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## Rotary on Samui November 2023

**Dear <<First Name>>**

As the year draws to a close it's the traditional time to reflect on achievements made, opportunities lost and how we may do things differently in the year ahead.

For those of us who have made Samui our home Rotary represents a unique opportunity to give back to the local community. Our programs are highly focused and always effective. As an internationally recognised charity we continue to be successful in reaching out to international organisations for financial support.

And yet all this hangs in the balance. Membership is the life blood of our organization. Without the active participation of new members we will be unable to continue our success in the future. Whether to support the community in new projects or find new ways of solving existing problems we need your help.

So if you are looking for a new opportunity to get involved in something meaningful - make Rotary your New Year's Resolution. Look no further. Just reply to this newsletter to find out more.

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## Visit from Australian Ambassador

Last month we were pleased to demonstrate our #PeopleofAction ethos to the Australian Ambassador to Thailand Dr Angela Macdonald and the Phuket

Consul General Kirsten Fletcher. Also visiting our [Support4Autism](#) program at [Windfield International School](#) from the Embassy in Bangkok, Anita Wise Second Secretary and Sarat Suebsantikul, Senior Political Officer.

We were presented with 50 colorful children's story books in Thai and English funded by the Australian and Thai governments:- Pirate Kim Lets's Go Swim! Stories which raise children's awareness of water safety. These will make perfect gifts for children graduating from our Swim4Life program

The Australian Embassy in Bangkok is more proactive than many countries in supporting social welfare programs in Thailand and for this we are very grateful.



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## Thanks for the Shout Out Fah Thai Magazine

Fah Thai is the in-flight magazine of Bangkok Airways. It's published bi-monthly and is available on-line and in the seat pocket of every Bangkok

Airways flight across the Kingdom. Thanks to our supporters at [Explorar Resorts](#) for getting this report on our [Swim4Life program](#) included in this months magazine



#### SUN, SEA AND SAFETY

### Explorar Koh Samui

This adults-only resort isn't only dedicated to providing enjoyment for grown-ups, it also contributes to the development of local youth. The resort collaborates with the Rotary Club Samui-Phangan on Swim4Life, a water safety programme that teaches local children to swim and thereby prevents drownings.

Explorar's commitment to

sustainability also extends to beach clean-ups conducted in partnership with the Trash Hero organisation and local communities. The aim is to keep Samui's coastline pristine and free from plastic waste. Measures to minimise plastic usage are also implemented throughout the premises.

[www.explorarhotels.com/koh-samui](http://www.explorarhotels.com/koh-samui)

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## Swim4Life Pro Coming Soon

Taking water safely to the next level for local Thai children who have completed our Swim4Life program at The International School of Samui (ISS) and have successfully completed a 25 meter non-stop swim.

Thanks to [SuperPro Samui](#) for free access to their NEW professional competition 25 meter pool. This new program will run every Saturday between 2pm – 4pm and is completely free for Thai children enrolled in government schools.

Surrounded by pool villas and luxury resorts as we are it's easy to forget that these local children simply have no access to a swimming pool. In fact we're pretty sure most of them have never been in a swimming pool in their lives before they arrive at our Swim4Life course.

Training and supervision provided by Rotary members and assistants. Qualified life guard and Swim Australia swim teachers always present. The focus will be on existing stroke development and learning new strokes. As a novel extra benefit parents will be welcome to enter free of charge watch their children poolside.

This superb unique facility on Samui is open to the public. Check website for times and prices.





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## Defibs4Samui

### ***The life you save could be your own***

Did you know defibrillation plus CPR increases survival rate from heart attack to over 70%. Our [Defibs4Samui project](#) had the goal of ensuring all public emergency vehicles on Samui were equipped with this small but essential piece of equipment.

Thanks to supporters on Samui and Rotary Clubs around the world 10 defibs were donated in an 11 month period between August 2022 to June 2023. It's also encouraging to see AED's appearing in public spaces like the one pictured here in a special emergency display cabinet in Lotus Lamai. The cabinet contains instructions and the emergency call center number.

But there is more that could be done. For example one area of the island around Bang Po is a long way from a public service ambulance station or hospital. Some kind hearted local people are now getting together to raise money for a defib that will be located in a publicly accessible area.

Each HeartSine AED comes with dual English/Thai instructions and costs just 40,000 THB. Additional costs of display housing and signage covered from Rotary funds. If you live on Samui's north shore or know someone who does please donate to this worthwhile cause.

***The life you save could be your own***

Donate to Bang Po AED fund here



## Next Samui Green Market @Greenlight Cafe

December 17th from 3:30pm-7pm

This will be a Big Market (no market November) with live music and all kinds of food & beverages, desserts, arts & crafts, clothing & footwear, hand-made bags & candles & jewellery, health products, pregnant mom's products, organic oils, prints, crystals, portraits and more! \* New food vendors welcome! Please message Pat at: +66-87-389-5673 via WhatsApp, Telegram or LINE.



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***Share the love by supporting businesses that support Rotary projects on the island. One island. One family.***



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[Support our work via Weeboon Crowd Funding](#)

Weeboon is Thailand's first and foremost Crowdfunding Platform. It is a tried and tested system (by us among many others) and is every bit as reliable and



effective as other similar platforms around the world. The big difference for us is that when you donate to us via Weeboon the money is already in Thailand and is not liable to other international transfer or currency conversion fees.

Please give what you can. Every single donation makes a difference, no matter the amount your contribution will be greatly appreciated. We guarantee that 100% will go directly to the most vulnerable communities. If you want your donation to go to a specific cause please tell us in the comment section when making a donation or in a separate email.

All major credit cards accepted

<https://www.weeboon.com/en/campaign/rotary-club-samui-phangan>

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**Existing Friends and Strangers Alike  
SORRY  
There will be no Friendship Meeting this month.**

Instead you can meet us in action  
every Wednesday at Windfield International School  
every Saturday at The International School of Samui

#PeopleofAction

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### Get Your Business Featured in this Newsletter

Our Newsletter reaches nearly 500 people every month. People who care about Samui either living here or otherwise concerned with island affairs plus our fraternity of Rotarians around the world. Give your business a boost by showing you care about the most vulnerable in our local community. Ask us how. You can find the complete back catalogue on our website. Just follow the link to [Our Newsletters](#)

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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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