

Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

17 June 2015

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This Week's Programme

R/ Mike Rand:

"Discovering Amateur Radio"

Mike Rand

R/ Michael Rand was born in 1930 in Philadelphia, PA. He is a graduate of Temple University and followed this with a CPA certificate. In 1998, Mike made aliyah, first to Kfar Vradim in Galilee. He has 13 grandkids and 2 greatgrandkids.

Mike holds the highest class amateur radio license issued to amateur radio operators in both Israel and the USA. When he transmits in Israel, his station identification is 4Z1MR. In the USA he is N7NPR.

Mike developed a special video on the wonders of amateur radio which will be shown at our meeting. It is based on a slide show given to a group of Junior High School kids on June 2. It was done as a CSC project of our club.

The term "amateur" is used to specify a duly authorized person interested in radio-electric practice with a purely personal aim and without pecuniary interest;" and to differentiate it from commercial broadcasting, public safety (such as police and fire), or professional two-way-radio services (such as maritime, aviation, taxis, etc.).

The video provides just a little bit about the nature of radio waves and how they are classified and measured, i.e., about frequencies and wavelengths. It gives a brief history of how people have communicated since the beginning of time and how it has evolved to affect more facets of our daily lives than most people realize. The video shows who gets involved in amateur radio activities and what they do.

Lunch meeting at the Jerusalem YMCA on Wednesday, 17 June from 13:00.

The presentation includes the showing of an exciting film !!!



Upcoming Programme

24 June:

Amb. (ret.) Ram Aviram, former Israeli ambassador to Greece: Israel-Greece relations in turbulent times (lunch meeting)

1 July:

JRC Changeover, YMCA Jerusalem, 7 p.m., NIS 195 pp (not final), see page 4

Future Events

30 June:

District Governors' Changeover Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, NIS 100 pp

7 July:

Jerusalem West Changeover, YMCA Jerusalem, 19:30, NIS 70 pp



Dear Editor,

The Changeover of our sister Jerusalem West club on 7 July in the YMCA at 19:30. The price of NIS 70 includes a chalavi/milchedikke/non-meat meal.

If you want to attend (and can cope with the talk in Hebrew), please register on time at the address in the invitation.

The Modiin club Changeover will be held on Wednesday 8 July at 19:30, in the Gevanim school, Yeshayahu Hanavi 25 in Modiin. They don't say anything about registering beforehand, but at the bottom of the invitation (which I circulated to all members) there is an email address and a phone number, and letting them know you are coming is, of course, always helpful for them.

S/David Lilienthal



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB

BOARD ELECTIONS 2016-2017

The election for the Jerusalem Rotary Club Board for 2016-2017 will take place on Wednesday 17 June 2015.

Voting closes at 1 p.m. (13.00) on Wednesday 17 June 2015 when the count begins.

Hard copy ballots are available and will be distributed at club meetings.

If you wish to vote on-line return the completed ballots to me by return. Complete confidentiality assured.

David S.



International Toast

Reykjavik

Icelandic National Day (*Þjóðhátíðardagurinn*, the day of the nation's celebration) is an annual holiday in Iceland which commemorates the foundation of The Republic of Iceland on 17 June 1944 and its independence from Danish rule. The date was chosen to coincide with the birthday of Jón Sigurðsson, a major figure of Icelandic culture and the leader of the 20th century Icelandic independence movement.

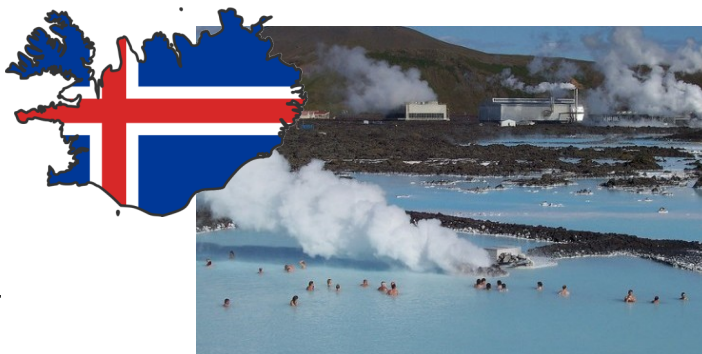
The first Rotary Club in Iceland, the Rotary club of Reykjavik, was founded on 13 September 1934 and was chartered by RI on 31 May 1935. At that time Iceland belonged to Denmark and the first six Rotary clubs in Iceland belonged to the Danish District 75. The Icelandic District 1360 was established on 1 July 1946.

