

SOUTH WIND

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No. 2639
27th January 2017

Today's Topic:

"COINS ON SILOM APPRECIATION"

RTN Douglas Riach



MEETINGS:
EVERY FRIDAY
AT NOON

LUANGSIT APPRECIATION DAY M.R. OPHAS KANCHANAVIJAYA

By RTN Tim Cornwall

Luang Sit, a name familiar to everyone in our club, is actually the name of knighthood, (Luang Sit Sayamkarn) bestowed on Thian Hock Hoontakul, the 1959-1960 Governor of the then Rotary District 330. PDG Thian served in many ministerial positions for various governments and helped to found our club in 1961.

Unfortunately, he passed away in 1963 leading our 1964/1965 President PP Wudhi Mekdhanasarn, with member support, to set up a permanent scholarship fund to help needy children in their quest to gain further education.

The Luang Sit Sayamkarn Scholarship Fund was established in his name with the first Luang Sit Scholarship Fund Committee chaired by PP Wudhi.

Over the years, the fund has grown with donations from members, family and friends on birthdays, wedding anniversaries or other special days and now stands at just over 2.3 Million Baht with the interest used to support as many students as possible.

In 1985, the club set up the Luang Sit Fellowship with an annual payment sent to the Foundation for the Welfare of Needy School Children based on the interest earned and the number of individual sponsorships (now 81 people sponsoring 103 students).

While the 8,000 Baht annual payment might not seem like a lot, for many students sharing accommodation, it can cover their rent for the year or, if used for lunch and dinner at university, cover a year's needs (320 meals), making this support vital for so many to continue their university education.

MR Ophas Kanchanavijaya, President of the Foundation, Mr Veeraska Hoonmekavech, Luang Sit Alumni and Deputy Treasurer and Khun Kanokphon Thongem, a current recipient sponsored by RTN Joop attended the meeting and shared their perspectives.

Mom Rajawongse Ophas reviewed the Foundation for the welfare of Needy School Children's history, operations, fund sources and the three scholarships they offer and the variety of students sponsored, ranging from elementary to university.

Mr. Veeraska, a frequent visitor to the club, and one of the first to receive support from the fund, reminded us as to how important this help was to him while at Chulalongkorn back in the early 1960s and how much he has given back in return.

Finally, a very brave, Khun Kanokphon thanked us, and RTN Joop, for the support she is receiving and shared with us about her studies to become an English teacher and her dream to return to her home town to share her knowledge and skills.

This proved to be the most poignant moment during the meeting and begs the question as to why some 42 members in our club are not Luang Sit Fellows, especially taking into consideration it does not cost much more than one meal a month at Rotary, or three rounds of golf, or one less beer per week throughout the year.

Hopefully, the cheque we send next year will be for 1M Baht, up from the 742K we gave this year. In doing so, we can help even more to eliminate a root cause of poverty, a lack of education, instead of helping to alleviate the results of poverty.





SNAPSHOTS FROM RCBS LUNCH, 20TH JANUARY, 2017



IPP Narain, RTN Joop, RTN John and SAA Mark enjoy the fellowship



PP Andrew, RTN Cigar Joe and RTN Ola smile to the camera



PN Dean, Rtn Rakesh and PP Philip are ready for lunch



M.R. Opas Kanchanavijaya, President of the Foundation for the Welfare of Needy School Children, addresses to RCBS



Khun Veeraska Hoonmekavech, Luang Sit Alumni and Deputy Treasurer, shares his experiences with us



Khun Kanokphon Thongeim, a current recipient sponsored by RTN Joop, also talked to us.



