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Today's Topic: "Thai - US Relations and Strategic Importance  
of ASEAN to the US."  
US Ambassador HE Glyn T Davies

MEETINGS : EVERY FRIDAY AT NOON

## NEW YEAR PREDICTIONS 2018 WITH A PANEL OF SPEAKERS

By Stefan Sanchez



Admin Alistair, Rtn John, Rtn David and Rtn Ragil

### JOHN CASELLA SPORTS

#### Prediction One: Winter Olympics

First to reach the starters mark was John Casella with his sporting anti-predictions: The Russians appeared to have triumphed during the Winter Olympics in 2015; however, they had a great deal of chemical help. They have since been banned from the next Winter Olympics. Canadian Jamaican born gold medalist Ben Johnson, who had been "dope" champion since 1988 has finally been outpaced by the entire Politburo.

THAILAND have four Winter Olympians and no snow. However what skill they lack during the competition could be mitigated by the Après Ski prowess of at least one of the competitors, a charming Anglo-Thai woman.

Predicted winning countries are: Germany, France, Norway, the USA and Canada.

#### Prediction Two: World Cup

FIFA, who managed to score over 40 (own goal) indictments

through bribery, corruption and money laundering are obviously not being banned from their own 2018 World Cup to be held in Russia, but, have not exactly kept clear of fouling the name of football which continues to be the most popular sport of all followed by basket-ball and cricket. Germany Brazil and Argentina appear to head the list as potential winners of this most popular sport.

The Year of the Dog will, according to our Sports very own necromancer, be replaced by the Year of the GATS a sport peculiar to Bangkok South Rotary. According to Google research this has something to do with suction pumps?

A voice from the stands threw the following high ball, "who will win the Super Bowl?" Dallas: came the "back of the net" reply!

### DAVID RECORD

#### POLITICS AND THE ART OF DIPLOMACY

David was last asked to speak nine years ago when he introduced the then British Ambassador. They happened to go to the same university, which David remarked was for those not quite clever enough to get into Oxford or Cambridge. Confused by H.E.'s. lack of "rag week" humour, he then accused him of having been a banker and working for the Foreign and Colonial rather than the Commonwealth Office.

These innocent and amusing remarks needless to say earned David an "F" and a first-class ticket to Coventry by the distinguished guest. David rather hoped the next invitation to speak might be a tad sooner than the last time or he will have reached the age of 60 by the time he is allowed anywhere near the mic again.

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# SNAPSHOTS FROM RCBS LUNCH, 5 JANUARY 2018



Great day for visitors: PN Sarmad Cheema from RC Lahore Model Town, Pakistan, Miruna Taban from RC Frankfurt Int., Germany, P Dougie, Maria Roselynn Muzaaki from RC Kampala Central, Uganda, Eli Kenner from RC Jerusalem, Israel and Ron Lyons from RC Niagara Falls, Canada

Rtn Ron, Service Project Director Mark and PP Don all in their finest wear



PP Nick, PP Andrew and Rtn Alastair catching up on the upcoming Iron Balls event.

PP Philip being honored with his 30-year Rotary Pin



Rtn David wins this week's Eddie for Charity Raffle, bet he did not predict that.

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David has definite talent as a fortune teller. His idol was a certain miss ET from Burma who commanded some 30,000 Baht per hour, before her unforeseen death, for her 80% accurate predictions. One wonders if her phrase was "cross my palm with BRITCOIN dearie".

David assures us that he will be more accurate and less expensive.

## Prediction One: Hard or Soft out or in?

David here is naturally referring to Brexit. The major problem was caused by quote: "dirty uneducated northerners who don't have jobs and who therefore should be disenfranchised". It should also be noted that down south the jaws of those voting to leave were still misaligned a week after EXIT was announced. "Oh, we voted OUT cos we was mad at the French; we never thought we'd win"!!!

Tony Blair who once rather unnecessarily said: "You look underneath that UKIP facade and you see something pretty nasty and unpleasant," No need to look underneath Tony! Tony believes we should keep holding referendums until we get the right result IN! Nigel Farage is furious Tony has gotten involved as this will mean he will never see that EU pension. Diplomatically David has suggested that anything Tony Blair gets involved with is certain to die an ignominious death.