Today there are 30 Rotary clubs in Iceland, 7 of them in Reykjavik. The district now has about 1100 members.

Iceland has one Rotarian for every 266 inhabitants which is among the highest, if not the highest per capita in the world. 130 women have been admitted to 19 clubs as members.

Today, on the occasion of Iceland's Independence Day, we will toast the **Reykjavik RC**, whose 120 members meet every Wednesdays at 12.15 at Hotel Saga, Reykjavik.

Shlomo K. ♣



Read more about the RC of Reykjavik on:
www.rotaryfirst100.org/global/countries/iceland/index.htm

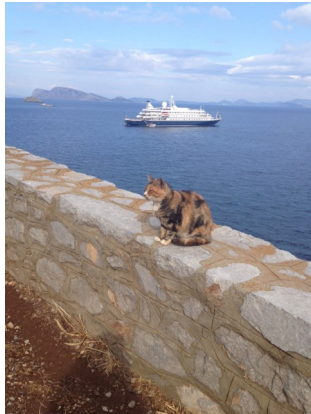


Arise Agamemnon or Peloponnese Redux

*There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,
There is society where none intrudes,
By the deep sea, and music in its roar:
I love not man the less, but nature more,*

Lord Byron, 'The Dark Blue Sea'

Greece, and the Peloponnese in particular, does not leave a person indifferent. Visit it and one understands the passion of the poet Lord Byron and, *lehavdil*, the commitment of years of interest of our incoming President Yaron, to its variety, wild beauty, history and mythology. Ruth, Eli and I went on a ten-day group tour led by Yaron, whose knowledge and understanding of the Hellenic world, enabled him to lay out before us much of the drama of Greek antiquity as well as the upheavals of recent times.



We spent the first night on the island of Hydra where no motor vehicles are allowed. Goods are moved up and down the hilly slopes and through the town on the backs of mules and donkeys. All at a comfortable walking pace with an unhurried driver sitting on the lead mule, cigarette dangling. Houses striding up the hillside in layered terraces of sparkling white. Many cafes and restaurants. All very relaxed and serene.



Too many sites for me to mention all as each has its own story, its own reality of events that we had read about since childhood. The amazing theatre at Epidaurus that is well preserved. It seats thousands, rises steeply up its ranks of seats and has

an acoustic that the major concert halls and theatres of Europe would kill for. In a demonstration it was possible from way back to hear paper rustling, a whisper, a song being sung softly. To this day the plays of Euripides are performed in this amazing open-air structure.

At Mycenae we visited the magnificent tomb of a long forgotten king, an imposing edifice that leaves one amazed at the skills of early craftsmen, builders and engineers. Just as at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, one wonders how on earth they managed to shift and accurately place those massive slabs of stone. This is the place where Schliemann, in the 19th century, discovered the gold hoard the included the reputed Agamemnon mask which we later saw in the National Museum in Athens.



Nafplio, a beautiful Venetian town built on the hills overlooking the surrounding countryside, did not require much imagination to bring it to life the hustle and bustle of a busy metropolis.

The first Olympic Games took place at Olympia. The original stadium track is there for you to test your running prowess against that of the fine young nude athletes of yore. The Venetian walls and fortifications on the coast brought us into another era of history and tested our ability to walk up steep slopes and descend many, many steps.

For the Greeks, Constantinople, the imposing capital of Byzantium, is still their Jerusalem, their city from which they had been expelled. The influence of that time is seen in the old churches and the towns built on steep slopes.

