



Rotary



**NOTES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN (RCRHH) WEEKLY MEETING:  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Time: 1200h-1300h

Location: Mosaic Room, Amari Spa & Resort

Attendance:

Members: 17

Guests: 11

- Richard Crookes- guest of Bill Paige
- Napa Crookes - guest of Bill Paige
- Trish Berry
- Madden Broadbent
- Annette Glynn - guest of Bill Paige
- Peter Glynn - guest of Bill Paige
- Terry Fox - guest of Bill Paige
- Bill Paige - guest speaker
- Keith Humphreys- guest of Brian Anderson
- June Rees
- Richard Rees

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

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

- August - RI Membership Month
- September - RI Basic Education and Literacy Month
- 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 Humphreys
- 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 – TBA
- 13 Nov 18 - Weekly Meeting - People's Animals Thailand
- 20 Nov 18 - Board Meeting
- 27 Nov 18 - Weekly Meeting - Hua Hin International School

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

P Brian explained that on 16 Aug some members had helped Stamford Rotaractors and 20 Chinese students on a beach clean from Khao Takieb. He hoped this would encourage the message amongst youngsters on the issue of pollution.

Martin Harrison explained he had been interviewed on Surf 102.5 about Rotary on 17 Aug 18 and was pleased to see two guests as a result, Trish Berry & Madden Broadbent

Napa Keawtem then showed a powerpoint presentation explaining that on 23-24 Aug 18 RCRHH had worked with RCHH when the Thoracic Society of Thailand conducted public screenings for tuberculosis in Hua Hin. Members helped prepare and serve food at Hospital No 3 to medical staff and attendees. Over 500 people attended and those found to be suffering with a lung infection will be taken to Bangkok Hospital for treatment.

Rtn David Lamb presented P Brian with a Rotary Rosebank, South Africa banner he had recently received on a visit to see his Brother. He had presented a RCRHH to their club. (Story on CR).

P Brian then introduced the guest speaker Bill Paige to talk about his life as a Rock historian.

Bill, who had only moved to Thailand earlier this year, and backed by a powerpoint display ran through his family background and explained he was born in Chicago in 1953 very close to the Rotary HQ.

He explained he had previously been a news correspondent, worked in public relations, a special needs school bus driver and a sustainable farmer in Texas. However he had always been a frustrated musician and had also been involved with music therapy.

He explained he had recently written a book *Everything I Know I Learned From Rock Stars*, containing many of his interviews with famous musicians. He offered a PDF copy to anyone who was interested. Bill worked through self-publishing and a cost breakdown, proving you would never get rich using his method before touching on musical history through the 1960s and 70s and then some of the people he had met and interviewed.

He mentioned Geoff Lynn from the *Electric Light Orchestra*, who although part of a popular and well known group, was very insecure about the band when interviewed by Bill. Roy Orbison was Bill's favourite interviewee, he was very humble despite his great music. Roger Daltry had a huge personality and he enjoyed meeting Van Halen.

Bill had also met Donald Trump in 1988, and explained he appears not to have changed very much in the last 20 years! His worst interview was with Frankie Millar a Scottish Blues singer. Frankie had been drunk on arrival and continued drinking throughout.

He talked about some bands being more important than the music they make, as they had an influence on other bands and musical styles, he used *Jefferson Airplane* as an example. To be a true musician you had to have commitment, passion, vision, be willing to sacrifice and ignore critics and

any barricades. He used the example of George Martin and Phil Epstein trying to ‘sell’ the Beatles in the early 1960s and the amount of rejections they received before receiving a record deal. There are no overnight sensations, anyone on stage or who has a hit record has been working for years to achieve their success. He quoted Phil Bimstein from *Phil and the Blanks*, who he (Bill) had asked “How will I know when I’m ready to be on stage”. Phil had replied “When you’re on stage”

Bill explained that he preferred playing music to writing, a world without music would not be a happy place, music is uplifting and makes people happy and provides a soundtrack to life. It releases endorphins and he is convinced helps you live longer. Bill is currently playing in a band called Musical Mystery Tour, a Beatles cover band and plays at venues in Hua Hin.

Bill’s powerpoint showed many interesting pictures, some of him with the famous rock stars, as well as him on the famous ‘Beatles Zebra Crossing’ on Abbey Road, London.

Bill was unsure where the future lay but was happy to be taken wherever. He finished by thanking RCRHH for the invitation and hoped everyone had found the talk interesting.

There followed the usual buffet lunch.



**Speaker Bill Paige**



**David Lamb present P Brian with the Rosebank, South Africa, Rotary Banner**  
*(See Club Runner for full story)*

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