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Rotary on Samui February 2023

Dear <<First Name>>

Thank you for your continued interest in our work.

We are a small group of friendly people focused on helping the most vulnerable in our local community. If one of our projects looks interesting come find out more at our next Meet-and-Greet. If nothing looks interesting come and tell us why. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - this month **Tuesday 21 February 5pm at the usual venue Sea Sun Cafe & Restaurant.**

Everyone welcome

Defibs 4 Samui

In January we were pleased to be able to present our 5th Defib to the Samui Emergency Services in the presence of our District Governor Khun La-Or Chinda. This Defib generously was donated by [The Rotary Club Los Altos, California, USA](#)

Samui Emergency Services have vehicles and staff at 4 locations around the island in order to be able to respond most efficiently where ever needed.

These are Plai Laem Temple, Lamai Temple, Nathon Bus Station and Chaweng Lake. Nathon Hospital has 2 ambulances of its own and through its call center co-ordinates emergency responses across the island.

Its important that each emergency team has the necessary equipment which is where we have stepped in. Each defib costs 40,000 THB (approx. 1,200 USD) We want to provide 2 more to Samui and 2 to Koh Pangan. If you would like to have a defib dedicated to you, a loved one or your business please get in touch.



Swim 4 Life

Child water safety and drowning prevention on Samui

In 2020 the World Health Organization reported that Thailand is still "number one" for deaths by drowning in ASEAN among children. In fact, the WHO says that the country's death by drowning rate is twice as high as the world's average !

In 2019 a report by the National Institute for Child and Family Development (NICFD) reported that between 2018 and 2000 there were more than 22,700 drownings involving children under 15 in the Kingdom, which averages about 1,262 children per year or a shocking 5 kids per day !!

Thanks to the International School of Samui (ISS) our Swim4Life Water Safety Program will re-start in March. Its a 12 week course run once a week on a Saturday afternoon for 3 hours. The course is intended for Thai children attending government schools. If you would like to help please contact us.



Outreach Services

Rotarian Mira reports that Fud is always punctual at school and is very popular with all the students. It is also nice for the school community because everyone learns to deal with special people and not to be shy. Last month we had to talk

to Fud about abusing his popularity - taking his friends for rides around the supermarket on his wheelchair. Teenagers just want to have fun...

Thanks to support from several Samui residents and Rotarians worldwide we are able to fund Captains specialist treatment in Bangkok on a regular basis and while other options are being explored. Captain and mum flew to Bangkok in December and another trip is planned later this month. A Rotary supporter and professional physiotherapist will visit this month from Australia to make an assessment and bring some specialist equipment.



Visit by District Governor La-Or Chinda

In January we were pleased to welcome a very special visitor, the Rotary Governor for our District, which is District 3330. With over 350 Rotary Clubs in Thailand it makes sense to break down oversight into smaller groups. There are 102 Rotary Clubs in our District including the English language clubs of Hua Hin and Patong Beach

Khun La-Or attended a Defib hand-over at Lamai Temple, the headquarters of the Samui Emergency Services and spoke with staff and supervisors about their work and the importance of getting essential medical equipment.

Governor La-Or then joined our monthly meeting where we discussed all our on-going projects and future plans.



Support 4 Autism Project

Providing a safe secure place for vulnerable children is more complicated than organising fun activities and stimulating learning. Transportation to and from the Learning Center is vital since most of the children are not able to sit on the back of a motor cycle and the parents don't have cars. Many of the children are living in one parent families or are being cared for by hard working siblings.

In all cases the care givers need to go to work every day usually long hours at basic rates of pay.

In the past the children we being transported in the back of an open top pickup truck. They were getting drenched by the rain or baked by the sun every day not to mention the health and safely risk for these vulnerable children. Now thanks to Rotary supporters we have the funds to pay for a secure car and caring driver for transport to and from The Learning Center every day.



Our Next Meet-and-Greet

Tuesday 21 February 5-7pm

[Sea Sun Cafe, Bang Rak](#)

Same stunning sunset venue with delicious food at reasonable prices and happy hour on drinks :-) Are you aware of an urgent issue in the local community that needs attention? Come and share your views and hear about our current and future plans. Visitors and residents alike - everyone is very welcome.

Rotary connects the world and this month we will welcome visitors from Rotary Club Pipera in Romania. Let's find out what projects they are involved in and how we may work together in the future.



Why Donate To Us?

Rotary Club members live and breath and work and play on these islands. We know the local environment the local people and the socio-economic conditions. Our projects are timely and focused – we make the maximum impact every time. And remember 100% of your donation goes directly to our projects. All administration costs are covered by Rotary membership fees.


[Email us here for more Info on how you can help](#)

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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