had to attend over 10 district conferences overseas including 4 in Taiwan, PRIP Bhichai helped check his English scripts and offered practical advice.

PRIP Bhichai taught manners to Dr. Supawat in detail including how to eat western food, how to drink tea and coffee, how to sit and push the chair back properly. He even taught Dr. Supachai on how to kiss the cheek and shake hands with other people during the introduction. Dr. Supawat said that without this detailed advice, he wouldn't have known what to do or he might have behaved incorrectly.

Another important assistance given to Dr. Supawat was when he was DG of D. 330 and had to officially visit the clubs in Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei, PRIP Bhichai requested his close friend, Dr. Tay Teckeng, Chairman of Singapore's Anti-Cancer Institute, to set out the plan for Dr. Supawat's visits. After PRIP Bhichai received the plan, he reviewed and adjusted it to make sure that the schedule was not too tight as travelling during that time by car, train, boat, plane and horse were all difficult and took a lot of time.

The writer asked Dr. Supawat to tell us about his experience in visiting the overseas clubs in D. 330. Following is his story which was told in an interesting way:

"At that time, there were 60 clubs in 4 countries in D. 330. We used different types of transportation modes including car, train, boat, big plane,

small plane and horse-drawn carriage. For example, in Brunei if we went straight by car, it would take 2-3 hours. However, in reality one had to drive around the mountains which would take many days. Therefore, the host borrowed a plane from Shell Company to fly over the mountains, and it took only 10-15 minutes. Everything was prepared for us. We also travelled by a small plane. It was exciting as the plane flew very low, just above the coconut trees along the coast.

There were many exciting moments during our visits, one of which was like in the Tarzan movie. One club showed us the Long House, a community of which the club helped take care. There, the floor of the house was above shallow sea water. When a house was built, it had to be above the water. For those with more money, the area behind the house would be more spacious than those with little money. There would be a covered terrace in the front part of the house for social gathering. Each house had its own bridge above water for walking. When you entered their house, you had to walk underneath the roof. We went in one house with a lot of small jars. We opened the lids and saw rice, tomatoes and potatoes in them. At this Long House community, we were told not to say good-bye. They said 30 years ago if we said goodbye to them and they liked us, they would chop our head off and made a souvenir out of it. Therefore, we could never say good-bye. We only smiled and left. In many houses in this state, skulls were kept in woven baskets. My wife, Piyanart, and I walked into the house, but unfortunately my wife's foot fell into a hole and her head hit the basket. We looked up at the basket and saw a skull there. It must have been a skull of the family's ancestor as they lived by the sea and did not bury the dead person.

On that day, many things shocked us. We sat in a boat with the club's president and reporters. The boat was very small with only 50-60 horsepower, and when it went fast, water came into the boat. The wall of the boat could easily fall apart from the force of the water. I told my wife to sit in the back and take her shoes off in case the boat capsized, so we could swim right away. Before we landed, I heard drums exactly like in the Tarzan movie welcoming us. Once we got out of the boat, we had to walk quite a distance to the village. They asked me to walk in the front. However, when I was about to climb up the 3 steps of the house, I was blocked. I asked them why. They asked me to touch a spot which turned out to be a knife that killed a pig underneath the house. The pig died immediately as a sacrifice, so we were welcome like a king. I still remembered the sound of the pig crying. They cooked the pig for our lunch. That was the first and only pig I killed in my life! At Long House, the welcome ground was huge. The table for the main guests was on the top of the steps. I was asked to sit there with my wife close by. Once we sat down, they offered us a hat with feathers to wear like in the Tarzan movie. Dancers with a knife in their hand performed for us. When the dancers hit the knife on the ground, it was very loud. They came and danced so close to us making us shudder many

times. The club's president was not very far from us. After that, they brought us each a threshing basket like the one we saw in Chiang Mai and asked us to fine 7 items to put in it. My wife followed one person while I followed another to salute the ghosts of the house just like what Chiang Mai people would do. When we sat down on the floor, they moved a chicken around our head and hit our head with that chicken while praying. We jerked again. The chicken we ate must have been this same chicken. So many things shocked us that day. We were invited to dance with them. It was easy for us as we saw this kind of dance in Chiang Mai when we were young. They were pleased to see us dance. Dancers dressed in sarong and danced like us in Chiang Mai. Later, they publicized this reception in the newspaper, and I put a copy in the DG Newsletter."

For the past 60 years of being a Rotarian, Dr. Supawat said that he has learned a lot from Rotary. He learned how to talk from his Rotary Club and from the speakers particularly PRIP Bhichai Rattakul, Mr. Yiam Tanpaitoondithi and Mr. Wai Wattanakul from the Rotary Club of Dhonburi. He learned to be a good leader and follower, and he felt that he grew from Rotary. When he became a district governor, he attended the training organized by Rotary International which was highly beneficial to him. He was also trained to speak in public.

Because he has gained a lot from Rotary, he has also given a lot back to Rotary. He has participated in the work of his own club and others as well as in his own district and others. He once was the chairman of Thailand's Past District Governors' Council, the training leader at the club, district and Rotary Thailand levels. He was also the leader of District Governors-Elect training in California, USA. In addition, he has taken part in so many community projects.

As a Rotarian, Dr. Supawat holds on to the following principles:

- * There is a lot of knowledge in Rotary. We must "pick" it for our use, learn from Rotary texts, from training and most important from others and their experience and put it in practice.

