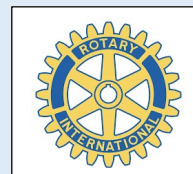




The Rotary Club of Royal Hua Hin
District 3330 - Club Number 83076
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What is Rotary?

Rotary is a service organization. Our members are social leaders who seek to serve the needy across Thailand. We raise funds through private contributions and engage communities. We enjoy our weekly fellowship meetings.



RCRHH in Numbers:

Members: 56
Nationalities 16
Average age 64
Targeted fundraising for
Service Projects 2022/23:
1.5 million Baht

This week's presenter: Dr Andrea Degen – Bamboo School Kanchanaburi Thailand

Meeting Attendance Total of 34; Consisting of 30 Members & 4 Guests

Guest list: Dr Andrea Degen RC Zurich Limmattal, Dr Michael Gubser – Help for People Foundation, David Troxell RC Jamestown NY, Csiszar Mimaly RC Debrecen Hungary

SAA David Range called the meeting to order following the National Anthem and welcomed attending guests.

CLUB NEWS

President Phil Lawrence opened the meeting by welcoming all members and guests.



Phil introduced David Troxell who recently provided a donation to the E-JAN project. David spoke to the group about his recently deceased sister Sharon and the club's help in memorializing her life.

Visiting guest Michael Csiszar from RC Debrecen Hungary, a member since 1998, spoke to the group about his club's project involvement providing aid to the border refugees from the war in Ukraine and their "Save the Forest" project. Michael indicated that one major problem for his club was attracting a younger membership.



P Phil announced the RTN Gianni Battistini is stepping down from his position as the club's Thai Swiss Chair. Replacing Gianni will be club member Freddy Lienhard. Thank you, Gianni, for your dedicated service.



Our Newest Club Member!

RCRHH welcomes its newest member from Claremont New Hampshire, Charles Emond - Professor Emeritus at Webster University Thailand. Welcome to the club Charles!



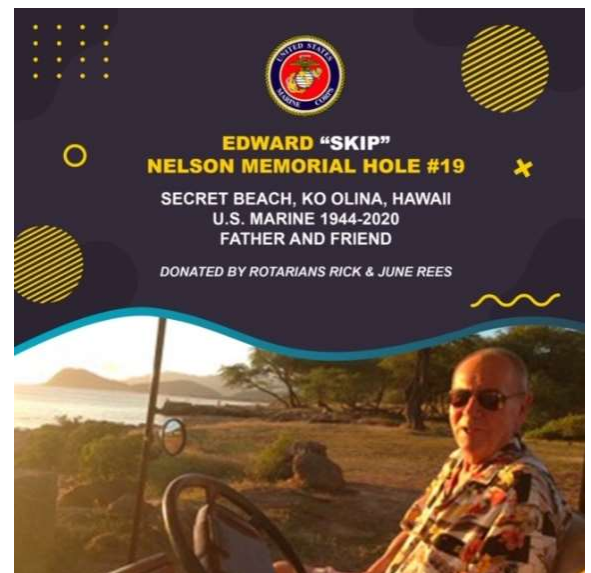
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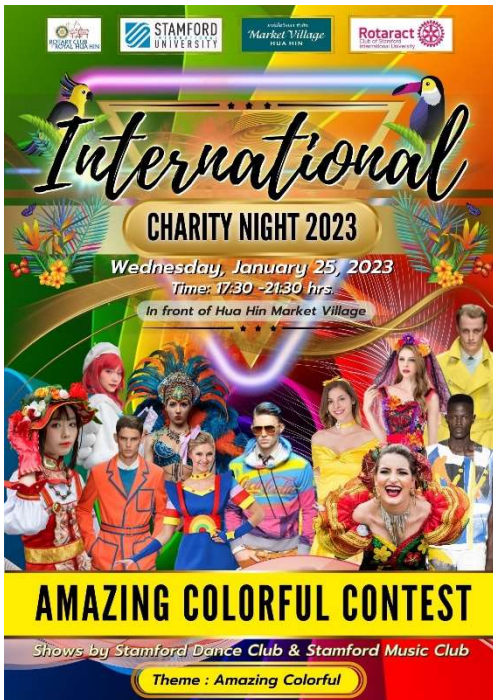
P Phil introduced Dr. Gubser who has been a great supporter of RCRHH for the past several years. He was the main sponsor for this year's charity golf tournament last November. Here Dr. Gubser is here receiving the Certificate of Appreciation from P Phil and Golf Committee Chairman Michel Zuber



Rotarian Rick Rees

Rick Rees has provided donations supporting our Charity Golf tournament for the past 2 years. To honor his longtime friend, Skip Nelson, who passed recently and to support our club, Rick sponsored a golf hole during this year's tournament.





