

Rotary Club of Thai Town

Annual Report



July 2011 - June 2012



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---- Ray Klingensmith, RI President 2010-2011

Club Information 2011-2012

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Thai Town
Meetings: Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Thailand Plaza
5321 Hollywood Blvd., 2nd Fl.
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Mailing Address: Rotary Club of Thai Town
P.O. Box 27903
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Club Officers 2011-2012

President: Bruce Rymparsurat
President-Elect: Sam Prompichai
Secretary: Teresa Chung
Treasurer: Sue Kanchana
Club Service Director: Sam Prompichai
Community Service Director: Chancee Martorell
International Service Director: Tess Mana-aygo
Vocational Service Director: Tann Shannari
Membership Chair: Eddie Inturart
New Generations Director: Reuben Lim
Foundation Chair: Anne Muangmongkol
Public Relations Chair: Jittanund Pornsobhon

Our New Club Members

2011-2012



Carl Percival

Recognized by the Royal Society of Art in Technical Drawing, Carl Percival has been involved in music and art all of his life. He began selling paintings and playing banjo at the age of 13. In his teens he performed at folk clubs and bars all over England. He has won dance competitions and performed for BBC 2 and has also been involved in the movie industry. Carl has had the privilege of working at the National Theatre, the Royal Opera, and spent over 8 years with Thames Television. He previously owned Stone Bar in Thai Town and now owns and manages an apartment complex in Thai Town.



Dennis Yan

Born in Fuzhou, China, Dennis immigrated to Los Angeles at the age of 9 and attended Purdue University where he majored in Management Information Services, and Organizational Communication. Upon graduation, he worked for Sears Holdings Corporation for 3 years as an assistant manager in Costa Mesa and Buena Park.

At 24, he started his own plastics business with the support of his father. He had the pleasure of traveling across the U.S. working with companies such as Real 3D, the California Strawberry Commission, and many others. During this time he also graduated with an MBA from the USC Marshall School of Business.

His current venture helps Chinese high school and college students to study in the U.S. His goal for this coming year is to continue building his new venture, spend time and grow with his lovely wife Koy, and do his best to support the goals and mission of the Rotary Club of Thai Town.



Surasit "Sam" Hakritsuk

Born in Bangkok, Thailand, Surasit spent 6 years as an Art History and Graphic Arts teacher. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and Technology. He arrived in the U.S. in 1984 and became a business owner of SK Graphic and Printing before moving to Arizona to study Computer Graphics in 2001. He moved back to Los Angeles to work for the Gas Company and earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

He joined the Thai Association of Southern California in 2009 as the Board's Secretary. He also became Club President of the Friend of RAM Association in 2010. Surasit joined the Rotary Club of Thai Town because he believes strongly in the words of our former Rotary International President, that "Rotary is the best place in the world at linking people of goodwill around the globe and then gaining their cooperation and support to make the world a much better place to live and work."



Chanida "Ann" Webb

Originally from Thailand, Ann graduated from England. She is President of AR Enterprises, Inc., a marketing and communication agency for UCR's IEP (International Education Programs), which offers English as a Second Language Program. She is District Leader of Primerica, which provides financial services and has served as Director of Development (2005-2011) at AACC (Asian American Community Center), a non-profit organization for business with the vision for helping people from all walks of life who are in need of a second chance to obtain a new life and acquire new skills. She has been Business Consulting Director of James Business Consulting Solution. Having owned and operated a business for over 20 years, including a Thai restaurant, a jewelry shop, and an auto repair shop.

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank the Board of Directors, the committees, and all the volunteers who have participated in Rotary activities and helped out our community. Together, we can expand our efforts to reach out to all generations, promote peace and unity, foster our friendships with other communities, enhance our collaboration with the government (city, state, and national levels), and increase our members' civic awareness.

Activities Summary July 2011 - June 2012

Charitable Functions

Rotary Club of Thai Town continues to support charitable and educational activities organized by our members and other Thai associations and community organizations in accordance with our bylaws. In the 2011-2012 year, our club contributed to the following programs:

- Rotary Cares Day: Community Clean-up
- Feed the Homeless at PATH (People Assisting The Homeless) with the L.A. Cedars Rotary Club
- The Clean Water Project in Thailand
- International Humanitarian Projects in Puerto Rico
- Thailand's Flood Relief
- Holiday Giving: C.U.R.E. (Common Unity Reaching Everyone)
www.cure4ourcommunities.org
- Food Drive: Armenian National Committee - Hollywood
- Toy Drive: THAIS Inc.
- Rotary Community Alliance's Toy Drive
- Rotary Youth Speech, Art, & Music Contests
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Sponsorships
- The Rotary Foundation Polio Plus Program
- Rotary International Convention: Bangkok
- Thai community events in Thai Town and throughout the state of California.

Leadership and Training

Rotary also engages in year-round leadership training activities for its members ranging from district events to PETs training, strengthening its core base of community leaders for its ongoing community and international support activities.

