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NOTES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN (RCRHH): A History of the London Fire Brigade Phil Lawrence

Tuesday 13th August 2019.

Time: 12:00 to 14:00 hrs

Location: Mosaic Room

Attendance: 22

Members: 20

Guests: 2

- Jean Claude Le Roux France living in Hua Hin
- JaquelineWilliams British living in Dubai
- Mark Williams British living in Dubai

President (P) Napa Keawtem opened the meeting with the Thai National Anthem and called upon Immediate Past President (IPP), Seargent At Arms (SAA) Brian Anderson to introduce the guests as listed above.

Immediate Past President (IPP), Seargent At Arms Brian Anderson then welcomed back members who had been on leave PP Paul Graab, Immediate Past Assitant District Governer (IPADG) Alan Cooper.

Immediate Past President (IPP), Seargent At Arms Brian Anderson reminded the members that this week there were 5 members who did not register for the meeting with CR this affects the numbers sent to the Amari and in turn can affect the meal value. He further stated that below 15 attendees we have a set meal which again is not so good value.

P Napa called upon Alan Brown to talk about his recent trip to Europe and Scotand and pass over a club banner from RC Ingolstadt in Germany.



Presentation of RC Ingolstadt Germany Banner.

P Napa then spoke about the following club events that had recently occurred and briefly explained with pictures

- 19 Jul: Morning Talk with Surf Radio 102.5
- 20 Jul: Activity at the school for blinds with multiple disabilities
- 31 Jul: Love Hua Hin Campagne
- 01 Aug: Students fund execution at Stamford Int'l University
- 01 Aug: Swiss National Day celebration



Surf 102.5 with P Napa and Rtn Arnold Ruijs 19th July 2019.



Love Hua Hin Campaign.

P Napa then called upon Sec Phil Lawrence the guest speaker who was going to talk about A brief History of the London Fire Brigade (LFB).



Sec Phil informed the lunch that he had served for over 30 years in both Staffordshire and London Fire Brigade undertaking various roles such as operations, training, Station Manager and finally a group Manager heading up the Hazardous Materials Environmental Protection team before retiring and moving to the Middle East.



February 15th 2008 Phil with his nephew Peter on his last day of service..

Sec Phil spoke about the catalyst of the start of fire services in the UK which was the Great Fire of London on the 22nd September 1666 and took members through the various historical points in history in the development of the LFB over the last 400 years.

He then informed the audience of statistics for the LFB in 2018 in terms of area, personnel, appliances and equipment, number of calls and budget.

Sec Phil briefly identified some of the more notable incidents attended by the LFB over the last 40 years.

Moorgate tube disaster	February 1975
Ladbroke Grove train crash	October 1999
Dagenham Recycling Center Fire	2012
Camden Market Fire	February 2008
London Transport Bombings	July 2005
Marchioness Disaster	August 1989
Worsley Hotel Fire	December 1974
King Cross Fire	November 1987
Grenfell Tower	June 2017

Sec Phil also brought to the lunch time meeting a sample of his collection of Fire Service memorabilia including helmets, cap badges, Fire marks and nozzles.

Sec Phil lastly spoke about the the National Fire Fighters memorial in London and how the original design displayed the 363 Fire Fighter names who lost their lives during the second world war then was changed to reflect the lives lost of all fire fighters which now totals 2250.



Fire Fighting Memorabilia



National Fire Fighter Memorial.

Sec Phil thanked the audience and asked if there were any questions.

P Napa thanked Sec Phil for an informative talk.

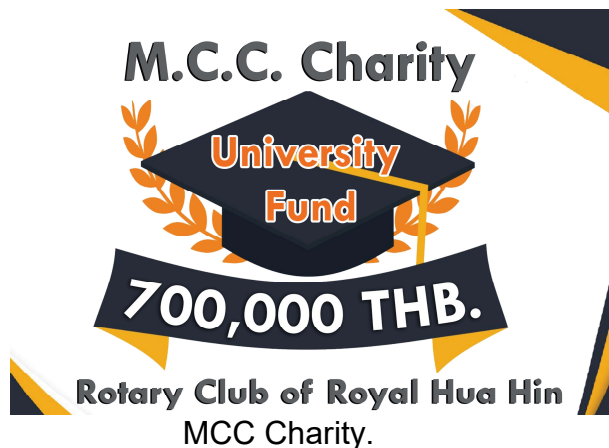
P Napa informed the meeting of the following forthcoming events:

Aug 20 th	Board Meeting
Aug 27 th	Weekly Meeting 'Criminal Proceedings in Thailand, Ganteen Isareenuluk
Sep 3 rd	Fellowship Evening, Laksasubha

P Napa then informed the meeting that during lunch Rtn Benjamas would talk about the recent student fund.



Rtn Benjamas



Rtn Benjamas informed the meeting of the MCC Charity University Fund Committee that consists of P Napa, IPP, SAA Brian Anderson, FPN Torsten Voight and Benjamas Uamsa-Ard who is the Director.

On the 1st August 2019 the committee met at Stamford International University to sign two students Ms Kwanjit Putdee and Ms Dee Kosin from the Ratchaburi and Prachuab Khiri Khan provinces.

Both students attended the Rajaprajanugroh School in Hua Hin and achieved good grades.



Official signing of contracts.

Rtn Lizzy Ginsel had collected THB 700'00 through the MCC in Hua Hin and asked the RCRHH to manage the fund for her.

Both students have been enrolled in a 3 year Business studies course at Stamford University and will study part time because they both currently have jobs at a veterinary clinic here in Hua Hin.

As both students did not have access of computers PN Peter Iversen and Rtn Gitte Iversen purchased lap tops for them.

Rtn Benjamas thanked the Board of Directors and Lizzy for making this dream for the two students come true.