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## Today's Meeting News

- **Hosts**
  - **Greeters**



Greeter Ruth Deming





- **Presiding Officer**
  - Jody Howard
- **Reporter**
  - Cal Tuttle
- **Photographer**
  - Spencer Ruffner
- **Publisher**
  - Spencer Ruffner
  - Lana Archer
- **Invocation**
  - Ron Publiski
- **Song Leader**
  - Dan Meikle at the piano
- **Guests**



- Dwayne DeRemer, son of Ken DeReme





Alex King, son of Cathi King

## • President Announcements



Jody Howard

- Installation Banquet will be September 29, at the American Legion with our caterer Lisa providing the meal. There will be no AM meeting that day.

Next Tuesday 9/8 there will be a short board meeting after our meeting to vote on new applications.

Two letters of resignation have been received and were passed around: Sharell Gehrke and Heather Master.

## • Announcements

- Ⓢ **Chamber of Commerce Member of the Week:** Friends Who Care.





Mike McAran announced that next year the dues will be reduced from \$220 to \$200 but breakfast will NOT be included. He explained the breakfast option sheet that was provided to members for consideration. With the loss of MIS income we need to change the way we fund our breakfast, so members will pay at the door weekly for breakfast. There will be an option of paying for breakfast in advance instead of paying each week at the door. Options were: #1 - Eggs, 2 meat, oatmeal, fruit, orange juice and coffee with set up \$5, #2 - Eggs, 2 meat, orange juice and coffee with set up \$4 or #3 - Donuts @ \$9 per dozen and coffee with no set-up. WE would have to pick up donuts and prepare coffee. We will vote on our choice next Tuesday, September 8.



Cal Tuttle, Flag Project, announced Thursday, September 3 is planting day. We will plant 278 this time and they will remain up until after 9-11. There were also signs available for members to display and advertise our project at flag locations.

- Spencer Ruffner asked for volunteers Web page committee to improve and revise our website. And Wendy Brys said a new Facebook page will be available soon.





Doug Bird circulated a sign-up sheet for "Chips Ahoy" on September 12 at 9 AM. This event will count with Lenawee United Way as a Day of Action event. AND Sharon Hawley said that there will be a cutting of invasive plants and dabbing them with chemicals on September 19. 7<sup>th</sup> graders will also be working in the area on October 15th and 16th.

### o **50/50 Drawing**

Carry over

### • **Fine Session**



Finemaster, Gayle Hazelbaker, "Reading is enhanced with pot". OR  
September trivia

Eat peanuts on September 13. It is national Peanut and Fortune Cookie Day.

September 22 is national Elephant and Rabbit day.

What song has the line "days grow short and nights grow long"? *Answer: September song*

September is named for what? *Answer: Roman number 7*

### Special Fines and Happy Dollars



Wendy Brys for attending as our delegate at District Convention where there were over 400 in attendance.



Doug Bird for sitting separate from other members at the Adrian Kiwanis interclub. Adrian failed to collect so we received the buck.

## • Birthdays and Anniversaries



Wendy Brys Birthday, September 5.

## • Program



## Chuck Gehrke, Part 1 – Trip to Israel

Pilgrims of Hope, Study and Solidarity Tour 2015 with Indiana Center for Middle East Peace.

