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Today's Topic: "Why I chose to become a Peace Fellow"
Three Peace Fellows from the Rotary Peace Center

MEETINGS : EVERY FRIDAY AT NOON

THE LONG FIGHT AGAINST DRUG-RESISTANT TB* – DR MANOON LEECHAWENGWONG, MD, FACP, FCCP

Dr Manoon shared his story about how he, in Bangkok, and Dr Zarir Udawadia, in Mumbai, resemble each other in their three-decade battle to have the existence of three grades of drug-resistant tuberculosis** (TB) accepted as a real and present threat and danger.

This similarity between the two was reported in the New York Times in 2016 and noted that not only have they had to fight drug-resistant TB, they have also had to fight government agencies overseeing TB care.

In 1998, Dr Manoon wrote he had found ten multi-drug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) patients and recommended performing sputum culture (test to detect and identify bacteria or fungi infecting lungs or breathing passages) and drug susceptibility testing with all suspected TB cases to diagnose and treat drug-resistant TB.

At that time, the Department of Disease Control and representatives of the World Health Organization, (WHO) protested that these recommendations were irresponsible, impossible, useless and a waste of money.

Not to be deterred, Dr Manoon founded the Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis Research Fund under the Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Galayani Vadhana, Siriraj



Foundation to raise money to offer free TB culture and drug susceptibility testing to TB patients in government hospitals.

In 2007, Dr Manoon reported he had found 13 patients with extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB). In 2011, Dr Zarir reported he had found four patients with totally-drug-resistant TB (TDR-TB). Again, authorities in both countries opposed the reports claiming they were false as XDR-TB had never been reported, requested samples be retested and reprimanded both for causing panic and damage to their country's reputation.

Today, it is widely accepted drug-resistant tuberculosis is common and a health concern in both countries and sees both doctors working hard to call on authorities to conduct drug susceptibility testing in all TB patients so they can be treated appropriately and cut down on infection rates.

In the final part of his talk, Dr Manoon discussed his on-going research to find new drugs to fight TB and the success enjoyed with one drug, Sifaloxacin, an antibiotic used to treat lower respiratory and urinary tract infections.

With plans to publish his findings shortly, it remains to be seen how WHO and other organizations will react to his findings and what actions they or others will take to halt, or at least slow down, the spread of drug-resistant TB, a silent but deadly killer that, like Polio, needs to be eradicated.

**Tuberculosis (TB) is a multi-systemic infectious disease caused by mycobacterium tuberculosis, a rod-shaped bacterium and is the most common infectious disease killing about 1.1 to 1.7 million people each year. **Multidrug-resistant TB, (MDR-TB) – resistant to ten widely used drugs; extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB) – resistant to most anti-TB drugs and totally-resistant TB, (TDR-TB) – resistant to all drugs.*



SNAPSHOTS FROM RCBS LUNCH, 14th JULY, 2017



IPP Ken presents Rtn Frank with a Paul Harris Pin in recognition of his outstanding fund-raising efforts

All eyes on P Dougie

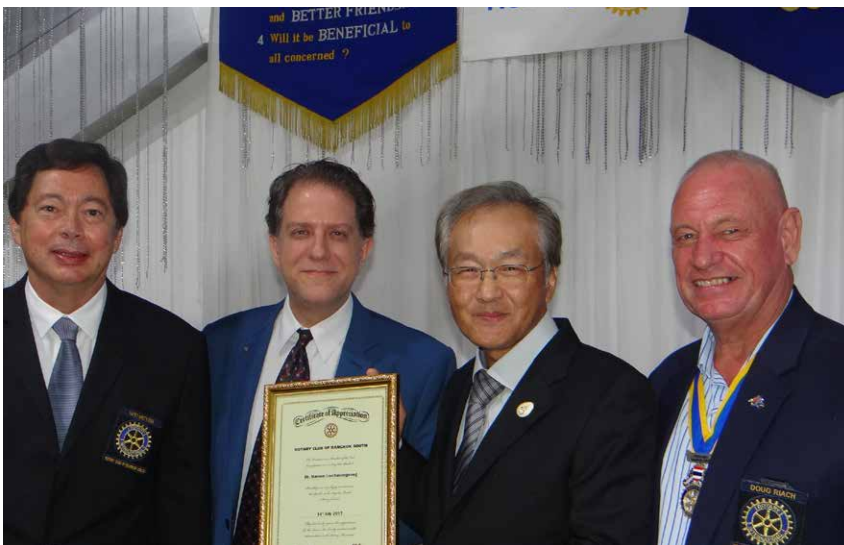


SAA Mike hard at work

Rotarians Chris and Carol collecting for Eddie's Charity from PP Volker (Bangkok Club) and VP Adrian



