

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK

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Luncheons: 12:15 p.m. The Princeton Club 15 W. 43rd St, New York, NY 10036



EDUCATION DAY

BENNO SCHMIDT

Benno C. Schmidt, Jr. is chairman of the Edison Schools. Edison Schools is a public company, which enters into partnerships with public education authorities to create innovative, world-class public schools. Based on comprehensive research and design, Edison offers an ambitious curriculum based on clear standards and careful assessment, extensive professional development for teachers, state-of-the-art technology, including a computer in every student's home and at every teacher's desk, an extended school day and school year, and an innovative school organization that allows teams of teachers to work with students over several years.

During the 2000-01 academic year, Edison is operating 113 elementary, middle and high schools in twenty-one states and the District of Columbia, either in partnership with local school districts or as charter schools, serving some 59,000 students and employing approximately 5,000 educators. The company is creating the nation's first fully-integrated, national system of public schools based on continuing refinement of the best educational and management practices.

Mr. Schmidt has led Edison since 1992, shortly after its founding by Chris Whittle, first as president and chief executive officer, and since 1998, as chairman. Before joining Edison, he served as Yale University's twentieth president, where he was best known nationally for his defense of freedom of expression and the academic values of liberal education. During his tenure at Yale, which began in 1986, Schmidt launched one of the largest building programs in Yale's history; he became Yale's most successful fundraiser; he fashioned a model partnership between the University and the city of New Haven; and he helped build a number of new interdisciplinary programs, especially in environmental science, molecular biology, and international studies. During his presidency, Yale's endowment grew at the highest rate of growth of any private university during that time.

Before joining Yale, Schmidt was the Dean of Columbia University Law School, where he joined the faculty in 1969 and became, four years later, one of the youngest tenured professors in Columbia's history. He was named Harlan Fiske Stone Professor of Constitutional Law in 1982. He is one of the country's leading scholars of the Constitution, the history of the U.S. Supreme Court, the law of freedom of expression, and the history of race elections in America. Schmidt served as law clerk to Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Mr. Schmidt received both his college and law degrees from Yale University. He is a trustee of the National Humanities Center and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He served as chairman of Mayor Giuliani's Task Force on the City University of New York, and currently is vice-chairman of CUNY's Board of Trustees.

THE MENU HAS CHANGED FOR 2/13/01 TO SIRLOIN STEAK. THE BUFFET LUNCH HAS BEEN MOVED TO 2/20/01. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS.

MEMBERS' COLUMN

BOARD RESOLUTIONS February 6, 2001

Motion made by Ed Gray to make Greg Lynch, Club Secretary for the Rotary year 2001-2002, seconded by Helen Reisler. Approved unanimously.

Silvio Amori resigned as Club Secretary. His resignation was accepted unanimously.

Motion made by Jim Bryan to replace Silvio Amori with Greg Lynch as Club Secretary, effective immediately. Seconded by Camilo Uy. Approved unanimously.

EVENING OF HARMONY

J. Gregory Lynch, Secretary of the Rotary Club of New York and co-chair of Evening of Harmony announces the Evening of Harmony dinner, on March 19th, in honor of Richard D. King, President-elect of Rotary International.

Please reserve:

March 19- Evening of Harmony, and March 20- luncheon, advanced reservations are a must.

NOMINATING SLATE AS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

PRESIDENT

HELEN REISLER

PRESIDENT-ELECT

SILVIO AMORI

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

VIRGIL WENGER

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

CLARENCE PLUMMER

TREASURER

BILL CURRIE

DIRECTORS:

CYNTHIA ERICKSON

KAREN FUREY

SEYMOUR ROSENBERG

Date of Election is March 6th

Any members who wish to run by petition should refer to Article III, Sect. 2 of the By-laws:

Nomination by Petition

Any 20 members of the Club in good standing may add not more than two names to the Board of Director's list by submitting petition in writing to the Secretary at least 10 days before the date of the election fixed by the Board of Directors. A member shall have his/her name on only one petition.

(Art. III, Sect., 2 of the By-laws)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb. 13th Benno Schmidt- Education Day
- Feb. 20th BOARD MEETING - The Princeton Club - 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 20th Greg Rhemke - Foundation for Economic Education
- Feb. 27th GREECE DAY - Hon. Dimitris Platis
- Mar. 6th FOUNDATION DAY
- Mar. 13th IRELAND DAY
- Mar. 20th Richard D. King, President-elect - Rotary

NYRF PRESENTS: TALLER BORICUA



Our new "Baby"

I had the honor, on Tuesday, February 7th, of cutting the ribbon at the dedication of the Taller Boricua Electronic Learning Center in Spanish Harlem. With the scissors in my hand, I felt as though I was cutting the umbilical cord of a new baby. Upon reflection, it occurred to me that was exactly what I was doing. This project is a new baby ---ours!

The New York Rotary Foundation made a wise decision in choosing this project for sponsorship and Mort Eydenberg deserves credit for drawing this community to our attention.

