

Snapshots of Rotary History

January - Rotary Awareness Month



January is Rotary Awareness month in the Rotary Calendar. The major themes for the month are making the community more aware of Rotary and for Rotarians to learn more about Rotary. So, a few facts about Rotary.

A 1942 Rotary conference held in London planted the seeds for the development of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and some 50 Rotary members served as delegates and consultants at the founding of the United Nations. Today Rotary holds the highest consultative status with the United Nations of any non-governmental organization. In this capacity, Rotary has a strong voice within the UN system and access to its people and resources worldwide.

Rotary currently has 1,200,000 members in 31,600 clubs and can be found in more than 200 countries worldwide.

The headquarters of Rotary International are in Evanston Illinois where there are some 400 employees.

In 1989 Rotary admitted women and there are now more than 145,000 women members.

The first service project of Rotary was the purchase of a horse for a visiting preacher. The second was the building of a public toilet.

By AG Judith Timpany

Calendar: January Rotary Awareness Month

5th Business Meeting
12th Mozaffer Eroktem/
Vocational Talk
22nd Club Anniversary
26th Guest Speaker:
Carol Gray /
Scholarship Program



January

2nd Sahar El Sheridy
17th Atef Khamis

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 Haggag, PHF
11- Dina Fadaly
12- El-Sayed Mostafa, PHF
13- Erdogan Cakir, PHF
14- Georges Chalhoub, PHF
15- PP Hanana Ismail, PHF
16- PP J. Ray Rohland, PHF
17- John Luke, PHF
18- Joyce Martinez, PHF
19- Jeff Starkely
20- Klaus Voss
21- Mahmoud Youssef, PHF
22- Magda Nasr, PHF
23- PP Magda Sadek, PHF
24- Maria Elena
25- Medhat Abul Dahab, PHF
26- Michelle Tagher, PHF
27- Miguo Khandjian, PHF
28- Mona El-Gammal, PHF
29- Mona Nasrallah, PHF
30- PP Mounir ElGammal, PHF
31- PP Mounir Shehfe, PHF
32- PP Nadim Shehfe, PHF
33- PP Nagwa Sabry, PHF
34- Nermeen El-Beltagy, PHF
35- Osama El-Nomany, PHF
36- Rohayma Rateb, PHF
37- Sahar El-Shereidy, PHF
38- Sahar Ragab, PHF
39- Soad Farid, PHF
40- PP Walid Elsherbiny, PHF
41- Youssef Cheta, PHF

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Cosmo Celebrates its 15th Anniversary in Style!



On Saturday, January 22nd, 25 Rotarians and their spouses met to commemorate and celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Cosmopolitan Club Charter. The event was hosted by our fellow Rotarian Klaus Voss, General Manager of Jolie Ville Maritime.

It was a very joyous occasion celebrating an important milestone in Cosmos history. Making the evening even more special was a lavish buffet and a live entertainment group playing nostalgic music of past eras. It was easy to see the members enjoying the entertainment with many singing, clapping and some dancing to the music.

As a fitting end to the dinner, Rt. Klaus had his staff roll out a big, beautiful and delicious cake with lit candles for the occasion. P El-Sayed used the occasion to present PP Ray a commemorative souvenir and a certificate accompanied by a short touching speech expressing appreciation for PP Ray's many contributions and the general feeling of sadness of having to bid farewell to a dear friend. Several members took the microphone to deliver personal messages of appreciation. PP Ray proudly displayed his present to everyone!

Previous Meeting

*P El-Sayed Mostafa opened the meeting at 08:25 a.m. by welcoming returning Club members; Joyce, Sahar Ragab, Miguo and Maria Elena as well as our guests and speaker for today, Turkey's Ambassador, his Excellency Mozaffer Eroktem and his wife Lorena. *P El-Sayed then inducted Maria Elena into RC Alexandria Cosmopolitan. PP Colette, her sponsor, presented her with the Rotary pin and welcomed her as a new member. Maria said she was honored to be here and is looking forward to making contributions as a Rotary member.



*PP Colette introduced guest speaker, Ambassador Mozaffer Eroktem who was very happy to return to the club where he had been a member 15 years ago. He gave a very interesting, informative and humorous talk about his experiences as his Country's Ambassador to Taiwan, Japan, Lebanon and Australia among others. Mr. Zafer said that he was intrigued by the fascinating political situation that existed between Taiwan and mainland China. He also mentioned how impressed he was with the improvement of economy in Taiwan over the years. P El-Sayed then thanked Ambassador Mozaffer for sharing his experiences with Cosmo members and presented him with the Club Banner.

*PP Magda Sadek reported she and PP Nagwa visited the shelter last Sunday 9th and found eight and ten-year-old girls very enthusiastic about learning. PP Magda reported they spoke to the Atarin School Administration and received assurances that both girls will be accepted. They have to pass a test, which both girls have started studying for.

*PP Colette announced that Leadership training will take place January, Saturday 22nd from 11am to 4pm in Alexandria and the following Saturday 29th in Cairo.

*P El-Sayed reported a new package of EGP 1,350/1,650, all inclusive, is being offered for the Sharm Peace Conference.

*P El-Sayed reported Hospital workers from the Maintenance Department will be performing some of the work for the Mega Project two days/week. P. El-Sayed thanked PP Walid for his help and collaboration.

*PP Walid stated that electricity, sewage and drainage systems were a priority, even though the work would not be noticeable; second would be carpentry work, desks, glass and painting. He stated that he is still working to get the Department of Education to provide the desks. Walid added there would be a need to spend EGP 10,000 - 15,000 to clean up and improve the building's appearance to show Rotary's contribution.

*PP Colette announced that Valentine Concert is approaching and last year EGP 30,000 were collected. We get 50% of proceedings and member's help will be needed to sell tickets as well as purchase for themselves and their families. Ticket price is EGP 50.00.

* Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Farewell PP Ray!

On a sad note, Cosmos will bid one of its founding members; PP Ray Rohland farewell because of his decision to return to the States at the end of this month for his wife to continue ongoing medical treatment. When time comes to bid farewell to PP Ray, no one could think of anything that he didn't do during his 15 years of membership to the Cosmopolitan Rotary Club. PP Ray has always been regularly attending our meetings, giving advice and constructive criticism in every situation, in addition to scoring lots of make-ups. PP Ray will surely be missed! Goodbye, and stay in touch!



*Goodbyes are not forever.
Goodbyes are not the end.
They simply mean we'll miss you.....Until we meet again!*

Karmouz Shelter Update



This is the latest picture of Aya and Nour, two of the 5 street girls now residing in Karmouz Shelter. Aren't they cute? Let's hope more girls will soon make of the shelter their home!

Announcements

Alexandria Opera House (08:00 PM - 10:00 PM)
Jan.27 Alexandria Opera Ensemble for Music & Arab Singing
Jan.28 Folkloric Music Ensemble (China)
Jan.29,30,31 Private Concert

BA Arts Center
Friday, 28 MASSAR EGBARI
Great Hall, 8:00 pm, Ticket: 20-EGP

E-mail Etiquette

Read your email out loud to ensure the tone is that which you desire. Try to avoid relying on formatting for emphasis; rather choose the words that reflect your meaning instead. A few additions of the words "please" and "thank you" go a long way!

Previous Meeting
Members: 25(61%)
Guests: 3

Today's Meeting
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Health Tip

Get prepared. Throw away all the junk, the processed, and the "bingeable" foods now and replace them with fresh, whole foods like lots of water and veggies. Buy a new pair of walking shoes and find some clothes in your closet you feel comfortable to walk in. During a lifestyle change, if you fail to plan, then you plan to fail!