

Weekly Bulletin of The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

August 1 2018

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⇒ Upcoming Events

1 August Club Board Meeting at 11 a.m.

15 August Qadi Iyad Zahalka, Director of the National Sharia Courts of Israel "Sharia Law for the Feast of the Sacrifice"

15 August Community Services Committee at 2.30 p.m.

22 August Election of JRC Board 2019-2020.

5 September DG Alon Bendet visit.



This Week's Program

David Lawrence-Young

Author and Historian

The Jew in English Literature

David Lawrence-Young was born and educated in the UK and came on Aliya in 1968.



From then until he retired three years ago, he was an English and history lecturer and teacher in Israeli high schools and universities. He has been writing historical novels since

1998 and so far has had twenty of them published here, in the UK and in USA. His latest book is a new venture, a crime novel based on his favorite play, "Macbeth."

Today, apart from his writing, he gives talks at Rotary, AACI, ESRA and the Jewish History Society of which he is on the board. He is married, lives in Jerusalem and has two children and three grandchildren.

APPEAL For many years we have managed to produce the club Bulletin every week. It is a task that requires hours of work that depends on

a regular flow of material. Members are requested to send contributions to help the editor continue the long tradition of a weekly Bulletin.

The President's Corner



Every year some of our members get confused when we talk about or ask for contributions to 'The Foundation.' Why confused? Because there are two Foundations. The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and the Jerusalem Rotary Foundation. Both are similar in that they are 'not for profit' organization and both fund activities from their accumulated funds and dedicated donations, the one for a range of initiatives internationally for clubs all over the world and the other for a long term endeavor aimed at high school students in Jerusalem.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is run by a group of 15 Trustees and receives its funds from club contributions from the whole Rotary community internationally. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the achievement of the objectives of world understanding and peace through local, national and international humanitarian, educational and cultural programs. The major effort of the last few years is the eradication of polio through the Polio Plus program. Rotary is committed to strengthening educational and cultural programs which enhance goodwill and understanding, to making grants which fulfill humanitarian needs in all parts of the world and expanding programs intended to strengthen peaceful relations among people.

When we have identified a worthy project that we wish to undertake, almost always together with other clubs, either here or abroad, we turn to The Rotary Foundation to match the funds that we have raised and this often makes the project viable. Examples of these are our recent project with French and other clubs for life saving operations for infants with congenital heart problems at Hadassah Hospital and the Rotary Peace Education project with clubs from Germany and the USA that brought teenage Israeli Jews and Arabs together in Galilee and Jerusalem.

There are many other activities of The Rotary Foundation and these include Ambassadorial Scholarships Group Study Exchange (GSE), Rotary Centers for International Studies, Individual University Grants and an ever expanding list of worthy support.

Our much smaller Jerusalem Rotary Foundation (JRF) is an *amutah*, a state registered not-for-profit in which every member of the Jerusalem Rotary Club is a member. The JRF was established some 50 years ago for a specific purpose, to provide scholarships for students in the higher grades of secondary schools who study math, science, computer studies. These are subjects for which there was and still is a shortage of graduates. Each year 50 to 60 scholarships are awarded to Jerusalem students selected from lists provided by the local schools. To date some 3,000 scholarships have been awarded.

The funding for the JRF scholarships is based on an initial significant anonymous donation plus continuous donations from club members and friends that are all carefully and safely invested. The bulk of the scholarship distribution is covered by the interest from the investments with occasional withdrawal from the base fund where necessary.

At the meeting each week we have 'Foundation Greetings' where members are reminded of birthdays, anniversaries and happy family events as an encouragement to make a donation to the JRF. This is usually enough but there are occasions when some friendly reminding encouragement is necessary.

Each year, after careful selection, an award ceremony is held in the auditorium of the YMCA where family, friends, teachers and club members come to applaud the awardees. The feedback that we get are the letters of appreciation from the students and the regular comment from teachers that the recognition of their achievement is considered more important than the size of the cheque.

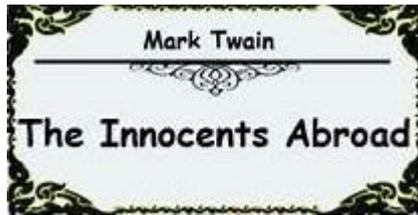
We recognize that both Foundations are important and both need to be supported. Without that support many of the projects we undertake each year would not be possible. After reading this I hope to hear much crackling of folding money that will be received with thanks.

David Seligman
President 2018/2019

Secretary's Note :

Rotary Club Jerusalem has to provide the district with the year of birth of all members of the Rotary Club, Jerusalem.