- * Create friendship to build peace. When there are problems that may lead to conflicts, we must be calm, patient and try to compromise.

- * We must pay back to our land with our good deeds in order to help others. We must think and act well at all times.

PDG Dr. Supawat Puwakul at the age of 94 has been a Rotarian for 60 years. He is a hundred percent who has never missed a single meeting. Even today, he attends the weekly meetings of the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai via Zoom. He plays many roles and holds many social positions including the Chairman of Region 9 Committee, National Council on Social Welfare of Thailand under the Royal Patronage. He is also Director and Advisor of many organizations. He takes good care of himself by exercising and playing golf every week. And most important, he lives an exemplary life for all Rotarians to follow.



PDG. Juthatip Thamsiripong
Rotary Club of Pra Pathom Chedi

Greetings to every Rotarian.

Since the time time flies continually, each single seconds is valuable as someone said “the most valuable asset of each person is time”.

As the time flies and I have been recalling my past of 26 years as the Rotarian, I have never ended my status as the Rotarian and keep participating the activities of District 3330 and Rotary Club of Phra Pathom Chedi with continually pride. However, being informed by the situation of the domestic and foreign Rotarians’ passing away made me feel depressed despite my preparation for these matter in advance.

With sincere appreciation of their devotions without any expectation for profits, I and all of my fellow Rotarians wish all spirits and soul of the devoted Rotarians rest in peace.

The District Governor Elect



Biography

DGE La-or Jinda

Born on : July 13th, 1952

Spouse : Rtn Chulanen Jinda
(with 3 childrens)

Education :

Bachelor of Education, Nakhon Pathom Teacher’s College (Currently know as Nakhon Phathom Rajabhat University)

Occupation :

- 1973-2012 : Teacher and Senior Professional Teacher (K3) , Expert Level Teacher
- Present : Pensioner and private business Rental and installation of sound systems

Rotary experience :

- 2007- 2008 Member of Rotary Club of Ploy Ratchaburi (invited by PP Benjamart Nanthachaiphorn)
- 2009-2012 Club Secretary
- 2013-2014 Club President
- 2014-2016 and 2017-2020 Chairperson of the Club’s Foundation Committee
- 2014-2016 Chairperson of the District ‘s Rotary Community Committee
- 2015-2016 Chairperson of Intercity Conference Area 15-22
- 2016-2017 Assistant District Governor
- 2017-2018 Chairperson of the President Elect Training Seminar Area 15-22
- 2017-2019 Chairperson of the District’s Community Service Committee
- 2019-2020 Chairperson of District’s Services Committee
- 2017-2021 Member of the Judge for the D.3330 Award
- 2019- 2020 District Governor Nominee Designated
- 2020- 2021 District Governor Nominee and Chairperson of the Natural Disaster Relief Fund D.3330
- Guest Speaker for the Service at the District’s DTA.

Awards:

- 2007 “Best Teacher” of Ratchaburi Municipality
- 2009 “The Best Devotion Teacher” of Ratchaburi Municipality
- 2009 “Best Teaching Award” by the Teachers’ Council
- 2009 “ Educational Devotion Person” by Commission of Teachers and Educational Personnel Welfare, Ministry of Education
- 2011 “One Hundred Thousand Good Teachers” from the Teachers’ Council
- 2015 “Best Mother Award” (Best devotion mother for the nation) of Ratchaburi Municipality
- 2013-2014 “President Citation” and “Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians”

MEMOIR Past Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul



A Remembrance of His Excellency Bhichai Rattakul

I heard your name in Rotary the day that I became a member of the Rotary Club of Samut Prakan and learned that you would become the President of Rotary International. But it was still only a single way of knowing you until the day that I became the District Governor in 2006-2007. The day that I went to San Diego for governor-elect training, you were kind enough to take me for a meal together with the three other district governors. That was the first time that I met you.

After that first time, during my term, I had the opportunity to travel with you to see disaster recovery projects in southern Thailand from the Andaman Sea tsunami that had had an impact since 2004 and to coordinate with Khun Danucha Bhumitaworn who invited me to work with you in tracking various projects. That was the beginning of my work with you, and we had many adventures together. When we rode a speedboat from Pudam Gulf in Krabi to go to Koh Lanta Noi to see the houses that Rotary was building, there were rather serious waves that lifted the boat up between 1.5 and 2 meters. We experienced an exciting and dangerous event together. We had the opportunity to travel to various places that had suffered from the tsunami to follow up on the projects that Rotary was doing, whether it was building houses, building multipurpose facilities, or building livelihoods. From that time on, whenever there was a Rotary meeting of any kind in Thailand that I was attending, I would take care and follow you in order to care of you and to facilitate for you together with learning about various things from you. And, I had the chance to listen to your speeches.

Until one day, I was the Chair of the Rotary Center in Thailand committee. I had the opportunity to work closely with you and to learn many things from you. After completing my duties as chair, I still was a member of various committees of the Rotary Center in Thailand, especially the finance committee. I had another opportunity to work with you again. In the period that Thailand experienced many serious disasters, Rotary helped the victims with relief boxes and relief bags.

