



Weekly Bulletin of

# The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

14 January 2015

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## This Week's Programme

### Club Assembly

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

This Wednesday for lunch there will be our periodic Club Assembly! Please prepare your issues and suggestions for general discussion. We look forward to a large turnout this Wednesday.

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Art Braunstein

Programme Chair, 2009-15

*Lunch meeting at the Jerusalem YMCA, Wednesday, 14 January at 13:00 ♣*

## Upcoming Programme

**January 21:**

R/ Michael Borchard, Representative, The Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS): "What Is It About the Germans?" Hot research findings on German-Israeli relations

**January 28:**

Dinner meeting - pending

## Future Events

**January 30-31:**

Annual Rotary Paul Harris Peace Forest event in Birya, and District outing to the Galilee



## End Polio Now

### Good News

Rotary has played an important role in bringing type 3 polio close to extinction. PolioPlus grants have provided key funding for surveillance, operational support and social mobilization in the fight to eradicate polio, including type 3. Rotary has worked to change the minds of community leaders and parents who once refused to let children be immunized in the remaining polio-endemic countries: Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

The absence of type 3 polio in Nigeria reflects the country's tremendous progress toward becoming polio-free. It has also reduced the number of type 1 cases to just 6 so far this year, compared with 51 for the same period in 2013.

The breakthrough against type 3 comes as promising news for Pakistan, where type 3 was last reported in April 2012. Pakistan has reported about 85 percent of the world's polio cases this year, 246, compared with 63 for the same period in 2013. Militants halted polio immunization in some areas for about two years, but Pakistan's military operations have made it possible for immunizations to resume.

Type 2 polio was eradicated in 1999. The elimination of type 3 polio, once confirmed, would leave only type 1 to contend with. However, type 3 causes fewer cases of illness than does type 1, which means the virus can be transmitted more widely and longer without being detected.

RI News ♣



## Rotary Youth Exchange

### Rotary youth exchange summer camps

These summer camps bring together young people from different countries and cultures and gives them the opportunity to get to know each other in the camaraderie of the camp. Each country is allowed one representative.

The camps have themes that are suited to the different age groups. There is choice of sports, culture, language courses and many others. There are always additional activities hosted by local Rotary clubs. Accommodation is usually at Youth Hostels and there is normally Rotary hosting as well.

The costs include the air fare, Israel District registration of NIS300 and some camps require a registration fee as well.

There is one camp in Israel this year with the theme, "Land of the Bible" to which a group of 12 young people will come in March 2015.

The age groups stretch from 15 to 22 and can be from the family of Rotarians or non-Rotarians who are seen as appropriate to represent the District and Israel. All participants are collected and returned to the appropriate airport by Rotarians and are under responsible supervision during their stay.

The camps will take place from June to August and last from 10 days to one month.

Registration forms are available from the Israel Rotary web site: <http://rotary.org.il> and follow the menu: פרויקטים <פרויקטים חילופי נוער projects> youth exchange projects) which provides all the necessary details.

Information is also available from P/P Amos Van-Ralta, who chairs the Youth Exchange Committee for the District.

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Amos to receive completed forms by 31.01.15 that have been signed by the club President (Nezar) and Secretary (David L) who are required to vet each nominee. Late entries will be considered but a place cannot be guaranteed.

**Note: The full Hebrew text sent out by the District is attached. If further information is required, please contact Amos.**

The following is an invitation to the Youth Exchange Summer Camp in the Cologne area. My grand-daughter Yael went to it two years ago and she raved about it on her return. Konstantin Blome gave a talk at the club.

David S.

Dear Campers of the glorious Summer Camp 2012, dear parents and supporters:

The whole Blome family wishes you and your families a very happy New Year full of health & success!

During the past three years we have been watching the good and bad in the world and we have thought especially and very intensively of all those of you, who are living in troubled corners of this world. I hope you are well!

In remembrance of our splendid days in camp headquarters "Altenberg" you can help to make our next Summer Camp a similar success: In August 2015 we are going to host the next Rotary Student Summer Camp of the Rotary Club Bergisch Gladbach.

So if you have siblings or friends who would like to participate in this Camp, tell them about our plans and distribute the attached invitation! - Applications please through the YEOs of your local Rotary Club as usual...

Best regards,

Konstantin & family

**YEO (Youth Exchange Officer), RC Bergisch Gladbach  
Inhaber und Geschäftsführer der  
GIDA Gesellschaft für Information  
und Darstellung mbH**





## White House honours Rotary

Senior Rotary leaders gathered Tuesday at the White House to honor 10 women for their service projects, an event attended by members of U.S. President Barack Obama's senior staff.

