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Today's Topic: **"Global banks : Challenges and Out-look"**
Chris Pornchai Prasertsintanah

MEETINGS : EVERY FRIDAY AT NOON

THE SOI DOG FOUNDATION DR. TUNTIKORN RUNGPATANA

By RTN Tim Cornwall

Dr Tuntikorn Rungpatana was with us last week to share some background to his work with the Bangkok branch of the Soi Dog Foundation whose mandate is to improve the welfare of dogs and cats in Asia, resulting in better lives for both the animal and human communities, to end animal cruelty, and to ultimately create a society without homeless animals.

Soi Dog Foundation is a non-profit, registered charitable organization in Thailand, the United States, Australia, the UK, France, Canada and Holland. Its aim is to help homeless, neglected and abused dogs and cats in Asia, to end the dog meat trade in the region, and to respond to animal welfare disasters and emergencies.

Their goal, and one they are doing admirably, is be an example for the region as to how to humanely reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats by spaying and neutering and to improve stray dog and feral cat lives and living conditions.

The Soi Dog Foundation aim is to prevent unnecessary suffering of stray animals through its wide scale CNVR program (Capture, Sterilize, Vaccinate



& Release). The idea being that by reducing unwanted animals from being born, overpopulation decreases and unnecessary suffering is curtailed.

Street dogs and cats are a fact of life in Thailand and throughout SE Asia. Thailand alone is home to well over 2 million with Bangkok responsible for 30 per cent or over 600,000. Soi Dog believes that only effective and humane method of addressing unnecessary suffering (overpopulation) is through wide scale sterilization programs resulting in manageable population levels, which he added might take up to 10 years before we begin to see noticeable changes.

Removing strays from their territory is not practical or effective and in fact, contributes to over-population as unsterilized animals move in to take advantage of available food sources and breeding continues. Sterilizing stray animals and leaving them in their environment prevents this.

He went on to explain that they had recently reached a milestone of over 142,420 dogs and cats sterilized. Over the years its sterilization and vaccination program has continued to grow. They firmly believe that the only effective and humane means to end street animal needless suffering is through sterilization. It has been scientifically proven that once a "tipping point" of 75 to 80 percent of the stray population is sterilized, significant declines in population begin to occur. He went on to explain how at first, they would work with animals from all over the city, but now, they move into one area, survey numbers and do their best to reach this tipping point.

This is also important as he mentioned that of 8425 animals tested last year, 607 were found to be infected with rabies.

Soi Dog was founded in 2003 by Margot Homburg Park and John and Gill Dalley, who recently passed away. Phuket was growing rapidly at the time and the stray dog population was increasing at an even faster pace. Witnessing the suffering endured by street animals the three held Soi Dog's first clinics with volunteer overseas vets, later going to local vets who helped and finally, now with their own clinic and mobile clinics.



AG Salakjit from RC Bangrak, 2 Rotaractors, P Krin



Poul Weber, his guest Kurt Neilsen, PE Jon



IPP Narain, former member Peter Jager, RTN Moto



RTNS Mark Wolf, Sievert, Adrian



PP Andrew, PP Kriangsak (RC Bangkok), PP Krit, PP Per, RTN Chris Trogh



Dr. Oob, our Guest Speaker



RTNS Ron, Tom, Dr. Oob and P Ken



RTN John Chirgwin (Besides winning the Cosmos, he lost his wallet in the morning and got it back in the afternoon)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RCBS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT THANA CITY GOLF CLUB, 30TH MARCH, 2017

By RTN John Casella

On a great day for fellowship, fun, and fundraising, our 28th annual RCBS Charity Golf Tournament hit the target of Baht 400,000 in support of our charities. It was a hot day on the golf course, but there was plenty of beer and other refreshments which added to the enjoyment of golfers to 'beat the heat' throughout the day. There was also ample food from our generous F&B supporters, for which the RCBS tournament is famous in delivering as part of our tradition of excellence over the past 28 years.

