

TAKE CARE!!

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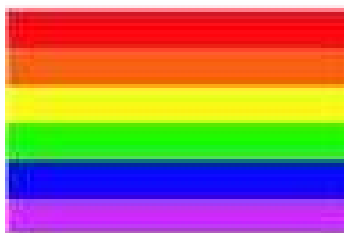
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Activities

- There was one low season distributions during February – on 17 and 20 February. Safer Sex Packs were distributed to 32 venues, respectively, with a total distribution of 875 Safer Sex Packs.***
- During 2009, 16,280 Safer Sex Packs were distributed -- an average of 1,356 packs per month.***
During 2010, 15,250 Safer Sex Packs were distributed -- an average of 1,270 packs per month.
To date in 2011, 2,675 Safer Sex Packs have been distributed – an average of 1,338 packs per month.
- Three active members of TAKE CARE!! were outside of Thailand during all or part of February.***
- There were two regular TAKE CARE!! Monday meetings held during February – 7 February and 21 February.***
- There was one packing sessions held during February – 12 February.***



- Following the one distribution during February plus the packing session, there remain on hand 4,575 Safer Sex Packs ready for distribution, sufficient for approximately five distributions. This amount of Safer Sex Packs will possibly last through May 2011.***



14 FEBRUARY 2011

LEMON TREE RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER

A GRAND SUCCESS

Report on Lemon Tree Restaurant Fundraiser for TAKE CARE!! – 14 February

On 14 February there was a fundraising party organized and sponsored by the LEMON TREE RESTAURANT to benefit TAKE CARE!! The event netted 10,800 baht for TAKE CARE!! The funds were raised solely through the lucky ticket raffle of about 40 prizes solicited from supporters of TAKE CARE! and of the LEMON TREE. Forty-five to 50 folks enjoyed a great meal, fun entertainment and an all-around HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY.

The photos below were provided by PATTAYAHOTMALE.COM and can be viewed with full coverage at their web site.

The Lemon Tree Restaurant
proudly presents a
Valentine's Dinner & Show
with
GEOFF VERNON, ROSE, JAY-JAY & KHUN TAN

Monday, 14 February

Dinner from 7pm-9pm
Show from 9pm-Midnight

FRIENDSHIP SUPERMARKET
PATTAYA SOUTH ROAD

Lemon Tree Restaurant
Tuesday/Friday Market

Tel: Mike 089 015 2119
Tel: Geoff 085 436 1304

3 COURSE DINNER
BOOKINGS ONLY

- 1 - Soup/Tuna Salad/Egg Mayonnaise
- 2 - Chicken Breast with 3 veg.
Fork Steak with 3 veg.
Fish in Parsley Sauce with 3 veg.
- 3 - Fruit cocktail
Pie and Cream or Custard
Ice Cream

Tea or coffee
350 Baht

Everybody welcome from 9pm til midnight



AND FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE



As a virtual first step into adding an educational component to TAKE CARE!!'s overall program in the Pattayaland, Sunee Plaza and Jomtien Complex areas, TAKE CARE!! participated in a training workshop in Bangkok on 15-18 February at the Silom Road Holiday Inn. The selected TAKE CARE!! participants at the workshop

will be Khun Ley Tola and Khun Hua Kongboran.

The following is a DRAFT report provided by Chairman Len Unterberger, who attended the training as an observer. Appropriate follow-up resulting from attendance at this training workshop is under discussion.

This training event is jointly sponsored buy the Thailand Ministry of Public Health, Rainbow Sky, and the US Centers for Disease Control. This training is the third of a series of similar training events designed to reach almost all provinces in Thailand with this program. There were 14 provinces represented in this training cohort, approximately 40 persons in attendance all together. The training and presenting staff was drawn from the three co-operating funding organizations.

