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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

R. Gordon R. McNally, May 2024



The first glimmers of a lasting change

I am deeply gratified by Rotary magazine's focus on mental health in this edition — and I'm ecstatic about the enthusiasm shown across the world in the past year to better support the mental health needs of each other and the people we serve.

In January 2023 when I first spoke about the need for Rotary to become more engaged on this crisis, I noted that the global mental health system couldn't be described as broken only because it didn't exist. But I also offered a highly aspirational wish that Rotary could help build that system.

The first glimmers of this vision have been brought to light by you in dozens of mental health projects. But just as important is the invitation many of you have given to fellow Rotary members to share their stories.

I am impressed by the leadership young Rotarians and Rotaractors have shown, and some of their brave, inspiring stories are highlighted in these pages. Former Rotaractor Freddie Almazan has an especially powerful personal narrative that you can learn about here — and hear firsthand at this month's Rotary International Convention in Singapore.

You can read in this issue about a great example of a project with the kind of sustainable impact that creates lasting

change: Rotary clubs in Colorado endowing a pediatric mental health fellowship at Children's Hospital Colorado.

At the convention, you can also hear from 2024 People of Action honorees lauded for the impact they and their clubs have made through mental health initiatives. Bindi Rajasegaran will talk about a Rotary-led project in Malaysia helping children develop skills to cope with mental health challenges and building capacity for support throughout the country.

In addition, Rita Aggarwal, an officer of the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives, will be recognized for her success in applying the Wellness in a Box framework, a mental health literacy approach for adolescents, in her hometown of Nagpur, India. Read about the project in the "Stand by me" feature. This highly scalable and clinically backed framework can be adapted for use just about anywhere — reach out to the action group if your club would like to support or implement it.

As we look ahead, the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives will play a critical leadership role in promoting proven, measurable projects. In doing so, it will empower clubs to focus on initiatives that drive scalable, sustainable impact.

After you've read through the magazine, I invite you to go to the Learning Center on My Rotary and check out the Increase Your Impact series, which includes a wonderful short video explaining impact. When we focus on impact, we bring Rotary's vision statement to life, creating lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

R. GORDON R. MCINALLY
President, Rotary International

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

R. Gordon R. McNally, June 2024



The McNallys join the fun at the July 4th parade in Evanston, Illinois, home of the Rotary International headquarters.

The honor of a lifetime

It's customary for a Rotary president in the final month in office to recap the past year on this page, and I am proud of all we have achieved together. But I want to focus on our future, and that begins with polio.

We have reached an astonishing 3 billion children with the polio vaccine, and we have averted an estimated 20 million cases of paralysis. But it's not enough. We must continue supporting the End Polio Now campaign to reach zero cases and keep our promise to the world's children.

Polio is not our only global commitment. In fact, Rotary has been working toward global peace even longer. Spreading Positive Peace through service projects and Rotary Peace Centers around the world is more important than ever.

We must also continue to build peace from within, and that begins with supporting mental health and wellness among our

fellow Rotary members and the communities we serve. Rotary has an opportunity to help build a global mental health system that currently does not exist, and I urge all members to consider joining the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives to keep up the momentum we began this year.

It's been the honor of a lifetime to serve as your president. You have given Heather and me memories we will cherish forever. I look forward to our continued friendship and our collective commitment to Create Hope in the World.

R. GORDON R. MCINALLY
President, Rotary International

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RI TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Barry Rassin, May 2024

Service at the center

There is something magical about Rotary. Even after all these years of being a member, I continue to be amazed by it.

Take successful leaders from various backgrounds and professions and bring them together under a set of core values with service at the center. Add networks and friendship and then watch the magic start happening.

It's you — Rotarians and Rotaractors — who make that magic happen. You are the business and community leaders and the entrepreneurs who bring your passions, skills, and interests to everything we do. It's you who think outside of the box and apply what you know to serve others.

I see the same magic in Rotary Foundation grants that are funded by you and led by you.

It's present in the partnership between Rotary clubs in Canada and Uganda that supports economic and community development vocational training at the same time. This global grant-funded initiative trains Ugandan youths in welding and related skills to make wheelchairs for a children's home serving people with disabilities. Technicians receive training in Canada and return home with valuable skills to start enterprises, helping meet the need for wheelchairs in the community.

Another global grant-supported project that reflects Rotary's entrepreneurial spirit is in Guatemala. To address the challenges of limited internet access for rural schools, a host club in Guatemala partnered with Irish members to initiate a project that is equipping six schools and three community centers in the rural Sololá area with plug-and-



play servers containing educational materials like books and videos.

The grant also furnishes laptops and uninterruptible power supplies and trains teachers, benefiting about 1,800 individuals as it leverages technology for literacy and education.

Don't forget: Foundation global grants also support scholarships. One such scholarship, sponsored by Italian and German clubs, focuses on artificial intelligence in disease prevention and treatment. Italian scholar Salvatore Galati conducted research at a university in Bonn, Germany, using AI algorithms to analyze vast datasets for innovative drug development. Such computer-aided approaches can reduce costs and research time in the development of lifesaving drugs.

It's fantastic to see us innovating and incorporating new approaches and technology into our Foundation grants.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the 2024 Rotary International Convention in Singapore in a few short weeks, where we will learn about new opportunities to serve and innovate. It will be a chance to celebrate that Rotary magic and the many ways we Create Hope in the World.

BARRY RASSIN
Foundation Trustee Chair

RI TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Barry Rassin, June 2024

Thank you and keep dreaming big

Every June, we in Rotary look back at our accomplishments and plan for what's next. For me, this month is the end of seven years in Rotary leadership that began as president-elect of RI.

It's remarkable how far we have come during that time, and how much we've done through The Rotary Foundation. We wouldn't be where we are without your support and without you dreaming big.

A few months back, I saw these big dreams when I visited a hospital in India where doctors perform 4,200 pediatric heart surgeries a year thanks to a global grant. I will never forget the hospital in Taiwan where ambulances funded by another Foundation grant have doubled the survival rate for heart patients. And these examples barely scratch the surface; your Foundation awarded 1,098 global grants during the 2022-23 Rotary year. Think about the scale of that work — the magnitude of our impact.

Our Programs of Scale initiatives around the world are more proof of how big dreams are becoming reality. We have grant recipients working to end malaria in Zambia, reduce the mortality rate of mothers and infants in Nigeria, and eliminate cervical cancer in Egypt. Soon, our fourth program of scale will get started, dedicated to sustainable farming in India.

Through your support, our dream of spreading peace is growing, with the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center set to welcome its first students at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul next year. And if we hadn't envisioned a better world and supported PolioPlus, would it have been possible that Nigeria would be declared polio-free, as it was in 2020?



This is why your support of the Foundation is so critical. We set an ambitious fundraising goal of \$500 million this year. We are well on our way to reaching the goal, and with the support of everyone

reading this we'll make it. I'm especially counting on Rotary members who have not yet contributed. Whatever you give, know that your gift will make a difference, whether it's for polio eradication, literacy initiatives, peace education, or any other area in which Rotary excels.

These seven years have been a fantastic run for me. I have met so many passionate leaders in Rotary, Rotaract, Interact, and other members of our Rotary family. You have all inspired me with your drive and the big dreams you dare to dream.

All I can do is say thank you. I can't wait to see how far those Rotary dreams will take us in the years ahead.

BARRY RASSIN
Foundation Trustee Chair

Editorial

PDG Chalermchat Chun-In



Hello members,

This edition of Rotary Thailand magazine contains both interesting and inspirational stories as usual. The magazine cover displaying the image of “People of Action” won the prize in RI Zones 10B&C and represents the pride of Rotarians in Thailand to be able to win such an award.

The article from the President of Rotary International shares his service experience and invites us to visit the RI Learning Center, which can help us turn Rotary's vision statement into reality. The Rotary Foundation chairman pointed out that Global Grants that can support interesting projects and activities in many countries. In particular, he talked about protecting and preserving the environment, so that Rotarians can find the opportunity to help our planet.

This issue also includes articles and photos that have passed the photo contest both in RI zones and internationally, and it tells us that the “Rotary Public Image” is created by Rotarians at various levels around the world. Apart from that, the Governor of District 3350 gives us more Rotary information and presents "The Power of One" concept. Also covered is the ongoing water safety and drowning prevention program for children conducted by the Rotary Club of Royal Hua Hin, which is an effective lifesaving project that has been going on for years. Moreover, there are articles from the governors of the four districts who have written summaries of their performances, where their contents present what they have done throughout the year. As for the district co-editors, they have presented a variety of activities and projects that can give great inspiration to us all. Finally, the honorary trophies received by the Rotary clubs in Thailand are explained in detail about the recipients who deserved the awards.

The leadership term for the Board of Directors of Rotary Thailand magazine from 2022-2024 is coming to an end in June, and this magazine is the final edition of this board. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the advisors, co-editors of the four districts, assistant editors, Thai-English Translation Committee, staff of the Rotary Centre in Thailand, and all the authors who have continuously worked to develop our Rotary Thailand magazine. For Rotary Year 2024-25, the incoming editor in chief is PDG Anurak Napawan of District 3360 with the magazine team who will take on the responsibility from me, and lead the ongoing development of printed magazines, online versions and application editions. I can confirm that our production of Rotary Thailand magazine is also at the forefront when compared to the international magazine.

