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Today's Topic:

**"WHY I CHOSE TO BECOME A PEACE FELLOW"
PRESENTATION BY 3 PEACE FELLOWS**



MEETINGS:
EVERY FRIDAY
AT NOON

MARK WOLF, REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT INTERVIEW BY RTN DANA CARON

By RTN Tim Cornwall

Portland, Maine (Rtn Dana) interviewed Portland, Oregon (SAA Mark), with a new idea for a classification interview in the annals of Bangkok South Rotary Club – not only let us know the interviewee's classification, do it first.

They then broke into a bit of sports banter, comparing NFL teams they support and their quite different success rates, deflategate and a few other jabs about teams and the best place in Bangkok to watch the Super Bowl.

As expected, the next question was about Rtn Mark's constant wearing of a baseball cap. What was not expected was the story behind it. While Mark was not a very good baseball player, he loved to coach and over the many years, coached over 1,000 Washington and Oregon kids. Invited by the US State Department and the Cuban Government, his 13/14 year-old team (the Washington Wolfpack) was the first American youth to play in Cuba since the Bay of Pigs. Despite playing against Cubans who would soon be in the 'Big Show' in the US, his team won.

Later, at the 1999 World Championships, the team was pegged to win the tournament, but got off to a rocky start losing their first game against the Dominican Republic. It was a double-elimination tourney with 96 teams. In a scene from baseball movies, the coach, Mark, said that he would be proud of them if they ended with a winning record of 3 wins and 2 losses.

The team, however, wanted to know what would happen if they won the next 17 games and won the championship. "What did they want?" he asked. The team responded that "If we win, you will never take off your baseball cap again." The deal was made, and in true 'only the in movies' style, his team went on to win the Championship.



However, the story does not end there. His neighbor, former Oregon Duck (like Mark) and the founder of Nike, saw the story and mentioned that he also always wore his and that if he were to see a picture of Mark without the hat, Mark would lose his house. And, as Paul Harvey would say, "Now you know the rest of the story."

A second story, as is typical of many in the club, was about his first wife (American – 26-year marriage) and second wife (Thai). With two sons from his previous marriage, Mark is now the proud father of an "unexpected" young daughter we all know he dotes on like crazy.

The third and the more involved story was about Mark's venture capital experiences in starting up the Puget Sound Venture Club, which, while he was with it, rejected Starbucks,

"who wants to pay \$2 for a cup of coffee?" and Costco, "who's going to pay for a membership to go shopping?" Having set up a local venture capital club here in Bangkok with some 400 members, they have reviewed over 500 Thai start-ups. Mark also judges various startup competitions in SE Asia and speaks around the region.

He concluded his interview in talking about why Bellevue, Washington has so many billionaires. The answer, Bill Gates has an amazing talent to find talent, who a few years after they join Microsoft, branch out into their own businesses, Zillow, Expedia, Nintendo, GoDaddy, for example are startup ideas from Microsoft alums and were founded in the Seattle area. What is needed, he said, is a core business that brings in the talent. Mark is in the midst of two startups in the Nutraceutical and real estate fields in Thailand. These startups keep him very busy getting ready to launch in 2017.

An interesting classification interview, Mark certainly shared teasers from his past and a few previews to his future.



RTN Stuart with guest Keild caught in the moment!



RTN Poul with guests Johnny Niska and Ghaff



Rotarians Moto and Prasert enjoying some Rotarian fellowship



All the President's men... PP Krit and PP Banvech



Rotoractors Mailee from Toulouse, France and Tomas from Brazil are enjoying some Rotarian fellowship



Separated at birth (Part 2) PP Michael with guest Keild



Rotarian Mark lays down the law!



