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Rotary on Samui September 2023

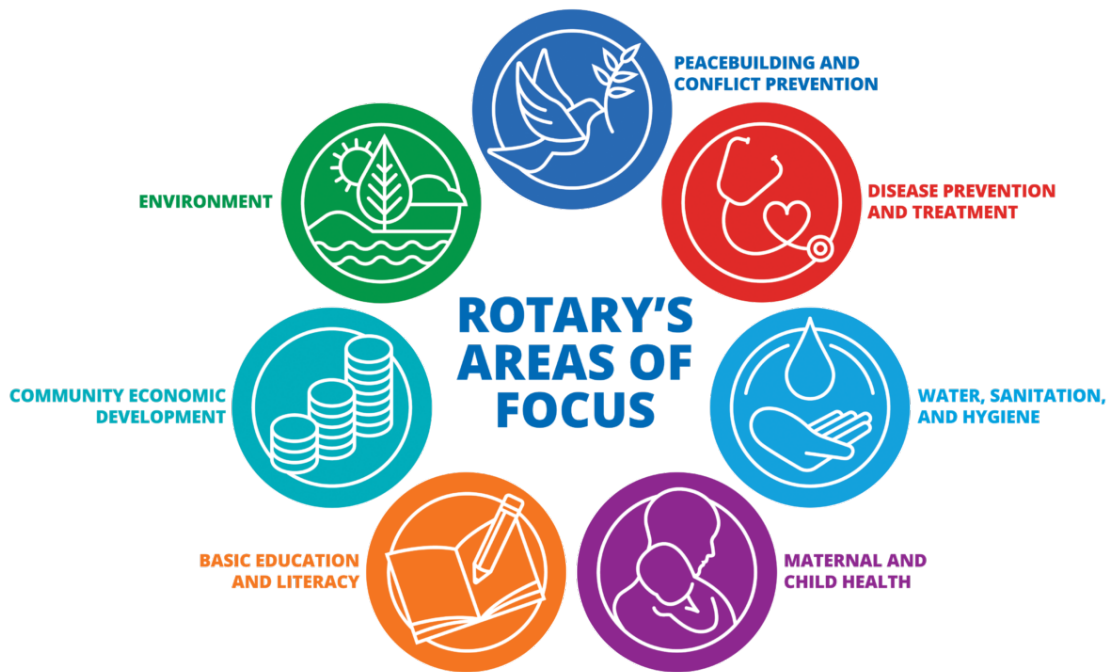
Dear <<First Name>>

Under the motto Service Above Self, Rotary clubs around the world make a difference in their local communities with projects focused on areas such as education, maternal and child health, environment, water and sanitation, community development. Why not join us and help make this island a better place for the most needy in our local community? To find out more simply reply to this newsletter.

In the meantime 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.

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday every month so our next friendship meeting will be **Tuesday 19 September at 6:00 pm at our usual venue Sea Sun Cafe & Restaurant. More details below**

Everyone welcome



Koh Phangan School Environment Sustainability Program

Local Rotary member Adam Gale through [Live Play Work](#) initiated an environment sustainability program organized and co-ordinated by the [EcoThailand Foundation](#).

The theme was waste segregation, waste management and waste reduction. 20 students from Ban Had Rin school, Koh Phangan took part in a range of awareness activities. Senior local community leaders from Haad Rin Association were also in attendance and gave their full support.

Big thanks to all the volunteers of the Foundation for engaging and empowering the local children and making the event such a great success.





[Swim4Life Child Drowning Prevention Program](#)

With the dedication of Rotarians and helpers from the Samui community our Swim4Life program continues at the International School of Samui. Some videos of the children's progress can be seen on our You Tube Channel - click on the pics to go to the Playlist Tab. Don't forget to click Like and Subscribe so you don't miss any of our latest releases.

Project Background:- In 2020 the World Health Organization reported that Thailand was "number one" for child deaths by drowning in ASEAN. In fact, the WHO said that the country's child death by drowning rate was twice as high as the world's average! In the preceding years of Covid lockdowns and school closures its generally accepted that this situation has got worse not better.

That's an average of about 1,262 child deaths from drowning per year - a shocking 5 kids per day!!



Swim4Life Helpers Urgently Needed

2nd Cohort Starts 30 September

10-11am and 11-12pm

There is no more rewarding way to give back to the people of Thailand than by helping children learn water safety skills which can save their lives and others and builds confidence and stamina while having lots of fun at the same time.

To maintain the maximum impact of this program we need assistant trainers for the next cohort starting 30 September. Our unique step by step learning method means you need only basic swimming ability to help others. A big kind heart is most essential.

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Community Outreach Program

Fud is a bright happy 13 year old boy who suffers from Osteogenesis Imperfecta (commonly known as brittle bones) a condition which is not curable.

This means that he has less bone mass and less bone strength and an increased risk of sudden and unexpected bone fractures.

Under the supervision of a nurse from [Smile Coconut Healthcare](#) Fud is taken for a series of recommended bisphosphonate therapy treatments to strengthen his bones and has now this month Fud been accepted for full time education for the first time in his life !!



Food4Life supported by Rotary Club of Plutaluang and Disaster Aid Thailand

Last week we completed the distribution of almost 2,000 fortified meals to 2 needy communities on Samui. The first group of 52 poor Burmese/ Nepalese families are based around the Nepalese Temple area. The second group of 52 needy Thai families that live in the tin shack shanty town that tourists never see just a few kilometers from Chaweng's golden beaches.

This much welcomed food relief was provided by [Disaster Aid Thailand](#) and [Disaster Aid International](#) made possible by a joint venture between our own [Food4Life Program](#) initiated during the dire period caused by Covid and RISE AGAINST HUNGER which is an ongoing project for Disaster Aid Thailand, headed by the [Rotary Club of Plutaluang D.3340](#) led by PP. Capt. Dol Adinan and supported by Disaster Aid International based in Malaysia and headed by

PP. KK looi who is also Past Chairman of DAI (Disaster Aid International) and DAM ([Disaster Aid Malaysia](#))

While the dark days of Covid lockdowns are thankfully behind us tourism related industry is far from back to pre-Covid levels. 2019 saw close to 40 million arrivals in the Kingdom but this year this year approx. 10 million are expected. Behind the statistics is the livelihoods of everyone on an island such as this. From cooks and cleaners to doctors and nurses. From boat captains and bus drivers to bank managers and wedding planners. Simply put there is no other industry or avenue of employment that is not effected by tourism.

Thanks to Rotary's reach across S.E. Asia for this relief support.



Samui Green Market in September

The next Samui Green Market @Greenlight Cafe, Fisherman's Village, Bophut will be on Sunday, September 24 from 3:30pm-7pm.

This monthly market is all about fresh produce locally sourced. Caring about our environment and healthy living. Stalls are packed with organic goods not only healthy foods but also household and body care products. If you believe we should all take better care of our planet this is the place to do your shopping.

* Chemical free * Organic * Locally Grown * Homemade * Healthy * Eco-friendly

Want to get Involved?

New vendors always welcome (food vendors in particular). Please message Pat at: +66-87-389-5673 via WhatsApp, Telegram or LINE



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Next Friendship Meeting

Rotary is a non-political, non-religious international service organization open to all with over 350 clubs in Thailand and over one million members worldwide. Want to find out more? Join us at our next Friendship Meeting to find out more

Tuesday 19th September from 6pm

[Sea Sun Cafe, Bang Rak](#)

Visitors and residents alike - everyone is very welcome.




Over a 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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