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Today's Program – "Rotary E-Waste Recycling Project in the Land"

Merrill Glustrom - Boulder Rotary Club, Co-Chair, Environment Committee



and

Dr. Akram Abdulrahman – Green Land Society for Health Development



Upcoming Events

15 January joint meeting and visit to Shir Hadash Jack Rubin 1 Street in the Moshava HaGermanit. All of us are invited to the meeting, taking place from 12:00 - ± 14:00. Please confirm your attendance to Geert Cohen Stuart until 8 January, 18.00 latest

Merrill Glustrom has a PhD from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He has taught Writing and Rhetoric at various colleges and universities in the States. He has also developed curriculum for the Western Governors University, an online public university, and has been Assistant Dean at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Merrill retired in 2015 from teaching, continuing his other job of writing textbooks. He is writing one now on the *Origin, Purpose and Development of Language*. It's a fascinating subject, and like any good detective story is filled with surprising twists and turns.

Merrill is giving back to the community through membership in the Boulder Rotary Club (boulderrotary.org), the Boulder chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby, and is on the Board of the Association for Community Living (aclboulder.org), an advocacy

group for families of children with disabilities. In Rotary, Merrill is on the scholarship committee for community college students, Co-Chairs the Rotary Environmental Committee (PPE), is on the Board of the Rotary International Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group, and has led an exciting initiative that has brought Blue Star Recyclers (bluestarrecyclers.org)—a Colorado nonprofit that hires folks on the autism spectrum to prepare computers for recycling—to Boulder. Perhaps the same can happen in the West Bank!

Merrill was indeed fortunate to marry Leslie Watson Glustrom, a biochemist and environmentalist, whose deep principles and integrity inspire him each day. They have two grown children, Rachael and Eric, and recently their first grandchild!

Akram Abdel Rahman Othman Amro was born in Bethlehem and now lives in Hebron. Dr Amro is chief executive of Green Land Society for Health Development, a Hebron-based non-profit organization dedicated to improving health and environmental conditions in Palestinian society. Dr Amro completed his schooling at the Arabic School in Bonn, Germany and gained his BSc in Physical Therapy at Bethlehem University in 1996, followed by a Master in Public Health from Al-Quds University and then a PhD in Physiotherapy from Western Cape University in South Africa, completed in 2013.

He has been the Director of Green Land Society for Health Development in Hebron since 2010 and has extensive professional experience as a physiotherapist and instructor, having worked across care centers, clinics and hospitals in addition to lecturing as an assistant Professor at several Palestinian Universities. Dr Amro has undertaken considerable research in Rehabilitation, aging and public health and has published 12 articles in these fields

Foundation Greetings:

January 8th will mark Gili Shanit's birthday! Hope it's a happy one !!

Foundation Thoughts of the Week:

The Chinese have a story based on three or four thousand years of civilization. Two Chinese coolies were arguing heatedly in the midst of a crowd. A stranger expressed surprise that no blows were being struck. His Chinese friend replied, "The man who strikes first admits that his ideas have given out,"

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The President's Corner

This week's meeting will focus on the unsafe disposal of electronic waste. While this public health and ecology problem primarily affects areas of the Palestinian territories, it is also an Israeli problem--wind and weather know no borders. We will learn from knowledgeable and inspiring speakers how fellow Rotarians and NGOs are addressing this problem; and how the Jerusalem Rotary Club might become involved. You are strongly urged to attend.

Robert Hammer



International Toast – Rotary Club Hamburg, Germany

Three historical events that happened on the day of our Rotary meeting on 8 January:

1705 George Frideric Handel's 1st opera "Almira" premieres in Hamburg. *Almira, Königin von Castilien* is George Frideric Handel's first opera, composed when he was 19 years old. Handel came to the city of Hamburg in the summer of 1703 and played as a violinist in the theatre at the *Gänsemarkt*, the local market place. On later occasions, he also played the harpsichord in the orchestra. His first opera – announced as a *Singspiel* although it has no spoken dialogue – was premiered on 8 January 1705, after being composed in the months directly preceding this. An Italian libretto was written by Giulio Pancieri in Venice in 1691 for Giuseppe Boniventi's opera *L'Almira*. The German translation used by Handel was made by Friedrich Christian Feustking. The recitatives of the opera are in German, while some of the arias are also in German, others in Italian, as was the custom at the opera house in Hamburg.^[3] *Almira* was a resounding success. The opera was performed twenty times in total until its place was taken by Handel's next opera, *Nero*, the music of which has not been preserved.

