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Today's Program – "Israeli/Palestinian Corona Cooperation and Prospects for its Continuation Beyond"

Ms. Linda Gradstein, Professor of Journalism, Correspondent for VOA

Linda Gradstein is a professor of journalism at NYU-Tel Aviv and Hebrew University as well as a freelance journalist. For 20 years she was the NPR correspondent based in Jerusalem and currently works for Voice of America.

She has covered every major story in Israel for the past 30 years and has won several awards for her coverage. But her most important productions are her four children, age 15 - 25. She lives with her family in Jerusalem.

We have a virtual meeting again using the internet application ZOOM. Please log in as follows:

Just before 1:00 pm (1300), of the meeting date, click on the following "Join URL": <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/863740988> or only the numbers [863740988](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/863740988) in the log-in window of ZOOM

Foundation Greetings:

Locked in but still celebrating birthdays! Louis Pollack has a birthday on April 26 and Werner Loyal will blow out his candles on April 27.

Upcoming Events

29 April, 2020,

No meeting

6 May, 2020 tba

Nuha and Nezar Tannous will celebrate their anniversary on April 24.

Foundation Thoughts of the Week:

God sometimes puts us on our back so that we may look upward. **Author Unknown**

Difficulties are the things that show what men are. **Epictetus**

Not to have had pain is not to have been human. **Yiddish Proverb**

He who has been delivered from pain must not think he is now free again, and at liberty to take life up as it was before, entirely forgetful of the past. He is now a man whose eyes are open with regard to pain and anguish, and he must help to overcome these two enemies and bring to others the deliverance which he has himself enjoyed, **Albert Schweitzer**



The President's Corner

Recently, I received an e-mail from Gary C. K. Huang, the current trustee chair of the Rotary Foundation. He seeks contributions to the Foundation's Disaster Response Fund to combat the COVID 19 pandemic.

TRF has been making special grants throughout the world to hospitals and other health care agencies for medical equipment (e.g. ventilators, disinfectant sprayers) and personal protective equipment for healthcare workers.

I plan to raise this matter at the next board meeting, 6 May. How should we, as a Rotary Club respond to this situation? Below the full words of Gary's e-mail.

Robert Hammer

We are coming together to face a new test of our collective strength during the [COVID-19](#) pandemic. Rotary districts around the world are applying for [Rotary's disaster response grants](#) in record numbers to empower Rotarians who are actively finding solutions and making a difference in their local communities. But we need your help.

Because of this global need, The Rotary Foundation Trustees have increased the amount available for these grants from \$1 million to \$3 million. That's in addition to the generous contributions from donors to our disaster response fund over the last week. The outpouring of support is inspiring, but the demand will continue to grow, and we currently do not have enough funds to support the substantial amount of grant applications we are currently receiving from districts around the world. Your donation will help keep funds available as even more needs arise.

These grants are already making an impact. They are supplying hospitals in Belgium, Croatia, and Italy with lifesaving ventilators. They're equipping frontline health care workers in Korea, Nigeria, the Philippines, Spain, and the United States with desperately needed personal protective equipment so they can care for patients safely. In India, disaster response grants are also improving conditions for patients and caregivers by bringing disinfectant sprayers, beds, and mattresses to health care facilities.

In the midst of such difficult and uncertain times, Rotary members around the world persevere. You can empower them in their service to others by [making a gift to the Disaster Response Fund](#).

No challenge is so big that we can't make a difference. As we unite in response to urgent and emerging community needs, we will keep working to fight the spread of this virus and save lives.

Thank you again for your unwavering commitment to Doing Good in the World.

