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A list of upcoming Club related and other events of special interest – for an overall list of upcoming events in and around Pattaya, see the latest **Club Newsletter**

## **Upcoming Holidays**

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

## **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](http://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.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**SUNDAY, JULY 2, MEETING WILL BE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PCEC (after this brief AGM meeting there will be a presentation by Brad Walker on *Doing Business as an Expat in Thailand*)**

This should be a brief AGM since there is no need for an election of nominees for the Governing Board. Treasurer Judith Edmonds will provide a report on the Club's financial activities and Chairman Roy Albiston will report on the Club's activities for the past year, June 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Jerry Dean, Electoral Officer, has advised that that there were only 6 nominations for the 7 Board vacancies – 4 incumbents (Richard Smith, Ron Hunter, Anne Smith, & Darrel Vaught) were nominated for another two year term and two members (Tom Loughney & Robert Smith) were nominated from the membership for their first two year term. In accord with the Club's By-Laws, when the number of nominees is less than the number of vacancies, there is no need to conduct an election at the Annual General Meeting. They will join Board members Roy Albiston, Judith Edmonds, Jerry Dean, & Pat Koester who will be starting the second year of their two year term when the "new" Board meets after the AGM and regular meeting.



### US EMBASSY OUTREACH VISIT TO PATTAYA SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, 14 JULY

No appointment is necessary. Details (place and time) is usually posted on their website two weeks to 10 days in advance. We will include the information once it is posted. [Click here](#) for more information on services provided and that Bank drafts from specified banks are required to pay for the services.

To download US Embassy Income Letter form needed for Thai Immigration, [click here](#).

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## Excursions Being Organized

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*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](mailto: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](mailto: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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### THAI IMMIGRATION NEWS



[Click Here](#) to read the latest reports we have on what is happening at Thai Immigration in Pattaya (updated as of June 19, 2017,).

**Ten Year Retirement Visa** - NEW INFORMATION has been posted to the ThaiVisa.com message board on June 17. It does not cite the source of the information. To read the post, click here (note, this “thread” now has 30 pages of comments that make no changes, only comments about, the original post. Once we receive this or other information from an authoritative source, we will post for your information.

#### **Requirement to report address to Chonburi Immigration within 24**

**hours** - We have updated our latest reports as of 7 June. Use the link above to read the latest information we have.

**Online 90-day address reporting** -One of our members who recently completed his 90-day reporting online has provided us with detailed instructions – click here to see the instructions. You may receive a warning that it is an unsecured site; thus, there could be some risk if you want to use online reporting. Please note – we continue to receive periodic announcements that the Immigration site may be unavailable.

**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](mailto:darrel-pcec@inbox.com).



### 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](mailto:suggestionbox@pcec.club).



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONVERSATION TEACHING

Member Bob Bisighini is organizing a list of members interested in helping Thais improve their English Conversation. [Click here](#) for more information.

## 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>

Do you know of a business that you can recommend, please let us know by email to [info@pcecclub.org](mailto:info@pcecclub.org) or [info@pcec.club](mailto: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](mailto:speakers@pcecclub.org).

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## Upcoming Special & Club Events

### CLUB RELATED EVENTS

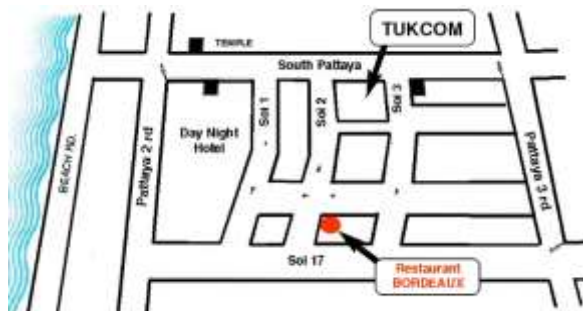


### CLUB DINNER FOR JUNE WILL BE ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> AT BORDEAUX RESTAURANT

Michel has arranged another fine Club Dinner. It will take place from 6:45pm at the Bordeaux located on Soi Day Night in South Pattaya (see map). Come join with other expats for a wonderful dinner and fine company. All are welcome and the menu price should fit most budgets.

The Bordeaux qualifies easily as one of the best restaurants in Pattaya. It has an extensive a la carte menu and two set menus one gourmet with 5 courses and an attractive 3 courses at 590 baht. Only the 3-course menu will be available for the club dinner in view of the staff limitations at this time of the year. The most expensive items on the menu is an imported Dover sole at 900 baht and 6 fines de Claire oysters at 600 baht. Foie Gras is also on that list. There also much less expensive items such as soups, salads. There is also an excellent dessert menu with at the top of the list the famed "crepes Suzette". [Click here](#) to visit their web page and preview their menu.

Please put your name on the signup sheet at the Sunday meeting (this is so Michel can give the restaurant a count on the number to prepare for). If you wish to attend, but cannot get to the meeting beforehand, please email [info@pcec.club](mailto:info@pcec.club) and include the number in your party. If you signed up, but find you cannot attend, please scratch through your name on the signup sheet or email [info@pcec.club](mailto:info@pcec.club).



Bordeaux can be reached from Pattaya Thai (South Road) - facing toward Tukcom, take the right hand soi past Tukcom - it is at the second cross street.

### 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."



## DRIVER LICENSE ASSISTANCE TRIP ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

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.