And finally, the Lake of Love Project or the Monkey Cheek Project about which HE Bhichai Rattakul was very determined and dedicated to do to show our recognition of the kindness and grace of His Majesty Bhumibol Adulyadej after his death. Whether it was fundraising or taking action throughout three years, the Monkey Cheek Project tied me together with you in this task for almost three years. I believe that this project was a project that we did with dedication and determination because the work team and I traveled to Sakon Nakhon very often and tracked the work until it was completed. Even though we had to overcome the many different obstacles that we faced while doing this project, we were well aware of the hardships that we encountered, and you always told me that this was the last project that we would do together. What you said was also true because today you have left us leaving only the goodness that you created for Rotary and Thailand.

With love, respect and deepest condolences,
Wichai Maniwacharakiet
Governor of District 3330, Rotary Year 2006-2007
26 March 2022

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Activities

Activities



บ่อเชิญร่วม

งานสัมมนาเยาวชนแลกเปลี่ยน (YEO)

งานสัมมนาการจัดการทุนมูลนิธิโรตารี

งานอบรมนายกและคณะกรรมการบริหารสโมสรโรตารี และ โรทาแรคท์ (DTA)

“การประชุมอบรมภาคประจำปี 2022-2023”

วันที่ 13-15 พฤษภาคม 2565

ณ โรงแรมเมธาวลัย อ.ชะอำ จ.เพชรบุรี

รายการลงทะเบียน	ภายใน 31 มีนาคม 2565	ตั้งแต่ 1 เม.ย. - 5 พ.ค. 2565
1. อบรมคณะกรรมการ YEO (วันศุกร์ที่ 13 พ.ค. 2565)	ไม่มีค่าลงทะเบียน	ไม่มีค่าลงทะเบียน
2. อบรม Grant Management (วันศุกร์ที่ 13 พ.ค. 2565)		300.-
ลงทะเบียนมากกว่า 2 ท่าน ตั้งแต่ท่านที่ 3		500.-
3. อบรมคณะกรรมการสโมสร (DTA) และงานสถาปนาผู้ว่าการภาคฯ (วันเสาร์ที่ 14 พ.ค. 2565 เช้า - ค่ำ)	1,800.- (รับสิทธิ์ตะกร้า 1 ตัว)	1,800.-
อบรมคณะกรรมการสโมสรโรตารี (วันเสาร์ที่ 14 พ.ค. 2565 / เช้า - ค่ำ) ค่าลงทะเบียน 1,000.-	500.- (ภาคฯ สนับสนุน 500.- จำนวน 120 คน หากเกินกว่านั้นต้องลงทะเบียนราคา 1,000.-)	
4. งานสถาปนาผู้ว่าการภาคฯ (วันเสาร์ที่ 14 พ.ค. 2565 / ภาคค่ำ) ค่าลงทะเบียนสำหรับผู้ติดตาม		1,000.-
5. พิธีสถาปนานายกสโมสรโรตารี รวมทุกสโมสร ภาค 3330 (วันอาทิตย์ที่ 15 พ.ค. 2565 / ครึ่งวันเช้า)		300.-

ติดต่อสอบถาม

รายละเอียดเพิ่มเติม

- โอนเงินค่าลงทะเบียนที่ บัญชีธนาคารกรุงเทพ ชื่อบัญชี "น.ส.ร่ำฟ้า คำวิจารณ์ และ นายสมชาย เกษเจริญมิตร และ นายประทีป แอนกฤต" เลขที่ 354-4-14646-1
- คลิปปhotoโอนเงินให้ส่งสำนักกลุ่มในห้วง นย.รุ่น 118 ภาค 3330
- ผู้รับผิดชอบการปิดล็อกเกอร์เมื่อรับเงินโอนลงทะเบียนแล้ว

1. อนุภิญญาทิพย์ บุญส่ง 089-7444894 สร.แก่นจันทน์

2. อนุภิญญาทิพย์ บุญส่ง 081-8556533 สร.ราชบุรี

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(ให้รีบลงทะเบียนก่อน)



March 15, 2022 – The Rotary Club of Nakhon Pathom together with Mr. Rahong Phrae-at, president of the Suan Pan Tambon Administrative District, gave 88,000 baht in scholarships of 1000 baht each for the future of Thai children to 88 students at Wat Rangplamoh School in Nakhon Pathom province.



March 15 and 18, 2022 – The Rotary Club Tavaravadi of which Rotarian Nattaphum Jitvisutthikul together with club members distributed Walls' ice cream to children and adults who came to receive vaccines at the Chai Pattana Foundation Nakhon Pathom and at Kasetsart University, Kamphaeng Saen, Nakhon Pathom province.



March 19, 2022 – The Rotary Club of Pattani, District 3330, together with the Rotary Club of Laem Chabang, District 3340, gave scholarships and meals to 600 students at Ban Dato School, Tiaraja School, and Ban Takae Community School in Yaring District, Pattani province.



The Rotary Club of Sriracha, District 3330, the Rotary Club of Bangkruai, District 3350, the Rotary Time Bank, District 3350, and the Nestlé Company (Thailand) Ltd, together gave Nestlé breakfast cereals in the project Building Health from Childhood to Adulthood.



March 29, 2022 – The eight Rotary Clubs of Kanchanaburi, Maneekan, Tharua-Kanchanaburi, Thongphaphum, Thamuang, Lukkae Kanchancuri, E-Club, and Naraesuan-Kanchanaburi, did a Global Grant valued at more than 3 million baht to give medical equipment to four hospitals in Kanchanaburi province.



