



The District Flag is handed over to Past Gov. Peter Wohlrab by Gov. Ms Mayam Rasian

A German Governor as Guest in Egypt

A visit of the District Conference in Hurghada deepens the friendship and evidences a somewhat different procedure in comparison to district conferences in Germany

District Gov. Peter Wohlrab and Frank Müller-Römer, Chairman of the German Section of the Intercountry Committee Egypt, visited the District Conference 2451 in Hurghada at the Red Sea. Last year, Frank Müller-Römer attended the 2016 District Conference in Assuan in the company of District Gov. Gerhard Zierl. Gov. Wohlrab made reference to the long standing and most successful Rotarian activities between Egypt and his home district as well as with a number of other German clubs in joint projects which are to be continued in the future.

Education and Drinking Water

Frank Müller-Römer described a number of social project which were completed in a fair cooperation between Egyptian and German clubs, in particular the reading and writing lessons for girls and young women from rural areas, the connection of houses owned by poor people to the public drinking water supply system and to the sewage, as well as the support of hospital in need of acquiring necessary equipment. Part of the drinking water projects were completed with the help of substantial subsidies from the Federal Republic of Germany plus financial support from RDG Düsseldorf.

The presence of the German governor from the leading district for help measures in Egypt was greatly appreciated by the conference members. With the exception of the governor from the former District No. 2450 (Lebanon), Peter Wohlrab was the only “foreign” governor present.

This is the way things are run in Egypt

The district conference 2451 lasted three days. Approximately 600 male and female Rotarians (plus 200 spouses) were in attendance (about one whole half of Egyptian Rotarians are females). The topic of the 2016 meeting was “Women as part of human Societies”. Both the Egyptian Minister for Social Questions (a woman) and the Minister of Health were among the speakers of the convention.

In comparison to Germany, the Egyptian District Conference means a lot more to the local clubs and their members. It is the highlight of each Rotarian year, which is why a great deal of propaganda for the 2017 conference in Cairo was visible in Hurghada, and early bookings were accepted during the 2016 conference.

Details of the Egyptian social projects completed during the last few years are available in the internet

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Frank Müller-Römer