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Upcoming Holidays

Public Holidays during the next month or two are listed. Main Bank branches and Government Offices including Immigration will be closed.

Excursions Being Organized

Members often organize excursions which can be one day tours, overnights, and sometimes international travel. If any are being planned, they will be listed here.

Information of Interest from the Open Forum and Other Sources

Information of interest is often announced by fellow expats at the Open Forum session during the Club's Sunday Meeting. Items of continuing interest are included here until they are incorporated into the appropriate section of the Club's website.

Government Holidays -

These are the dates that Government Offices and Bank Branch Offices will be closed – Source is Bank of Thailand

REMINDER: If you are not already a subscriber to the Club's weekly Newsletter, to subscribe go to www.pcec.club and select NEWSLETTER from the left-hand column. Enter your email address in the box and click "subscribe." You will receive an email so you can "confirm" you want the newsletter. Once you confirm, you will be in our automated mailing list for receipt of the Newsletter.

DON'T WANT THE BREAKFAST BUFFET AT THE MEETINGS?

If you do not wish the full buffet available at the Sunday meeting, you may purchase coffee, pastries, etc. at the FLOW Cafe on the ground floor of both Towers of the Holiday Inn and bring it up to the meeting room. Club members receive a 25% discount at the FLOW as well as all other Holiday Inn Restaurants & Bars (other than promotional items).



THAI IMMIGRATION NEWS

[Click Here](#) to read the latest reports we have on what is happening at Thai Immigration in Pattaya (updated as of July 17, 2017,).

No changes since last week's Announcements posted.

KEEP US INFORMED – If you experience something different at Chonburi (Pattaya) Immigration office then what we post here and in the Visa& Immigration section of the website, let us know so we can keep our information up to date – we also appreciate notification if you find the information we provide was what your experienced - you can email your information to darrel-pcec@inbox.com.

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Club Announcements



BRUNO'S NOW OFFERS CLUB MEMBERS A 10% DISCOUNT

Bruno's Restaurant and Bar, operated by Chef Fredi, has been a favorite of Pattaya diners since 1996. It is one of the best fine dining restaurants in Pattaya. It maintains a large and faithful clientele which includes many members of our Club. We recently enjoyed a Club dinner there. Chef Fredi is now offering a 10% discount on all regular food and drink for PCEC members – show your membership card at the time you call for your check. The discount does not apply to promotional items, such as their low season set menu, or to special events such as their monthly wine dinner.

[Click here](#) for our Featured Restaurant website and scroll down for more information including links to their website (has menu), Face book page, reviews on Trip Advisor, and location map. Bruno's is located on Thappraya Road shortly before Theprasit Road Intersection when coming from South Pattaya. Open for Lunch: 12.00 - 2.30 PM - Dinner: from 6.00 PM 'til late. Contact by telephone to 081 861 5612, 038 364 600/1, 038 119 586/7 or by email to brunos@loxinfo.co.th.



REMINDER FOR SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS

If you wish to provide a suggestion or comment to the Governing Board, please place it in the suggestion box at the back of the meeting room. If you wish a response from the Board, please include your email address.

You can also send suggestions and comments to: suggestionbox@pcec.club.

Breakfast Raffle



FREE BREAKFAST BUFFET ON FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

A reminder for members to bring their current membership card in order to participate in the drawing. There will be a drawing the first Sunday of each month. Then it will be back to the first Sunday of each month, drawing tickets are given out to members. At the end of the meeting, a ticket is drawn for the full breakfast buffet, which can be obtained at the next or subsequent Sunday meeting – be sure to see Judith to claim your “prize.”



ANNUAL HOLIDAY CLOSING

Many of our members are patients of Dr. Olivier, who has also been a presenter to the Club. Please be aware that he will be on holiday and his clinic will be closed from July 22 to August 20.

DO YOU KNOW OF A BUSINESS THAT YOU COULD RECOMMEND TO YOUR FELLOW EXPATS?



