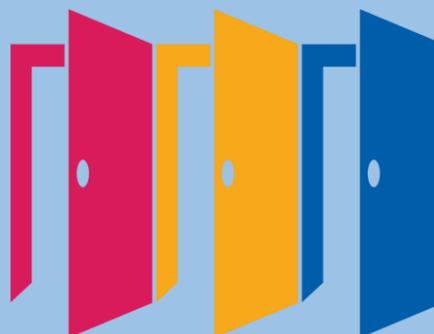




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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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***Today's Program* - "Ten Things to Know about the Swastika and other Indian Cultural Symbols" - Benita Raphaely, Anthropologist and Tour Leader**

After making Aliyah from South Africa in 1970 as a marine biologist, Benita Raphaely's only job option was in Eilat, so she decided to change direction and only dive for recreation. She obtained her Master of Public Health degree a few years later and then lectured and worked in the School of Public Health at the Hebrew University, in the fields of Health Behavior and Anthropology. During that time, Benita was intimately involved with Ethiopian absorption. In 2013, she managed to combine her interests in history and anthropology when she became a certified guide and tour leader.

Since then, Benita has led Jewish heritage tours to Spain and Portugal, Greece and India. She makes a point of always introducing her groups to locals who can give them a literal and figurative taste of people's customs and beliefs - aspects of culture not readily available on Google!

Two travel quotes which Benita likes are:

"Ones destination is never a place, but rather a new way of seeing things".
Henry Miller

Upcoming Events

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"All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is generally not aware". Martin Buber.

Benita's tours are not based on checklists or photo-ops but enable her groups to experience for themselves through the lenses of the places visited and the people met. Hopefully, it won't be too long before all can travel again!

We have a virtual meeting again using the internet application ZOOM. Please log in as follows: just before 1:00 pm (1300), of the meeting date, click on the following "Join URL": <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86112105200> or only the numbers [86112105200](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86112105200) in the log-in window of ZOOM

Fellowship Greetings

This week we have no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate. Nevertheless, wishing all of you best of health.



The President's Corner

Last week's meeting was remarkable not only because of the speaker, but the wide range of participants with guests from Pakistan, Syria (Istanbul), Uganda, Indonesia and the USA. Initiated by the Corona crises, ZOOM has made us truly international. Or, with the words of Rotary International for this year – ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES. I had the pleasure and honor to participate in a Zoom Rotary meeting with the RC Wiesbaden on the invitation of Thilo von Debschitz (a recent speaker in our Club). It was a joint presentation of Thilo and Yogi Reppmann on the subject of the "Peace Pipe letters of 1932" with special reference to German Rotary Clubs at that time and Rotary under Nazism. A dark chapter in our history, not only by the Germans, the German Rotary Clubs, but Rotary International's (lack of) reaction as well. With the expulsion of Jewish and liberal members from German Rotary Clubs the very essence of Rotary was violated and negated. What a difference to our meeting on 8 July.

The Rotary year has started on 1 July. The Board of our Rotary Club decided not to increase our annual membership fee. It remains at NIS 1,200.00 per member. We would appreciate if you could transfer your membership fee to the following account soonest. After transfer please mail to Robert Hammer robbaah@gmail.com and myself a copy of the transfer slip or inform us that you have transferred. We need that information for tracing the deposits in our account.

Benleumi (First International Bank of Israel); bank code 31
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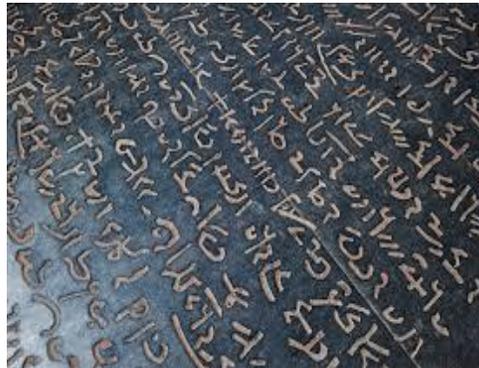


International Toast – Rotary Club of Cairo, Egypt

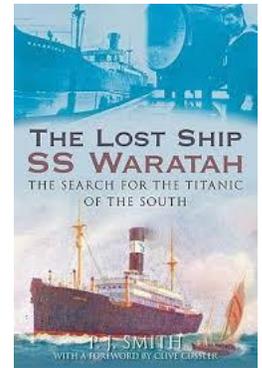
1799 The Rosetta Stone is found in the Egyptian village of Rosetta by French Captain Pierre-François Bouchard during Napoleon's Egyptian Campaign. The Rosetta Stone is a granodiorite stele discovered in 1799 which is inscribed with three versions of a decree issued in Memphis, Egypt in 196 BC during the Ptolemaic dynasty on behalf of King Ptolemy V Epiphanes. The top and middle texts are in Ancient Egyptian using hieroglyphic and Demotic scripts respectively, while the bottom is in Ancient Greek. The decree has only minor differences between the three versions, making the Rosetta Stone key to deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphs. The stone was carved during the Hellenistic period and is believed to have originally been displayed within a temple, possibly at nearby Sais. It was probably moved in late antiquity or during the Mameluk period, and was eventually used as building material in the construction of Fort Julien near the town of Rashid (Rosetta) in the Nile Delta. It was discovered there in July 1799 by French soldier Pierre-François Bouchard during the Napoleonic campaign in Egypt. It was the first Ancient Egyptian bilingual text recovered in modern times, and it aroused widespread public interest with its potential to decipher this previously untranslated hieroglyphic script. Lithographic copies and plaster casts began circulating among European museums and scholars. The British defeated the French and took the stone to London under the Capitulation of Alexandria in 1801. It has been on public display at the British Museum almost continuously since 1802 and is the most visited object there.



