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IRELAND DAY



FATHER JOSEPH A. O'HARE



The Rev. Joseph A. O'Hare, of the Society Of Jesus (SJ), was born February 12, 1931, to a New York City public teacher and a New York City mounted police officer. He entered the Jesuit Order in 1948, after graduating from Regis High School in Manhattan. He was ordained a priest in 1961 at the Fordham University Church.

Father O'Hare is Fordham University's 31st President. He has dedicated his presidency to bettering the University and the city he loves through creative partnerships throughout Manhattan and the Bronx.

In 1987 Father O'Hare received the Gold medal of the American Irish Historical Society, and in 1998, he was named one of 50 "Stars of the Irish Diaspora" by the World of Hibernia magazine. In 1994 and again 1998, Father O'Hare was named one of the top 100 Irish-Americans by Irish America magazine.

Father O'Hare was appointed founding chairman of the New York City Campaign Finance Board by former Mayor Ed Koch in 1988 and was reappointed to the position in 1994 and in 1999 by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. In addition, he has served on the Mayor's Committee on Appointments and was a member of the 1988 Charter Revision Commission of the City of New York.

Throughout his career, Father O'Hare has been an active voice in Catholic higher education. In 1989, he helped develop Pope John Paul II's apostolic constitution on the Catholic Universities, Ex Corde Ecclesiae. He has served as Chair of Jesuit Colleges and University and the Association of Catholic Colleges, and Universities. In addition to holding licentiate degrees in philosophy and in theology from Woodstock College Maryland, and a doctorate in philosophy from Fordham University, Father O'Hare has been awarded nine honorary doctorates.

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CALENDAR

March 19th
IRELAND DAY
Father Joseph O'Hare

March 26th
ROTARY SCHOLARS' DAY
Dr. Joseph Skelly

April 2nd
Dr. Walker Todd, Esq.

April 9th
Fellowship Day

April 16th
FIREFIGHTER'S
RECOGNITION DAY



MEET NEW MEMBER

PETER BRIZARD

Peter Brizard has been a licensed certified Public Accountant since November 1990. He graduated from Baruch College and Bucknell University. He previously worked at companies such as International Business Machines, Metropolitan Life Insurance, Kipnis & Karchmer, Hoberman, Miller & Co., and James D. Miller & Co.

Peter Brizard is now looking forward to getting involved in community service and meeting other professionals for fellowship and all that Rotary has to offer. Let's give a warm welcome to Peter Brizard.

International Service Division Breakfast Meeting

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

The next International Service Division breakfast Meeting will be Wednesday, March 27. This will be the fifth in a new series, which is held at the German Permanent Mission to the UN, at the top floor restaurant, First Avenue, between 48th and 49th Street., from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. This month topic will be the "The Environment Crisis: Deserts And Forest."

Our guest and discussion leaders will be H. E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, of the Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the United Nations, and Mr. James Sniffer, Program Officer of the United Nations Environment Programs.

This time the registration is at 8:45 a.m. and the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. Kindly let us know if you would like to attend the breakfast by sending an e-mail to the Rotary Club of New York at ny.rotary@verizon.net, with a copy to Ms. Allison Alessi, International Events Coordinator, at "aealessi@aol.com" or by fax to (212) 819 0763. The cost of the breakfast is \$15, payable directly to the maitre d'.

Yours in Rotary,

Giorgio H. Balestrieri
International Service Division

Sylvan Barnet
Alt. R.I. Rep to the U.N.

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REPORTER OF THE WEEK

March 12, 2002

President Helen warmly welcomed Rotarians and guests. Scarlett Pildes led us in the singing of the national anthem accompanied by Club member David Dingle on the piano. Paul Schneiderman presented the invocation.

As a fine beef Bourguignon was served, President Helen introduced the Club members giving service today. Three new Rotarians were introduced and received their Rotary pins: Peter Brizard, Cigdem Acar, and Henry Kang.

Our guest speaker, Steve Malanga, journalist and editor, gave an interesting presentation about rebuilding New York City. It is his opinion that we should plan for the next wave of growth by rebuilding not only in Lower Manhattan, but also in other neighborhoods. There are many positive signs for our city. Mr. Malanga noted that the President, the Governor, and our Mayor are showing consensus, there is no political squabbling about what should be done. The speaker is very optimistic about the outlook for the future of downtown. There are other encouraging signs as well such as hotel occupancy rising to almost normal levels and more visitors coming to the city.

We must not move too slowly and gingerly. We must focus more rigorously on the building process for the entire city and be ready with planning to jump-start when opportunities arise. Businesses relocated to New Jersey because that is where the space was. New Jersey had it and New York did not after 9/11.

The New York State and city government must recognize and be ready for the next round of development in New York City. Start planning now for the next golden age. The last thing we should do is impede development elsewhere in the city because of what we do in Lower Manhattan. Mr. Malanga spoke wisely and sounded like a city planner with sound long-range vision. He fielded questions about the Olympics and other West Side development suggestions, as well as why we should build now in a recession. His focus and summary was "because New York City has a tremendous future."

President Helen closed the meeting promptly at 1:30 pm with a ring of our historic Rotary bell.

Rotarian, Lou DiPaolo