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Rotary on Samui April-May 2024

Dear President-Rotary-Club

Greetings and welcome to another roundup of our activities from your local Rotary Club. Thank you for your continued interest in our work.

The Rotary year runs from 1st July so June is the month we actively welcome new members. We can achieve so much more when working as a team.

Please consider joining us to support our work. Don't hesitate to get in touch for more details.

Teaching Thai children to swim is a rewarding and fun activity. Probably the most fun you can have while giving back to your local community.

The teaching system has been uniquely developed by one of our very own much loved Rotarians and is designed for anyone to follow. Flip charts are laminated poolside, with pictures and explanation in English and Thai.

Next cohort will start end of May. Please get in touch by replying to this email if you have 2 hours to spare on a Saturday 11am-1pm

[Swim4Life Project](#)

Cohort 3 Graduation Day

On 6 April our third group of 38 children finished a 10 week course and have

gone from being scared of the water to being able to swim 25 metres. For this occasion parents are permitted into the school grounds to see the achievements of their children and the award ceremony.

Swimming pool use generously donated by The International School of Samui (ISS) and CEO Stephen was on hand to give out medals together with Head Teacher Nok from Wat Bunthari Karam School and Rotary Swimming Coach Khun Cat.

Drowning continues to be a major cause of child death in Thailand and with no public swimming pool on Samui there is little opportunity for local children to learn basic water safety. We are blessed with beautiful beaches but without swimming and water safety classes, the sea is more a hazard than a blessing for local children.

This project benefits from financial, logistic and moral support from

- [Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation](#)
- [Rotary Club of Keilor, Victoria, Australia](#)
- [Rotary Global Water Safety & Drowning Prevention Club](#)
- [The International School of Samui](#)
- [Explorar Adults Only Resort](#)
- *And a team of dedicated assistants from around the world xxxx*





[Support4Autism Project](#)

New Part Time Teacher for Special Needs

On a small island like Samui there has always been an acute shortage of people qualified or even interested in working in the area of special needs. Up to now there is only 2 staff to care for 12 children and young adults each with unique challenges of their own.

Now the Learning Center principal Khun Dalin has found an experienced teacher from the nearby mainland city who is willing to help on a part time basis. Teacher Au comes from the nearby city of Surat Thani where she is a well known and respected teacher with the local Parents Autistic Support Association. She will help at the Learning Centre 8 times per month approximately twice a week.

Welcome Kru Au - we are delighted to have your assistance as we're sure the children are also.





[Defibs4Samui Project](#)

The life you save is likely to be someone you know

Between August 2022 and July 2023 our Club supplied 10 AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) to the public emergency services on Samui and Koh Phangan. However having a supply of AEDs is only the first step. Training in how to use them is just as important.

Last month we held 2 training sessions in First Aid procedures including CPR and AED with 8-10 people attending each. Knowing how to respond in an emergency can save a life and statistics show the life you save is most likely to be someone close to you...

More training can be arranged for individuals, groups of friends and colleagues or businesses. Contact us for more information. You don't need to be a doctor to know your DrsABCD.

Thank you [Amari Palm Reef Resort, Koh Samui](#) for use of your lovely facilities and Rotarian Graham George for donating the CRP dummy.



Rotary International Youth Exchange

The first youth exchange program took place in 1927, with the Rotary Club of Copenhagen, closely followed by the Rotary Club of Nice in 1929. Today more than 9,000 students join the program annually visiting over 100 Countries. The program allows young people to learn a new language and experience a different culture, thereby raising awareness beyond national borders, fostering compassion and understanding to become global citizens.

There are two programs in place, Short Term Exchange Placements which happen for around one month to six weeks usually in the summer months. The main program is the long term whereby students visit a country for 11 months of the year.

This month we were delighted to welcome 18 students from France, Germany,

America, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Taiwan on a 3 days visit to Samui island. They have already been in Thailand for 10 months and we were pleasantly surprised to see how well many of them could speak Thai.