I believe in the concept of rotation for all things, which brings about creation and development. My team and I have served as editor in chief and the board of directors of Rotary Thailand magazine for the past two years, and we have had a lot of learning opportunities. This responsibility has trained us to develop and use many different skills. We have learned how to build cooperation and teamwork, work against deadlines, edit and proofread, and provide interesting content that requires more than language skills. Therefore, I would like to thank you all for giving us the great opportunity to work together and always improve in our efforts to keep our readers informed. This is one of Rotary's strengths as an organization for learning and human development.

Finally, I would like to thank all parties, especially all of our readers, from the bottom of my heart.

PDG Chalermchat Chun-in
Editor in Chief, Rotary Thailand magazine



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On the cover: First prize: Regional Award-Winning “People of Action Award” Posters, Zone 10B&C, Rotary International

A morning scene along the sacred Yamuna River in northern India where Hindus perform purification rites.

Photo by Hansruedi Frutiger, Rotary Club of Gombak, Kuala Lumpur

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Regional Award-Winning “People of Action Award” Posters and Videos

Zone 10B&C, Rotary International

PDG Dr. Sanguan Kunaporn

Rotary Public Image Coordinator, Zone 10B&C

Over the past four years, the Regional “People of Action” poster and video competition has been held in Zone 10B&C of Rotary International, initiated by 2020-22 RPIC Andre Suharto. This competition was open to all six Rotary districts in the zone, including District 3300 (Malaysia), District 3310 (Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei) and District 3330, 3340, 3350, 3360 (Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam). The Top 3 entries from each district competition were submitted to the zone level competition, resulting in a total of 18 images. In the first year, the contest focused solely on posters. The guidelines stipulate that posters must adhere to the Brand Center template in My Rotary, including specific key words related to Rotary’s mission, such as “Together we”, followed by various action verbs that are specified in the copyright of Rotary only, such as “Save Lives”, “End Polio”, “Mentor”, “Empower”, “Learn”, etc. In addition, the images must showcase individuals engaged in service activities, “People of Action”, beneficiary, and a visible, clear Rotary logo.

In the first year, the Rotary club that won first place, along with the two runner-ups, were honored with certificates, trophies, and cash prizes. This recognition holds great prestige. The zone’s image promotion team is dedicated to encouraging Rotary clubs to make the most of the Brand Center. The focus is on creating posters that accurately include Rotary symbols and logos, which will help with public relations efforts and enhance the public image of Rotary. Ultimately, their goal is to ensure that the public has a clear understanding of what Rotary is, what it does, who it serves, where it operates, and how it makes a difference.

In 2021-22, a second People of Action poster contest was organized. The third contest, led by myself, RPIC

Dr. Sanguan Kunaporn, introduced the new addition of a video contest that featured short clips under one minute and longer videos under three minutes, attracting attention from Rotary clubs in all of the six districts.

In this Rotary year 2023-24, Zone 10B&C welcomes District 3450, including Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia, and China, extending its reach from Taiwan. This addition brings the total number of Rotary districts involved to seven districts. Furthermore, a new development for the year ahead includes the introduction of four categories for contest submissions, namely the People of Action poster, People of Action video, Safe Roads Save Lives poster, and Safe Roads Save Lives video. Notably, the last two categories have been specifically incorporated to highlight the significance of the Safe Roads Save Lives project, launched by the four Rotary districts in Thailand. Referred to as “Rotary Thailand,” the initiative seeks to work alongside a variety of road safety partners with the goal of reducing the staggering number of 14,000 fatalities and injuries resulting from road accidents in Thailand.

On 1 May, I revealed the results of the Rotary clubs and districts participating in all four categories of the contest. A total of 35 clubs, including Rotary and Rotaract clubs, submitted posters for the competition, with 29 entries in the People of Action category, five in the Safe Roads Save Lives category, and one poster that did not meet the rules. When it came to video categories, all 16 clubs submitted 16 entries, with eight videos in the People of Action category, six in Safe Roads Save Lives category, and two videos that did not conform to the rules.

People of Action Poster



First prize:

Rotary Club of Yannawa
District 3350 - Thailand



Joint 1st runner-up:

Rotary Club of Bukit Bintang
District 3300 - Malaysia



Joint 1st runner-up:

Rotary Club of Shah Alam
District 3300 - Malaysia



2nd runner-up:

Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar Central
District 3450 - Hong Kong

Safe Roads Save Lives Poster



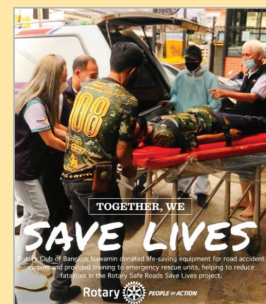
First prize:

Rotary Club of Batu Pahat
District 3310 - Malaysia



1st runner-up:

Rotary Club of Bangkok East
District 3350 - Thailand



2nd runner-up:

Rotary Club of Bangkok Nawamin
District 3350 - Thailand

People of Action Videos

- First prize: Rotary Club of Meaung Rae Phuket, District 3330 - Thailand
- Joint 1st runner-up: Rotary Club of Phra Nakhon, District 3350 - Thailand
- Joint 1st runner-up: Rotary Club of Cheras, District 3300 - Malaysia

Safe Roads Save Lives Videos

- First prize: Rotary Club of Phra Nakhon, District 3350 - Thailand
- 1st runner-up: Rotary Club of Shelter Cove, District 3450 - Hong Kong
- 2nd runner-up: Rotary Club of Bangkok Nawamin, District 3350 - Thailand

The Rotary Public Image team of Zone 10B&C would like to thank and congratulate all clubs from all seven districts that participated in this competition. We hope that the posters and videos will be distributed to as many people as possible.





2024 PHOTO AWARDS

Vision quest

Rotary members fan out across the globe to capture the light

WINNER

● The Milky Way dazzles above Palouse Falls in eastern Washington state. The faint trails of three meteors appear in the upper center part of the image. The Palouse River carved this canyon more than 13,000 years ago, leaving behind a narrow cataract through which rushing water drops 200 feet.

BY KEITH MARSH

Judges say: I love to shoot the night sky myself, and I know this shot is difficult from many perspectives. The meteors make it even more special. — Tami Phillippi

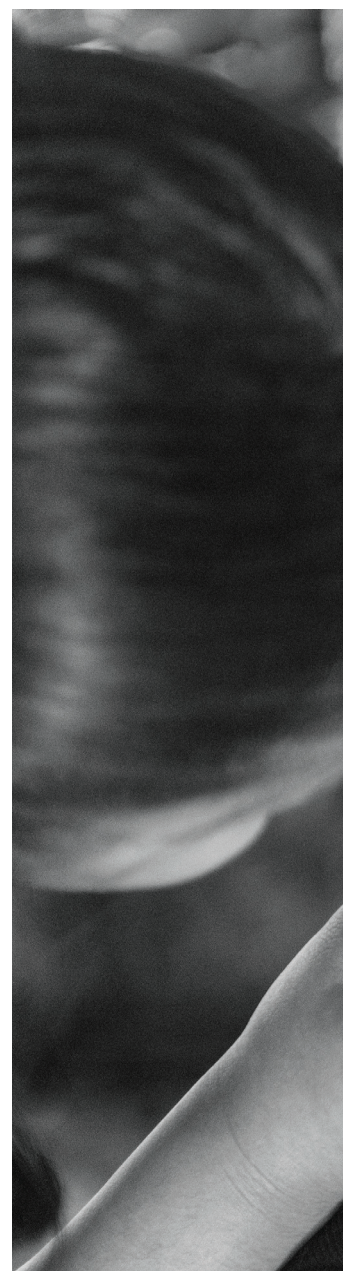
March 2014, Thangavelu Saravananaraj, a member of the Rotary Club of Madurai North, India, accompanied Rotaractors volunteering at a tollbooth during a National Immunization Day in his hometown. Each time a bus stopped, the eager Rotaractors would hop on to administer polio drops to children. As one of the buses was about to roar away, volunteers spotted an unvaccinated baby inside. "They jumped to action," recalls Saravananaraj. "As the mother brought the baby close to the window, one Rotaractor reached out to steady the child while another gave the drop."

Saravananaraj, an avid photographer, captured the fleeting moment and submitted the photo for this magazine's annual photography awards.

Nearly a decade later, we tracked down Saravananaraj, who now chairs the International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers. Founded in 2012, the fellowship includes as members more than 1,400 professional and amateur photographers and photo enthusiasts around the world. They connect and share work through a lively Facebook page. Local chapters organize photo contests, workshops, and photography outings.

We worked with Saravananaraj to invite four fellowship members to judge this year's Rotary magazine Photo Awards. In total, we received 856 entries covering a broad range of genres, from landscape and nature to portraits, events, and food. After the judges evaluated the technical skill and aesthetics of our finalists' work, we selected 14 of the best images to share with you in this issue. They include a spectacular night photo of the Milky Way over a canyon in eastern Washington state, a novel campaign by Rotaractors in Nigeria to educate not just girls but their male peers about menstrual health, the tranquil birthplace of the Lord Buddha in Nepal, and an enchanting early morning scene in the holy city of Vrindavan in northern India pictured on the cover.

Saravananaraj says photography and Rotary have opened the world for fellowship members. "The Photo Awards enable us to share the work of Rotary members and learn from each other," he says. "It is a new level of exposure."



