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Meeting No. 31 - 11 February, 2004

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Greer Fay Cashman, Journalist and Columnist at the Jerusalem Post, Topic: "So long as you spell my name right."

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

18 February: David Landau, Chief Editor from Ha'aretz English Edition, Tentative topic: "The Israel situation to day."

25 February: Naomi Tsur, Head of the Nature Protection Society in Jerusalem, Topic: "Assuring a Sustainable Jerusalem."

3 March: Max Livnat, former Senior Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Industry and Trade in charge of investment promotion, Topic: "Cultural differences in negotiation styles between nations - A Case Study: Japan and Israel."



Rotary International Centennial Book

Will be available March 31, 2004

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CALL FOR SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

Program Chair, Jean-Michel Rykner asks all Rotarians to suggest Guest Speakers for our weekly programs. Please contact him at e-mail: JMR@workmail.com

Announcements February 4, 2004 - P/P Sandi Darmon presiding:

- The **Paul Harris Peace Forest Society**, a non-profit organization established by our District and located in **Safad**, will hold its annual tree planning dedicating on **Friday, February 27th at 11:00 AM.** All District Rotarians are invited to the Forest Visitors Center in Safad. Contact person: Ya'acov Maimon (04) 697-2984. **We are planning to go up as a group this year. P/P David Seligman will be providing further details.**
- The Club Foundation Board will meet on 11 February after the regular meeting..
- P/P Rizak Abusharr, Chair of the 2004 District Convention Committee reminded all Club members, as we are the hosts for this year's event, all of us will be called upon to Lend a Hand to make this a year's Convention a major success.
- New Member Orientation: P/P Ruth Harris has scheduled a "tea" at her home on February 19th at 7:00 PM to orient new members to Club and the Foundation and to interest them in its support.
- All Clubs in the District are invited to submit resolutions to the District Resolution Committee by March 15, 2004. All resolutions will be considered at the District Convention on June 3rd and 4th at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem.
- The Club Retreat that was scheduled for Friday-Saturday February 27-28 has been postponed due to the conflict with the Paul Harris Forest event (see above and page # 4). A new date will be announced. Please give Kern Wisman your suggested dates.
- Good and Welfare: P/P Moshe Kelman and his wife Rose where at home and very close to the bus explosion on Aza Street last week. Moshe was slightly hurt and the home sustained some damage.
- Bernice Beare Rosenberg was hospitalized overnight. We wish her a fast and complete recovery.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Georges Baum as all of us to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Vilnus (District 1460) in Lithuania in honor of the country's Independence Day on February 16th. The Club, one of four in the city, was founded in 1992, has 53 members and meets on Tuesdays at 17:00 at the Hotel Centrum. [Note: The first club established in Lithuania was founded in Kaunas in 1934 and was closed by the Soviet regime in 1940.]

FOUNDATION GREETINGS

Mazal Tov on the birthdays of Maya Metzger (9 February) and P/P Don Edelstein (10 February) Auri Spigelman (26 February.)

Donations in honor of birthdays, anniversaries and others happy events support the Club Foundation.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

District Convention Planning Committee

This committee, Chaired by P/P Rizak Abusharr, meets weekly at 11:30 at the YMCA and is charged with the implementation of the District Convention Thursday and Friday June 3rd and 4th. All interested members are welcome to attend.

Allocations Committee

This committee, Chaired by Kern Wisman, is preparing recommendations for Club allocations. The next meeting will be February 25 following our Club meeting.

INVOCATION

Aviva Lee gave the Passuk from *Psalms* 1:2-3

Happy is the man that has not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor stood in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in His law does he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by streams of water, that bring forth its fruit in its season, and whose leaf does not wither; and in whatsoever he does he shall prosper.