Often during the Open Forum portion of the meeting, someone will recommend a particular business such as a handyman, auto mechanic or body shop, air conditioning service, clothing shop (with large sizes to fit our heftier expats), computer service, etc. To see information on businesses that have been recommended, visit our webpage:

<http://www.pattayacityexpatsclub.com/expats/docs/expat-recommended-business.pdf>

Our most recent Expat recommendation is for Air Conditioning Services, Kungman Group, 315/155 M12, Thappraya Road, Telephone 038-251-888. His comments about their service:

They pulled everything apart, cleaned everything, added some Freon for just over 1,000 baht, they took just over one hour. They were also very clean protected furniture and floor and cleaned the balcony when finished. A professional job, very happy.

Do you know of a business that you can recommend, please let us know by email to info@pcecclub.org or info@pcec.club.



WE ARE ALWAYS ON THE LOOK OUT FOR INTERESTING SPEAKERS

The Club's needs your assistance in finding interesting speakers for the Club's Sunday meetings. If you know of someone with an interesting topic, please let us know along with how to contact them. To make suggestions for speakers or topics, please email speakers@pcecclub.org.

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Upcoming Special & Club Events

CLUB RELATED EVENTS



CLUB DINNER FOR AUGUST AT AKVAVIT RESTAURANT ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

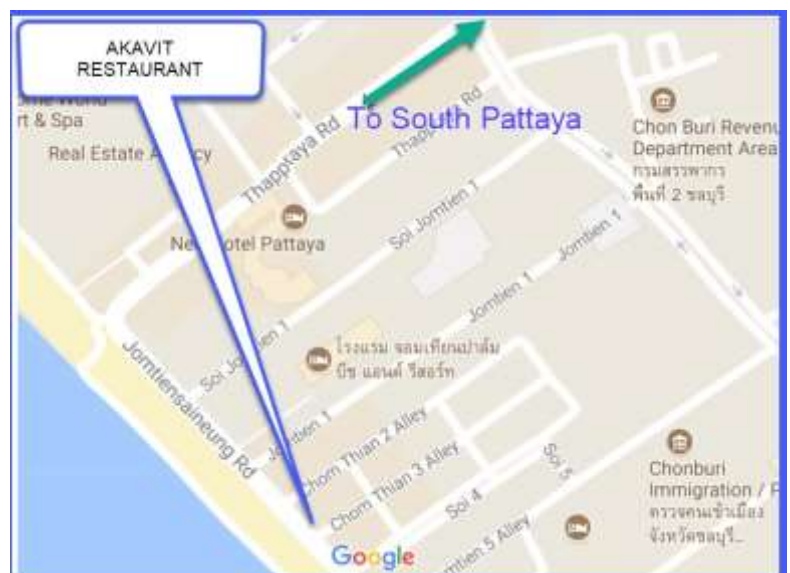
Michel and Darrel have arranged with Chef Pelle to hold the Club dinner for August at Akvavit Restaurant. All are welcome. It begins at 7pm and they will provide separate “check bins”. Usually drink orders are made and after perusal of the menu, orders are

taken – no waiting on late comers. The dinner will be in the air-conditioned dining room behind the terrace bar & dining area.

During the low season, Akvavit offers a 15% discount on food & drink (does not apply to weekend buffet or weekly dinner/drink special). The steaks are imported from Argentina – including a nice size filet for the Beef Wellington and Chateaubriand (for 2). Akvavit offers International and some Thai cuisine with a few Scandinavian specialties included. Their house wine after discount is 149 baht per glass, 382 per carafe, and 561 baht per bottle. To see the menu, [click here](#) and select “dinner” from the drop down “menu”. To read the reviews, click on [Pattaya Mail](#), [Pattaya Today](#), and [TripAdvisor](#).

If you wish to enjoy an excellent meal and interesting conversation with your fellow expats, please put your name on the signup sheet at the Sunday meeting. This is so Michel & Darrel can advise Chef Pelle of the number to set up for. If you sign up and cannot attend, please scratch your name off the signup sheet. If you are unable to attend a meeting to either signup or delete your name, you can do this by email to info@pcec.club.