March 10, 2022 – Global Grant Project 2230605, worth 2,263,140 baht (U.S.\$68,580) in which the Rotary Clubs of Tavaravadi, Phra Pathom Chedi, Banglen, Nakhon Pathom, Dontoom, Raikhingsampran, Kampeng Saen, Photharan, and District 2500 in Japan joined together to give medical equipment for orthopedic surgery and high flow oxygen machines for the negative pressure room at Kamphaeng Saen Hospital, Nakhon Pathom province.

D.3340

Editorial of District 3340, RI



Rtn. Dearra Pibulwattanawong
Rotary Club of Magkang

Greetings to every Rotarian.

The latest DC of D3340, one among the most important annual event that draw the significant attention from Clubs in the district, has ended successfully despite the preventive measures of COVID-19 has been strictly applied. This shows the Clubs' understanding and intention to work for all mankind.

In the previous month, D3340 had supported all Clubs' activities that prove their participation in teamwork which goes beyond the picture of "People in Action". As a result of the training before the beginning of projects, numbers of Clubs could perform their activities effectively which is considered as their new small interesting steps.

As the year of "Rotary Serves to Change Lives" has almost reached its end, it is known as the tradition for the introduction of the new District Governor who is going to lead the district to the continually success. This edition is therefore proudly to present DGE Pantida Rojwannasin, one of the smartest members of our district.

The District Governor Elect



Biography

DGE Pantida Rojwannasin

Born on : January 31st, 1959

Year of becoming Rotary member
: 2009

Spouse : DVM Nanthachai
Rojwannasin

Number of children : 3

Education :

• High School : Satree Witthaya
School

• Higher Education :
Ramkhamhaeng University

Work Experience :

• Assistant Managing Director, NPA
Group Co, Ltd. (tiles and home
products)

• Managing Director, Rak Baan
(2016) Co, Ltd. (real estate)

• Managing Director, Webfriend
Co, Ltd. (website designing)

Social Services :

• Former President of the Cultural
Council, Chanthaburi Province.

• Member of the Health
Assembly, Chanthaburi Province.

• Member of the Expert
Committee, Social Development
and Human Security Office,
Chanthaburi Province.

Rotary Services :

• 2012-13 : President of RC
Chantaboon

• 2013-14 : Chartered the E-Club
Rotary Club of District 3340

• 2013-15 : Chartered President
of E-Club RC of D 3340

• 2017-21 : Chairperson of the
Mother and Child Health
Promotion Commission

• 2018-19 : Assistant District
Governor of Area 19

• 2018-21 : Leader of the
Multi-PETS

• 2018-22 : Chairperson of the
District's website and the DTA

• 2021-22 : Chairperson of DTTS
and DTA (by the ZOOM
application)

MEMOIR Past Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul



Honor and worth pride.

*PP Kittha Techasirithanakul,
Rotary Club of Moon River*

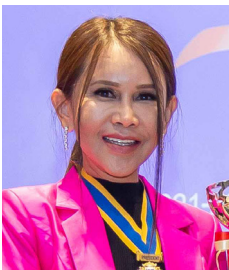
Having the opportunity to do something good to help others and make a contribution to society, it's something to be proud of. Making the mind filled with happiness when we see those who are less fortunate than us been in some better times. Even though I'm not a Rotarian in the grand moment of Rotary Thailand, this was the time when His Excellency Pichai Rattakul was the President of Rotary International. However, I am also proud that I have the opportunity to be a Rotarian during this historic period that I have done many important activities, especially the big project like the Nong Non Tai project in

Sakon Nakhon Province that Mr.Bhichai led Rotarians across the country doing great things for the country. Over tens of thousands of people had the opportunity to attend important meetings. There were many events that Mr.Bhichai was the chairman of the event.

I will always be reminded of his teachings, whether it be teachings on the body of Rotary knowledge or teachings on generosity. He was a role model of Thai Rotary. What he did was not teaching only the knowledge of Rotary, but also teaching us to be good, kind, and loving people in a good way. Be generous to those around you.

Every year there will be several Rotarian friends in District 3340, who will coordinate through me as the district secretary for several terms to coordinate with Khun Udomlak, who was Mr.Bhichai's secretary. The intention was to request a congratulatory message on the installation of the Rotary Clubs in District 3340 from Mr.Bhichai to be published in the club inaugural letter.

Commemorating DC 2022, District 3340



*AG Nipaporn Supthanarat
Khunying Mo-Korat Rotary Club
Chairman of the event*

On 4th - 5th March 2022 at Center Point Hotel, Terminal 21, Nakhon Ratchasima Province

District Conference, District 3340 was a awaited event for us. It was the time for us to meet. Therefore, it was so exciting and it was the hard work of the organizers. The meeting was full of greetings, smiles, and congratulations and friendships even non-Rotarians can perceive. For the organizers, the feeling was with a bit of location chaos because the hotel had very limited time to prepare. We had concerns that the attendees would not be comfortable or not smooth. The reception would be sufficiently informative or not, and many more. We wanted everyone who attended the event to be happy, get convenience, and have good memories back.

