

# SOUTH WIND

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No. 2633  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

Today's Topic:

**"HOW TO MAKE MONEY"**

Adrian Topham



MEETINGS:  
EVERY FRIDAY  
AT NOON

## POUL WEBER CHRYSANTHEMUM PROJECT

By RTN Roy Howard

Last week's audience was treated to a presentation by one of the Club's longest serving members, RTN Poul Weber. The subject of Poul's speech was the contribution made by the Rotary Club of Bangkok South to His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej for His Royal Project Foundation in 1983. This involved the sourcing of chrysanthemum seeds from Japan, which were presented to His Majesty at the Royal Palace in Hua Hin in May, 1983, and attended by Prince Bhisadej Rajani, P Nigel Hardy, PE Chainarong Indharameesup, Vicky and Poul Weber and 3 Rotarians from Kamakura Ofuna Rotary Club, Japan. A speech from the Japanese delegation was translated into English and then into 'Royal Thai' by PE Chainarong, who then delivered it to His Majesty on behalf of our Japanese friends.

A member of RCBS since 1978, Poul has lived in Thailand since 1960, working initially for the East Asiatic Company and then Berli Jucker until his retirement in 1995. Never one to sit at home, Poul has gone on to become involved with the Danish Investment Fund, the DZ Card Company and he currently serves as Honorary Consul-General for Iceland. An early interest in sailing brought Poul in to

contact with Prince Bhisadej and eventually to meet His Majesty, who developed a keen interest in sailing to a level which won Him a Gold Medal in the OK Dinghy Class at the 1967 SEAP Games.

Through his contact with Prince Bhisadej Rajani, who founded the Varuna Marine Club together with PP Walter Meyer, Poul became interested in His Majesty's Royal Project Foundation, which was established in 1969 and headed by Prince Bhisadej, who stills heads this foundation. The aim of the Royal Project was to help Thailand's Hill Tribe



people move away from growing opium and to grow alternative crops including vegetables, flowers and fruit. Today, the Royal Project operates 3 main research stations and 35 agricultural stations in the mountains around Chiang Mai, with a turnover in excess of Baht 1 Billion per year. In stark contrast to the growth of 200 tons of opium in the area in 1969, the Royal Project now produces organic vegetables served daily at top hotels like The Oriental, and on flights catered to by THAI's flight kitchen. Flowers, including chrysanthemums are available at flower shops throughout the Kingdom and overseas. It is estimated that 39,000 Hill Tribe villagers have benefited from His Majesty's vision and initiatives.

As a follow-up project, RCBS is investigating the possibility of another contribution of seeds to the Royal Project Foundation working with Prince Bhisadej and the Rotary Club of Kamakura Ofuna. RTN Moto is currently in Japan pursuing this project. At the conclusion of RTN Poul's speech, a question arose over his correct title within Rotary Club of Bangkok South. Having been selected and approved as President Elect of RCBS some years ago, but due to unavoidable circumstances, unable to take up the role of President, should he remain as "RTN" or assume the unique designation as "XPE"!



*RTN Tim, RTN Mark and RTN Adrian enjoy fellowship*



*RTN Leo and PE Jon greet the camera*



*RTN Jean-Marie, RTN Elmar and P Krin enjoy pre-lunch drinks*



*Guests: Chimpoonuch Badinworawat, Charles Au, Giuggia Sebastien*



*RTN Leo, PP Burin and P Krin present a Certificate of Appreciation to RTN Pool*



*RTN Jean-Marie wins the Cosmos whisky and donates it to charity*



*Three generous Rotarians who each gave Baht 2,000 for the same bottle of whisky*



*RTN Ola finally gets to take home the prize.*

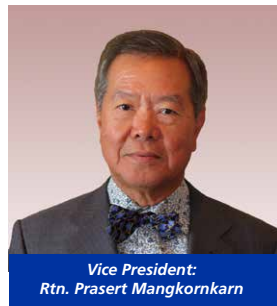
# NOMINATIONS FOR RCBS 2018-2019 PRESIDENT & 2017-2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As Chairman of the RCBS nominating committee 2017-2018, appointed by President Krin Charnmaytesakul (Ken), we are pleased to announce nominations for club president in 2018-2019 and for our board of directors during 2017-2018. PP Don Lavoie.

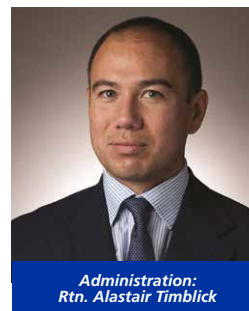
## PRESIDENT 2017-2018



## PRESIDENT ELECT 2018-2019



## DIRECTORS 2017-2018



# Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2633

## 2 December 2016

### Happy Birthdays:

None

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

CP Geoffrey Carter	December 2
Rakesh Sodhia	December 2
Frank Timmons	December 7
PP Michael Doyle	December 7

### Attendance for 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016: 61%

Present 24, Make-up 14, Absent 34, Exemption 32, Total 104

### Visiting for 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016

#### From Local

Eid Jazairi	RC Bangkok
PP Mohan V. Utamchandani	RC Bangkok

#### From Abroad:

None

### Invited Guests:

Charles Au  
Chimponuch Badinworawat  
Girma Opersat  
Giuggia Sebastien  
Sasichai Knoke  
Vicki Weber

### Introduced by:

Vinai Phuthinin  
Vinai Phuthinin  
Carol Kuhn  
Vinai Phuthinin  
Heinz Knoke  
Poul Weber

### Recent Makeups:

**RC Srapathum, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016:** PP John Quarmby

**RC Bangkok, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016:** Adrian Topham,  
Doug Riach, Mikko Lainejoki, PP Sean Brady

### Makeups:

**COS, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016:** Adrian Topham, Doug Riach,  
P Krin Charnmaytesakul, Mark Shaw, IPP Narain Suradejvibul,  
Peter Upperton, Stuart Lucani,

**Board, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016:** Dean Outerson, Doug Riach,  
Finbarr O'Connor, P Krin Charnmaytesakul, John Casella,  
PE Jon Plate, Mark Wolf, Ola Holmgren, Peter Upperton,  
Prasobsook Thawilvejjakul, Roy Howard

## CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – LADIES' DAY: Stefan Paul Sanchez – OPERA LIVE and Sister Louise Xmas Articles Sale

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – Club Christmas Dinner at PP Don's and Danielle's Home

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – No Meeting – due to Xmas Dinner the previous day

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 – Fellowship: Wine Buffet – Inhouse Someliers

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – No Meeting due to holiday season

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – New Year Predictions 2017 with a panel of speakers

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Brian Sinclair Thompson – "The State of Thailand's Airline and Tourism Industry"

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – LUANGSIT PRESENTATION DAY – M.R. Ophas Kanchanavijaya "President of the Needy Student Foundation & Students"

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – His Eminence Cardinal Francis Xavier Kriengsak Kovithavanij, Archbishop of Bangkok "The Catholic Church in Thailand"

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 – PP Philip Baechtold "Assisted Suicide"

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