



Rotary



**NOTES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN (RCRHH): Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
'A History of Writing Instruments' - Rotarian Daniel Burns.**

Time: 10:00 to 14:00 hrs

Location: Imagine Room

Attendance: 29

Members: 18

Guests: 11

Roger Ward	RC Aireborough Yorkshire UK
Carol Ward	RC Aireborough Yorkshire UK
Boel Eklund	RC Stockholm International Sweden
Fredy Lienhard	RC Zurich West Switzerland
Michael Rutzen	RC Rendsburg Mittelholstein Germany
Glenn Dixon	RC Phnom Penh Cambodia
Shelley Kiser	RC Chengdu China
Sarah Carr	USA
Paul Burk	UK

President (P) Napa Keawtem opened the meeting with the Thai National Anthem and called upon Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Rick Rees to introduce the guests as listed above.

P Napa then spoke about the following club events that had recently occurred.

28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Assembly and Induction of a new member Werner Wyss

4<sup>th</sup> Feb Fellowship Evening Pizza Garden Soi 94

5<sup>th</sup> Feb Information to Foreigners Blue Port with RC Hua Hin, Pranburi and Hua Hin Lions Club and Cha Am Tourist Authority, Thai Immigration Police, Traffic Police and Hua Hin Police.

P Napa outlined each of the events for the members and guests a full story was published on the fellowship evening.

P Napa then updated the members and guests on forthcoming events:

13<sup>th</sup> Feb: Presentation of 10 Lap Top Computers to Phetchaburi Panyanukul school.

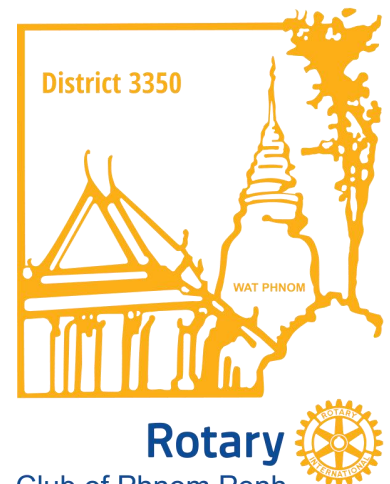
14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Multi-Club evening and Installation of Rotaract Clubs at the Amari hotel and spa

- 16th Feb: RC Bangkapi Children's Day at Regent Resort Cha-Am
- 25th Feb: Annual Children's Day at Petchburi Panyanukul School 09.00 – 12.00
- 03rd Mar: Fellowship Evening at Take Five
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mar: Rotary Club Bangkok South Charity Golf Tournament
- 27th-28th Mar: District Conference, Hat Yai.

P Napa then called upon Rotarian Alan Brown to talk about the forthcoming event held by RC Bangkok South. Alan informed the meeting that the above club will hold it's 31<sup>st</sup> Charity golf tournament at Thana City Country Club on the Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The cost per player is Thai Baht 3,500. Any players interested should contact him for registration.

P Napa asked Glenn Dixon a USA citizen and member of RC Phnom Pehn to talk a little about his club.

Glenn introduced himself and spoke about some of the projects they are involved in one of the major projects was to help people suffering with meningoencephalocoele (MEC). MEC is rare a birth defect found in remote villages in Cambodia. It is believed that exposure during pregnancy to aflatoxins, toxins produced by mold that grows in nuts, seeds and legumes, however the potential role in causing the condition is unclear. The multifactorial defect becomes apparent at birth where the skull fails to close which causes the child's brain to herniate through the opening near the bridge of the nose. This project has already helped over 70 patients, mostly children, but desperately needs more funding to continue. There are over 1,000 patients still waiting treatment for this life-threatening brain swelling condition.



Glenn went onto say that this seemed a disease that appeared in geographic regions such as the Mekong.

Other projects the club are involved in include:

Bicycles for rural children, Wheelchairs for Children, books for children, clean drinking water.

P Napa thanked Glenn and presented him with a banner from the RCRHH. P Napa then called upon Visiting Rotarian Shelley Riser from the Rotary Club of Chengdu in China. Shelley informed the members and guests that Rotary



Club in Chengdu, China has about 30 members. We have been around since 2014 though we were chartered in 1939. It looks old, but the projects seem clear Our big project is actually one where we partner with the YMCA and do a summer camp with left behind children. We also recently donated computers to a school

in Nepal. I personally am involved in a project with Heifer international where we do read to feed at my school and take a rotary sponsored trip to a village. Rotary provides materials for the schools. P Napa thanked Shelley and presented her with a club banner.



P Napa called upon Rotarian Alan brown who presented the club with a banner from RC Melbourne South in Victoria in Australia.

P Napa invited Rotarian Daniel Burns our guest speaker to present his talk on the History of writing instruments.

Daniel introduced himself a informed the members and guests of his experience in the subject matter he was presenting.

Daniel asked the members and quests what was the first modern writing tool, many members thought this would be the quill however Daniel informed the audience it was in fact the pencil was made in Borrowdale in the Lake District in the UK in 1564. Nuremburg in Germany was the birthplace of the first mass produced pencils in 1662.

Daniel spoke further about the types of pencils and the manufacturers before moving on to the history of pens. Daniel spoke about the first fountain pen which was invented by a Romanian student studying in Paris called Petrarhe Poenaru and which the French government patented in 1827. Daniel further explained the development of the fountain pen and the various ways or delivery systems of the ink from bladders, cartridges and other systems and the main fountain pen manufacturers.

The Biro was first patented by John Loud in 1888 and again Daniel gave a history on the evolution of the Biro and the various types and manufacturers today.

On concluding his talk Daniel answered questions form the members and guests. P Napa thanked Daniel for his presentation.

There being no other business lunch was called.