However striking the scenery had been there was little to match the mountains and deep forested



Lousios gorge with its secluded monasteries and enveloping quietness. It was a revelation to wake in the morning to the unfolding forest slopes that we

could see from our hotel that was perched at the edge of the village and apparently clinging to the mountainside.

But what of the dark blue sea? Beautifully calm and a delight to swim in. Clear water and many sparkling clean beaches that were used to advantage by the Grunting Walruses of Peniel. And what of the music in the tavernas that had us singing along to the lilting tunes and the virtuoso playing of the bouzouki. And the fresh fish. The salads. The feta. The ouzo. The retsina . Ahhh!

Today Greece is in the news because of its economic problems. Many of the locals are obviously affected but we rarely encountered any of the negative affects.

Life continues at its own pace and the people we met were kind, helpful and interested that we were from Israel.

All good things have to come to an end. The final two days in Athens enabled us to visit the National Museum and the new Museum of the Acropolis. Breathtaking. If you have never seen it before you must see the Changing of the Guard outside Parliament. Pure Monty Python Ministry of Silly Walks. Yes, we did go up to the Acropolis itself as



the sun was setting. Wondrous views and an apt conclusion to ten memorable days.

To our travelling companions and especially to Yaron, thank you for an exceptional adventure.

David S. ♣



The Jerusalem Rotary Club's

PRESIDENTIAL CHANGEOVER

**Will be celebrated with pomp & ceremony
on the verandah of the YMCA**

on Wednesday 1 July at 7 p.m. (19.00)

All aboard!

We'll pipe in the new Rotary Year

(sadly haggis is not part of the restaurant's cuisine)

A memorable event not to be missed!





Happy Hour

I have Nothing to Declare...

Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde (1854 – 1900) was an Irish author, playwright and poet. He became one of London's most popular playwrights in the early 1890s.

At the height of his fame and success, Wilde had the Marquess of Queensberry prosecuted for libel. The Marquess was the father of



Wilde's lover, Lord Alfred Douglas. The trial unearthed evidence that caused Wilde to drop his charges and led to his own arrest and trial for gross indecency with other men. After two more trials he was convicted and imprisoned for two years' hard labour. He died destitute in Paris at the age of 46.

Today he is remembered for his wit, his novel *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, his plays, as well as the circumstances of his imprisonment and early death.

... but My Genius

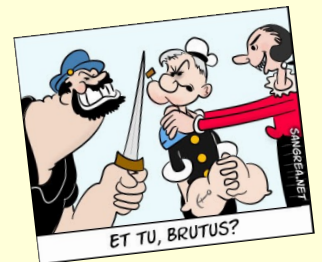
- * **Women are meant to be loved, not to be understood**
- * **A man can be happy with any woman as long as he does not love her.**



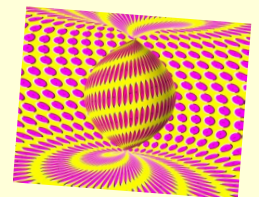
- * **Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.**
- * **I am not young enough to know everything.**
- * **A man is very apt to complain of the ingratitude of those who have risen far above him.**
- * **Anyone who lives within their means suffers from a lack of imagination.**



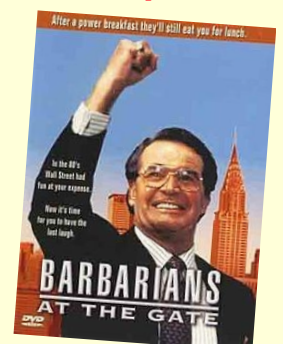
- * **Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative.**
- * **A good friend will always stab you in the front.**



- * **Always Forgive your enemies: nothing annoys them so much.**
- * **Illusion is the first of all pleasures.**
- * **I think that God in creating Man somewhat overestimated his ability.**



- * **America had often been discovered before Columbus, but it had always been hushed up.**
- * **America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence without civilization in between.**



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, children under 18: NIS 30.

For Kosher meals please book in advance. For this and other enquiries please e-mail club secretary David Lienthal: rawdav@gmail.com.

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www.JerusalemRotaryClub.org

