

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK



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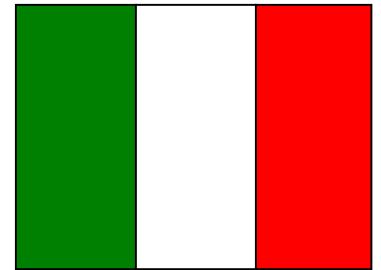
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May 8, 2001



ITALY DAY



Min. Giorgio Radicati

Consul General of Italy in New York

Min. Giorgio Radicati was born in Rome and received a degree in law from the University of Rome in 1964. He joined the Foreign Service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1967. He was nominated Vice Consul in Ginevra in 1970 and then was assigned to the embassy in Brasilia in charge of emigration and social affairs where, in 1976, he was promoted to the rank of Counsellor. On May 1, 1977, he was re-assigned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome, where he joined the office of Technical Cooperation with Developing Countries.

In 1984, he was appointed First Counsellor of the embassy in Washington. In 1989, he was promoted to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary and confirmed in Washington as Minister Counsellor until January 1991, when he was assigned to the Italian Embassy in Ankara.

In 1993, he returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was assigned to the Secretariat General, responsible for its general management. He was nominated Consul General of Italy in New York on November 1, 1998.



**THE NEW YORK ROTARY FOUNDATION
OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK
INVITES YOU TO THE
FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL BALL
at the UNION LEAGUE CLUB
on May 18, 2001**

**Reception and Silent Auction at 6:00 p.m.,
Dinner and Dance at 7:30 p.m.
Please make your reservations early.**

MEMBERS' COLUMN

LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

Although the R.I. Council on Legislation resolution Item # 215 states, that clubs in contract with R.I. as of 1922 “may still have territorial limits”, the intentions of R.I. to open additional club(s) in our territory are a threat to the integrity of our club. On the issue of our territorial rights as a club with a non-standard constitution, in the past we were forced to challenge R.I. in court at the legal cost to the club of about \$30,000.00. Today that legal cost will be much higher, thus placing in jeopardy the club’s finances. We have been assuring R.I. that we are willing to grow our membership numbers, while we have been keeping a moratorium on lawyers and brokers. R.I.’s consistent response has been, that we need to be more creative with our classifications. We need to apply a broader interpretation of the classifications, to lift the moratorium on lawyers and brokers and to create subdivisions of each general classification, so that they are all available as long as there is no direct conflict with the subdivision. To date, I had left the Admissions and Classifications functions to the Membership Committee, which failed to subdivide a classification for a broker, whose business was with Argentina, who is a Rotarian from Florida, transferred to New York, desiring to join our Club and for a former judge, a 78-year-old practicing attorney, who has wanted to join our club.

Consequently I have appointed a nine member Admissions and Classifications Committee as an integral part of the Membership Development Division, effective immediately. As per the club By Laws Art XI Section 6 Membership Development Division:

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A. Admissions and Classifications

- 1) To inquire into the character and the business or professional, financial and social standing and general desirability of persons proposed for membership, after a classification has been cleared and to recommend to the Board of Directors the proposed members who should be invited to membership. The Committee shall consist of at least nine members, whose names shall not be published or otherwise made known. Proceedings of this Committee shall be regarded as confidential.
- 2) To study classifications to insure a representative cross-section of the business and professional life of the community; to pass upon the classifications of potential candidates for membership, and to bring to the attention of the Board of Directors unfilled classifications.
- 3) To make a site visit to the candidate’s place of business to conduct an interview.

The current Membership Committee will continue to provide growth in the membership of the Club, orientation and assimilation of new members, and encouragement for attendance and participation.

B. Orientation Committee

To acquaint the members, especially the new members, with the history, object, scope and activities of Rotary and to give them a broader understanding and appreciation of the privileges and responsibilities of Rotary membership.

C. Membership Extension (Recruiting)

To be in charge of and responsibility for achieving broad representation in the business and professional life of the community.

D. Attendance

To stimulate attendance at all luncheons, meetings and other functions of the Club.

Serge Hadjolian, President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 8 th	ITALY DAY
May 15 th	William Cope Moyers – Johnston Institute Foundation
May 15 th	Membership Committee Meeting -11 a.m. - The Princeton Club
May 22 nd	BOARD MEETING – 10:30 a.m. - The Princeton Club
May 22 nd	John Bailey
May 29 th	ARMED FORCES DAY – Lt. Cdr. Steven V. Brook USN
June 5 th	Leo Fromm – Rotary Club of New York
June 12 th	U.N. DAY
June 19 th	Transition Day
June 26 th	Tom Mellins
July 3 rd	NO MEETING
July 10 th	PRESIDENT’S DAY

****May 18th Foundation Fundraiser at the
Union League Club

FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL BALL

COMMITTED AUCTION ITEMS

Please make your reservations NOW!

