

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK

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## HAITI DAY



### AMBASSADOR PIERRE LELONG

Ambassador of Haiti, Pierre Lelong, is a new member of the Rotary Club of New York. Mr. Lelong was born in Jérémie, Haiti. He has taught at the Faculty of Engineering of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, where he earned diplomas in civil engineering and in political science. He has published many academic publications. Mr. Lelong began his career with the Ministry of the Navy, Mexico, where he was officer in-charge of structural studies at the Directorate-General of Maritime Projects and Assistant Director General for Computer Science. Mr. Lelong was the Ambassador to Mexico (1991-1996). He has represented his government at the Organization for the Prohibition of nuclear weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean Intern-America Conference on Social Security, Group of Latin American and Caribbean Sugar Exporting Countries, and the Pan American Institute of Geography and History. He has also participated in several international meetings, including the second International Conference of New or restored Democracies (Managua 1994), Conference on the Association of Caribbean states (Caracas 1994), Conference on the situation of Haitian refugees (Tegucigalpa, 1994) and the conference of the organization of American States (Managua, 1994).



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 18<sup>th</sup>  
HAITI DAY

September 25<sup>th</sup>  
AUSTRIA DAY

October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Dr. Mark Fromer,  
Laser Eye Surgery

October 9<sup>th</sup>  
Hon. Gary Ackerman

October 16<sup>th</sup>  
GERMANY DAY

October 19<sup>th</sup>  
EVENING OF HARMONY

# MEMBER'S 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 reflections, fun and fellowship. We are looking forward to welcoming you on October 19.

Andreas Runggatscher

## ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK WORLD TRADE CENTER DISASTER RELIEF FUND

The New York Rotary Foundation of the Rotary Club of New York is accepting donations for the WTC disaster relief program. The exact allocation of these funds has not yet been determined by the board of directors / board of trustees, but you can be assured that they will be benefiting the very neediest. Please make your checks payable to the New York Rotary Foundation of the Rotary Club of New York and send them to the New York Rotary office.

Many e-mails and messages have been sent from Rotary Clubs and Rotarians from all over the world expressing their solidarity in this difficult time for New York City and America. We thank all these clubs and their members for their kind thoughts, financial support, and prayers.



## 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 11, 2001

On September 10, 2001, 15 members gathered in what was to be a very sad luncheon for New York Rotary. On the program we would have had the children from Nicaragua telling us their great story based on a wonderful Rotary International project. Due to the disaster at the World Trade Center, the children were not able to get into the city for that presentation. Judge Arthur Lasker, gave a very appropriate invocation and immediate past president, Serge Hadjolian, conducted the unusual meeting for the most part. Club Secretary, Greg Lynch requested suggestions from the present members on how the Rotary Club of New York can be of support to the victims of this catastrophe. The board will be reviewing the suggestions during an emergency meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and take action. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Andreas Runggatscher