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Rotary on Samui June-July 2024

Dear <<First Name>>

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

June is New Member month in the Rotary calendar with 1st July being the new Rotary year. We are delighted to welcome 6 new members to the club! Some are living here on Samui and actively involved in our projects while others support us from their home countries as far apart as Sweden and Australia.

Whether you have a project of your own in mind or want to show your support for the work we are already doing, there is no better time to join Rotary than today.



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Community Minded People
Passionate & Fun People
Practical & Resourceful People
Helpful People

If you're one of these people, then get in contact to see how you can change the world starting in your very own community!

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Small Group Mighty Power

Now one year since our post-Covid re-launch of Swim4Life and everyone talking about our low cost high impact swimming program that just keeps on giving consistent results: teaching life saving skills and being super fun for the

children and adult helpers alike. Read the full story of our Swim4Life Program in the national [Rotary Thailand magazine](#)

Giving Thai children the opportunity to learn to swim is a probably the most fun you can have while supporting your local community. Our 4th cohort Swim4Life started at the end of May and lasts 10-12 weeks so there is still time to get involved. Please get in touch by replying to this email if you have 2 hours to spare on a Saturday 11am-1pm.

Small group, mighty power

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PP Ratchada Thepsane
ARRC, RI Region 32

The swimming courses for children have been continuously implemented with discipline and a sustainable focus by 10 members of the Rotary Club of Samui-Phangan located on Koh Samui island. The club has been making a splash with their project to "Enhance Swimming Skills for Life". This program tackles the critical issue of child drownings by providing swimming courses for 10 to 12 year-old children from government schools. With a focus on building lifelong skills through a disciplined approach to the children's swimming ability, two to three groups a year with 35 students each have been coached. This hands-on community service project has equipped over 225 children with vital swimming ability and lifesaving skills, leading to a positive long-term impact. The project has been driven since before COVID-19 to the present day. The collaborative effort is unconditionally offered by the dedicated team of club members and professional coaches from Swim Australia and SSA Lifeguards, alongside Thai and foreign volunteer teaching assistants living on Koh Samui.



Club of Samui-Phangan
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Koh Samui, Thailand's second largest island, boasts stunning beaches, fantastic scenery, waterfalls and mountainous geography. The island attracts international tourists all year round for both short and long term stays and workers migrate to the island for higher wages. Nevertheless, a small but important aspect that caught our eyes is that none of the government schools are equipped with swimming pools. The chance for swimming lessons are rarely available and this creates a critical gap in child safety, leading to the highest death rates caused by drowning among children aged five to 14.

Teaching children to swim sounds normal. The story of problem-solving, chance creation, sustainable quality of life and skill enhancement for underprivileged children to learn lifesaving skills leads to a better life. This Rotary Club of Samui-Phangan project was communicated to the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation.

This hands-on project aligns with the foundation objectives, which aim to reduce the risk of drowning by underprivileged children. It resonates strongly with protecting children from water dangers through public awareness, creating preventive measures and swimming education.

The initiative has received support from the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation. This partnership not only expands the project's reach to help more children, but it also creates a significant public image and attracts further participation and support from international organisations.

Every Saturday, the children are very excited and look forward to the swimming lessons. When they arrive at the pool of Koh Samui International School (KOS), the excitement is profound as they race to change into their swimsuits and prepare their swimming items. Qualified volunteer instructors, assisted by trained teaching assistants, ensure a safe and structured learning environment. The moment reflects laughter, cheer, and perhaps tears upon their group. The swimming lesson lasts for two hours and the children are driven home safely afterwards. The dedicated volunteers devote about three hours each Saturday to equip the children with a lifesaving skill and the ability to survive from drowning.

This project exemplifies the commitment and action taken to the community by Rotarians. Through sharing the story of problem-solving and positive impact, meaningful action penetrates into public perception and inspires others to join and empower others while creating lasting change for a better world.



Rotary 20 Years February 2014

Community Outreach

Reaching out into the community with extra supplies. Rotary assistant Callum was out last week shopping for supplies to Kiew. Kiew suffers from epilepsy and has cognitive and physical impairments. He lives with his mother in modest conditions with minimal income. With no cooking facilities at home long life milk and a yogurt drink form major part of his daily diet



Support for Hong Kong

Over the last 50 years the Rotary Club of Hong Kong South has been serving the less-fortunate in their local community in numerous ways as well as being a huge contributor to our own causes. Once a year they raise funds by selling their unique Club 888 Raffle tickets.

Tickets cost just HK\$888 with some excellent prizes on offer. Please send remittances to HSBC Bank, A/C name: Rotary Club of Hong Kong South A/C No. 006-005128-002 or contact them by [email](#) for further details.



