

Snapshots of Rotary History

Early years

The Chicago club (first Rotary club) became so large that it became necessary to adopt the now-common practice of a regular meeting place.

The next four Rotary Clubs were organized in cities in the western United States, beginning with San Francisco, then Oakland, Los Angeles, and Seattle. The National Association of Rotary Clubs in America was formed in 1910. On the 22nd February 1911 the first meeting of the Rotary Club Dublin was held in Dublin, Ireland. This was the first club established outside of North America. In April 1912, Rotary chartered a club in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, marking the first establishment of an American-style service club outside the United States. To reflect the addition of a club outside of the United States, the name was changed to the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1912.

In August 1912, the Rotary Club of London received its charter from the Association, marking the first acknowledged Rotary club outside North America. It later became known that the Dublin club in Ireland was organized before the London club, but the Dublin club did not receive its charter until after the London club was chartered. During World War I, Rotary in Britain increased from 9 to 22 clubs, and other early clubs in other nations included those in Cuba in 1916 and India in 1920.

In 1922, the name was changed to Rotary International. By 1925, Rotary had grown to 200 clubs with more than 20,000 members.

Calendar: March
Literacy Month
 2nd Business Meeting
 9th *Colette Frege*
 /Projects Funding
 through Rotary
 16th Pro-Active meeting
 with Rotaractors
 23rd Guest Speaker:
Myriam Herickx/
 Energy Therapy
 30th Prof. *Hesham Sadek*


March
 5th Ayman Moussa
 11th Michele Tagher

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Rotary Literacy Month



Celebrated in March each year, Rotary Literacy Month is an excellent opportunity for Rotary clubs and districts to raise awareness about literacy, launch new literacy initiatives and projects, and recognize literacy accomplishments from the past year.

Literacy is the foundation for virtually all forms of education and a crucial component of effective social and economic participation, human development, and poverty reduction. According to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) nearly 800 million people over the age of 15 lack even basic reading and writing skills worldwide. In addition, there are roughly 137 million school age children who are illiterate around the world. Sadly, over 64% of all illiterate people in the world today are women.

The benefits of literacy to society are undisputed. The *Education for All Global Monitoring Report* published in 2006 by UNESCO argues that literate populations are less likely to experience civil strife and are more likely to develop economically. There is also a direct connection between literacy rates and community health.

Club Members:

- 1- Ahmed Berry, PHF
- 2- Ahmad Elzoghby , PHF
- 3- Amal Fahmy, PHF
- 4- Amina Hassab, PHF
- 5- Amr El-Defrawy, PHF
- 6- Anthony Antoun, PHF
- 7- Atef Khamis, PHF
- 8- Ayman Moussa, PHF
- 9- PP Basil Marco, PHF
- 10- PP Colette Hagggar, PHF
- 11- Dina Fadaly
- 12- El-Sayed Mostafa, PHF
- 13- Erdogan Cakir, PHF
- 14- Georges Chalhouh,PHF
- 15- PP Hanaa Ismail, PHF
- 16- John Luke, PHF
- 17- Jeff Starkely
- 18- Klaus Voss
- 19- Mahmoud Youssef, PHF
- 20- Magda Nasy, PHF
- 21- PP Magda Sadek, PHF
- 22- Maria Elena
- 23- Medhat Abul Dahab, PHF
- 24- Michelle Tagher, PHF
- 25- Miguu Khandjian, PHF
- 26- Mona El-Gammal, PHF
- 27- Mona Nasrallah, PHF
- 28- PP Mounir ElGammal, PHF
- 29- PP Mounir Shehfe, PHF
- 30- PP Nadim Shehfe, PHF
- 31- PP Nagwa Sabry, PHF
- 32- Nermeen El-Beltagy, PHF
- 33- Osama El-Nomany, PHF
- 34- Rohayma Rateb, PHF
- 35- Sahar El-Shercidy, PHF
- 36- Sahar Ragab, PHF
- 37- Soad Farid, PHF
- 38- PP Walid Elsherbiny,PHF
- 39- Youssef Cheta. PHF