The Rotary Club of Thai Town 2012 Firefighter of the Year Award

Awarded to David Tu of LAFD Station 82



**Photo taken at the Grand Opening of
Hollywood Fire Station #82
(Hollywood/Van Ness) on Sat. 6/2/12*

David Tu has been serving the citizens of Los Angeles for over 5 years. He is a Los Angeles native, having been born in L.A.'s Chinatown. David has proven to be an invaluable team member at Fire Station 82 and a leader in the community. His level of maturity and respect for others has propelled him to be an outstanding firefighter and paramedic respected by both his peers and those in the community that he serves. David's work is a strong reminder to us all of Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" and we are proud to present him with this award.

This annual award includes a \$100.00 gift card provided by Home Depot of Hollywood in recognition of the brave men and women who serve our communities.



The Rotary Club of Thai Town 2012 Distinguished Service Award

**Presented to Eric Garcetti
In recognition of his years of service to
Council District 13 and the greater Los Angeles Community**



A fourth-generation Angeleno, Garcetti was born at Good Samaritan Hospital and was raised in the San Fernando Valley. Both sides of his family first settled in Los Angeles' Boyle Heights neighborhood, on one side after escaping the violence of the Mexican revolution, on the other amidst the persecution of Jews within the Russian empire.

Garcetti studied urban planning and political science at Columbia University, where he received his B.A. and M.A. in International Relations. He also studied as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University and the London School of Economics and was a Rockefeller Foundation Next Generation Leadership Fellow. He taught public policy, diplomacy and world affairs at Occidental College and the University of Southern California before being elected to the City Council.

Garcetti has been widely recognized for his groundbreaking policy initiatives. His environmental work was honored with the Green Cross Millennium Award from former President Mikhail Gorbachev. He won a Tiger Award from the Valley Industry and Commerce Association for spearheading business tax reforms. Caroline Kennedy and Senator Ted Kennedy, on behalf of the Kennedy Library and family, presented Garcetti with the prestigious New Frontier Award, which is given annually to an elected official under 40 who best embodies John F. Kennedy's vision of leadership and idealism.

Garcetti is an avid photographer, jazz pianist and composer and is an officer in the U.S. Navy reserve. He lives in Silver Lake with his wife, Amy.



Club Service

Rotary Club of Thai Town encouraged our club members to participate in hosting a Presidents Dinner on Oct. 3, 2011, in partnership with Thai Airway, Royal Thai Consulate-General, and Tourism Authority of Thailand and to help promote Rotary International Convention 2012.



Community Service

Rotary Club of Thai Town volunteered to help feed the homeless and give away non-perishable food and toys during the holiday season of 2011.

PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) with LA Cedars



Food Drive with Armenian National Committee - Hollywood



Toy Drive for THAIS (Thai Health & Information Services) Inc.



International Service

In addition to helping to support Haiti and Japan disaster relief programs, Rotary Club of Thai Town participated in the on-going District 3350 project to help out those who were affected by the recent flood in Thailand (e.g. putting together of the survival kits, gathering and wiring over donations).

Sai Tharnnamjai (Thailand Flood Relief) Project





Rotary Club of Thai Town

2012 Rotary Youth Programs

- Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA)
- Rotary Youth Speech, Art & Music Contest

*Inspiring Our Future
Engaging Our Youth*

RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly – Rotary District 5280

- A Rotary sponsored weekend for high school students to develop and express leadership skills.
- Friday, April 27 through Sunday, April 29, 2012 at Alpine Conference Center in Blue Jay, CA.
- Transportation to and from Blue Jay will be provided from select locations in Los Angeles.
- Available only to High School Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors in the Los Angeles Area.
- Please contact us for more information at RYLA@RotaryClubofThaiTown.org or (310) 890-9245.
- Candidates must contact us by February 20, 2012 to be eligible.

Rotary Youth Art, Speech & Music Competition

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Thai Town

- A Rotary Club sponsored competition to highlight Youth Art, Speech and Music talent.
- **Monday, January 30, 2012 at 7:00pm at Thailand Plaza, Thai Town, Los Angeles.**
- One winner of each category will receive a \$50 cash prize** from the Rotary Club of Thai Town.
- Each winner may be eligible to compete at the Rotary District level for a prize of up to \$1,000.00
- Contestants must be enrolled High School students in Los Angeles County to the Age Limit of 18.
- All contestants must be accompanied by an adult or legal guardian to attend and compete.
- For more information Contact YouthPrograms@RotaryClubofThaiTown.org or (310) 890-9245.
- **Candidates/Parents must contact us by January 30, 2012 to confirm participation.**

Art Contest Requirements:

- Artworks can be in any medium including photography.
- All works of art should be appropriate for a general audience.
- Artworks should have been created in 2011 or 2012.
- All art works must be brought to the Competition on January 30th by 7pm to be eligible.

