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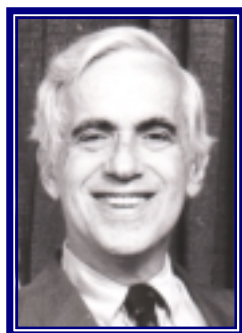
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# HENRY STERN

**CITY OF NEW YORK  
PARKS COMMISSIONER**

## NEW PARK DEVELOPMENT

Henry Stern, who was born in New York City, has been the Parks and Recreation Commissioner since January 1994. Mr. Stern was appointed by Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani. He is responsible for the administration of 28,569 acres of City parkland with a workforce of 2,042 full-time employees, and an annual expense budget of \$209 million, and capital budget of \$250 million. He is a Trustee of 22 cultural institutions, including the American Museum of Natural History, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

He was also Parks Commissioner from April 1983 to February 1990, as an appointee of Mayor Edward I. Koch.

In addition, he has held the following positions:

- President of the Citizens Union of the City of New York 1990-1993
- Council Member at Large (Liberal – Manhattan) 1974-1983
- First Deputy Commissioner and Associate Commissioner 1969-1973
- Assistant City Administrator 1967-1969
- Executive Director of the City of NY's Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Affairs 1966-1967
- Assistant to the Borough President 1962-1965
- Law Clerk to Justice Matthew M. Levy 1957-1961



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Hon. Henry Stern**  
**Park Commissioner**

**January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**FELLOWSHIP DAY**  
**BOARD MEETING**

**February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Andrew Stuttaford**  
**Journalist**  
*National Review Online*

**February 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lisa Suhay**  
**Author**

# MEMBERS' COLUMN



Fellow Rotarians,

There is no doubt that, even though things seem to have calmed down a little, we are still living in a time of emotional stress and uncertainty. I would like to suggest one solution that has been proven to relieve the constant anxiety people experience when they feel a loss of control-----GET INVOLVED IN HELPING OTHERS!!

We, in Rotary, have the perfect setting to accomplish this. We have committees composed of members who will work with us to reach a variety of worthwhile goals. Speak to Barney Barnet if you want to help relieve the fears of little children, in hospital waiting rooms by reading to them. See Don Stern or Bill Goldman if you have at least one day in the year to describe your business activities to high-school students so they can better understand various career choices.

Meet with our "New York Rotary 9/11 Adoption/Vacation Committee" on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11a.m., right before our luncheon. We are coordinating with Rotary clubs around the world who are offering vacations and adoptions to rescue workers and victims' families.

Speak with me about other committees. I will be happy to guide you in the "right" direction. You have the power to be the change you want to make in the world. This is the perfect time to activate it.

Yours in Rotary,  
President Helen

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

**\$30**  
**LUNCHEON COUPONS**

Advance luncheon coupon statements for the second half of the fiscal year 2001-2002 have been mailed. As per the bylaws, statements were payable in full by December 31, and are now due. Please make your payment as soon as possible.

You are required to pay for six months' worth of 20 luncheon coupons for \$30 each, coming to a total of \$600. Please remember that once you use all 20 coupons, you must pay \$30 at the door.

If you have any questions about your membership status, please call the office. For your convenience, we do accept credit cards by fax.

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU BRING YOUR COUPON TO EACH LUNCHEON YOU ATTEND.**

## REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 15, 2002

President Helen Reisler welcomed all members and guests. Scarlett Pildes sang the national anthem, and Bernard Fabricius delivered the invocation. He listed the major developments of the past four months, with thanks for uniting us in Rotary.

While we ate lunch (squid salad, Moroccan chicken, and cheesecake), Helen introduced a special guest, Bill Ryan from the Fire Department. He said he had been too busy working and going to funerals to thank everyone. He expressed gratitude for their gifts.

Helen inducted three new members: Dr. Mark Fromer, Dr. Bonnie Kellen, and Volker Detering. Our Ambassadorial Scholar Kosuke Takahashi said a few words and brought many banners for members.

President Helen thanked all at the main table for contributing their time. She also thanked Bill De Long, back from Asia, who had people send hundreds of e-mails to Helen.

Our guest speaker was Maureen Casey, former Deputy Commissioner of Policy and Planning at the New York Police Department. Her fascinating talk outlined her work with DNA initiatives for law enforcement and criminal justice. She said DNA technology has enabled police to identify people with such small clues as skin cells on a briefcase and sweat on a collar. DNA also is used to prevent counterfeiting, solve cases including paternity and was even used in a particular divorce case. It establishes a reliable identification and guards against mistaken eyewitness testimony.

The New York state police maintain a statewide database of criminals' DNA. Both Gov. Pataki and former Mayor Giuliani have been very supportive of the database, which is heavily regulated.

DNA also enables identification in disasters and brings closure to victims' families. It was recently used to identify victims of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 and the World Trade Center attack.

Lillian Coury introduced five visiting Rotarians - from Canada, Russia, Germany, Pennsylvania, and Illinois. David Dingle led us in our welcome song.

Helen closed the meeting and thanked us all for coming. She reminded us that the 9/11 committee was meeting after lunch and is working to send families to Rotarians in other countries.

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## 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 Avenue, between 48<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> Street, on the 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 promises to be even more popular. RSVP to the office at your earliest convenience, as seating is limited.