



**NOTES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN (RCRHH) WEEKLY MEETING:  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Time: 1200h-1300h

Location: Mosaic Room, Amari Spa & Resort

Attendance:

Members: 18

Guests: 5

- Patrick Franssen - guest of Udai Rai
- Bruce Gamwell - guest of Finn Brunn
- June Rees
- Richad Rees

President Brian Anderson opened the meeting with the Thai National Anthem and SAA Pascal introduced the guests as above.

P Brian then ran through the club upcoming events, which are all on Club Runner (CR).

- 7 Aug 18 - Stamford University Rotaractors introduction evening
- 14 Aug 18 - Weekly Meeting Club Runner Basics for Members - Peter Wydler /Martin Harrison
- 21 Aug 18 - Board Meeting
- 28 Aug 18 - Weekly Meeting Rock Historian & Author - Bill Paige
- 4 Sep 18 - Fellowship Evening – La Grappa
- 11 Sep 18 - Weekly Meeting Update on Surf 102.5FM – Richard Buckle
- 18 Sep 18 - Board Meeting
- 25 Sep 18 - Weekly Meeting Thai Swiss Inter Country Committee – Gianni Battistini
- 2 Oct 18 - Fellowship Evening – Orchid Palms Bistro
- 9 Oct 18 - Weekly Meeting Can You Hear Me – Keith Humphrey
- 16 Oct 18 - Board Meeting
- 23 Oct 18 - No Meeting Rama V Day
- 30 Oct 18 - Weekly Meeting 1918 Armistice & Poppy Appeal
- 6 Nov 18 - Fellowship Evening – Ian's Restaurant
- 13 Nov 18 - Weekly Meeting TBA
- 20 Nov 18 - Board Meeting
- 27 Nov 18 - Weekly meeting TBA
- 30 Nov 18 - Golf Tournament
- 4 Dec 18 - Christmas Party TBA
- 11 Dec 18 - Weekly Meeting The Start of a Journey – David Lamb
- 18 Dec 18 - Board Meeting
- 25 Dec 18 - No meeting Christmas Day

Rtn Alan Brown then spoke briefly about the Golf Tournament on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018, the clubs main fundraiser. Details are on CR and he asked members to support the function. He also talked about the Cambodia Academy at Mogkol Borei, which RCRHH supports and he and his wife Nadia are directors of. He invited members to attend their open day on 1<sup>st</sup> November and hoped to be able to organise a small party to attend

The speaker Bruce Gamwell, who had been a guest of Finn Brunn's, was then introduced for his talk **International Education.**

Bruce Gamwell MA BA Cert Ed, has a vast experience of International Education, including roles as Interim CEO – International School Dhaka, Bangladesh, Consultancy work running Middle and Senior leadership workshops from National College for Teaching and Leadership in the UK, Director British International School, Jeddah, Headteacher – St. John's International School, Bangkok, Principal – Tabubil International School, Papua New Guinea and Principal and The International School of Lae, Papua New Guinea.

Bruce began by talking about his 'learning journey'. Having attended Liverpool Collegiate School in the United Kingdom, followed by University, he returned to the school during the 1980s as a teacher. However he became disillusioned by politics of the day in the UK and from 1987-98 moved to the International School of Lae in Papua New Guinea as Principle. This school involved community with service learning, where over 800 village languages are spoken throughout the country. Various projects were run including Mother and Children literacy (Tok Pisin and English). Raising funds with parental involvement to build classrooms for poorer rural schools and equipment and labour materials for maintenance projects of the local hospital.

Between 1999-2004 Bruce worked as Headteacher of St John's International School in Bangkok, and links were established with the Mercy Centre which provided shelter for street children, hospices, homes for mothers and children with HIV / Aids. St John's provided support and resources for the Mercy Centre kindergarten and visits were made by St John Students.

Between 2004-15 he then moved to the British International School in Jeddah as Director, Saudi Arabia where there existed a dynamic active service culture SFAAD – Students For An Active Difference. They ran projects such as habitat for humanity to eliminate poverty and housing issues worldwide and to assist those in need in Jeddah and outside.

Having retired, he was asked to support the International School in Dhaka between 2016-17 and again involved in project work giving financial support to Soheim a local slum school and teacher education programmes. They also shared library and sports facilities with other less resourced schools.

Bruce then talked about issues to be aware of within international education.

- Contextual Issues - Culture, religion, environment, local needs and wants.
- Education is more than just classroom - social and physical development are of equal importance. He quoted John F Kennedy who said *"Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body, it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity"*
- Regulatory Issues - State curriculum
- Child Protection Issues - Careful consideration of helpers and those volunteering to work with children. Police Clearance required.

Finally Bruce talked about his recent visit with Napa to Anuban Hua Hin School.

There are clearly areas that need improving, the playground, special needs building and he offered to assist where he can once we have an idea how we intend to move forward with the project.

Following questions P Brian thanked Bruce followed by the buffet lunch

Meeting closed 1300h



**Bruce Gamwell talking about International Education**

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