

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK



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## RICHARD A. MATASAR



Richard A. Matasar, joined the faculty of New York Law School in July 2000 as its 15<sup>th</sup> Dean and President and as a Professor of Law.

A nationally recognized scholar in civil procedure and federal jurisdiction, Dean Matasar was the Levin, Mable & Levin Professor of Law at the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law. He served as the college's ninth dean from July 1996 to August 1999.

During his tenure at one of the ten largest law schools in the nation, he created and implemented the school's first comprehensive strategic plan. His vision led to the development of several new research centers and an expanded international presence for the college. During Dean Matasar's time as dean, the law school successfully completed a fundraising campaign of over \$40 million and tripled its endowment.

Dean Matasar was also dean of the Chicago-Kent College of Law from 1991 to 1996. During his tenure at Chicago-Kent, the school's endowment rose from \$5 million to more than \$17 million. At the University of Iowa College of Law, Richard Matasar was promoted to Professor of law, and taught there from 1980 to 1991. He also served as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, 1989 to 1991.

Dean Matasar has published extensively in scholarly and academic venues. His specialties include civil procedure, constitutional litigation, federal jurisdiction, trial advocacy and professionalism. He most recently taught a course that parallels the content of his book, *Federal Courts: Theory and Practice* (Little, Brown & Co., 1996), which was written with R.N. Clinton & M. Collins.

In addition to writing about the legal profession and higher education, he speaks to professional and community organizations throughout the country about the many changes necessary to make legal education more effective in the future.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR



August 14th  
Richard Matasar  
New York Law School

August 21st  
Peter Beinart  
Editor, The New Republic

August 28th  
Fellowship Day  
Board Meeting

Sept. 4th  
District Governor's Day

Sept. 11th  
Barry Mawn  
FBI

Sept. 18th  
International Day  
Haiti Day

Sept. 25th  
Fellowship Day

## MEMBERS' COLUMN

*If the electric plug in the wall in any outlet has two blades of equal width, one with a fat end and one with a pinched end, these polarized blades were patented in U.S. Patent No .3, 149,898. My intellectual property law firm filed and obtained that patent. Much to my surprise, for the bicentennial of the United States Patent Statute, the commemorative poster showed that polarized plug.*

**Arthur Auslander**

## BILL DeLONG, AN ADVENTUROUS HUMANITARIAN

When Bill DeLong joined the Rotary Club of New York in 2000, few of us realized what an unusual person we had in our midst. His passion for humanitarian projects around the world, coupled with the energy of a 21 year old, has led him on numerous adventures.

His latest humanitarian mission has taken him to Nairobi, Kenya on a volunteer project "Save Africa Mission." He left on July 19th to assist doctors, nurses and volunteers from around the globe who are setting up hospitals, health centers and clinics.

While there, he is meeting with the Nairobi Rotary Club, The Milindi Rotary Club, and the Mombasa Rotary Club.

He proudly represents the Rotary Club of New York on these missions and covers all expenses himself.

I can attest with certainty that Bill is there, as I received two separate E-mails congratulating me on becoming New York Rotary's first woman president.

One is from the Executive Director of "Save Africa" and the other from the Rotary Club of Malindi. Bill is returning to us on August 20th if, he says, "the bugs don't bite me, the snakes don't kiss me, the lions don't eat me and if Osana Bin Laden's net work of killer terrorists don't terminate me.'

Bill has been involved in numerous other international volunteer projects around the world and has been invited to attend the United Nations Volunteer Summit Conference in September.

I am sure Bill will have plenty to tell us when he returns. We can be very proud of this New York Rotarian.

Your President, Helen

## REPORTER OF THE WEEK

### *August 7, Rotarian Gerry Hamilton*

After President Helen opened the meeting, Bernie Wytko led the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Rev. Jack Smith gave the invocation. Both the invocation and the subsequent eulogy by Horst Schneider were dedicated to the fond memory of our recently departed dear friend and devoted Rotarian Leo Fromm. The diversity of his interests and activities brought him to prominence in a range of fields. He leaves a particularly meaningful and personal legacy in the form of his Leo Victor Fromm Foundation, devoted to the support and promotion of underprivileged youth – an incarnation of his sense of service, which also bound him so tightly to Rotary.

Taylor Gray introduced four international and three U.S. visiting Rotarians. Then President Helen called upon Werner Kobelt and Arcadio Casillas to honor Tim O'Brien for his outstanding leadership in organizing this past May's annual fundraising ball, which netted about \$50,000 for the work of the Foundation. Mats Ingemanson provided a light note, informing members that clicking on the words "Fellow Rotarians, We Greet You" on the Club's homepage brings you the unique welcome song.

Finally, Larry Parks introduced the day's speaker: author, TV financial commentator, and co-anchor of CNBC's "Business Center," Ron Insana. With a fine mixture of humor and substance, Mr. Insana drew from his recent book, *The Message of the Markets*, to discuss how the stock markets work. His primary focus was on the phenomenon of how markets, by their actions and reactions, often provide meaningful signals of impending events, both on financial markets and on the world scene. Mr. Insana flagged a series of indicators, which can further reinforce the ability of the investor to avoid being surprised by unexpected turns of the market. His core message: If you are tuned in and decide to "suspend disbelief" when the particular signals are unexpected, you can protect yourself and benefit significantly.

## GIFT OF LIFE – THANK YOU LETTER TO ED GRAY

*Hello Mr. Gray,*

*How are yourself and family? I do hope everyone is well. Myself, Tarique and Fabien are all doing fairly good. It has been one month since we are back in Antigua. I have started back to work and now trying to get accustomed to being a mom and working. Tarique is a very busy little man, not walking yet but trying to stand. I am so happy and proud to have him and very grateful for all you wonderful folks have done. I talk of you all constantly. Mr. Currie, Ms. Arnold, Mr. Coulaz and everyone else who I do not know by name. Again I must say thanks very much and may God bless you all. Please give our regards to all. I was unable to get address for Mr. Currie and Ms. Arnold, so convey our love from the beautiful island of Antigua.*

*God bless, Juanice Lewis*

PS. Terrific Tarique will be 1 yr. old  
August 21st

Thanks to the GIFT OF LIFE and GOD.