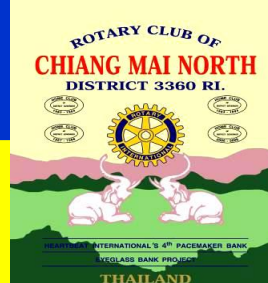




The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North



Service Above Self

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHIANG MAI NORTH was established in 1979. **Chiang Mai**, the second largest city in Thailand is located in the Northern region of the country. The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North boasts 33 members and represents a wide cross section of the local community which embraces the Rotary Motto: **Service Above Self**.

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June is Rotary Fellowship month

Fellowship is one of the core values of Rotary. June is Rotary Fellowships month. It is when groups of Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and Rotaractors join together to share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities such as hobbies, sports etc. It is a good opportunity to further our vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession and explore new opportunities for service.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

Throughout the wide world of Rotary, many members share similar hobbies, recreational activities and avocations. Rotarians with common interests are encouraged to establish groups, called World Fellowship Activities, or Inter- national Fellowships, to promote friendship and share their special leisure time experiences. One of the pioneer fellowship groups, the International Golfing Fellow- ship, has held an annual gathering and golf tournament for the past 26 years in various cities of the world. Many of the fellowships promote their activity at colorful booths set up at Rotary's annual international convention.

Some popular World Fellowship Activities are flying, amateur radio; stamp collecting, music, yachting, caravanning, skiing, tennis and travel. More unusual "fellowships" involve Rotarians interested in genealogy, recreational vehicles, curling, tree planting, home exchange, railroading, tape recording and roaming. The World Fellowship of Esperanto brings together friends interested in a common world language. Groups have also been organized for hunting and fishing, chess, running and fitness and numismatics. Most of the groups publish regular newsletters and bulletins for their members. All Rotarians are welcome to join any of the World Fellowship Activities. Membership offers a new dimension of friendship and enjoyable activity with Rotarians around the world.

Peace Through Service

At the 2012 Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Incoming RI President **Sakuji Tanaka** outlined the plans for his term, which will begin on 1 July. Tanaka will ask Rotarians to achieve **Peace Through Service**. "Through service we learn that the problems that may seem large to us are really very small," said Tanaka. "We learn empathy for others. We come closer to people who seem very different from us. And we begin to understand how much we are all the same." "Through our Rotary service, we know that cooperation is more productive than conflict," he said. "We know that every one of us has something to give, and everyone has something to teach."

2012 -13 RI Theme:



Peace Through Services



Sakuji Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, was elected president of Rotary International for 2012-13 by delegates during the fourth plenary session at the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. “

“It is my honor to accept the nomination to serve as president of Rotary International,” said Tanaka. “Since I joined Rotary, I have embraced every new challenge of Rotary service. To me, *challenge* is a very important word. It inspires us. It also helps us to be and to do our best. It allows us to bring out our fullest potential.”

District Assembly and District Governor Installation Ceremony

District 3360 organized the annual District Assembly and the District Governor Installation Ceremony in Lampang at Lampang Wiengthong Hotel on June 2-3, 2012.

Almost 400 participants took part in the 2 day District Assembly at the Lampang Wiengthong Hotel in Lampang on June 2-3, 2012. It included Rotarians, president-elect, incoming club leaders, secretaries, treasurers and committee members from the 62 clubs of District 3360.

In the evening of June 2, the graceful Installation Ceremony for the new 3360 District Governor was held at the same venue. Anurak Napawan was installed as the 2012-2013 District Governor by Past Rotary International President Phichai Rattakul. For this coming tenure as District Governor, Anurak and Ann Amporn Napawan are committed to lead successfully District 3360 in **Peace Through Service** for the administrative year 2012-13. Our sincere congratulations to you both!



