



**NOTES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN (RCRHH) WEEKLY MEETING:  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Time: 1200h-1300h

Location: Imagine Room, Amari Spa & Resort

Attendance:

Members: 19

Guests: 4

- Michael Rutzen - Rotarian Mittelholstein Club, Germany.
- Phil Lawrence
- Patrick Franssen - Guest of Udai Rai
- Keith Humphreys

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

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

- September - RI Basic Education and Literacy Month
- 2 Oct 18 - Fellowship Evening – Orchid Palms Bistro
- 9 Oct 18 - Weekly Meeting Education, disability & impact of 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Keith Humphreys
- 16 Oct 18 - Board Meeting
- 23 Oct 18 - No Meeting Rama V Day
- 30 Oct 18 - Weekly Meeting 1918 Armistice & Poppy Appeal
- 2 Nov 18 - E-Club Charter Installation Koh Samui
- 6 Nov 18 - Fellowship Evening – Prime Steak House
- 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 Vana Nava Sky Bar
- 11 Dec 18 - Weekly Meeting The Start of a Journey – David Lamb
- 18 Dec 18 - Board Meeting
- 25 Dec 18 - No meeting Christmas Day

PE Napa Keawtem then gave two updates.

1. The RCRHH have been invited by and have agreed to support The local Municipality which has organised the "Love Hua Hin, Preserve Garden, Love Health" Project.

The objective is to encourage all public, private, non-profit organisations and Hua Hin residents to participate in the project and help preserve Hua Hin, its public areas and gardens, and to promote better health. The project is long-term and its official opening ceremony is at Queen Sirikit Park (19 Rai-beach side) on next Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 1600h.

There will be 700 people from the Hua Hin community including students from the Universities, Municipality schools and from 39 communities in Hua Hin.

We have been invited to join the event and will be providing refreshment in the form of fruit juice to participants.

It is hoped we will be joined by The Rotary Club of Hua Hin, Hua Hin Cha-am Tourism Association, Lions Club of Hua Hin, Hua Hin Women's Club, Hua Hin Market Village and the Blu Port Mall.

All attendees have been asked to wear a yellow shirt if possible.

2. Napa then gave an update and power point slide show on the Brain Based Learning Centre Playground at Nongkhon School last week. A number of library books have also been ordered to help stock the Monkey Library. For full story and pictures see **Club Runner**.

P Brian then introduced the speaker PP Giani Battistini to talk about the Inter Country Committee Thailand / Switzerland.

Gianni began by giving a brief history on ICC and explained its focus was on supporting education, providing water, saving mothers and children, fighting disease and growing local communities and fostering long term relationships between countries. These 6 Areas are the basis of Rotary's projects. When starting a project it should always be checked if it complies with one of them.

The idea of the ICC was based on the Area "Promoting Peace", which was the dominant focus in Rotary after WW2 and 49 leading Rotarians had helped draft the first United Nations Charter and the first ICC in 1950 was between France & Germany.

The ICC network developed throughout Europe and worldwide, and this year, 2018, there are 400 ICCs in the world, with Switzerland having 12. They are split into regions each with a co-ordinator, except Thailand, which has a Chairman at district level only who chairs the District International Service Committee and each district acts independently.

Gianni himself was Chairman of the Swiss Inter Country Service Committee during 2017-18 with an active committee. However changes have recently taken place, and no subsequent meetings have taken place and there is no current contact between Thailand and Switzerland.

Gianni talked about a Swiss / Thai project that was to have taken place with a global grant. This was to have been a Skill centre for vocational Education at Meetacchanupathum School, Petchabun, Isaan. A number of bodies had agreed to help and the plan was to have the new facility within the existing school which would provide opportunities for students to achieve a vocational certificate in

- Mechanics
- Accounting
- Computing
- Food and Nutrition
- Fashion & Textiles

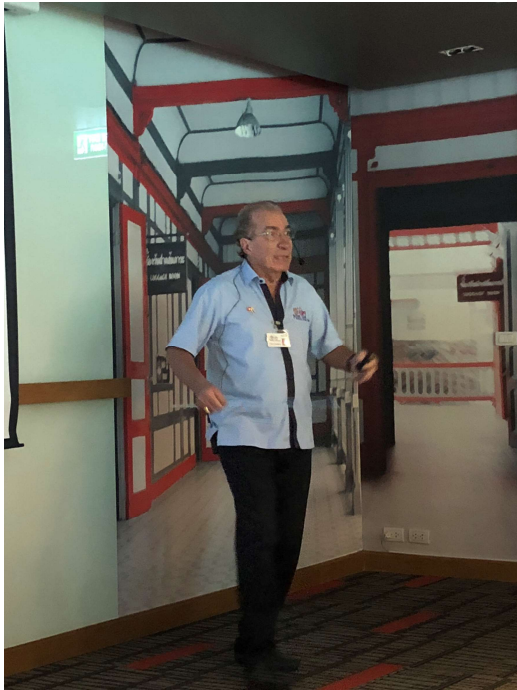
The schooling would be based on the Swiss dual vocational education model and Gianni ran through various types of education and financing. The total cost for phase 1 would have been \$480,000.

However due to the lack of an active ICC Committee and difficulties experienced the project has had to be cancelled.

The presentation ended with a detailed on various aspects of Gianni's talk and how the project can possibly be revived, possibly using different more formal channels.

P Brian thanked Gianni and summed up the meeting.

There then followed a buffet lunch.



**Gianni Battistini during his presentation**

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