

# SOUTH WIND

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16 March 2018

Today's Topic: "Cybersecurity"  
Dr. Bhume Bhumiratana

MEETINGS : EVERY FRIDAY AT NOON

## MARGARET READE ROUNDS MY FAITH IN SOCIAL JUSTICE

By Rtn Stefan Sanchez

Our speaker began by pointing out two amusing facts. (1) She was collared by our very own President during a party and 'persuaded' to speak. It appears our President's unctuous Scottish accent is irresistible. (2) Ironically, and as an advocate for woman's empowerment among many other objectives, she found herself speaking to a 'male members' only club.

Margaret grew up in Fiji, but her DNA is a proud admixture of Fijian, I-Kiribati, Samoan, English and Irish. Her professional wanderlust therefore fits perfectly within her remarkable lineage.

She has two sisters and parents who prioritised, education and independence. "When you grow up well educated and earning your own money you can do what you want" was her father's favourite axiom. When she had achieved these requirements, her dad suggested she "stop investing in brewery and save the money" and of course the perfect reply was "I am educated and earning my own money, so I can do what I like."

Her first important lesson in social justice was witnessing her dad organise rugby games, initially just to get troubled kids off the street. Eventually it became the Fijian Rugby Sevens. It was not too long before



she followed a similar path towards aiding empowerment and social justice.

Her first job in 1987 was for Shell Fiji Ltd. Armed with a secretarial degree and a strong Roman Catholic work ethic she confidently tackled her first job. A few years later in 1991 a job offer came through to work at the ILO (International Labour Organisation). It paid 5,000 USD p.a. more than Shell and allowed her to travel but most importantly she discovered her true vocation.

The ILO was founded in 1919 and is a tripartite organisation which gives an equal voice to workers, employers and governments. They promote rights at work, encourage decent work opportunities, enhance social protection and ensure free

dialogue on work related issues. They cannot force government change but can and do encourage social justice through dialogue and making all parties aware of the serious issues at stake.

As a Catholic girl she was fascinated to see so many diverse Muslim cultures. She worked in the Pakistan ILO office, 2008-2013, Indonesia, 2013-2016 and Thailand 2013 to present day. During her tenure so far, she has witnessed The Marriot Bombing, The Tsunami and The Military Coup respectively!

The ILO is witness to more social injustice than even at its creation in 1919 and is therefore more important than ever. Some of the most important conventions so far have been: Freedom of Association and Recognition to Collective Bargaining: Elimination of Forced Labour: Effective Abolition of Child Labour: Elimination of Work Discrimination. Asked which convention she was most proud of, she answered unequivocally Abolition of Child Labour!

"We have done so much to eliminate child labour and our work with UNICEF allows them to go into other systems such as education. We help parents to have good working conditions, so their kids don't have to work. They need to be educated. They are, after all, our future"

# SNAPSHOTS FROM RCBS LUNCH, 9 MARCH 2018

PP Nigel and P Dougie having another quick chitchat about Fund Raising



Rtn John, PP Narain, PP Andrew and PP Banvech



P Dougie, PP Banvech receiving three awards, Paul Harris, Coins on Silom Appreciation and a Library Fellowship from VP Adrian



PP Banvech, Rtn Prasert and PP Narinder



PP Per, our speaker Margaret and P Dougie



Pierre Petitjean being honored for providing a Clean Drinking Water System by Rtn Marco



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# KIDS DAY OUT WEDNESDAY, 4 APRIL 2018

This is why we are Rotarians. This is when we become a great club. This is for whom we work so hard to raise funds.  
This is what we do... as Rotarian and as Bangkok South Rotarians, in particular.

**It will be a great day!**





# Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2690

## 16 March 2018

### Happy Birthdays:

Gerard Geraets	March 17
Marc Honinckx	March 18
PP Ole Madsen	March 18
Tevin Baechtold	March 18
Chip Bowness	March 21

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Gerard Geraets	March 16
Elmar Lins	March 21

### Attendance for 9 March 2018: 48%

Present 23, Make-up 13, Absent 39, Exemption 30, Total 105

### Visiting for 9 March 2018:

#### From Abroad:

Peter Brooke	RC Hunstanton, England
Gattlen Thierry	RC Sion, Switzerland
Stefan Bruns	

### Invited Guests:

Pierre Petitjean
Rick Stuit
Verendra Arora

### Introduced by:

Marco Casanova
John Casella
Tim Cornwall

### Recent Makeups:

**RC Phoenix Pattaya, 4 March 2018:** PP Peter-Michael Schuster  
**RC Feldkirch, Austria, 6 March 2018:** Elmar Lins

### Makeups:

**CDWS, 27 February 2018:** PP John Quarmby, Michael Graham-Hyde

**Fundraising, 7 March 2018:** Adrian Topham, Dana Caron, PE Dean Outerson, P Douglas Riach, PP Mark Butters, PP Nigel Hardy

### GG 1864472 Handover with RC Bangkapi, 8 March 2018:

PP Peter-Michael Schuster

## CLUB CALENDAR

**Friday, 23 March 2018** – Dr. Bert van Walbeek on Risk Mitigation & Crisis Recovery Management in Thailand

**Friday, 30 March 2018** – PP Philip Baechtold on Zen and the Art of motorcycling back across the USA.

**Wednesday, 4 April 2018 – Kids Day Out 2018** – A fun day at Royal Varuna Yacht Club with a great bunch of kids and fellow Rotarians. The feel-good day of the year... Please contact **Rtn. David Record** at [davidjrecord@gmail.com](mailto:davidjrecord@gmail.com) for more information.

**Friday, 06 April 2018** – No meeting due to Chakri Day Nat. Holiday

**Friday, 13 April 2018** – No meeting due to Songkran Festival

**Friday, 20 April 2018** – Kasemkit Pathomsak (Board of Trade) on a topic to be announced.

**Friday, 27 April 2018** – Quiz Day with Philip White as Quiz Master. Organized by Rick Smith

**Friday, 04 April 2018** – Dr. Wirete Lausoontomsiri on Cancer.

**Friday, 11 May 2018** – Eddie Haworth on Gift of Happiness Foundation. A first-hand update about this charity initiated in 1992 by circus performers Eddie & Charlotte Haworth when they were running their UK circus skill training workshops for disadvantaged kids in Liverpool, England.

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