District Governor Anurak is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Doiprabaht, Lampang which was formed in 2001 by the group of Master of Business Administration Alumni of Yonok University. He is an industrial engineer, now taking care of his family business in ceramic manufacturing. He was also the President of the Lampang Ceramic Association and the Chairman of the Federation of Thai Industries, Lampang Chapter.

The District Assembly prepares incoming club officers, directors and key committee chairmen of each club for their year in office. It is an effort to provide them with suitable instruction for the tasks they will perform. District Assembly is the main leadership training event in each of the 500 Rotary districts of the world. Some of the most experienced district leaders carry out informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration and service projects. The Assembly is also an occasion for club leaders to meet with district leaders (the district governor-elect, incoming assistant governors, and district committees) who will support club projects and activities. **Congratulations** to all incoming presidents and club officers to whom we hand over Rotary's future.





Message from the District Governor

Fellow D 3360 Rotarians,

This newsletter is my last one because my term as governor will conclude at the end of this month.

Most Rotarian jobs last a year, except some such as R.I. director (2 years), DRFC (3 years), YEC (3 years), and governor's assistant (maximum of three consecutive years).

Some positions can be held indefinitely. Nevertheless, some major positions can be held only once. Examples are the presidency of Rotary International, R.I. directorships, and district governorships. This reflects the excellent Rotary International principle that people should take turns working in order to produce and develop better qualified personnel for our organization.

Even though I have completed my term as a governor, I will continue to work for Rotary, such as serving as president of the D3360 Rotary Youth Exchange Foundation. Most importantly, I will study and prepare ourselves to bid to hold the Rotary Zone Institute in the next 3-4 years in Chiang Mai. After that, I will continue my university teaching, which has been suspended for a year and a half, and my favorite hobby as a newspaper columnist on political and legal issues together with working with international organizations in support of human rights.

My first teaching assignment is to lecture and present a paper at Kyoto University, Japan. Because of this trip, I wish to apologize that I will not be able to attend the installation ceremonies in some of provinces.

Finally, I am very grateful to all of you who have allowed me to do my job in this honorable position. Even though I am totally exhausted, I am absolutely delighted that Rotary has given me one of my best experiences, increased my knowledge and provided me with several friends from Thailand and all over the world.

Yours in Rotary,

Chamnan Chanruang

Governor, D 3360 RI

President Saran Thank You Party



We had a good time at President Saran Thank You Party on the evening of June 20 at Im-Sook Restaurant. Club members & their families and guests got together for this special event. The guest speaker, DG Chamnan told us about his one year experiences as a District Governor and President Saran gave an inspiring speech "**What have I learned in a year as a club president?**" He also thanked all members for their enthusiastic dedication to make 2011-2012 a very successful year.

After dinner, we gave President Saran a teddy bear to congratulate him as the hard working and cool President!

Congratulations!

Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North won the “**Changemaker Award**” from RI President Kalyan Banerjee for the 2011-2012 Rotary year.



On June 20, 2012 club members took a picture with the award at Im-sook restaurant.

RI President Kalyan Banerjee introduced a new recognition, the *Changemaker Award*, to accompany the Presidential Citation during the 2011-12 Rotary year. He encouraged Rotarians to focus on change, the *Changemaker Award* recognizes Rotary clubs and districts that make an extraordinary impact through their work in the Avenue of Service. To be eligible for the award the club had to complete a minimum of three service projects in each of five categories: Club, Vocation, Community, International and New Generations. All activities must be undertaken and completed between 1 July 2011 and 1 March 2012. The activities could include membership growth and training, career days for youth, emphasis on high ethical standards, sponsor an International Youth Exchange Student, support international service projects and complete at least three community projects. District governors will select three clubs in the district -- the top-performing small, medium, and large clubs to be entered into a zone and international competition.

And won the **District 3360 Weekly Electronic Thai Bulletin** and **Monthly Electronic English Newsletter** for the 2011-12 Rotary year.