1902 New York state assemblyman Francis G. Landon gets a bill passed to criminalize men turning around on a street and "looking at a woman in that way". As the New York Morning Telegraph reported at the time, offenders could be arrested and fined up to \$500. An assemblyman named William Bennett of the Twenty-first Assembly District of New York was at first wrongfully attributed as introducing the bill, The New York Times reported. But the following day, when the assembly opened, Bennett cleared up the issue, saying: "I am inclined to think that the circulation of the report that I introduced the bill was intended to injure my popularity in my district where flirting is regarded as a harmless pastime. I want to assure the bachelors in my district that I do not entertain the objections to this innocent amusement which have been attributed to me.



Georg F Handel



Do not look at her... or pay a fine of \$ 500



Abdul Azis Ibn Saud

1926 Abdulaziz Ibn Saud becomes King of Nejd and Hejaz; forerunner of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Ibn Saud was born on 15 January 1875 in Riyadh in the region called Najd in central Arabia. He was the son of Abdul Rahman bin Faisal, last ruler of the Emirate of Nejd, the "Second Saudi State", a tribal sheikhdom centered on Riyadh. His family, the House of Saud, had been a power in central Arabia for the previous 130 years. Under the influence and inspiration of Wahhabi Islam, the Saudis had previously attempted to control much of the Arabian peninsula in the form of the Emirate of Diriyah, the "First Saudi State", until its destruction by an Ottoman army in the Ottoman–Wahhabi War in the early nineteenth century. In 1925, Ibn Saud's forces captured the holy city of Mecca from Sharif Hussein, ending 700 years of Hashemite rule. On 8 January 1926, the leading figures in Mecca, Madina and Jeddah proclaimed Ibn Saud the King of Hejaz. He raised Najd to a kingdom as well on 29 January 1927. On 20 May 1927, the British government signed the Treaty of Jeddah, which abolished the Darin protection agreement and recognized the independence of the Hejaz and Najd, with Ibn Saud as their ruler.

This week we are toasting the Rotary Club of Hamburg, chartered on the 7 October, 1927, as the first Rotary Club in Germany. Hamburg was the first German city to bridge the divide to the United States since the First World War.

Dieter Ziulkowski



Some other news

Received below message from our former member Tony which we like to bring to your attention:

Shalom, Dieter, and Hanukkah Sameach!

Hope all is going well with you and the other members of the JRC. I've transferred back to another club here in the northern Virginia area (West Springfield Rotary Club); in fact, I was a member of this club for a few years until I went overseas in 2000. My wife will finally retire from the Foreign Service in September 2020 so, some time shortly after that, we'll probably move into our retirement home in Sarasota, Florida.

In any case, I think the time has come that you can drop my e-mail address from delivery of the weekly newsletter. As much as I enjoyed my four years in Jerusalem, including membership in the JRC, there always comes a time when a person needs to move on.

I wish you the best of luck and, if you ever visit the Washington area before we retire or the west coast of Florida after we retire, let us know. Cheers, Tony

Anthony M. Kolankiewicz



One of our projects, past and present

From the Rotary Year 2016 – 2017:

Global Grant 1636666 Rotary Peace Education Initiative

P/P Dan Shanit was the initiator and fund raiser of this Global Grant project aimed at developing a greater understanding of local, national and global conflicts with a group of Jewish and Arab high school students from

the Galil and Jerusalem. Seminars, visits to each other's homes, summer camps under the guidance of specially trained teachers, lectures and interactive activities provided in-depth learning. Following the first year of activity the Israel Ministry of Education that reviewed the program initiated a 3-year pilot project introducing the initiative of the Peace Education as part of the matriculation studies in Civics.

A recent event: Placing the JRC plaque in the meditation room in the presence of Pupils, Inbal the school Principle, Debbie the meditation teacher and with Irene Lewitt, David Seligman and Eli Kenner.



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.