



**NOTES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN (RCRHH) When Royals Meet:  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Time: 12:00 to 14:00 hrs

Location: Imagine Room, Amari Spa & Resort

Attendance: 36

Members: 28

Guests: 8

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| • Rotarian Carol Ward     | RC Aireborough Leeds UK  |
| • Rotarian Roger Ward     | RC Aireborough Leeds UK  |
| • Rotarian Frank Anderson | RC Kalamalka Lake Canada |
| • Rotarian Michael Rutzen | RC Regensburg Germany    |
| • Rotarian Bjarne Olander | RC Nagu Finland          |
| • Nut Yingvarakal         | Hua Hin Thailand         |
| • Rini                    | Netherlands              |
| • Lizzy Ginsel            | Sunshine International   |

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

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

26th March	'When Royals Meet', Exec. Sec. Martin
27 <sup>th</sup> March	RCRHH Donation of computers to Hua Hin Hospital
29th to 31st March	D3330 District Conference, Nakhon Pathom
2nd April	RCRHH 9 Year Anniversary Celebration – Movenpick Asara Resort
9 <sup>th</sup> 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 12 <sup>th</sup> May	D3330 District Training Assembly, Trang
1 <sup>st</sup> June	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Club Officer Installation Night

P Brian reminder the meeting of the current major project to support the building of a new school building that will be known as the 'Rotary Education Center' at the Baan Nongkhon school.



The building will consist of the following facilities:

- 14 classrooms
- 1 Multi-purpose conference room
- Built on higher level to avoid flooding
- Languages – English and Thai
- Sciences – Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Art

P Brian stressed to the lunch members that the RCRHH are seeking partners to help complete this project that will cost 10 Million THB.

So far the project is nearing completion of phase 3 with Nongkhon school providing 3.5 Million THB, the RCRHH have pledged 1 Million THB which leaves a shortfall of 5.5 Million THB.

There have been pledges of support from RC here in Thailand and also Switzerland and some local businesses however, it must be stressed that the RCRHH will not donate the 1 Million unless the full 10 Million can be found as we will not support an unfinished building.

P Brian spoke about a human interest story regarding a young man Khun Nip at the Chivasom hotel who recently had a motor bike accident and lost both his legs. He is married with two children to support.

However, he has come up with a novel device made of the stem of palm tree leaves with a stirrup attached that can be used for stretching exercises. The social welfare manager at the Chivasom hotel is helping Khun Nip to sell these for 250 THB each.

President Elect (PE) Napa reminded the meeting of the event at the Hua Hin Hospital on the 27<sup>th</sup> March and stated that the hospital will provide 15 parking spaces in the new hospital building.

P Brian thanked the support of Rotarian Udai Rai who has made two new club banners to which visiting rotary clubs who exchange club banners can be displayed at meetings and other events.

P Brian called upon Rotarian Keith Humphreys to address the meeting on the 'Thai Voices' project at the Panyanukul school in Hua Hin.

Keith informed the meeting that he was now seeking help from Rotarians now that phase 2 of the project was starting.



Phase 2 consisted of writing a new curriculum and teaching all the staff the new knowledge that they will have to teach which includes:

- Thai Language,
- Mathematics,
- Science,
- Social Studies, Religion and Culture
- Health and Physical Education,
- Arts,
- Occupation and Technology,
- Foreign Languages

Also key to the development of Phase 2 would be the following areas:

**Pedagogy** - Developing an understanding of new approaches to teaching and learning

**School Culture** - Developing the approach to the way all staff work beside their students.

**Student based Life Planning Education** - Encouraging the students to be more self-determining in controlling decisions about their lives

**Liaising with the Parents and families** - A strategy for how to involved the parents in the new approach the school would be taking.

**Creating a new professional development website for all staff** - A new website needs to be produced with a webmaster and team

Keith again stressed that if there were any Rotarians or people Rotarians new that could help in any of these areas then please contact him.

P Brian thanked Keith for his presentation and the continued RCRHH support for this project.

P Brian then introduced Executive Secretary (Ex Sec) Martin Harrison who has recently returned from the United Kingdom (UK) and will talk about 'When Royals meet'

Martin introced himself and informed the meeting that his subject matter was about two Royal Rotary Clubs, the Rotary Club of Royal Hua Hin and the Rotary Club of Royal Leamington Spa.

Martin informed the meeting that he left Hua Hin in November 2018 to seek streets paved with gold in the UK and the comfort of a blue uniform, however a pulled achilles tendon put a sop to that idea! His travels took him back though to the place of his Birth Royal Leamington Spa, where he now owns a flat.

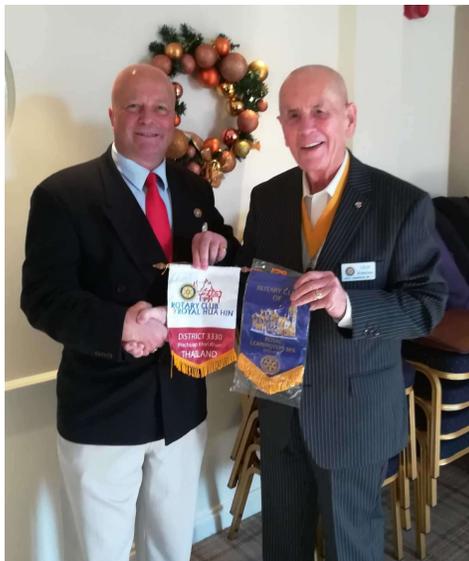


Martin informed the meeting of where Royal Leamington Spa is in the UK and that it is only one of three towns granted a Royal prefix, the others being Royal Tunbridge Wells and Royal Wootton Bassett.

Martin gave the meeting a potted history of the town, starting from its origins in the middle ages and how it became a Spa town in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

Martin explained with pictures some of the historic buildings and some of the famous people who came from Royal Leamington Spa, including Sir Frank Whittle, Henry Tandey, Randolph Turpin and Aleseter Crowley as well as some of the things the town was famous for, Lawn Tennis, The Specials hit single 'Ghost Town' recorded in Woodbine Street and the Czech Free Army based in town during World War II.

At his point there was a power cut in the town, and the talk sadly had to be curtailed



***Martin swapping banners in Royal Leamington Spa & Royal Hua Hin with PE Colin and P Brian***

Martin finished in the increasing temperature to explain to the meeting how the Rotary Club of Royal Leamington Spa operated in the UK and gave an overview of the projects they have been involved in the last year and the sum of £16,000.00 that has been donated to worthy causes.

Martin stressed to the meeting that whilst in the UK he has tried to build bonds with the RC RLS and that this he hoped was something that could be achieved between the two Royals in projects both home and abroad plus a possible sister club relationship in the future..



P Brian thank Martin again for a history lesson from the UK and the RCRLS banner was presented.

There being no other business lunch was called.