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No. 2617
29th April 2016

Today's Topic:

"50 YEARS AS A NUN IN THAILAND"

Sister Louise

MEETINGS :
EVERY FRIDAY
AT NOON

ANUTIN CHARNVIRAKUL DELIVERING VITAL ORGANS

By RTN Frank Timmons

On Friday afternoon 22 April RCBS was honored to host a presentation by Anutin Charnvirakul. Anutin is the leader of the Bhumjaithai Party, former Chairman of Sino Thai Engineering, and is viewed as a strong future Prime Minister candidate. He has a BS in Industrial Engineering from Hofstra University in the USA, an Honorary doctorate degree in Civil Engineering from Ramkhamhaeng University, and a Mini MBA from Thammasat University.

Anutin noted that his father was a Rotarian, and he spoke of the importance of helping others.

In addition to his business and political responsibilities, Anutin enjoys flying his own airplanes. He has combined his love of flying and his desire to help others in need by volunteering to transport sick patients and transplant organs.

In the past year, Anutin has flown 10 flying missions in support of heart transplants. He works closely with the Organ Transplant Division of the Red Cross. The Red Cross maintains a transplant registry that is very carefully managed to ensure fairness, matching available organs with sick patients. They use a system of random matching to assign donated organs to recipients. Anutin explained that the Red Cross system ensures that they have no way of knowing the identity of the recipients, ensuring that there is no chance for corruption or favoritism.

Time is very critical for the success of transplant organs. A human heart must be transplanted within 6 hours. Air transport is therefore required to ensure that organs can be collected and delivered most quickly. Pilots must adhere to strict rules concerning consumption



of alcohol prior to flying. Since Anutin must be on call 24x7 to be available immediately whenever an organ donor flight is required, he no longer drinks alcohol.

Anutin explained that donated organs must come from healthy donors who have been the victims of sudden catastrophe. He said that "the donors don't know that in 2 hours they will be dead." One organ donor can provide up to five organs, a heart, two kidneys, lungs, and a liver. One organ donor flight can therefore save up to five lives. The first Thai heart transplant patient received his heart in 1987 and is still alive; many recipients enjoy long lives after receiving their life saving transplant.

Anutin described his role of delivering vital human organs as "a job of pride, not a job of duty." He downplayed his personal role in the process. He described himself as being the postman, and he gave much credit to the doctors and medical professionals who obtain, remove, prepare, and transplant the organs to patients who are otherwise terminally ill. He also gave great credit to the Thai Red Cross who diligently manages the process.



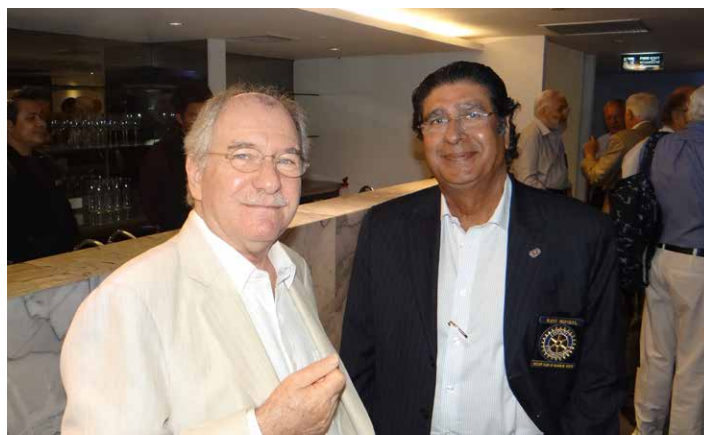
RTN Mark and guest Robert Lomnitz



RTN Dougie and guest Barry South



PP Narinder wins the bid for the Penfolds Vintage Port



RTN Patrick and RTN Ravi enjoy fellowship



P Narain and RTN Songkran present a Certificate of Appreciation to Anutin Charnvirakul



RTN Roy wins the Cosmos whisky and donates it to charity

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Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2617

29 April 2016

Happy Birthdays:

Vitool Tantaranant May 12

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Leo Alexandersen May 1
Poul Weber May 1
Mark Marshall May 5
Pichai Kanivichaporn May 9
Lars Hansen May 10

