



## JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

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His Excellency Mr. Raminder Singh Jassal,  
Ambassador of India will speak on

### "Israel-India relations"

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**April 21:** Professor Eli Pollak, Chairman of  
"Israel's Media Watch" *Lada'at Topic* "The  
struggle for a fair and ethical media in Israel".

Media Watch Website:

<http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/2527/listnouv.htm>



**REGISTER TODAY:  
ROTARY DISTRICT  
CONVENTION**

**JUNE 3-4 2004  
JERUSALEM**

### CALL FOR GUEST SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

Club Program Chair, Jean-Michel Rykner asks all  
Rotarians to suggest Guest Speakers for our weekly  
programs. Please contact him at [JMR@workmail.com](mailto:JMR@workmail.com)

**Announcements – March 31, 2004 –  
President Don Shrensky:**

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Malcolm Lee, Rotary Club of Milnerton  
(District 2490), South Africa,

Cornel Hoernig , Rotary Club of Kitzingen  
(District 1950) Germany.

- The Club unanimously elected District Governor Irene Lewitt as our Delegate to the 2004 Rotary International Convention in Osaka – **May 23-26.**
- The new District Rotary Club in Gan Yavne will be chartered **on May 4<sup>th</sup>**. We have been invited to celebrate the occasion.
- Secretary Auri Spigelman has prepared Club Membership Cards for all.
- The District Convention Gala Dinner Program on **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Crown Plaza in Jerusalem has been set with a participatory classical ballroom and folk dancing theme. Register now!
- The District Convention Planning is seeking Sponsors for the upcoming event.
- The Club Changeover Dinner is scheduled for **Wednesday June 30<sup>th</sup>** as Rooftop Dinner.
- Our Club was Toasted by the Rotary Club of Kellyville (District 9680, NSW, Australia) on January 19<sup>th</sup>

**CONSIDER BECOMING A SPONSOR  
OF THE DISTRICT CONVENTION**

**FOUNDATION GREETINGS**

P/P Don Edelstein gave hearty wedding Anniversary well wishes to Rtn. Benny and Lilian Landau on April 10<sup>th</sup>. All the best Benny and Lilian!

*The Club encourages all members to consider making charitable contributions to the Club Rotary Foundation on special occasions and upon returning from trips aboard. This support is used for high school scholarships (see pages 3-4)*

**A ROTARY MOMENT**

**Rotarians celebrate 14 years  
of health efforts in Russia**

More than 400 Rotarians and guests from 14 countries gathered in the 301-year-old Russian city of St. Petersburg to celebrate outstanding Rotary health projects that are helping to improve the lives of many Russians.

From a few thousand-dollar projects that save the lives of pediatric heart patients to a US\$309,538 [3-H Grant](#) effort to establish an immunization program that will benefit millions of children, Rotarians have sponsored scores of health initiatives in Russia since Rotary's extension into the country in 1990.

**INTERNATIONAL TOAST**

P/P Georges Baum asked us to raise a toast to the Rotary Club Lome Azur on the occasion of the National Day of Togo on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Club was chartered in 1999, has 35 members and meets at the Palm Beach Hotel Tuesdays at 8:00 PM

**INVOCATION**

Rtn. Aviva Lee gave the weekly Passuk”

*V'Ahavta L'ravacha Kamocho*

*Do not take revenge nor bear a grudge..  
You must Love thy Neighbor as thyself.*

**REFLECTIONS OF AN ISRAELI JOURNALIST –**

Rtn. Jacques Ungar-Garupi

*Our own fellow Rotarian, Jacques, shared his first impressions of being a correspondent in Israel with the Club just before the Passover holiday.*

*When I arrived to Israel around twenty years ago, my Hebrew was rather poor. From the first day on I read only Hebrew newspapers and listened only to the Hebrew news (and taped them in order to learn, with the help of my dictionary, specific words and abbreviations*

*Right away I had to get used to the censorship laws, which were quite a sensation for a journalist who had just arrived from a well-established, not very exciting Switzerland. As in the beginning I was filing my stories by telex from the main Post Office in Yafo Street, I first had to go as a law abiding person to the Chief Censor's office in Beth Agron, get the kosher stamp for my article– and then go to the post office. At both places there were sometimes quite substantial waiting lines and it could be a rather time consuming undertaking to meet dead lines. But that was not all. Usually when I came back home, one of my editors called me and we sat in length over the text which must have been typed at the telex office by a clerk who had just immigrated from some distant fourth world country. – After some months I started to dictate my stories over the telephone – the censor was of course invited to listen in – before I bought myself a telex machine, which was so noisy that we had to put in on the balcony.*

*Today, of course, I use electronic mail via cable like anyone else, but to think back at the beginning of my career as a correspondent in Israel makes me realize how revolutionary the technological development over the past two decades has been.*

*Living in Jerusalem means to live right there, where history is being made. It takes, or let's say it took in the good old times a few minutes for me to change from the Israeli to the Palestinian side. If I want to discuss matters with a representative of the Palestinians, all it takes is a drive or a walk to Salah Eddin Street, and to sit down in a Humus shop, with a Money Changer, or at a Kiosk. And thanks to my Swiss passport I managed to visit refugee camps like Baqa in Jordan or Ein el Hilwe in Lebanon, not to speak of the camps in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.*

*Contacts are very important for a journalist working in the Middle East. Soon I found out that the best way to establish such contacts is to travel together with politicians. Once you sit in the same airplane with them, they can't escape any more. Let me tell you some of the experience I had on those trips.*

*When I am on vacation I make it a principle to read as little newspapers as possible, to hear radio news not more than once a day, to leave the choice of the TV program to the kids and not to let my editors have my phone numbers. – An old friend once said to me: Just imagine, the world is going under and you will miss it. – How right he was!*

## **HUMOR CORNER**

### **HUMOR IN MARRIAGE**

-I noticed a guy yesterday opening the car door for his wife. I guess she must have come into some money.

-I especially enjoy vacuuming because it keeps me from hearing about all the other chores my wife wants me to do.

-My marriage is at the point where I put on a music CD and pour her some wine--just so she'll have something to do while I watch the game.

-Men and women have a lot in common. Men like big, dumb, hairy dogs, and women like big, dumb, hairy men.

### **NEW DIET PLAN**

A heavy set man went to a doctor to lose some weight.

The doctor told him only thing he needs to do to lose weight is to move his head a few times daily.

The Man: "When and how?"

The doctor: "Whenever they offer you food shake your head from side to side.

"Did you know the word "diet" is just the word "die" with a "t".

### **WEIGHT LOSS**

Mr. Lee was terribly overweight, so his doctor put him in a diet..

"I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks. The next time I see you, you'll have lost at least 5 pounds."

When Mr. Lee returned, he shocked the doctor by losing nearly 20 pounds.

"Why, that's amazing!" the doctor said, "Did you follow my instructions?"

Mr. Lee nodded. "I'll tell you though, I thought I was going to drop dead that 3rd day."

"From hunger, you mean?"

"No, from skipping."

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