Within the next weeks, Geert Cohen Stuart will distribute a list of year of birth for all members in order to fill it out.



Eli Kenner is in Thailand where he regularly visits the local Rotary Clubs. He recently visited the Club of Bangkok South that is a prominent Thai club, with over 120 members. It conducts its meetings in English and the members are Thais as well as expats, usually successful businessmen, from all over the world.



In a recent weekly meeting that he attended, the speaker was Dr. Meir Schlomo, the Israeli Ambassador to Thailand. Eli observed that the welcome for the ambassador was very warm. The image of Israel in the world appears to be changing for the better as attention moves from the long-term conflict to a haven of entrepreneurship and a successful innovative modern lifestyle. Is it surprising that this year Israel won the Eurovision contest (a highly political event underneath the glitter) with a hipster up-to-date song?

While visiting the club on another occasion, Eli mingled with several members and enjoyed a sumptuous (alluding to the YMCA food at our meetings) meal of *fallang* (foreigner) food. That is, no Thai herbs and spices but rather a Western heavy rich meal with meat and potatoes!

Last week Eli visited the DACH club, a newly formed Rotary Club of German speakers in Bangkok (German, Austrian, Swiss natives) which conducts its meeting (agreed by vote) in English. It was the first meeting of the new Rotary year held at the Bangkok InterContinental Hotel attended by almost all 34 members. The food was absolutely amazing, a fusion of Thai and French cooking.



FOUNDATION NEWS:

From your Rotary Foundation. We are too busy!! The week passes before we blink and many of the things we planned to do didn't get done. SLOW DOWN, and remember, "The great use of life is to

spend it for something that outlasts it" (Wm. James) Put the Foundation's students as a top item on your "to do" list and donate to the Foundation.

David Zwebner has his birthday on August 6th.

Another visiting Rotarian at this meeting was Bernhard Groth, from Club 1 Chicago. He told the audience that at its peak his club had almost 800 members and that currently it is the second biggest club in the world after a Rotary Club in Texas. He urged folks to visit Club 1 and to contribute, for only US\$100, to have their name engraved on a brick at the Paul Harris home building that the club purchased and renovated.

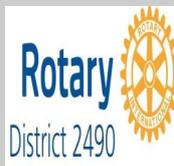
As Eli continues to enjoy his visits to the Bangkok Rotary clubs, with their sumptuous meals of delicious Thai cuisine, he sends warm regards to all his friends in Jerusalem.

“With apologies to Mark Twain”

DISTRICT NEWS:

90th Anniversary

On the occasion of the 90th anniversary of Rotary Israel and the Jerusalem Rotary Club a Grand Gala will be celebrated on Sunday 7 April 2019 at the Jerusalem Theatre. The NIS180 ticket will cover a reception and a special concert of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra. All proceeds of the evening will go to the Polio Plus project of Rotary that aims to eliminate the



scourge of polio worldwide. The orchestra will perform a full program that will include a surprise item. All Rotarians and guests are invited to participate in this unique event

Rotary Young Debaters Competition 2019

This international project, initiated by DG Alon Bendet, has been recognized by the Ministry of Education. The project is aimed at grades 10 to 12. The final stage will take place in Israel. The project will foster contact and meaningful relations between young people in many countries. Full details will be announced shortly.

CLUB INFORMATION:

Kosher meal service is available now by ordering no later than 90 minutes ahead of each meeting by texting or emailing the club

secretary Geert Cohen Stuart.

For this and other inquiries call cellphone: 054-4295680.

BOARD ELECTIONS

2019 - 2020

We are required by RI and the District to elect our Board for the 2019 – 2020 Rotary year.

- ♣ Ballots with full instructions will be distributed by e-mail and hard copy from Wednesday 1 August.
- ♣ Voting ends on Wednesday 22 August at 7.30 p.m.(19.30)

- ♣ All members are eligible to stand for election to the Board and will be on the ballot.
- ♣ If you are unable to serve on the Board for genuine reasons (health, work, obligations, indolence [?] let Robert Hammer, the election coordinator, know.

It's your Board.

Make sure you vote!

From the ChangeOver Album



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB:

Weekly Lunch Meetings are at the YMCA, 26 King David St, Jerusalem Wednesdays at 13:00. The last Wednesday of each month is a dinner meeting at 19:00.

Meetings are conducted in English.

Visiting Rotarians and other guests are welcome.

Luncheon/Dinner costs: NIS 75, students and lone

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

For Kosher meals please book in advance.

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