



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

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TODAY'S ALL DAY PROGRAM:

Steve Jacobs from Rimomim Insurance will speak on "Long term care in Israel"

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

21 January - Uri Bank, Executive Director of the IDF Preparatory Yeshiva in Nokdim, will speak on "The Right Road to Peace"

28 January - Pietro Sambì, Archbishop and Ambassador from the Holy See, will speak on "Inter-religious dialogue and peace"



CALL FOR SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

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



OUR CHAMPION CONGRATS!!

P/P Moshe Raz came in second in his age group (70 plus) at the 27th Tiberias Marathon (42 Kms) on January 8th. This is Moshe's 14th consecutive successful running of the event. His time was 5 hours and 19 minutes.

SEE CLUB MISSION SURVEY

Announcements – January 7, 2004 – Don Shrensky presiding.

Welcome to:

Guest: Aviva Lee

Welcome back: Rtn. David Zwebner

Bernice Beare Rosenberg will be conducting the Club Raffle until Moshe returns.

[Today's Raffle was won by DG Irene Lewitt and raised 200 NIS – proceeds go towards awarding a deserving club member with a Paul Harris Fellowship.]

Don Shrensky will be gone for two weeks in February and will be coming back with his 86 year old mother who is immigrating (making Aliyah) to Israel.

Save the Date: Our District 2490 Convention, celebrating 75 years of Rotary in Israel, will be held on Thursday and Friday June 3-4 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem. P/P Rizek Abusharr is chairing the Convention Planning Committee.

Good and Welfare:

P/P Moshe Kelman is recovering from two surgeries and has expressed his appreciation to Rotarians who have called to wish him well.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

P/P Georges Baum asked us to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Grenada, West Indies, (District 7030) founded in 1968 with 38 members who meet at the Flamboyant Hotel at noon on Thursdays. This is in honor of the Independence Day of Grenada on February 7th. "You alright?"

FOUNDATION GREETINGS

P/P Don Edelstein wished happy birthday to Tmima Taubehouse and Perry Roded (January 7) and Jose Metzger (January 8)

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



CLUB BOARD AT WORK

Our Rotary Club Board dedicates many hours deliberating on and helping to implement club objectives. The annual election was just completed. Those you have selected for 2004-05 are:

Past Presidents: Rizek Abusharr, Ruth Harris and Richard Fain; and Rotary members: Kern Wisman, Marilyn Farber, Mark Zober, Jose Metzger, Jean-Michel Rykner and Bob Engelsman.

INVOCATION

Alex Zvielli gave the weekly *Passuk*:
"A wise man's heart inclines him to his right hand but a fools heart is to his left."

(Ecclesiastes 10:2)

Act with command over your mind and passion. Be guided by prudence.

THE JOURNEY OF A BENEDICTINE ABBOT AND FELLOW ROTARIAN



Abbot Benedikt Lindemann shared with us his journey to become a Benedictine Monk, find his prayer for peace (see box at right) and then to become the Abbot of the Hagia Maria Sion Abbey in Jerusalem.

NEW MEMBER CORNER

Prayer for Peace:

O God, grant your peace
to your holy city of Jerusalem
and the whole world!

Root it deeply into the hearts
of all humankind,
as your godly peace is the peace
that the world cannot give.

Your peace liberates all those
who are caught in the nets
of physical or psychological violence, whether
perpetrator or victim.

We are powerless as we witness
the many forms of violence and injustice either in war,
society
or even our individual lives.

O God, fill the mighty
with your Spirit of love and justice.

Help us also contribute
to your kingdom of peace
by learning and acting in accordance
with the peace and welfare of human beings and of the
creation that surrounds us!

We pray to you, O God of love and faith! We praise you
and thank you for eternity.

Amen

Very Reverend ROSS S. JONES



The Very Rev. S. Ross Jones, Dean of St. George's College Jerusalem, comes to Rotary with a history of Rotary membership. He has been a member of two Rotary Clubs in the United States and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Prior to moving to Jerusalem in August 2000, he had been in congregational ministry in Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA His roots, however, are much further south.

He and his wife, Gwin, come from Mississippi and Louisiana and have spent their professional lives throughout the South. Both are graduates of Tulane University in New Orleans and he received his theological training and Doctoral degree from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.

Ross and Gwin have three children, now in Houston TX, Atlanta GA, and Chapel Hill, NC. Their sixth grandchild will be delivered in another month or so with another two (their second set of twins) to follow in August. Sometime this summer Ross and Gwin will move into their retirement home in Asheville NC.

OUR FUTURE MISSION



Ruth receives bouquet in recognition of chairing successful Treasures Sale.

The December 10th Club meeting was dedicated to exploring our Club's future mission. P/P President Ruth Harris led the discussion and asked each of us to express our feelings.

Each member was giving a survey questionnaire to fill out to help guide the process.

The principle issue was to explore whether we wanted to be more focused on Rotary community and international service projects. The results are below:

MISSION SURVEY RESULTS

The survey results indicate that the members present represented two different schools of thought.

One group is happy and satisfied that we are a luncheon club with excellent fellowship among the members.

The other group feels that, as a Rotary Club, we are lacking in projects that would benefit the community in which we live. Some would like to see us involved in activities that would help children. Others expressed a wish for more social action projects.

A specific suggestion was made that the Club have an active Projects Committee in addition to our usual Allocations Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

P/P Ruth Harris

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