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Today's Program -

"Building Bridges – Connecting Dutch Christians with Israel"

Albert Groothedde, Theologian, Dutch Center for Israel Studies

Albert Groothedde (b. 1982) is the local representative of the Dutch Centre for Israel Studies since March 2018. His task is to study Judaism, to join dialogue-projects, give lectures to Dutch groups that visit Israel and to organize tours for Dutch (theological) students and pastors. Albert studied International Relations (MA) at Groningen University and Theology (MA) at Kampen University. He currently is involved in a special MA-program at Amsterdam University to become a pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church. He lives in Jerusalem with his wife Martha and their four children.

The lecture is dedicated to the current Holiday Spirit

Foundation Greetings:

Russ, TODAY is your birthday, so again our best wishes for a wonderful year ahead!

Upcoming Events

18 December
Meeting at 11.30 at the
Main Entrance of the
Israel Museum, Givat
Ram, Jerusalem:
Guided visit by
Dorit Shafir, Curator for
African and Oceanic Art
New exhibition
BAGA ART

Foundation Thoughts of the Week:

Politeness is not always the sign of wisdom, but the want of it always leaves room for the suspicion of folly.

Chanukah is coming. Donate to the Foundation and your candles will glow more brilliantly!!!



The President's Corner

As we approach Chanukah and Christmas, my best wishes to all of our members, their families and friends of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, for joyous and meaningful holidays; and may 2020 be a happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

Robert Hammer



International Toast – Rotary Club Westminster International, London

Three historical events that happened on the day of our Rotary meeting on 11 December:

1792 France's King Louis XVI goes on trial, accused of high treason and crimes against the state. Born Louis-Auguste, he was the last king of France before the fall of the monarchy during the French Revolution. He was referred to as citizen Louis Capet during the four months before he was guillotined. The first part of his reign was marked by attempts to reform the French government in accordance with Enlightenment ideas. These included efforts to abolish serfdom, remove the *taille* (land tax) and the *corvée* (labour tax), and increase tolerance toward non-Catholics as well as abolish the death penalty for deserters. The French nobility reacted to the proposed reforms with hostility, and successfully opposed their implementation. Louis implemented deregulation of the grain market, advocated by his economic liberal minister Turgot, but it resulted in an increase in bread prices. In periods of bad harvests, it would lead to food scarcity which would prompt the masses to revolt. Louis XVI was the only King of France ever to be executed, and his death brought an end to more than a thousand years of continuous French monarchy. Both of his sons died in childhood, before the Bourbon Restoration; his only child to reach adulthood, Marie Therese, was given over to the Austrians in exchange for French prisoners of war, eventually dying childless in 1851.

1896 Chief Electrical Engineer of the British Post Office, William Preece, gives a public lecture in London called "Telegraphy without Wires", praising the work of 22 year old Guglielmo Marconi, who was an Italian inventor and electrical engineer, known for his pioneering work on long-distance radio transmission, development of Marconi's law, and a radio telegraph system. Marconi is credited as the inventor of radio, and he shared the 1909 Nobel Prize in Physics with Karl Ferdinand Braun "in recognition of their contributions to the development of wireless telegraphy"



King Louis XVI



W Preece



Guglielmo Marconi



Flag of the Commonwealth

1931 Statute of Westminster gives complete legislative independence to Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Ireland (Free State), and Newfoundland (not then part of Canada). The Statute of Westminster 1931 is an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom whose modified versions are now domestic law within Australia and Canada; it has been repealed in New Zealand and implicitly in former Dominions that are no longer Commonwealth realms. Passed on 11 December 1931, the act, either immediately or upon ratification, effectively both established the legislative independence of the self-governing Dominions of the British Empire from the United Kingdom and bound them all to seek each other's approval for changes to monarchical titles and the common line of succession. It thus became a statutory embodiment of the principles of equality and common allegiance to the Crown. As the statute removed nearly all of the British parliament's authority to legislate for the Dominions, it had the effect of making the Dominions largely sovereign nations in their own right. It was a crucial step in the development of the Dominions as separate states.

This week we are toasting the Rotary Club of Westminster International on the important change from Empire to Commonwealth, legal independence of the dominions.

Dieter Ziulkowski



Some other news

Our President Robert with the speakers of 4 December, Sharon Ehrnwald and Tova Pincas on the left photo. The right photo: fixing a plague in the children's playroom of the YMCA for donating book shelves by our Rotary Club Jerusalem.



We would like to draw your attention to projects in which our Rotary Club participated or initiated during the last few years. It will refresh your memory and it does show that we are not idle, but a very active Rotary Club. In the following a project from 2015:

Global Grant 1416916

“Heart Operations on West Bank Infants with genetic heart defects at Hadassa Hospital Ein Karem”

JRC both contributed and monitored of this global grant project initiated by the Annemasse-Genevois Club in France. The project offered (1) life-saving cardiac surgery to Palestinian infants and children suffering from congenital cardiac malformations due to genetic inbreeding, and (2) developing local capabilities through a "train a trainer" approach. Fourteen children were saved and a Palestinian genetic counsellor and a Palestinian cardiac surgeon were trained. The project was carried out at Hadassah Hospital in Ein Karem, Jerusalem from February 2014 - January 2018.

Some news from WASRAG, the water activity group of Rotary:

Limited Space for World Water Summit 12

After January 1, 2020, space will be limited for attendance at [World Water Summit 12](#). It is important to register now before all the seats are gone.

Rotary and the United Nations have formed a close relationship over the past 75 years. Many joint activities have revolved around clean water and sanitation projects.

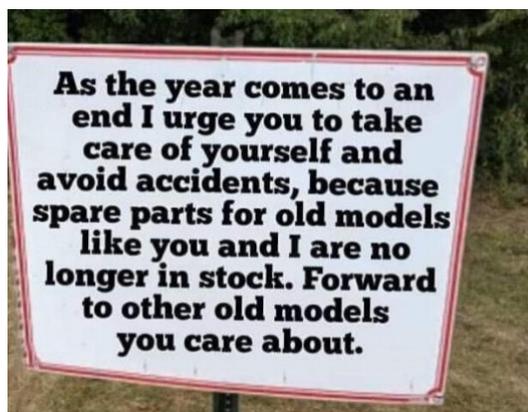
In addition to celebrating the long relationship with the UN, WWS-12 will focus on how to build and maintain successful partnerships in order to have larger and more impactful WASH programs/projects.

Anyone interested? If yes, please contact the editor Dieter at dgziul@gmail.com

SkyHydrant meets needs of Colombia Schools

The Rotary Club of Bogota Teusaquillo, Colombia, and the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills, Australia joined to get a Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation to provide clean water to over 9,800 students in 50 schools in the regions of Cundinamarca, Boyaca and Huila, Colombia. Using a deep well and SkyHydrant technology the installations are sustainable safe solutions for providing water to the schools.

Our dear member Carry Polak has mailed below as a reminder to us all:





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.