Madhumita Bishnu has been involved with wildlife photography for more than 15 years. That passion has taken her on safaris and to national parks in Australia, Canada, India, Kenya, and the U.S. She is a board member of the International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians and the Rotary Fellowship of Wildlifers for Conservation. A past president of the Rotary E-Club of Melbourne, Australia, she currently lives in Kolkata, India.



Tami Phillippi is the owner of a picture framing business in Eagan, Minnesota. She worked briefly as a news reporter and photographer and moved into similar corporate work before striking out on her own. Her passion is landscape and nature photography. She loves being outside in both fair and foul weather and finds photography to be the perfect excuse for a walk in the woods. Phillippi is a member of the Rotary Club of Eagan.



Lára Stefánsdóttir is a headmaster in an upper secondary school in Ólafsfjörður, Iceland. She holds an MFA in art photography and enjoys photographing forms in nature such as the northern lights, cliffs, stones, and landscapes. A member of the Rotary Club of Ólafsfjörður, she sees these annual awards as a way to peek into the surroundings of Rotary members, strengthening connections over borders and cultures.



Shankar Subramanian has pursued photography for 20 years and won several international awards. He is passionate about travel photography and has worked on assignments documenting self-help groups for minority women. He also does contemporary wedding photography. He is the founder of the photography company Pixel Hearts and a member of the Rotary Club of Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas, India.



● Friends paint the face of an excited Olga Alcaraz for Mexico's Día de los Muertos festivities in the town of Cofradía de Suchitlán. The high schoolers receive scholarships and academic support from Project Amigo, a nonprofit organization that began as a Rotary club project.

BY KEITH MARSH
Rotary E-Club of Silicon Valley, California

Judges say: The image beautifully conveys the traditions and communal ties that characterize this celebration of life and those who died. The monochromatic treatment enhances the emotional depth and texture of the moment.

— Shankar Subramanian



WINNER
People of Action

● Volunteer Ruth Ameh and members of the Rotaract Club of Abuja Wuse II educate students about menstruation at a school in Nigeria's capital. Their primary audience was not girls but boys. The initiative is reshaping boys' perceptions and behavior toward female classmates and fostering empathy.

BY JOSHUA UWAGBOI
Rotaract Club of Abuja Wuse II, Nigeria

Judges say: The woman's expression is captivating. That is what attracted me most and that she is educating students on menstruation to build empathy among the boys.
— Madhumita Bishnu



● The Maya Devi Temple in Lumbini, Nepal, is part of an ancient complex revered as the birthplace of Siddhartha Gautama, the Lord Buddha. A place of pilgrimage since antiquity, the site includes a sacred pool and garden.

BY RAQUEL D'GARAY-JUNCAL
Rotary Club of Worldwide Impact,
District 1550

Judges say: The peace, the quiet, and the way the photographer weaves together the complementary primary colors of red/green and blue/yellow make this image very strong. — Lára Stefánsdóttir





● The dye-filled pits of the Chouara tannery burst with color in the ancient city of Fez, Morocco. In a process little changed for centuries, laborers prepare hides to be turned into leather goods in surrounding workshops.

BY LARRY WILSON
Rotary Club of Western
Henrico County, Virginia

Judges say: Well framed and good structure. The circular form of the dye containers and the lines that control how the eye moves over the image are irresistible. — L.S.

● The rising sun illuminates weathered sandstone hoodoos, the slender spires of rock at Bryce Canyon National Park in southwestern Utah.

BY LEIGH ANN WILSON
Rotary Club of York, Pennsylvania

Judges say: This photograph captures a serene moment, showcasing the beauty and solitude of nature. The composition balances the canyon's rugged textures with the soft early morning light. — S.S.





● A formation of T-34 Mentor aircraft tears across the sky during a practice run for the annual EAA AirVenture air show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

BY ERIC STRAND

Rotary Club of Fergus Falls Sunrise,
Minnesota

Judges say: The photographer demonstrates skill in timing and composition, and this perspective invites the viewer into the cockpit. We can almost feel the rush of air.

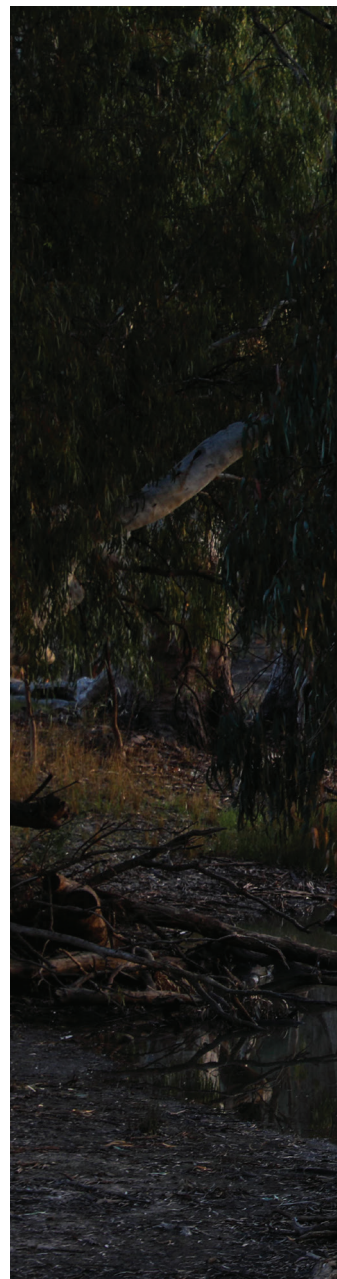
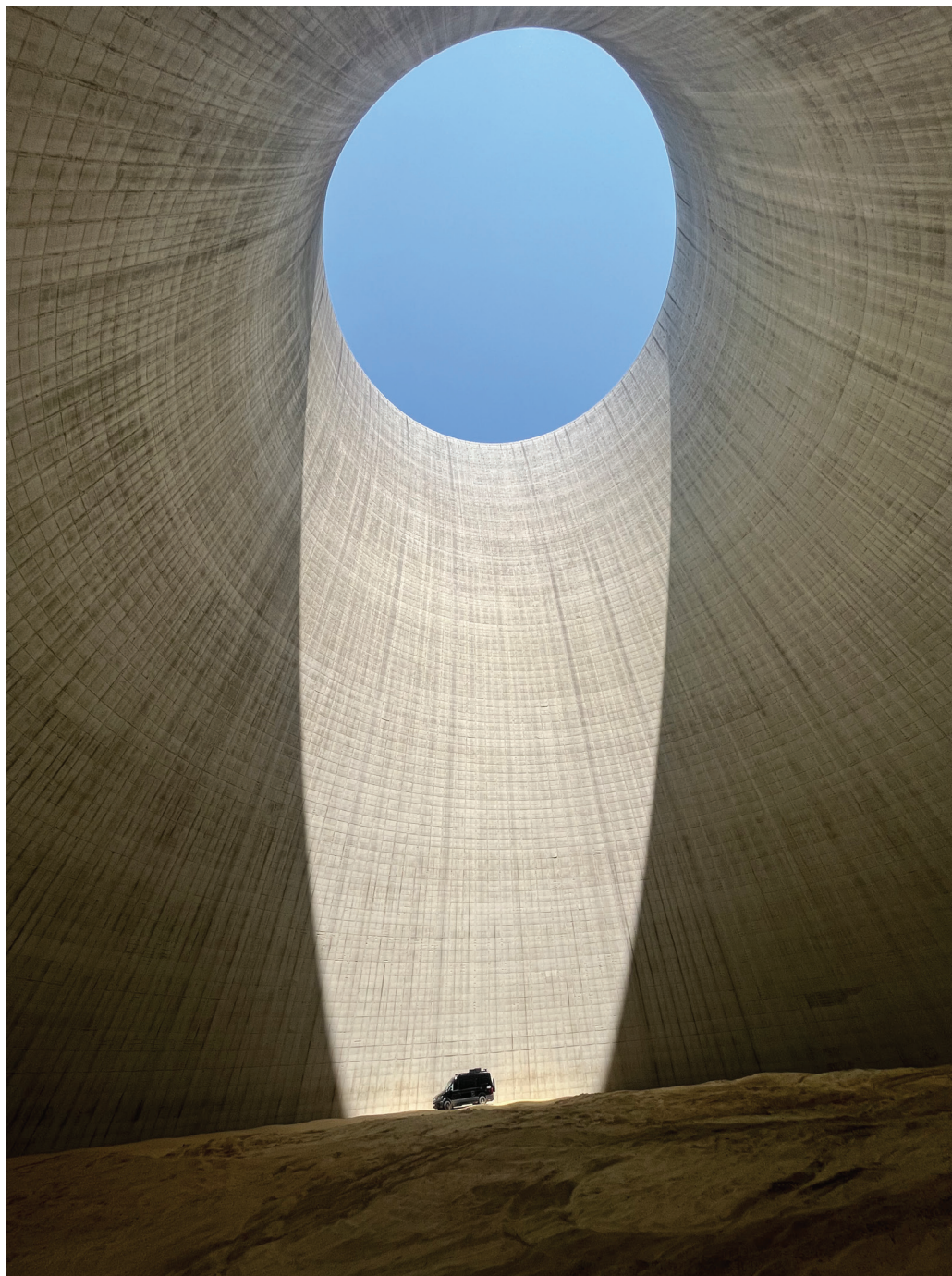
— S.S.



● Midday mystery: A shaft of sunlight illuminates a camper van improbably parked at the bottom of a cooling tower at a decommissioned power station in Meppen, Germany.

