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Rotary Club



of New York



MANKIND IS OUR BUSINESS

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The Princeton Club – 15 W 43rd Street

HOLIDAY PARTY



MAURA MOLLOY

The Rotary Club of New York is proud to welcome children from the 4th grade class at P.S. 192 in Harlem, who will be performing a song of special significance -- a song that they wrote themselves.

In the wake of September 11th, the youngsters wanted their song to focus on the American flag and the role that it has played in our city's and our country's recovery. With their teachers, Damian Duckley, and Maura Molloy, a vocalist and songwriter, the students have explored the evolution of the flag throughout its history, and have incorporated their new knowledge in to the lyrics.

There are many wonderful sites on the Internet that tell the history of the American flag. The children of P.S. 192 do not have access to the Internet, so New York Cares sponsored a trip to an Internet café in Times Square, so the children could do their research.

On their way to Times Square, they were amazed by how many places the flag is now flying, and they talked about how seeing the flag makes them feel free and proud to be American.

Each month, youngsters from this class learn about different musical traditions and styles by going on field trips and attending live musical performances with New York Cares volunteers. New York Cares is proud to partner with the faculty and children of P.S. 192, and the faculty and children of so many other schools throughout New York City, to help give kids some extra time to read, experience using the Web, appreciate the arts – and, overall, broaden their horizons.

MENU FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY

Appetizer: Wild Mushroom Ravioli

Entrée: Sliced Sirloin Dessert: White Chocolate Mousse Snowman

Price: Coupon + \$5 Payable At The Reception Desk



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 18th
Holiday Party

December 25th
NO MEETING

January 1st
NO MEETING

January 8th
Vincent LoCascio
Author



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

MEMBERS' COLUMN

Vocational Service Division

I want to give you a brief report of the activities of the Vocational Service Division so far this year. Rotary International is running an essay and poster contest with the "Mankind Is Our Business – How Does Helping Others Make The World A Better Place?" Open to youngsters ages 12-15, first prize is a trip to Barcelona for the youngster and his/her parents. We contacted approximately 55 schools in our area to solicit entries. We have selected the winner to represent our Club and have submitted that entry to our District Governor.

Also as part of the Vocational Service Division project this year; we plan to visit several high schools in our area to meet with students who are juniors and seniors and who are planning their future careers. Here we require your help. The aim of the visit is to tell these students what we do for a living and to try to turn them on to our chosen professions. Many of us attended public schools. We have a chance here to inspire and inform students about what we do for a living and how we came to do it, and perhaps to help them make informed choices for their future.

We are looking for volunteers to visit these high schools for a 15-20 minute presentation. If you are interested, please contact Bill Goldman at (212) 984-6277 or Don Stern at (212) 790-6310.

Rotarian - Don Stern

Habitat for Humanity – Ceramic Tile Donation

Members of the recently formed Rotary Club committee for Habitat for Humanity - Clarence Plummer, Louis DiPaolo, Saul Anton and Matthew Salerno - would like to thank immensely Jacqueline Greaves, Vicki Ramos of the Italian Trade Commission and Christine Abbate of Novita for their assistance with a 20-unit residential project at Willoughby Street in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. The Italian Trade Commission and Novita will donate ceramic tile manufactured by Italian Ceramic Tile Companies for the project. Chris Abbate will contact Mary Pat Holtgreive of Habitat for Humanity for the specific requirements and arrangements. Matthew Salerno will be the contact person from the Rotary Club in assisting and answering any questions.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIVISION BREAKFAST MEETING

The next breakfast meeting of the International Division will take place at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, January 23, at the German Mission restaurant, at First Ave., between 48th & 49th Street top floor. Two UN speakers, who are authorities on women's issues will discuss "Liberalization of Women: Key Roles for Education and Peacemaking." Forty-five people attended the last breakfast meeting, and this breakfast will be even more popular. RSVP to the office at your earliest convenience, as seating is limited.

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

After spirited song and the invocation, President Helen Reisler opened the meeting, addressing issues regarding the WTC Disaster Relief Fund. She updated the membership on the advisory committee, which is reviewing the use of the fund and assessing the needs. Executive Director Andreas Runggatscher, announced that the amount collected to date for the Fund was \$1,114,000. President Helen emphasized that these funds will be used to help victims of the 9/11 disaster, particularly those whose needs may have "fallen through the cracks." She read letters of greeting and support from Rotarians who have given to the Fund and visited the Club. RCNY Vice President, Clarence Plummer announced developments in the Club's Habitat for Humanity Committee. Christine Marchi introduced the visiting Rotarians.

Dr. Mark Skousen, President of the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE), was introduced by Larry Parks as the speaker of the week. He recounted his opportunity to jog with then President Clinton and to share ideas. Dr. Skousen reviewed his world map of "economically free" countries, evaluated on the basis of indices including economic regulation, level of taxation and size of government. His basic thesis is that the high GDP of certain nations is directly correlated to the existence of more economic freedom.

The holiday festivities for December 18 were announced.

Yours in Rotary, Greg Lynch

Ambassadors of Peace Youth Orchestra Concert

Sunday, December 16 at 4PM

**Queens Borough Community College Theater
at 222-05 56th Avenue in Queens**

Directions from 42nd Street:

Go to 42nd St. and go East to 2nd Avenue

1. Turn right on 2nd Avenue go South
2. Turn left on the Midtown Tunnel (I-495)
3. Continue on I-495 and go East for 12 miles
4. Exit I-495 via ramp to Horace Harding Expressway South
5. Continue on Horace Harding Expressway South
6. Turn left on Springfield Boulevard and go for 0.3 miles to 222-05 56th Avenue.

See you there,

Giorgio Balestrieri, Chair of the International Service Division

DECEMBER ROTARIAN ISSUE FEATURES

- Ground Zero and Rotary Club of New York
- Rotary in Eastern Europe
- Rotary's Next Generation
- PolioPlus in Ghana
- Rotaractors Honored - RCNY