Speech Contest Guidelines:

- Pick a current challenge within your family, school, community, state, nation or abroad and answer: How can one solve this problem by using the Rotary 4-Way Test?

The Rotary 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do are:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
- Delivery your speech at our January 30th Competition (best if memorized).

Music Contest Requirements:

- All orchestral instruments, including voice are welcome to compete.
- A minimum of 4 years musical training is required.
- The applicants must provide their own accompaniment if necessary (no Piano available)
- Previous Rotary District 5280 Music Awards winners are ineligible.

* When inquiring ask for Reuben Lim (New Generations Chair) or Teresa Chung (Club Secretary)

**Note: The \$50.00 cash prize might not be awarded in a category if there are fewer than 3 contestants in that category.

Treasurer's Financial Reporting sheet

ROTARY CLUB OF THAI TOWN							
Rotary Year 2011-2012 (July 1, 2011-June 24, 2012)							
Description	Membership Dues In	Fundraising Cash In	Miscellaneous Cash In	Project Money Paid Out	Due/Fee/Meals Paid Out	Net Cash In	
Misc Fundraising		303.00				303.00	
Membership Fees & Dues	4,979.00				2,530.27	2,448.73	
Misc. Contribution & Meals			1,682.00		713.82	968.18	
Rotaract Food Drive/LA Regional Food Bank				100.00		-100.00	
Thai Town Gate Way Project/Thai CDC				300.00		-300.00	
Youth Program/RYLA		425.00		1,125.00		-700.00	
Thailand Flood Relief		2,100.00		2,200.00		-100.00	
Thai New Year/Songkran Festival		624.05			314.00	310.05	
Clean Water Project/Super Bowl		500.00				500.00	
Youth Poster & Essay Contest Awards				520.00		-520.00	
Support Thai Community Events				340.00		-340.00	
TRF Polio Plus				1,000.00		-1,000.00	
The Rotary Foundation		2,100.00		2,100.00		0.00	
International Project/Puerto Rico Breakfast Sponsor				200.00		-200.00	
Holiday Party		550.00				550.00	
District Simplified Grant/The CDC Live Work Play		103.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		103.00	
Presidents Dinner			1,995.00		475.00	1,520.00	
Braille Equipment/TV Alumni		189.00		300.00		-111.00	
Total:	4,979.00	6,894.05	5,677.00	10,185.00	4,033.09	3,331.96	
Miscellaneous Club Expenses	Cash Out			Club Funds Summary		Totals	
Stationery, Postage, P.O. Box & etc.	467.28						
Bank Fee	135.00						
Advertisement	650.00			Starting Balance 07/01/2011		3,088.31	
District Breakfast	308.00			Net Expenses		3,647.40	
District Picnic/District Conference	400.00			Net Income		3,331.96	
ClubRunner	299.40						
Pre-PETS/PETS	895.00			Ending Balance at Bank		2,772.87	
RCA Meeting	40.00						
District Assembly	175.00						
Theme Banner, Name Badges	277.72						
Total:	3,647.40						

Testimonials

What others are saying about Rotary

“Rotary has the ability to organize campaigns to mobilize support for some of the worthiest causes that exist, and that makes Rotary a precious resource.”

– *Kofi Annan, former UN secretary-general*

“I admire the Rotary promise to solve problems that destroy lives and trample dreams and human potential.”

–*Queen Noor al-Hussein of Jordan*

“Through my contact with Rotary, I learned about the importance of community service. The Rotary motto of Service Above Self has left a deep impression and has guided me since. I would like to express my profound gratitude to The Rotary Foundation for having given me that unique opportunity and a solid foundation that eventually led me to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, a global service organization to protect those fleeing from armed conflict and persecution.”

– *Sadako Ogata, Japanese prime minister's special representative for assistance to Afghanistan*

“Rotary’s PolioPlus program is a shining example of the achievements made possible by cooperation between the United Nations and nongovernmental organizations.”

– *Kofi Annan, former UN secretary-general*

“I would be proud and enthusiastic to be associated with Rotary in any way.”

– *Ted Turner, former head of Turner Broadcasting*

“You who believe in and continue to strive to save the world’s children from the ravages of polio are most definitely champions.”

– *Gro Harlem Brundtland, World Health Organization director general*

“In 1988, the World Health Assembly agreed that it would commit to eradicating polio in time for the world to be certified polio-free by 2005. Since then, Rotary International, the United Nations Children’s Fund, the World Health Organization, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been leading this massive undertaking.”

– *Mia Farrow, UNICEF goodwill ambassador*

“Thank you, Rotary, for recognizing that a world without polio is possible. You have been the catalyst for the world to accept and carry out the challenge of eradicating polio from the earth.”

– *Bill Gates, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

“The volunteerism exemplified by Rotary International is an engine for renewal and change in every society. And it is that same volunteer spirit, rooted in compassion and a profound sense of responsibility to our fellow human beings, that offers so much hope for the future, beginning with children.”

– *Carol Bellamy, UNICEF executive director*