



**WEEKLY ZOOM MEETING REPORT OF ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN**  
**TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
**Past President Charter Secretary David Marsh RC Samui-Phangan.**

Attendance 18  
Members 12  
Guests 2 Past President Charter Secretary David Marshall Rotary Club Samui-Phangan  
Rotarian Michael Lamb Rotary Club Rosebank, Johannesburg, South Africa

Apologies Martin Harrison



President Phil opened the meeting and welcomed our guest speaker Past President Charter Secretary David Marshall from Rotary Club Samui-Phangan, and David Lamb Brother Michael Lamb from Rotary Club of Rosebank Johannesburg in South Africa.

P Phil reminded attendees relating to tips for good zoom meetings:

**Mute Your Microphones:**

To help keep background noise to a minimum, make sure you mute your microphone when you are not speaking

Be mindful of background noise:

When your microphone is not muted, avoid activities that could create additional noise, such as talking to other people:

Position your camera properly:

If you choose to use a web camera, be sure it is in a stable position and focused at eye level, if possible. Doing so helps create a more direct sense of engagement with other participants.

Limit distractions:

You can make it easier to focus on the meeting by turning off notifications, closing or minimizing running apps, and muting your smartphone.

P Phil then outlined when meetings would take place as per the schedule on Club runner and that he had contacted the Amari hotel to find out what would be happening in November in relation to holding meetings.

P Phil then informed the attendees of forthcoming events as follows:

12 <sup>th</sup>	October	PP Charter Secretary David Marshall Rotary Club Samui-Phangan
19 <sup>th</sup>	October	Board Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup>	October	World Polio Day
26 <sup>th</sup>	October	Water Safety
2 <sup>nd</sup>	November	Fellowship Evening
9 <sup>th</sup>	November	Weekly meeting
16 <sup>th</sup>	November	Board Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup>	November	Weekly Meeting
30 <sup>th</sup>	November	Weekly Meeting

P Phil then spoke about Rotary around the world start with Rotary International:

On the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Rotary International honored six members as People of Action: Champions of Girls' Empowerment on 11 October, the International Day of the Girl Child. This distinction recognises the honorees' commitment to improving girls' access to education, health, and sanitation and hygiene resources, as well as their work to create environments where girls can flourish. Empowering girls is one of RI President Shekhar Mehta's key initiatives, and he is encouraging clubs and districts to consider how they can accomplish this through all of their service projects this year. Those awarded are from the following Rotary Clubs:

Rotary Club of Dhaka Mavericks, Bangladesh, Rotary Club of Cubao Metro Aurora, Quezon City, Philippines, Rotary Club of Senador Guiomard, Acre, Brazil, Rotary Club of Kiambu, Kenya, Rotaract Club of Bangalore Seshadripuram, Karnataka, India, Rotary Club of Uden, The Netherlands

The honorees will also be recognised at Rotary Day at UNICEF in March.

Rotary Club of Royal Hua Hin

P Phil mentioned that on the 5<sup>th</sup> October RC RHH held its first zoom trivia quiz, sadly it was not well supported by club members with only 8 people joining. The brainiac of the evening was Rotarian Billy Popham. Although there were few attendees, those that joined in had fun and it was suggested that it was something we should do again.



On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October the Rotary Club of Royal Hua Hin sponsored a vaccination day at Cha-Am hospital by providing 2000 for the 1,000 or so people that attended that day. Full story on RCRHH website.

Also, on the 6<sup>th</sup> October Rotarian Benjamas Uamsa-Ard was presented with her Paul Harris Fellowship award following 10 years EREY payments. . Full story on RCRHH website.



On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October Rotaractors from Stamford International University and Rotarian Benjamas Uamsa-Ard sponsored a vaccination day by donating 2,500 bottles of water. Full story on RCRHH website.

President Phil then introduced Past President, Charter Secretary David Marshall from the Rotary Club Samui-Phangan.

David spoke about the club, and informed the zoom meeting that the Rotary Club of Samui-Phangan was chartered in November 2018 having been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Patong Beach, the Rotary Club of Royal Hua Hin is one of a number of Sister clubs.

