

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK



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CHILDREN OF THE DUMP



MEET THE CHILDREN OF THE DUMP

Eight hundred children were found eating the garbage of the city dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua. Children three and five years old were roaming naked, through the garbage, their bodies full of sores, walking over clouds of flies just to find something to eat. They were competing against dogs and cattle, against adults and other children, just for scraps of food.

As a result of the intervention of Father Marco Dessey, and Rotarian Frank Huezo, Rotary International became involved. Find out how these children were rescued, nurtured, fed, clothed, and schooled by a multifaceted Rotary project.

Meet the boys, now ages nine to fourteen years old, who were rescued from the dump and are traveling to various parts of the world, performing in a choir, to create awareness and raise funds for the "Hunger Plus" Rotary project that saved them.

Maestro Ludwig Venegas who was rescued from the dump at the age of eight and went on to receive a scholarship to the Music Conservatory of Rome and complete a Doctorate in Percussion will direct their performance, on a variety of instruments.

Meet all the people involved in this "Rotary Miracle".

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



September 11th
"THE CHILDREN OF THE DUMP"

September 18th
HAITI DAY

September 25th
AUSTRIA DAY

October 2nd
Dr. Mark Fromer,
Laser Eye Surgery

October 9th
Hon. Gary
Ackerman

October 16th
GERMANY DAY

October 19th
EVENING OF
HARMONY

MEMBERS' COLUMN

Please mark your calendar for this year's Evening of Harmony on Friday, October 19, at the Scandinavia House. The event will be co-chaired by Greg Lynch, and Silvio Amori. Jim Morita, the founder of this great event, will give us his valued support, as well as Jack Haikala, who was able to guarantee the beautiful space at the Scandinavia House. The event will be catered by Aquavit, one of most acclaimed restaurants in New York City. Doesn't this sound mouthwatering? This will be an elegant black-tie event with lots of fun and fellowship. We are looking forward to welcoming you on October 19.

Andreas Runggatscher

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

The Board of Directors has approved the following applicants. Any written objections must be received at the Club office by September 11, 2001.

Name: Pierre Lelong
Position: Ambassador of Haiti
Company: Embassy of Haiti
Suggested Classification: Ambassador of Haiti
Sponsors: Most Rev. Bishop Roger Kosik
Most Rev. Bishop Laurent Deneux

Name: Steven S. Goldberg
Position: Sole Proprietor
Company: Steven S. Goldberg
Suggested Classification: Financial Planner / Tax
Sponsors: Saul Anton
Lillian Coury

Name: Steven V. Brock
Position: Military Advisor
Company: US Mission to the UN
Suggested Classification: Military Affairs / UN
Sponsors: Lillian Coury
Giorgio Balestrieri

Name: Roberto Mattei
Position: Owner
Company: Flornovi Ltd.
Suggested Classification: Outdoor Clothing
Sponsors: Helen Reisler
Giorgio Balestrieri

Name: Peter Zubizaretta
Position: S.V.P.
Company: Salomon Smith Barney
Suggested Classification: International Investments
Sponsors: Werner Kobelt
Serge Hadjolian



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Annual dues and advance luncheon coupon statements for the first half of the fiscal year 2001-2002, as per the bylaws, are now **PAST DUE**. 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.

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, September 4, 2001

District Governor's Day started with President Helen Reisler welcoming all members and guests to this special luncheon. Scarlett Pildes led us in singing the national anthem. Mats Ingemanson, our Webmaster, delivered the invocation, asking us to improve the world and fulfill the meaning of life.

Frances Vieta introduced five visiting Rotarians – from Japan, Switzerland, California, Connecticut, and Honolulu. Helen greeted each one and Scarlett helped us keep in tune, *sans piano*, with our welcome song.

Helen introduced Andrew Cheng, our District Governor. It seems Helen and Andrew are up until 3 A.M. sending e-mails. Such dedicated Rotarians.

Andrew started by thanking some of the active members of our club whom he has met – Dick Sainburg, Assistant Governor for the area; Greg Lynch, on the new District Insurance Committee; Mats, who is doing a great job with the Web-site and e-mail communications; Dick, and Executive Director Andreas Runggatscher, who work hard with the Rotarian scholars; and many additional active Rotarians.

The main message was Rotary's Global Quest: one new member every month. Unfortunately, Rotary lost 1.2 million members in the past year, and memberships have been decreasing worldwide in the past three years. Andrew urged us to make an effort to invite new members. With 12 million people in Greater New York, our club should be larger than our current 180 members. If each of us brings one potential member per year, even if only 70% join, we will increase our numbers rapidly. We need to show more people what we do to save lives, and help people locally and globally through numerous projects. His message is clear: PR is the way. President Helen reiterated this message. We need to become more involved in committees, tell the press about events, and let the community see what we do. Helen thanked Ms. Musk for listing our luncheons on www.crainsny.com and Mats for keeping our Web-site, NewYorkCityRotary.org, active.

Inside news from the "Reserved" table: Helen was her usual perky self despite two family crises and a computer crash; and Andrew delighted us with his keen sense of humor.

Thank you, Andrew, for your dedication and inspiration. We wish you the best for your year in office and the many active Rotary years ahead.

Rotarian – Maye Musk

