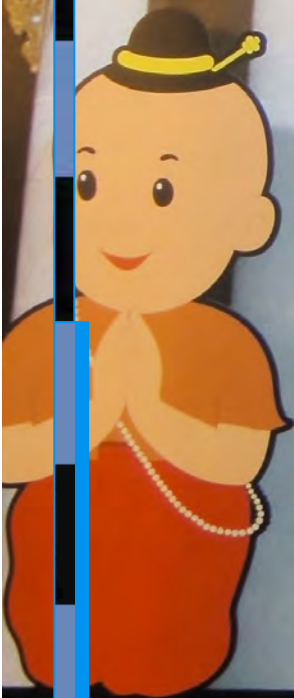


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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Ahoy and welcome to this special "Rotafloat Supplement". I believe this is the first time we have ever published a special supplement like this between the regular quarterly issues of Rotafloat but it seemed like the most logical and organized way to communicate the information on our activities at the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok.



I am excited about the events we have planned for Bangkok. Several things are different this year. The biggest change is that we are splitting up the Annual General Meeting into two events.

- The first of these will be our business meeting which will be held at the convention venue. There is no charge associated with attending this and it is of course open to all members as a business meeting should be.

We are waiting for Rotary to assign us a room and time for this meeting so the details will be announced in a future issue of Rotafloat and at the booth at the convention. This event will retain the name AGM since that is what it is.

- The second portion of our previous AGM's was the social part, the dinner. That is now split off and will be called the Commodore's Dinner and will be a purely social event with a great dinner.

- The final change I will save for the end...

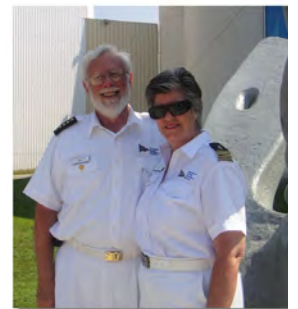
We start the convention with our traditional Meet & Greet event Saturday evening. The Courtyard Marriott is "hotel central" for the Fellowship in Bangkok and we have booked their fantastic poolside venue for this party where we meet old friends and make new ones.



The Commodore's dinner will be on Tuesday, May 8th, at the Blue Elephant, a world renowned restaurant and cooking school. This was the site, in 2007, of the Epicurean Master's of the World dinner which, at 1,000,000BHT per person, was advertised as the world's most expensive dinner! Our event won't be as extravagant as that but I assure you, you won't be disappointed and it will cost a whole lot less.

Finally our biggest event of the convention, the Post Convention Cruise starting on Thursday, May 10th, and ending Monday morning, May 14th, with a final breakfast! We are going to Mom Chailai River Retreat to stay at the Antique Boat Resort. What could be more fitting for boating people than staying on these restored and gorgeous, old boats? From there we will take a number of side excursions in boats to various attractions. And of course we will have a number of dinners and parties along the way and time for just relaxing and enjoying fellowship around the pool or in the local community! A fantastic Thai and boating experience with your IYFORian friends!

Read on in this supplement for details of each event and, on the last page, information on how you can sign up for them. I look forward to seeing you all in Thailand on May 5th and at our events. Look for additional information in future issues of Rotafloat as we get closer to the convention.



Oh yes, don't want to forget the last change! To encourage early signup for all of these events we are offering special early bird discounts as well as packages for multiple events to save you even more. These discounts will go away soon so sign up early... and save! Full detail of the pricing, early bird special pricing and package deals are in the Ships Store on the web site.

Booking your IYFR events has never been easier...

All three of our events, the Meet & Greet, Commodore's Dinner and Post Convention Cruise are purchasable online through our Ship's Store. Go to our web site, www.iyfr.net, log in to the members area, and select the Ship's Store menu item. Convention events are at the bottom of the store (hint... click on Categories and then the Bangkok Convention to get there directly).

All you have to do is set the quantity for the number of people in your party and add it to your shopping cart. Do this for each event you plan to attend!

For a short while we are offering discounts to those who sign up early... these will be going away however, so don't delay too long. Look around a bit though before making your final decision... if you order multiple events at the same time there are even better discounts!

Once you have selected your events, view your shipping basket, verify your selections and click the PayPal button to check out. Remember you DO NOT have to have a PayPal account to use this. PayPal is simply our credit card processor for the Ship's Store. Just check the credit card option when you get there and follow their instructions.



You will receive an electronic receipt for your purchase and we are keeping a list of attendees as well. When you purchase the Post Convention Cruise we will be in contact with you to obtain further information, especially your post convention travel plans.

If you don't feel comfortable purchasing online, send an e-mail to events@iyfr.net. We will send you information about how you can pay directly with a credit card or wire transfer or a check drawn on a US bank.