During the meeting and ceremony, we maintained the Rotary approach, but we tried to make it more comfortable and relaxing. We have a new generation. We can make the new generation of Rotarians get involved and understand Rotary's approach, understand their role, and have more love and faith in Rotary's work. For the feedbacks from the participants, there are probably many different perspectives. There were both compliments and improvements which the host of the event was willing to accept in every aspect

The objective of the event was successfully achieved, members at all levels of the district met and participated from senior leaders to the newest members of the club. The achievements of club and district members are honored. We were able to inspire and surpass club-level vision for associates and most importantly, making everyone experience a friendship worth remembering. As the expectation was set, it was an everlasting friendship. The Eternal Friendship

D.3340
District Conference





Rotary Club of Amnat Charoen organized activities to promote health for children and adults. Breakfast was given to the children at three Child Development Centers with a total of 114 children on the occasion of the “Kindness, Love” Rotary Day on February 23, 2022.



Rotary Club of Suranaree offered scholarships and student lunch allowance on the occasion of World Rotary Day, led by P Sophon Supasih, Club Secretary Tarawut Tintukasiri and members. Masks and alcohol gels were also given to teachers and students at Ban Kradon School, Nong Khai Nam Subdistrict, Muang District, Nakhon Ratchasima Province.



Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon built a solar-calendar rotary pavilion for the community, OBELISK pillars to be a tourist attraction. This is an Academic Resources and the science of belief in astrology at Don Lanka, Ban Don Sao Thong, That Choeng Chum Subdistrict, Muang District, Sakon Nakhon Province, which is publicly given to the Sakon Nakhon Provincial Administrative Organization.



Rotary Club of Silpakorn organized a project for safe driving for students at Nong Wua So Kindergarten School, Nong Wua So District, Udon Thani Province. The purpose was to teach smart driving and create traffic safety by providing knowledge on the principles of safe motorcycle driving. This also enhances the knowledge of students in driving license exams and using motorcycles in real life.



Rotary Club of Chanthanimit together with the community, volunteer staff and Pong Nam Ron Police Station, Chanthaburi Province, visited and donated items to bedridden patients and the poor. The items included rice, dry food, toilet paper, clothing, mosquito nets, disposable diapers, cash etc. in the area of Pong Nam Ron District, Chanthaburi Province.



Rotary Club of Sri Ubon with the Public Library of Ubon Ratchathani Province Non-National Education, Muang Ubon Ratchathani District organized teaching activities to enhance careers for interested people. Practicing baking or sewing and making cushions various cloth dolls for use as a career or a valuable hobby. The activities were held at the public library Ubon Ratchathani Province.

D.3350

Editorial of District 3350, RI



PP.Trong Sangswangwatana
Rotary Club of Bangkok Suwanabhum

Fellow Rotarians and dear readers,

The most shocking news came towards the end of February -- the passing away of Past RI President Bhichai Rattakul whom we all love and respect. All 4 Districts in Thailand editors of this magazine will especially emphasize his life and work.

For myself I saw him since I was very very young. When I look at the Rotary photos of my Father before I joined Rotary my feelings were different. When I began learning about Rotary until I started working for the District my feelings changed. I have great respect for Thailand's early Rotarians who sincerely worked to established Rotary in Thailand. They were able to expand from one club who holds meeting in English to a second club who holds meetings in the Thai language. Then, they expanded to Chiang Mai, Nakhon Sawan until they have spread all over the country. Today we have more than 350 clubs.

Photos of activities in this issue is the District Conference 2022 organized by the District Governor of our District, and orientation and Pre-PETS training of President Elects Year 118 organized by next year's District Governor.

We will meet again in the next issue which will be the last publication of the current editorial team.

PP.Trong Sangswangwatana
Rotary Club of Bangkok Suwanabhum
Tel. / Line ID : 0816122340
email : trongs3350@gmail.com

The District Governor Elect



DGE Mitsutaka Iida

Born in Nagoya, Japan in 1956

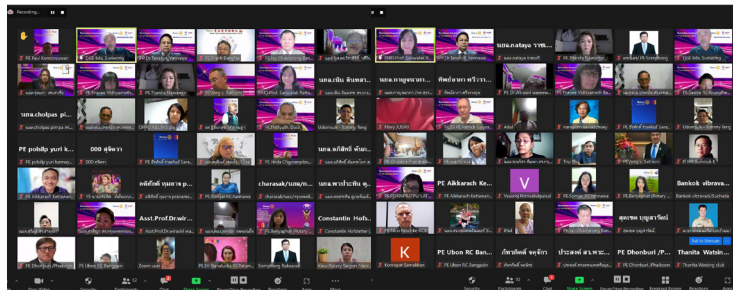
Education :

- Bachelors of Mechanical Engineering in 1981 from Tokyo University
- CPA (Certified Public Accountant) by State of Delaware, USA, 2004
- MBA from Ohmae Ken-Ichi Graduate School of Business, 2007

Experience :

- Publication "Culture Shock in Thailand Keiso-Shobo" in 1992
- Publication "Terminal Care in Thailand Bunge-Sha" in 2009

Charter Member of RC Bangkok Suriwong, and served as club president twice before becoming DGE.



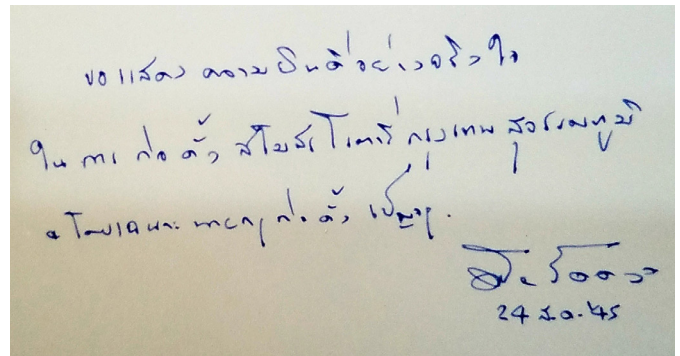
DGE Mitsutaka Iida, DG for 2022-2023 organized the first training of club presidents and PrePETS by Zoom on 4th February 2022.