Dinner for two excluding tax & tip from Silvio Amori, Il Covo dell'Est

Dinner for two at Marchi's from Christine Marchi

Gift certificate for Merchants Restaurant from Cindy Erickson

Pair of Knicks tickets – Mort Eydenberg

Dinner for two at the Sea Grill

Wine basket from Cindy Erickson

Spa package from Cindy Erickson

Pair of Knick sTickets – Clarence Plummer

\$650 value Portfolio review from Ed Gray

A work of Art from Achim Moeller

Ambassadors of Peace playing at your event

Piano playing by David Dingle at your event

Basket of security products from ADT Security; arranged by Jim Thompson

Financial Plan; \$250 value; arranged by Timothy O'Brien

A Painting donated by Bishop Roger Kozik from Fraternite Notre Dame

Package of adult dance lessons from Fred Astaire Dance Studios

Installation of ADT security system; monthly monitoring changes would apply; arranged by Jim Thompson

Weekend stay at Broadway suite, certain restrictions apply; courtesy of Roland Solenthaler

Monthly Flower Arrangement, \$600 value; Manhattan only (donated by Dean Georges)

Package of *children's* dance lessons from Fred Astaire Studios

Dental cleaning and exam; \$150 value from Dr. Dan Zedeker

At home teeth whitening process; \$600 value from Dr. Dan Zedeker

Leather products from Dick Sainburg

Package of beauty products from Scarlett Pildes; \$350 value

Leather Chair donated from Herb Roberts; \$1500 value

A fleece jacket from Tina Marie Wolf

NYSC Gym passes for 30 days from Tim O'Brien

A Web Page Setup arranged by Mats Ingemanson

Four box seat tickets to a Yankees game including waiter service and parking – Jim Bryan

Vacation stay at Lake Tahoe facility; certain restrictions apply; arranged by David Del Monte

R.I. Council on Legislation (COL)

Following is some of the adapted text, for a complete printed list call the RCNY office.

Elimination of Territorial Limits

(Item 215) Deleted references to club territorial limits. This is significant in that now an existing club need not grant permission for the organization of a new club within their former territory. In this significant change, clubs will now define a locality of their club and also define the "surrounding area," but restricted territories are removed. (Note: some clubs under contracts with RI dating back to 1922 may still have territorial limits, but these are few in number.)

Types of Membership

(Item 148) Eliminated all types of membership except for ACTIVE and HONORARY. Current members with other membership types will retain those membership types, but new members will only be ACTIVE or HONORARY.

Additional Membership Changes

(Item 213) Voted to permit Foundation Alumni: Scholars, GSE Team Members, Rotary volunteers shall be eligible to be elected to Honorary Membership in a Rotary Club. It is thought this will help recognize these persons in whom Rotary has made considerable investment, and give them opportunity to be involved in Rotary. It is also hoped that later, when eligible, they will join Rotary as Active Members in some club.

Experimental Rotary Clubs

(Item 86) Voted to allow the Board of RI to permit 200 experimental clubs to allow for the possibility of innovative new forms of Rotary in the future.

Transfer of Membership

Due to increasing mobility of Rotarians, the COL eased transfer of membership by permitting a former club to propose a relocating member to a prospective new club without requiring an actual sponsor/proposer within the prospective new club. Actual acceptance of the proposed member still remains the decision of the prospective new club.

Total Membership

(Item 658) Voted to endorse the Board of Directors goal of 1.5 million members by the year 2005. (Item 659) Voted to support a comprehensive recognition of the 100th anniversary of Rotary during the year 2004-2005 and on February 23, 2005.

A Fifth Avenue of Service

(Item 241) Requested the Board of Directors to consider establishing a Fifth Avenue of Service, "Youth Service."

Election of Council Delegates

(Item 507) Voted to elect representatives to the COL two years preceding the Council meeting.

Covering the Cost of the COL

(Item 522) Voted to approve the collection of one additional dollar from all members every year to meet the costs of the COL.

Art Evenings for Families AT THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM Saturday Evenings - Lectures 6 – 7 p.m.

From now until May 19th, there will be conversation and sketching related to the Museum's collections for children ages 6 to 12 (accompanied by an adult). Location: Meet at the Uris Center Tiered Seating Area. For further information, please call (212) 570-3961. Free with Museum admission.

This program is made possible by the Rotary Foundation of New York.

ROTARACT

The Rotaract Club at the United Nations received the North America Outstanding Project Award for the Children-At-Risk project. This is the third year in a row that they have received the highest recognition by Rotary International.