Sincerely,

Gary C.K.Huang Chair, The Rotary Foundation 2019-20



International Toast – Rotary Club of Porto Seguro, Brazil

Three noteworthy historical events that happened on 22 April, the day of our meeting:

1500 Pedro Alvares Cabral is the first European to discover Brazil, landing near Monte Pascoal, claims it for Portugal. A fleet under the command of the 32–33-year-old Cabral departed from Lisbon on 9 March 1500 at noon. The fleet crossed the [Equator](#) on 9 April, and sailed westward as far as possible from the African continent in what was known as the *volta do mar* (literally "turn of the sea") navigational technique. [Seaweed](#) was sighted on 21 April, which led the sailors to believe that they were nearing the coast. They were proven correct the next afternoon, Wednesday 22 April 1500, when the fleet anchored near what Cabral christened the [Monte Pascoal](#) ("Easter Mount", it being the week of [Easter](#)). The spot is on the northeast coast of present-day Brazil. The Portuguese detected inhabitants on the shore, and all ships' captains gathered aboard Cabral's lead ship on 23 April. Cabral ordered Nicolau Coelho, a captain who had experience from Vasco da Gama's voyage to India, to go ashore and make contact. He set foot on land and exchanged gifts with the indigenous people. After Coelho returned, Cabral took the fleet north, where after traveling 65 kilometres (40 mi) along the coast, it anchored on 24 April in what the commander-in-chief named *Porto Seguro* (Safe Port). The place was a natural harbour



Pedro A Cabral



Brazil – on the way to India



Steam Ship 'Sirius'

1838 English steamship "Sirius" docks in NYC after crossing the Atlantic, first transatlantic steam passenger. *Sirius* left Cork, Ireland on 4 April and arrived in New York after a voyage of 18 days, 4 hours and 22 minutes. SS *Sirius* was a wooden-hulled sidewheel steamship built in 1837 by Robert Menzies & Sons of Leith, Scotland for the London-Cork route. The next year, she opened transatlantic steam passenger service when she was chartered for two voyages by the British and American Steam Navigation Company. By arriving in New York a day ahead of the *Great Western*, she is usually listed as the first holder of the Blue Riband, although the term was not used until decades later.

1945 Battle of Berlin: Upon being informed that a planned counter-attack never happened, Adolf Hitler flies into a rage, denounce the German Army and concedes World War II is lost. On the same day SS Chief Heinrich Himmler secretly meets with Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden, asking him to act as an intermediary for a surrender offer to the Western Allies. The Allies do not take the offer seriously.

Today we are toasting the Rotary Club of Porto Seguro on the discovery of Brazil by Portuguese navigator Pedro Álvares Cabral on 22 April, 1500. Cabral and his fleet were on the way to India: discovery of Brazil by coincidence!

Dieter Ziulkowski



Some other news

We received below message from the President of Rotary Club Sydney, whom we toasted on 1 April:

Dear Dieter,

Thank you for your very kind email, very uplifting. Amidst ongoing unprecedented challenging times due to the COVID -19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic, I hope you and your loved ones are in good health and spirits. Not since World War II have we as a nation faced such a crisis. These are difficult times, and the weeks and months ahead will see us all affected by the crisis in one way or another. The enormity of the crisis defy one's imagination.

We also met via zoom yesterday our 1st Rotary meeting it went well. I shall share your note with our members, once again thank you for thinking of us. I take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Happy, Holy and Blessed Easter.

Kindest Regards

Barbara

Barbara Ward JP FFIA | Paul Harris Fellow, PRESIDENT

Received from our friend Geert below e-mail, which might be of interest to some of you:

we just watched the interview with Motty Harel's parents on Dutch TV 35 years ago. I can only recommend it, also to learn more about Dutch antisemitism....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHgEygvyyhI&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsHfnr8Cq4A>

With pleasure we are publishing 2 photos from our friend Eli Kenner, who is still kept in Bangkok due to Corona travel restrictions. The first photo shows the participants of our Rotary Club at our last social talk via ZOOM on 15 April. The second photo shows Eli as a digital visiting Rotarian at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club Bangkok.





One of our projects, past and present

From the Rotary Year 2015 - 2016:

Shalom Kita Alef. A yearly project (in past few years in cooperation with Jerusalem West Rotary Club) of helping needy children going to school for the first time (1st graders) by buying them school supplies and other needed items. Project is conducted via the Jerusalem schools system.



The Jerusalem Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. (13.00) at the Jerusalem International YMCA on King David Street. On the last Wednesday of every month it meets in the evening at 7 p.m. (19.00). NIS75 covers lunch/dinner, the Rotary program and a presentation by selected speakers. Kosher meals can be ordered until 90 minutes before the start of the meeting, by sending a message to our secretary 054-4295680. Visiting Rotarians and visitors are welcome.