The three day training was part of a longer five day training program. The first two days of this program were devoted to basic counseling skills. The last three days were given to the review, presentation, and working with three episodes of video ("Love Audition") presenting different situations offering opportunities to think and develop negotiating skills in the service of encouraging constant condom use. The model is a cognitive behavioral model of decision making. Group counseling practices were modeled and adopted by participants in the training program as the program evolved through the three day design.

The recipients of training were for the most part workers in drop in centers, hospital treatment centers, saunas and other venues where high risk MSM persons are to be found. The model presumes that persons will attend the three sessions designed to present the material for viewing and discussion.

There is a pre-test, post-test measure to determine the amount and direction of change in thinking patterns as a consequence of viewing the videos and participating in the on-site workshop. Additionally, visitation with counselors who advocate and encourage HIV testing is part of the resource access offered by the program. And finally, those who complete participation in the program by getting HIV tested and permitting their pre-post test results to be submitted to a funding agency will secure an additional amount of funding for the participating local agency. (I was told that there was no general level of additional agency funding for participation in this program. It appears that funding is available for agencies who can get their participants to successfully participate in all aspects of the program. And only in amounts that are contingent on the number of such successful completers.)

Local implementation will require adaptation of the model used to fit the circumstances of our setting and competencies. We do not have a drop in center which would afford the most comfortable and agreeable setting for viewing this information. (I was told that SWING, SISTERS and HON a third local program funded and sponsored by PSI for the treatment of HIV positive transgendered persons had all participated in the first round of this training. There was not information available to me about whether they had implemented this program as part of their drop in center activities.)

Networking opportunities were available. Hua Kongboran connected with the

person representing Chonburi Ministry of Public Health and requested assistance with securing free condoms for distribution through our distribution efforts. Len met Danai Linjorgrud, the director of Rainbow Sky who reviewed the structure of the network of services available in Pattaya (as noted above, SWING, SISTERS and HON) and those community based services funded and sustained in the remainder of Chonburi Province. Pattaya is designated as a distinct and separate service area. An opportunity for affiliation with the Rainbow Sky Network was offered. Specifics remain to be worked out if such an affiliation is agreeable.



Finances

**1 March 2011, the current bank balance is
36,982.00 baht.**

**-- Income received/deposited during February
2011:**

**10,800.00 -- Fundraising event – Lemon Tree
Restaurant**

1,500.00 – Private donation

**3,350.00 -- Donation – Bondi Beach Bar –
February 2011 Quiz Night**

-- Expenditures during January 2011:

600.00 – Reimbursement – Packing supplies

**1,600.00 – Advance honorarium for Distribution
Assistant @ 400.00 baht/distribution.**



Upcoming Activities

-- Two regular distributions of Safer Sex Packs will take place during March as scheduled by the Distribution Committee.

-- Two regular TAKE CARE!! meetings are scheduled the first and third Monday of the month -- for 7 March and 21 March -- at the traditional venue, the Roof Garden of Howard's Guest House on Soi VC.



BONDI BEACH BAR & RESTAURANT

MONTHLY QUIZ NIGHT

27 MARCH 2011

On the last Sunday of every month, BONDI BEACH BAR AND RESTAURANT hosts an exciting QUIZ NIGHT to benefit TAKE CARE!!

The next QUIZ NIGHT is scheduled for 9:00 pm on Sunday 27 March 2011.

Join in the fun -- come along to BONDI at Dongtan Beach and join a team or bring your friends and make up a team to challenge those that already think they know everything about everything!!!! Every player pays 100 baht -- all of which goes to TAKE

CARE!!, as do the proceeds of the **GUESS THE NUMBER OF BALL IN THE BAG** contest. Always valuable prizes for the winners.

In 2010, **BONDI BEACH BAR AND RESTAURANT Quiz Nights** raised over 32,000 baht to support **TAKE CARE!!**'s HIV/AIDS prevention efforts. Help make 2011 an even bigger success and have a great time at the **QUIZ NIGHTS**.

