



**BULLETIN
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ROTARY CLUB**

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Today's Program – African Art at the Israel Museum

Guided visit by Dorit Shafir, Curator for African and Oceanic Art

New exhibition - BAGA ART

11.30 Meet in Entrance Area

12.00 Tour

13.00 Lunch

Following the lunch you can spend the rest of the day, or some time of it, at the Israel Museum

Upcoming Events

25 December and
1 January

No meetings

Foundation Greetings:

Leah Neumann will celebrate her Birthday on December 19 and we wish her a year ahead of good health, good times and many good "happenings".

And Gili Shanit will celebrate her birthday on January 14 and we wish her a year ahead of good health, good times and good "openings"!

Foundation Thoughts of the Week:

As we head into the close of this year and the start of a new one, let us all take a moment to take stock. Our Foundation has done much good in its history. Without our continued support this will come to an end! So let our New Year Resolutions include a donation to the Foundation!



The President's Corner

Since the YMCA will not be operating as usual on 1 January, we will not hold our regular club meeting. We will, however, hold a board meeting at my home in Arnona, Rechov Yisrael Eldad 8, Apartment 33 (6th Floor). A formal meeting notice and agenda will be e-mailed. I am tentatively scheduling the meeting for 2;30, P.M. (1430). If the time is inconvenient for a majority of the board, I am willing to change it. But, please submit suggestions for alternate times without delay and copy other board members. Coffee, tea and desert will be served. Therefore, RSVP.

Robert Hammer



International Toast – Rotary Club of Tokyo

Three historical events that happened on the day of our Rotary meeting on 18 December:

1642 Abel Tasman's expedition sails around Farewell Spit and into Golden Bay, first sighting local Māori in New Zealand. Abel Janszoon Tasman (1603 – 1659) was a Dutch seafarer, explorer, and merchant, best known for his voyages of 1642 and 1644 in the service of the Dutch East India Company (VOC). He was the first known European explorer to reach the islands of Van Diemen's Land (now Tasmania) and New Zealand, and to sight the Fiji islands.



Abel Tasman



Golden Bay, New Zealand



Flags of Japan and United Nations

1917 The 18th Amendment to the US Constitution, authorizing prohibition of alcohol, is approved by the US congress and sent to the states for ratification. The Eighteenth Amendment was the product of decades of efforts by the temperance movement, which held that a ban on the sale of alcohol would ameliorate poverty and other societal issues. The Eighteenth Amendment declared the production, transport, and sale of intoxicating liquors illegal, though it did not outlaw the actual consumption of alcohol. Shortly after the amendment was ratified, Congress passed the Volstead Act to provide for the federal enforcement of Prohibition. The Volstead Act declared that liquor, wine, and beer all qualified as intoxicating liquors and were therefore prohibited. Although the Eighteenth Amendment led to a decline in alcohol consumption in the United States, nationwide enforcement of Prohibition proved difficult, particularly in cities. Organized crime and other groups engaged in large-scale bootlegging, and speakeasies became popular in many areas. Public sentiment began to turn against Prohibition during the 1920s, and 1932 Democratic presidential nominee Franklin D. Roosevelt called for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment in his platform. The Twenty-first Amendment repealed the Eighteenth

Amendment in 1933, making the Eighteenth Amendment the only amendment to the U.S. Constitution ever to be repealed in its entirety.

1956 Japan admitted to UN. Japan became the 69th member of the United Nations on December 18, 1956. Since then, Japan holds many international co-operations within the United Nations as a basic principle of its foreign policy. When Japan joined the UN in 1956, it did so with great enthusiasm and broad public support, for the international organization was seen to embody the pacified country's hopes for a peaceful world order. Membership was welcomed by many Japanese who saw the UN as a guarantor of a policy of unarmed neutrality for their nation, in addition to the security arrangement they concluded with US in 1951.

This week we are toasting the Rotary Club of Tokyo on the event of Japan's admittance to the United Nations on 18 December 1956. The RC of Tokyo was chartered in October 1920. It was dissolved in 1940 '*The Japanese military pressured Rotary to disband. The Governor of Japan-Manchuria Rotary, Umekichi yoneyama, was made to report to them and he was told that Rotary was treasonous. The Tokyo Rotary Club therefore, regrettably disbanded on Sept. 11, 1940. Governor Yoneyama spoke at the last meeting, saying that 'nevertheless the spirit of service will be firmly held'*. Rotary Club of Tokyo re-chartered in 1949.



Some other news

There will be no weekly Bulletin for the next 2 weeks. Happy Holiday Season and New Year, have a great 2020 ahead of you, yours Editor

Advanced notice for our meeting on 15 January, 2020: we will have a joint lunch and meeting with members of congregation SHIR HADASH in Jerusalem. Address, timing and program will follow soonest.



One of our projects, past and present

Drop of Milk (טיפת חלב), Myanmar

JRC participated and cooperated financially as this replicated the original Israeli concept of 'Tipat Halav.' The 'Drop of Milk' Global Grant Project is based at Pindaya General Hospital in Myanmar and we participate together with the Rotary Club of Vashon Seattle and Rotary Club of Yangon.

It's a project to improve maternal and child health outcomes in the 138 Myanmar villages across Southern Shan State. This through setting up a replicable and sustainable community health system by strengthening local capacities of maternal and child healthcare providers - government midwives, auxiliary midwives and doctors - to deliver replicable, quality, and community-based health services. The GG Project was launched on August 6 2018 in Yangon.



The Jerusalem Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. (13.00) at the Jerusalem International YMCA on King David Street. On the last Wednesday of every month it meets in the evening at 7 p.m. (19.00). NIS75 covers lunch/dinner, the Rotary program and a presentation by selected speakers. Kosher meals can be ordered until 90 minutes before the start of the meeting, by sending a message to our secretary 054-4295680. Visiting Rotarians and visitors are welcome.