Previous Meeting

- P. El-Sayed opened the meeting at 08:30 a.m. and made the following announcements:
- Talks will take place about the changes to the Constitution tonight at 8:00 p.m.
 - at the Metropolitan Club meeting and tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at the Syrian Club.
 - Changes in the upcoming president and secretary.
 - Club Business: " *El Gazayer School* "
 - There has not been a great deal of spending
 - Electrical work at the school is now finished
 - Plumbing needs approximately one more week to go
 - There is more to do at the school. The District initially said they would do it but they have now rescinded.
 - Classrooms are in terrible shape, need painting and some metal bars for windows. There are many items which can easily be stolen.
 - The full-time engineer goes every day. She is checking that things be done according to prices and specifications.
 - It should be finished before the end of March deadline
 - P. El-Sayed mentioned another project by Miguella, at which Point Miguella stood up and reported that a Rotarian friend in Milano offered a Simplified 3-1 Matching Grant from her Club for the water project. She also reported that in the company of PP Nagwa and Rotarian Mona El-Gammal, they had canvassed a poor neighborhood and picked five houses with no roofs, windows or floors. They are now waiting to get approval from the village to start the work. There are EGP 8,000 presently available and as more money comes in we will take on more houses.
 - P. El-Sayed then asked if it was feasible to have the Walkathon again?
 - Another issue is whether or not to have the Golf Tournament; he requested for PP Mounir ElGammal and a committee discuss this issue and make a decision as soon as possible.
 - PP Colette then asked what project the Walkathon would adopt? She suggested providing roofs for some of the people who don't have them.
 - P. El-Sayed then suggested we invite about five young people who have been involved on Facebook mobilizing past events to give us a presentation. He also reported receiving an email with information on how to mobilize people to the street.
 - PP. Colette added she has been contacted by a Rotarian from England asking if we have a water project; PP. Colette offered to give the contact information to Miguella to follow up.
 - P. El-Sayed asked PP. Colette to give a talk about Rotary issues in her capacity as District Trainer.
 - The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.



Teaching Literacy to Blind Students in Egypt



The notion of a "Concentrated Language Encounter" (CLE) to refer to generating significant learning situations in which students learn language in use.

CLE for blind students was initiated by *Rattanavich* while working on a Rotary literacy project in Egypt in 1999. Egyptians sought the possibility of using CLE with some Egyptian blind students. Initial teaching to those blind students revealed that they were very interested in and enthusiastic about learning language. Later, some action research studies on CLE teaching with kindergarten, primary, and secondary level blind students in both Thai and English were later conducted at the School for the Blind in Bangkok.

Many research studies on teaching literacy to the blind showed that blind students require access to curriculum developed for sighted students. Although adaptations and modifications to the curriculum may be required, blind students should be treated in the same manner as all other students

How Frustrated Youth Turned the Tables!

It only happens when people say enough is enough! Egyptians demonstrate solidarity and will power can bring change. Here's how it happened.

It all began with simple venting of frustration from tech-savvy youths in Egypt; tired of unemployment, tired of harassment, tired of voices left unheard at the polls and in the streets.

Little did the youth know, they were awakening a long dampened discontent spread far and wide among the Egyptian population, but as the realization came to light, the word spread like wildfire, gathering momentum with each expression, culminating into an organized protest, leveraging social network mediums such as Facebook and Twitter.

Etiquette

Some examples of changing gender roles are: The person who reaches a doorway first, regardless of gender, opens the door for others approaching. The person who extends an invitation for cocktails or dinner, regardless of gender, is responsible for paying the bill.

Previous Meeting
Members:16 (40%)
Guests: --

Today's Meeting
Colette Frege
/Projects Funding
through Rotary

Health Tip

Every time you stop at a traffic light (or the bus does), tighten your thighs and butt muscles and release as many times as you can. (Don't worry, no one will see it!) This will firm leg and buttock muscles, improve blood flow -- and keep you mildly amused!