REPORTER OF THE WEEK
(Tuesday, April 24, 2001)

President Serge Hadjolian opened the meeting at approximately at 12:15 with Scarlet Pildes leading us in the Star Spangled Banner followed by Embee Mahtani reciting an interdenominational poem for the invocation.

Manfred Becker, a recent member, and formerly president of the Mannesmann Corp. said goodbye to the Club as he is returning to Germany.

President Serge then presented awards bestowed by the District to the following: The Club itself, Rosemary Clements (Preventive Blindness), Arcadio Casillas (Asst. District Governor), Ed Gray (Dist. Area 7 Representative, and to Serge for his service as President of our Club. President Serge presented to our Executive Director the "Presidential Citation Award – Create Awareness, Take Action" signed by R.I. President Frank Devlyn for the outstanding work of the Rotary Club of New York.

Mats Ingemanson then introduced the visiting Rotarians, 5 from 5 countries and 3 from 3 states. Ted Andrews introduced our guest speaker, Kent Barwick. Mr Barwick is once again the president of the Municipal Art, Society and spoke to us about "New York's Waterfront: The Forgotten Frontier."

He started by talking about how the Dutch, with their keen eye, selected this area because of the waterways. He first talked about the deterioration of the waters, partly because of ignorance, partly because of greed, and partly because of the political problems faced when two states have to agree. We are, however moving in the right direction. Rivers and streams are welcoming back fish, birds, and even people. We are also reclaiming the land along the water. We are building apartments, bicycle trails, sporting and sailing spaces. We are contemplating ferry service to permit movement to places such as Snug Harbor, Governors Island, and Fort Wadsworth.

There is much more to be done. With the fish coming back, so have the worms that destroy the piers. Experimenting with plastic piers made of recycled soda jars to replace the wooden piles, seems to be having success. We get over 300 oil spills a year from the barges transporting oil into the city. There are not enough waste disposal sites, so we get huge garbage floats after rainstorms, and the river needs to be dredged to permit deep draft ships to enter.

If, however we are diligent, we can reclaim the title of the largest and busiest port on the Atlantic Coast, reclaim the ecology of the waters, and have wonderful recreational facilities.

Mr. Barwick, after answering a number of questions, was presented with a bookmark by President Serge who then adjourned the meeting.

Rotarian - Hank Hanau



GIFT OF LIFE

It has been a couple of weeks since I last updated everyone on our Gift of Life children. Here is the latest information that I have:

Tarique Stevens - our little eight-month old continues to make progress after a few set-backs. Tarique is back at Ronald McDonald House (73 Street just east of First Avenue) with his mother Jeanice. This smiling little boy will have a checkup tomorrow (May 2nd) and if everything else is OK, will have catheterization on May 10th. He should be ready to go home sometime later this month. Please visit this delightful little boy when you can at RM House but call ahead to their room at 639-0403. Language is not a problem as Jeanice speaks English and you will find her a warm and caring mother.

Stephen Budhan – 10-year-old is here with his father Heerallall. Stephen had a problem with fluid accumulation in his lungs (not uncommon with heart surgery) and is back in NY Hospital (68th Street just east of York Avenue - right next to the East River Drive). A visit is always appreciated - you will find Stephen in the pediatric area on 6th floor –south. This is the beautiful, new wing named for Maurice Greenberg of AIG fame. I'm not sure of the room number but just ask at the nurses' station and they will direct you. A short visit at the hospital means so much.

Tatiana Poruchnik – this 17-year-old girl and her mother Ludmila were at the Gift of Life dinner and they really enjoyed themselves. They continue to stay at Ronald McDonald House and we are hopeful that some form of treatment will be started within the next couple of weeks. Visits are always welcome for this very special.

Chan Ting Hin - this child is arriving this coming Sunday, May 6th, and will be sponsored by the Downtown NY (Chinatown) Rotary Club which will provide interpreters, airport pickup, housing and all the necessary logistics for this child. The Rotary Club of New York is the coordinating Rotary Club in NYC, so Chan is part of our program as well. In Gift of Life, we do not measure 'who did what'. Our goal is saving a child's life - we are happy to participate with the Chinatown Club in this effort. As soon as I have more details regarding Chan, I will let everyone know.

A FINAL THOUGHT: On April 21st, more than 650 people attended the Gift of Life dinner/dance at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in NYC. Phyllis Arnold and I were proud to represent our Club at this wonderful evening, which raised a considerable amount of money for the Gift of Life program. The number of clubs and districts participating in Gift of Life continues to grow and Gift of Life has now been taken to California thanks to the work of television actor and national spokesperson for Gift of Life, Chad Everett. Gift of Life is bringing twice as many children per year to the US than it did just a few years ago. BE PROUD OF THE PART THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK AND YOU PLAY IN THIS WORK - IT TRULY IS A GIFT OF LIFE.

Yours in Rotary, Bill Currie