

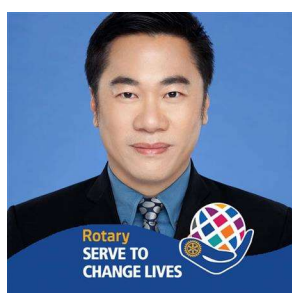


WEEKLY MEETING REPORT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN
TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2021
VISIT OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR PAIKIT HOONPONGSIMANONT

Present – 22

Members – 19 including 1 zoom

Guests - 3



The DG joined Rotary in 2007 and was the Charter President of RC Tubtieng Trang. He became Youth Exchange Officer in 2008-10 and Assistant Governor of D3330 for 2015-16.

DG Paikit has a Masters and Bachelors Degree in Business Administration and is a Manager at the Heap Heng Lee Gold Trading Company and President, One More Link Co.Ltd.

He is married with one daughter.

His visit was split into three parts, firstly he discussed club goals with Assistant Governor Gianni Battistini, President Phil Lawrence and Secretary Martin Harrison.



Then followed a meeting of the Board and brief presentations by Alan Brown, Chairman of D3330 Thai / Australian Inter Country Committee, who spoke via zoom from Australia, still being unable to return to Thailand. Then followed the Project Chairman Napa Keawtem and finally Peter Wydler Treasurer.

The final part of the meeting was a general club meeting which was opened by SAA Rick Rees and the National Anthem. Rick introduced two guests, Dr Andrea Degan who will be talking to the club next week and Les Miles from UK.

DG Paikit then addressed members saying that RCRHH is one of the largest and active clubs within his District and he congratulated members for that.

He then spoke about Rotary's Global Action Plan

1. Increasing Impact – Projects can help achieve this and he talked about Global Grants that allow wealthier countries to support poorer ones.

2. Expand Reach - Helping members of the community who have been overlooked or forgotten by other organisations and at the very bottom tier of society.



3. Enhance Rotary Engagement – Urging all members to become involved with projects and collaborating with other clubs and organisations to achieve this.

4. Increase ability to adapt - DG Paikit explained in many cases this has already been achieved because of the pandemic. Clubs had turned to zoom meetings and alternative methods of meeting during the lockdowns. He said it was important Rotary continues to adapt and evolve in its 117th year.

DG Paikit then discussed the Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta goals for his time in office.

1. Increase membership - to 1.3 million.

2. Empowering young females (under 18) - to have a better life in poorer countries and preventing such things as forced marriages and the sex industry.

3. End Polio.

4. Fighting the Coronavirus

5. Rotary day of challenge – service projects in collaboration with another organisation or Rotaractors.

DG Paikit said that the RCRHH had already achieved three out of these five goals with their work so far this year and just needed to increase their membership in line with the goals and a project to empower females.

Following the address P Phil gave an update on the Rotary Education Centre and Thai Voices projects which (both of which are well documented on CR).

P Phil ran through the four phases of the project:

1. Prepare classroom for suitable learning environment - decorating, flooring, air con, modern lighting – **THB 790,142**

2. Installation on IT Support – computers, smart boards, furniture – **THB 1.86 million**

3. Official opening - 12 more computers, and artwork – **THB 521, 625**

4. Purchase of final 13 computers (total of 33 computers = 32 students and 1 teacher) **THB 521,625.**



Total expenditure of THB 4074, 000 Thai Baht and included donations from Help4People Foundation, Bangkok Nursing Home Foundation, Andrew Madigan Australia and Rotarian Jean Claude Le Reux of RCRHH.

Phil then discussed the way forward which included a meeting with teachers to discuss how the room is to be used, an inventory of all the items and a regular check of the room by Rotary to ensure all is working well, equipment in place etc.

P Phil then talked about the Thai Voices web site set up with the Phetchaburi Panyanukul School, the brainchild of member Dr Keith Humphreys.

Keith had identified significant differences in how children were being taught in different schools and change on mindset of both teachers and children was required.

Keith has worked tirelessly on this project which has included taking a group of teachers to Hong Kong to view how a previous project had worked and creating a teacher learning groups to re-write the Thai national curriculum.

To assist the process the Thai Voices web site has been created and sponsored by the RCRHH which can accessed by anyone and used by all the Panyanukul Schools in Thailand.

It is hoped to kick start this project in early 2022, once schools have fully reopened.

The projects were well received by the DG, who suggested applying for a Global Grant to continue the excellent works achieved so far.

Then followed the usual excellent lunch provided by the Amari Hotel.



The raffle for a bottle of wine was won by Pascal Zollinger.