



NOTES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN (RCRHH): Practical Community Development Patrick Franssen.

Tuesday 25th June 2019.

Time: 12:00 to 14:00 hrs

Location: Imagine, Amari Spa & Resort

Attendance: 17

Members: 13

Guests: 4

- Lizzy Ginsel Sunshine International
- Sheryl Lamb South Africa
- Jean Claude Le Roux France living in Hua Hin
- Andrew Molner Germany

President (P) Brian Anderson opened the meeting with the Thai National Anthem and called upon Sec Phil (ASAA) to introduce the guests as listed above.

P Brian addressed the meeting stating this was the last meeting of Rotary Year 114 and of course the end of his Presidency. From July 1st President Elect Napa will be President for Rotary year 115.

P Brian updated the members and guests of the meeting of recent and future events:

- 21 June – RC Pran Buri Installation Night
- 25 June – Practical Community Development by Rtn Patrick Franssen
- 29 June – RC Bangkok South Installation Night at Grand Sheraton Sukhumvit
- 2 July – Fellowship Evening at Mozza Mia
- 9 July – New Generations by Rtn Benjamas Uamsa-Ard
- 16 July – Asanha Bucha Day, Public Holiday so meeting

P Brian informed the meeting that the Installation dinner for Rotary club Bangkok South (RCBS) was on the 29th June and costs THB 2500. RCBS has been established for 65 years and that currently 9 members were going by bus leaving Hua Hin at 13:00hrs and returning around 22:00hrs. Any other member who wishes to go should let P Brian know.

P Brian informed the meeting that Responding to an urgent call to support 10 schools of underprivileged mountain children in Mae Hong Son province, he spoke to PE Napa about the possibility of RCRHH supporting in a small way. The community donation project is spearheaded by Buddhist monk Phra Palad Wayo Thawaro of Mae Sariang district in the far north of Thailand.

P Brain and PE Napa agreed to donate THB 5,000 worth of 90 children's raincoats, which are fairly durable and hopefully long-lasting. On top of this a further 5'000 THB was donated by RCRHH to purchase 84 boxes of pencils, 84 boxes of crayons and and 104 paper pads making a total donation of THB 10'000.



Pictures from Mae Hong Son Project.

P Brian then introduced Rotarian Patrick Franssen who was going to speak about Practical Community Development.

Patrick introduced himself and informed the meeting that he had been in Thailand for some 35 years and had run the Green Lion for 20 years.

He informed the meeting that Green Lion was founded in 1998 here in Thailand under the name Greenway, and that they have become trend setters in developing exciting and meaningful travel programs according to a principle we call XCeLLeC.

In 2005 our name changed to THE GREEN LION to keep up with our expansion. Even though by now we are running programs on multiple continents, our organization is family-run with dedication and passion.

The program allows cultural immersion for 18 to 20 year olds by engaging local community projects.

The first major project here in Thailand followed the challenges of the 2004 tsunami that hit coastal regions on the Andaman sea in Southern Thailand.

Essentially The Green Lion became a logistics provider for bringing in essential services such as doctors and volunteers to help in the massive clean up operation following the tsunami.

Other projects in Thailand include maintaining border police schools one of which is in Pala-u waterfall area.

Other areas The Green Lion operate in South Est Asia include; Cambodia, Vietnam and China.



A selection of Pictures from the Green Lion.

P Brian thanked Patrick for an interesting talk and asked lunch guests if there were any questions to which a number of questions were asked of the projects.

PE Napa took the floor and presented P Brian with a ready supply supply of Heineken and thanked him for the great job he had undertaken during his year as President



Presentation of Hieneken to President Brian Anderson



Elvis is leaving the building. Outgoing President Brian Anderson leaving the Amari with all the awards he achieved during Rotary year 114.

There being no other business lunch was called.

