

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK

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Gerald Zelikovsky, M.D., is a Clinical Professor of Urology at New York University Medical School and the Chief of Urology at Beth Israel North Medical Center in New York City. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a Diplomat of the American Board of Urology. Dr. Zelikovsky formed a foundation, which is the name of the unit he served with in Vietnam and stands for "Military Provincial Hospital Advisory Program-Team 19." The mission of this foundation is to improve the delivery of medical care to Southeast Asia and also to improve the education of the local medical establishment. This foundation furnishes medical equipment and computers to seek medical information on the Internet and trained American medical specialists to instruct physicians in their local hospitals. Dr. Zelikovsky plans on expanding aid to the impoverished communities to include small district dispensaries, orphanages and schools in remote areas.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR RSVP CARD FOR HELEN'S INAUGURATION, PLEASE SEND IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOUR PRESENCE ON THIS DAY IS VERY IMPORTANT. IF YOU CANNOT LOCATE THE RSVP CARD, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE DIRECTLY OR SEND AN E-MAIL.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 26th
BOARD MEETING
The Princeton Club –
10:30 a.m.
CANCELLED

June 26th
Gerald Zelikovsky, M.D.
Urologist

July 3rd
NO MEETING

***** July 10th
PRESIDENT'S DAY
Helen Reisler's
Inauguration

July 17th
Frank Branconi,
Citizens Housing Planning

July 24th
Elaine Berg –
NY Organ Donor Network

July 31st
FELLOWSHIP DAY

August 7th
Gary Shapiro

MEMBERS' COLUMN

THANKS, SERGE

ALL PRESIDENTS BRING SOMETHING TO OUR CLUB
EACH DOES IT IN A DIFFERENT WAY.
SO I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO SHOW WHAT SERGE HAS DONE, TODAY.

SERGE MAY "RUFFLE FEATHERS"
IN THE WAY HE GOES ABOUT IT
BUT HE'S THE ONE WHO GETS THINGS DONE
AND NOBODY CAN DOUBT IT.

WHEN OUR BELOVED FRAN
DECIDED TO CHANGE HER POSITION
THINGS WERE PRETTY DIFFICULT
DURING THE TRANSITION.

WE FORMED A COMMITTEE TO DO A "SEARCH"
WHICH COULD HAVE TAKEN FOREVER
BEFORE WE'D FIND SOMEONE TO SUIT OUR NEEDS
WHO WAS EFFICIENT, WARM AND CLEVER.

THEN ALONG CAME SERGE
AND "SET THE FIRE."
BEFORE WE KNEW IT
WE HAD SOMEONE TO HIRE.

HE RECRUITED ANDREAS
WHO HAD THE BACKGROUND WE'D NEED
TO MAKE IT EASIER
FOR A PRESIDENT TO LEAD.

BUT ANDREAS WAS CONTENT
AT HIS PRESENT LOCATION
BEFORE SERGE CONVINCED HIM
ROTARY WAS HIS REAL VOCATION.

WHEN WE DISCOVERED OUR COMPUTER WAS OUTDATED
WHICH INTERFERED WITH OUR WEBSITE VISION
SERGE TOOK THE BOARD IN HAND
AND THEY MADE A REALISTIC AND FAST DECISION.

IN OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN
WHICH GIVES US CLUB NEWS
SERGE GAVE US A COLUMN
TO EXPRESS OUR VIEWS

WE CAN EXCHANGE IDEAS
NO MATTER HOW WE FEEL
WHICH SOMETIMES IS IMPOSSIBLE
DURING A LUNCHEON MEAL.

AND OUR BUDGET DIDN'T END UP
IN THE "RED."
IT ENDED "BALANCED OUT" INSTEAD.

WE ARE NOW POINTED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
WE ARE ON THE RIGHT COURSE
AND UPON SERIOUS REFLECTION
WE NEEDED SERGE'S "DRIVING FORCE."

BY HELEN REISLER
A TRIBUTE TO SERGE HADJOLIAN
PRESIDENT, ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK
2000-2001

SERGE,

YOU STIMULATED PEOPLE INTO ACTIVE THOUGHT AND GOT THEIR "JUICES" STIRRING. WHETHER THEY AGREED OR DISAGREED WITH VARIOUS DECISIONS OR ACTIONS WAS NOT QUITE AS IMPORTANT AS THE FACT THAT THEIR PASSIONS WERE ACTIVATED AND THEY STARTED TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY REALLY WANTED FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS CLUB. SO "THANK YOU", SERGE, FOR BEING OUR CATALYST AND WE WILL CARRY ON INTO THE 21ST CENTURY WITH THE LIGHT YOU LIT.

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

TRANSITION DAY (Tuesday, June 19, 2001)

President Serge opened the Transition Day meeting with The Star-Spangled Banner, led by Edward Gray, followed by the invocation by Charles Coupet. Executive Director Andreas Runggatscher introduced Laura Hadjolian (Serge's wife), among other guests. He also introduced the visiting Rotarians 6 from various states and 5 from abroad.

President Serge gave the Annual State of the Rotary Club of NY presentation as he completed his time in office. First he gave a brief history of the Rotary Club of New York since founding in 1909. He pointed out that one of the objectives of his administration was to open the classification of membership to attract more members. It was apparent from the recent vote despite opposition from a few in the club, that his efforts toward open classifications had succeeded. He expressed his thanks to the membership for their support. He stated that we must learn from the history of Rotary and the ideals formulated in the bylaws of 1922.

President Serge then gave special mention to the many members of the Club who have headed worthwhile programs including:

- The Alfred D. Furth International Service Division
- The Mongolian Children's Aid and Development Fund
- The Rotary Information Committee
- Rotary in Vietnam and Rotary Club in Romania
- Rotary Relations with the U.N.
- Children at Risk, Polio Plus and Avoidable Blindness

Further information on the year's programs was covered in the text of President Serge's address, printed in full in the Rotary bulletin.

The President then invited Helen Reisler to the podium, where he presented her with the gavel as the new President. Ms. Reisler accepted and read an original poem she had written (published in this bulletin), and lauded the many programs and the steady course set by the outgoing RCNY President.

Past President, Ed Gray then introduced 6 past Presidents and presented a medal and pin to President Serge and the President's medals to the incoming President.

President Helen Reisler urged a large attendance at her inauguration on July 10th.

Rotarian – William A. Hall



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Annual dues and advance luncheon coupon statements for the first half of the fiscal year 2001-2002 are included in this mailing. As per the bylaws, statements are payable in full by June 30, 2001. If you have any questions about your membership, please call the office. For your convenience, we do accept credit cards by fax at (212) 819-0763.