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Today's Topic: "New Year Predictions 2018 with a panel of speakers."

MEETINGS : EVERY FRIDAY AT NOON

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

As with many great programs, this time organized by Rtn Stefan Sanchez and featuring the amazing talent and voices by Kangsadan Kroekkamon, Natchapong Asavakarn and Santipat Santichiananta, it is difficult to know what to write to convey the joy and tranquility we all experienced as these three talented young singers regaled us with a selection of traditional, popular and modern Christmas carols.

To solve this dilemma, once again Wikipedia has saved the day with an interesting background to the first carol they sang, and by far my favorite.



Christmas Carol Singers:
Mr Santipat Santichiananta, Ms Kangsadan Kroekkamon and Mr Natchapong Asavakarn

Silent Night

Silent Night (German: Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht) is a popular Christmas carol, composed in 1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber to lyrics by Joseph Mohr in the small town of Oberndorf near Salzburg, Austria.

The song was first performed on Christmas Eve 1818 at St Nicholas parish church in Oberndorf, a village in the Austrian Empire on the Salzach river in present-day Austria.

A young priest, Father Joseph Mohr, had come to Oberndorf the year before. He had written the lyrics of the song "Stille Nacht" in 1816 at Mariapfarr, the hometown of his father in the Salzburg Lungau region, where Joseph had worked as a co-adjutor.

The melody was composed by Franz Xaver Gruber, schoolmaster and organist in the nearby village of Arnsdorf. Before Christmas Eve, Mohr brought the words to Gruber and asked him to compose a melody and

guitar accompaniment for the Christmas Eve mass. It is unknown what inspired Mohr to write the lyrics, or what prompted him to create a new carol.

According to Gruber, Karl Mauracher, an organ builder who serviced the instrument at the Obendorf church, was enamoured with the song, and took the composition home with him to the Zillertal. From there, two travelling families of folk singers, the Strassers and the Rainers, included the tune in their shows.

The Rainers were already singing it around Christmas 1819, and once performed it for an audience that included Franz I of Austria and Alexander I of Russia, as well as making the first performance of the song in the U.S., in New York City in 1839.

By the 1840s the song was well known in Lower Saxony and was reported to be a

favorite of Frederick William IV of Prussia. During this period, the melody changed slightly to become the version that is commonly played today.

Over the years, because the original manuscript had been lost, Mohr's name was forgotten and although Gruber was known to be the composer, many people assumed the melody was composed by a famous composer, and it was variously attributed to Haydn, Mozart, or Beethoven.

However, a manuscript was discovered in 1995 in Mohr's handwriting and dated by researchers as circa 1820. It states that Mohr wrote the words in 1816 when he was assigned to a pilgrim church in Mariapfarr, Austria, and shows that the music was composed by Gruber in 1818. This is the earliest manuscript that exists and the only one in Mohr's handwriting.



SNAPSHOTS FROM RCBS LUNCH, 22 DECEMBER 2017



CP Geoff and PP Philip getting into the Christmas 'Spirit'



P Dougie and PE Dean flank our former member Gary



Rtn John, dressed in his Christmas best, PP Andrew and PP Nitti



Rtns Frank and Carol collecting from Rtn Poul and his Anne while a bemused PP Andrew looks on



VP Adrian and P Dougie thanking the singers, technician and organizer Rtn Stefan



PP Narinder was this week's lucky winner and gave it to the Golf Tournament

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DON AND DANIELE'S CHRISTMAS BASH



PP Nick and the two important women in his life



Daniele enjoying a few minutes of quiet before the dinner rush

PP Don, Rtn Rod and PP Vichai as seen from the perspective of one our youngest guests



15 12 2017



PP Don serving up some fine turkey for Rtn Prasert



PP Don and PP Marcel hamming it up (bad pun) over the turkey



Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2680

5 January 2018

Happy Birthdays:

Rui Belo January 5
Volker Betsch January 5

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Pat Bunsongsikul January 9

Attendance for 22 December 2017: 70%

Present 26, Make-up 23, Absent 21, Exemption 30, Total 100

Visiting for 22 December 2017

From Local

IPP Charles Cheung RC Bangkok
IPP Charles Ooms RC Bangkok
Carmen C. de Schuster RC Bangkok

Invited Guests:

Chayatorn Methakultawat
Gary White
Jasmin Carter
Kangsadan Kroekkamon
Natchapong Asavakarn
Santipat Santichiananta
Vincent Pourre

Introduced by:

Stefan Sanchez
P Douglas Riach
CP Geoff Carter
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PE Dean Outerson

Recent Makeups:

RC Feldkirch, Austria, 12 December 2017: Elmar Lins
RC Bangkok, 14 December 2017: PDG Alex Mavro
RC Souderton, 14 December 2017: Sievert Larsson
RC Bangkok, 19 December 2017: P Douglas Riach, PP Mark Butters, PP Peter-Michael Schuster
RC Bangkok, 21 December 2017: PP Mark Butters

Makeups:

Golf, 8 December 2017: P Douglas Riach, Mark Shaw, PP Ole Madsen, Ragil Ratnam, Rakesh Sodhia, Ron Livingston

Program, 12 December 2017: PP Andrew MacPherson, Colin Hastings, PP Don Lavoie, P Douglas Riach, IPP Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Michael Schulz, PP Narinder Sachdev, Prasert Mangkornkarn, Rakesh Sodhia, PP Renato Porzio, Rick Smith

Service Projects, 12 December 2017: Adrian Topham, Billy Popham, PP John Quarmby, Marco Casanova, Mark Shaw, Mark Wolf

Rotary Foundation, 13 December 2017: P Douglas Riach, IPP Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Krit Wongsangarunsri, PP Ole Madsen, Pat Bunsongsikul, PP Per Dibber, Rod Vergara, Rui Belo, Van Tang

Rotary Peace Center Admin. Comm., 14 December 2017: PP Andrew MacPherson

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 12 January 2018 – US Ambassador HE Glyn T Davies on "Thai - US Relations and Strategic Importance of ASEAN to the US".

Wednesday, 17 January 2018 – Inter-Club Delegation to RC Bangkok DACH at Intercontinental Hotel, Pinnacle Room, 4th Floor at 18.30 hrs.

Thursday, 18 January 2018 – RCBS Fellowship Night at Iron Balls Gin Parlour on Sukhumvit Soi 45 from 6 pm to 9 pm. Bring your Friends and Colleagues!

Friday, 19 January 2018: Paul G. Barker on Disaster Management & Training.

Thursday, 25 January 2018 – 29th Annual Golf Charity Tournament at Thana City Golf and Country Club, Shot-gun start at noon. Contact **PP Nigel** at **081-825-3700** for more information on both sponsors and team supports.

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

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