The Rotary members presented their projects, in the hopes of creating new inroads for government partnerships and support.

"This is recognition of the great work that they do but also serves as a great vehicle to inspire others to do similar kinds of things," said Rotary General Secretary John Hewko. "One of the things we're doing a better job of is sharing our story to the non-Rotary world."

The honorees were selected by Rotary senior from clubs around the U.S. but their projects touch lives across the globe.

Carolyn Jones, of Anchorage, Alaska, has served numerous times as a Rotary volunteer in Russia, three of them as a preschool teacher for developmentally delayed children in orphanages. During her presentation she lamented hearing about a child sold for a bottle of vodka, and vowed to use her honor as a stepping stone to save more lives.

Jacqueline Parsons, a licensed professional counselor from San Antonio, Texas, works on projects in her community and abroad, including the FLAG (Fitness, Literacy, Attendance, and Grades) program, which provides incentives to students to go to school, including bikes and sports equipment.

Ginger Vann from Baker, Louisiana, coordinates tutoring for at-risk students. With the help of her club, she renovated an uninhabitable school building, and worked with tutors to reach 50 students each day. She's also passionate about workforce development in Baker, where well-paying craftsman jobs often go unfilled.

Michelle Candland, from San Diego, California, works with Monarch High, an alternative school designed for homeless children.

"Right now there are over 1.3 million homeless kids on the street in America. That's more than there are Rotarians around the world," said Candland. "20,000 of those kids are in San Diego alone."

The other honorees Tuesday were Bernadette Blackstock, Marion Bunch, Carol Butler, Elizabeth Usovicz, Deepa Willingham, and Jane Winning.

Winning, a registered nurse from Chowchilla, California, has provided immunizations and health exams to more than 2,500 people in need across Mexico, Honduras, Ecuador, and Guatemala. She's

also worked with Rotaplast International to provide free cleft lip and palate reconstructive surgery to those who cannot afford it.

"A gentleman was 65 years old and he said, 'I can kiss my wife for the first time,'" Winning said of the man post-surgery. "Those are incredible experiences you don't get to share every day."

Usovicz, of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, has worked on service projects in Missouri as well as abroad. In Malawi, she helped to reduce the rate of malaria deaths by 65 to 70 percent in less than a year by supplying the community with mosquito bed nets.

Willingham, of Solvang, California, is the founder and chair of Promise of Assurance to Children Everywhere (PACE), an organization that educates girls and their mothers, and works to prevent child trafficking and early marriage in India.

Bunch, of Atlanta, Georgia, is the CEO of Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention. She has received numerous awards on behalf of her work for AIDS, and considers herself a mom who represents the face of AIDS because she started her work after losing her son to the disease in 1994.



As a result of her leadership, in April some 343,660 people received health care, medical checkups, and counseling from 8,150 Rotary volunteers during Rotary Family Health Days across Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, and South Africa.

Like Bunch, Blackstock, of Franklinville, New Jersey, has turned her love of service into a career, launching the People for People Foundation, which assists families struggling with financial hardships. To date, the foundation has helped some 10,000 families afford food, clothing, rent, utilities, medications, and other life necessities.

"Our combined mission today is not only to provide small grants but to serve as advocates for our families and provide life-skill training and mentoring and case management where needed."

The event in D.C. was also an opportunity for the honorees to share ideas with each other. "There are some resources still available to expand and improve projects even amongst the women here," Jones said.

"Listening to the ladies, I was in awe," said Vann. "I was thinking what if all 10 of us got together on one project. That would be amazing. We're talking and it's exciting to be a part of that conversation."



# Happy Hour

## Punography

This week we take a short break from our diligent contributors, Carry Polak and Rafi Aldor, to publish a short study in Punography provided by our not less diligent Club secretary, David Lilienthal.

Here it is...

- \* **I tried to catch some Fog. I mist.**
- \* **When chemists die, they barium.**
- \* **Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.**
- \* **A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.**
- \* **I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.**
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- \* **How does Moses make his tea? He-brews it.**
- \* **I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Than it dawned on me.**
- \* **This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.**



- \* **They told me I had a type A blood, but it was Type O.**
- \* **I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.**
- \* **I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.**
- \* **A dyslexic man walk into a bra.**
- \* **PMS jokes aren't funny. Period.**
- \* **Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.**
- \* **Class trip to the Coca Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.**
- \* **Energizer Bunny arrested: Charged with battery.**
- \* **I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.**
- \* **How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it !**
- \* **What do you call a dinosaur with extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.**
- \* **What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.**
- \* **I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!**
- \* **Broken pencils are pointless.**



Sent in by David L. ♣

## 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 50. 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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