We Rotarians in attendance, including myself, Mort Eydenberg, Paul Schneiderman, Bernie Wytko, David Wankoff and Dick Sainburg, along with Andreas Runggatscher found ourselves in the presence of enthusiastic educators, community leaders and appreciative students. The Center's surrounding walkway contained exciting works of art generated by the students on the new computers we donated.

We were escorted to the "lab" where we viewed a demonstration by an Apple Computer representative, on their "state of the art" computers. Our support is also providing trainers and workshops for the community.

We were presented with a beautiful plaque, in appreciation of our support, which will have a permanent home at the entrance of the lab.

Most important we are helping to address the issue of "Teen Esteem" as we give talented youngsters the tools to expand their artistic and technical skills.

I encourage each and every one of you to visit the Center, located at 106th Street and Lexington Avenue. You will receive a warm welcome and see first-hand what you, as a New York Rotarian, have accomplished. **President-elect - Helen Reisler**

FORUN

FRIENDS OF ROTARY UNITING NATIONS

Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

The New York City Fellow Rotarians and their Rotaract are proud of their international accomplishments. In particular the members of the International Service Division and the Rotaract at the United Nations have demonstrated year after year the ability to foster the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service

The history of the New York Club is an example to follow, and we, the fellow Rotarians of the International Service Division of the Host Club of America united with dedicated friends of Rotary, have decided to incorporate FORUN in the State of New York.

FORUN is a not-for-profit association bringing together fellow Rotarians and non-Rotarian individuals, corporations, and organizations, all friends of Rotary, willing to foster programs such as Polio-Plus, Children at Risk, Gift of Life and the FORUN Ambassadors of Peace Youth Symphony performances uniting nations in a world of harmony.

The FORUN Ambassadors of Peace Youth Symphony history goes back to 1995 when friend of Rotary, Anna Heifetz, established the Little Neck Youth Symphony as a community outreach program designed to provide tuition-free group instruction for children of in the five boroughs of New York City.

Today, the Youth Symphony is a culturally diverse group, composed of over seventy talented youngsters ranging from beginners to advanced performers, all whom are dedicated to developing their skills and sharing their enthusiasm and love for music with their audiences. They had the distinction of performing for US and foreign Leaders, in public schools, nursing homes, community centers, and most recently at the Lincoln Center in New York City and for the Gift of Life at Ronald McDonald House. In March they will perform at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and, in July they go on tour in Spain, invited by King Juan Carlos. On July 20, right after a performance in Fatima in Portugal, they will play in Rome for the Pope.

The greatest pleasure for these young artists comes from performing for the less fortunate and in particular for children at risk. FORUN designated them "Ambassadors of Peace Youth Symphony" and in such capacity they will perform on Tuesday, February 13 at the Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the United Nations in support of the fundraising for the Mongolian Children's Aid and Development Fund, the United States Fund for UNICEF, the Mongol-American Cultural Association and the humanitarian efforts of the New York fellow Rotarians of Fraternal Notre Dame with their hospital in Mongolia.

Joseph A. Sullivan - Founder & Chairman of FORUN

The Most Rev. Roger Kozik - Bishop, Founder of Fraternal Notre Dame Shigemi Morita - International Chairman of Children at Risk & FORUN Advisory Council

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, February 13, 2001

WHERE: The Princeton Club

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

To discuss votes on classifications for new members.

Please attend this meeting.



COAT AND SWEATER DRIVE

There will be a coat and sweater drive during the next regular luncheon for the benefit of the children in Mongolia. As you know the winters in Mongolia have gotten rougher and colder over the last years, and any help we as Rotarians can give to keep these children warm is greatly appreciated.

Please show your support of this cause by attending the cocktail reception on **February 13, 2001 at the permanent mission of Mongolia to the United Nations at 6 east 77th street 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

*****President Emeritus Leo Fromm and honorary president Jim Morita have each prepared checks in the amount of \$5,000, which will be presented to Ambassador, Enkhsaikhan Jargalsaikhan, permanent representative of Mongolia to the United Nations on February 13, 2001 in respect to the United Nations disaster assessment and in honor of the memory of the coordination team members and two NHK journalist who lost their lives in the tragic accident that occurred in Mongolia on January 14, 2001.



GIFT OF LIFE

This is the latest news on the NYC Rotary Club's children visiting with us for the Gift of Life:

Bilegijargal Erdenbat - this charming 8 year-old will be leaving to return to Mongolia with his mother Saran on Monday evening, February 5. I was able to arrange travel through George Kay, former member of our club and a travel agent. I will take these wonderful people to J.F.K airport on Monday night but if you get a chance to visit before then, do so.

Tarique Stevens - "terrific Tarique", as Ed Gray calls this 5-month-old, was catheterized yesterday. I spoke to mother Juanice ("Jeanice") - he did very well with this procedure. Tarique NY Hospital for surgery on Monday, February 5 at 7 AM. Remember this young baby and mother in your thoughts and prayers. You can visit after surgery at: New York Hospital, 525 East 68th Street. I will keep you updated as I receive information.

Tatiana Porushnik - don't forget our wonderful 16-year-old who has been here for so many months. Tatiana will be here for at least two more month and visits are always welcome. She is learning some English and I know that life can be lonely being away from home for so long so, if you can, visit at Ronald McDonald House (East 73rd Street just east of 1st Avenue, tel: 639-0100).

