



**NOTES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN (RCRHH) WEEKLY MEETING:  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Time: 1200h-1300h

Location: Imagine Room, Amari Spa & Resort

Attendance:

Members: 20

Guests: 11

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| • Phil Lawrence    | - | Guest of Udai Rai     |
| • Patrick Franssen | - | Guest speaker         |
| • Keith Humphreys  | - | Guest of Birger Rexed |
| • Karina Rexed     | - | Guest of Michel Zuber |
| • Pierre Sicard    | - | RC UK                 |
| • Carol Ward       | - | RC UK                 |
| • Roger Ward       | - | RC Hua Hin            |
| • Thip Pettit      | - | Guest of Paul Grab    |
| • Miyoung Grab     | - | Guest of Paul Grab    |
| • Peter Sueter     | - | RC Bangkok DACH.      |
| • Sven Michel      | - |                       |

President Brian Anderson opened the meeting with the Thai National Anthem and SAA Pascal Zollinger introduced the guests as above.

P Brian then ran through the club upcoming events, which are all on Club Runner (CR).

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| 11 Oct 18 | - | RC HH Family Evening Grand Hotel                   |
| 16 Oct 18 | - | Board Meeting                                      |
| 23 Oct 18 | - | No Meeting Rama V Day                              |
| 30 Oct 18 | - | Weekly Meeting 1918 Armistice & Poppy Appeal       |
| 2 Nov 18  | - | E-Club Charter Installation Koh Samui              |
| 6 Nov 18  | - | Fellowship Evening – Prime Steak House             |
| 13 Nov 18 | - | Weekly Meeting - People's Animals Thailand         |
| 20 Nov 18 | - | Board Meeting                                      |
| 27 Nov 18 | - | Weekly Meeting - Hua Hin International School      |
| 30 Nov 18 | - | Golf Tournament                                    |
| 4 Dec 18  | - | Christmas Party Vana Nava Sky Bar                  |
| 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 exchanged Club Banners with Sven Michel RC BKK DACH.

P Brian then welcomed two new members who were invested with their certificates and Rotary badges. Phil Lawrence (UK) sponsored by IPP Birger and Patick Frannsen (NDL) sponsored by Udai Rai.

Rtn Benjamas Uamsa-Ard gave an update and showed a video of the recent Love Hua Hin, Preserve Park event at which RCRHH had attended and sponsored light refreshment. The objective is to encourage all public, private, non-profit organisations and Hua Hin residents to participate in the project and help preserve Hua Hin, its public areas and gardens, and to promote better health. The project is long-term and its official opening ceremony was at Queen Sirikit Park (19 Rai-beach side) on Wednesday September 26, 2018.

She also sowed two RCRHH news articles she had had produced within the local Thai press.

Martin Harrison then gave a brief overview of World Polio Day on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018, running through the causes of the poliovirus, how the vaccine was developed by Jonas Salk and administered, the organisations involved in helping eradicate the virus and statistics on how it had been reduced since 1988.

P Brian then introduced the guest speaker Keith Humphries to talk on *Education, Disability and the Impact of Technology on Special Education in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century*.

Keith began with education and disability and the how changing technology is playing its part, there is a new definition of disability used in the Western world and China, but Thailand have not adopted it. The definition used to be based on a medical classification, then on social competencies and care. However things have changed and improved.

In Thailand teaching is still based on 'traditional education' – 'Teacher knows best' and all students learning the same thing at the same time. Thais are working in the wrong paradigm. Keith backed his talk up with various video clips to demonstrate.

Diversity involves various learning levels and UNESCO have stated it is important to use self directed learning to allow children to learn at their own pace and style. They have said every student should be using SDL by 2030.

Keith explained that some 15 year olds think as a 20 year old whilst some think as a 5 year old, thus it is impossible for them to all learn the same thing at the same time. An ability to think independently is vital in education.

He talked about the 'Elephant in the Room' and that there is no such thing as a class or school of children, they are individual and all need different encouragement, educational opportunities and that no child is below or above average. Even 'Special Education' is an outdated concept in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Children must be allowed to develop their own interests.

He talked about the Thai style of Teacher Centred learning - low level of choice, students are passive and teacher is in control. However by contrast Student Centred learning means they are Active, collaborate, their thoughts and actions are authentic, constructive and it is personalised.

Life planning within the education is the goal and challenges to his need to be identified. Keith talked about the use of technology, internet, computers and phones all of which are great learning aids – however these are banned in Thai schools! We control the knowledge we want using technology and in a modern world living and being educated co-exist 24/7. Teachers must be given the right mindset to enable his change to take place – he showed more comparative video clips.

Rotary can help by:

- Helping change teachers mindsets (they are the problem in some cases)
- Raise money to send teachers to Hong Kong to let them see new and different ways of teaching
- Provide new hard and software to support the process.

Following questions there followed a buffet lunch.

After the formal meeting P Brian invited guests to join him for a brief tour of the Krailart Niwate Mangrove Ecosystem Preservation Centre, Wat Khao Krailart, Khao Takiab. He escorted members on the 1,000 metre elevated boardwalk through the reconstructed wetland. The project was sponsored and maintained by Chiva-Som International Health Resort, Hua Hin where Brian is the Sustainability Manager.



**Phil Lawrence & Parick Franssen being formally installed.  
With P Brian, IPP Birger and Rtn Udai**



**Banner exchange P Brian with Sven Michel RC Bangkok DACH**



**Guest speaker Keith Humphries**





**Tour of the Mangrove Swamp**