BY CLAUD MICHOW
Rotary Club of Steinfurt, Germany

Judges say: I love the abstract nature of this image. I want to know where the photographer is and how he got that camper inside a power plant. — T.P.





● Captured on a cold, misty spring morning, the enchanted Yarrein Creek runs through a rural section of New South Wales, Australia. River red gum trees loom over the creek, seen here near the town of Moulamein.

BY DAVID REDFEARN
Rotary Club of Moreland, Australia

Judges say: This image is almost surreal. I love the reflections, and I'm drawn to the hazy fog-giness. I can feel the cool, damp air. — T.P.

● A cyclone of silverside fish in Indonesia's Misool Marine Reserve mimics a starry sky behind a colorful collage of other marine life: fusiliers, butterflyfish, anthias, cardinal-fish, feather stars, and corals. The 300,000-acre conservation area includes no-take zones that prohibit all extractive practices, such as fishing and collecting turtle eggs.

BY BONNIE WONG
Rotary Club of Wanchai,
Hong Kong

Judges say: This image captures the expression in the eyes of the fish in the foreground so well. Very clear and sharp. The small fish give the impression of lights.
— M.B.





● A duo of traditional Dunhuang dancers depict the flying apsaras, celestial beings in the Buddhist religion, during a performance in Hsinchu County, Taiwan. Each performer is carrying a pipa, an ancient Chinese stringed instrument resembling a lute.

BY TIN YU YU

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

Judges say: The light illuminating the dancers gives this photo a dreamlike feel. It captures a sense of happiness. — M.B.



● The first warmth of summer becomes an irresistible invitation for residents of the island of Favignana, off the coast of Sicily, to head to the water. Calamoni Beach comes alive with color as people bask in the sun, relax under umbrellas, have fun on the sand, and enjoy their first swim of the season.

BY LUCA VENTURI
Rotary Club of Siena Est, Italy

Judges say: The spirit of community pervades this photograph. There are many stories within the image, which evokes some impressionist paintings, where you find something happening in different corners of the canvas. — L.S. ■



● Otto Dollinger, an ophthalmologist and a member of the German Rotary Volunteer Doctors, examines a child's eyes at the Holy Family Hospital in Techiman, Ghana. The volunteers are part of a multidistrict association that has been working for 25 years to improve health care in Ghana; it also works in India and Nepal.

BY FLORIAN QUANZ
Rotary Club of Hamburg-
International, Germany

Judges say: The image nicely captures the light emitted through the doctor's glass instrument, which signifies to me the gift of a doctor bringing light to his young patient. — T.P.

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Greetings, fellow Rotarians.

I would like to bring to you an article from a fellow governor, District 5020 Governor Caleb Summerfelt, whose article titled “**The Power of One**” delivers a powerful message on one’s power to contribute to change. While DG Summerfelt’s rallying call is aimed at his district, the message is true for all districts across Rotary. Your power matters. You can make it count.

The Power of One: As we unite to effectuate lasting change, let’s remember the power of individual actions. Can one person make a difference? Yes, every single one can!

Stories of Singular Impact: The Ripple Effects of One Generous Heart: Dive deep with me into the narratives that have transformed communities and redefined the significance of individual contributions.

Sarah’s Clean Water Quest: In an African hinterland, young Sarah’s reality was arduous journeys for a simple drink of water, pushing her academic dreams further into the horizon. Yet, it took just one project, funded by compassionate hearts like yours, to bring clean water to her village. Now, instead of trekking for water, Sarah is on a journey for knowledge. Your donation, your power of one, changed her world.

Manuel’s Battle Against Polio: Far off in South America, Manuel, on the cusp of becoming another polio statistic, was redeemed by our PolioPlus program. Just two drops, symbolizing hope and freedom and funded by your donation, shielded him from the clutches of polio. Today, his gleeful strides on the soccer field echo the difference one person can make. That was you.

Rani’s Literacy Dream: Rani, in India, was estranged from the world of words. But a single literacy class, enabled by your contributions, unlocked the universe for her. As she pens her dreams and weaves stories for her children, she embodies the transformation a singular donation can ignite. Your individual act crafted her new reality.

One Drop Can Create an Ocean: Your contribution, whether a penny or a pound, is more than a mere act of charity; it’s a catalyst. Your singular act has the potential to empower a child, rejuvenate a family, bolster a community, and revitalize a society.

Foundation Month is not just a call to donate; it’s a celebration of the power of one. It recognizes that a single contribution can lay the foundation for an expansive future of education, health, and prosperity.

Why Give? The Immensity of One Person’s Impact. Behind every success, there’s a hero. Behind every transformation, there’s a story. And behind every story, there’s YOU. Your donation doesn’t just fund projects; it supports aspirations, dreams, and futures.

Imagine the magnitude of influence when your single act of generosity turns despair into hope, illness into health, ignorance into enlightenment. That monumental power resides within you, awaiting its call to action.

As Rotarians, our collective strength is undeniable, but the power of one remains unmatched. Each contribution, irrespective of its size, holds the potential to enact change on an unforeseen scale.

In Embracing Your Power

As we revel in Foundation Month, let’s renew our pledge to the cause. Remember Sarah, Manuel, and Rani. Recognize that behind their stories stands a powerful individual, like you, choosing to make a difference.

Your unique contribution fuels countless dreams, pushing the boundaries of what’s achievable. Heed this call to action. Realize your potential to be a harbinger of change.

Join me in transforming Foundation Month into a month of action. The combined strength of all Rotarians in District 5020, with each individual’s power, can instigate a revolution of goodwill and shared prosperity.

Echoing the wisdom of Winston Churchill, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Let’s make lives, one individual act of giving at a time.

Donate, harness your power of one, and light the torch of change for countless waiting souls.



Children's Water Safety & Drowning Prevention Training



PP Brian Anderson
Rotary Club of Royal Hua Hin



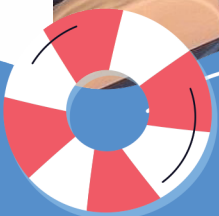
The Rotary Club of Royal Hua Hin completed another session of their Children's Water Safety & Drowning Prevention training for 61 students of the Hua Hin Demonstration School on 12-14 March.

Conducted at the Elder Blossom Community Center, the children ages 12 and 13 years were trained over three days by 23 certified instructors from the Marine Police, Hua Hin Municipality and Bangkok Hospital Hua Hin. The mayor of Hua Hin Mr. Nopporn opened the event on the first morning as usual along with Police Lt. Col. Tepparat, Dr. Pongsak and the club's Children's Water Safety & Drowning Prevention Committee.

The children learned about floating and rescue techniques and the hospital's medical professionals also taught CPR to enhance their knowledge and help build confidence around bodies of water. On the final day, certificates and medals were presented to all of the children for their participation.

Special thanks to everyone involved and especially the members of the Water Safety & Drowning Prevention Committee for many days of meticulous planning and preparation to ensure the success of this event as well as three days of fun for the children.







Achievement Summary and Impressions

DG Dr. Chatchawal Telavanich, District 3330 Rotary International

Dear Readers,

I was requested by PDG Paikit Hoonpongsimanont to recount my accomplishments as District Governor of District 3330 during the year “Create Hope in the World” for publication in this issue of Rotary Thailand magazine. I give you numbers below which will not cause any headache.

With regard to membership, District 3330 has experienced a satisfactory increase in membership. We experienced an increase of 162 members and the number of female members is still comparable to the number of male members.

In terms of The Rotary Foundation and public service, it is essential that these two areas work closely together to raise funds and secure service projects. We are most grateful for the strong support of our members. In terms of donations, the total of USD 370,984 has been raised as of 7 May. The Rotary Foundation has supported 34 District Grant projects and 19 Global Grant projects to maximize the impact on the community.

Regarding public image, the collaboration among clubs in promoting their activities through a mix of online and offline media outlets has greatly enhanced their reputations. Thanks to their efforts, this year’s governor’s newsletters are packed with engaging stories that captivate the readers. Special thanks to the dedicated editors who tirelessly gathered and compiled the information to ensure the newsletters were successful.

In the current Rotary year, District 3330 has achieved another notable accomplishment by winning the Zone 10B&C award in the poster and video contest entitled “People of Action”. This prestigious award in the video category was bestowed upon the Rotary Club of Meuang Rae Phuket, bringing immense pride to our district.

In terms of youth engagement, two Interact clubs have been officially established this year the RYLA camp was successfully implemented. Additionally, the youth exchange program was able to accommodate 22 inbound students and support 16 outbound students.

In addition to the points that I previously described, there are many other important aspects that I have not mentioned. The achievements we have made this Rotary year would not have been possible without the collaboration of all of our members in District 3330. I would like to express my personal gratitude to everyone for helping make this year truly impactful and memorable for me and Rotary Ann.

In conclusion, my sincere wish for everyone is happiness, good health, and safety from harm.

Achievement Summary and Impressions

DG Viroj Pipatchaisiri, District 3340 Rotary International



Throughout the period of my tenure as District Governor, I have been impressed with many events, including what I have taken part in driving success. Those achievements were reflected in the results of competitions and trophies, and I would like to express my gratitude to the clubs for their contributions. They put into place various positive initiatives, creating cooperation within their clubs and demonstrating to other districts and fellow Rotarians in Thailand the cooperation among all clubs in District 3340.

