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### **Rotary on Samui March 2023**

### Dear <<First Name>>

Thank you for your continued interest in our work. If you have received this in error or are no longer interested please accept our apologies and unsubscribe from the link at the bottom of this email.

Our next friendship meeting will be **Tuesday 21 March 5pm at the usual venue Sea Sun Cafe & Restaurant**. *Everyone welcome* 

Life Guard Training Course The best way to get wet this Songkran. 14-16 April 2023

Fun and challenging yet deadly serious! Your chance to get an international Life Saving Certificate right here on Samui. Open to all aged 18+. First Aid Training Bangkok have reduced the price to 9,500 THB in support of the Rotary Swim4Life project. Together we can stop children's death from drowning.

SSI Life Saving Certificate 2 days CPR & First Aid Training with AED, Oxygen Administration 1 day Training Venue International School of Samui Training provided by <u>First Aid Training Bangkok Co., Ltd.</u>



# Defibs 4 Samui

This month we were pleased to present our 6th Defib to the Samui Emergency Services thanks to a generous donation from <u>The Rotary Club of South West</u> <u>Rocks Australia</u>

Defibrillation plus CPR increases survival rate from heart attack to over 70%. Our Defibs4Samui campaign aims to ensure all public emergency vehicles on the islands of Samui and Phangan are equipped with this small but essential piece of equipment. Each defib costs 40,000 THB (approx. 1,200 USD). 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 safely and drowning prevention on Samui Who's the students now?

Four Rotary members travelled to Phuket to undergo an intense 2 day course in combating hydrophobia and swimming teaching techniques. A hit squad from Swim Australia flew in especially for the event which was attended by Rotary Club members from Royal Hua Hin and Phuket, Patong Beach. A previous course was held in Chiang Mai and the Swim Australia team were off next to Cambodia. The initiative comes from a new <u>Global Water Safety and</u> <u>Drowning Prevention Rotary Club</u> which aims to put a stop to the terrible statistics of child drowning in many countries in S.E.Asia

All Rotary members survived and passed the course. You are safe in our hands now.



## **Outreach Services**

For young Fud another treatment of bisphosphonates at Nathon Hospital. He's getting used to this treatment and the overnight in hospital and seems to enjoy the attention. Bisphosphonates are widely considered one of the most effective drugs for osteoporosis to strengthen bones and gain bone mass. Fud has the treatment every 3-4 months and this is his third treatment. Thanks to Rotarian Mira Beer and her team at <u>Smile Coconut Healthcare.</u>

For little Captain a busy month. First a return trip to Bangkok where his parents have found a government hospital with experienced staff and high quality care. Rotary are happy to fund raise for the cost of the air fare for mum and Bangkok Airways take good care of Captain with no charge. Second - a physiotherapist bearing gifts is even better than Santa. The stroller frame brought from Australia by Rotary supporter Con allows Captain to sand up, hold his head up while allowing his arms and hands to move freely.

Finally for Mr Kiew, everyones favorite playboy, another supply of nourishing dairy products care of a Rotary sponsor. Kiew lives in a one room shack with his mum (and cats). There's no kitchen and a carton of milk or yogurt is enough breakfast to keep him satisfied until lunch at the Learning Center for



## Friendship Meeting Feedback Rotary Connects the World With People Who Care

At last month's Friendship Meeting we were pleased to welcome Rotary members from 4 clubs in Romania: RC Heritage Bucharest; RC Pipera Bucharest; RC Atheneum Bucharest and RC Varana Focsani. There was an interesting and lively discussion comparing social issues in our different communities and our projects and approaches to supporting the most vulnerable.



# **Our Next Friendship Meeting**

## Tuesday 21 March 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.



# 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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