PP Nigel Hardy takes home the mystery bottle



Today's Program: PP Nitti, Rtn Dr Chase, Dr Manoon and P Dougie

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21 JULY 2017

Happy Birthdays:

Pat Bunsongsikul	July 21
Van Tang	July 26
Mark Wolf	July 28
PDG Alex Mavro	July 29
Elmar Lins	July 29
Kurt Wachtveitl	July 31

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

CP Chumpol Phornprapha	July 21
Jean-Marie Cattand	August 2

Attendance for 14 July 2017: 63%

Present 34, Make-up 22, Absent 16, Exemption 29, Total 101

Visiting for 14 July 2017:

Eva-Maria Kerdpol	RC Bangkok
PDG Gen. Saiyud Kerdpol	RC Bangkok
PP Sutham Sachaphimukh	RC Bangrak
PP Volker Braun	RC Bangkok

Invited Guests:

CJ Schneier
Jiraporn Meyer
Jonathan Avram
Uswin Chaiwiwat

Introduced by:

Dr. M Chase Schneier
PP Niti Meyer
Tevin Baechtold
IPP Krin Charnmaytesakul

Recent Makeups:

RC eCLUB ONE, 7 July 2017: PP Per Dibber
RC Eccleshall Mercia, UK, 10 July 2017: PP Mark Butters
RC Bangkok, 11 July 2017: PDG Alex Mavro
RC Tokyo Minato, 11 July 2017: Moto Kakiuchi
RC eCLUB ONE, 12 July 2017: Tom Banker

RCBS Installation Dinner, 1 July 2017: Adrian Topham, Alastair Timblich, Arie Bloed, PP Banvech Chantrasm, Billy Popham, Carol Kuhn, Colin Hastings, PE Dean Outerson, PP Don Lavoie, Elmar Lins, P Dougie Riach, Finbarr O'Connor, John Casella, Joop Van Delden, IPP Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Krit Wongseangarunsri, Leo Alexandersen, Manu Mekdhanasarn, Marco Casanova, PP Mark Butters, Mark Marshall, Mark Shaw, Mark Wolf, Michael Bain, PP Michael Schulz, PP Mike Doyle, Mike Ellis, Moto Kakiuchi, PP Narain Suradejvibul, PP Narinder Sachdev, PP Nart Lieucharoen, PP Nick Pisalyaput, PP Nigel Hardy, PP Niti Meyer, Ola Holmgren, Patrick Gauvain, PP Peter-Michael Schuster, PP Per Dibber, PP Philip Baechtold, Prasert Mangkornkarn, Prasobsook Thawilvajakul, Ragil Ratnam, Rakesh Sodhia, Rod Vergara, Ron Livingston, Rui Belo, Sievert Larsson, Stuart Lucani, Tevin Baechtold, Van Tang, PP Vichai Tantrativid, Vinai Phuthinin and Volker Betsch

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 28 July 2017 – No Meeting – due to public holiday:
H.M. The King's Birthday

Friday, 4 August 2017 – Club Birthday – At Crowne Plaza, 21st floor. Join the ritual as we ask our most senior members to cut the birthday cake and sing a song. Just kidding, but there will be something to laugh about in the light entertainment Rtn. Rick Smith and his panel are preparing for us.

Friday, 11 August 2017 – Edwin Wiek on Wildlife Issues. The last time Edwin, founder of Wildlife Friends of Thailand, spoke to us the tigers were being removed from the infamous Tiger Temple in Sai Yoke Disitric, one of his long-standing goals. What has happened since?

Friday, 18 August 2017 - Nicholas Leloup on Healthcare in South East Asia. A delegate of Samitivej Hospital, one of our Coins on Silom sponsors, Nicholas will give us news on how healthcare is developing in the region and what it means for us.

Friday, 25 August 2017 – Fergus Evans on How the UK anti-bribery laws affect Thailand. Fergus is known for his knowledge in cross-border asset and structured finance across Asia. He is also an aircraft financing practitioner. His topic suggests that in negotiations parties need to take more than just commercial considerations into account.

Friday, 1 September 2017 – tbc ... or several balls in the air, as Rtn. Rakesh, our program chairman, prefers to put it.

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