[Support4Autism Project](#)

New Part Time Teacher for Special Needs

Kru (teacher) Au is settling down to a routine of now spending 2 days per week at The Learning Center. We are delighted to have her assistance and we know the children are benefiting greatly from her therapeutic techniques.

Watch a short video on our You Tube Channel

[Teacher Au offers physio treatment to the young people at the Learning Centre](#)

This has been funded by 2 donations. One from **South West Rocks Rotary Club**. South West Rocks is a small town located on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales, Australia. The second donation making this possible comes from **Rotarian Björn Wachsmuth from Lüdenscheid, Germany**. Lüdenscheid is a city in the Märkischer Kreis district, in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany.

Rotary reaches across the world

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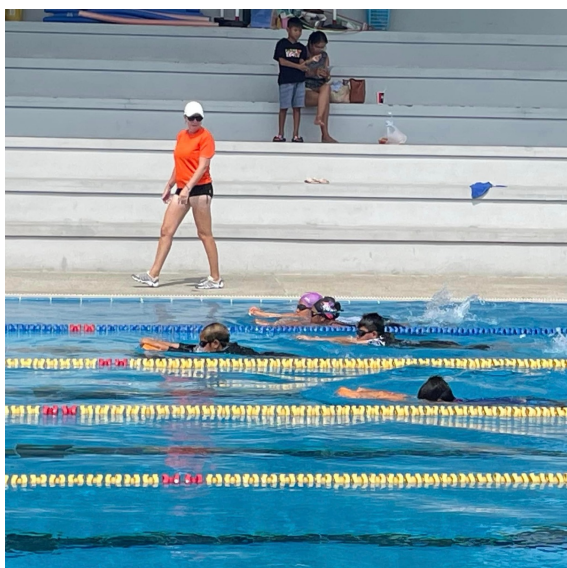


Swim4Life Pro

After a three week break for the Thai New Year / Songkran festival we're diving back in with our Swim4LifePRO Program. Thanks to the superb facilities at [SuperPro Samui](#) and Rotary members who are professional swim coaches from Australia and Canada we are able to give world class opportunities to local Thai kids.

About 16 children regularly attend this program which involved drill practice and stroke improvement in a 25 meter pool too deep for any of them to stand up in. All these kids have graduated from our Swim4Life Program which means before joining the program they could barely do a doggy paddle.

Assistant coaches, lifeguards, pool side supervisors - always welcome. 2-3pm every Saturday. Get in touch by reply to this newsletter.

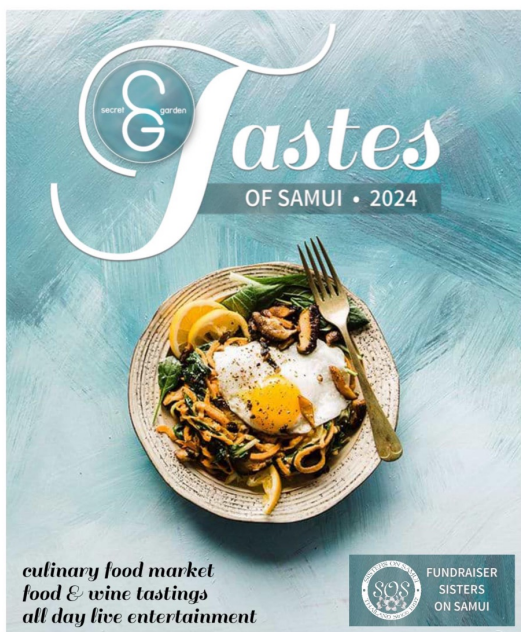


More Community Outreach

Two years ago we bought Fud this electric wheelchair thanks to an amazing fundraiser at [Chi Samui](#). Fud's brittle bone disorder meant that he was regularly breaking his arms trying to push himself in a manual wheelchair.

Now it's time for a complete maintenance overhaul. Because it's impossible for Fud to move around without his wheelchair, we paid for an engineer to come down from Karma Medical Bangkok for a full service and instruct Fud and Auntie on best practice to look after the equipment.

Shout out also must go to the excellent service from Karma Medical Thailand - รถเข็นวีลแชร์คาร์มา. If you need any kind of mobility equipment in Thailand, you won't go wrong with this Thai-Taiwanese company.



Two great events coming up on June

Culinary Food Market - Saturday 22 June 1pm-8pm. Eat drink and be merry all in support of Samui's favourite sisters: [The Sisters on Samui Charity](#). Superb beach front location at [Secret Garden](#) with sublime sunsets thrown in for free.

Samui Green Market - Sunday June 30th from 4:30pm-8pm at Greenlight Cafe, Fisherman's Village Bophut LIVE MUSIC, healthy organic food & beverages, other home-made foods, arts & crafts, hand-made jewellery & candles, clothing, pottery and more! [More details here](#)

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can distribute happiness**

Paulo Coelho

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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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