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ROTARY SCHOLARS' DAY



The primary purpose of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. The Ambassadorial Scholarships Program supports the mission of the Rotary Foundation to promote international understanding and world peace and fostering a lifelong association between Rotary and its scholars.

A unique benefit of the scholarship program is the scholar's association with Rotary Clubs and Rotarians. Our Scholars are nearing the end of the 2001-2002 school year and are eager to share their experiences with us. Ambassadorial scholars will each be asked to give a three-minute talk. This is our chance show our support of their efforts in every way possible.

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CALENDAR

March 26th
ROTARY SCHOLARS' DAY

Dr. Joseph Skelly

April 2nd
Dr. Walker Todd, Esq.

April 9th
Fellowship Day

April 16th
FIREFIGHTER'S
RECOGNITION DAY

April 23rd
Fellowship Day

April 30th
Jeanine Pirro
District Attorney

May 7th
Dick Morris
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REPORTER OF THE WEEK

March 19, 2002

It was another memorable Ireland Day. President Helen convened the celebration with the singing of both Irish and U.S. national anthems by Maura Malloy. Camilo UY gave the benediction. Jim Thompson introduced our Rotarian guests: one from France and five from the U.S. Werner Kobelt, Chairman of the N.Y. Rotary Foundation presented a check for \$25,000 to "City Meals on Wheels" which will be used to provide shelf-stable food for the city's homebound elderly.

We had our own corned beef and cabbage, and courtesy of St. Andrew's Restaurant, two lucky raffle holders will soon be enjoying dinner for two. Chairman of the Day, Tim O'Brien, then introduced our speaker Father Joseph A. O'Hare, the 31st President of Fordham University. Ordained in 1961, he has devoted his long and illustrious career to improving relations between the University and the city he calls home through creative partnerships throughout the Bronx and Manhattan. He has also collected nine honorary doctorates. Father O'Hare treated us to several flavorful Irish jokes including the Irish Alzheimer when you forget everything except your grudges.

The seven million Irish who have come to the United States and particular to New York City, the capitol of the world, to use Pope John Paul II's expression have come for food, faith and freedom. The women were the first to come and often worked as domestic help. Men came later building our roads, railroads and other public infrastructure. The Irish in New York City have come a long ways from the days of the great Potato Famine, Father O'Hare told us. Although there were certainly many Irish names among the 343 firefighters and policemen on 9/11 there were also a good proportion among the stock-brokers and analysts.

Maura Malloy and her talented group, underwritten by Tim O'Brien, entertained us with great medleys of Irish folksongs mostly about those workers who went west to build the railroad or fought in the Civil War. The raffle was centered on New York Irish factoids with many CDs of Irish music as prizes. We want to thank Tim's mother, Teresa, for her delicious home cooked soda bread.

Rotarian, Frances Vieta



WTC DISASTER RELIEF FUND- GRANTS DISTRIBUTIONS UPDATE

Jim Thompson

During the last meeting of the Trustees of our Foundation on February 28th following 9/11 related Grants were approved: City Meals on Wheels- \$25,000 for food distribution to home bound elderly and sick New Yorkers in the Battery Park area and the restocking of shelf-stable food. After the events of 9/11 the request for these services has increased tremendously. Individual Grants of \$10,000 were approved for Leonore Raimondi and Eugene Mckenna. Grants of \$5,000 to Dorothy Giovinazzo and Dolores La Verde. Each of these individual Grant recipients has lost a loved one in the tragic events of 9/11 and is now struggling financially. It is our hope that these Grants will ease the financial burden for a few months until Federal monies are distributed to these families.

Jim Thompson who together with our President and Committee Founder Helen Reisler is coordinating the 9/11 Adoption Committee went to see each family personally and besides offering comfort to them he was able to verify the legitimacy of their requests and present them to the Board of Trustees. The Rotary Club of New York would like to thank Jim for his outstanding service above self.

Andreas Runggatscher, Executive Director