Community Outreach

Behind the famous Thai Smile those of us who live here long term understand that life can be difficult for local people. Not least after Covid and on an island where the main industry is tourism.

Recently we were invited to an end of term ceremony and fundraising event by one of the local schools. While education is free many families struggle with extra costs like school uniforms and books. This is an area which our friends at [Sisters On Samui](#) (SOS) work hard to help on a regular basis.

We were delighted to attend as were our friends from SOS and each charity made a donation to help with next year's school intake.



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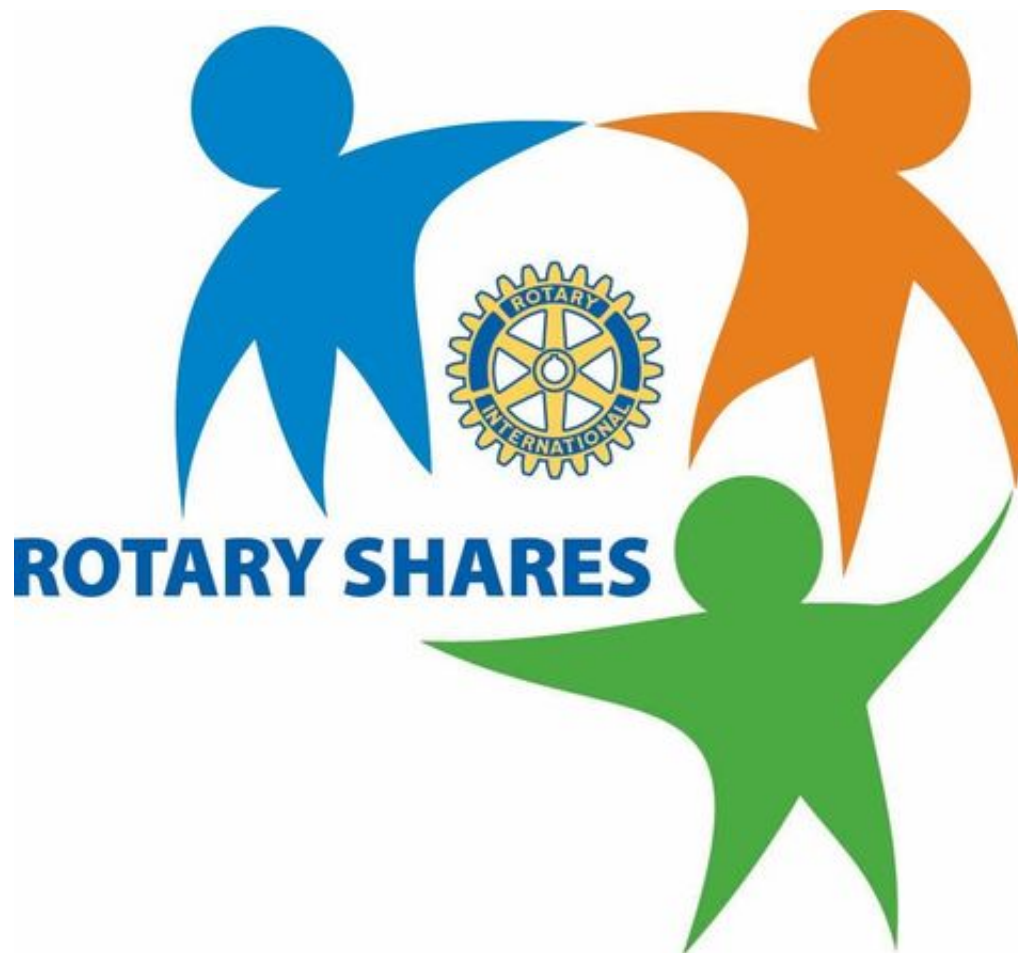
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Key Dates in the History of Rotary Thailand

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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