WEEKLY RAFFLE

Marilyn Farber, Club Treasurer, stood in for Bernice Beare Rosenberg and conducted the Raffle this week. Through the generosity of the members we raised 175 NIS. The gifts included a bottle of wine and a book written by PDG Rekha Shetty of Chennai (India) *The Zero Heart Attack Path.*

Guest Speaker BEN OFARIM, "The Safdie Plan and the Western Hills"



BEN OFARIM

Ben works in the Hi-Tech sector in Israel and is a member of the Coalition for the Preservation of the Jerusalem Hills. He spoke to us about the proposed development of 46 square Kilometers of the western hills of Jerusalem. The size is comparable to that of Tel-Aviv-Jaffe that encompasses 65 square kilometers.

The plan proposes the construction of over 20,000 residential units and two major roads in this forested area. One of the reasons for this development is to assure the goal that 70% of the population of Jerusalem remains Jewish.

Over 1 Billion NIS has been spent on planning already. Ben feels that there is inadequate demand for the project at this time.



Aviva Lee receiving her Rotary Pin from President Don Shrensky at her induction on Wednesday January 28th.

THE JOY OF RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

One of the most exciting events in Rotary is the induction of new members into our Club. Our newest member is Aviva Lee who lives in the Talbieh neighborhood in Jerusalem. At her induction she recalled that the values of Rotary are reflective of those that she was taught by her parents while growing up. Aviva's classification is Interior Design.

Welcome to the Club Aviva! We look forward to many years of service, support and fellowship together.

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Membership in a Rotary Club cannot be applied for. It is obtained only by invitation. Thus, to be singled out as a prospective Rotarian of a club is to be paid a high tribute by that club.

The basic "classification" principle of Rotary Club membership is that each club should have a representative from each major type of trade or profession within its local community.

It is expected that the nominee will be a person of integrity and a recognized leader within his or her own field.

A ROTARY MOMENT

As part of the Rotary Centennial celebrations, a commemorative book will be coming out and available for purchased soon:

Title: **A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International**

Commissioned by RI for the Rotary Centennial, this inspirational book vividly documents Rotary's history, the development of its programs, and the difference that Rotarians have made around the world; includes a wealth of fascinating facts, untold stories, and never-before-published photographs.

Available 1 March 2004 (1 July 2004 for the French and Spanish editions). A bonus CD of the book accompanies all orders prepaid (\$25 USD) by 31 March 2004.

You can order the book on-line at http://shop.rotary.org/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=321{5}10

HOMOUR CORNER

The El Al Captain's Welcome Announcement

Upon landing in Israel, as the plane settles down at Ben Gurion airport, the voice of the El Al Captain comes on:

"Please remain seated with your seat belts fastened until this plane is at a complete standstill and the seat belt signs have been turned off. We also wish to remind you that using cell phones on board this aircraft is strictly prohibited.

"To those who are seated, we wish you a Merry Christmas, and hope that you enjoy your stay....

...And to those of you standing in the aisles and talking on your cell phones, we wish you a Happy Chanukah, and welcome back home."

VISIT TO THE PAUL HARRIS FOREST IN SAFED FEBRUARY 27TH

P/P David Seligman is organizing our Club's participation at the Annual tree planting dedication at the Paul Harris Forest in Safed on Friday February 27th. We will be leaving from the YMCA at 8 AM to return before Shabbat. Let David know we can count on your participation.

NEW POLICY GUIDELINES FOR GUEST SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

[A Club Special Committee approved these guidelines on 29 January 2004]

Program Committee

- Consist of at least 3 members plus the Program Chairperson
- Meet regularly, at least every 6-8 weeks
- Proposed schedule of the committee to be submitted at every board of directors' meeting
- Program Chairperson is responsible to notify Jerusalem Post contact member and the club's bulletin editor for proper notices in the Jerusalem Post and the club's bulletin

Program Policy

- No overt commercial advertising by speakers
- The program should promote fellowship within our club, avoiding highly controversial political and religious personalities and topics

VISIT OUR CLUB WEBSITE

Did you know that our Rotary Club Website was visited by over 1,000 Rotarians and friends so far in 2004? Join the fun and visit this constantly updated site where you can read the latest Club Bulletins, learn about Club projects, look at our photo albums and much more.

Go to www.rotaryclubjerusalem.homestead.com and enjoy!