

Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

14 October 2015

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Upcoming Programme

21 October Meeting:

Visit of Rotarians and Rotoractors from Macau

28 October Meeting:

Pending (dinner meeting)

30 October:

District conference No. 1: "Rotary marked by Empowerment and Expansion", Kfar Yona community center, 08:00-12:30

8-14 March:

Special trip to Cyprus, possibly at Eshkol level



This Week's Programme

Club Assembly

This week we'll hold the first Club Assembly. Unlike other similar occasions, we have a busy schedule, dealing with matters of prime concern. In addition, we'll be hosting visiting a former Rotarian scholar from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), who is Israel on the occasion of a space conference.

Your attendance is of importance to the club.

On the Agenda:

1. Short presentation by visiting Japanese scholar
2. JRC Social Media (Mark Z.)
3. The new JRC Website (David L.)
4. JRC's International Service new "Flagship Project" approved by the board (Dan S.)
5. Other



Given the busy agenda, we'll start the program at 13:20. The meeting will close at 14:30 as usual.



Last Week's Speaker

After surgery and radiation treatment for breast cancer in late 2011, last week's speaker **Ruth Ebenstein** forged an unexpected close friendship with a Palestinian breast cancer survivor, Ibtisam Erekat, a devout Muslim Palestinian woman.

Galvanized to help others, Ruth became an advocate, promoting women's health. She now lobbies the Knesset and works with Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem to promote women's cardiovascular wellness among Jerusalem's mixed populations.

Ruth's story has been covered by the BBC, NPR, The Atlantic & Alhurra TV. Her uplifting message: 'you can turn something bad into something good.'





Letters to the Editor

Hi Yaron,

Thanks for keeping sending the weekly JRC bulletins. Always a great pleasure to follow up how the club is doing.

Sirpa and I spent the summer vacations in Finland and have relocated to Cyprus, after three years in Liberia. I will continue as an aviation consultant to the same company, working mostly remotely, but also flying the aircraft part-time in Liberia.

I am still a member of eClub of Verkkorotary.fi in Finland and serving in the club governance for the second year. We meet over the internet every Tuesday and once a month physically. We have interesting prospects on the way. Our pilot is among the two-year Rotary Pilot Club program, aimed to develop new ways how the Rotary may function in the future.

It is very pleasing to learn about JRC planned trip to Cyprus in March 2016. Hope to have many of you here to enjoy the island and socializing with the local Clubs. We look forward to seeing all of you again, after many years. We still reside in the flat



that we bought seven years ago, in Kapparis, Paralimni, and love it.

Greetings from us to every JRC Rotarian, Roy and Sirpa

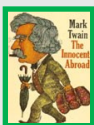
Hi Roy

Great hearing from you and knowing you are next door... An exciting life. What are you up to work wise?

I started working on the tour and have a skeleton plan. We'll be taking in sites in the North as well, meet with Rotary clubs, try to understand what is going on in Cyprus, plus of course enjoy Cypriot and Turkish cuisines (I hope to have lunch at the Syrian club in Nicosia as well...). We spend the first day in your area - Pyla, Derinia, Liopetri Creek etc. - then head north to Kyrenia area for a couple of nights (it is also much cheaper there). So it will be great if we could meet you near your new home!

I am planning to come over in late October or early November. I normally stay by my friends in Nicosia. Will you be in Cyprus then? If you have some time to spare you might want to meet.

Best to Sirpa
Yaron



Innocents Abroad

A Letter from India

P/P Eli Kenner recently spent two weeks exploring exotic India. Having returned safe and sound, he sent us these lovely photos from his trip.



Baha'i House of Worship, New Delhi

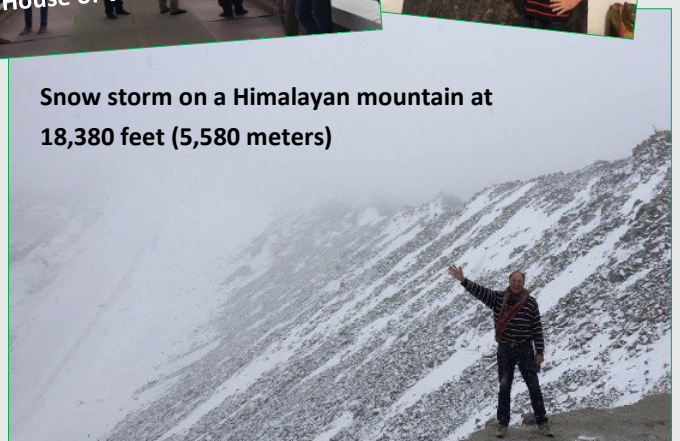


Hanuman figure in front of Hindu Temple



Annual Ladakh Folk Festival

Snow storm on a Himalayan mountain at 18,380 feet (5,580 meters)

