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TODAY'S PROGRAM:

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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."



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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:

Welcome to Visiting Rotarians: Cornelius Hornig and Heinrich Wirsching (both from the Rotary Club of Kitzenger in Iphofen, German in District 1950). Other Guests: Barbara Wisman, George Szpiro, Torbjorn Westman and Anders Blonquist.

- The **Paul Harris Peace Forest Society**, a non-profit organization established by our District and located in **Safad**, will hold its annual tree planning dedication on **Friday, February 27th at 11:00 AM**. **We are planning to go up as a group this year. Contact P/P David Seligman if you would like to attend or need further information.**
- **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 the Club 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.
- Kern Wisman reported on progress on our very popular Fireside program. He hopes that all members will receive at least two invitations to Fireside evenings. Please contact Kern if you seek to host or attend additional Firesides this year.
- P/P Felix Jaffe will run the weekly Raffle in the absence of Bernice Beare Rosenberg, who is going to South Africa.

OUR INTREPID MARATHONER

Our own P/P Moshe Raz completed another of his fantastic athletic achievements this past Saturday, February 14th (Valentines Day) by successfully running the 22nd Dead Sea ½ Marathon in 2 hours and 24 minutes in strong winds.

Congratulations Moshe! Keep it up.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Georges Baum asked all of us to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic (District 4060), in honor of that country’s Independence Day on February 27th. The Club, founded in 1944, has 53 members and meets at 8:30 PM at the Flamenco Beach Resort.

FOUNDATION GREETINGS

Art Braunstein wished Mazal Tov on the wedding anniversary of Alex and Dana Zvielli.

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

In-Coming Club Board to Meet

President Elect Rafi Aldor (2004-05) has called for an initial meeting of the incoming Board for Wednesday, 25 February 2004 at 2.30p.m. Please make every effort to attend.

The Chairman of the Allocations Committee, R/ Kern Wisman, has announced that there will be a meeting of the Allocations Committee immediately follow the Board meeting

from P/P David Seligman (Secretary-Elect)

INVOCATION

Alex Zvielli gave the weekly *Passuk* from Isaiah 51:18, referring to the destruction of the Jerusalem by the Romans.

*She has none to guide her
Of all the sons she bore;
None takes her by the hand,
Of all the sons she reared.*

WEEKLY RAFFLE

Bernice ran the Raffle this week with great support from members and guests alike. We raised 240 NIS. The winners included our Guest Speaker Greer Fay Cashman and another guest. The money raised goes to honor one of our members for outstanding service with a Paul Harris Fellowship.



We all had a very special treat when Greer provided us with fascinating vignettes from her 31 years as a journalist in Israel. Greer came to Israel as the very accomplished editor of the Sydney Jewish News. She has been a staff columnist with the Jerusalem Post since 1981. She is well known in the Jewish world for her coverage of social and cultural events in Israel.

She enjoys the profession as it affords her the opportunity to travel, and because it is an “on-going university” as she keeps on learning and has access to the corridors of power.

Greer left us all inspired by her energy and great stories.

P/P Werner Loyal gave Greer a very warm vote of thanks.

A ROTARY MOMENT: YOUTH EXCHANGE

Applications for this year’s Youth Exchange in our District 2490 are now being received. Acceptance is on a first-come-first-serve basis. The District Chair for Youth Exchanges is P/P Oded Rapaport. We are in the Europe, Eastern Mediterranean and Africa (EEMA) Youth Exchange region so the exchanges will occur in countries in this region. P/P Sandi Darmon is our Club’s International Services Chair. If you are interested in more information or have a suggested applicants, she is the person to contact in our Club.

Rotary Youth Exchange: What is it?

Since 1927, students and host families all over the world have had their horizons broadened and their lives enriched by the generosity of Rotary's Youth Exchange program. Administered by Rotary clubs, districts and multi-district groups, the program today involves more than 82 countries and over 8,000 students each year.

The first documented exchanges date back to 1927, when the Rotary Club of Nice, France, initiated exchanges with European students. Exchanges between clubs in California, USA, and Latin American countries began in 1939, and exchange activities spread to the eastern United States in 1958. In 1972, the RI Board of Directors agreed to recommend Youth Exchange to clubs worldwide as a worthwhile international activity that promotes global peace and understanding.

Types of Exchanges

Each year, local Rotary districts and clubs worldwide arrange thousands of international Youth Exchanges for high school-aged students. There are two principal types of exchanges:

Long-term exchanges usually last for an academic year. During your stay, you will live with more than one host family — typically three different families for three months each — and attend high school.

Short-term exchanges vary from a few weeks to three months. You will not attend school on a short-term exchange, but you will most likely live with a host family. Rotary offers a variety of short-term exchanges, including:

- **Homestays:** On a homestay, you will live with another family abroad. This type of program can be arranged for individual students or groups of students. A typical homestay may involve spending a few weeks living with a family in Australia, while your host "brother" or "sister" lives with your family.
- **Tours:** Some short-term exchanges are structured as tours through one or more foreign countries. For example, on a short-term tour, you could travel through France and Germany with teens from all over the United States, or you could travel through Singapore with a group of students from all over the world.
- **Camps:** International youth camps bring students together from several countries to provide leadership training and address international concerns. Or, camps may simply be the means whereby students from different cultures get to know each other. Camps involving both able-bodied and disabled young people are popular in many countries. Whatever the camp, you're sure to meet some fascinating new friends.
- **New Generations Exchanges:** Open to people ages 18-25, this option is ideal for recent high school graduates and college and graduate students. Usually lasting three to six weeks, these exchanges may be for individuals or groups, and can involve homestays, tours, or camps.

HUMOUR CORNER

“Life’s Lessons Learned”

SIXTEEN THINGS THAT IT TOOK ME OVER 50 YEARS TO LEARN

by Dave Barry (Columnist for the Miami Herald)

1. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
2. If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be "**meetings.**"
3. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."
4. People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want you to share yours with them.
5. You should not confuse your career with your life.
6. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
7. Never lick a steak knife.
8. The most destructive force in the universe is gossip.
9. You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason why we observe daylight savings time.
10. You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests that you think she's pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.
11. There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday. That time is age eleven.
12. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers.
13. A person, who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person. (This is very important. Pay attention. It never fails.)
14. Your friends love you anyway.
15. Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that a lone amateur built the Ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic.

FINAL THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Men are like a fine wine. They start out as grapes, and it's up to women to stomp the crap out of them until they turn into something acceptable to have dinner with.

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

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

You can't have a better tomorrow if you are thinking about yesterday all the time. --Charles F. Kettering, 1876-1958, American Engineer, Inventor

Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit. - Conrad Hilton. 1887-1979. American Hotelier. Businessman. Founder. Hilton Hotels