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Pres. Nazha seated centre with Guest Speaker Mr. Akram Miknas, Members & Guests

The Four-Way Test "Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all

President Nazha Abu Hendi commenced the meeting with a warm greetings to members, visiting Rotarians and guests. Acting Sgt-at-arms Rtn. Sana Harrabi then went on and introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests The Rotary Club of Adliya was pleased to have the honor of Mr. Akram Miknas, the founder of the now ubiquitous Promoseven Holdings group, under whose umbrella reside some of the most sought after brands in Advertising and PR (amongst other pursuits) who was the featured guest speaker at the Club's regular meeting on 23 March 2009 who was then introduced to members & guests by Rtn. Mahmood Al-Yousif.



Following the talk, Mr. Akram Miknas answered many-questions that was raised by members. In gratitude for his talk Pres. Nazha presented Mr. Akram with an appreciation certificate.

Rotarian Sajida Tabbara put up a presentation on Rotary Foundation and emphasized on some aspects of Rotary Volunteer work and explained how one might participate in such a program. For additional information you can browse on www.rotary.org Rotary Volunteers Goals and how you can be a volunteer.

Pres. Nazha continued the meeting and reminded members on the forthcoming District Conference which will be held at Sahl Hashish, Egypt. She urged each member to please register with his spouse/guests for the conference, to show the enthusiasm of Bahrain Rotarians and advising members that next year the 74th District conference will be held in Bahrain from 29 April to 2 May 2010.



Pres. Nazha thanked all members who have paid their EREY and reminded the 3 members who have not yet paid to kindly pay their contribution of BD38/- to Rotary Foundation as earlier as possible.

Rtn. Hameed informed members that our next week meeting will be a get-to-gather (Social Evening) at Camelot Restaurant/Lounge. More information for the same will follow. He then went on and conducted the raffle draw and Pres. Nazha announced the winners, they are: Rtn. Faiza Ghabrial, Rtn. Rafik Nakhla & Ms. Sarah Sedky (Rotaractor).

Meanwhile, President Nazha requested all members to kindly register with their spouse for the forthcoming 73rd Rotary International Dist.2450 Conference at Sahl Hashish, Egypt. You can register on-line. Registration forms and more details of the conference are available at: www.rotary2450.org / www.conference.rotary2450.org/ For further assistance, please contact the Rotary Central Office – Sandra, who will be happy to assist you.

Motivational Quotes

Whenever words fly up at me from a printed page as I read, I intercept them instantly, knowing they are for me. I turn them over carefully in my mind and cling to them hard.



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Meeting held on 23/03/2009 at Diplomat Radisson SAS Hotel, Bahrain
Rotary Club of Adliya – Treasurer Rtn. **Zoher Taher** gave the Secretary's & Treasurer's Report as follows:

Members attended	15 Pres. Nazha Abu Hendi, IDG/PP Nijad Al Atassi, Rtn. Hussain Shamlan, PP. Redha Faraj, PP. Yousef Mashal, Rtn. Sajida Tabbara, Rtn. Rebecca Torr, Rtn. Faiza Ghabrial, Sana Harrabi, Rtn. Nezar Al Basri, PP. Khaled Tabbara, Rtn. Hameed Karimi, Rtn. Laith Shukayr, Rtn. Zoher Taher & Rtn. Mahmood Al-Yousif.
Visiting Rotarians	09 Sarah Sedky & Sally Sedky (Rotaractor) Rtn. Ashraf Obeid, Pres. Mohammed Al Khaja, ADG/PP Osama Muein & Rtn. Adnan Sharabi(RC Sulmaniya) PP. Robert Ainey & PP, Mohammed AL Khateeb (RC Manama) Rtn. Rafik Nakhla (RC Heliopolis – Egypt)
Guests	04 Mr. Mutaz Al Hawi, Dr. Roger Bassit, Mr. Bessam Al-Thawadi, & Ms. Alexandra Mauffre deBauge
Key Guest Speakers	Mr. Akram Miknas
Total	29
Attendance Percentage	60%



Object of Rotary



The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- ❖ **FIRST-** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- ❖ **SECOND-** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- ❖ **THIRD-** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- ❖ **FOURTH -** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Words of Appreciation

"Feeling appreciated is one of the most important needs that people have. When you share with someone your appreciation and gratitude, they will not forget you. Appreciation will return to you many times." **Steve Brunkhorst**



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MARCH



Birthday

- Rtn. Sajida Tabbara - 1st March
- Rtn. Nezar Al Basri - 21st March

Anniversary



- Rtn. Hameed Karimi - 02nd March
- Rtn. Zoher Taher - 24th March

Rotary Newsbasket -- March 2009 Literacy Month Rotary Newsbasket -- March 2009 Literacy Month

Starting a Rotary literacy project - By Nancy Shepherdson, Global Outlook

Carolyn Johnson, a member of the Rotary Club of Yarmouth, Maine, USA, and a retired teacher, recently returned from her eighth trip to Guatemala, where illiteracy rates are as high as 70 percent in rural areas. Her club's commitment to literacy began when she visited the Guatemala Literacy Project booth at the RI Convention in 2005.

"What I found neat about the program is that it is self-sustaining," says Johnson. "We donate textbooks for their schools, but the parents pay a small amount for each book. That builds up a fund to buy new books when they are needed, and we can extend our resources to other communities."

Johnson delivered books for the first time shortly after the 2005 convention. She brought back lots of photos that convinced her club that funds invested in this initiative would be well spent. "My personal involvement was key," she says. In addition to books, the club also buys and donates school supplies, basketballs, and soccer balls. Several other clubs in District 7780 have supported the project, which, with the help of six other districts, became a Rotary Foundation [Matching Grant](#) project that turned an initial investment of \$1,000 into \$59,000. "That's truly magic money," she says.

Johnson offers these tips for creating a successful literacy project:

1. **Develop a relationship with the community or facility where your project will be.** Resist the temptation to rush ahead with implementing the initiative, especially when the need is great. Take a couple of giant steps back, and make sure that all club members understand and are enthusiastic about it.
2. **Apply for grant money from The Rotary Foundation.** The multiplication factor reinforces the power of your program in the minds of recipients and allows you to accomplish more.
3. **Tap into your club and community resources, including teachers and those with a passion for literacy.** You don't have to have education credentials, but it helps to have experts involved in your project, even if they aren't Rotarians. It's a good membership recruiting tool, too.



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Photo Gallery Weekly meeting 23rd March 2009





Just for a Laugh

USEFUL OFFICE PHRASES

- Thank you. We're all refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view.
- I don't know what your problem is, but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce.
- I like you. You remind me of when I was young and stupid.
- I'm not being rude. You're just insignificant.
- I see the screw-up fairy has visited us again.
- I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you.
- Yes, I am an agent of Satan, but my duties are largely ceremonial.
- How about never? Is never good for you?
- I'm really easy to get along with once you people learn to worship me.
- You sound reasonable: Time to up my medication.
- I'll try being nicer if you'll try being smarter.
- I'm out of my mind, but feel free to leave a message.
- I don't work here. I'm a consultant.
- Who me? I just wander from room to room.
- It might look like I'm doing nothing, but at the cellular level I'm really quite busy.
- At least I have a positive attitude about my destructive habits.
- You are validating my inherent mistrust of strangers.
- I see you've set aside this special time to humiliate yourself in public