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](mailto:henk2223@gmail.com).

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



## MANTRA'S MONTHLY WINE EXPERIENCE WILL BE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017

White wine enthusiasts will have a special day as the Mantra opens a selection of premium white and red wines from New Zealand's Nelson region from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

New Zealand has a well-deserved reputation as a producer of outstanding white wines and premium reds. The Brightwater Nelson wines you will be able to taste are - a Pinot Noir 2014, a Syrah 2011, a Sauvignon Blanc 2014, a Gewurztraminer 2011 and a Conte Fosco Brut from Italy.

The presentation of these wines will be doubly enhanced by the fabulous food and cheese selection prepared by Executive Chef Shaun Venter.

All this is offered to the general public for 1,290 baht - but with your PCEC member's card, the charge is 1,100 baht. Advance reservations are highly recommended to assure you and your party have a seat on the balcony overlooking the main dining area. Please call the Mantra at 038-429-591, 089-428-4185 or email "Ben" at [Benjamas.s@amari.com](mailto:Benjamas.s@amari.com) for reservations and any additional information you may wish.



## THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF PATTAYA LATIN PARTY ON SUNDAY, JULY 2

It takes place in the Holiday Inn's Havana Bar with a Black & White Theme (Dress in good taste and wear Black & White colors);

Dining, Cocktails, & Dancing. Give-Away and many more surprises. Free Admission all night long. Free Salsa lesson at 8pm hosted by rumPUREE World Dance Studio (Bangkok). DJ music from 8:00pm until midnight. Open early for dining; Happy Hour 2 for 1 drinks from 8pm-9pm with Mojito Special for only 179 Baht net all night. For more information, email: [Party@SalsaThailand.com](mailto:Party@SalsaThailand.com). For reservations, telephone 038-725-555. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/SalsaThailand>.



## HOLIDAY INN PATTAYA FARMERS' MARKET THIS SATURDAY, 8 JULY

Holiday Inn Pattaya will hold their 2nd Farmers' Market from 10.00am - 03.30pm at the Havana Bar & Terrazzo (Bay Tower, Beach Road entrance).

The market will feature an abundance of organic products for people who love to live healthy. Enjoy tasting, buying and sharing wholesome food products that include fruits, vegetables, and fresh beverages.

For more information please call 038 725 555.

### EVENTS OF SOCIAL INTEREST

## BENIHANA WINE TASTING ON FRIDAY JUNE 30

Referred to as sips and nibbles, it will feature Australian wine with Japanese finger food, Charcuterie, Cheese, Teppanyaki meat, Seafood sizzle and more. It will be from 7:00 – 9:30 pm priced at 1,250 net per person. The Benihana is located on the 2nd floor of Royal Garden Plaza. For more information and reservations telephone 038-412-120.







## BRUNO'S RESTAURANT WINE DINNER ON SATURDAY, JULY 1

The six course Wine Dinner will begin at 7pm. The cost is 2,800 Baht net and feature selected wines from Italy and Australia. [Click here](#) for menu.

Bruno's is located on Thappraya Road. [Click here](#) for their website, location, and contact information.



## PATTAYA MARATHON 2017 POSTPONED FROM 16 JULY TO 3 SEPTEMBER

The Pattaya Marathon 2017 which was scheduled to be held on Sunday July 16th 2017 at Pattaya Beach Road (in front of Central Festival Pattaya Beach)

has been postponed. [Click here](#) for more information.

## PILC SPONSORED WORKSHOP "OVERCOME YOUR FEAR OF PRESENTATIONS" 24 JULY



Jakob Friis will be the PCEC's guest speaker on 9 July on the topic of *Secrets of Body Language*.

The Pattaya City Ladies Club has arranged for a follow-up workshop on 24 July at the Centara Grand Mirage Resort from 9:30am to 1pm including a coffee break with snacks.

For reservations, please contact [presidentpilc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentpilc@gmail.com).

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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.



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Asarnha Bucha Day (R)*</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Substitution for Asarnha Bucha Day</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>HM the King's Birthday</b>

- A recent news article reports that the Prime Minister has declared this to be a no alcohol day.

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## Information of Interest from the Open Forum and Other Sources

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**RAPID WEIGHT LOSS DIET THAT WORKS** -- One of our members announced that he lost 13 kilos in 2 weeks using the Fat Burning Soup diet recommended by Dr. Iain Corness. The diet can be found at this link: <http://www.pattayamail.com/modernmedicine/cardiac-unit-diet-fast-weight-loss-9805>

**DO YOU HAVE A YAHOO OR HOTMAIL EMAIL ACCOUNT – CONSIDER CHANGING YOUR PASSWORD FAIRLY OFTEN** – We continue to receive emails at the Club's email addresses that are not legitimate. They are primarily from those that have yahoo or hotmail email accounts. There is no subject shown and the text consists only of a link to an internet site (which may contain a virus or malware if you go to the linked website). The address line usually has several addresses in alphabetical order coming from the email account holder's address/contacts book. In May 2011, we posted an alert in the Newsletter and an article on the website warning about the hacking of email accounts – [click here](#) to read the article.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
Saturday	13	August	HM the Queen's Birthday
Monday	14	August	Substitution for H.M. the Queen's Birthday
Monday	23	October	Chulalongkorn Day
Tuesday	5	December	H.M. the King's Birthday
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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