PRID Prof. Dr. Saowalak Rattanavich, Chief Trainer for the District, spoke on the role and responsibilities of the club president, and outlined the plan for PETS training. The training was attended by 92 members.

PrePETS training had 3 breakout rooms in Thai language and one in English reserved for clubs that spoke non-Thai languages in Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar and Vietnam.

Each group had Assistant Governors attending. There will be 5 training sessions before PETS training on 23-24 April 2022 to ensure that President elects are certain of their role. The goal is to produce 5-star club presidents.

MEMOIR Past Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul



PRIP Bhichai Rattakul. The image of Past Rotary International President that lingers in the minds of Rotarians is that of an elderly man, still strong – who walks up the podium unaided, with great memory, standing at the podium and delivering his address for an hour without a script. He is friendly, with a ready smile to greet anyone who goes up to him to ask for a photo with him. He will embrace everyone by the shoulder as if you were an equal. He will inform all who speak to him to always come and greet him, if you are afraid he will not remember you then readily tell him who you are. He will always remind Rotarians of the good things they always practice especially discipline, dressing to suit the occasion to honor the function, being on time, speaking clearly in Thai or English, with the personality of a leader, etc.

The Sangswangwatana family have a relationship with him from the days of father Arun. This is because PRIP Bhichai was the head of Yaowarad Co., Ltd. while Father Arun was the head of Sangarun Co., Ltd, the largest department store in those days (before the rise of Central Department Store). Both had their own buildings almost opposite each other in the Wang

Burapha area. Naturally both had met and discussed the formation of the first Thai speaking Rotary club. This is because the founding members saw that Rotary Club of Bangkok which was started in 1930 for 28 years, and yet Thailand has only one club. Phraya Mahaisawan a member of RC Bangkok began inviting friends in various businesses to a meeting to hear about Rotary ideals and what it does. He succeeded in establishing Rotary Club of Dhonburi in 1958. He became the Charter President. The next club president was my father Arun Sangswangwatana and held this position for two consecutive years in 1959-1960 and 1960-1961. Bhichai Rattakul became the 3rd club President in 1961-1962. My mother had described both presidents as having devoted much time and energy to the chartering of the club especially in the translation of the principles of Rotary into Thai language for the first time. Many of the words used have specific meaning and is not familiar to the Thai people. At that time Rotarian Bhichai will cross the road to visit father Arun and hold discussions over lunch. Even when RC Dhonburi began using Ratanakosin hotel as meeting site, Father Arun's house is still like Rotary office with Mother acting like Rotary staff

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Past RI President



collecting registration fees, and looking after other activities of the Dhonburi club, including non-Rotary related i.e. YMCA, “The Speech Training Association of Thailand” and other organizations where both have constant discussions.

During 2001-2002 The Rotary Club of Bangkok Suwanabhum was born, sponsored by RC Suan Luang. In this establishment it was seen that mother has a deep knowledge of Rotary even though she was never a Rotarian and she became charter president. RI President Richard D. King came to Thailand and was welcomed at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center. RC Bangkok Suwanabhum’s Charter President Benjamas also attended the reception. It was the first time she met RIPE Bhichai when she became a Rotarian. Both were quite excited at the meeting. RIPE Bhichai was excited to see her take over the Rotary mantle from Father Arun.

RIPE Bhichai was slated to become RI President in 2002-2003 with Sow the Seeds of Love as his theme. In that year mother continued to be club president because during the formation year she did not serve as president for the whole year. So she decided to celebrate Charter in this year and invited RI President while holding the position to join the celebrations. It needs to be said that a small club can invite RI President to attend its charter is due to the charm of RIPE Bhichai. The top table had 12 past district governors and the RI President and the club’s charter president. Around 300 Rotarians and guests attended that function despite heavy rain affecting Royal Princess Srinakarin hotel that night showing how impressed they were with the function.

My brother Yod became club president in the following year 2003-2004. Today he is doing District work, he served as District Secretary many times, he also Chaired several committees and was a very popular MC of major District events.

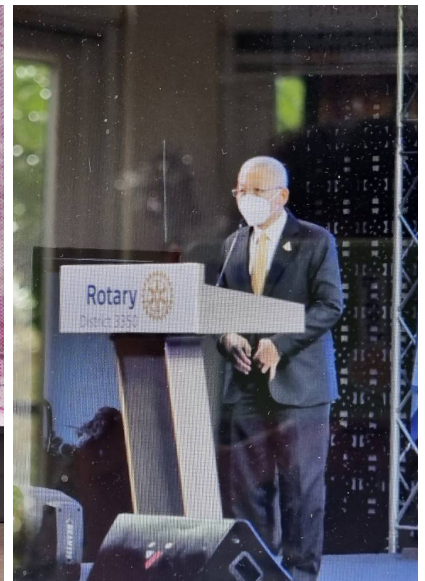
I myself became club president in 2006-2007 and today worked on many district projects in the same vein.