Jovan Pejic - this 5-year-old child is coming from the former Yugoslavia for open-heart surgery and is expected to arrive on February 25. We have been in contact with SPASS International Foundation which will provide translation for the family. Not too many other details as of this time but stay tuned.

Victoria Nikuschkina - I just received this child's name today. This 5-year-old will be arriving from Russia on February 10 and is scheduled for surgery at NY Hospital.

I would urge all of you to try and visit one or two children during the coming month. This program is the most hands on program that we have, and your visits really mean a lot to the children and parents. I can say from personal experience that you will have a great feeling by sharing a little of yourself with these people so far from home facing the most critical moments of their lives.

Yours in Rotary, Bill Currie

OVER DUE COUPON PAYMENTS



WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED MOST OF THE ADVANCE LUNCHEON COUPON PAYMENTS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THIS FISCAL YEAR 2000-01, NEVERTHELESS THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL PAYMENTS OUTSTANDING. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED YOUR PAYMENT, PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUICK FOLLOW-UP.

REPORT OF THE WEEK (Tuesday, February 6, 2001)

President Serge opened the meeting by introducing Bernie Wytko who led the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, followed by Ralph Steinman's invocation. A vocational brief was presented by Zehra Basaran (summarized in this bulletin)

Chairman of the Programs Committee, Larry Parks introduced the speaker, Dr. Paul Klebnikov. Dr. Klebnikov, senior editor at Forbes magazine and author of the Godfather of the Kremlin: Boris Berezovsky and the looting of Russia.

Dr. Klebnikov has interviewed many of the up and coming businessmen after the collapse of communist Russia. These businessmen brought Marxist communist beliefs and their Marxist ideas of capitalism such as their ability to embezzle and invade taxes. He researched at the developing mob groups and interviewing their leaders.

Dr. Klebnikov stated that the Russian mafia members were on the board of directors of the top financial institutions in Russia. In one year, twelve bank presidents were murdered. He further discussed that this government was not a democracy, but a union between mafia, businessmen and politicians and at the top of this pyramid was the richest businessman in Russia, Boris Berezovsky. We thank Dr. Klebnikov for an enlightening speech and wish him well as he travels once again to Russia for a book signing of his new book.

Rotarian – Jim Thompson

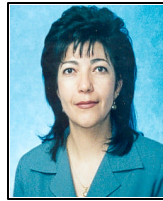
TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND WITH ROTARY!



We are glad to inform you that an interfaith trip to Israel is scheduled from May 18-25 (departure from and return to New York). Jewish, Muslims, and Christians together shall visit some of the holy places from each one of their religions, and will participate in one of the Rotary Club meetings in Jerusalem.

The trip will be made possible only as long as a certain number of persons participate. Please feel free to contact Mother Mary Martha Guibert at (773) 261-0101 or fax (773) 261-6577. Thank you and God bless you! The Most Reverend Bishop Jean Marie Roger Kozik, Chairman of the Interfaith Pilgrimage International Committee.

VOCATIONAL BRIEF



ZEHRA BASARAN
Counsellor at T.R.N.C.

I work as counsellor at the New York Office of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (T.R.N.C). The office was established in New York in 1975. The main functions of the office and, thus, my duties involve communicating with the United Nations Organization.

As a liaison with the U.N. Secretariat, our role entails being one of the two parties dealing with the issue of Cyprus. We communicate and cooperate on the operations of the U.N. peace-keeping force in Cyprus, UNFICYP, which was first dispatched to the island in March 1964. We also maintain dialogue with respect to the negotiating process which has been going on since 1968. Our office follows issues at the U.N. according to the program of meetings. As the situation and need may arise, my job may involve contact and communication with other bodies of the U.N.

As an extension of this interaction, my functions involve contacting, communicating and maintaining dialogue with the missions affiliated with the U.N. Organization. In general, the nature of our relations with other missions involves exchanges of information that a mutually and reciprocally relevant and beneficial to our duties at the U.N.

A community of Turkish Cypriots lives in and around New York, mainly dispersed in Upstate and on Long Island. We maintain contact, provide information and respond to inquiries and requests of our citizens. The Turkish Cypriot Aid Society is a non-profit charity organization that has represented the community since 1932.

My other responsibility is to provide consular service to our citizens and to non-T.R.N.C. residents. Our citizens apply for assistance with issues concerning their travel documents, on compulsory military service requirements, property and inheritance issues and other consular matters regarding births, marriages and deaths. Non-T.R.N.C. citizens usually apply for general information about the country, with inquiries concerning tourism and travel, educational opportunities and on business relations. I provide the information, if readily available, or research and obtain it or guide the applicant in the appropriate direction.

I have an occupation that is both a desk job that requires written communication and a social relations job that requires verbal communication. The fruits of my efforts, by nature of this profession, may not be immediately visible nor numerically measurable. Nevertheless, it is the satisfaction of speaking the truth, of making a contribution to the advancement of international understanding in good-will, and a belief in fairness and service to humanity in a truly Rotarian spirit that rises above all.