



Rotary



**NOTES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN (RCRHH): Tuesday 8th December 2020
Rotary Training PP Gianni Battistini**

Time: 12:00 to 14:00 hrs.

Location: Amari Hotel and Spa Imagine Room.

Attendance: 21

Members: 19

Guests: 2

Albert Labermeiser

Republic of Bavaria

Denis Calypso

Germany

Following the Thai National Anthem P Brian called upon Sargent at Arms (SAA) Rick Rees to introduce our guests.

P Brian extended a very warm welcome to returning Rotarians Paul Grab and Freddy Lienhard who after returning to Switzerland earlier in the year for a short visit were finally able to return after 6 plus months and following the quarantine in Bangkok for two weeks.

PP Paul stated he would like to give a talk on his experiences of returning to Thailand and his life in Quarantine next year. This was agreed whilst PE Phil was quietly humming the tune "The Great Escape"

SAA Rick Rees informed the meeting that exciting things were happening that all members and guests will soon have name badges, obviously as an older club we often forget our names so soon we will all be able to recognise our own names and those of our colleagues. The choices of lanyards or crocodile clips was also presented. Watch this space for further developments.

P Brian went onto mention recent and future events:

- 24 Nov – Arrhythmia Cardiological Disorders, Dr Koonlawee Nademanee
- 8 Dec – Club Lunch Meeting, RI Training with PP Gianni
- 11 Dec – 11th RCRHH Fundraising Golf Tournament, Banyan Golf Club
- 15 Dec – Board Meeting
- 18 Dec – RCRHH Christmas Party at Avani Resort, 18.00, THB 1,400 & THB 700
- 24 Dec – 'Elephantastic Christmas Concert' at Monsoon Valley Vineyard
- 5 Jan – Fellowship Night at El Toro Loco Bar and Restaurant

- 12 Jan – Lunch Meeting, BeWell Medical Clinic, Dr Chris Taylor, Public Health and Perspectives of Aging

P Brian then called upon President Elect Phil Lawrence to briefly talk about the 11th Amateur Golf Classic being held at Banyan Golf club this Friday 11th December 2020.

PE Phil mentioned the difficulties encountered this year with Covid-19 hitting both businesses and returning ex-pats who normally return to Thailand in the winter months.



However, the golf committee have once again worked tirelessly to provide what is hoped another successful event, and despite the difficulty's money would again be raised to provide funding for our key projects.

PE Phil went onto say that there were a number of places available for any Rotarians and guests who wanted to join the event for the dinner in the evening PE Phil Lawrence called upon Rotarian Lizzy Ginsel and President Brian Anderson to receive their sponsorship certificates for this year's



tournament.

Lizzy kindly donated 55,555 Thai Baht and P Brian arranged through the Chiva-Som a sponsorship package valued at 25,000 Thai Baht and included the following:

- 1 Nights stay Ocean Room for two people
- 1 Massage per person
- Individual health and wellness consultation
- 3 wellness cuisine meals beginning with dinner
- Physical Analysis
- Healthy afternoon tea in the Orchid Lounge
- Daily fitness and leisure activities including use of gym and pool.

P Brian then addressed the members and guests and stated that in December the RCRHH traditionally held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) to select the board for the next Rotary Year.

P Brian identified the positions where club members had been nominated and those that were still vacant.

Rotary Year 2021-2022

- Phil Lawrence President
- President-Elect 2020/21 currently Phil
- President-Nominee
- Michel Zuber Vice President
- Peter Wydler Treasurer
- Secretary 2020/21 currently Phil
- Rick Rees Sergeant at Arms

Strangely a deathly silence fell over the room, names were banded about but deft shake of the heads followed by cries that their English language was not that good, they may be washing their hair that day next year or had been struck mute. Then up spoke brave CP Alan Cooper proposing our Sargent at arms Rick Rees promptly seconded by his wing man Chris Byrd to be our President Elect for 2021 and 2022.

The other positions remain open for the time being, however with new younger members joining these may be soon filled, the winds of change are a blowing.

P Brian then called upon PP Gianni to give his talk on the history of the Rotary Wheel and the hierarchy of Rotary.



A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made (1905) by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization, Movement and Service work in action." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads.



In 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. So, the present gear wheel, with 24 teeth and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." The gear teeth around the outside represent the fact that work is to be done. The six spokes represent the inner direction and path of our Vocational Service, through the representation of our membership via the classification system. Similarly, these same spokes represent an outward distribution path of Rotary's ideals of service and the Four Way Test... going out toward the community, vocations and businesses that our members represent.



A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added to signify the wheel was a "worker and not an idler". The keyway in the center of the hub is of great significance, because it represents the individual Rotarian member, who is the key factor in every club. Quality members are the keys, needed for the hub to engage with the shaft and turn, putting the energy into motion and creating the power for the gears to do their work.

At the 1929 Rotary International Convention, it was determined that blue and gold would be the official colors of the organization, so the wheel was designed with these colors. The four blue bands within

the outer radius of the gear represent our four avenues of service. And the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.



The Rotary wheel is also referred to as "The Mark of Excellence".



1. Promoting peace
2. Fighting disease
3. Providing clean water
4. Saving mothers and children
5. Supporting education
6. Growing local economies

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PP Gianni then spoke about the structure of Rotary.

The headquarters of Rotary International is in Evanston in Illinois in the USA.

Rotary International is governed by a board of directors composed of the international president, the president-elect, the general secretary, and 17 zone directors.

There are 34 Zones worldwide, Thailand in Zone 10 with the following countries Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia. (See map below)



Overall there 535 Districts world wide, 4 of which are in Thailand.

There are 8500 areas world wide of which 340 are here in Thailand. The Rotary club of Royal Hua Hin is in Rotary District 3330, and is in area 16 together with the following Rotary Clubs Hua Hin, Pranburi and Prachuab Khiri Khan.

PP Gianni then allowed the members and guests to field any questions to which there were several.

P Brian thanked PP Gianni for his informative talk.

There being no other business lunch was called.