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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](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.

## **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 September 21, 2017).

**Information on obtaining a Non-Immigrant "O-X" Visa (5 year stay plus renew for 5 years) is now on our website - [click here](#).**

**Currently, we do not have any information for changing to an "O-X" Visa within Thailand at an Immigration Office. We request anyone obtaining such information and documents needed to apply that you let us know by email to [darrel-pcec@inbox.com](mailto:darrel-pcec@inbox.com) or [info@pcec.club](mailto:info@pcec.club) (please indicate the source and, if applicable, the Immigration Office where it was obtained).**

**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 you experienced - you can email your information to [darrel-pcec@inbox.com](mailto:darrel-pcec@inbox.com).



### AMERICAN EMBASSY OUTREACH VISIT ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The next outreach visit for Pattaya has been announced by the American Citizen Service unit. The location and time is usually announced a couple of weeks before the scheduled date we will this information when received. For more information, visit <https://th.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/consular-outreach/>.

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### FLU SHOTS WERE AGAIN A SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOR



At last Sunday's meeting, the nurses from Phyathai Hospital Sriracha inoculated 60 members and guests with this year's flu vaccine.

Club members and guests were able to get their annual flu shot while attending the Club's meeting. Phyathai Hospital provided the nurses and a discounted price for the vaccine (750 baht).

The PCEC has been making these arrangements for several years as a convenience to its members & guests.

### THE PCEC WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF BEN RUDOLF AT LAST SUNDAY'S MEETING



Ben Rudolf who provided the second half of the meeting program is an accomplished musician at the age of 10.

He fully delighted the audience with his playing classical music as well as some of his own compositions. But, he confessed during his interview by Member Ren Lexander that his favorite music was soft rock.

[Click here](#) to view the video and [here](#) to view the interview. Also, you can see more of Ben's talents by [clicking here](#).



## DISCOUNT AVAILABLE FOR PCEC MEMBERS & FRIENDS AT THE "KAAN" SHOW IN JOMTIEN

Kaan is the spectacular live fantasy show now at the new Singha D'LuckTheatre on Thepprasit Rd. For this month, the Kaan show will have a ticket booth on the Central Festival first floor offering single tickets to their show at a 30% discount for the first ticket and a 50% discount for the second ticket. For those over 60 years of age who have proof of their age the discount for the first ticket increases to 40%.

The Kaan show is a live fantasy based roughly on the Ramayana, in which a young man is "warped" into a fantasy of the ancient book he has been given to read by the librarian, and passes through nine adventures mirroring the chapters in the book. The fantasy is supported by 90 cast members in the costumes of the time, plus huge mechanical animals, flocks of flying birds, fantastically costumed people and a huge screen supporting the activity on the stage.

Several PCEC members have seen the show and label it "Fantastic" and "Amazing" - truly a 1st in entertainment in Pattaya. The show starts at 5:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday, and offers a second (same) show on Saturdays at 8:30 pm (closed Mondays).



## 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).

### 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."



## 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, [click here](#) to visit our webpage listing.

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@pcec.club](mailto:speakers@pcec.club).

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## Upcoming Special & Club Events

### CLUB RELATED EVENTS



### CLUB DINNER WILL BE AT MAGG'S RESTAURANT ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Michel and Darrel have arranged for the Dinner to take place from 7.30pm (this is a little later than usual, but it allows time for surrounding shops to close and more street parking to become available).

Magg's fits easily into the short list of the best restaurants in Pattaya. It has a number of signature dishes such as a very succulent pork belly and English favorites. It also offers a large choice of imported steaks as well as other meat and fish dishes. The Club and the Board have had very successful dinners there in the past.

[Click here](#) for Pattaya Mail's review and [click here](#) for Pattaya Today. It is run by a British couple Val (she is the chef) and John (he tends the bar) and has been a popular venue for the past 12 years. To visit their Facebook page, [click here](#). Customer ratings on TripAdvisor can be [found here](#) (over 90% of the ratings are excellent or very good, with excellent being far in the majority).

As usual, separate check bins will be provided and because folks tend to arrive at different times and so as not to overload the kitchen all at once, orders should be made as soon as you are ready and food will be served as it comes from the kitchen.

If you would like to attend, please place your name, number in party, and contact information on the signup sheet at the Sunday meeting, this is so the restaurant can be informed on the number to set up for. If you place your name and decide that you cannot attend, please scratch it off. If you cannot make the Sunday meeting either to sign up or remove your name, please email [info@pcec.club](mailto:info@pcec.club).

Maggs is located on Theprasit Road in Jomtien about 250 meters from Thappraya Road. Street parking available.





## DRIVER LICENSE ASSISTANCE TRIP FOR PCEC MEMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Monthly assistance trips are provided to the Land Transport Office for obtaining Thai driving licenses. This assistance is for PCEC Club members only with a current membership card.

Member Henk Hauer usually conducts the trip on the last Wednesday of the month, but because the 25th will be during the cremation ceremonies for his late Majesty the King, it has been rescheduled for the following Wednesday. The trips at 9am and departs from parking area opposite IBIS hotel - on same Soi off 2nd Road that goes to Holiday Inn - [click here](#) for map. The trips departure time is 9:30am.

You should contact Henk beforehand to confirm the trip date, time, meeting location, 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.



