



ROTARY CLUB OF KOH SAMUI

The Rotary Club is affectionately known as ROCKS, an appropriate acronym for this rocky island. The club was chartered on February 23rd 2004, under the guidance of Ken Chung, a longstanding Rotarian originally from Australia.

Since its inception, the club has been busy following the Rotary International ethos of 'Service Above Self' and has worked tirelessly to help and support the less well off in Koh Samui, Thailand and the wider world.

Its many projects include the regeneration of a tsunami impacted area of the West Coast of Thailand, centred around Kura Buri. ROCKS 'adopted' the island of Koh Pratong and in particular a village in the south, Tung Dap. Over a period of two years, 8.5 million baht was directed to these impoverished people.

Projects in Koh Samui include the support of the Government Hospital in Nathon. In 2004, a heart monitor was purchased, and in 2009, a respirator and two oximeters were installed.

ROCKS have also supported temple schools, whose funding is less assured than government schools. The first major project gave Wat Jaeng (Nathon) four new classrooms and a new roof and repainting of its largest classroom block.

This was followed by a new kitchen and dining hall for Wat Kunaram (Namuang), and a new Computer Room.

Many other aid projects were carried out over the years, including the inception of a Blood Donor Database; an invaluable aid to all the hospitals on the island when an unusual blood type was urgently required to save a life.

Our most recent venture was the purchase of 'Jaws of Life' for Samui Rescue. This worthy organisation of volunteers was severely handicapped in its rescue efforts of drivers trapped in crashed vehicles. Jaws of Life, with its hydraulically powered cutting and spreading tools allows victims to be rescued quickly and safely.

If you wish to know more about ROCKS, or to join the mailing list of 'Friends of Rotary', email rockssecretary@rotarysamui.org, or the current President Philip Parker rockspresident@rotarysamui.org

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