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Rotary on Samui May 2023

Dear Rotarian <<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 the page.

Visiting Samui in May ?

Our next friendship meeting will be **Tuesday 16 May at 5:30 pm with guests speaks from EcoThailand and LivePlayWork - all happening at the usual venue Sea Sun Cafe & Restaurant. More details below**

Everyone welcome

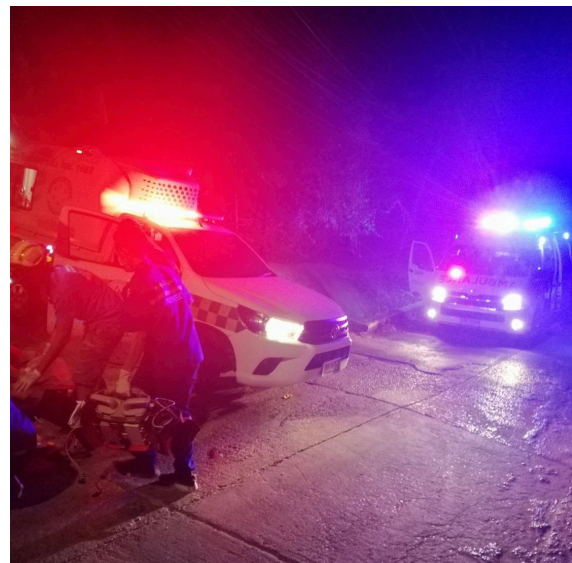
Defibs Save Lives

Last month one of our defibs was used to save a life. Well done Samui Emergency Services who were first on the scene and used the AED to save the life of a male tourist. The patient was then transferred to Bangkok Hospital for further treatment. The defib was donated by Adam Gale of [Live Play Work Australia](#) in November 2022.

After use the defib needs a quick re-furbishment and replacement battery pack. Rotary takes care of that and provides a replacement defib to ensure the Emergency Services are always fully prepared. The replacement defib was one of 3 new defibs donated by [Rotary Club Hong Kong South](#). Thank you

Hong Kong South. A truly international effort by Rotary
#RotaryServeToChangeLives #peopleofaction

Each HeartSine replacement battery pack costs 7,000 THB (approx. 200 USD).
A small price to save a life! Help pass on the kindness by donating 7,000 THB
via [Weeboon Crowd Funding to Defibs4Samui](#) or see our website for other
donation options.



Support 4 Autism Project

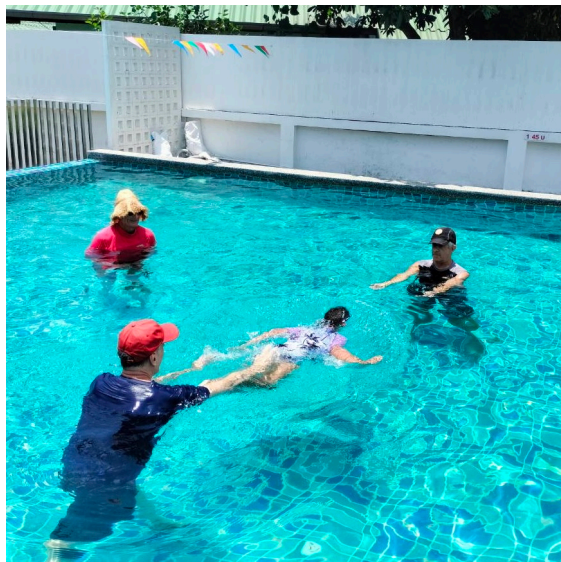
What can be more rewarding than seeing a child take their first steps or their first doggy paddle unsupported? For the past 4 years we have been going swimming weekly with the [Learning Center for Magical Autistic Children](#). A few weeks ago we were rewarded by seeing 2 children swim unaided for the first time. One child in particular used to cry constantly when he knew that it was

swimming day. Now we can't get him out of the pool :-)

All this made possible thanks to facilities provided by [Windfield International School](#) and Rotary members and helpers who use their patience and encouragement in support of special needs on Samui.

Visiting Samui in May?

Visiting Rotarians are welcome to learn more about this activity by joining us at the pool. Email us for more information



Swim4Life and Life Guard Training 3-5 June

Thanks to the generous support of the [International School of Samui \(ISS\)](#) our Swim4Life drowning prevention program will re-start in early June. Drowning is the third leading cause of accidental death worldwide and low-to-middle income countries account for over 90% of this. Sadly children up to the age of 14 are

most at risk. [Read more on our website.](#)

Swim4Life will kick off with an international life saving course at ISS open to all aged 18+. The internationally certified training company First Aid Training Bangkok will be coming to run the course and have reduced the price to 9,500 THB in support of the Rotary project. The course is open to anyone who is a competent swimmer.

If you are interested in joining the course email us for more information



Teddy Bear Donation

How many teddy bears can one person bring in their personal luggage ? Over 100 according to one kind sole! Thank you Mr Camber Grant for sharing your love of Thailand and Samui in this special inspirational way.

Thanks to the kind folks at [Sisters on Samui \(SOS\)](#) we were put on alert that a large consignment of teddy bears were on their way and needed distribution around the island. We arranged safe delivery to The Foundation for Special Needs; Nathon Hospital and Learning Center for Magical Autistic Children.

Lots of happy faces and big smiles all over the island :-)

Job done



Community Outreach

Many families are still struggling financially after the years of Covid lockdowns took away their livelihoods in the tourism sector. For a person with special needs the situation is even more difficult. They may be unable to prepare a meal for themselves or have a family member to help.

Luckily for this young man he has a sponsor that provides funds to buy essential supplies. If he's not able to get a proper meal at least he can have a carton of milk or yogurt drink. Rotary makes a home delivery whenever needed and provided a fridge for the small family home.



Rotary Spans the World

At last month's meeting we were pleased to welcome Past President Helmut Heckel from Rotary Schwabach Germany and regular visitor and long time supporter of our club Stephen First from our sister club of [Rotary Club Hong Kong South](#)



Next Friendship Meeting

Tuesday 16 May 5:30-7pm
[Sea Sun Cafe, Bang Rak](#)

This month we are delighted to welcome 2 members of the Board of Directors of EcoThailand.

Co-Founder, Vice Director and Secretary Jintamard Sinlapaprommard (Khun Jinta) and Co-Founder and Benefactor, John Fitton.

Khun Jinta has a Bachelor of Science (Medical Technology) degree from Chulalongkorn University and a Masters in Environmental Studies from The University of Newcastle, Australia - to name just a few of her qualifications.

John graduated from Leicester University, UK, with a first degree in Biological Sciences and subsequently obtained a Doctorate with a Molecular Bioscience. He has some 40 scientific journal and patent applications published and has a lifelong interest in the environment and sustainable living,

Visitors and residents alike - everyone is very welcome.



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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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