Considering the The Rotary Foundation (TRF), the total amount given to TRF was USD 122,467 as of 30 April. Two initiatives of District Grants were implemented. Five Global Grant projects were a collaboration with District 3350. One Global Grant project is pending for the approval and meanwhile, there are two other Global Grant projects that are pending for the submission.

In view of youth service, the district hosted 27 inbound students and sponsored 26 outbound students. Considering the membership, we had an increase of 73 members in comparison with the previous Rotary year.

I would like to express my gratitude to PDG Maruai Jintabunditwong and President Thawatchai Jintabunditwong of the Rotary Club of Buayai, on the achievement of net member increment of 32 members. This achievement was awarded the trophy of Krommamuean Narathippongpraphan. The award is given to the club that has achieved the highest percentage of the membership net increment. The achievement was very tough to reach; however, it happened.

Thank you to PP Nanthiya Sirikanthanun of the Rotary Club of Mitrphap Khon Kaen for the cooperation with Past AG Phitsamai Sirithanachai of the Rotary Club of Chumphae to achieve the trophy of Krommamuean Phittayalappuettiyakorn. The award is given to the club of which members attend the district conference at the highest percentage. A total of 56 members of the Rotary Club of Chumphae registered for the district conference, which represented 100% of their member's attendance.

I would like to express my appreciation to PP Watcharaphon Phanoi of the Rotary Club of Mak Khaeng, who presented the club's initiative regarding the scholarship grant for underprivileged youth in Udon Thani province at the Rotary Centre in person, and this initiative was awarded the trophy of Phraya Srivisanwaja. The award is given to the club that performed the best outstanding service activity of the Rotary year. Two Rotary districts achieved the same scores, which were District 3340 and District 3330, the Rotary Club of Sritapee. The committee chair therefore made the final decision for both clubs to share the trophy.

All three honorable trophies were achieved due to the cooperation of club members. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the parties involved.



Achievement Summary and Impressions

DG Wichai Chivakanit, District 3350 Rotary International

At last, we are in the final month of Rotary Year 2023-24 to “Create Hope in the World” and it has not felt like a year since I assumed the governorship. However, a few weeks ago was the installation of my successor, who will govern in the “Magic of Rotary” year, which is set to begin on 1 July. So, taking this opportunity, I would like to summarize what our district has achieved in the past year.

1. Our work covers all nine areas designated by RI as the roles and responsibilities of a district governor.
2. We have adopted the group visit format for the Governor’s Official Visit to clubs in the greater Bangkok area, which is the same format as we have used for clubs outside of the greater Bangkok area for the past 15 years. This has allowed me to go through the visits quicker, cut the district’s expenditure relating to club visits, and relieve smaller clubs of the financial burden relating to the visit, thus freeing up valuable resources for clubs to allocate towards activities and projects.
3. We have compiled the District Directory both in print and electronically. The electronic directory is also fully searchable, offering superior accessibility and ease of use. Printing fewer paper copies also aligns with RI’s Protecting the Environment cause.
4. We have established eight new clubs, two of which are of almost exclusively foreign members, namely the Rotary Club of Shwe Bangkok, whose members are Thailand-based Myanmar businesspeople, and the Rotary Club of Bangkok GRAD, whose members are Thailand-based Russian businesspeople. This is part of an effort to promote diversity and inclusivity both in the district and Rotary in Thailand.
5. We have worked with small clubs with fewer than 20 members to increase their membership and strengthen their clubs. I am pleased to report that this effort was met with positive response from the small clubs we have worked with and yielded satisfactory outcomes.
6. We have established four Rotaract clubs, an effort led by District Rotaract Representative Charles Aung Steber and

supported by the sponsor clubs and all our new Rotaractors.

7. We have proactively engaged and encouraged non-Thai speaking clubs and made efforts to include them in district activities. This is a drive for greater unity within the district.

8. We have educated and raised awareness on the roles and responsibilities of an Elector so that clubs may use the mechanism to take greater part in the running and development of the district.

9. We have encouraged a small donation from every member, starting at USD 10 per year which not only promotes participation but also reduces the district’s dependency on large donations from a handful of members.

10. We are continuing a policy change which came into effect last year where clubs are no longer allowed to carry forward their District Designated Fund (DDF) beyond the year’s end. This policy change was designed to address the issue of clubs holding on to their DDF over several years without any activities or additional contribution. While this has resulted in a decrease of the number of Global Grant projects, it is a temporary decline, and we expect it normalize in the next year. To incentivize Global Grant projects, we have allowed clubs to use their DDF converted from their contribution on a same-year basis, bypassing the three-year holding period that was previously in force.

All these achievements have not been the work of one man, but rather a result of a collective effort of everyone, whether you are a newcomer or a Rotary veteran, an office holder or otherwise, we have joined hands and delivered these achievements for District 3350. As for the administration and managerial work involved, I have the Past District Governors, Deputy District Governor, Assistant Governors, and Committee and Sub-committee Chairs and members to thank for their invaluable contributions. And, of course, my time as District Governor would have been impossible to manage without the help of the District Secretary PP Yod Sangsawangwattana, who has been an indispensable force through and through. Thank you.

Achievement Summary and Impressions

DG Dr. Watit Tangrapeelert, District 3360 Rotary International



Comparing the Rotary organization to an army, the success of the Rotary year 2023-24 of District 3360 could not have been achieved solely by my efforts as the leader, but rather through the collective efforts and sacrifices of the dedicated members who devoted their time, energy, and passion to drive the organization forward. This was accomplished by coordinating collaboration and fulfilling responsibilities in various committees within the Rotary organization.

The driving force behind our achievements is the people who share the vision and mindset of Service Above Self. This is a significant challenge for District 3360, as our goal is to increase the number of new members and maintain existing members to create a positive impact. Many clubs with strong organizational cultures have successfully attracted new members and showcased the essence of our Rotary. By establishing satellite clubs and new Rotary clubs such as the Rotary of Lumpun, and Interact clubs, we have demonstrated that despite the uncertainties and changes in the global context, Rotary continues to grow beautifully.

Rotary International urges us to effectively communicate our service activities within our own clubs, across other clubs, districts, countries, and with our partner organizations. The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai International has undertaken a notable Global Grant project valued at USD 300,000, which is another collaborative project involving Rotary District 3360, Rotary District 3490 from Taiwan, and Rotary District 3350, worth USD 164,370. These initiatives aim to provide solar-powered lighting systems and clean drinking water to Border Patrol Police Schools and the villages of Doi Sam Muen in Fang district of Chiang Mai province. Promoting our efforts is crucial for raising public awareness of the positive impact Rotarians have globally. Proper and consistent use of Rotary's wheel emblem helps enhance its recognition and symbolizes our commitment to excellence. I am particularly impressed by several clubs, especially those with senior members who have adapted their traditional symbols to align with Rotary's updated branding, thus making the emblem

more recognizable. Newer members have utilized their social media expertise to share Rotary's stories, reaching out to younger generations in innovative and engaging ways. This effective communication showcases Rotary's dedication to service and its transformative effect on communities while reinforcing our mission and inspiring broader community involvement and support.

I have traveled further than usual, around ten times or even more, to participate and support various events and beneficial projects of different clubs. This has provided an opportunity for me to share and exchange ideas about donating to various funds of The Rotary Foundation, helping the members in District 3360 understand the importance of donations to receive future District Designated Funds (DDF) for the multiplication of Global Grant projects. I have witnessed the power of the new generation of Rotaractors, new Paul Harris Fellows (PHFs), and long-term contributing members. I am grateful to the finance team of our district for coordinating and promoting convenient ways for members to donate to The Rotary Foundation.

Finally, I believe that great success does not happen overnight, but is the result of accumulating small and continuous successes over more than 120 years. Rotary has transformed from small community service projects to the current multi-million dollar projects, and I am delighted to have been part of the success of District 3360 of Rotary International.



PDG Paikit Hoonpongsimanont
Rotary Club of Tubtiang

Dear Rotarian friends, Sawasdee krub,

This issue of Rotary Thailand magazine is the final issue for the Rotary year 2023-24. After this issue is published and delivered to you, the current editorial team's term will come to an end. During the two years I had the opportunity to serve as a co-editor for District 3330, I have learned many new things beyond the club and district levels, and I plan to apply the experiences gained to my daily life.

Back to the news of the district in this issue, besides the regular community service activities featured in every issue, I am honored to have PP Patchara Phulphokphol, Chair of the District Rotary Foundation Committee, to summarize the achievements and successes of The Rotary Foundation in District 3330.

As you all know, The Rotary Foundation is like a key machine supporting Rotary's community service projects. The Foundation's grants enable Rotary clubs to carry out large-scale, positive impact projects in the community. I hope that sharing these stories will inspire Rotarians to support The Rotary Foundation even more.

Additionally, we have the district's success stories under the leadership of District Governor Dr. Chatchawal Telavanich, who graciously shares these stories himself.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Rotary Centre in Thailand, led by PDG Somphop Thirasan, Chair of the Rotary Centre in Thailand, and the Rotary Centre staff, as well as the Editor in Chief PDG Chalermchat Chun-in, for giving me the opportunity to serve in this role. I also thank all readers and wish you all good health and may all your wishes come true. Until we meet again...

District 3330 Foundation Performance Rotary Year 2023-24



By PP Patchara Phulphokphol
Rotary Foundation Chair
District 3330

Though we are now in May, the second-to-last month of the Rotary year to "Create Hope in the World", district leaders, district committees, club leaders, and fellow Rotarians have actively worked and performed various activities together to achieve their set goals and deliver the missions to district and club leaders of all levels for its continuity.

