

# Rotary Club of Thai Town

## **Annual Report**



**July 2012 - June 2013**



*When we put Service Above Self, we are making a choice. We are choosing to put other people's needs ahead of our own desires. We are saying, "Your problems are my problems, and I care enough to help you."*

*---- Sakuji Tanaka, RI President 2012-2013*

## **Club Information 2012-2013**

**Rotary Club:** Rotary Club of Thai Town

**Meetings:** Monday, 7:00 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** Holly View Apartments  
5411 Hollywood Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90027

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

## **Club Officers 2012-2013**

**President:** Sam Prompichai

**President-Elect:** Sam Hakritsuk

**Secretary:** Koi Jaiyong

**Treasurer:** Sue Kanchana

**Club Service Director:** Sam Hakritsuk

**Community Service Director:** Chancee Martorell

**International Service Director:** Sue Kanchana

**Vocational Service Director:** Polthep Inturat

**Membership Chair:** Poo Pornsobhon

**New Generations Director:** Bruce Rymparsurat

**Foundation Chair:** Anne Muangmongkol

**Public Relations Chair:** Koy Jaiyong

# Our New Club Members

## 2012-2013



### **Jeerapong Wongchote**

Jeerapong is the lead technical fleet field officer for the NASA Launch Services Program, stationed at the entrepreneurial space firm SpaceX's rocket manufacturing plant in Hawthorne, CA. He is responsible for the overall leadership, coordination between inter-agency technical teams, and collection of information on rocket design and daily manufacturing operations.

Jeerapong has received numerous awards and honors, including Academic Achievement and Outstanding Service Awards during his undergraduate study and NASA On-the-Spot and Group Achievement Awards for exceptional support to the Pegasus and Taurus missions.

Currently, Jeerapong resides in Downtown Los Angeles where, he actively engages in community service for the Thai-American community and outreach activities to inspire the young minds of tomorrow.



### **Wimonpan "Jar" Souratha**

Jar was born in Chiangmai Thailand. She received a Bachelor's degree in accounting from Payab University. Right after graduation, she worked for Habitat For Humanity Chiangmai branch for one year, before she then came to the United States in 2004.

She lives in Alhambra, California, with her husband and two sons. Her youngest son was diagnosed with retinoblastoma when he was two years old. Her family went through multiple difficulties since they discovered the disease but was able to overcome the obstacles. She and her husband had been fortunate enough to find the best treatments for their child. He is now 5 years old and adjusting very well to his new life after the surgery, chemotherapy and radiations. She had put many of her dreams and career on hold during those periods.

She is now a licensed life and health insurance agent/broker for Transamerica, based in Woodland Hills. She hopes that one day she can help families who are less fortunate than hers in any way she can.

# 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 2012 - June 2013

### 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 2012-2013 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](http://www.cure4ourcommunities.org)
- Food Drive: Armenian National Committee - Hollywood
- Toy Drive: THAIS Inc.
- Rotary Community Alliance's Toy Drive

- District Grant in partnership with Rotary Club of Granada Hills and Rotary Club of SW Los Angeles
- Medical Equipment for Viengsa Hospital in Naan Province, Thailand
- 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

## 2013 Officer of the Year Award

**Awarded to Seree Edward Rattanapichetkul  
of LAPD Rampart Division**



Seree, who goes by Eddie, was born in Los Angeles, CA, and lived in various areas of Los Angeles until settling in the city of El Monte. When he was little he'd play "Cops and Robbers" outside with his cousin Richard, and naturally he wanted to be the cop. He attended Arroyo High School in El Monte and joined the El Monte Police Explorer Post #522 in 1997. He rose to the rank of Explorer Sergeant and eventually had to leave at the age of 18. Although he had to leave the explorer program, he continued to serve as an Associate Advisor. Before his mother's sudden passing from cancer in 2001, he always told her he would make something of himself one day. In early 2006, he was hired by the Los Angeles Police Department. In late 2008, he was transferred to Rampart Division, a place he now calls home. Rampart Division is the most densely populated area of Los Angeles located just west of Downtown LA. It also covers an area known as East Hollywood, where there is a high concentration of Thais due to the close proximity to "Thai Town." He has made himself easily approachable and obtainable to the residents of East Hollywood as a way to build a relationship between the Thai community and the police department.

# The Rotary Club of Thai Town 2013 Firefighter of the Year Award

**Awarded to Mark Zizi  
of Fire Station 82**



Mark Zizi has been a member of the Los Angeles City Fire Department for 5 years now. He has been assigned to Fire Station 82 for the last 3 years. He is currently on the "C" platoon and has become a valued member of the community, thanks to his strong desire to provide excellent skills to the people in need. 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.





## Club Service

Rotary Club of Thai Town encouraged our club members to participate in all the District activities.



Our member, Sam Hakritsuk, attended District Breakfast for the first time with PP Anne Muangmongkol, PP Sue Kanchana, and President Sam Prompichai.



Our Rotary Club of Thai Town family had fun at the cardboard boat race and enjoyed the District Picnic.



## Community Service

In addition to school supplies for youths, Rotary Club of Thai Town collected donations of items for emergency preparedness kits for residents of Palm Village Senior Housing in Sun Valley at our Holiday Party 2012. On Wed., Feb. 27, 2013, we presented a District Grant in partnership with Rotary Club of Granada Hills and SW Los Angeles Rotary Club to New Directions for Youth.