Commodore's Reception — Meet & Greet

Saturday, May 5, 201 18:00-21:00 Courtyard Marriott \$35

The meet & greet will be held at the Marriott hotel which is conveniently located in the heart of the city near all major attractions, shopping & dining.

Join us at the poolside area, where you can get together with old friends, make new friends, enjoy some really fantastic hors d'oeuvres, great conversations with an incredible poolside party atmosphere.

To welcome you to the start of the convention your first drink is included.

Cost for this event is just \$35 or purchase an early bird discount ticket for \$30 or see below for additional savings on package deals.

IYFR accommodations in Bangkok

We have obtained a block of hotel rooms for IYFR members at the Courtyard Marriott in Bangkok for the convention. This is a Rotary approved hotel and will be a stop for the shuttles to the convention and is where many of the International Staff will be staying and the location from which we will be providing transportation to the Commodore's Dinner event.



Members wishing to avail themselves of one of these rooms should e-mail the chief of staff at chief-ofstaff@iyfr.net indicating their desire to take one of these rooms. You will receive a special web address and password where you can then book your room at the discounted rate of ~\$129us (at today's exchange rate). Please let the chief of staff know when you have completed your booking so we can keep track of the number of rooms taken.

Commodore's Dinner

Tuesday, May 8, 17:30 to 22:00 at the Blue Elephant \$85

This year we've decided to change our venue and split the meeting and dinner into two separate functions. The business portion of the AGM will be held at the central Rotary International convention location and there will be no charge for this meeting.

The dinner and social portion will be held at the Blue Elephant restaurant. This is a dazzling century old mansion with traditional Thai beauty in the heart of Bangkok.

The menu provided by the Blue Elephant is a rainbow of tradition and novelties. The 4 course sit down dinner in a private setting is provided by Chefs that prepare dishes from the past known as "Forgotten Recipes" and the present known as "Blue Elephant Classics" as well as the future known as "Our Chef's Creations". The Chefs have brought back some of their best memories from their long experiences abroad to let you indulge in their wonderful creations. Transportation to and from the dinner will be provided by the Marriott hotel.

The blue bar will be a no host bar (drinks start at \$6.00) that offers warm, intriguing and fashionable drinks from exceptional classics such as Caipirinha and Cosmopolitan to Frozen Fruit Margaritas and Coconut Coolers. A tot of rum to toast the Fellowship will start the dinner.

Cost for this event is \$80 or purchase an early bird discount ticket for \$70 or see below for additional savings.

Post Convention Cruise

Thursday May 10 – Monday May 14, 2012 \$1100

This is a once in a life time experience! Come join the fun and adventure of this scenic tour westward through the South Thailand Chao Phraya river landscapes.

We'll start out on a guided bus tour from Bangkok to a unique retreat known as Mom Chailai River Retreat or Antique Boat Hotel. Your room will be one of the many unique rooms on one of the restored boat houses consisting of converted rice-barges into accommodations, an outstanding cuisine, boats for river cruises and a floating restaurant, all right on the river. Throughout your 3 night stay you can relax and enjoy the beautiful swimming pool and/or spa services that are offered. We will visit ancient times, museums and temples. You'll cruise the Chailai river to visit the 100 year old floating market and observe Thai and Chinese culture. There will be festive dinners and local folk dance shows. You can do a little shopping or explore the surrounding vicinity at your leisure.

During the guided bus tour back to Bangkok we will stopover at the Samphran Elephant Ground and Zoo. The zoo boasts an elephant theme show which includes elephants training by mahouts, elephants at work, dancing, playing football and scenes of ancient elephant-back battle. The zoo also includes a crocodile farm with more than 10,000 crocodiles, where daily crocodile wrestling shows are held.

Once back in Bangkok we will return to our hotel for our final night and from which you will be picked up and transported to our "Special Farewell Dinner Cruise".

A Monday morning breakfast concludes the event as we bid farewell to our friends until we meet again.

Cost for this event is \$1,100 (*\$1,350 for a single supplement*) or purchases an early bird ticket for \$980 (*\$1,230 with the single supplement*) or see below for additional savings on package deals.

Early Bird Discounts and Package Deals

In addition to these packages, all individual events have special Early Bird pricing for a limited time only...visit the web site Ships Store for specific prices.

Commodore's Reception and Dinner

Regular Pricing \$115, Early Bird Special \$100

Commodore's Reception/Dinner and PCC (*add \$250 for PCC - single supplement*)

Regular Pricing \$1210, Early Bird Special \$1,080.

Also for your convenience we offer a 3 tiered payment plan as follows:

Due December 15, 2011: \$500

Due January, 2012: \$375

Due March, 2012: \$345

Purchases can be made on the web site Ships Store (the preferred method) or payments can be made via credit card, check (drawn on a US bank), or wire transfer. Questions? Send an e-mail to events@iyfr.net.