I have to thank all district leaders, district committees, club leaders, and fellow Rotarians for your dedication and support towards our successes of the District Rotary Foundation policies and various activities. Meanwhile, we are so heartfelt saddened for the passing of PP Arnaud C.M.C. Verstraete, the member of the Rotary Club of Patong Beach, and Chair of the Arch Klumph Society – Foundation Circle on 4 July 2023.

District Rotary Foundation Performance – Year 2023-24
(as of 5 May 2024)

1) Donation to The Rotary Foundation:

● Annual Fund	USD 335,845
● PolioPlus Fund	21,604
● Other Funds	13,535
Total Donations	USD 370,984

2) Projects:

- **District Grant:**
 - DDF spending - USD 62,511
 - 34 projects: District three projects / clubs
31 projects by 27 clubs
- **Global Grant:**
 - Approved 19 Grants
 - District 3330 and Clubs spending – DDF, USD 169,112 and cash USD 23,533, total grant value of USD 988,478
 - Four Grants under submitted status, and six grants under draft status

Note: Total grant values are 5.1 times of DDF and cash supported by clubs and District 3330 as there was additional funding sponsored by The Rotary Foundation and international districts and clubs.



This year, District 3330 has been doing **Global Grant #2453292: Malaria control and elimination in Thailand** with District 3690 with its objective to prevent and eliminate malaria along the borders of Thai-Myanmar and Thai-Malaysia due to the high outbreak in those areas. The area covers the provinces of Kanchanaburi, Ratchaburi, Phetchaburi, Prachuap Khirikhan, Ranong, Songkhla and Yala. Its total grant value is THB 2,325,600 (USD 68,400). PDG Chalermchat Chun-In (Rotary Club of Kanchanaburi) has kindly accepted the position as the “Primary Host Contact”. Apart from the DDF of District 3330, RC Euijeongbu District 3690 in South Korea and Sister Club of RC Kanchanaburi, and The Rotary Foundation, DG Dr. Chatchawal Telavanich has assigned PP Sunthorn Amornpairoj (RC Of Phrasamutjadee) to chair the fundraising jointly with RC Phrapradaeng and RC Ladluang. They organized a charity run for 5 November 2023 at Phra Chulachomklao Fort in Samutprakarn province. The chair and committee members had dedicatedly managed that charity run including support from members of various Rotary clubs and other organizations, and they could achieve their net fundraising at THB 470,110.

The GG #2453292 has jointly cooperated with USAID and Division of Communicable Diseases Carried by Insects, Department of Disease Control of the Ministry of Public Health. We shall receive support on governmental operation data, research, knowledge, technology, and innovation including the coordination with the Provincial Public Health Office. The Grant committee is assured that cooperating with USAID will lead to project success as USAID has also worked with The Rotary Foundation in the Program of Scale Grant: Prevention and Elimination of Malaria in Zambia, Africa, with total project value of USD 2 million.

Prior to mentioning another project, we would like to congratulate the Rotary Club of Sritapee on the project “Pha Mud Yoam, Jakjai Sritapee” (Tie-dyed fabric from the heart of Sritapee) which received the Rotary Award - Country Level for the Best Outstanding Service Activities of the Year 2023-24 for the “Phraya Srivisanwaja Trophy” together with the project of the Rotary Club of Magkang, District 3340.

The Rotary Club of Sritapee has continually planned its project for a sustainable, positive impact on the community. It started in 2020-21 when the club learned that Wat Prasittharam School, Bang Chana sub-district, Mueang district, Surat Thani province which has been established for more than 80 years, became a small school as there were few students and might be dissolved. Some students would be out of the education system as they are unable to study elsewhere because they are poor or are alien children from underprivileged border groups. The club therefore joined with the community to help the school by doing a District Grant project in 2020-21, building a learning center “Tie-dyeing fabric from the heart of Sritapee” and later in 2021-23 set up a “Women’s Community Enterprise from Jakjai Pha Mud Yoam” to earn their living and support the school to avoid being dissolved. In 2023, the community joined with the Rotary Club of Sritapee and established the Rotary Community Corps (RCC) “Jakjai Bangchana” and was chartered by Rotary International on 17 October 2023.



From the club’s performance summary, it is known that during the past four years, the club has worked on more than 20 sub-projects in collaboration with local communities and more than 20 government and private agencies, which not only developed the community economy but created jobs and vocations, developed learning for children and people in the community, supported children who came with alien parents who moved to work in Thailand, to study and learn environmental conservation, and developed into a community tourism destination. It is a role model in developing the community of Surat Thani province. All in all, club members used their skills and abilities to carry out service projects to bring maximum benefit and efficiency to the community. The various activities performed by the club can be grouped into five of Rotary’s 7 Areas of Focus, namely; community economy, literacy, clean drinking water, peace, and environment, as well as DEI, and empowering girls. Nowadays, communities have changed their status “from receivers to real givers”.

Last but not least, I shall be District Rotary Foundation Chair for another two years. I believe that we all will continue to support and cooperate to move from “**CREATE HOPE in the WORLD**” towards “**THE MAGIC OF ROTARY**”. Thank you.



The Rotary Club of Narathiwat led by P Tuanmareeni Borthoh and members, delivered 2,388 bottles of drinking water to the Narathiwat Provincial Public Health Office as part of the "Bringing Medical Care to the Community" project at Ra-ngae Hospital, Ra-ngae district, Narathiwat province, on 23 April.



The Rotary Club of Sanamchan with the Rotary Club of Nongkhaem, District 3350, hosted a luncheon and distributed gifts to students at Ban Hindan School, Ban Phai sub-district, Dan Makhm Tia district, Kanchanaburi province on 23 April on the occasion to hand over water purifiers to the school.



The Rotary Club of Pra Pathom Chedi, along with its sister clubs the Rotary Club of Bucheon Mogryun, South Korea, District 3690, and District 2500 from Hokkaido,



Japan, donated medical equipment, air conditioning and air disinfection purifiers, as well as emergency room medical equipment to Dontoom Hospital, Nakhon Pathom province, under the Global Grant project number GG #2453216 worth THB 3,864,462 on 24 April.



The **Rotary Club of Luk-Ha Damnern** led by President Augun Farungsuwan and members, participated in a blood donation drive to save lives in collaboration with the National Blood Service Region 4, Ratchaburi province, Blood Donors Club, Prasatsit Temple, and Dumnuensaduak Hospital, with 68 donors providing 30,600 cc of blood at the sermon hall of Prasatsit Temple, Luk-Ha, Ratchaburi province on 14 April.



The **Rotary Club of Sithammosokarat** donated 70 dozen bottles of drinking water in the “Safe Driving, Wear a Helmet” project by Provincial Police Region 8, Nakhon Si Thammarat Provincial Police, and Nakhon Si Thammarat City Police Station, with Governor Khajornkiat



Rakphanitmani receiving the donation at the service point in front of Esso Gas Station, Nakien sub-district, Muang district, Nakhon Si Thammarat province on 9 April.



The **Rotary Club of Thamuang** participated in community service activities with Somdet Phra Sangharaja 19th Hospital, screening for hypertension and diabetes, and assessing the risk of heart and vascular diseases at Sriloha Rat Bamrung Temple, Kanchanaburi province, on 21 March.

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Editorial



PP Puttitorn Patthanasintorn
Rotary E-Club of District 3340

Greetings to all Rotarian friends,

This issue of the magazine is the last one for the Rotary year 2023-24. Over the past year, I have had the duty of presenting the achievements of the clubs in District 3340, particularly those involved in Global Grant projects. I have also highlighted the various community service activities undertaken by each club. I hope these articles have been beneficial and inspiring for fellow Rotarians, instilling pride in being a Rotarian and providing ideas for future activities.

In my role as co-editor, I must express my heartfelt thanks to PDG Pantida Rojwannasin and DG Viroj Pipatchaisiri for their honor and trust in allowing me to represent District 3340 in this esteemed role. I also extend my gratitude to PDG Chalermchat Chun-in, Editor in Chief of Rotary Thailand magazine, and the staff at the Rotary Centre for their smooth and perfect collaboration throughout this term. Thank you very much, and I apologize for any mistakes that may have occurred.

Activities

DG Viroj Pipatchaisiri (District 3340) and DG Dr. Wathit Tangrapeelert (District 3360) visited **Rotary Clubs in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic**, District 3360 before donating funds to construct a water tank at a school. The **Rotary Club of Siam Erawan, District 3350**, donated 23,099,505 Lao kip to build a water tank for consumption and use by students and locals around the school, in collaboration with the **Rotary Club of Vientiane**.





The **Rotary Club of Mitraparp Khon Kaen** organized a Songkran festival activity, including the pouring of water on a Buddha image and on elders for blessings, to encourage the preservation and perpetuation of Thailand's rich cultural heritage, ensuring these beautiful traditions remain a vital part of Thai society and way of life. We promoted and preserved the Thai traditions and culture at PDG Wimon Kachintaksa's house.



The **Rotary Club of Sri-Ubon**, led by Rotarian Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sitthichai Samanchat, joined with a team of 20 teachers, students, and staff from Boromarajonani College of Nursing Sunpasitthiprasong to clean the Sri Ubon Rattanaram Temple Museum. This was in preparation for the public to visit during Songkran after a long closure. The club also supported this event by providing four dozen bottles of drinking water, herbal drinks, and lunch boxes.