We Brits will be able to flash our Blue Passports once again at those nasty foreigners as we re-invade Benidorm and Costa del Barnsley demanding fish, chips, mushy peas and warm beer.

## Prediction Two: The Disunited States of America

David attempted to predict the next 12 months of who is going where in the less than White, White House. But finally settled for attempting to unravel what will happen tomorrow. It will be Great. It will be Beautiful. It will be Intelligent like you would never believe, it will be incredible. It will be: *снова сделай Россию!* (Make Russia Great Again)

## Prediction Three: The End of Thailand as the Number One Sex-Tourist Destination

To be honest we were all stumped for an answer. The simple answer lies at the bottom of a double whopper multi-colored multi-caloried triple-creamed finger-licking tongue-tantalizing Frappuccino experience. The onset of obesity more bang for your buck. Thailand is now only a few kilos behind voluptuous winners of the Asean – Lardies Heavy Weight competition, Malaysia.

## RAGIL RATNAM

### Science and Technology

"I have been a fan boy for science and gadgets for many decades, just look at how small my "Apple" is. Shows Apple to excited lunch crowd.

"How does one predict the future...how has the future unfolded?" The unexpected happened in Shanghai 15 years when an entire city sprang up. In the 50s we predicted house robots who would be capable of many things ...Here the speaker pauses to allow the audience time to calm down and retrieve their imaginations.

### Prediction Two: Evolution

Evolution is no longer in unseen hands. Robot and man will synthesize. You can already wear your computer cell phone tattoo like on your wrist. If you are right handed, best to wear it on the left.

There is an online game called Second Life which allows you to create an avatar of the person you always imagined yourself to be. Just suppose you are a chicken imagine what wonderful world you could create for yourself far away from your sad reality: bliss, until your batteries run out.

Mary Shelly the creator of Dr. Frankenstein and his monster was the first writer to explore the effects of medical science on human reconstruction. The understanding and use of gene therapy has helped prevent serious disorders in man and altered crops for the better (this of course is not new as man has been altering crops for 1000s of years). But to produce a rice with shorter stems that does not fall over is quite a feat.

At this point Ragil displays the ultimate in gene therapy advancement a picture of "Beloved Leader" Donald Trump with luscious-back combed "kiss me quick" hair.

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF BANGKOK SOUTH

At Thana City Golf and Sports Club  
Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018



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# Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2681

## 12 January 2018

### Happy Birthdays:

Yongyuth Tirachaimongkol January 14

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Manu Mekdhanasarn January 14

Alastair Timblick January 16

PP Vichai Tantratitvud January 18

PP Krit Wongsangearunsi January 19

### Attendance for 5 January 2018: 54%

Present 33, Make-up 5, Absent 32, Exemption 30, Total 100

### Visiting for 5 January 2018

#### From Abroad:

Eli Kenner	RC Jerusalem, Israel
Maria Roselynn Muzaaki	RC Kampala Central, Uganda
Miruna Taban	RC Frankfurt Int., Germany
Ron Lyons	RC Niagara Falls, Canada
PN Sarmad Cheema	RC Lahore Model Town, Pakistan

### Invited Guests:

Coray Eugene  
Worrakit Pholsawad

### Introduced by:

Marco Casanova  
PE Dean Outerson

### Recent Makeups:

**RC Feldkirch, Austria, 2 January 2018:** Elmar Lins

### Makeups:

**Board, 18 December 2017:** Adrian Topham, Dana Caron, PE Dean Outerson, P Douglas Riach, IPP Krin Charnmaytesakul, Prasert Mangkornkarn, Tim Cornwall

## CLUB CALENDAR

**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 Distillery, Park Lane Ekkamai, Sukhumvit Soi 63 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.

**Friday, 26 January 2018** – Peace Fellows. Current participants of the certificate program at Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University will share their stories and motivation with us

**Friday, 2 February 2018** – Manop Udomkerdmonkol on Global and Thailand Economic Outlook 2018

**Friday, 9 February 2018** – Inter-Club delegation to RC Royal Hua Hin, Amari Hua Hin from 6.00 pm.

**Friday, 16 February 2018** – TBA

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