



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

October 9, 2018

ROTARY MINUTE

Don Shattuck gave the Rotary Minute. The Rotary Club of Durate (CA) inducted several women as active members in the 1980s. Rotary International withdrew their charter since women could not be active members of Rotary International. The club and two of the women filed suit against Rotary under the California civil rights act. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Rotary club on May 4, 1987, thus changing Rotary forever. Changing it for the better.

BUSINESS MINUTE

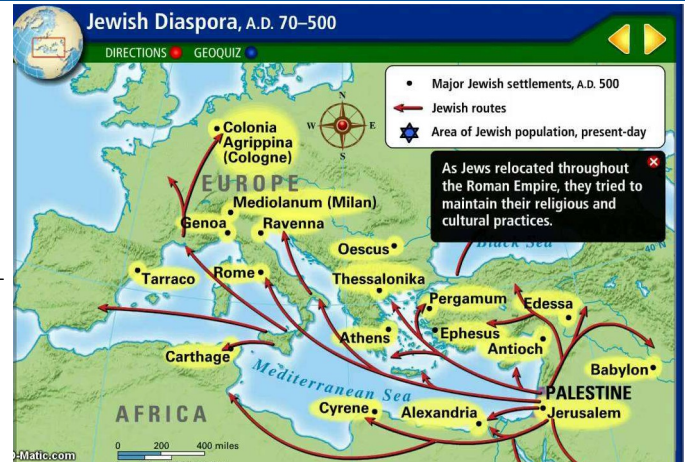
Kent Ostedgaard gave the Business Minute. Kent works for the AMB Bank as an underwriter for commercial loans, generally in the energy sector. AMB Bank has 33 branches, most in Wyoming and western Colorado. There are three in the Denver area. They are primarily a commercial bank.

GUEST SPEAKER

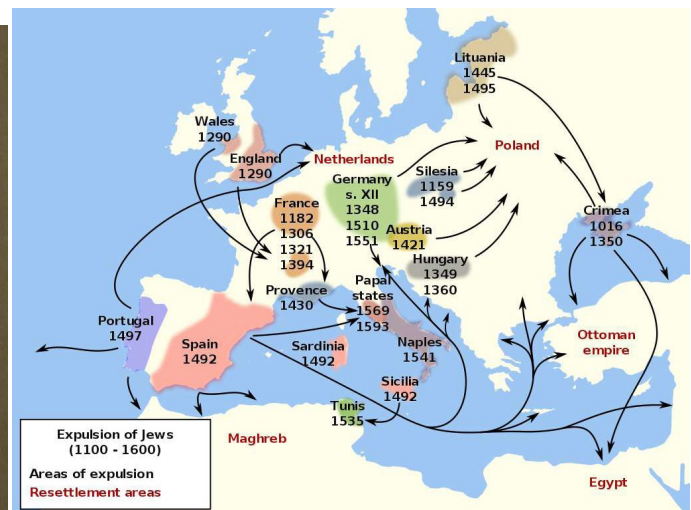


Marc Garfinkel's talk was titled "Greta's Story." Greta was Marc's mother-in-law. The talk was primarily about her time in Nazi Germany and the ordeal of escaping Germany.

Marc's talk was in two parts. The first part dealt with the movement of the Jewish people from Jerusalem. The second part was about Greta. Both parts are important.



The above map shows the movement of the Jewish people from 70 to 500 CE. The first of three Jewish-Roman wars occurred in 70 CE which started the displacement of Jewish people from Jerusalem. The next map is the expulsion of the Jewish people between 1100 and 1600



CE and where they resettled. This was the result of the Inquisition and Crusades. Jews in Germany were not immigrants. Many had been there for 25 generations. The Jews in Germany did not speak Yiddish, but spoke German and were proud of their heritage and rose to the top of many professions. Jews in Germany invented the profession of psychiatry.

According to Marc the cause of the holocaust was due to four reasons. They are 1) pogroms in Eastern Europe, 2) the Treaty of Versailles, 3) Eugenics, and 4) Adolf Hitler.

Pogroms are government sponsored persecutions of minorities. Forty-three Jews were slaughtered in the Kishinev pogrom in 1903, as shown below.



