



Rotary



**NOTES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN (RCRHH) WEEKLY MEETING:
Tuesday 10th July 2018**

Time: 1200h-1300h

Location: Mosaic Room, Amari Spa & Resort

Attendance:

Members: 13

Guests: 1 - Phil Lawrence – Guest of Birger Rexed

ASAA Martin Harrison opened the meeting with the Thai National Anthem and introduced the guest as above.

The new President Brian Anderson then welcomed everyone to the first Rotary meeting of the year, in the 104th Rotary Year and thanked everyone for their support at his Installation Dinner on Saturday evening 7 Jul 18. He was pleased that the DG Lt Gen Kanit Jamjuntra and PDG Dr Perra Farmiboon were also able to join us. He referred to the official photographs and these will be put onto Club Runner as a storage medium and full story. The raffle proceeds were B14650. *(Sec Note: Story now on Club Runner)*

P Brian then ran through upcoming events, which are all on Club Runner

- 17 Jul 18 - Board Meeting
- 24 Jul 18 - Weekly Meeting RI Public Image - Gianni Battistini
- 31 Jul 18 - No meeting
- 1 Aug 18 - Swiss National Day Marriott Hotel
- 7 Aug 18 - Fellowship Evening TBA
- 14 Aug 18 - Weekly Meeting Club Runner Basics for Members - Peter Wydler /Martin Harrison
- 21 Aug 18 - Board Meeting
- 28 Aug 18 - Weekly Meeting Rock Historian & Author - Bill Paige
- 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 TBA
- 9 Oct 18 - Weekly Meeting Can You Hear Me – Keith Humphrey
- 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 TBA

- 20 Nov 18 - Board Meeting
- 27 Nov 18 - Weekly meeting TBA
- 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 then made reference to member Ingrid Pjedsted, who he believed had been in an accident. He enquired if there was anything we could do for her. PE Napa stated she had e mailed her and was currently using facebook. *(Sec Note: Ingrid has asked to be registered for the Swiss National Day on 1 Aug)*

P Brian also talked about New International School Bangkok whose students are looking to a sustainable future and keen to encourage changes in lifestyle and reduce plastic use, such as bags, straws, bottles. They have produced bamboo drinking straws complete with a cleaning brush and P Brian felt we could support with marketing. Agreed to put a story onto CR.

P Brian again stressed the importance of members using CR, to either register or decline attending events. The hotel need to know by 2000h the Monday before our weekly meetings. He referred back to the Weekly Meeting on 14 Aug 18.

The speaker Sec Martin Harrison was then introduced for his talk **The Crown of England**.

Martin ran through the history of the two British Crowns, the St Edwards State Crown and Imperial State Crown, giving a little of their history and usage. The St Edward Crown made in 1661 with some of the gold from the original that was melted down by Parliament in 1649 following the English Civil War, dated back to 1042 and is worn by Monarchs during their Coronations.

The Imperial State Crown, although made in 1937, contains a number of significant and important historical artefacts. **1. The Cullinan II Diamond** – The largest gem-quality rough diamond ever found, weighing 3,106.75 carats (621.35 g), discovered at the Premier No. 2 mine in Cullinan, South Africa, on 26 January 1905. It was named after Thomas Cullinan, the mine's chairman. In April 1905, the Cullinan was put on sale in London, but not sold. In 1907 the Transvaal Colony government bought it & presented to King Edward VII on his 66th birthday. Cullinan produced stones of various cuts and sizes, Cullinan I or the Great Star of Africa, is the largest clear cut diamond in the world & mounted in the head of the Sovereign's Sceptre. The second-largest is Cullinan II or the Second Star of Africa, weighing 317.4 carats (63.48 g), mounted in the Imperial State Crown. **2. St Edwards Sapphire** – his Sapphires history stretches back in time longest. The stone is from the coronation ring of Edward the Confessor (1042) twenty-four years before the Norman conquest. Edward, one of the last Anglo-Saxon kings of England, was buried with the ring at Westminster Abbey in 1066, reputedly taken from the ring when his body was re-interred in 1163. **3. Queen Elizabeth I Earrings** – Are reputedly contained within the Crown. **4. The Stuart Sapphire** - Is a 104-carat blue sapphire that belonged to Charles II, and among the jewels his successor James II took with him when he fled to France in December 1688 (during the bloodless revolution). From there it passed to his son, James Stuart (the 'Old Pretender') who bequeathed it to his son, who put it along with many other Stuart relics, up for sale. It was purchased by George III in 1807 and returned to the United Kingdom from present-day Italy. **5. The Black Prince's Ruby** – This Ruby enters the "stage of history" in middle of the 14th century as the possession of Abū Sa'īd, the Moorish Prince of Granada who was killed by Don Pedro the Cruel, who then found the ruby amongst his property and took it. In

1366, Don Pedro's illegitimate brother, led a revolt against him, Don Pedro lacked the power to put down the revolt unaided, and made an alliance with the Black Prince, the son of Edward III of England. The revolt was successfully put down and the Black Prince demanded the ruby in exchange for the services he had rendered. Interestingly the ruby was worn in a gem encrusted helmet during his campaign in France by Henry V of England at the famous Battle of Agincourt on October 25, 1415. Richard III is supposed to have worn the gemstone in his helmet at the Battle of Bosworth, where he died.

Martin summarised by stating that the Crown symbolises not only the rich history of the UK embodied within it, but also of the political independence of the Monarch. The current Queen HM Queen Elizabeth II has reigned through 13 British Prime Ministers, 12 US Presidents and 10 Soviet / Russian leaders.

He then asked all to stand and join him for the British National Anthem.

P Brian thanked Martin and there followed the raffle and lunch.

Meeting closed 1300h

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