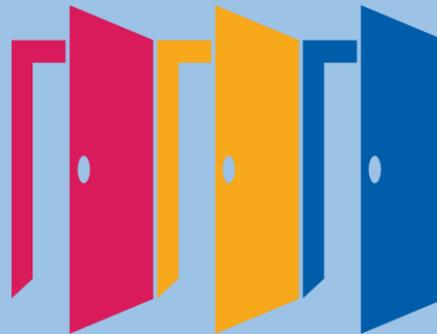




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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Today's Program - "Preserving Americans' Heritage Abroad"

Hon. Paul Packer, Chairman United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad

Paul Packer was appointed to and designated Chairman of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad by President Donald J. Trump on October 30, 2017. A resident of New York, Chairman Packer has been the Managing Member of the Globis Capital Advisors, LLC since 2001. The Commission has been active in strengthening relationships with many of the countries it has agreements with and is actively engaging with several other countries that are looking to preserve the heritage and culture of their citizens who have emigrated to the United States of America. Since joining the Commission, Chairman Packer has been an advocate for the importance of preserving and protecting heritage and promoting the work of the Commission.

He serves as a Board Member on the Mariano Rivera Foundation. Chairman Packer is a graduate of Yeshiva University.

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](https://zoom.us/j/82628643933) in the log-in window of ZOOM and the password: [993943](https://zoom.us/j/82628643933) or at internet site:

Upcoming Events

17 March, 2021

Rabbi Yonatan Neril,
Founder and
Executive Director
The Interfaith Center
for Sustainable
Development
Jerusalem

"Religious
Inspiration and
Ecology"

<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

Happy anniversary to Ndudi and Shoshanna on 11 March and to Carry and Louis on 12 March. Mazal Tov and have lots of fun on your anniversary day



The President's Corner

Could Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, imagine that less than 150 years later we would use a handheld computer, called smartphone, to talk worldwide, to send images and movies, to have video conferences? Just one year ago we had our last physical meeting on 4 March, 2020. Since then only Zoom meetings. Disadvantageous as well as beneficial considering that members outside Israel, friends, speakers and other visitors can now easily participate in our meetings. Last Sunday our Rotary District had a Zoom conference on the subject of 'Israel in the Middle East', great speakers and almost 100 participants. The meeting was interrupted by international hackers. An organized and coordinated group of hackers. It seems from Turkey, Russia and South America. They drowned the meeting with unbearable noise, disgusting pornographic photos and videos and wild screaming. This was the negative side of Zoom. Via 'screen sharing' it was easy for experienced hackers to disturb our meeting. However, because of fast reaction of our district organizers we re-started the conference under a different login without any new disturbance. Thanks to Dr. Nahum Frenkel and his team.

Dieter Ziulkowski



International Toast – Rotary Club of Las Cruces, New Mexico

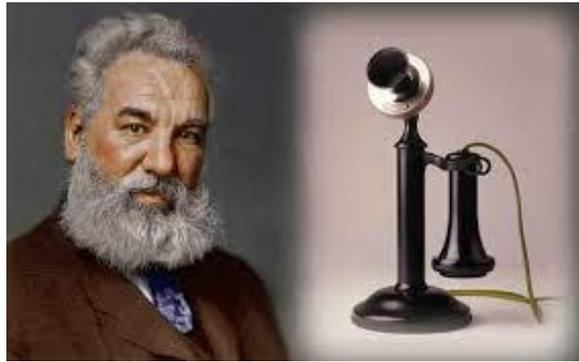
Three noteworthy historical events that happened on 10 March, the day of our meeting:

1578 Queen Elizabeth I of England gives Johan Casimir £20,000 to aid Dutch rebellion. The Dutch Revolt (1566–1648) was the revolt in the Low Countries against the rule of the Habsburg King Philip II of Spain, hereditary ruler of the provinces. The northern provinces (the Netherlands) eventually separated from the southern provinces (present-day Belgium and Luxembourg), which continued under Habsburg Spain until 1714. The northern provinces adopted Calvinism and Republicanism whereas the southern provinces became wholly Catholic again due to the expulsion of Protestants and the efforts of the Counter-Reformation and remained under absolutist rule. The Dutch Revolt has been viewed as the seedbed of the great democratic revolutions from England, to America to France. Count Palatine John Casimir was born in Simmern as the third son of Frederick III, Elector Palatine, and Marie of Brandenburg-Kulmbach, of the Simmern middle electoral line of the House of Wittelsbach. In 1564 John Casimir suggested himself as a bridegroom for Elizabeth I of England and sent her his portrait via the Scottish courtier Sir James Melville. Elizabeth, however, showed no interest in him. John Casimir was in regular contact with Robert Dudley, 1st Earl of Leicester and his nephew Sir Philip Sidney who, as agent for Elizabeth I, was sent to the continent to assist in the formation of a Protestant league.

1876 First telephone call; Alexander Graham Bell says "Mr. Watson, come here, I want to see you" to his assistant Thomas Watson. Alexander Graham Bell (March 3, 1847 – August 2, 1922) was a Scottish-born inventor, scientist, and engineer who is credited with inventing and patenting the first practical telephone. He also co-founded the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) in 1885. By 1874, Bell's initial work on the harmonic telegraph had entered a formative stage, with progress made both at his new Boston "laboratory" (a rented facility) and at his family home in Canada a big success. On March 10, 1876 Bell used "the instrument" in Boston to call Thomas Watson who was in another room but out of earshot. He said, "Mr. Watson, come here – I want to see you" and Watson soon appeared at his side. Continuing his experiments in Brantford, Bell brought home a working model of his telephone. On August 3, 1876, from the telegraph office in Brantford, Ontario, Bell sent a tentative telegram to the village of Mount Pleasant four miles (six kilometres) distant, indicating that he was ready. He made a telephone call via telegraph wires and faint voices were heard replying. The first two-way (reciprocal) conversation over a line occurred between Cambridge and Boston (roughly 2.5 miles) on October 9, 1876. During that conversation, Bell was on Kilby Street in Boston and Watson was at the offices of the Walworth Manufacturing Company.



John Casimir



Alexander Graham Bell



Sam Steel

1893 New Mexico State University cancels its 1st graduation ceremony; its only graduand Sam Steel was robbed & killed the night before. Steel was shot and killed on March 9 of that year in what today is known as Mesilla Park. The 17-year-old was the son of a prominent Mesilla Valley family and a nephew of local Judge John McFie, who helped found the college. Steel began attending the college at age 13. Steel was delivering milk at the time of his murder. There were no witnesses to Steel's murder. The only suspect, John Roper, was found guilty of the crime in a Doña Ana County courtroom, but was later released after a higher court appeal in Sierra County. New Mexico State University (NMSU or NM State) is a public land-grant research university with its main campus in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Founded on September 17, 1888, it is the oldest public institution of higher education in the state of New Mexico and one of two flagship universities in New Mexico. Total enrollment across all campuses as of 2017 was 21,874. It was founded in 1888 as the Las Cruces College, and the following year became New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts and designated as a Land Grant college. It received its present name in 1960.

Today we are toasting the Rotary Club of Las Cruces, New Mexico, chartered in 1923 on the tragic event of Sam Steel, his killing and the cancellation of his graduation. He would have been the first graduate of the university.

Dieter Ziulkowski



Some other news

Some of the participants of last ZOOM meeting:



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.