P Ken presents our Certificate of Appreciation to M.R. Opas



RTN Stuart goes home with the Cosmos prize

RCBS ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY, 30TH MARCH, 2017

Rotary

ROTARY CLUB OF BANGKOK SOUTH

At Thana City Golf and Sports Club
THURSDAY, 30th March 2017

3,500 BAHT PER PERSON, TEAMS OF 5, INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES ACCEPTED

<p><small>Fee includes: Green Fee, Caddy Fee, Noodle Brunch, on course Food/Drink Stations, Pre-dinner drinks, Free-flow Vodka Bar, Buffet Dinner, Wine and Beer. (Caddy tips and golf carts not included)</small></p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">09:30-11:00</td> <td>Register and Brunch</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">12:00</td> <td>Shotgun Start</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">18:00</td> <td>Pre-Dinner Drinks</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">18:45</td> <td>Dinner, Presentations and Prize Draws</td> </tr> </table>	09:30-11:00	Register and Brunch	12:00	Shotgun Start	18:00	Pre-Dinner Drinks	18:45	Dinner, Presentations and Prize Draws
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Dear fellow Rotarians and your golfing friends,

This Year RC Bangkok South is holding our 28th annual golf day at Thana City Golf Club on Thursday 30th March 2017. Shot Gun starts at 12.00.

We invite you to join us for a wonderful day of golf fun and fellowship.

The entry registration form is available on RCBS website at <http://rotarybangkoksouth.org/wp-content/uploads/Registration-Form-2017-Rotary-Club-of-Bangkok-South-Golf.pdf> or contact **Khun Khob** at info@rotarybangkoksouth.org.

We ask you to enter in Rotary Club members in a team of 5 players to be eligible for the Inter Club Team Trophy. Individual entries are also available if you cannot make up a team of 5 players.

We look forward to you and your club members joining us for this our golf day.

Any questions, please contact our Office manager Khun Khob at 02-632-9160 or 081-694-1139 or info@rotarybangkoksouth.org.

Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2639

27 January 2017

Happy Birthdays:

Sievert Larsson January 29
PP Don La Voie February 2

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Kurt Wachtveitl January 27

Attendance for 20th January 2017: 61%

Present 37, Make-up 8, Absent 29, Exemption 32, Total 106

Visiting for 20th January 2017

From Local

None

From Abroad:

None

Invited Guests:

Chris Trogh
Kanokphon Thongem
Lee Howarth
Pornpimol Mala
Supattra Limpabandhu
Veerasak Hoonmekavech

Introduced by:

Vinai Phutthinin
PP Ole Madsen
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Recent Makeups:

RC Barbados, 12th January 2017: PP Stanley Mac Donald
RC Bangkok, 19th January 2017: PP Narinder Sachdev

Makeups:

TRF, 11th January 2017: Dana Caron, CP Geoffrey Carter, PE Jon Plate, P Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Krit Wongsangarunsri, Manu Mekdhanasarn, Moto Kakiuchi, Ola Holmgren, Pichai Kanivichaporn, Rod Vergara, Rui belo, Van Tang, PP Vichai Tantratitvut

SW Future Meeting, 13th January 2017: Roy Howard, Tim Cornwall

Golf Prep., 13th January, 2017: Doug Riach, P Krin Charnmaytesakul, Lalit Kumar, Mark Shaw, Mark Wolf, Moto Kakiuchi, Rakesh Sodhia, Ravi Sehgal, Stuart Lucani

Board, 16th January 2017: Alastair Timblich, PN Dean Outerson, John Casella, PE Jon Plate, P Krin Charnmaytesakul, Mark Wolf, Ola Holmgren, Peter Upperton, Yod Tantikanunant

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 3rd February 2017 – PP Philip Baechtold
"Assisted Suicide"

Thursday, 9th February 2017 – PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP DINNER – HE Ambassador of Ireland Mr. Brendan Roger – Ireland – Grand Hyatt Erawan Residence 303

Friday, 10th February 2017 – Mr. Arun Misra, Head, Asia Pacific of ICAO – Missing Airplanes

Friday, 10th February 2017 – Inter-Club Delegation to RC Royal Hua Hin for its "Annual Multi-Rotary Club Family and Friends Night" at Amari Hua Hin Resort & Spa at 6 pm.

Friday, 17th February 2017 – Ariya Banomyong, MD of Line Thailand – The Influence Of Social Media In Thailand

Friday, 24th February 2017 – "Where is Thailand going Politically?" – Pana Janviroj, Editor in Chief – The Nation

Friday, 03rd March 2017 – Thailand Start Up Scene – Krating Poonpol (also Club Delegation invited to visit RC Bangkok South)

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

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