## HOLIDAY INN'S FARMERS' MARKET ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

A Farmers' Market is held every 2nd Saturday of the month at the Holiday Inn hotel, our Club meeting host, on Pattaya Beach Road from 10:30am – 3:30pm. Products range from wellness items, jewelry, freshly prepared food, organic vegetables and fruits.



## BRUNO'S WINE DINNER ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

The six-course dinner will be accompanied by specially selected wines from Italy from 7pm onwards. The price is 2,800 baht net. [Please note: PCEC Club Discount does not apply to special dinners]

[Click here](#) to view the menu. [Click here](#) to visit Bruno's web page.

For reservations or information, telephone 038-364-600/1, 038-119-586/7 or email [brunos@loxinfo.co.th](mailto:brunos@loxinfo.co.th).



## CELTIC COMEDY LEGENDS AT HOLIDAY INN'S HAVANA BAR ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

The Bangkok Comedy Fringe presents Celtic Comedy Legends. Three great comedians in one night at Pattaya Holiday Inn beginning at 8pm. Three great comedians in a one night. Joe Rooney, from the TV show, Father Ted; Phil Kay, Scottish Stand Up Comedian, and Aidan Killian, 'Wonderful storyteller' per Bunbury Magazine. For tickets, go to website:

<https://www.bangkokfringe.org/bangkok-fringe-comedy-shows-clubs>. For more information, email [info@bangkokfringe.org](mailto:info@bangkokfringe.org).

### EVENTS OF SOCIAL INTEREST



## EELSWAMP PRESENTS RUSSIAN PIANO DUO FROM MEXICO ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

The Petrof Duo are two Russian pianists based in Mexico. They're a very polished team and the program includes Schubert's sublime Fantasy in F minor. Anatoly Zatin and Vlada Vassilieva, piano, are winners of Nikolai Rubinstein Medal, Moscow, Global Music Awards, Silver Medal for Outstanding Achievement. [Click here](#) for more information.

Reservations: 1,000 baht per person. Email [asiachart@hotmail.com](mailto:asiachart@hotmail.com) for reservations. For more information call 038-069-681 during office hours. Due to limited number of places payment must be received before the day of performance.



## GRAND OPERA AT THE ORPHANAGE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

**Singers from the Grand Opera Thailand Sunday will be at Pattaya Orphanage at 5 pm.**

**Tickets are 500 baht (300 for students) and are available from the orphanage, at the Club's Sunday meeting, see Les Edmonds, or you can email the Pattaya International Ladies Club (PILC) at [presidentpilc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentpilc@gmail.com).**





## AMARI'S OKTOBERFEST AT THE SWIMMING POOL ON NOVEMBER 18

It will be from 6:30pm to 10pm with a special menu full of German buffet delights such as sausages, pork knuckle, roast chicken and much more. Entertainment by the Instarstar band. Attendees will receive a complimentary giveaway mug. There will also be plenty of German beverages for you to chug away.

The normal price is 1,500 baht (Early Bird Special is 1,400 baht if purchased before 10 November). Buy 10 tickets for 12,000 baht (only 1,200 baht per ticket). [Please Note: There is no PCEC discount for this event] For more information and reservations, please contact: Khun Ben at 089-428-4185 or email [benjamas.s@amari.com](mailto:benjamas.s@amari.com).

**BEN'S THEATER JOMTIEN**  
*presents*

**"The Salaya Quartet"**



**Inga Causa violin Cooper Wright oboe**  
**Danny Keasler viola Marcin Szawelski cello**

*Benjamin Britten, Jiri Druschetzky,  
Joseph Fiala*

Saturday 25 November 2017 at 8pm doors open 7:30pm  
Dress code: smart casual, no shorts, no slippers  
Tickets THB 900 pp incl. free drinks of choice  
Reservations strictly by email:  
[benstheaterjomtien@gmail.com](mailto:benstheaterjomtien@gmail.com)

Please state your name, number of tickets required and mobile number  
You will receive a confirmation with a road plan to Ben's

Ben's Theater presents non-profit-making concerts and theatrical performances that bring quality musicians and actors to Pattaya. There are no sponsors and money from ticket sales goes directly to the performers.

## SALAYA QUARTET AT BEN'S THEATER JOMTIEN ON SATURDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

Ben's Theater Jomtien will open their classical season with the Salaya Quartet consisting of four top musicians from the Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra.

The concert begins at 8pm, doors open at 7:30pm. The dress code is smart casual, no shorts or slippers.

Tickets are 900 baht per person and include free drinks of choice. Reservations are strictly by email to: [benstheaterjomtien@gmail.com](mailto:benstheaterjomtien@gmail.com). Please state your name, number of tickets required, and mobile number. You will receive a confirmation with a road plan to Ben's.



## 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](mailto:sheldon@sheldonpenner.com), or call him at 092.413.7876.

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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.*

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### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GOING ON A SAFARI IN TANZANIA OR A VISIT TO BHUTAN?

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 Allan Riddell by email at [allanmridell@hotmail.com](mailto:allanmridell@hotmail.com). [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.



**Monday      23   October      Chulalongkorn Day**

**Thursday    26   October      Cremation of H.M. King Bhumibol**

**On Thursday, October 26, you may find many businesses will be closed or closing early to pay their respects to his late Majesty – Although we have not seen any official announcements, we believe it is most likely that alcohol will be banned and many entertainment establishments may also be closed.**

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

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**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 to 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
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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