Akvavit is located on Jomtien Beach Road at Soi 3 (on baht bus route – street parking available on beach side of road – opposite the Restaurant).



DRIVER LICENSE ASSISTANCE TRIP ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30



Monthly assistance trips to the Land Transport Office for obtaining Thai driving licenses by Member Henk Hauer usually take place on the last Wednesday of the month. For meeting location, [click here](#).

The trips departure time is 9:30am. You should contact Henk to confirm the trip date & time and departure point and let him know you wish to participate in the trip. Telephone 085-309-0603 or email henk2223@gmail.com.

See the [Driving License](#) page on the Club's website for information on the process and the documents needed.



BRUNO'S WINE DINNER ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Bruno's is a PCEC Featured Restaurant. They will be offering a Wine Dinner sponsored by [Italasia](#). From 7.00pm onwards, enjoy a superb dinner accompanied by six excellent wines.

To see the menu and selection of wines, [click here](#). The price is 2,800 baht net (please note, the PCEC discount does not apply for special events such as the monthly wine dinners). [Click here](#) to visit their website.

Bruno's is located in the Chateau Dale Plaza on Thappraya on your left before the Thepprasit Road intersection when coming from South Pattaya. For reservations and information, telephone: 081-861-5612, 038-364-600/1, 038-119-586/7, or email brunos@loxinfo.co.th.

EVENTS OF SOCIAL INTEREST

CHOIR OF GONVILLE & CAIUS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, UK ON AUGUST 27

The Choir will perform a recital of popular choral music from films and musicals at Pattaya Orphanage on Sukhumvit Road. The recital starts at 5pm; tickets are 500 baht per person (300 baht for children).

Tickets are available from the orphanage, PCEC, & PILC or email presidentpilc@gmail.com.

Les Edmonds will have tickets available at the Club's Sunday meetings.



JESTERS CARE FOR KIDS GALA PARTY NIGHT AT HARD ROCK CAFÉ ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

This charity event will be from 7pm til late at the Hard Rock Café. Tickets are 2,500 baht per person. The price includes a buffet dinner, free flow wine, beer and soft drinks.

A full entertainment schedule including a charity auction, raffle, live music and dancing. To reserve tickets now, email

galaparty@care4kids.info.
<http://www.care4kids.info/>.

For more information about Jesters Care for Kids, visit:



FREE IMPROVISATIONAL COMEDY WORKSHOP

*You are more creative and funnier than you
think.*

Prove it to yourself at the Pattaya Players' monthly FREE COMEDY IMPROV WORKSHOP at the Robin Hood Tavern at the Avenue Mall on Second Road, Pattaya. Create original theatre comedy instantly, under the direction of award-winning playwright and director Sheldon Penner.

Play theatre games and perform for one another in a friendly, no-pressure, supportive environment. Everybody welcome, ages 12 or over. No experience necessary. Just the desire to play, laugh and have fun!

For dates and more information to reserve a place at our next session, please sign up for the Pattaya Improv Meetup at Meetup.com, email Sheldon at sheldon@sheldonpenner.com, or call him at 092.413.7876.

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Excursions Being Organized



The following are announcements about any excursions being organized by member(s) or others. Excursions are usually open to all, but Club members may receive priority if limited space is available.



BEST OF CAPE TOWN – 8 NIGHT TOUR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 9 (DATE CHANGE)

Pasit Foobunma invites you to experience the very best of one of the most exciting and popular cities in the world today. In an eight-night tour visiting the popular attractions in and around Cape Town, world traveler Mag Rittinghaus, who is a fully paying fellow adventurer, will lead a group of just eight travelers from Pattaya.

As South African school holidays end on 9 October, Pasit's group will now meet at Suvarnabhumi airport on the 9th and fly overnight arriving in Cape Town on the 10th to commence the superb 8 night tour.

An extension beyond the eight nights of the tour is permitted and can be booked. For more information, availability, and bookings, please contact Pasit Foobunma: fpasit@gmail.com or call Pasit on 061-676-4114. For some additional information, [click here](#) and [click here](#).



