



Weekly Bulletin of

# The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

20 August 2014

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## Upcoming Programme

### August 27:

Pending

### September 3:

Amnon Shefi, Ph.D., President, Hi-Teach Ltd.:  
"Hands Across the Waters"

## Future Events

### September 1:

DG Mali Levi's visit to the Jerusalem West Club

### September 5:

Preparatory meeting for the Young Speaker Contest. Gallery 29, 29 Geller St, Kfar Saba, 09:30.

### September 12:

District conference on "Back to Excellence". Nice Auditorium, Ra'anana, 09:00 to 13:15.



## This Week's Programme

### Dr. Richard Hardiman, Agronomist:

## "China: Economic Miracle or Environmental Disaster?"

**Dr. Rick Hardiman** was born in the UK where he took his first degree at the University of Sussex and then came to Israel in 1972 where he studied Hydrology. He obtained an M.Sc. in irrigated agriculture followed by a PhD in plant absorption of metals and industrial waste water.

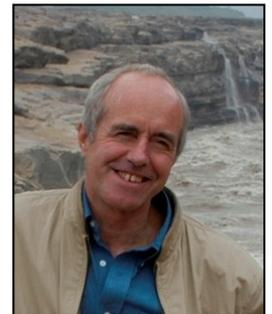
Between 1983-85 Rick was an agronomist at the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics in India. Since 1986, he has been living in China working continuously on environmental and development issues there, including cooperation with various donor and government agencies. Rick has travelled and lived in regions throughout China, including 3 years in a remote village in western China and 2 years in Tibet, where he assisted the central government to set up an institute for agricultural development.

He was also with the European Commission in Beijing for five years, in charge of designing environmental projects to combat air and water pollution and to conserve forests. In 2008, he returned to Israel together with his family. He now teaches subjects at the Hebrew University relating to China and the environment, specializing in water and energy and gives lectures throughout China.

Dr. Hardiman will look at China's rapid economic development from the perspective of the environment considering the country's appetite for

global natural resources and fossil fuels and its consequent impacts. In this context, he will examine China's political motives on the national and international front in order to maintain social stability for 20% of the world's population.

**Luncheon meeting on Wednesday, 20 August, 13:00 at the Jerusalem International YMCA ♣**





Dear editor,

As a Past President and long time Rotarian, I was thrilled to see the article about us in your weekly bulletin. I actually was at the original Woodstock concert in 1969 which tells you how old I am. I look forward to visiting your club when I get to visit Israel.

Richie Rubin

Monticello RC, NY

I have recently come across this quote, which I think is worth sharing with you.

Rafi A.

*"A liberal paradise would be a place where everybody has guaranteed employment, free comprehensive healthcare, free education, free food, free housing, free clothing, free utilities, and only law enforcement has guns."*

*Believe it or not, such a place does, indeed, exist: It's called . . . prison."*

*Sheriff Joe Arpaio*

*Arizona Maricopa County Sheriff's Office*



## International Toast

### Tora Tora !!

The earliest habitation in Hawaii was as early as 300 CE, probably Polynesians from the Marquesas. Folk tales and legends suggest immigrations from other Pacific islands.

A short-lived kingdom was established in Hawaii in 1810. In 1893 American expatriates and sugar planters, supported by US Marines, deposed Queen Liliuokalani, the last reigning monarch of Hawaii. She was replaced by a Provisional Government composed of leaders of the revolt.



A report commissioned by the US Government, concluded that the removal of Liliuokalani was illegal. In 1894, another congressional investigation found all parties with the exception of the queen "not guilty" of any responsibility for the overthrow. The impartiality of both reports has been severely questioned.

In August 1959, Hawaii officially became the 50th US state.

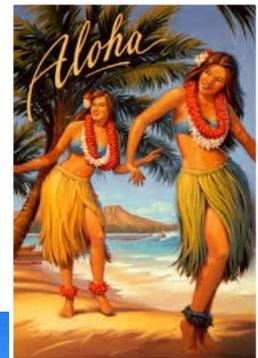
Hawaii is one of four states, beside the original thirteen, that were independent prior to becoming

part of the US, along with Vermont (1791), Texas (1845), and California (1846), and one of two, along with Texas, that had formal diplomatic recognition internationally.

In 1993, a joint Apology Resolution regarding the overthrow was passed by the US Congress apologizing for the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

RI District 5000, with 49 clubs, contains only the Hawaiian Islands. Our toast today is to the oldest Hawaiian club, **the Rotary Club of Honolulu**. They are older than we are; chartered in 1915 with close to 200 members. Carol S. Sakata is the president. They usually meet on Tuesdays at noon at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

*Mike R. ♣*





## RI President Aims High

Gary C.K. Huang never imagined he would become Rotary International's president when he joined in 1976, but now that he is in office, he hopes to increase membership to 1.3 million by the end of his term.

