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Today's Program -

Family planning in the Muslim World

Our very own Rotarian Art Braunstein, USFSO Ret., USAID Health, Nutrition and Family Planning Officer will talk on above topic. As he always says.....with no further ado.....Looking forward to Art's talk

*Foundation Greetings and
Foundation Thoughts of the Week:*

Happy Birthday TODAY, August 21, to Carry Polak !!

Foundation Thought of the Week:

Adlai E.Stevenson said, "If we win men's hearts throughout the world, it will not be because we are a big country but because we are a great country. Bigness is imposing but greatness is enduring".

Upcoming Events

**28 August
To be announced**

Our Foundation is not big, but it is great. Keep it that way. Donate to the Foundation!!



The President's Corner

Our President Robert Hammer is still recovering and we do hope that he will be back soon. In the meantime, until his return, the Board has decided that the following Board Members will take over some responsibilities:

Dieter Ziulkowski – Acting President and ‘Bulletin’

Eli Kenner – Treasurer

Irene Lewitt and Louis Polak – Front Desk

We all rely on the support of our Secretary Geert Cohen Stuart, who does his very best from the Netherlands to support our Rotary Club, and all other members to keep ‘our ship sailing’ on course. Looking forward to Geert’s return to Jerusalem. With holiday season in full swing participation at our meetings is not too high. That means we always have spare seats for anyone who feels bored at home and likes to meet a nice crowd of Rotarians in Jerusalem.

Geert has managed to postpone the visit of the District Governor from September to November 27. Thanks Geert and thanks Governor!

In the effort to update our mailing list I received a very nice e-mail from Kathleen Schatzberg which I share with you: *You might remember I was a “regular temporary” for about 7 months in 2017-18. I was at Tantur and helped interest Fr Russ and Mark Mina to join. I hope they are still active! Also I hope David Lilienthal and Irene Lewitt are still well and active with Jerusalem Rotary. So many of you I miss seeing! Please give my regards...Many thanks for your email. I look forward to reading the e-newsletters again.*

Kathleen Schatzberg, Rotary of Hyannis, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, USA

Two more important issues:

First – our yearly dues for Rotary Membership need to be paid for the year 2019/2020. Please transfer to the usual account (account details will be mentioned in the next ‘bulletin’) or pay cash at our weekly meetings.

Second – for our weekly ‘raffle’ we need donations of some gifts, small but nice. If you have any of those ‘unwanted’ birthday gifts at home, do not throw them away, rather pass them to our weekly raffle. You might be lucky and win them back!



International Toast - Rotary Club of Stockholm, Sweden

A Frenchman is elected as Crown Prince of Sweden, this and two other noteworthy events that happened on August 21:

1810 Jean-Baptiste Bernadotte, Marshal of France, is elected Crown Prince of Sweden by the Swedish Riksdag of the Estates. Following the conclusion of Finnish War in 1809, Sweden lost possession of Finland, which had constituted roughly the eastern half of the Swedish realm for centuries. Resentment towards King Gustav IV Adolf precipitated an abrupt *coup d'état*. Gustav Adolf (and his son Gustav) was deposed and his uncle Charles XIII was elected King in his place. However, Charles XIII was 61 years old and prematurely senile. He was also childless. It was apparent almost as soon as Charles XIII ascended the throne that the Swedish branch of the House of Holstein-Gottorp would die with him. In 1810 the Riksdag of the Estates, the Swedish parliament, elected a

Danish prince, Prince Christian August of Augustenborg, as heir-presumptive to the throne. He took the name Charles August, but died later that same year. At this time, Emperor Napoleon I of France controlled much of continental Europe, and some of his client kingdoms were headed by his brothers. The Riksdag decided to choose a king of whom Napoleon would approve. On 21 August 1810, the Riksdag elected Jean Baptiste Jules Bernadotte, a Marshal of France, as heir presumptive to the Swedish throne.



J B Bernadotte



Mona Lisa and Vincenzo Perugia



Botha



Tutu

1911 "Mona Lisa" stolen from the Louvre by Vincenzo Perugia (Recovered in 1913). He entered the museum on Monday, August 21 around 7 am, through the door where the other Louvre workers were entering. He said he wore one of the white smocks that museum employees customarily wore and was indistinguishable from the other workers. When the Salon Carré, where the *Mona Lisa* hung, was empty, he lifted the painting off the four iron pegs that secured it to the wall and took it to a nearby service staircase. There, he removed the protective case and frame. Perugia said he took off his smock and wrapped it around the painting, tucked it under his arm, and left the Louvre through the same door he had entered.

1998 P. W. Botha, former State President of South Africa, found guilty of contempt for repeatedly ignoring subpoenas to testify before South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Botha refused to testify at the new government's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), for exposing apartheid-era crimes, which was chaired by his cultural and political nemesis, Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The TRC found that he had ordered the 1988 bombing of the South African Council of Churches headquarters in Johannesburg. In August 1998, he was fined and given a suspended jail sentence for his refusal to testify in relation to the human rights violations and violence sanctioned by the State Security Council (SSC) which he, as president until 1989, had directed. In June 1999, Botha successfully appealed to the High Court against his conviction and sentence. The Court found that the notice served on Botha to appear before the TRC was technically invalid.

This week we are toasting the Rotary Club Stockholm, chartered in February 1926 on the election of Jean Baptiste Bernadotte as Crown Prince and future King of Sweden on 21 August 1810. Well done, an early example of European unity.

Dieter Ziulkowski



Some other news

WASRAG, the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group, is doing some marvelous work worldwide in breaking the cycle of poverty for many poorer communities by providing a clean, sustainable source of water. Just a few examples:

The **Rotary Club of Whitburn, UK**, **Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka**, and the non-profit **Child Aid Lanka** have teamed up, and with the help of a Global Grant and support from many other clubs, have completed the construction of 38 of 53 wells in Sri Lanka. Over 250 families now have access to safe water.

Recently a diverse group of Rotarians from the **Rotary E-Club of WASH, Rotary District 7780** and **Rotary District 7820** joined forces to complete a Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation that included an extensive evaluation of the effectiveness of Kohler Clarity Water Filers installed in the Dominican Republic.

With the support of a Global Grant, the **Rotary Club of Delhi Ashoka, India**, **Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, Australia** and **World Vision India** teamed up to make an excellent video on the WASH in Schools project.

The **Rotary Club of Weston, Florida** and the **Rotary Club of Bogota Santa Barbara, Colombia**, with the support of a Global Grant are working on a project, using a novel and self-sustaining technology to bring safe water to the Wayuu, a native people of Colombia.

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2021-22 RI President selected

Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2021-22. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

If anyone of you interested to challenge and becoming a candidate, please inform us and we will organize an election committee.....just kidding



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.