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GOING ON A SAFARI IN TANZANIA?

Club members Pasit Foobunma and Allan Riddell both are on the Board of the South African Thai Chamber of Commerce and in that capacity visited and toured other countries. As a result, they are enthusiastic about providing the opportunity for others to have the opportunity to visit these countries. Currently, they have updated the popular Tanzanian safari for 2017. If you think you may be interested, then contact Pasit by email at fpasit@gmail.com or you can call him on 061-676-4114. [Click here](#) for more information on Tanzania Safari including links to itineraries and [click here](#) for more information on

Bhutan with links to specific itineraries.

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UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

During Public Holidays, main Bank branches and Government Offices, including Immigration, will be closed. Also, for religious Holidays and their Majesties Birthdays, there may be a prohibition on the sale of alcohol (hotels are usually exempt); consequently, some entertainment venues may be closed.



[No Government Holidays in September](#)

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Information of Interest from the Open Forum and Other Sources

WEBSITE FOR US CITIZENS/RESIDENTS RESIDING OUTSIDE USA TO VIEW TV PROGRAMS IN USA – “USTV Now” provides regular TV programming from the USA over the Internet free of charge. They require that you register by confirming you are a US Citizen or Resident currently residing outside of the USA and then providing your email address and a password you want to use. Go to <http://www.ustvnow.com/index.php> and click on the Sign Up for Free button – the registration process is self explanatory. After you are registered, you can go the same URL and Log in with your email address and password. They do offer some cable channels and other services for a fee; but most broadcast programs are available, e.g., ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, and others.

ANNUAL CAR REGISTRATION IN PATTAYA – Many car owners trek to the Land Transport Office off of Highway 36 to pay their annual tax and get a current “sticker” to place on their windshield (windscreen). But, it isn’t necessary. Every Saturday from 10am to 4pm, they have staff available at Big C South (Sukhumvit Road) to do the registration. They are on the 2nd floor near Customer Service counter. But, if your car is 7 or more years old, you will need to have it inspected before you can register it at Big C or the Land Transport Office. This can be done on Sukhumvit Road about 200 meters north of Pattaya Orphanage. This establishment will also handle the annual registration for you – pick up the registration and new sticker a couple of days later. There is another on Sukhumvit near Bangkok Hospital Pattaya entrance – See Below:



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Government Holidays in Thailand - 2017

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Sunday	1	January	New Year's Day
Monday	2	January	Substitution for New Year's Day
Tuesday	3	January	Additional day granted by Thai Cabinet
Saturday	11	February	Makha Bucha Day (R)
Thursday	6	April	Chakri Memorial Day
Thursday	13	April	Songkran Festival
Friday	14	April	Songkran Festival
Monday	1	May	National Labour Day
Friday	5	May	Coronation Day
Wednesday	10	May	Wisakha Bucha Day (R)
Saturday	8	July	Asarnha Bucha Day (R)
Monday	10	July	Substitution for Asarnha Bucha Day
Friday	28	July	H.M. the King's Birthday
Saturday	12	August	H.M. Queen Sirikit's Birthday (also Mothers' Day)
Monday	14	August	Substitution for H.M. Queen Sirikit's Birthday
Friday	13	October	Anniversary of H.M. the former King's death
Monday	23	October	Chulalongkorn Day
Thursday	26	October	Cremation of H.M. King Bhumibol
Tuesday	5	December	H.M. King Bhumibol's Birthday (also Fathers' Day)
Sunday	10	December	Constitution Day
Monday	11	December	Substitution for Constitution Day
Sunday	31	December	New Year's Eve

Note: When the Holiday occurs during the weekend (Saturday or Sunday) the following Monday (substitution day) is when Banks and Government offices will be closed.

(R) Observance of a Buddhist (religious) holiday – usually the sale of alcohol is prohibited and some entertainment venues may subsequently be closed. Usually, hotel restaurants and bars are exempt from the ban.

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