

Editor: **PP Denis Carpenter**

(if you have any comments or questions, please contact Denis

Rotary Theme for February: Peace & Conflict Resolution Month



Meeting Information

ALL YEAR Dinner Out 1st Tuesday of each month 7 pm at a restaurant

**Meetings Friday 12.00 noon - 2 pm @ Millennium Hotel in Jungceylon
Rat-U-Thit Road Patong Beach**

November – April 2nd 3rd & 4th Friday - May – October 2nd & 4th Friday only

Dress code - Smart-Casual

(long pants and shirts with collars for men, women: smart-casual)



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**Visitors Welcome
registration mandatory**

**ONLINE
REGISTRATION**

Upcoming Events

All meetings (Except Dinner Outs) @ - Millennium Hotel

- 15th February - Friday Club Assembly
- 23rd February - Rotary International Birthday

ADVANCE NOTICE

29th-31st March - DISTRICT CONFERENCE - Nakhon Pathom



A weekend of FUN - OB's FUNd RAISER April 19-21



A WEEKEND OF FUN FOR 3 GOODCAUSES:

YOUR FABULOUS FITNESS
(TENNIS, GOLF, SWIMMING, YOGA, PILATES, DANCING, DRINKING)

YOUR HAPPINESS
(DANCING, NAPPING, READING, MASSAGE, SUNBASKING, SPA HOPPING)
BEING CHARITABLE OF HEART

-AND-

A FUNDRAISER FOR SOME NEEDY KIDS IN PHUKET

F.A.Q.

TRANSPORT: Airfare & getting To & Fro hotel on you... To & Fro versus on us

SLEEPING: Your call suggest the Laguna Outrigger lagunaouttriggers.com

GOLF: Good rates at Blue Canyon and Laguna Golf (see Mike Halley or Doony)

TENNIS: see below, tot: 12 hours (Drinks, Balls, Coach, etc) package price \$51.50

WILD DINNER PARTY FRIDAY \$5150 EA - SUNDAY MARGHERITA LUNCH \$580 EA

FUNDRAISING WHITE GALA ON SATURDAY NIGHT

\$8,000 - \$10 per person (including a donation)

Including: Sunset, FOOD, wine and beer, live music, dancing, auctions, AND donation

To prepay for packages go to www.confirma.com/obopenfun2019

19TH APRIL	20TH APRIL	21ST APRIL	TIPS & TRICKS
<p>TENNIS: 14:00 - 17:00</p> <p>PRIVATE PARTY @ EA JOE SEE (PHUKET TOWN): 22:30 - 01:00 LAUGHING IS NOT OPTIONAL</p>	<p>TENNIS: 09:00 - 12:00 12:30 - 17:30</p> <p>WHITE PARTY @ OUTRIGGER LAGUNA: SUNSET: 18:30 UNTIL 22:00 + PROCEED TO TO LOCAL BIR SERVING THE TOWN</p>	<p>TENNIS: 10:00 - 12:00</p> <p>MEXICAN EASTER CELEBRATION @ TRAHYAPURA: AFTER TENNIS</p>	<p>ACCOMMODATION: RECOMMENDATION: OUTRIGGER LAGUNA OFFICE: LAGUNAOUTTRIGGERS.COM TRANSPORTATION TO ALL VENUES PROVIDED WITH JOB AIRPORT TRANSFER FOR PRIVATE HIRE</p>

Next Meeting

Friday 15th February 2019

The Meeting is a Club Assembly and we need to confirm vacant board positions filled in by the board. We also have a vote on changing the bylaws regarding meeting time and day of the week. A detailed agenda is being sent to all members.

Please make every effort to attend this important club assembly.



Andreas Becker - 15th February



The Last Meeting

Friday 1st February



MoM of Rotary Club of Patong Beach: (note taker PPOB)

01 Feb 2019

12:32 lunch was called by SAA David Arell

12:58 Meeting called by SAA David for President Karen to Sound the gong.



The intro of the Guests:

1. Guest Speaker: Chris Guy
2. Missy Devlin



Club Business requested by P. Karen:



- Past Presidents meeting at 2:00 P.M. after the Club meeting.
(Recommendations are in order for present VP and President-Elect)
- Treasury: all is good
- Club Administration: looking forward to today's Speaker and Dinner out next week.
- Service Projects Report: Jonathon not in attendance, however Fundraising suggested that one goal in the April 20 fundraising Event was to support the Water Safety Project now in the capable hands of Johan.
- Fundraising Committee gave an uncharacteristically short report on optimism for the 20 April Fundraiser. All parties can contact OBOPEN7 for more information and directions to pre-pay for any of four packages: Tennis, Kojoksee, White Water Gala (fundraiser at Outrigger) and/or Margherita Party on Easter Sunday.
- Arnaud to take photos of meeting's smiling faces.



