

British Club Active Living Section

Dinner Presentation titled: “Thailand, Farangs, and the Art of Getting Along”

Chairperson’s Introduction of the Speaker:

It’s a real pleasure to once again introduce Greg Beatty, a fellow British Club and Active Living Section member who’s already spoken to us three times — each time blending facts, insight, and humour on topics very relevant to life in Thailand. Greg is a long-term Bangkok resident, a highly respected law lecturer, and a business owner and manager.

He’s a published writer — including a book co-authored with his daughter Mai, who’s here this evening along with his wife Rung. As a much sought after speaker, he has covered a wide range of commercial and cultural topics relevant to life in Thailand. He’s written extensively for the *Bangkok Post* and other publications — and, in a completely different vein, has also interviewed music legends like David Bowie, Iggy Pop, and members of The Grateful Dead. Greg is well known locally for leading business briefings and for being that rare mix: a thinker and a storyteller.

And yes, in a previous chapter, he was also a well-padded Goalkeeper — for both the Boston Bruins Alumni and later for Bangkok’s own Flying Farangs Ice Hockey Team.... I’ll let you decide what that explains.....

In both work and life, Greg bridges cultures daily. His professional and personal experiences reflect a deep connection with Thai society, its systems, and its people. Which brings us to tonight’s topic — one that’s new for our group, but I’m sure will resonate with all of us. With his usual candour and wit, Greg explores how we foreigners — *Farangs* — engage with, misread, admire, and occasionally trip over, in our lives among the lovely Thai people — and how, in turn, they experience us. A subject for sure full of humour, missteps, and humanity.

There’ll be a chance at the end to ask questions or share your own stories. But for now, let’s begin this cross-cultural adventure.

Please join me in welcoming back our speaker Greg Beatty.