



## President's Monthly Report



Philip Parker President 2011-12

Now April is here, we are starting our final quarter of The Rotary Year which finishes on 30th June 2012.

Our major Project has been to fund the neediest Temple schools with computers and fundraising has continued from the start last July.

We will be shortly in a position to distribute 25 complete Desktop Sets to selected Schools.

In addition to the success of the recent Motor Bike Raffle, the second most successful fundraising event this year will prove to be the Monthly Dinner parties, which usually take place on the last Friday of each Month. We anticipate that by the end of this year we will have made more than 150,000 Baht from these Dinners alone.

We are indebted to some of the finest Resorts and Restaurants on Koh Samui for supporting us with these Dinners. By hosting these events at prices well below the usual, they are giving us the opportunity of raising funds for our Project Account as well as enjoying a great evening out. In doing so they are not compromising one bit on their Superb Menus and Services and we simply cannot thank them enough for their continued support. Inside you will see an illustrated report of the latest Dinner Party held last Friday, attended by over fifty of our regular supporters.

Our Club Meetings, since January this year, have been held at Le Meridien Koh Samui Resort & Spa and we would like to acknowledge their support, all Members and Guests would agree that we are fortunate in having this fine Resort as our HQ.

On Wednesday 7th March we received our District Governor Khun Orachorn Saisrithong and her Assistant Governor Arnaud Verstraete on their Annual visit. Our District 3330 is comprised of 78 Rotary Clubs with more than 2000 Members and geographically covers the NW Central Region of Thailand and all the Southern Region down as far as the Malaysian Border.

Many of us will be Meeting up for the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok in early May.

Happy Songkran to you all !!

## March Dinner at Buddy's, Lamai

The last Friday in March saw well over fifty ROCKS friends enjoying a beach side buffet at the famous Buddy Oriental Samui Beach Resort in Lamai.

Following registration, guests were offered a complimentary choice of cocktails, wine or beer.

The buffet included a wide selection of both Thai and western style dishes, soups and a pasta station with a choice of Italian sauces.

Red and white wine or beer flowed freely throughout the meal giving diners excellent value for their money.

There was of course the usual raffle following the meal with an assortment of prizes from a bottle of wine to a meal for two, kindly donated by Buddy's.



# Annual District Governor's visit to ROCKS

Wednesday 7th March heralded the visit of this years Rotary District 3330 President, Orachorn Saisrithong and Assistant Governor (Area 29) Arnaud Verstraete to our club meeting.

D.G. Orachorn once again echoed the sentiments we hear from every D.G. at these annual meeting, stressing the need for all Rotary Clubs to try harder to encourage new members to join the club.

She congratulated the club on the number of fund raising activities held during the year and the amounts of money raised as a result.

She also spoke of the various grants to be made available next year, such as District and Global grants.

Khun Orachorn suggested because of our international connections we should consider applying for a Global Grant as much more was available in terms of actual funding.

This week the club welcomed three visiting Rotarians, our old friend, Geoff Coop from RC Tormohun, President Jean-Claude Moerenhout from RC Aubegne, Marseille and his wife Vera and Maria Amelia Piccione from RC Catania Sud in Sicily.



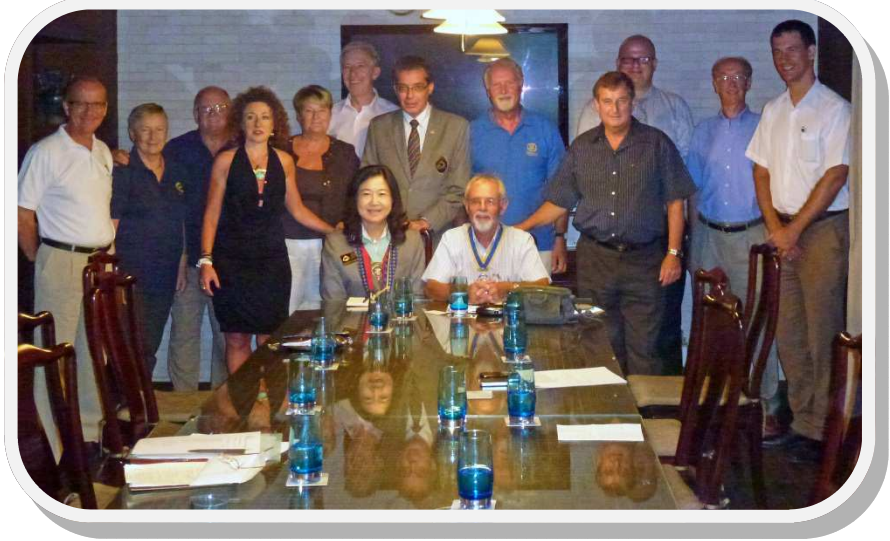
P. Philip Parker with DG Orachorn



P. Jean-Claude Moerenhout with P. Philip



Maria Amelia Piccione with P. Philip



## Second hand goods store clear      Motorbike Raffle presentation

On Sunday March 4th, a small group of volunteers including our two newest members, Alan Robson and Jeffrey Martin spent the morning at our second hand goods store in Bangrak sorting through the many boxes, suitcases and bags of books, clothing and bric-a-brac left over from our Samui Mala Sales.



Many of these items have been offered for sale at the last two or three Malas and it was decided that as much of the stock was now old it clearly needed to be disposed of to make way for new stock as and when it arrives.

The winner of our recent raffle for a Yamaha Motorbike, Michelle Bohn is currently in the U.K. and therefore nominated her friend Sarah Meredith to accept the motorbike on her behalf.

The winning number was 05157.