Lucky guest Johnny wins the weekly Cosmos prize presented by Rotoractor Mailee

RCBS ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT 2017

THURSDAY, 30TH MARCH

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

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)

09:30-11:00	Register and Brunch
12:00	Shotgun Start
18:00	Pre-Dinner Drinks
18:45	Dinner, Presentations and Prize Draws



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 Shotgun start 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 #2643

24 February 2017

Happy Birthdays:

PP Michael Doyle February 26
 PP Peter-Michael Schuster February 27
 Heinz Knoke March 2

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Mototoshi Kakiuchi March 1

Attendance for 17th February 2017: 64%

Present 27, Make-up 20, Absent 27, Exemption 32, Total 106

Visiting for 17th February 2017

From Local

AG Dr. Salakjit Nopakum RC Bangrak
 Stefan Bruns RC Bangkokpi

From Abroad:

PP Per Dibber RC Barbados, Barbados

Invited Guests:

Ghaff Khan
 James Long
 Johnny Niska
 Kield Olsen

Introduced by:

Doug Riach
 Dana Caron
 Poul Weber
 PP Michael Schulz

Recent Makeups:

RC Barbados, 9th February 2017: PP Stanley Mac Donald
RC Ramna, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 7th February 2017:
 Mikko Lainejoki,
RC Bangkokpi, 14th February 2017: Adrian Topham, Arie Bloed

Makeups:

TRF, 9th February 2017: PP Andrew MacPherson, Dana Caron, PE Jon Plate, P Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Krit Wongsangarunsri, Moto Kakiuchi, IPP Nairain Suradejvibul, Ola Holmgren, Rui Belo, Van Tang, PP Vichai Tantratvivut

Interclub Delegation to RC Royal Hua Hin, 10th February 2017:

Douglas Riach, PP Mark Butters, Mark Wolf, Michael Bain, Mikko Lainejoki, PP Nigel Hardy, PP Peter-Michael Schuster

Service Projects, 13th February 2017:

Adrian Topham, Dougie Riach, John Casella, PP John Quarmbly, Mike Bain, Stuart Lucani

Program, 14th February 2017:

PP Andrew MacPherson, Dana Caron, Doug Riach, PE Jon Plate, P Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Mark Butters, PP Michael Schulz, IPP Narain Suradejvibul, PP Niti Meyer, PP Philip Beachtold, Prasert Mangkornkarn, Prasobsook Thawilvejjakul, Rakesh Sodhia, PP Renato Porzio, Rick Smith, PP Sean Brady

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 03rd March 2017 – Krating Poonpol on Thailand Start Up Scene - Outline: Krating is an ex-Googler from Silicon Valley and now a venture partner of 500 Startups, a US based seed fund. He is often referred to as the "the start-up godfather" in Thailand. He will be talking on the start-up scene in Thailand. (Also : this is the date that Club Delegations from other Rotary Clubs are invited to RCBS).

Friday, 10th March 2017 – H.E. The Ambassador of the USA Diplomatic Adventures on Seven Continents PP Mark Butters ok ok Dana Caron Don LaVoie – Outline: H.E. Glyn Davies is a career diplomat who has served his country on seven continents, including Antarctica, a posting which holds some extraordinary experiences worth sharing.

Friday, 17th March 2017 – Irish Day at Roadhouse BBQ - LADIES DAY St. Patrick's Day – Outline: A fellowship day for the enjoyment of Rotarians and spouses. Rtn. Frank Crocker will bring along his concertina and give us a tune here and there plus some of the shorter version of his Irish jokes, and on request Rtn. Dana Caron will colour the beer green.

Friday, 24th March 2017 – Voranai Vanijaka How is Thai Society changing? – Outline: Voranai has spiced up our meetings before when he was a Bangkok Post columnist with a Texan idea of freedom-of-speech. He has morphed into a different kind of media and will give us insights into how Thai society is changing.

Friday, 31st March 2017 – Indian Religions with a Panel of 3 Internal Speakers. – Outline: Much knowledge and talent is hidden in our club and here we present our 3 top experts on Indian Religions, with Rtn. Ravi Seghal speaking on India's oldest religion, Hinduism, Rtn. Rakesh Sodhia on Jainism and IPP Narain Suradejvibul on Sikhism. MC Carol Kuhn will put it all into a worldly context.

Friday, 7th April 2017 – Dr. Tuntikorn Rungpatana (Dr. Oob) – LADIES DAY Soi-Dog Foundation – Outline: We've all been barked at, some even bitten, and many have felt pity for some of the more tragic incarnations of Bangkok's soi dogs. Dr. Oob will tell us why there are so many soi dogs, how he snips them and whether euthanasia is ever an option.

For more information about Bangkok South events contact:
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