



## WEEKLY ZOOM MEETING REPORT OF ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 CLUB ASSEMBLY

Attendance - 9 Members - 9 Guests - 0 Guests:-

Apologies – Alan Brown.

President Phil opened the meeting explaining it was a pity so few members were present at the meeting especially a club assembly.



- 1. IP Napa began proceedings with a presentation on the projects undertaken so far this year, 2021-22.
  - July 2021 Jungle aid truck THB 230,00 plus THB 40,00 from RC Noble Park Dingley, Australia. Both clubs have logos on the truck. Previously publicised on CR and had a separate presentation on zoom.



• **July 2021** - Raincoats for Children. THB 10,000 to purchase raincoats for children at Baa Meung Noi School in Chiang Rai. Provided in time for rainy season. Story on CR.



• August 2021 - Lap Top computers and headsets presented to Mercy House School to assist with home schooling during pandemic. THB 29,898. Story on CR



**August 2021** - Donation to the Red Cross Clinic in Hua Hin. Portable Aspirator, mist sprayer and internet wireless connection total of THB 32,500. Story on CR.



**August 2021** - Joint project with RCHH. Hua Hin Hospital, 100 sets of Dupont Tyvek 500 one-piece personal protective suits (PPE) and 250 3M medical face masks to protect front line medical personnel from Covid-19 and other cross contaminants at the Hospital. THB 20,000. Story on CR.



## Ongoing projects -

- Rotary Education Centre (TELK).
- Thai Voices Panyanukul School website.
   P Phil took the opportunity to update the assembly with the fact he had held meetings with Napa, Keith, the school webmaster and the designer in Viet Nam and the web site was now beginning to take shape with items being uploaded as required. It is of course taking longer than expected because of the continuing CV situation.
- **2**. Membership CP Alan Cooper gave an overview of club membership. He has registered to attend a RI webinar on 24 Sep 21 to look at the question in the below image.



## The State of Membership webinar 06:00 24 September 2021

## Rotary's members are our greatest strength

- Examine the state of Rotary's membership: who is joining, who and why
  are people leaving, and opportunities to help Rotary grow.
- Discuss ways to elevate Rotaract as an equal partner in service.
- Highlight the importance of inclusion as we work to involve more people in the work we do.

Are there any programs / suggestions for RCs with multinational membership? 17 nationalities in the case of our RC.

CA 7 September 2021

He explained older membership is increasing whilst younger members are decreasing as there are not so many younger members joining. After some discussion it was agreed the membership of RCRHH currently stands at 53 with several differing nationalities.

IPP Brian mooted the idea of meeting face to face again to boost interest, especially as gatherings up to 25 people were now allowed once again. Rick agreed to hold the next BM on 21 Sep at his house and this was agreed by all present.

3. Benjamas presented on New Generations. She reported that:



- As Webster University was no longer operating we need to inform District about the fact their club is disbanded.
- Stamford University currently have only 12 members of Rotaractors, mainly due to the home learning because of the pandemic.
- Phil attended a meeting in June with Rotaractors at Stamford to discuss future plans 21-22
- In August she and Napa had attended a District virtual round table meeting to discuss Rotaractors



Benjamas then outlined a number of changes in the way Rotaractors will operate as from 1 Jul 2020.

- Rotaractors are now elevated and viewed as members of RI rather than program participants.
- Subscription rules changed \$50 per club, replaced with \$5 per head for a university-based club or £8 for community-based club. Up to 75% of this can be paid by any sponsoring club. Starting 1 Jul 2022.
- Looking to increase the number of Rotaractors by 100% by 2022, increase the number who join rotary by 20% and increase reported number of them to 1,000,000 by 2029.
- Rotaractors can establish new clubs without the need for a sponsor and can choose other Rotaract clubs as sponsors if they wish.
- Clubs open to all young adults at least 18 years old and there is no longer a requirement for an upper age limit, so Rotary members could join Rotaractors.
- Rotaractors need to have My Rotary accounts.

- To encourage closer working, it was suggested a Rotoractor be invited to join the Board of the main club and also to the weekly meetings to enable them to understand how Rotary works regarding finances, global grants etc.
- Rotaractors be encouraged to attend the District Assembly and Conference and Rotaractors camps.

A discussion took place on how the RCRHH can support and assist Rotaractors with these new rules. It was suggested by Brian the President of Rotaractors be invited to join the Board and attend the weekly events. Phil advised there was still a fund available not spent during the last year that could assist with any costs. He also confirmed that only 1 club had been listed in this year's RI goals.

Phil thanked all three participants for their detailed updates.

Raffle for bottle of wine was won by Benjamas.