The presentation took place in Bangrak on Thursday 29th March.



President Philip Parker handing over the keys to Sarah Meredith

## Club Meeting held on March 21st 2012

### Some of the activities of the club discussed at the meeting.

In view of the fact that, regretfully, the annual visit of the kids from the Mercy Centre in Bangkok was cancelled in December due to flooding, the club is discussing support for one of our newest members, Christoph Leonhard who himself organises annually a trip to Samui for children from Sarnelli House Orphanage near Nongkhai in the North East of Thailand.

Christoph informed the meeting that this year's trip by 15 children would take place from May 3rd to May 10th to fit in with their school holiday.

A guest at Amari Palm Reef where Christoph is General Manager had become active in fundraising on her return to Holland, those funds to be used to meet travelling expenses.

She had also met a Rotary President from a Club in The Hague, Netherlands who also wished to support the Orphanage as an overseas project, and pledged 20,000 euros to fund a Matching Grant, if a Thai club would be prepared to partner it.

The meeting agreed that ROCKS should be that partner.

Christoph said that he would contact the former guest and get the process started.

### Fellowships:

Buddy's will of course be our next venue, but P. Philip suggested that plans should be made for the rest of the Rotary year.

April's event would be a combined event with a visiting Belgian Club, at Imperial, Chaweng Noi. The date had had to be adjusted to suit their itinerary. Further details will be circulated both to members and our friends as soon as planning is completed.

May and June had yet to be decided, though Zazen, Anantara and Antica Locanda were all options. It was noted that there would need to be a rethink on ROCKS' approach to future venues, as the terms offered had stood for over 3 years, and prices had gone up all round!

### Computer Project

P Philip and IPP Peter Breaks had done some 'shopping around' and agreed a deal with CEC Computers in Chaweng. For 12,500 baht each, the computers would be built to specification and come complete with Wi-Fi receivers and an operating system.

The first payment of 40,000 baht had recently been completed and the supplier is starting work on the first 10 computers. When Tom Searle returned to Samui, a decision could be reached on the best schools to offer a total of 25 computers would be made.

## Thailand National Holidays 2012/2555

January 2	Substitution day holiday New Year's Eve
January 3	Substitution day holiday New Year's Day
February 7	Makha Bucha Day Date varies depending on the lunar cycle
April 6	Chakri Day
April 6th,	or following Monday if it falls on a weekend
April 13	Songkran Festival Thai New Year
April 14	Songkran Festival Thai New Year
April 15	Songkran Festival Thai New Year
April 16	Songkran Festival Thai New Year
May 1	Labour Day May 1st, or following Monday if it falls on a weekend
May 7	Substitute day holiday for Coronation Day May 5th, or following Monday if it falls on a weekend
June 4	Visakha Bucha Day Date varies depending on the lunar cycle
August 2	Asahna Bucha Day Date varies depending on the lunar cycle
August 12	Mothers Day Wan Mae. Aug 12th
August 13	Substitute day holiday for H.M. Queen's Birthday Aug 12th, or following Monday if it falls on a weekend
October 23	Chulalongkorn Day Oct 23rd, or following Monday if it falls on a weekend
December 5	H.M. King's Birthday Dec 5th, or following Monday if it falls on a weekend
December 10	Day Constitution Day Dec 10th, or following Monday if it falls on a weekend
December 31	New Years Eve

## Rotary District 3330 Events Calendar

### Phuket Royal Phuket City Hotel Saturday 2nd June 2012

14:00 - 17:00 hrs District Award Presentation

18:00 - 22:00 hrs District 3330 - 20TH Anniversary Celebration



This Year's  
Rotary



International Convention

is to be held in Bangkok

May 6th - 9th 2012/2555

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### Paul Harris Fellows

Ken Chung R.C. Crow’s Nest Australia		1987
Paul Hawkins	March	2006
Paul Watson	July	2006
Mike Langaskens	April	2007

### Sister Clubs

- R.C. Tormohun, Devon, England
- R.C. Hong Kong South, Hong Kong
- R.C. Sritapee, Suratthani, Thailand
- R.C. Makati South, Manila, Philippines
- R.C. Khok Chamedun, Hat Yai, Thailand

### Interested in our Club?

**Come and join us at one of our meetings.**

The Rotary Club of Koh Samui meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at Le Meridien Resort & Spa, 146/24 Moo 4, Ring Road, Lamai Beach, Tambon Maret

Meeting time 6.00 pm

(Includes Buffet Supper)

Anyone interested in finding out more about our club is welcome to join us at one of our meetings.

A Dinner Party is often held on the last Friday of every month at a prestigious resort or restaurant in Samui.

Further details inside

You are welcome to join us.

### Board of Directors and Committee

President	Philip Parker
Secretary	Christian Glanville
Treasurer	Adele Smith
Immediate Past President	Peter Breaks
President Elect	Adele Smith

#### Committees

Chairman - Membership	Philip Parker
Chairman - Club Administration	Christian Glanville
Chairman - Service Projects	Tom Searle
Chairman - Foundation	Philip Parker

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Sergeant at Arms	Nicolas Emmert
Press Officer	Alan Fleming

### Past Presidents

Ken Chung	Charter President	2003
Bernd Schillig	President	2003/04
Paul Hawkins	President	2004/05
Paul Watson	President	2005/06
Rico Stapel	President	2006/07
Adele Smith	President	2007/08
Philip Parker	President	2008/09
Claudio Cerquetti	President	2009/10
Peter Breaks	President	2010/11

## Rotary International

Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide.

Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace and eradicate polio under the motto:

**“Service Above Self”**