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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Club #13459

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Upcoming Events

30 December, 2020
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Today's Program – "Academic Life at an American Catholic College"

Father Russell McDougall, Lecturer and Campus Minister, King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Father Russ McDougall, CSC, originally from northwestern Indiana, received his B.A. and M.Div. from Notre Dame University, and S.S.L. from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. He made final vows in the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1990 and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1991. Russ has served in parochial ministry at Holy Cross Parish in Nairobi, Kenya; as formation director, academic dean and lecturer in Old Testament at the Queen of Apostles Philosophy Centre in Jinja, Uganda; and most recently as rector of the Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem. Currently he serves as lecturer in theology and campus minister at King's College in northeastern Pennsylvania and as superior/director of the local Holy Cross community at King's.

For the period of 2018-2020, Russ was a member of the Jerusalem Rotary Club.

We have a virtual meeting again using the internet application ZOOM. Please log in as follows: just before 1:00 pm (13:00), of the meeting date, log-in with the numbers **82628643933 in the log-in window of ZOOM and the password: **993943** or at internet site:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82628643933?pwd=N3lxaml3NFQYm1COGF1a3psYnBxUTO9>

You might be informed that you are in a 'waiting room' and the host will admit you shortly. Please have patience. Our host Robert Hammer will let you in.

Fellowship Greetings

We have no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate. Best of health to all of you



The President's Corner

My very best wishes for all of you who celebrate Christmas. Have a great holiday and hopefully some relaxing days with your beloved ones. To all of you a happy, prosperous, healthy and successful NEW YEAR. May 2021 bring back some normality into our lives and most of all, very soon a physical meeting of our Rotary Club members and guest at the YMCA in Jerusalem.

Dieter Ziulkowski



International Toast – Rotary Club of Tagore Land, India

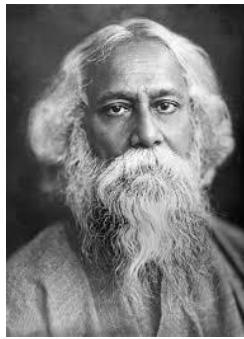
Three noteworthy historical events that happened on 23 December, the day of our meeting:

1834 Joseph Hansom of London receives patent for Hansom cabs. Joseph Aloysius Hansom (26 October 1803 – 29 June 1882) was a prolific English architect working principally in the Gothic Revival style. He invented the Hansom cab and founded the eminent architectural journal, *The Builder*, in 1843. On 23 December 1834 he registered the design of a 'Patent Safety Cab' on the suggestion of his employer. Distinctive safety features included a suspended axle, while the larger wheels and lower position of the cab led to less wear and tear and fewer accidents. He went on to sell the patent to a company for £10,000; however, as a result of the purchaser's financial difficulties, the sum was never paid. The first Hansom Cab travelled down Hinckley's Coventry Road in 1835. The Hansom cab was improved by subsequent modifications and exported worldwide to become a ubiquitous feature of the 19th-century street scene. In 1843 Hansom founded a new architectural journal known as *The Builder*, another venture which was to flourish through the century; renamed *Building* in 1966, it continues to this day. However, neither he nor his partner Alfred Bartholomew (1801–45) profited from the enterprise, because they were compelled to retire for lack of capital. Between 1854 and 1879 Hansom devoted himself to architecture, designing and erecting a great number of important buildings, private and public, including numerous churches, schools and convents for the Roman Catholic Church. Buildings from his designs are to be found all over the United Kingdom, as well as in Australia and South America.



HANSON CAB photographed in London in 1895. (Smithsonian photo.)

Hansom coach



R Tagore



Alain Bombard

1921 Visva-Bharati University is inaugurated in Santiniketan, West Bengal, India, founded by Rabindranath Tagore. Tagore, 7 May 1861 – 7 August 1941, was a Bengali poet, writer, composer, philosopher and painter. He reshaped Bengali literature and music, as well as Indian art with Contextual Modernism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Author of the "profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful verse" of *Gitanjali*, he became in 1913 the first non-European as well as the first lyricist to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. Tagore's poetic songs were viewed as spiritual and mercurial; however, his "elegant prose and magical poetry" remain largely unknown outside Bengal. He is sometimes referred to as "the Bard of Bengal". Tagore, visiting Santa Barbara in 1917, conceived a new type of university: he sought to "make Santiniketan the connecting thread between India and the world [and] a world center for the study of humanity somewhere beyond the limits of nation and geography." The school, which he named Visva-Bharati, had its foundation stone laid on 24 December 1918 and was inaugurated precisely three years later. Tagore employed a *brahmacharya* system: *gurus* gave pupils personal guidance—emotional, intellectual, and spiritual. Teaching was often done under trees. He staffed the school, he contributed his Nobel Prize monies, and his duties as steward-mentor at Santiniketan kept him busy: mornings he taught classes; afternoons and evenings he wrote the students' textbooks.