The club started with 24 members, however; Covid-19 has taken a toll on the club and now this number is halved to 12 with an even split between 12 Expats and 12 Thai members.

David then went onto speak about the four projects they are involved in.

David also spoke of unique ways of fundraising by using Facebook with regular posts linked to ways for followers to donate to their projects, also using a blogger to share their projects has also attracted funds to the club.

### Food for Life Project:

Rotary Club of Samui-Phangan started a Food4Life appeal with first food deliveries back in April 2020. By June 2020 we were making regular food distributions to the hardest hit communities with financial support from kind local individuals, charities and businesses like Sisters of Samui, Asian Festival, Sons of the Moon, Per function, and Christopher Bader from Blue Lagoon Resort, Chaweng.

Since early 2021 Thailand has been experiencing an unexpected Third Wave of Covid which has continued to cripple the local economy making an already bad situation even worse. By July 2021 funds were running dry and local people more desperate than ever. The Rotary Club continued its outreach and fundraising appeals both online and through our contacts in Rotary Worldwide. The club supports 550 families numbering around 2000 people who are currently supported by the club, and current funds will last for another 12 months. The club spoke to the villagers who are from Malaysia and asked them what foods they wanted and based on this monthly food drops are undertaken of rice, dry goods etc.



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**Clean Water for Life Project.**



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The Rotary Club of Samui-Phangan together with other Rotary Clubs in America being lead by the Rotary Club of Palo Alto in partnership with Los Gatos Morning, Saratoga and Los Altos Clubs working under project "WATER4LIFE" to provide installation of safe drinking water systems to public schools in Koh Samui with budget requirement of 7 Million THB.

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During visitations to Koh Samui Schools for our Rotary Sustainable gardening project, it was brought to our attention that each school was lacking clean drinking water. Without any budget to install or maintain certified water purification systems, these schools were using much needed money from other school budgets to purchase and provide an inadequate supply of bottled water to the students and also for cooking. This has led to students drinking contaminated water causing illness (all ground water on the Island is contaminated and many samples contain virus). This project is to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water to all public schools by installing certified water purification systems and, by introducing vending machines for each system, the project aims to be more sustainable by selling clean water to the school families and communities, thereby extending the Project reach and impact. The income from sale will support the cost of spares and media for the system in future years. Each system will include a 3-year contract of service and maintenance by trained Private contractor. Our Project will also promote Hygiene education.



**Friends of Autism: Learning Centre for Magical Autistic Children (MAC)**

This day center was recently set up by Khun Dalin, a Thai lady from a long established Samui family with two autistic children of her own. MAC currently cares for 15-18 children. Rotary is raising funds for building renovation, ongoing running costs and basic comforts like furniture, fans, learning materials etc.




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**Learning Center for Magical Autistic Children**

**Swim for Life Project:**

David explained that the project was aimed to work together and reduce drowning related deaths for young children in Thailand which has one of the highest fatality rates for young children through drowning.



With no government funded pools in our islands' schools there is little opportunity for children in government schools to learn basic water safety. So, we are blessed with beautiful beaches, but without swimming and safety classes, the sea and swimming pools are as much a hazard as a blessing for children.

The project was started in Maenam to train water safety and basic stroke development for children aged between 6-10 from local government schools.

Spearheaded by professional lifeguards and swimming instructors Gary Sparkes and Bonnie Brunton in partnership with Oonrak International School and The Rotary Club The project had 3 hours of pool time every Saturday between 12:30-15:30 for the classes, however due to Covid-19 pools have been closed.



P Phil thanked David for an interesting talk about what is going on in the club. The meeting was opened up for questions. There was significant interest in the food for life project with numerous questions asked regarding how the recipients of the donations were selected, and the cost of each food drop.

David also mentioned the lack of hygiene, with basics such as soap, toothpaste and brushes. Rotarian David Lamb mentioned he had a friend who had a toothbrush factory and would approach him to make a donation.

PP Napa mentioned she liked the idea of all their projects calling them for life.

Rotarian Alan Brown mentioned he would approach some of the Rotary clubs down under to see whether they would donate to these projects.