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FIREFIGHTERS RECOGNITION DAY

NICHOLAS SCOPPETTA

COMMISSIONER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK



Nicholas Scoppetta is the Commissioner of the Fire Department of New York. Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg announced his appointment in January 2002. Mr. Scoppetta is the former Commissioner of the Administration for Children's Services (ACS). During his tenure, from 1996 to 2001, ACS engaged in a comprehensive reform of the City's child welfare system, which won praise from national child welfare experts and the media.

Mr. Scoppetta is also a former Deputy Mayor and Commissioner of Investigation for the City of New York. He has served as Associate Counsel to the Knapp Commission, as Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, as Assistant District Attorney for New York County, and as the Deputy Independent Counsel in the investigation and prosecution of a former Special Assistant to the President of the United States.

Mr. Scoppetta was born on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. When he was five years old he was placed in foster care and lived in various institutions until he was twelve. He attended public schools in Manhattan. After serving two years in the Army, he attended Bradley University on the G.I. Bill and graduated in 1958 with a degree in engineering. He attended law school at night on a New York State Regents Scholarship and worked in the criminal courts

during the day, assisting in the investigation and prosecution of cases in which children had been abused or neglected. Upon graduation from law school, he was appointed Assistant District Attorney in New York County.

In 1978, Mr. Scoppetta left public service and joined the faculty of New York University School of Law, where he was a Professor of Law and Director of the Institute of Judicial Administration. In 1980, he founded the law firm of Scoppetta & Seiff. He was in the private practice until his return to public service in 1996.

In January 1996, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani announced the creation of the Administration for Children's Services and appointed Mr. Scoppetta as the agency's first Commissioner. ACS is the City's first independent agency devoted entirely to services for children, with a commissioner reporting directly to the Mayor.

From February 1994 to January 1996, he was Chairman of the five-member Commission to Combat Police Corruption, which was created by Mayor Giuliani to monitor the New York City Police Department's anti-corruption efforts.

He lives in New York City with his wife, Susan, a psychotherapist. He has two children, Andrea, who holds a master's degree in social work and Eric, who is an attorney.

HONOREES: Chief John Jonas of Ladder Company 6 and Firefighter Hero Buddies: Bill Butler, Matt Komorowski, Mike Meldrum, Tom Falco, and Sal Dagostino.



MEMBER'S COLUMN

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A unique situation was presented to the Board of Directors, in the form of a letter, sent by past Rotaract Presidents Susanne Wetzel and Kirsten Edstrom. A copy of this letter is enclosed in every member's Bulletin envelope. Please read it carefully.

On April 9th, 2002 an emergency Board meeting was called to address this issue. After a lengthy discussion, and presentations from both Susanne and Kirsten, the Board of Directors voted to accept their invitation to have the Rotary Club of New York be the sponsor of their new Rotary Club, which would have Wednesday buffet dinners in Greenwich Village, instead of one of the other Rotary Clubs who have offered to sponsor. It was agreed that a Rotary Club of New York Club member would be appointed as advisor and attend all their board meetings. Serge Hadjolian was appointed by District Governor Andrew Cheng.

On Tuesday, April 16, 2002 at 1:45 we encourage members to stay for a question and answer session with Susanne and Kirsten, and to hear the circumstances and reasoning that led to the Board's decision.

A special meeting is called for two consecutive dates, according to the requirements of our present constitution, which will be on April 23, 2002 during "Fellowship Day" at the Princeton Club and again on April 24, 2002 at 8:30 AM at the Yale Club, Trumbull Room (50 Vanderbilt Avenue, between 44th and 45th Street) for breakfast. The ultimate purpose of these meetings will be to vote on accepting the Board's vote and to amend our constitution as follows:

"Former members of the Rotaract Club at the United Nations shall be permitted to form a dinner Rotary Club with a principal office in the Greenwich Village area in the City of New York. This club shall not use the words, "New York" in their name."

Please make every effort to attend.

Helen Reisler / President
and The Board of Directors



CALENDAR

April 16th
FIREFIGHTERS
RECOGNITION DAY

April 23rd
Fellowship Day – Special Meeting 1

April 24th
Yale Club – 8.30AM Special Meeting 2

April 30th
Jeanine Pirro
District Attorney

May 7th
Dick Morris
Vote.com

May 14th
ITALY DAY

May 21st
Janine Jackson
Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting

May 28th
ARMED FORCES DAY
Tom Ricks