The Rosetta Stone at the British Museum and Details



Herbert Hoover



SS Waratah

1932 US President Herbert Hoover cuts own salary 20% and also handed cabinet members a 15% pay cut. Herbert Clark Hoover (August 10, 1874 – October 20, 1964) was an American engineer, businessman, and politician who served as the 31st president of the United States from 1929 to 1933. A member of the Republican Party, he held office during the onset of the Great Depression. Before serving as president, Hoover led the Commission for Relief in Belgium, served as the director of the U.S. Food Administration, and served as the 3rd U.S. Secretary of Commerce. Hoover was born to a Quaker family in West Branch, Iowa. He took a position with a London-based mining company after graduating from Stanford University in 1895. After the outbreak of World War I, he became the head of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, an international relief organization that provided food to occupied Belgium. When the U.S. entered the war, President Woodrow Wilson appointed Hoover to lead the Food Administration, and Hoover became known as the country's "food czar". After the war, Hoover led the American Relief Administration, which provided food to the inhabitants of Central Europe and Eastern Europe. Hoover's war-time service made him a favorite of many progressives.

1999 Scientists uncover possible reason for SS Waratah's disappearance 100 years later; The SS Waratah was a luxury steamer which did not reach its destination in 1909, and no trace of the wreckage was ever found. The ship built in 1908 for the Blue Anchor Line to operate between Europe and Australia. In July 1909, on only her

second voyage, the ship, en route from Durban to Cape Town, disappeared with 211 passengers and crew aboard. No trace of the ship has ever been found. One possible reason for its disappearance: the *Waratah* was carrying in her cargo holds around 1,000 tons of lead and 300 tons of lead ore concentrate, which is known under certain circumstances to liquefy due to the motion of the ship. This can affect the stability of the ship due to the free surface effect, potentially causing it to capsize. Today ore concentrates are treated as a hazardous cargo, with special measures required for its transport in ships; however, in 1909 there was little awareness about the dangers of carrying this cargo.

Today we are toasting the Rotary Club Cairo on the extraordinary Rosetta stone which became a translation tool for hieroglyphs .

Dieter Ziulkowski

 *Some other news*

Some of the participants of last week's ZOOM meeting, courtesy of Eli:



Our international toast to RC Richmond, Surrey last week resulted in two replies:

Dear Dieter and Fellow Rotarians,

Apologies for not replying immediately as I had problems with my computer email system which are being resolved. I would like to convey to you and your club our thanks and appreciation for toasting our club in your meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. Like you, we hold all our meetings on Zoom. We usually start our meetings on Tuesdays at 12:30 hrs for Drinks and chats to be followed at 13:00 hrs by the official meeting which lasts for about an hour.

On behalf of Richmond Rotary, I would like to extend our welcome to your club attend our meetings on Zoom. Please let us know in advance so that we can email the meeting details. One of our old traditions is to do "Club Raids" where a good number of our members attend another club's meeting when they have a speaker. We find it a good way to communicate with other clubs, exchange experience, chat with club members, become acquaintances and hopefully in due course become good friends as we all share the same objectives.

Yours cordially,
Tony, President, Rotary Club of Richmond, Surrey.

Dear Dieter,

On behalf of Richmond Rotary, I want to thank you, most sincerely, for including our club in your meeting toast! We are, indeed, quite near to Wimbledon, and are coming up on our centenary, which seems incredible! As an American who has lived in the UK for 17 years, I got a kick out of your reference to Sen. Blount having been impeached! I taught colonial American history for nearly 20 years, but had never heard that story...

Having read your newsletter, I'm very interested in your speaker for tomorrow's meeting! May I be so bold as to ask if I might be allowed to join your meeting, if only to thank your club, but, if possible, to hear your speaker? Our club has also been holding meetings via Zoom, with similar numbers to yours. Oh, and one very small personal point. You have a member whose first name is Geert, which was my grandfather's name, as well. I wonder if, he, too, is Frisian, or at least, Dutch? Just a rare name, for me. Again, it was a pleasure, hearing that your club and ours will have a lovely, momentary link tomorrow!
If you'd like to see our latest newsletter, which I've just revived after several months' absence, I've attached a link.

Thanks again, for thinking of our club!
Alicia Dance, International Committee



One of our projects, past and present

From the Rotary Year 2019 – 2020:

Peace through Music. Proposal received from Florida RC to be considered. The Florida RC, in conjunction with a member's non-profit, is promoting Peace Through Music. They plan to have a concert at the YMCA on 13 September 2020 that will benefit a bilingual kindergarten in the Galil.



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.