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No. 2694
27 April 2018

Today's Topic: "Quiz Day with Philip White as Quiz Master"
Rick Smith

MEETINGS : EVERY FRIDAY AT NOON

CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY

Dr Wirote's talk, spread over a massive 83-page power-point presentation, was an eye-opening journey into new ways cancer is being treated today and ideas that may well end most forms soon.

The first and most interesting was immunotherapy, a treatment that uses certain parts of a person's immune system to fight diseases such as cancer.

In the last few decades immunotherapy has become an important part of treating some types of cancer. Newer types of immune treatments are now being studied, and they will impact how cancer is treated in the future. Immunotherapy includes treatments that work in diverse ways. Some boost the body's immune system in a very general way. Others help train the immune system to attack cancer cells specifically.

The immune system keeps track of all substances normally found in the body. Any new substance it does not recognize, raises an alarm, causing the immune system to attack, which can destroy anything containing a foreign substance, such as germs or cancer cells.

However, the immune system has a tougher time targeting cancer cells because cancer starts when cells become altered and start to grow out of control. The immune system does not always recognize cancer cells as foreign.

There are limits on the immune system's ability to fight cancer on its own, as many people with healthy immune systems still develop cancer. The immune system does not see the cancer cells as foreign because the cells are not different enough from normal cells. Sometimes the immune system recognizes them, but the response might not be strong enough to destroy them. Cancer cells themselves can also give off substances that keep the immune system in check.

Antibodies can be very useful in treating cancer because they can be designed to attack a very specific part of a cancer



cell. An antibody is a protein that sticks to a specific protein called an antigen. Antibodies circulate throughout the body until they find and attach to the antigen. Once attached, they can recruit other parts of the immune system to destroy the cells containing the antigen.

Monoclonal antibodies are used to treat many diseases, including some types of cancer. For cancer, this is not always easy, and so far, have proven to be more useful against some cancers than others.

Immune checkpoint inhibitors take the 'brakes' off the immune system, which helps it recognize and attack cancer cells. Cancer vaccines are substances put into the body to start an immune response against certain diseases. We usually think of them as being given to healthy people to help prevent infections, but some vaccines can help prevent or treat cancer.

Most of us know about vaccines given to healthy people to help prevent infections, such as measles and chicken pox. These vaccines use weakened or killed germs like viruses or bacteria to start an immune response in the body. Getting the immune system ready to defend against these germs helps keep people from getting infections.

Most cancer vaccines work the same way, but they make the person's immune system attack cancer cells. The goal is to help treat cancer or to help keep it from coming back after other treatments.



SNAPSHOTS FROM RCBS LUNCH, 20 APRIL 2018

P, PP and CP



Rtns Prasert, Ola, Michael and PP Andrew catching-up after a two-week break



The BBB Project Boys



A bemused Rtn John and ever helpful Rtn Carol



P Dougie, Rtn Oldrich and PP Ken thanking our speaker Dr Wirote Lausontornsin



P Dougie congratulating an elated P Narain on his Gin Win

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INTER-CLUB DELEGATION TO RC BANGRAK ON THURSDAY 3 MAY 2018



Bangkapi Rotary Club



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DACH Rotary Club

The final delegation of the current Rotary year is to RC Bangrak at Evergreen Laurel Hotel (Sathorn Soi 6) Ballroom (2nd Floor) on Thursday, 3 May 2018 from 12.00 noon, when they are pleased to welcome HE Abhisit Vejjajiva, former Prime Minister of Thailand on the topic of "The Future of Thailand".

Any members who would like to attend please confirm their attendance to Khun Khob by 2.00 pm on Friday, 27 April 2018 so we can let RC Bangrak know numbers for seating and catering arrangements.

RC Bangrak are looking forward to welcoming a large delegation from RCBS to hear their high-profile speaker on this occasion.

Yours in Rotary
PP Mark Butters
Inter-Club Delegation Coordinator 2017/2018.



Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2694

27 April 2018

Happy Birthdays:

Tyrone Jenkins April 27

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Leo Alexandersen May 1
Poul Weber May 1

Attendance for 20 April 2018: 69%

Present 35, Make-up 17, Absent 23, Exemption 29, Total 104

Visiting for 20 April 2018:

From Local

None

From Abroad:

None

Invited Guests:

None

Introduced by:

Recent Makeups:

RC Feldkirch, Austria, 17 April 2018: Elmar Lins

RC South Surrey, Canada, 4, 11 & 18 April: Chip Bowness

Makeups:

Program, 10 April 2018: PP Andrew MacPherson, Colin Hasting, PE Dean Outerson, P Douglas Riach, IPP Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Mark Butters, PP Narain Suradejvibul, Rakesh Sodhia, PP Renato Porzio, Rick Smith

Rotary Peace Fellows Class 24 Public Seminar & Graduation

Ceremony, 5 April 2018: PP Andrew MacPherson

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 4 May 2018 – Classification Interviews – PP Mike Doyle interviews Rtn Aaron Henry and Rtn Dana Caron interviews PE Dean Outerson.

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.

Friday, 18 May 2018 – Rtn Mark Marshall on “Myanmar”

Friday, 25 May 2018 – Michael Waitze on “Growth of Venture Capital and the future of the Asian Startups.”

Friday, 1 June 2018 – Rtn Gerard Geraets on “Trends in Consumer products Markets in Asia / Thailand. Why MNC’s are losing out.”

Friday, 8 June 2018 – Mr Roy Tomizawa on “1964 – The Greatest Year in the History of Japan: How the Tokyo Olympics Symbolized Japan’s Miraculous Makeover”

Friday, 15 June 2018 – Israeli Ambassador H.E Dr. Meir Schlomo on “Changes in Middle - East, Israel - Thailand relationship.”

Saturday, 23 June 2018 – Annual Installation Dinner. Details to be advised.

Friday, 29 June 2018 – Fellowship lunch at Char Coal. Details to be advised.

Friday, 6 July 2018 – President’s Day

Friday, 13 July 2018 – Rtn Prasert Mangkornkarn on “Why I Love Soy Sauce”

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