The **Rotary E-Club of Dolphin Pattaya**, led by CP Dr. Margaret Dieter and Rotarian Dr. Osama Dieter and club members took six children from the HHN Foundation for Thai Children to visit the Pattaya Elephant Village. The children enjoyed viewing small pets, the zoo, riding elephants across a canal, and experiencing nature on a holiday. This activity aimed to instill love and kindness toward animals. The children also watched the Fantasy Show and had lunch together.



Three Rotary clubs in Chanthaburi Province which are the **Rotary Club of Chantaboon**, **Rotary Club of Chanthaburi**, and **Rotary Club of Chanthanimit**, jointly organized a fundraising fair to purchase medical equipment for hospitals in Chanthaburi province.

This project is an important initiative of the district, and many clubs have been participating together in these activities since December 2023. The district purchased wheelchairs and air mattresses for bedridden patients, enabling clubs to collaborate with the district in helping disadvantaged people, bedridden patients, and the disabled. The clubs and the district each shared half of the total cost of the purchased items, making it easier for each club to allocate their budget. The list of clubs includes:



Rotary Club of Krasang Buriram



Rotary Club of Namphong



Rotary Club of Sriracha



Rotary Club of Trad



Rotary Club of Silpakom



Rotary Club of Muang Mukdahan



Rotary Club of Amnat Charoen

DC 3340

The District 3340 Conference was held on 8-9 March at Charoen Thani Hotel in Khon Kaen province. The event had a friendly atmosphere, especially the welcome dinner in the evening which featured a "Back to School" theme, bringing joy and fun to all members.



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Editorial



PP Trong Sangswangwatana
Rotary Club of Bangkok
Suwanabhum

Dear fellow Rotarians and readers,

This final issue of Rotary Thailand magazine has arrived for the Rotary year 2023-24. Thank you to all who have opened the issue to read it, whether you intended to or not. For the editorial team, the readers give us willpower to continue.

This issue finalized all the activities in District 3350. You can see the achievements of District Governor Wichai Chivakanit for the year on page 30. You can also see the photos of activities which were not presented earlier, ie., the District Conference in Pattaya, the 3rd and 4th District Governor Meetings with Club Presidents, Family Sports Day, and Run to End Polio, including the Rotary Information page. I have brought the story of “The Power of One” which DG Wichai translated into English, for you to see the power of Rotarians working with both hands. This will make you proud of giving to the less fortunate in our world.

In ending, I wish to thank PDG Chalermchat Chun-in, the Editor in Chief of Rotary Thailand magazine, who raised the position of the editors of every district to become Joint Editors. Working with him this year and last year has been a joy, and I have enjoyed the experience.

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Activities

The District 3350 Conference at The Zign, North Pattaya on 23-24 March welcomed attendees from 93 Rotary clubs from six districts in Thailand, Korea and the Philippines, for the total of 547 Rotarians and friends.



The Club President - District Team - Governor Meeting #3 was held on 17-18 February at T Village, Chachoengsao. This “Rotary One Day” activity provided guidance on community economic development, including brand-building, packaging design, and online sales channels for village health volunteers, and activities with community members in Koh Khanun sub-district, Phanom Sarakham district, Chachoengsao province.



The 4th District Governor meets the Presidents and Assistant Governors through the “Join Power Create Rotary Work”, was held at Thara Grand Rangsit Hotel on 1 May.





The District 3350 Public Image and Communications Committee provided funds to establish the Permanent Fund from the idea of PDG Dr. Apa Attaboonwongse Tunsod, and two activities were held. The “Auction of the Memorabilia of District 3350 Leaders” chaired by AG Dr. Napaporn Chulasukontha received the contribution of 16 pieces from 14 district leaders to be auctioned. The auction ended on 25 February with a total amount of THB 495,354 collected on 3 March.

Charity movies chaired by IPP Tanita Phakjamsai organized two rounds on 3 March. In the morning session, District 3350 in collaboration with the Major Care Foundation, brought children with hearing, visual, and intellectual disabilities from various welfare and development centers, to watch the movie “Wonka” for educational purposes. Interactors and Rotaractors assisted in caring for the disabled children. A total of 240 individuals attended, and Rotary also provided necessary items according to the needs of each welfare center. In the afternoon session, the movie “Dune - Part 2” was screened with 600 seats available.

After deducting expenses including ticket sales and support from various sponsors, there was a remaining balance of THB 541,745. When combined with the proceeds from the District Leaders auction, the total sum raised was THB 1,037,099. This amount will be used to establish the District 3350 Rotary International Endowment Fund, aimed at maintaining and increasing membership for Rotary clubs in our district.





This year's **District 3350 Rotary Family Games** were organized on 2 March from 13.00 to 21.30 at the NT Stadium on Chaengwattana Road. It was a great success with more than 400 Rotarians registered for the event. Games were played in eight categories; men's basketball, women's chairball, mixed volleyball, badminton in singles and pairs, petanque, tug-of-war, checkers, and chess. Two football teams dressed in yellow and navy blue competed against each other and another two teams from the Rotary Club of Sripatum and other Rotary clubs vied against each other.



The **Polio Eradication Walk-Run of District 3350** was held near Rama VIII Bridge on 21 April beginning at Borommaratchaconnnani Sky Road. When summarizing income and expenses and donations to the Polio Fund from the running event, for selling shirts to runners and fellow Rotarians, there is more than THB 1.2 million in the Polio Fund. It was also a public relations event for the public to become more familiar with Rotary activities.





PP Dr. Natthanin Setavanich
Rotary Club of Phrae

Greetings to all beloved Rotarian friends,

In this issue of the magazine, we will mainly present the achievements of Dr. Watit Tangrapeelert, District Governor of Rotary International District 3360. Before assuming the position of District Governor, he dedicated his efforts and planning to District 3360, aiming to develop the district's projects to achieve the goals he had set. It is evident that upon stepping into the role of District Governor, he has worked diligently, paying close attention to every detail in every aspect, whether it concerns membership, image, The Rotary Foundation, or various service projects. He has collaborated and assisted with every project and every club to ensure smooth operations.

Also in this issue, I hope he can weave this story of dedication to inspire all readers and help Create Hope in the World.

The Success of District Governor



DG Dr. Watit Tangrapeelert
District 3360

The Transition from the Year "Create Hope in the World" to "The Magic of Rotary"

Happy times always seem to pass quickly. The name of our Rotary organization constantly reminds us that everything rotates – or changes – over time. As I recount this story and my experiences, only about 45 days remain in the Rotary year 2023-24 during which I have had the opportunity to serve as the District Governor of District 3360. While my schedule may not be as tight as during the official visits to various clubs, Rotary activities continue without interruption, such as attending the District Governors' event in Malaysia, followed by the Rotary International Convention in Singapore at the end of May.

Throughout this Rotary year, I have had the opportunity to understand Rotary more deeply through the perspectives and viewpoints of fellow Rotarians both within District 3360 and beyond, in Thailand and abroad. I believe the vision of "Service Above Self" binds our members together. It might not be too much to say, "The more you know, the more you love Rotary." I have witnessed the delivery of many Global Grant projects in District 3360, such as the drinking water system project for ethnic groups by the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai International, or the solar power and water filtration system project at a border patrol school by the Rotary Club of Fang. There are numerous service projects and I regret I cannot mention all. However, what I want to convey is that Rotary has changed the lives of many people forever.





Participation in activities with the Rotary Club of Fang to welcome the Rotary Club from Taiwan, delivering the Global Grant project, solar cells, and clean drinking water at Doi Sam Muen Village.



Welcoming the Rotary Club from Korea and delivering medical equipment to Mae Ramat Hospital in Mae Sot district, Tak province.



Attended the Charter Ceremony of the Thai Rotaract Alumni Federation in Bangkok.

From visiting all 69 clubs in the district, I have seen and recognized the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges in club management. Many clubs have achieved great success, while many others need close care, support, and assistance. One of the projects I initiated and succeeded in is the Rotary Speech Contest. As an educator and someone involved in the field of education for most of my life, I see opportunities to reach out to the younger generation through academic competitions. Besides getting students to pay attention to what the world's largest service organization, Rotary, actually means for them, we also use this opportunity to expand awareness among parents and educational institutions broadly. This initiative has been praised by Rotary International Representative PDG Gina Sy and several senior officials at the recent District 3360 convention in Chiang Rai.

Participation in the Rotary Youth Leader Training Project, District 3360 at Rapee Lertwitaya School



Participation in the Installation Ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Ekpanya Harikun Chai and the EarlyAct Club of Rapee Lertwitaya School

Additionally, I collaborated with the Rotary Clubs of Wang Chan, Naresuan, and Chalawan Phichit to plant the seeds of Rotary in Phichit province by founding the Interact Club at Phichit Pittayakom School and the Interact Club at Wang Sai Phun Wittaya School, hoping these seeds will grow into strong, future Rotarians in the area.



Established the Interact Club at Phichit Pittayakom School and the Interact Club at Wang Sai Phun Wittaya School, Phichit province

Visited the Rotary Club of Vientiane in the Lao People's Democratic Republic





*Participation in the Mahakusala Fish Release Project
in Lamphun province*



Participation in the Speed Arithmetic Training Workshop



Attended the Walk and Run End Polio event



*Participation in the “Two
Wheels Fill Merit” activity
of the Rotary Club of
Chiangkhong*



Attended the District 3360 Conference in Chiang Rai province

My role and duties as the District Governor of District 3360 will end when the clock strikes midnight on 30 June. However, my Rotary experience will continue robustly. I am ready to assist and support the new leaders and the district's work to achieve the unlimited success for all Rotarians.