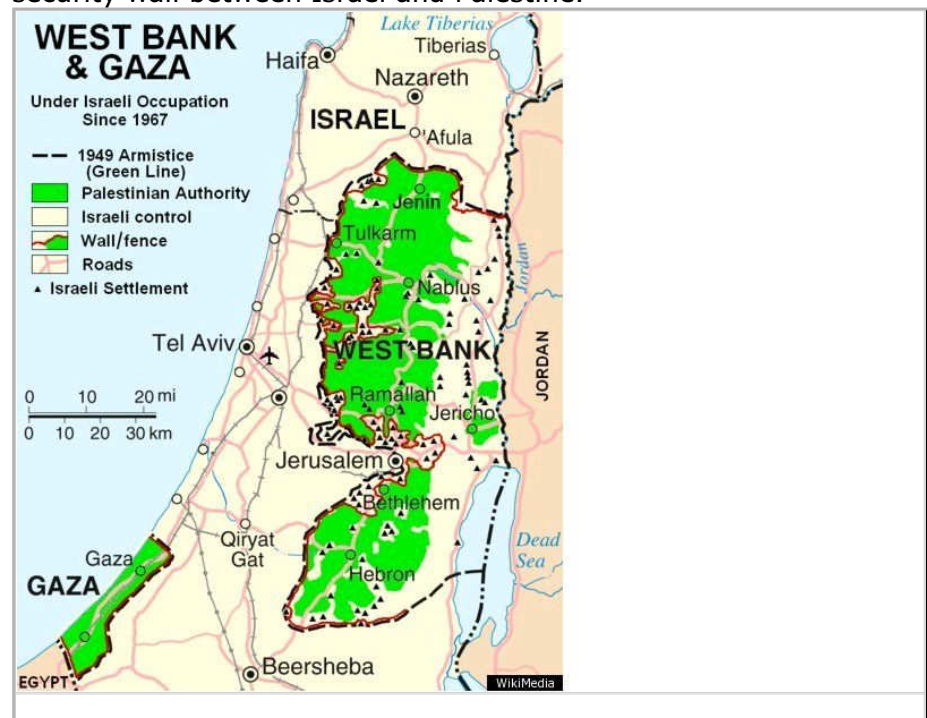


Chuck Gehrke

Purpose: to educate, for peace and justice, inter cultural understanding locally and globally.

Chuck provided insight into the Israeli-Palestinian Territorial story.

The land was split following the 6 Day war. There is a 25 foot high security wall between Israel and Palestine.





Post 6 day War (1967) E. Jerusalem areas are viewed by the International Community as Occupied Territory with Israel being the Occupying Power. In 2015 the international community considers W. Bank as Disputed Territory (Not Occupied)

International Law Art. 49 , 4<sup>th</sup> Geneva Convention:

Prohibits the transfer of the occupying country's population to the occupied territory. This means Israel can't or shouldn't move/allow settlers into the "Occupied Territories." The "Occupied Territories" are to be maintained "status quo" until negotiations determine the conditions of a piece settlement. Any settlement in either the W. Bank or E. Jerusalem are (according to International Law) illegal.

By Israel's definition: E. Jerusalem's and the W. Bank's settlements, are not illegal ("Disputed Territories") and any actions taken in these locations are legal.

1. **Areas occupied by Palestinians**

1. **Public services –**

shortage of 1000 classrooms

Unreliable and erratic trash and garbage pickup.

2. **Poor infrastructure** maintenance

3. **Limited and unreliable-**

movement across the wall

medical care – both emergent and routine, employment

4. **Settlers:** harassment, intimidation, vandalize Palestinians

2. **W. Bank – Area C**

1. all construction must be approved by Israeli army they seldom approve Palestinian requests
2. Essentially all requested construction by Israeli settlers is okayed by the government.
3. no Palestinian involvement in planning in Area
4. 70% of Palestinians not connected to water
5. Area C has best grazing and agricultural land
6. Area C has most of W. Bank natural resources and water
7. 99% of Area C off limits to Palestinians
8. **300K Israelis vs 150K Palestinians**

Just within the past week the Israeli government acting in the W. Bank Area C destroyed 63 homes in 10 Palestinian villages. This left 132 people homeless including 82 children.

2007 – 2010: 10,000 Palestinian olive trees cut and burned by Israeli settlers

On 8/17/15 Israeli forces uprooted olive trees in Palestinian famers fields. This left 58 Christian families without their livelihood.

## • Future Meeting Responsibilities

\*= tentative - to be confirmed with Kelly Coffin

Date	Note Taker	Greeters	Greeters	Invocation	Fines	Program Chair	Program Description
<b>September 8</b>	Sharon Hawley	George Edison	Mike Becker	*Jerry Wolf	Susan Gilmore	Cahti King	Cathi King -- Trip to Israel Part 2
<b>September 15</b>	Anne Walker	John Bartram			Sharon Hawley	Megan Porter	Bronna Kahle--Walk to End Alzheimers

<b>September 22</b>	Kelly Coffin	Lana Archer	Doug Bird		<b>*Ron Wimple</b>	<b>*Dan Meikle</b>	Downtown Renovations
<b>September 29</b>	NA	NA	NA	Brian Callaghan	NA	Kiwanis Club	Installation Banquet



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