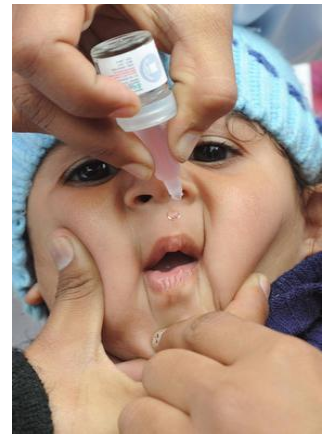


On June 2, 2012 President Saran on behalf of the team of Thai Bulletin and International Relations of RC of Chiang Mai North received a certificate from DG Chamnan Chanruang.

The battle against **Polio** continues... but the victory is now in sight

Only three to go

Let's make Polio history



The crippling disease that held the world to ransom in the 1950's and 1960's has almost been eliminated with those two tiny drops of oral polio vaccine, a well thought out strategy, large financial resources and the dedication and commitment of thousands of devoted Rotarian volunteers and international health agencies.

Rotary International is the volunteer arm of a global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. In 1985, Rotary volunteers around the world embraced the fight against polio and 'POLIOPLUS' was born. The PolioPlus program is the most ambitious program in Rotary's history. The initiative is an aggressive public-private partnership to assist International Health Agencies and Governments in eradicating polio from the world.



In India, Rotary International established a separate committee in 1988, named the India National PolioPlus Society (INPPS), to exclusively steer Rotary's polio eradication program in India.



Apart from financial commitments and advocacy, Rotary volunteers assist in vaccine delivery, social mobilization and logistic management in cooperation with the national Health Ministries of various countries, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The World Health Organization has officially removed **India** from the list of polio-endemic countries. Ghulam Nabi Azad, India's minister of Health and Family Welfare, made the announcement at the Polio Summit 2012 in New Delhi on 25 February. Azad said that he had been informed of WHO's action by its director-general, Dr. Margaret Chan.

"It is a matter of satisfaction that we have completed one year without any single new case of polio being reported from anywhere in the country," said Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at the summit, which was organized by the government of India and Rotary International. "This gives us hope that we can finally eradicate polio not only from India but from the face of the entire mother earth. The success of our efforts shows that teamwork pays."

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. Before polio eradication can be certified in India, it must go two more years without another case of the disease. Polio remains endemic in only three countries: [Afghanistan](#), [Nigeria](#), and [Pakistan](#).



Bivalent oral vaccine

Until 2009, India accounted for nearly half the number of the world's polio cases. A chief factor in the country's success has been the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus. Another has been rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent, according to WHO.

Rotary International has played a major role in helping to stop the transmission of polio in India. Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is a big key supporter of the initiative.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the nearly 119,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to children, organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, and distribute banners, caps, comic books, and other items.

Global support from Rotarians

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organize and carry out the National Immunization Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat. "As an Indian, I am immensely proud of what Rotary has accomplished. However, we know this is not the end of our work. Rotary and our partners must continue to immunize children in India and in other countries until the goal of a polio-free world is finally achieved."

"India is tantalizingly close to eradicating polio," says Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo, who chaired the Polio Summit. "Rotary International has committed to be the torchbearer until India and the world become polio-free." Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, calls India's achievement "a significant step towards a polio-free world – an example as to what can be accomplished no matter what problems need to be overcome. Rotarians of India are and should be proud of the key efforts they have made at all levels, without which the world would not be marking this milestone." Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee, also credits the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its commitment to ending polio. To date, the Indian government has spent more than US\$1.2 billion on domestic polio eradication activities. "We are fortunate that our government is our biggest advocate in this effort," Kapur says.



Thanks to the strong partnerships among Rotarians, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Government officials, civil societies and UN agencies who made the polio eradication campaign in India and across the world becoming a success. We should keep a high spirit to eradicate this deadly disease from the last three remaining countries. This is a great accomplishment and it makes us proud of being Rotarian.



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the World to
End Polio**