The last time members of Bangkok Suwanabhum met PRIIP Bhichai was on 26 October 2021 at his home in Mu Baan Panya. He invited us to his Lake of Love project in Sakon Nakhon Province. This is a water reservoir in Nong Nong Tai in the style of the late King Rama 9th ‘Monkey cheek project’. PRIIP Bhichai initiated this project to pay homage to the late king. He mentioned that this could be his last visit, and the Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon will organize a blessing ceremony on the occasion of Loi Krathong night. He also invited us to his home for the New Year party. None of that happened. He fell ill and was admitted to hospital. He finally passed away from lung cancer on 28 February 2022 at the Siriraj Hospital. He was 96 years old.

We will always remember him PRIIP Bhichai as a family man. His wife who passed away several years ago was his only love. Every Saturday he would go to visit his wife Khunying Charuay at the temple. As a politician he kept his hands clean. He was the former Democrat party leader, he was Deputy Prime Minister, President of the National Assembly and Speaker of the House of Representatives and etc. **s a Rotarian, he was President of Rotary International, the only Thai who attained that position in 117 years of Rotary. He truly deserves the honor of Doing Good in the World.**

We thank you for the goodness that you have created and will always remember you.

Activities



District Conference by District 3350 for 2022 was held on Saturday March 19, 2022 and on Sunday March 20, 2022 at the Grand Palazzo Pattaya. There were 568

attendees. The RI President's Representative was PRID. Daumonguiller Tumangan of D.3830 the Philippines who came with his Rotary Ann Leticia



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Editorial of District 3360, RI



PP. Dr. Natthanin Sestawanich
Rotary Club of Phrae

Dear Readers,

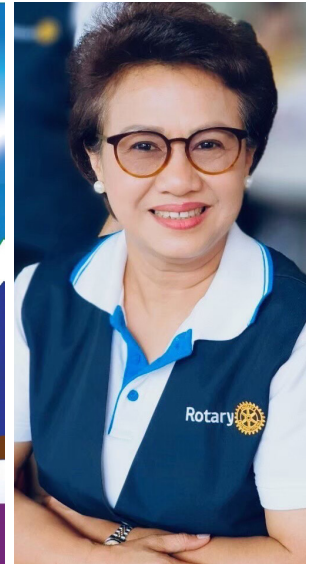
For the March 2022 issue of District 3360, there are two major events: The District Conference and The PETS-DTTS Conference. Due to safety reason of the COVID-19 pandemic, we needed to postpone these two important events.

We have received the news of the passing of His Excellency Bhichai Rattakul, bringing sorrow and to fellow Rotarians as he was a very important person for Rotary Thailand. I would like to express my condolences to Mr.Bhichai's family on this occasion.

In this column, I would like to introduce the Governor Elect of District 3360, the third female District Governor of District 3360. This issue also presents a collection of service project activities of the clubs in our district. During this time, apart from COVID-19 that we need to be careful, don't forget to take care of your health as the increased heat can cause heat stroke. Therefore, I ask everyone to be very careful.

With best wishes and goodwill from Rotary

The District Governor Elect



Biograph

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The second child of five siblings

Education:

- Elementary and Junior High School: Regina Coeli College, Chiang Mai Province
- High school: Montfort College, Chiang Mai Province
- Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Payap University, Chiang Mai Province
- Master's degree of Business Administration, Sripatum University

Work experience:

- Chairman of the Executive Committee, Luang Prabang Transport Co., Ltd. since 1993 - present, operates oil transportation business for PTT Public Company Limited.

- Chairman of Executive Committee, Ton Nan Trantech Company Limited, since 1994 - present, operates a gas station business and the NGV service station at Wang Chao District, Tak Province

Social work:

- Year 2015 was honored as a child with gratitude for mother on the occasion of Mother's Day from the Council of Social Welfare of Thailand under royal patronage
- Year 2017 was honored as an outstanding alumni from the Alumni Association of Regina Coeli College, Chiang Mai Province
- Year 2016 – 17, President of Rotary Club Chiang Mai Thin-Thai-Ngam
- HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Cup Award (for Rotary clubs that have completed 4 outstanding service activities or more)
- Year 2019 – 20, Assistant Governor
- Best Assistant District Governor Award (The Rotary club in charge received the most awards)
- Year 2020 – 21, District Governor Nominee
- Year 2021 – 22, District Governor Elect

MEMOIR Past Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul



**In memory of His Excellency
Bhichai Rattakul
President of Rotary International
2002 – 2003**

DG Jirayut Hirunyawat

I became a founding member of Rotary Club of Sila-Asana, District 3360, on October 9, 1987 by the invitation of the founding member, CP Hiak Seng Sae Lao. The club was chartered from Rotary International on February 23, 1988, Club No. 25156.

Being in a newly formed club and being a founding member, we needed to understand what “Rotary” was and this was the first response I received from Mr. Pichai Rattakul in regards to his honor to preside over the ceremonial ceremony of the Rotary Club of Sila-Asana on April 22, 1988. I was impressed with his present personality.

He was a kind man, giving love and affection to the typical Rotarian member. He was the first Thai RI President. He was often invited to join clubs and anniversaries. He usually delivered speeches at Rotary events. I could remember, he would have a small piece of paper that he prepared for the topic presented. Good advice and impressive message were expressed through his valuable speech. I was the one who followed him to many places, not only for the contents that I liked, I also impressed with the use of sound, rhythm he made.