Attendance for 8th April 2016: 66%

Present 43, Make-up 13, Absent 17, Exemption 29, Total 102

Visiting for 8th April 2016

From Local:

Rtn. Eid Jazairi RC of Bangkok
PP Kriangsak RC of Bangkok
PDG Krit Indhewat RC of Bangkok
PP Santi Chartejee RC of Bangkok

From Abroad:

Patrick McDonald RC of ISE Valley, UK
PP Stanley MacDonald RC of Barbados, Barbados

Invited Guests:

Barry South
Bruce McDonald
Robert Lomnitz
Sunny Patel
Tom Krusopon

Introduced by:

Stuart Lucani
Doug Riach
Mark Wolf
John Casella
Songkran Grachangnetara

Recent Makeups:

RC of Nicosia, 7th April 2016: Sievert Larsson
E-Club One, 14th April 2016: Chip Bowness

Makeups:

Board, 18th April 2016: Finbarr O'Connor, John Casella, Joop van Delden, PE Krin Charnmaytesakul, P Narain Suradejvibul, Tim Cornwall

Program, 19th April 2016: PP Andrew MacPherson, Colin Hastings, Dana Caron, Dean Outerson, PP Don Lavoie, Joop van Delden, PE Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Mark Butters, PP Michael Schulz, P Narain Suradejvibul, PP Narinder Sachdev, PP Philip Baechtold, Prasert Mangkornkarn, PP Renato Porzio, Rick Smith, PP Sean Brady, Songkran Grachangnetara, PP Wanit Mekdhanasarn

Inter-Club Delegation to RC Srpathum, 20th April 2016:

Adrian Topham, PP Andrew MacPherson, Doug Riach, CP Geoff Carter, PP John Quarmby, P Narain Suradejvibul, PP Nigel Hardy, Tim Cornwall

Club Assembly, 22nd April 2016: Adrian Topham, PP Andrew MacPherson, Dana Caron, Dean Outerson, PP Don Lavoie, Doug Riach, Frank Timmons, Gerard Garaets, Jean-Marie Cattand, John Casella, John Chirgwin, Manu Mekdhanasarn, PP Mark Butters, Mark Shaw, Mark Wolf, Michael Bain, P Narain Suradejvibul, PP Nigel Hardy, Ola Holngren, Patrick Gauvain, Paul Russell, Peter Upperton, PP Philip Baechtold, Ravi Seghal, Roy Howard, Rudy van der Hoeven, Rui Belo, Stuart Lucani, Tim Cornwall, Yod Tantaranant

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 6th May 2016 – NO MEETING – Additional Holiday announced by the Cabinet on 6 October 2015

Friday, 13th May 2016 – Dr Sita Sumrit "Gender Based Violence"

Friday, 20th May 2016 – NO MEETING – Visakha Bucha Day

Tuesday, 24th May 2016 – Inter-club Delegation to RC Pathumwan, Montien Hotel from 12.15 pm

Friday, 27th May 2016 – Mechai Viravaidya "A New dawn in Rural Thai Education"

Friday, 3rd June 2016 – Edwin Wiek "Wildlife in Tourism"

Friday, 10th June 2016 – PP Nigel Hardy "Thai Fisheries at the Crossroads"

Friday, 17th June 2016 – Rang Mahal Fellowship at Rembrandt Hotel, with Indian Buffet – LADIES DAY

Friday, 24th June 2016 – NO MEETING – Installation Dinner on Saturday, 25th April 2016

Saturday, 25th June 2016 – Installation Dinner at Anantara Hotel , Rajdamri Road , details "TBC"

Friday, 1st July 2016 – President Krin Charnmaytesakul "President's Day"

Friday, 8th July 2016 – Pichai Chuensuksawadi, topic "TCB"

Friday, 15th July 2016 – Bruno Biondi "Origins of Languages"

Friday, 22nd July 2016 – Peace Fellows from the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University

Friday, 29th July 2016 – Professor Ian Fenwick "Fool, I'm Thirsty. May I Drink Your Cool-Aid"

For more information about Bangkok South events contact: rotarybangkoksouth.org/calendar-of-events

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