

ROTARY CLUB OF JERUSALEM

Meetings Wednesdays at 1:00 PM at the Jerusalem International YMCA
The First Club in Israel - Chartered March 1929—Club # 13459 (District 2490)

76 years of service in Jerusalem, Israel and around the world

WEDNESDAY JULY 13, 2005

76th Year—Meeting No. 2

Club Officers:

President: Kern Wisman

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Treasurer: Don Shrensky

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P/P Rizek Abusharr

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Shlomo Khayat

P/P David Seligman

Helene Stuart

Mark Zober

Today's Program

GUEST SPEAKER

P/P Don Shrensky;

Topic: "The Rotary International Centennial Convention in Chicago."

Upcoming Events

July 20th-

Business Meeting



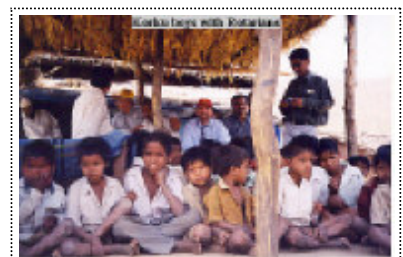
SERVICE Above Self



July is Rotary Literacy Month

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, President of Rotary International for 2005-2006, has selected "Literacy" as an area of focus for Rotary throughout the world this year. This focus follows and continues the work of last year's Literacy Task Force. As President, Carl says: "One ... area [to focus on] is literacy and education. From one-on-one tutoring efforts to large-scale literacy programs, Rotary clubs have developed an impressive array of projects designed to help people learn to read and write."

We have equipped schools, educated teachers, and given children the clothing and books required to attend classes. And in communities throughout the world, Rotarians are taking the time to visit schools, reading to children and listening to them read in turn."



Rotary Literacy Project in India

GREIDINGER SCHOLAR VISITS CLUB



Guest Speaker Alexander and PDG Irene Lewitt enjoying lunch at the Club.

July 6th marked the first full, regular meeting of our Club for Rotary Year 2005-06.

P/P Amram Miller offered the invocation: *“There are 3 kinds of friends: those like food without which you cannot live; those like medicine that you need occasionally; and those*

like illness which you never want.”

P/P Felix Jaffe offered the International Toast to the RC of Alexandra San Stefano (District 2450, Egypt.)

Moshe Kelman gave the “Rotary Moment” (see below) and Aviva Lee ran another very successful Raffle that

raised 320 NIS.

(Reminder: we need members to bring raffle prizes)

Alexander Lezerowicz, this year’s Greidinger Scholar in Israel, was our guest speaker. He is from Belgrade and is studying for his Masters at Tel Aviv University in Linguistics and Math.

“Rotary International Promotes Goodwill, Understanding and Peace.”

THE ROTARY MOMENT

P/P Moshe Kelman launched this year’s Rotary Moment program. He provided a general overview Rotary International.

Some of the highlights:

The organization became “Rotary International” in 1922 after the founding of a num-

ber of many clubs outside the USA.

Membership was intended for successful businessmen and professionals.

Women were not admitted into Rotary until 1989. Some clubs still do not admit women.

You cannot “join” Rotary. You must be invited and voted in.

Moshe also pointed out the importance of the concept of “Classification”. Traditionally clubs sought one person from a specific profession for membership.

MEET THE SYLVESTERS



Welcome to Carole and Sam!

Inducting new members into Rotary is a very special occasion for all concerned.

Carole and Sam Sylvester joined our Rotary community at the Changeover Dinner on June 29th.

Carole and Sam were born and raised in

London. They have been living full time in Israel for 10 years.

Sam is a graduate of the Westminster School, one of the 3 Royal Colleges of England. He is a lawyer who worked in and is keenly interested in music. He is a jazz lover and also enjoys

the great American music of the 20th century (e.g. Steven Sondheim).

Carole’s field is art history. She worked at the Tate Gallery in London for many years and has been involved in community art education.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER— Kern Wisman

CLUB TO LAUNCH FRIENDLY FINES “HONORS” PROGRAM IN AUGUST

In many parts of the world, Rotary Clubs have found a friendly way to increase camaraderie, have a little fun and unify the club with a system of “friendly fines” for various actions or inactions of Club members.

For example, it can be very unifying for all Club members to, on the day of the weekly meeting, take upon themselves the symbol of that membership, putting on their Rotary identity at the same time that they put on their Rotary pin. Maybe this can serve as a visual reminder of how we want to try to apply the 4-way test in our activities of our daily life.

Also as a conscientious group I am sure that we can unite in our desire to be courteous to our speaker and to not embarrass ourselves or the Club in his or her presence by having our cell phone go off during the meeting.

As a friendly reminder and as almost a Club game we can, when we forget our Rotary pin or if our phone goes off during the meeting, take it upon ourselves the added “honor” of contributing a nominal amount to the Club’s charitable activities. The board has authorized me to institute this new plan for a period of a few months, as a trial, starting with an “honor” donation of 5 NIS if we forget to wear our Rotary pin to the meeting and an “honor” donation of 25 NIS should our cell phone go off during the meeting.

To give extra value to the “honor” donation it will be accepted as an extra purchase of a raffle ticket. Forgetting one’s Rotary pin would then result in the need to purchase one “extra” raffle ticket, in addition to the one’s already purchased and having one’s cell phone go off would mean needing to purchase 5 “extra” raffle tickets.

Because these are “honors” that are completely avoidable, by only a very minimum amount of effort, it will be possible to avoid them if that is your desire. Many clubs have found this program to be fun, with members making a big show of taking upon themselves the “honor” of contributing to the Club’s charities because they ran out of the house too fast and forgot their pin. Some clubs even permit the Sergeant-at-Arms to “invent” honors for members, because they were mentioned in the newspaper or because they had a *simcha*, like a wedding or some other happy event that can be brought to the Clubs attention. Some members even volunteer to observe the “honor” because they would like to have some special thing publicly noted to the Club members by the Sergeant-At-Arms. For the moment we will begin with these two and see how things go.

Pins will be available from the treasurer for sale, if you have lost yours.



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"Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians, members of more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in 168 countries."

Rotary Humour Corner

GOING FISHING

A man calls home to his wife and says:

"Honey I have been asked to go fishing up in Canada with my boss and several of his friends. We'll be gone for a week. This is a good opportunity for me to get that promotion I've been wanting so could you please pack enough clothes for a week and set out my rod and tackle box? We are leaving from the office so I will swing by the house to pick my things up

Oh! Please pack my new blue silk pajamas."

The wife thinks this sounds a bit fishy but being the good wife she

does exactly what her husband asked.

The following weekend he came home a little tired but otherwise looking good

The wife welcomes him home and asks if he caught many fish? He says, "Yes!

Lots of Walleye, some Blue Gill, and a few Pike. But why didn't you pack my new blue silk pajamas like I asked you to do?

The wife replies: "I did, they're in your tackle box."

THE ANNUAL PHYSICAL

An elderly gentlemen went in for his

annual physical exam. The doctor said "You're in incredible shape. How old are you again?"

The man replied "I am 78."

The doctor exclaimed, "Wow, 78! How do you stay so healthy? You look like a 60 year old."

The man explained "Well, my wife and I made a pact when we got married that whenever she got mad she would go into the kitchen to cool off and I would go outside to settle down."

"What does that have to do with it?" asked the doctor.

The man sighed, "I've pretty much lived an outdoor life."