

**The Rotary Club of Royal Hua Hin** District 3330 - Club Number 83076 Chartered on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2010



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#### What is Rotary?

Rotary is a service organization. Our members are social leaders who seek to serve the needy across Thailand. We raise funds through private contributions and engage communities. We enjoy our weekly fellowship meetings.



RCRHH in Numbers: Members: 54 Nationalities 16 Average age 64 Targeted fundraising for Service Projects 2022/23: 1.5 million Baht

This week's presentation: David Frohlich who is the local expert on the snakes in Hua Hin.

#### Meeting Attendance Total of 41; Consisting of 17 Members & 24 Guests

Partial Guest list: Samuel Schneider–Peru, Anne Warmbold-Germany, Michael Rutzer-Switzerland, Saranya Roos-Thailand, Mark & Jackie Williams-UK, David Frohlich-USA, Peter & Adriana Vrisekoop-Netherlands, Markus Ehart-Switzerland, Naphet Pophom-Thailand, Karl St George-UK, Nichast St George-Thailand, Suphapit Lawrence-Thailand, Dr. Reinald Schiester-Switzerland, Suranya Roos-Thailand, Frank Mack-Germany, Boel Ekland-Sweden, Thanchanok Saedan-Thailand, Charles Edmond-USA

PP Brian Anderson called the meeting to order following the National Anthem.

# **CLUB NEWS**

President Phil Lawrence opened the meeting by welcoming all members and guests to a very well attended meeting.

#### **District Governor Club Visit**

On 19th November 2022, the Rotary Club of Royal Hua Hin welcomed Rotary District 3330, District Governor La-Or Chinda and her partner Chulanan. Also attending the meeting was our area 16 Prachuap Khiri Khan Assistant Governor Rampai Kamwijan. The meeting was attended by 27 members and guests, where a wide range of Rotary topics were discussed.







This visit is a Rotary requirement for the District Governor to visit all the district clubs on an annual basis. To help the Governor's factfinding mission in determining the "health" of our club, presentations were given by our members covering:

- 2022 2023 Projects and Fundraising
- Financials
- Membership
- New up-coming projects

In summarizing her visit, Governor La-Or Chinda indicated the Rotary of Club of Royal Hua Hin was one of the top three clubs in her district. A job well done to all our members!

# Empowering Girls Project Lizzy Education Fund

During the Governor's visit, two special guest attended. Khun Deedee and Khun Quantip who were part of the Lizzy Education Fund who sponsored these students in a 3 year education degree program at Stamford International University. Recently, Deedee and Quantip have successfully graduated from their program and will attend their graduation ceremony next year. RCRHH also helped fund their education and expenses by donating 100K baht on their behalf.

Khun Deedee and Khun Quantip were asked to share their stories with the group which turned out to be a very heartfelt experience for everyone at the meeting.







## **David Lamb - EREY Award Presentation**

Fellow Rotarian David Lamb was honored for his continued EREY contributions of \$1000 thus joining other members of RCRHH.

### **Cambodian Academy School Project**

Richard Howell spoke briefly to the group expressing his school's gratitude to RCRHH for their support. Five students have recently received funding support from RCRHH. Richard informed the group of increased student enrollments as well as new infrastructure improvements at the school.



#### **Upcoming Events**

December 9<sup>th</sup> – RCRHH Christmas Party @ The Avani+ 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM December 13<sup>th</sup> – Annual General Meeting @ Amari Hotel & Spa 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM December 20<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting @ TBD

# Presentation: David Frohlich, our local Snake expert in Hua Hin



David's fascination with snakes started when he was a young boy growing up in the USA and South Africa. Starting at the age of 8 years old, David was teaching himself about snakes and their habitat and has since become the local snake expert in Hua Hin since moving here at the age of 14.

He went on to state that Thailand has 238 species of Snakes of which 34 exist in the Hua Hin region. And out of the 34 local species, 6 are considered dangerous.

#### Venomous Snakes of Hua Hin

- 1) Malaysian Pit-Viper
- 2) Siamese Spitting Cobra
- 3) Monocled Cobra
- 4) King Cobra
- 5) Malaysian Krait
- 6) White Tipped Pit-Viper



## Snakes in the House – Oh My!

David provided information and advice on what to do and what NOT to do when encountering a snake in the house. Due to human expansion in the Hua Hin area, the snake's habitat has become smaller, resulting in snakes becoming lost and sometimes venturing into human habitat and often ending up in your home or garden. David has set up a Facebook Group called "Snakes of Hua Hin" consisting of snake enthusiasts which can help you with your snake concerns. David mentioned some DO's and DONT'S should you encounter a snake in your home.

- DON'T PANIC
- DON'T TRY TO KILL
- DON'T PICK IT UP
- DON'T CALL THE GARDNER

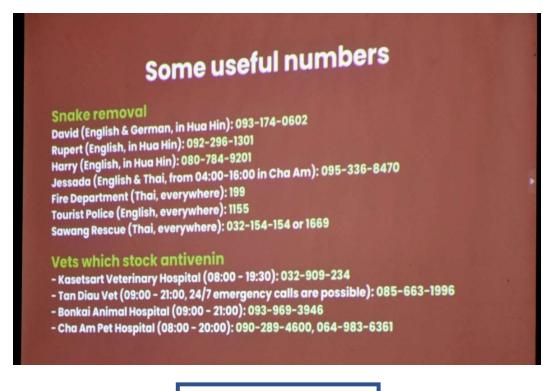
- CLOSE DOORS TO OTHER ROOMS
- CALL PROFESIONAL SNAKE CATCHER
- TRY TO DEAL WITH IT YOURSELF
- INFORM HOUSE MEMBERS OF THE SNAKE



# Emergency! What to do if you or someone you know has been bitten.

- Don't Panic! Remain calm! You will survive!
- Leave the bite alone.
- Try to take a picture of the snake, if possible.
- Do not call an ambulance. Get to the hospital.
- Venom in the eye, immediately rinse with water. Don't rub touch or rub your eye. Get to the hospital.

#### In closing, David left some useful phone numbers for our reference.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

#### David Range

Hanne Haakansson

Michael Ruess







Weekly Wine Winner

This week's bottle of wine was won by Peter Vrisekoop. All money raised by our weekly raffle goes into our project account.



Meeting was adjourned at 13:17/hrs. Bulletin prepared by Rick Lunstrum – Executive Secretary RCRHH