Special thanks to all our generous sponsors and our Rotary Club members and volunteers who devoted a great deal of time and energy to ensuring that the event was an outstanding success. Special mention should be made of the tireless effort from RTN Ravi Sehgal who not only coordinated this event but also played on the winning team of the highly coveted Rotarians Cup.

A full complement of 30 teams participated in the tournament. New RTN Ragil Ratnam did an excellent job with the raffle, which raised more than THB210,000; while



sponsorship brought in THB155,000 and Mulligan elicited more than THB 37,000 in funds.

The pace of play during the day was reasonably brisk given the high temperature and the round was completed with plenty of sunlight to spare. Thana City put on a delicious dinner in their recently renovated banquet facilities and the awards ceremony ran smoothly. And those who stuck around until the end were treated to a live comedian, Canadian Brian Aylward from Newfoundland, sponsored by PP Sean Brady.

With RCBS's second biggest fundraiser of the year safely behind us, President Ken was able to conclude the day with a cold beer and a sigh of relief.



Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2650

21 April 2017

Happy Birthdays:

John Chirgwin	April 22
Lars Hansen	April 22
PP Michael Schulz	April 23
PDG Praphan Hutasingh	April 25
Tyrone Jenkins	April 27

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

None

Attendance for 7th April 2017: 54%

Present 29, Make-up 12, Absent 35, Exemption 32, Total 108

Visiting for 7th April 2017:

From Local

Eva-Maria Kerdpol	RC Bangkok
PP Kriangsak Srisilpavongse	RC of Bangkok
AG Dr. Salakjit Nopakum	RC Bangrak
PDG Gen. Saiyud Kerdpol	RC Bangkok

From Abroad:

None

Invited Guests:

Kidsasa Amatasawadee
Kurt S. Nielsen
Nattamon Boonsai
Peter Jager

Introduced by:

AG Dr. Salakjit Nopakum
Poul Weber
AG Dr. Salakjit Nopakum
IPP Narain Suradejvibul

Recent Makeups:

Rotary Club Zürich-Sihltal, Switzerland, 30th March 2017:

PP Philip Baechtold

RC Bangkok, 4th April 2017: Arie Bloed, PP Peter-Michael Schuster, PP Sean Brady

RC Feldkirch, Austria, 4th April 2017: Elmar Lins

Makeups:

Golf 2017, 30th March 2017: Dana Caron, Dean Outerson, PP Don La Voie, Douglas Riach, Gerard Geraets, John Casella, PE Jon Plate, P Krin Charnmaytesakul, Lalit Kumar, Lars Hansen, Michael Ellis, PP Michael Schulz, Mototoshi Kakiuchi, PP. Narindar Sachdev, PP Ole Madsen, Peter Upperton, PP Peter-Michael Schuster, Prasert Mangkornkarn, Ragil Ratnam, Rakesh Sodhia, Ravi Sehgal, Rod Vergara, Ronald Livingston, PP Sean Brady, Sievert Larsson, Stuart Lucani, PP Vichai Tantrativud, Wolfgang Minderjahn

RC DACH BKK Planning @Rotary Center, 1st April 2017:

PDG Alex Mavro

Membership, 5th April 2017: PN Dean Outerson, PP Don Lavoie, PE Jon Plate, P Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Mark Butters, PP Narain Suradejvibul, PP Ole Madsen, Rod Vergara, Rui Belo, PP Vichai Tantrativud

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 28th April 2017 – David Armstrong on Kamphaeng Phet Historical Park and its History – For all of us Bangkok long-timers a little history lesson from time to time is in order, particularly if delivered by our former member David, who has an illustrious background in journalism and who is putting Kamphaeng Phet back on the map for us.

Friday, 05th May 2017 – is no longer a holiday and we now have a meeting, with RTN Rick Smith filling the slot on – Business Valuations for Dummies

Friday, 12th May 2017 – Regular lunch. Program to be advised.

Friday, 19th May 2017 – Club Assembly at 11 am, followed by a regular lunch. Program to be advised.

Friday, 26th May 2017 – Regular lunch. Program to be advised

Saturday, 1st July 2017 – RCBS Installation Dinner at Anantara. More details to be advised.

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

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