1952 Alain Bombard arrives in Barbados after 65 days at sea proving his theory that a shipwrecked person could survive with almost no provisions, despite having lost 25 kg (65 lbs) in weight. Alain Bombard (Paris, 27 October 1924 – Paris, 19 July 2005) was a French biologist, physician and politician famous for sailing in a small boat across the Atlantic Ocean without provision. He theorized that a human being could very well survive the trip across the ocean without provisions and decided to test his theory himself in order to save thousands of lives of people lost at sea. On October 19, 1952 Bombard began his solitary trip, after visiting his newborn daughter in France, across the Atlantic for the West Indies. He had sailed in the Atlantic Ocean solo before, from Tangier to Casablanca (August 13 – August 20), and from Casablanca to Las Palmas (August 24 – September 3). However the original plan was to sail across the Atlantic with a friend, English yachtsman Jack Palmer, with whom he sailed just before from Monaco to Menorca (May 25 – June 11), but Jack abandoned Alain in Tangier. Bombard sailed in a Zodiac inflatable boat called *l'Hérétique*, which was only 4.5 metres (15 ft) long, taking only a sextant and almost no provisions. Bombard reports he survived by fishing (and using fish as source of both fresh water and food) with a self-made harpoon and hooks and harvesting the surface plankton with a small net. He also drank a limited amount of seawater for a long period on his trip.

Today we are toasting the Rotary Club Tagore Land in Santiniketan, Bolpur, India on the opening of the Visva-Bharati University 99 years ago and the extraordinary Rabindranath Tagore.

Dieter Ziulkowski



Some other news

Some of the participants of last ZOOM meeting, courtesy of Eli:



Cute puns, courtesy of Carry:

I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane

She had a photographic memory but never developed it

Sleeping comes so naturally to me, I could do it with my eyes closed

What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing - but it let out a little whine

What do you call a super articulate dinosaur? A Thesaurus

Greetings from Marty Schulman, Bronxville Rotary Club:

Dear Dieter,

Abi Gezunt! Happy healthy and safe Chanukah wishes to you and your wonderful Rotary club members.

Soon, as we see the light beginning to grow, we will return to normalcy and in person meetings in District 7230-NY and Bermuda.

After the excitement of our new, new norm we hope that someday soon Rotarians from the great Jerusalem club will visit and share Fellowship here in New York.

We offer a toast to L'Chaim, inspired by the light that shines within your club!

All the best!

Martin H (Marty) Schulman DGN
DISTRICT 7230 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
Bronxville Rotary Club

Season greetings from our District Governor, Dr. Nachum Frenkel:



לכל חברינו החוגגים כריסטמס באשר הם אנו מאחלים לכם חג שמח ומאושר
סוניה ונחום פרנקל

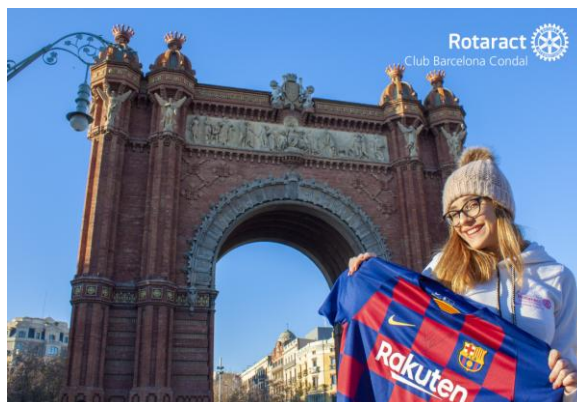
To all our friends who celebrate Christmas, we wish you a happy and prosperous Holiday

Sonia & Nachum Frenkel District 2490

Message from Rotaract Club Barcelona Condal, Spain:

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Our club, Rotaract Condal Barcelona, is raising money to support children with special needs at the Cottolengo del Padre Alegre foundation in Barcelona. To that end, we have organized a charity raffle and are pleased to announce that's its prize is a FC Barcelona T-shirt signed by Lionel Messi!



With your aid, we will be able to help the foundation to provide the children with sensory toys to help in their development. You not only have a chance to support the less fortunate but can also win a T-shirt signed by one of

Barca's most famous football players! Thus, we would like to invite you to become a part of our project by either buying a ticket yourself or sharing our raffle with others.

Anyone interested, just drop me an e-mail and I will forward the original message: dqziul@gmail.com



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.