CHARITY NIGHT 2023 – AMAZING COLORFUL CONTEST

On January 25, 2023, at the Hua Hin Market Village Hua Hin shopping center, Rotaract Club of Stamford International University in collaboration with Rotary Club of Royal Hua Hin and Hua Hin Market Village Hua Hin shopping center co-organized the "International Charity Night 2023". The objective was organized to raise funds to support future CSR or public welfare projects, to help underprivileged children, and Schools in poverty-stricken rural areas.



Rotary Club of Royal Hua Hin
Rotary District 3330 Conference.
Scheduled March 17th – 19th
Navela Hotel Ratchaburi

31 st	January	Bamboo School	
4 th	February	Inter Country Meeting	Hat Yai 3330 and 3300 Malaysia
7 th	February	Monsoon Valley	
14 th	February	Weekly Meeting	Valentines Special Club Runner Updates Peter and Pascal
15 th	February	Sister Club agreement	RC Ploi Ratchaburi
21 st	February	Board Meeting	
28 th	February	Weekly Meeting	Dr Kate Spine Clinic
7 th	March	Fellowship Evening	
14 th	March	Weekly Meeting	
17 th to 19 th	March	District Conference	

FEBUARY BIRTHDAYS



Rini Busschers



Paul Grab



Billy Popham

This week's presenter:

Dr Andrea Degen – Bamboo School of Thailand

"A children's refuge for abandoned or orphaned children....learning to serve others"

Dr Andrea introduced the Bamboo School project. The school is now an ideal project for district and global grant funding. Andrea has been working on this project with her club, RC Zurich Limmattal, the Rotary Swiss Intra-Country, and RC Eastern Seaboard Pattaya.

The mission is a showcase project for more sustainable and long-term development and aid from Rotary International with global and district grants. Dr Andrea asked if RCRHH would be interested in supporting the Bamboo School by becoming a partner in submitting a district grant and possibly a global grant with other clubs.





According to Andrea, global and district grants need to be distinguished from each other. For a global grant, the amounts can range from \$30,000 to \$400,000 with at least 50% matching funds from participating clubs. RC of Eastern Seaboard Pattaya has been supporting the school for the past 10 years on a regular basis as well as support received from RC Zurich Limmattal to construct a community building.

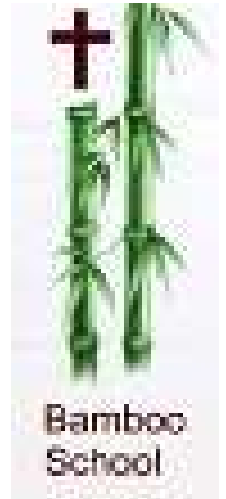
Assessing the needs of the school are important part of applying for grants. Andrea highlighted the following.

- #1. There needs to be a succession plan for the school's founder, Catherine Ruth Riley-Bryan who has been with the school for over 20 years.
- #2. There needs to be a long-term development plan for the school.
- #3. Investment for on-going medical care.

There have been over 600 children who have been educated at the school. Some are now living in different parts of the world. Through their website, a donation of 8000 baht can support a child for one year. For long term goals, Andrea want to develop a volunteer program for teaching the children on different subjects to help them prepare for life outside the school.

School website: <https://bambooschoolthailand.com/>

In closing, P Phil asked Andrea to submit a proposal to the Board for the project.



THIS WEEKS LUCKY RAFFLE WINNER -ALAN BROWN!



Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM. Weekly bulletin prepared by Rick Lunstrum/Exe. Secretary