The Treaty of Versailles put very strict restrictions on Germany for war reparations. This put Germany in a perpetual state of recessions and high unemployment.

In the early part of the 20th century eugenics came into vogue. Negative eugenics reduced the reproduction of individuals with undesired traits. Hitler got the idea of eugenics from the United States. In 1925, Virginia passed the first laws in the US giving the state the power to sterilize people the state felt were feeble minded. This went to the Supreme Court and SCOTUS did not overturn the law. Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote the majority opinion supporting the law. Thirty-four states then passed eugenic laws.

Adolph Hitler took all these other things and put them on steroids.

Greta was born July 7, 1929.



Greta is the girl on the left in the front row of this class picture. Her first cousin is behind her to the right. These are the only two Jewish children in this

class picture. This was before she and her cousin were forced to leave the school because they were Jewish. Greta then went to the Bad Nauheim-Sophie Scholl School, shown below. A Jew who could no longer work because of decrees from Hitler owned this building and opened a boarding school for Jewish children.



At the time of Kristallnacht, Greta and her family, with Uncle Fritz and Gerd were warned by a Christian neighbor they had to leave that night as the Germans were rounding up Jews. They needed to get to Aunt Emma's house but couldn't because it was guarded by Germans. Their sponsorship papers for getting to America were in a trunk under a bed in the attic at the house. They went to a train station to hide. Uncle Fritz went out to scout the situation and did not return. Uncle Gerd did the same and did not return. Robert, Greta's father, went out and returned later that expected. Robert saw Fritz and Gerd taken by the SS and put on a flatbed truck with other Jewish men. The next day they made their way back to Emma's house and found the Germans had pretty much destroyed it. All of the furniture had been destroyed and burned in the house. The staircase to the upper floors was seriously damaged from the fire, but Robert was able to make it up the stairs to the attic and found the trunk under the bed and retrieved the sponsorship papers. There were also able to get Fritz and Gerd out of a concentration camp by showing the Germans the sponsorship papers.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 15—PrimeTimers, Movie Night, Forest Gump
 Oct 16—Jessica Sidener, Night Out with Girls 501(c)(3)
 Oct 18—PrimeTimers, Brain Games
 Oct 20—Food Collection, King Soopers, Arapahoe and Parker Rds
 Oct 22—PrimeTimers, Happy Hour, Rock Bottom Brewery
 Oct 23—World Polio Day, Marny Eulberg
 Oct 30—Christy Kopp, Kids Mobility Network
 Nov 13—Classification Talks
 Nov 20—Kent Ostedgaard, RYLA Presentations
 Nov 14—Board Meeting
 Dec 7—Holiday Party
 Dec 12—Holiday Party

They made their way to a port in Germany and got passage on the Hamburg.



They made their way to New York City where they had relatives that were able to put them in an apartment.

In 2000, Marc and his family went back to Germany to tour Greta's places. She met many of her old friends and had a reunion with them.



Picture on the left is Gerta's old house. On the right is her old school house.

CLUB BUSINESS

- Mary Alice said that PrimeTimers will be working on knit hats and blankets for infants at Littleton Adventist Hosp. Volunteers to help are needed.
- Anne West said the November Meals on Wheels schedule will be out next week.
- Ken Buck announced a food drive for the Center for American Indians on Nov 11 from 9 to 12 at the Kings Soopers at Parker and Arapahoe Roads.
- Ken Hope announce there will be a Xmas tree meeting next Tuesday after the club meeting.

BLUE MARBLE



Paul Horiuchi was unable to find the elusive blue marble.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1974 Oskar Schindler dies

German businessman Oskar Schindler, credited with saving 1,200 Jews from the Holocaust, dies at the age of 66.

A member of the Nazi Party, he ran an enamel-works factory in Krakow during the German occupation of Poland, employing workers from the nearby Jewish ghetto. When the ghetto was liquidated, he persuaded Nazi officials to allow the transfer of his workers to the Plaszow labor camp, thus saving them from deportation to the death camps. In 1944, all Jews at Plaszow were sent to Auschwitz, but Schindler, at great risk to himself, bribed officials into allowing him to keep his workers and set up a factory in a safer location in occupied Czechoslovakia.