Why is Rotary Thailand magazine now available through an Application?



We have been publishing and distributing the hardcopy version of Rotary Thailand magazine in Thai language for many years, and we have also offered the digital versions in both Thai and English through the website of the Rotary Centre in Thailand at www.rotarythailand.org/mag/ for a very long time as well.

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The Rotary Thailand magazine Application

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♦ Trophies of Honor for ♦ Rotary Clubs in Thailand



When April comes every year, the competition is judged for the trophy of excellence for the Rotary Clubs in Thailand. This year on 18 April, PRID Noraseth Patamanand presided over the decision and joined together with the judging committees from the four districts: PDG Pornchai Boonsaeng (3330), PDG Rathprateep Keeratiurai (3340), PDG Dr. Krai Tungsanga (3350) and PDG Anurak Napawan (3360) as the Representative of PDG Phairoj Uerprasert. All of them seriously considered the trophy of excellence. One of the trophies was based on the figures of club members, and must be verified by My Rotary. For the outstanding projects, each district had their representatives present the projects and give reasonable answers to investigative questions. In addition, committees will never vote for projects from their respective districts.



Phra Kamphaengphet Akkarorhin's Trophy for the club with the highest monthly meeting attendance score throughout the year.



This year, the **Rotary Club of Nakhonpathom in District 3330** achieved the 100% average attendance score. Their club meetings are held four times a month with 57 members. Club members are diverse in age, ranging from over 30 to 80 years old. P Kittipat Thongpool who is always with good humor, builds friendships, and makes the meetings happy and fun. The club meetings feature guest speakers from provincial, district, departmental and medical personnel to provide a wide range of interesting topics, ranging from stocks to health. Many clubs are invited to join the regular meetings for a lot of fun

and friendship. Apart from that, active members persuade new members to attend club meetings. They give five prizes for anyone who attends 100% every month. The prizes cost nothing, such as coffee or trending products like Labubu dolls or blankets with the logo of a football team. That's so much fun. Sometimes members bring gifts to the meeting on the day for the lucky draw. It is such a happy meeting for all members.

Krommamuean Narathippongraphan's Trophy for clubs with the largest net increase in membership.



The **Rotary Club of Buayai Rotary Club in District 3340** increased its membership to 32 members from previously 17 members. PDG Maruay Jintabanditwong revealed his strategy for increasing members: Bua Yai is a club at the district level that is closed, and unattractive. However, the club members have regularly been working on medical device projects. As a result, Bua Yai Hospital has the capacity to provide broader services to accommodate patients from the nearby community. It can bring the income to the community from outside-people's expense and the economy keeps improving, and the community has obviously seen Rotary's contributions.

The Buayai Rotary Club has the good image of "People of Action".

This year, P Thawatchai Jintabanditwong invited prospective members to listen to Rotary matters which were presented by guest speakers in the meetings at Wang Nam Kheow. One of the key strategies was that those prospects were already working in charity and public interest, so they understood Rotary services easily. After the meeting, 32 prospects applied for membership to the club. The key point is to use the club's credit as an image that the community trusts.

Krommamuean Phittayalappruettiyakorn's Trophy for clubs with the most members attending the District Conference (Only registered club members who actually attend the DC are counted.)



The **Rotary Club of Chumphae in District 3340** had 56 members join the DC, and calculated as 100%. President Sinsamut Khun Pratum realized that everyone is a businessman, and they expect business performance to come. Therefore, every member who normally hopes for good results should be a shareholder of the club. He encourages everyone to realize their responsibility and participation in all activities. The club meets twice a month, but one of the two meetings changes to a different venue to make it feel less monotonous. Members were engaged in the meetings, so they were interested to attend the DC, where all members paid for the registration fee, but the club provided transportation while some members drove themselves.

Phraya Srivisarnwaja's Trophy for Rotary clubs whose activities in one of the services are the most outstanding.



In 2023-24, it was a joint trophy shared between the Rotary Club of Sritapee in District 3330 and Rotary Club of Magkang in District 3340.

Rotary Club of Sritapee in District 3330

The Sritapee Rotary Club won the judges' hearts with the "From Heart of Sritapee tie-dye" project. The club associated with Wat Prasit Tharam School and the community of Bangchana to do activities in Muang Surat Thani with over 20 public and private agencies in all sectors. This project not only helps with the economic development of the community, but also had more than 20 sub-projects like job creation, career building, and literacy support for children with community members who wanted to learn ways to conserve the environment. These projects cover five of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus: Community economic development; Basic education and literacy; Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; Peace building and conflict prevention; and Protecting our environment, as well as Empowering girls. Club members used their knowledge and abilities

to implement projects for maximum efficiency for the community.

President Monrudee Suwannarak stated, "This project has developed a community tourism destination. In addition, the beneficiary of the community has truly transformed itself from a receiver to a giver, with the formation of a Rotary Community Service Group (RCC) called "Rotary Community From the Heart Bang Chana".



Rotary Club Magkang in District 3340

This was awarded for its scholarship program for underprivileged youth in Udon Thani. It has been an ongoing project for the last 10 years since the year of P Deerrah Phibunwattanawong. PP Watcharaporn Panoi the project chairperson said that it was her intention to give opportunities to disadvantaged children owing to her inspiration that she believes that education can change their lives. The scholarship is provided from the 6th grade to the 12th grade. This means that a scholar will be able to receive a continuing scholarship until the end of high school. The school teachers select



one student in the school and then club members visit and interview the student to know them thoroughly. At least four members will participate at a time, and three out of the four members must approve the student to be selected. However, they are not only selected from poor families,

but also selected from children who want to change their lives. The students are motivated to have a better life.

In addition, having trained students who receive scholarships, the members closely monitor them. There are seniors who take care of the juniors and will transfer funds to the account in the name of the students only and leave the notebook with the teacher so that students can only spend money for school expenses. This prevents parents from spending the scholarship amount on the family. The scholarship value is THB 4,000 each. The student will have THB 20 a day to go to school for one year by calculation. In addition, students are advised to take out a student loan from the Student Loan Fund (SEF) in advance to plan for going on to their undergraduate studies.

Rotary Centre Chair's Message

PDG Somphop Thirasan



Dear fellow Rotarians,

It has now been two years since beginning my term in office with the Executive Committee of the Rotary Centre in Thailand and have operated from 2022 to 2024. Thank you to the advisors, all executive committee members, governors of the four districts, and especially all of the Rotary club members. We would not have been able to carry out any work without the great support from all of you.

Every year, Rotary club members support the management of the Rotary Centre in Thailand with 510 Thai baht per year plus a 220 baht fee for the Rotary Thailand magazine, totaling 730 baht annually per Rotarian, an average of 61 baht per month, or approximately two baht per day. Currently, you may find it difficult to buy anything with two baht in your daily life. But for two baht per day given to the Rotary Centre, we have a national administrative office that is a showpiece no less than any other country in the world. It is the place where you can meet and confer, hold meetings, organize training, etc. The Centre has six full-time staff members who help coordinate, answer questions, and follow up on various stories. There are areas to collect stories of our proud history for us to admire, study, motivate and continually learn, with the RI documents being translated into Thai, and Thai language courses available in the Rotary Learning Center. Moreover, the Centre has a Rotary library that is also available. We have a Rotary podcast to listen to and public relations media in a variety of formats including TikTok and Open Chat as well as others, and we can download many Rotary documents in both Thai and English from www.rotarythailand.org. Six issues of the bi-monthly Rotary Thailand magazine are published per year, printed in four colors, and delivered to your home at 37 baht per issue. We also have an application for magazines to be read on mobile phones in both Thai and English. The office of the Rotary International Fiscal Agent in Thailand is also located at the Centre.

Thank you all for supporting us with two baht per day for the year, and we are happy to serve all our fellow Rotarians.



PDG Somphop Thirasan
Chair, The Rotary Centre in Thailand 2022-2024

Rotary Membership

Data source: www.rotary.org As 1 April 2024 (1 July 2023)

District	Rotarians	Clubs	Rotaractors	Clubs
Worldwide	1,184,628 (1,157,010)	37,005 (36,789)	162,325 (166,541)	10,601 (11,310)
3330	2,318 (2,203)	104 (103)	262 (233)	27 (26)
3340	1,365 (1,316)	65 (65)	98 (76)	5 (5)
3350	3,129 (3,013)	130 (128)	506 (407)	33 (30)
3360	1,349 (1,441)	69 (70)	237 (274)	16 (15)
Total	8,161 (7,973)	368 (366)	1,103 (990)	81 (76)



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The winning photo of the "People of Action" Contest of District 3360 is from the Rotary Club of Chiangkhong taken from its activities of the "7th Cycling Along Pla Buek Area to Greet the Sun and Join Charity".

The photo conveys the message of empowering cycling finishers by presenting commemorative medals to demonstrate the power of friendships and passing it on to fellow humans to continually motivate them.

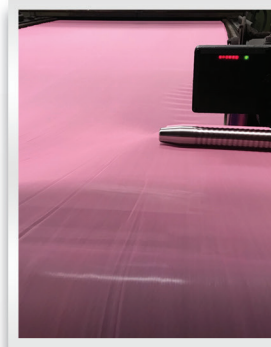
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