



Rotary



**NOTES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN (RCRHH) WEEKLY MEETING:
Tuesday 30th October 2018**

Time: 1200h-1300h

Location: Mosaic Room, Amari Spa & Resort

Attendance:

Members: 23

Guests: 8

- Carol Ward - RC UK
- Roger Ward - RC UK
- Daniel Burn - Guest of Pascal Zollinger
- Finn Jensen - Guest of Helmut Schepers
- Michael Rutzen - RC Germany
- Jacobi Urs - Guest of Pascal Zollinger
- Martin Becker - Guest of Helmut Schepers
- Freddy Lienhard - RC Switzerland

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).

- 2 Nov 18 - 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
- 21-24 Nov 18 - Chiang Mai visit
- 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

PP Richard Jones then gave an update on the proposed visit to RC Chaing Mai in November. We have received an open invitation from the Chiang Mai Rotary International Club to attend a visit they have organised to the border town of Mae Sot between the 21st and 24th November 2018.

The Chiang Mai Rotary International Club is an English speaking club and they support the Mae Tao Clinic and Child Development in Mae Sot. Visits are planned to both these facilities.

Past President and Club Secretary Jerry Nelson would like as many of our members to attend as possible. Along with Roger and Carol Ward, PP Richard Jones has already made arrangements to attend. This is an ideal chance to meet fellow English speaking Rotarians from Chiang Mai for a few days fellowship.

If you think you may wish to visit Mae Sot please contact Richard directly.

P Brian also explained that a number of members had passed on their apologies for today's meeting as they were heading to the Cambodia Academy, led by Alan Brown, and as part of the ongoing support process for the organisation. An update will no doubt follow.

P Brian then talked about the new club RC Samui Panang, their Charter Dinner is on 2 Nov 18 and Peter Wydler will be attending to exchange banners. They had also requested 'sister' club status and this had been agreed as an English speaking club. A donation has also been made towards their initial project funding.

P Brian then introduced the speaker, Secretary Martin Harrison who was talking on the 1918 Armistice and Poppy Appeal.

Martin, backed by a powerpoint presentation gave an overview of World War I, the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the subsequent decline of Europe and the world into war and of the horrific casualties and casualty figures on all sides during the many now famous battles, including the Somme, Passchendaele, Ypres and Menin Gate.

He then covered how following the signing of the Armistice on 11th November 1918 at 1100h in a railway carriage at Compiègne in France, the British (later Royal) British Legion had been formed in 1921 and that the poppy was adopted as a symbol of peace and remembrance, due to the fact it had grown so well following the carnage on the battlefields of France and Belgium.

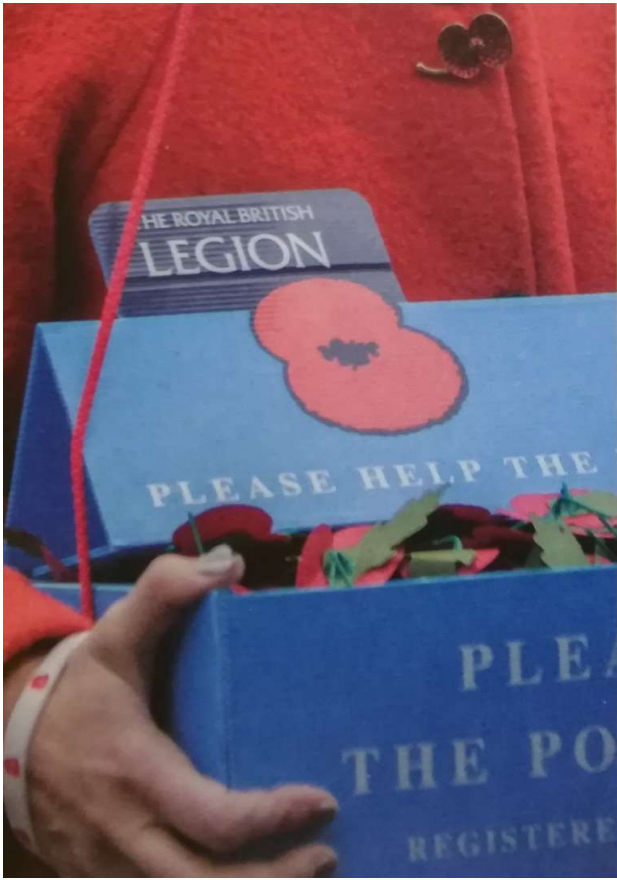
He explained the Poppy and remembrance in the UK is always emotive, and at this time of year, everyone from HM The Queen to 'the man and woman in the street' can be seen wearing one as a great mark of respect for the war dead.

Artificial poppies are given to the public for a donation to help ex-servicemen and their families and to support research into PTSD, Gulf War Syndrome and other medical issues associated with or caused as a result of conflict. Visits and welfare support to the elderly and needy are also a vital element of the support offered. The appeal covers not only WWI but WWII, and all subsequent conflicts right up to the current time, with the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month - 11.11.11 being the main focal point – every November.

Following the presentation Martin moved amongst the attendees and offered poppies for a donation. A percentage of the sum raised in Thailand will be given to Thai ex service organisations.

Sec Note: The joint collection total for Rotary Club of Royal Hua Hin and Hua Hin Business Network came to **B6505** – an excellent result, and on behalf of the Royal British Legion Martin thanks all who contributed. Below is a copy of the official certificate and receipt.





Rotary Club of Royal Hua Hin
& Hua Hin Business Network

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping
with our Appeal.

£ 8,650.00
was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to
continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely
[Signature]
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £

Registered Charity No. 219279

Lunch followed the presentation.

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