The intro of Guest Speaker by Roy Devlin:



Chris Guy a.k.a "Toff": Grand Pries Motor Bike racer and raconteur

Roy's intro was amusing and light-hearted with quips that suggested some wild history between him and the guest speaker. There was lots of banter about Toff and Roy on the Squash court which created images of Roy being tricky and wristy and Toff muscle-ing through some pain to smash the shit out of the ball – not a tortoise and hare match but more a contest between a wolverine and a wild boar – the jury is out.

The glib introduction was All in good fun, which gave us all anticipation of a great "share" which did not disappoint.

The topic of Presentation: Racing Near Death:

Notes from Talk:

Forward apologies for not recording more of the whirlwind of information about Racing that we heard....I do remember some technical info like the following:

1. The first bike was a TX 350 Yamaha, later he raced on OZ500 Suzuki and lastly on a TZ750 in 1980.
2. There were several crashes mostly trashing knees, legs and once a back injury. (part of the sport that "parts of which really should be banned as it is too deadly")
3. 1981 Toff (21 years old) won a 3 lap victory over riders that became world champions.
4. 1982 was third on the grid at a 20 lap Grand Pries and came in first on a back that was almost half the horsepower of the other bikes.
5. Invented some boot and knee protection which sort of worked but still he ground off lots of skin on the pavement.



Racing Near Death: "you dump at top speed, and you die."

Toff delivered his warnings matter of factly, without bravado, just very grateful to have made the choice to race and having survived. He modestly admitted having more headstrong focus than talent and having better concentration than riding skills.

He reeked of having loved his past glories, which gives him the passion for today. "I was then a kid staying close to death. Now I am 62 and really value life"

He gets up early and puts in a full day before 9:00 a.m. having worked through lots of pain to get his lower parts working, then running around the lake, then feeding lots of animals, then working out again: "fitness is life" And Toff is super fit with a resting heart rate of 35 and a look like he can go the distance (even in his high top trainers with no socks which he wore to the meeting).

He really delights in feeding wild animals (mostly needy feral cats) and is deservedly proud of that "giving back" piece of his life.

His talk was nothing short of inspirational...full of images and scenes that make one want to kick-some-ass like waking up with New Year's resolutions that "this is the year,

I am going to join a gym, lose 10 kilos, lose my muffin top and get serious about my fitness. As regards Toff: he is not making choices, he is living his own version of proof that life matters. Even in his extremes, there seems to be a balance of attitude and gratefulness of spirit. Not so deep in his eyes, you can see the enduring passion for life emblazoned by going 190 miles an hour near death.

After Toff spoke, I believe we all asked some of those uncomfortable questions about our own fitness and risks. He graciously answered some questions that gave me (at least) more want to understand how his living near death influences his today.

As he left the room, I invited him back to RCOPB and suggested that he might join when I give my talk on Sex after Sixty...to which he replied. "I have a young girlfriend, so I have too much sex and am trying to slow down."
Chris Guy remains an enviable anathema.

Thanks to the Speaker was given by PP Andy Becker:

Speaker was well appreciated and thanked by PP Andy. I am sure that Andy's thanks and our smiling enthusiasm left Toff feeling appreciated as he headed off to being that iconic character in Rawai that we all can learn from.

The meeting was closed by P Karen with a toast to CHINESE NEW YEAR.

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PPOB

Meeting report: PP OB Wetzell **Photos:** Arnaud Verstraete - *Thank you ed, Denis*



RCoPB Dinner Out - Tuesday 5th February



The Long Table

We had a lively group of 18 people for the dinner out at Gallery Café by Pinky on 5 February, Chinese New Year.

The evening started with people chatting and enjoying a drink then we moved and sat down at the long table for dinner.

President Karen offered a welcome to the dinner out and reminded members about the club assembly happening on 15 February.

Some important topics will be up for members vote at that assembly including club officers and a new meeting time and day. **Please make every effort to attend.**

PN Johan gave a brief update about the Larry Amsden Water Safety Program for children and he is preparing for the next batch of students and looking for a suitable pool.

PP Walter reminded us about the District Conference and that it is a great chance to learn more about Rotary and have some fun.

PP David explained that the next **Fund Raiser Gala will be held on 20 April.**

This is as a part of the O.B. Tennis Open and there are also parties that everyone is welcome to join on Friday the 19th and Sunday the 21st but the fundraiser is Saturday the 20th.

Tickets for the parties and the tennis are all available for purchase online at

<https://www.conferize.com/obopenfun/2019>

The dinner was then served and good conversation and fellowship were enjoyed.



Great dinner - looks delicious ed Denis





After dessert was enjoyed, PP David announced that this was the first dinner out to use the new system of adding a donation to our charity funds on the dinner fee.

For this event, we raised **2,900 baht** which will be used for our Rotary Club charity efforts.

Dinner Out Organizer: PP David Arell

Meeting report: PP David Arell

Photos: PP Arnaud Verstraete

Thank you ed, Denis