This was some of the feeling that I, I was unable to write down all my feelings, but every time I had a chance, I would be honored to write a congratulatory message of the Rotary theme in the year 2002-2003 of RI President “Sow the Seeds of Love”. This improved the lives around you and around the world. Therefore, the lake of love was born in Sakon Nakhon Province. By what virtue he has created, may his soul be with happiness somewhere in the universe.



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Activities



19 – 20 February 2022, The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North in cooperation with Rotary Club of Tokyo Setagaya (D.2750), Rotary Club of Tokyo Hachioji Higashi (D.2750) and Rotary Club of Tokushima (D.2670) from Japan jointly handed over a multipurpose activity square with District Grants from Rotary International to Ban Khun Mae Tuen Noi School, Omkoi District, Chiang Mai Province. School director, teachers in Mae Waen area including students of Ban Khun Mae Waen Noi School presented with a warm welcome throughout the event.



On March 28, 2022, *Phayao Rotary Club* donated 2,160 bottles of drinking water to 12 forest fire prevention units in Mae Ka Subdistrict, Phayao Province.



On March 18, 2022, the *Rotary Club of Chiang Khong* by P Rujira Wangkasemkul and members joined activities with Chiang Khong District. Mobile medical unit at Ban Noen Somboon Temple, Huai So Sub-district, Chiang Khong District. The club supported 30 packs of drinking water, did eye exams and distributed 200 glasses to the elderly in Huai So and nearby areas who come to receive services.



Royal medical equipment of the *Rotary Club of Phran Kratai* was transported and kept before donation in April 2022. The transportation was supported with free of charge from PP Srirat from Rotary Club of Nong Khae, District 3350.



The *Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Thin-Thai-Ngam*, led by PP Fongchan Suksawat Na Ayudhya, Chairman of the Service Committee and the Board of Directors GG#2124542 has implemented a clean water project for 15 villages in Mae Chaem District. This was the second activity. Other service activities such as scholarships and face mask for schools were implemented. Community supplies and 5 sets of computers with tables, alcohol gel and drinking water were also given.



Rotary Club of Tak has given 2 blood oxygen monitors to Somdej Phrachao Taksin Maharat Hospital. The purpose was to use in measurement and analysis of hospital patients, global grant project GG#2123129

TAKING ACTION FOR CHANGE



IMPACT

We want to put our resources behind programs that will have the greatest impact and that align with our areas of focus.

We're creating tools and guidelines for tracking and sharing our efforts. We're also developing an evaluation process that will help us make objective recommendations about what is working and what we should continue, start, or stop doing.

REACH

We're committed to exemplifying and embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in everything we do.

We're testing new products and alternative models that will allow more people to connect and take action with us in ways that work best for them.

We are at a defining moment in Rotary's history. We're implementing our Action Plan, a strategic road map that will help us better connect with each other, grow as an organization, and more effectively share our stories of how we are making a difference in communities.

At every level of Rotary, we have embraced opportunities to work together to achieve our goals. Over the coming four issues, you'll hear from Rotary members around the world who will offer their inspiration, encouragement, and guidance as we carry out the four priorities of the Action Plan.



ENGAGE

We're tearing down the walls between "us" and "them" and focusing on participants.

We're asking people how they want to participate, finding ways to meet them where they are, and making sure they know we value them.

ADAPT

We're streamlining operations so we can be more agile and responsive.

We're simplifying the way we do things and helping members manage change so that our clubs, districts, and zones can more effectively communicate and work together.

Learn what your club can do at rotary.org/actionplan.





My fellow Rotarians,

I hope that after our acknowledgement of the motto of “Imagine Rotary” created by Mrs.Jennifer Jones, the Rotary International President for the year 2022-2023, the preparation of levels of Rotary leaders will be begun soon.

For instance, the International assembly, President Elect Training Seminar and District Team Training Seminar. Those events present the Rotary’s concern on the importance of the development of this social service organization in all levels.

As your friendly reminder, as the Club Officer has received the March 2022 Club Invoice from Rotary International, the payment is obligated to be done within 60 days in order to maintain the status of Good Standing Club which is the key qualification of the Club deserving the Certificate from the President of Rotary International of the year 2022-2023.

The payment can be done by the online channel at My Rotary as well as by contacting the Financial Officer of Rotary International in Thailand (the receipt will be sent to the Rotary Centre of Thailand). Should you have any inquiries regarding the payment, please contact the officers of Rotary Centre of Thailand at any time.

Yours in Rotary,

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

Number's Rotary

Data source: www.rotary.org As 1 April 2022 (1 July 2021)

District	3330		3340		3350		3360		Total	
	Rotary	Rotaract	Rotary	Rotaract	Rotary	Rotaract	Rotary	Rotaract	Rotary	Rotaract
Members	2,409 (2,348)	373 (572)	1,362 (1,352)	55 (55)	3,191 (3,041)	304 (183)	1,536 (1,422)	398 (377)	8,498 (8,163)	1,130 (1,187)
Clubs	101 (101)	28 (32)	63 (63)	5 (5)	120 (119)	27 (27)	72 (70)	13 (13)	356 (353)	73 (77)



Let's join hands together

EMPOWER

Rotary Club of Magkang

Offer happiness to the physical impairments by supporting them the sports activities for the enhancement of their physical and mental health. Moreover, the Club had handed-over blankets, necessary stuffs, and sport shoes as the moral support to those people.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PAUL HARRIS!

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