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## Rotary on Samui June 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 soon?

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday every month so our next friendship meeting will be **Tuesday 18 July at 6:00 pm at the usual venue Sea Sun Cafe & Restaurant. More details below**

***Everyone welcome***

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## Windfield International School Annual Charity Gala and Art Auction

As a result of this fun and successful event 30,400 THB was raised and donated this week to our Support4Autism Project. This will cover the cost of children's lunches at the Learning Center for the next 6 months. Thank you again [Windfield](#) students and staff for your kindness.



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## Swim4Life Project

### Let's work together to stop child drowning in Thailand

มาร่วมอาสาด้วยกันเพื่อลดอัตราการสูญเสียเด็กจากการจมน้ำในประเทศไทย

Our [Swim4Life Project](#) is back and fully operational running every Saturday 13:00 to 15:00 at the [International School of Samui](#). Each course lasts for 12 weeks and with the support of our helpers and our hosts we hope that this will be a continuing program.

We run two sessions of 45 minutes each attended by 20 children each session. All the children come from nearby Wat Bun Tharikaram School with Head Teacher Khun Nok in attendance. In the pool Rotary members are supported by a group of kind hearted helpers.

With no suitable public swimming pool on Samui there is little opportunity for children in local schools to learn basic water safety. We are blessed with beautiful beaches but without swimming classes the sea is as much a hazard as a blessing for local children.

Do you have 2 hours on a Saturday to help stop child drowning in Thailand ?  
Please get in touch and we will show you how. Full training provided. You don't even need to be a good swimmer.



## Support 4 Autism Program

The Learning Center for Magical Autistic Children (MAC) was set up by Khun Dalin, a Thai lady from a long established Samui family with two autistic children of her own. The centre currently cares for 12-15 children with a variety of special needs and learning difficulties.

The center receives no official recognition or government support and our [Support4Autism Program](#) raises funds for essential running costs including food so the kids get at least one cooked meal a day. Also building maintenance and basic necessities like furniture, fans, learning materials etc.

Thanks to a donation from long time supporter Rachel Williams the Learning Center now has its own washing machine with Rotary covering the cost of plumbing and electrical installation. Many of the children live in sub-standard housing and hard working parents don't have as much time as they would like



to take care. A personal hygiene and clothes care program will be introduced to build self-help skills as well as self awareness.



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## Community Outreach

15 months since the life-changing fundraiser at [Chi Samui](#) and Fud is going from strength to strength under the guidance of Rotarian Mira Beer at [Smile Coconut Healthcare](#)

It's back to school - and after a lot of official hesitation and skepticism by the school authorities Fud is now officially enrolled and registered so that he will be able to graduate. He is now in school full time like all the children from 8 am until 4 pm. To achieve this he needs a full time helper which Rotary continues to fund with support from Smile Coconut Healthcare



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## Visit Samui Soon

We are a small club and our members meet regularly with hands-on activities in the community. You can join us on a Wednesday Support4Autism activity or Saturday Swim4Life pool training.

Friendship meetings are every 3rd Tuesday of the month - so next meeting next week on 20th June from 6pm at the glorious sun set venue of [Sea Sun Cafe](#), [Bang Rak](#)

Visitors and residents alike - everyone is very welcome.





Exactly one year since our Newsletter came out in this format. You can find the complete back catalogue for the year on our website. Just follow the link to [Our Newsletters](#)

#### 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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