"It's simple. The more members we have, the more people we can help. A stronger membership base will result in stronger communities," says Huang, who on 1 July became Rotary's first Chinese president.

Huang also hopes his presidential theme, Light Up Rotary, will encourage members to brighten Rotary's image to the public, which he believes in return will improve member recruitment and retention.

Huang has a track record of improving membership development in Asia, adding 19 clubs when he was district governor for Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau. One of the cornerstones of his presidency is encouraging clubs and districts to conduct a Rotary Day. These one-day events, he says, can spotlight a particular cause, and solidify Rotary's image as one of the world's leading service organizations.



"We need to showcase our good work to everyone in the community. Rotary Days need to be fun and all inclusive. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to participate. My hope is at the end of the day a few non-members will want to join Rotary," he says. "Let's give people the opportunity to experience what it's like to make a difference. Rotary Days can achieve that."

Huang designed a travel schedule that will allow him to visit more than 30 Rotary Day events across the globe, including Argentina, Chile, France, India, Italy, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, and the U.S., as well as his home city of Taipei.

Huang says he's honored and humbled to be Ro-

tary's president. He knows he's part of an exclusive club.

"We [past Rotary presidents] have achieved great success in our businesses and in our communities," says Huang. "But success isn't about power or money. It's about giving back. Being a Rotarian has given me the opportunity to help those in need. As president, I can inspire our members to take advantage of the same opportunity and bring happiness in people's lives."

Huang says Rotary members are never short on ideas and innovative ways to solve problems, but funding gaps prevent many of these projects from taking off.

For instance, Rotary members in Korea, Japan, and China are strong fundraisers, but struggle to help each other use the funds because of distance and language barriers, Huang says.

"I want to show Rotarians why I am their president," he adds. "The best way to do that is to see and inspire their work, participate in their projects, and help them raise funds."

"I want to, along with my district governors, reach out and try to link different clubs from different countries together so we can find the right communities in need," he adds. "That's one of the great things about being an international organization: the ability to bring different cultures and backgrounds together to find a common cause."

RI News ♣

### Global Grants

Rotary International has recently launched a number of new websites, among them [matchinggrants.org](http://matchinggrants.org).

The goal of [matchinggrants.org](http://matchinggrants.org) is to facilitate communications between Rotarians looking for projects to finance, and Rotarians looking to finance their local projects. Submitting a project on this site will not submit it to The Rotary Foundation. Once they've agreed to undertake a project, partners must submit a grant application to The Foundation.

Go to [matchinggrants.org](http://matchinggrants.org) website:

<http://www.matchinggrants.org/>





## Adios Amigos

### It Ain't Israel Anymore

Dear Family, Friends, and Rotarians,

I wanted to send you all a short update and let you all know that we returned to Texas on July 16.

Now that we are back in the US we will be visiting family for the next month and then be moving down to College Station, Texas where I will be attending Texas A&M to complete my master's degree.

While we have been looking forward to this change in order to be closer to family, the completion of my formal forestry education, and being able to fulfill my Rotary commitments to District 5910, we are sad to leave Israel after three years of establishing friendships, experiencing cultures, witnessing conflicts, and maturing socially, spiritually, and mentally.

In going to Texas A&M I will carry with me a copy of the data I have collected over the past twenty-four months and will continue to work with my advisor from Israel and a professor from Texas A&M on the analyses and writing of my thesis for my master's degree. While 5 years (3 years in Israel and another 1.5-2 years to go at A&M) is a long time to spend on a master's degree, the opportunities and experiences I have had in Israel have far outweighed what might be considered "lost time" and the knowledge I have learned goes well beyond forestry and science. My life and perspectives were changed while being in Israel and I feel more capable now to handle the challenges that lie ahead in my future international career.



We look forward to seeing many of you.

With Love,

*Taylor and Misti Wilson ♣*



## Happy Hour

### Strip Down, Facing Me

When I was ready to check out and pay for my groceries the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note so I could complain to my local MP about this security rubbish, I did just as she had instructed.

After the shrieking and hysterical remarks finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to how I should position my credit card.

Nonetheless, I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions a little clearer for seniors.

**Man, I hate this getting older stuff.**

*Sent in by Marilyn F.*



### Jerusalem Rotary Club

Meeting at the YMCA, 26 King David St, Jerusalem Wednesdays at 13:00, last Wednesday of each month at 19:00. Meetings are conducted in English. Visiting Rotarians and other guests are welcome.

Luncheon/Dinner cost: NIS 65, students and lone

soldiers: NIS 25. For Kosher meals please book in advance. For this and other enquiries please e-mail club secretary David Lilienthal: [rawdav@gmail.com](mailto:rawdav@gmail.com).

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