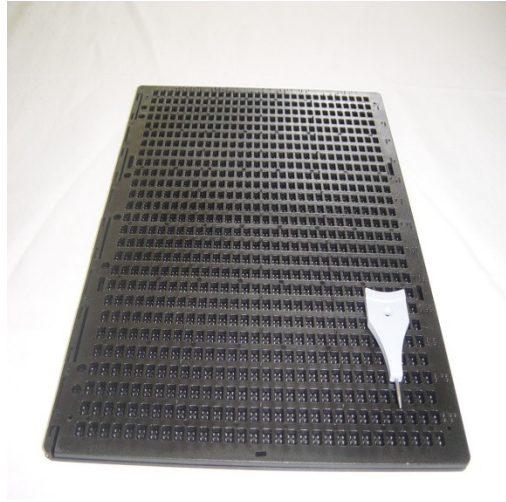
President Sam presented the donated items to Chancee, who received them on behalf of the residents.



New Directions for Youth, Inc. is dedicated to providing comprehensive programs and services to at-risk youth and their families. Its vision is a peaceful community where youth and families thrive and grow.

## International Service

In addition to raising funds for international disaster relief, Rotary Club of Thai Town partnered with Thammasart University Alumni Association and other local community organizations to help fund Braille equipment and tools for blind students in Thailand in order to help them with their education.







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# Rotary Club of Thai Town

## 2012-2013

### Rotary Youth Programs

*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.
- The Weekend Leadership Camp will take place in April 2013.
- Colleges and Universities take note of RYLA participation.
- Students gain leadership skills and learn to engage with peers and their community.
- Available only to High School Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors in the Los Angeles Area.
- Please contact us for more information at [RYLA@RotaryClubofThaiTown.org](mailto:RYLA@RotaryClubofThaiTown.org) or (323) 908-6206.
- Candidates should contact us by December 1, 2012

### **Rotary Youth Art, Speech & Music Competition**

**Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Thai Town**  
**Over \$5,000 in prizes to our Talented Youth in District 5280**

- A Rotary Club sponsored competition to highlight Youth Art, Speech and Music talent.
- **Monday, January 28, 2013 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.
- Winners can compete for District Prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 in each category.
- 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](mailto:YouthPrograms@RotaryClubofThaiTown.org) or (323) 908-6206.
- **Candidates/Parents must contact us by January 14, 2013 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 2012 or 2013.
- All art works must be brought to the Competition on January 28<sup>th</sup> 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?
- Deliver your speech at our January 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Bruce Rymparsurat or Dennis Yan (New Generations Co-Chairs) or Koy Jaiyong (Club Secretary) – call (323) 908-6206 or email [YouthPrograms@RotaryClubofThaiTown.org](mailto:YouthPrograms@RotaryClubofThaiTown.org)**



## **The Rotary Foundation**

Rotary Club of Thai Town is partnering with other clubs in the Global Grant for Homeboy Industries project for the bakery and tattoo removal.



Homegirl Kitchen



Learning about Homeboy Industries from Father Greg Boyle

# Treasurer's Financial Reporting Sheet

ROTARY CLUB OF THAI TOWN						
Rotary Year 2012-2013 (July 1, 2012-June 30,2013)						
Description	Membership Dues In	Fundraising Cash In	Miscellaneous Cash in	Project Money Paid Out	Due/Fee/Meals Paid Out	Net Cash In
Misc. Fundraising		1,453.00				1,453.00
Membership Fees & Dues	3,826.00				2,658.60	1,167.40
Meals		1,158.00			494.34	663.66
Bicycle Project		180.00				180.00
District Grant				250.00		-250.00
Youth Program/Ryla		40.00		1,080.00		-1,040.00
Happy Dollars		1,281.00				1,281.00
Thai New Year/Songkran Festival		142.00		100.00		42.00
Homeboy Project				1,000.00		-1,000.00
Youth Poster & Essay Contest Awards				450.00		-450.00
Support Thai & Local Community Events				340.00		-340.00
TRF Polio Plus						0.00
The Rotary Foundation		2,300.00		2,300.00		0.00
Holiday Party		633.00				633.00
Club Celebration & Awards		270.00			112.99	157.01
Transferred to TTRF Account				1,000.00		-1,000.00
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Total:	3,826.00	7,457.00	0.00	6,520.00	3,265.93	1,497.07
Miscellaneous Club Expenses	Cash Out			Club Funds Summary		Totals
Stationery, Postage, P.O. Box & etc.	191.98					
TTRF Set-up Fee	642.00					
Advertisement	300.00			Starting Balance 07/01/2012		4,006.87
District Breakfast	194.00			Net Expenses		3,290.47
District Picnic	84.92			Net Income		1,497.07
ClubRunner	299.40					
Pre-PETS/PETS	910.00			Ending Balance at TTRC Account		2,213.47
King Rama V Bouquet	75.00			Ending Balance at TTRF Account		2,450.00
District Assembly	210.00					
4-Way Test & Theme Banners/New Membership Kits	383.17					
Total:	3,290.47					