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Rotary on Samui Update September 2022

Dear Friends

Greetings from the Rotary Club of Samui-Phangan

The islands of Samui and Phangan are a paradise for tourists but those of us who live here understand that life can be extremely difficult for local people. Behind the famous Thai Smile people suffer from deficiencies in employment opportunities (especially since Covid-19), quality education (general and special needs), emergency health care facilities, hygiene and sanitation.

The mission of the Rotary Club is to develop and maintain focused sustainable projects which will improve the living conditions, infrastructure and overall quality of life for all people living on these islands

Defibs 4 Samui

The sudden sad passing of cricket legend Shane Warne on Samui in March highlighted an emergency within Samui's emergency services. Rotary members were shocked to realise that out of 16 public services rescue vehicles only 1 had a AED defibrillator. We don't know if a defib would have helped Shane but lack of this small piece of essential equipment is a poor state of affairs which effects all of us living or visiting Samui. Defibrillation plus CPR increases survival rates from heart attack to over 70%

Defibs4Samui aims to supply defibs to all 15 of the public emergency vehicles on the island. Our first defib donated in August thanks to a generous donation by Vicki Spencer-Francis and presented at a CPR and defib training session for

Samui Emergency Services and provided complimentary by Bangkok Hospital. Each defib costs 40,000 THB. If you would like to have a defib dedicated to you, a loved one or your business please get in touch.

- [Read more on Shanes passing in the Daily Mail](#)
- [Donate via Weebon Crowd Funding to Defibs4Samui](#)
- [Read more on our Website](#)
- [Samui Cable TV Report on defib training at Bangkok Hospital](#)



Please support this important campaign to provide defibrillators for Samui medical emergency services

Khun Chaiporn Sapprasert
Director
Samui Emergency Medical Team

Support 4 Fud

Fud's life has been transformed since the amazing Floyd Experience fundraising event hosted by [Chi Samui](#).

Every month the rent for his home and grandma's market stall is paid directly to the landowner. That means more income for the family to spend as they need.

On top of that Fud is taken shopping 3-4 times a month which is a great outing for him and a chance to encourage him to make healthy food choices.

He has been to the hospital for two check ups and we are happy to report that his arm is no longer in a cast and is no longer in pain. This means we can now move forward with other plans for his schooling and exercise. All this and more is managed by Rotarian Mira Beer and her most professional and caring team at [Smile Coconut Healthcare](#)



Food 4 Life

Thanks to your generous support we were able to continue supplying families suffering from the economic effects of Covid. In August 325 families helped plus supplies to Samui Emergency Rescue and Magical Autistic Learning Center. In total 1.5 tonnes of rice and the usual oodles of noodles, eggs and cooking oil.

With special thanks to the donations made by:-

YouTube bloggers [Flora and Note](#)

YouTube blogger [Paddy Doyle](#)

[Rotary Club of Northlakes Toukley, Australia](#)

[Rotary Club of Palo Alto, USA](#)

[You can continue to help via our Weebon Crowd Funding Food4Life](#)



[Asajan Mystic Market](#)

NOURISH Mind, Body, and Soul.

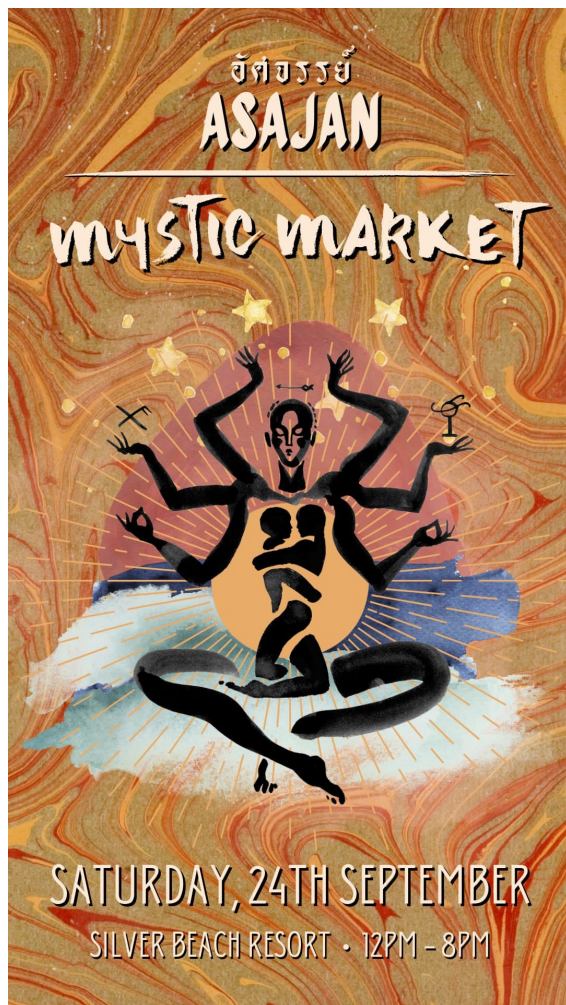
HARMONISE Humans, Nature and Earth.

MANIFEST the Utopia of our Dreams.

in support of The Rotary Club of Samui-Phangan

Vendors at this year's Asajan Mystic Market are once again donating 10% of their proceeds to the Rotary Club. Put the date in your diary Saturday 24 September from midday to 8pm

Help Rotary -- to Nourish the minds of those less fortunate than ourselves and Strengthen all of our Minds, Bodies and Souls. We strive at Harmony between all humans on this small island and Manifest the love that is inside of all of us



Rotary Fellowship Meetings

Next Meeting on 20 September

Regular Fellowship Meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 5-7pm at Sea Sun Cafe, next to Big Buddha Temple. Delicious food at reasonable prices + happy hour drinks + best sunset on Samui + your chance

to hear about our current and future plans. Visitors and residents alike - everyone is very welcome.



Other Events in September

Taste of Samui Saturday September 24

Food market with selected restaurants presenting their signature dishes, food and wine tastings. Eat, drink and be merry - all for a good cause - in support of our friends at [Sisters on Samui](#)

Green Market Sunday 25 September

A regular fixture in the Samui calendar. Focusing on produce that is locally grown, locally made, locally sourced.

Wherever you go - look out for our tastefully designed tote bags sold in support of our [Support4Autism](#) project. The full cost of production kindly donated by Rotarians and their families - that means 100% of the 300 THB price goes direct to help the children



Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million people: neighbours, friends, problem-solvers - people who unite and take action to create lasting change – in our communities and across the globe. Act locally with us and see the results globally.

Key Dates in the History of Rotary Thailand

1930 First Rotary Club established in Bangkok **1955** H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej, graciously consented to become the Royal Patron of Rotary Thailand **1980** Golden Anniversary 50 years of the Rotary Thailand. Their Majesties King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit presided over the function. **1990** H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn attends to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Rotary Thailand and becomes an Honorary Member of RC Bangkok. **2018** Rotary Club of Samui-Phangan joins the worldwide Rotary family - one of 360 clubs in Thailand

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