



**NOTES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN (RCRHH) Club Assembly:
Tuesday 12th March 2019**

Time: 12:00 to 14:00 hrs

Location: Mosaic Room, Amari Spa & Resort

Attendance:

Members: 25

Guests: 8

- Past President (PP) Anil Latey Poona Downtown India
- Rotarian Meena Latey Poona Downtown India
- Rotarian David Troxell Jamestown New York USA
- Rotarian Carol Ward
- Rotarian Roger Ward
- President Rotoractor Dejong Kobchok Stamford University
- Lizzy Ginsel Sunshine International
- Wipawwadee Rattana Stamford University

President (P) Brian Anderson opened the meeting with the Thai National Anthem and acting SAA Secretary Phil Lawrence introduced the guests as above.

P Brian Anderson exchanged club banners with Past President Anil Latey and Meena Latey from the Rotary Club Poona Downtown in India.



P Brian Anderson then informed the meeting that it was his pleasure to induct a new Rotarian Daniel Burn from Switzerland and called upon IPP Birger to present his pin and certificate.



P Brian Anderson updated the members and guests of the meeting of recent and future events:

26th Feb	RCRHH Annual Children's Day at Panyanakul School
5th March	Evening Fellowship – Avani Resort 6:00 pm
8th March	Plastic Waste Reduction Education, Hua Hin International School
12th March	'On My Way To Thailand', CP Alan PP Dr. Anilkumar Layty, RC Poona Downtown
19th March	Board Meeting
26th March	'When Royals Meet', Exec. Sec. Martin
29th to 31st March	D3330 District Conference, Nakhon Pathom
2nd April	RCRHH 9 Year Anniversary Celebration – Movenpick Asara Resort
9th April	Club Runner, One Year On, CR Sub-committee
16th April	Songkan Week, no Meeting
23rd April	Board Meeting
30th April	International Drug Addiction Center
10th to 12th May	D3330 District Training Assembly, Trang
1st June	10th Annual Club Officer Installation Night

P Brian then introduced our first guest speaker Rotarian Alan Cooper who was going to talk about his journey to Thailand. Alan informed the meeting that when he was asked to speak he had two choices to talk about rotary issues or about himself he chose the former.

Alan started by stating that he first arrived in Thailand in 1971 and also '72 & '73. Not by choice. Never having traveled more than 200k from his home in (Philadelphia PA area) and never on a plane, I didn't even know where Thailand was. I didn't have a choice. I was sent.

Alan informed the meeting that he was drafted as the US had compulsory military service for males 18 and over. Therefore Just out of high school he was drafted. He stated he wasn't interested in Vietnam combat service so opted for a 4-year airforce ground crew enlistment.

Alan was drafted under the following alias:



Alan informed the meeting that the airforce made me a jet aircraft mechanic and eventually sent me to South Vietnam.

It was here that Alan experienced a number of new sensations heat, different smells, sights, food and more importantly beautiful women and beer.

After a short period Alan was posted to Korat in Thailand and thus started his adventure with Thailand

After Finishing his 4-year enlistment he figured it was time to try higher education. Selected OSU & Ag Science in part because of historical connections to Thailand and my interest in returning to SEA. Did undergrad and grad work (including 1 year of PhD work in Vocational Education) and stayed on as faculty in an international center on campus. Alan retired 10 years ago but remains Affiliate Faculty.

Alan stated that he had the privelidge of meeting this Nobel Prize winner Norman Borlaug the man who fed the world.

Alan worked for and with several international organizations in several countries over the years several countries in the following regions Africa, Asia, Mideast, Caribbean and Pacific Islands before finishin up back in Thailand with Webster University.

P Brian Anderson thanked Alan Cooper on a very interesting account of his journeys around the world and primarily to Thailand.

P Brian Anderson then introduced PP Anil Latey from Rotary Club Poona Downtown in India.

PP Anil informed the meeting that District 3131 in India had 131 Rotary Clubs with approximately 5400 Rotarians. He further informed the meeting that Rotary Club Poona Downtown was chartered in 1986 and currently had 70 members 49 men and 21 women.

PP Anil then notified the meeting of the many projects the club had been involved in over the years many of which were community and environmentally and educationally based.

PP Anil also informed the meeting that RCPD had been involved with 3 projects that had attracted Global Grants valued at 228,000 USD and had partnered RC in Spain and America in these projects.

P Brian Anderson thanked PP Anil Latey for his interesting presentation.

P Brian Anderson informed the meeting that on the 8th March 2019 he gave a presentation to Hua Hin International School as part of the RCRHH projects on Plastic Waste Reduction Education. The topic of this presentation was ' Humanity's Effects on the Environment' and was attended by 90 students between the ages of 7 and 11 years old. At the end of the presentation the students were presented a unique shopping bag as part of the above program.



P Brian Anderson then updated the meeting on the New Project at Ban Nong Khon School Construction of New School Building 'Rotary Education Centre'

There being no other business lunch was called.