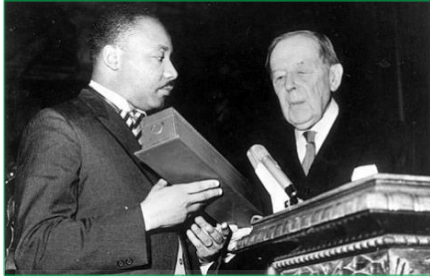




International Toast

Greater San Fernando Valley

Last week it was almost impossible not to commemorate the birthday of Vladimir Putin and to look for a relationship with Rotary. Today, 51 years ago on October 14th, one of the most remarkable persons of 20th century history and a hero in the fight for human rights in the United States was awarded the Nobel Prize for



Martin Luther King accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, 10.12.1964

Peace, in 1963. At the same time, it seems that nobody is more quoted in our pasuk shavua as this man: Dr. Martin Luther King (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968).

Martin Luther King, as everybody knows, was a Baptist minister, activist, and leader in the non-violent African-American Civil Rights Movement.

He played a role in the 1963 non-violent protests in



Martin Luther King after his speech "I have a dream"

Birmingham, Alabama, that are still famous for the brutal police reactions. He became world famous for his speech "I have a dream" in the 1963 "March on Washington", a masterpiece of rhetoric which was delivered before an audience of 300.000 people in front of the Lincoln Memorial. In this speech Martin Luther King demonstrated, that he was one of the greatest orators ever. His speech spanned the arch from the Bible and Aristotel to modern American history, brilliantly using rhetorical techniques, most especially that of repetition. He

skillfully began a series of sentences with "I have a dream" and "Let freedom ring". His ability to include a vision for all the people encompassing the entirety of the American demographic landscape, is still unmatched. Today almost every schoolchild in the world is familiar with Martin Luther King and his dream. One year later, on October 14th, MLK was the youngest ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. In his later years he continued to be an activist fighting against poverty and the Vietnam War. On April 4, 1968 he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

MLK plays an important role in Rotary all over the world. His ideals are recognized and discussed in almost all clubs worldwide. Rotarians around the world work for peace. Peace is not only international, something between nations, it has to be local too, as we see nowadays. On the occasion of the National MLK Holiday on the January 20, on being chartered in 2013 the "Rotary E-Club of Greater San Fernando Valley" (RI Club nr. 77505) in the District 5280, posted the text of MLK's speech "I have a dream", as a discussion theme for all members. "Rotary E-Clubs" are for members who are too busy to attend a meeting every week. Despite this the 68 members of the Greater San Fernando club meet once a month traditionally in the "Fireplace Room Denny's" in Sherman Oaks, California, in the



northwest of Los Angeles. The president this year is Roy Glickman. This week the International

Toast goes to the Greater San Fernando Rotary E-Club on the Pacific Coast of California.



Visit of DG D.J. Sun, here with President Roy Glickman

Guido de W.



Happy Hour

Dangers of Smart Phones and Social Media

No, I have no account on Facebook, but I try to make friends in other ways:

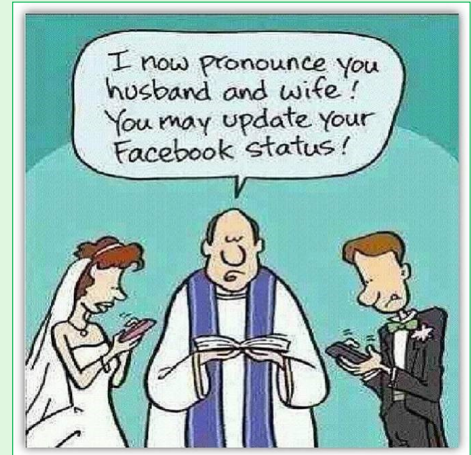
I just go walking about in town and tell passersby:

- that I slept well last night
- what I had for breakfast
- how I feel and how my dog is doing
- what the personal photographs are that I show them
- what I am going to do today and later.

I listen to their conversations and sometimes I tell them "I Like this".

I already have 4 friends following me, one social worker, two policemen and one psychiatrist.

(Read on Facebook)



Contributions by David L. and Yaron A. ♣

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 75, students and lone

soldiers: NIS 50, children under 18: NIS 30.

For Kosher meals please book in advance. For this and
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