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STEVE MALANGA is a Contributing Editor of *City Journal* and a Senior Fellow at the Manhattan Institute. He writes about the intersection urban economies, business communities, and public policy.

Malanga's most recent feature in *City Journal*, "Gotham needs a GOP" (Winter 2002), argues that a meaningful Republican party presence in New York City is both possible and highly desirable. Studying the results of the last four municipal elections, he shows that key Republican ideas articulated by Mayors Giuliani and Bloomberg were embraced by New Yorkers, but that the failure of the GOP and its leadership to create a meaningful citywide organization, if it continues, will largely eliminate the possibility of serious debate on a broad spectrum of city policies. Other recent features

by Mr. Malanga include "How to Rebuild New York" (Autumn 2001), "How Political Malpractice Crippled New York's Health Care" (Summer 2001), "Why Merit Pay Will Improve Teaching" (Summer 2001), "New York's Republican Crack-Up" (Spring 2001), "How to Run the Mob Out of Gotham" (Winter 2001).

In 1995, Malanga was a finalist for a Gerald Loeb Award for Excellence in Financial Journalism for the series "Nonprofits: New York's new Tammany Hall," which he co-authored. In 1998, a series he co-authored, "Tort-ured State," about the influence of trial lawyers in New York State, was voted best investigative story of the year by the AABP. The previous year, a computer-assisted project that Steve designed, reported, and wrote on Small Business Administration loans in New York City was voted one of the year's best investigative stories by AABP. Malanga has also written articles on various topics for *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Daily News*, *New York Post*, and other publications.

Steven Malanga was born and raised in Newark, NJ. Malanga holds an M.A. in English Literature and Language from the University of Maryland, where he worked for several years as a Master Teacher helping to oversee the university's writing program. He received his B.A. in English Literature and Language from St. Vincent's College in Latrobe, PA.

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MEMBER'S COLUMN

SHARE YOUR AIR MILES WITH A RESCUE WORKER OR A WIDOW AND HER CHILDREN

They ran in when others were running out. Let's help them have a well-deserved rest. Please fill out the enclosed air mile pledge, so our 9/11 committee can continue sending our heroes and their families to be nurtured and cared for by our Rotarian friends in other countries who are volunteering these vacations.

Your President,
Helen Reisler

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 12th

Steve Malanga
City Journal

March 19th

Father Joseph O'Hare
President of Fordham University
IRELAND DAY

March 26th

Dr. Joseph Skelly
ROTARY SCHOLARS DAY

April 2nd

Fellowship Day

April 9th

Walker Todd, Esq.

April 16th

FIREFIGHTERS
RECOGNITION DAY

April 23rd

Hon. Richard Butler
Council on Foreign Relations

April 30th

Hon. Jeanine Pirro
District Attorney

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

President Helen Reisler and our guest of honor, Aidan Fontana, who rang the bell, opened Fellowship Day. Scarlett Pildes, accompanied by David Dingle on the piano, led us in the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Bill Goldman followed with the invocation. Takeshi Ueshima greeted the visiting Rotarians from three different countries and three states.

Rotarian Friedrich Jaeger from Lee Island Coast, Florida, donated a vacation to families of firefighters affected by 9/11. It was given right away to Aidan and his mother, Marian Fontana. They lost their father and husband on 9/11. Shortly after the terrorist attack, Marian founded the September 11th Widows and Victims' Families Association.

In her brief speech, she thanked Rotary for all the support and pointed out that she had never heard of Rotary before 9/11. Her current focus is on establishing the coming memorial at Ground Zero. (Web site: www.911wvfa.org)

Pat Mayfield from the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, North Carolina, presented her club's flag and a check for more than \$10,000 dedicated to the World Trade Center Relief Fund, collected by members of her small club. Thank you, Pat!

The Chairman of the foundation, Werner Kobelt, pointed out that the smaller the clubs, the more they donate relatively to the bigger ones, including New York (!).

Helen then talked about the need for more publicity for the Rotary Club. She sees no contradiction between doing service and trying to get the word out. Helen argued that it is indeed crucial for the success of Rotary to communicate the good deeds and information Rotary provides to the community.

Our guest, Gabriele Colombo from the Rotary Club of Milan, Italy, told us about their fight against the terrible tropical disease "Buruli Ulcer", which since 1980 has emerged as significant cause of human suffering that is related to tuberculosis and leprosy. As to other proof of the global solidarity of Rotary, he told us about 1,500 pineapples which were sent in by the club in Abidjan (Ivory Coast). They were sold for at least \$5 apiece in Milan to raise money to support the campaign of the World Health Organization (<http://www.who.int/inf-fs/en/fact199.html>).

The remaining time was used to enjoy the company of other fellow Rotarians.

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MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

The Board of Directors has approved the following applicant. Any written objections must be received at the Club office by March 12, 2002.

Henry Kang _____

President

Company:

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Suggested Classification:

Acquisitions / Investments

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