

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK

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STEVE FORBES

WHAT NOW FOR THE ECONOMY AND STOCK MARKET?

Steve Forbes is President and Chief Executive Officer of Forbes and Editor-in-Chief of *Forbes* magazine. He resumed this role in February 2000, after a leave of absence to campaign for the Republican nomination for the Presidency.

Mr. Forbes assumed his position in 1990. Since that time, Forbes has expanded, launching a variety of new publications and businesses. They include: *Forbes* FYI, the irreverent lifestyle supplement; *Forbes* ASAP, the technology supplement for management decision-makers; *Forbes Global*, the magazine's international publication, introduced in 1998; a Japanese language edition of *Forbes*; *Forbes Brasil*, a Portuguese-language edition serving Latin America's largest economy; and the *Gilder Technology Report*.

In 1997, Forbes entered the new media arena with the launch of Forbes.com. Now receiving an average of four million visits a month, it has become a leading destination site for business decision-makers and investors.

Other company divisions include: Forbes Management Conference Group and Forbes Custom Communications Partners.

Mr. Forbes is also Chairman of the company's American Heritage division, and publisher of *American Heritage* magazine and two quarterlies, *American Legacy* and *American Heritage of Invention & Technology*.

The company's flagship publication, *Forbes*, is the nation's leading business magazine, with a circulation of 900,000. *Forbes* and *Forbes Global* together reach a worldwide audience of nearly five million readers.

Mr. Forbes writes editorials for each issue of *Forbes*, under the heading of "Fact and Comment." A widely respected economic prognosticator, he is the only writer to have won the highly prestigious Crystal Owl Award four times. The prize was formerly given by USX Corporation to the financial journalist whose economic forecasts for the coming year proved most accurate.

Mr. Forbes is the author of *A New Birth of Freedom* (Regnery, 1999), a book of bold ideas for the new millennium.

In 1985, President Reagan named Mr. Forbes Chairman of the bipartisan Board for International Broadcasting (BIB). In this position, he oversaw the operation of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Broadcasting behind the Iron Curtain, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty were praised by Poland's Lech Walesa as being critical to the struggle against communism.

Mr. Forbes was reappointed to his post by President Bush and served until 1993.

Steve Forbes was born in Morristown, New Jersey. He graduated *cum laude* in 1966 from Brooks School in North Andover, Massachusetts. He received a B.A. in history from Princeton in 1970. At Princeton, he was the founding editor of *Business Today*, which became the country's largest magazine published by students for students, with a circulation of 200,000. The magazine continues to be published today by Princeton undergraduates.

Mr. Forbes serves on the Board of Trustees of Princeton University, as well as on other boards, including The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and the National Taxpayers Union.

MEMBERS' COLUMN

Report on the Eastern Large Rotary Club Conference in Madison, Wisconsin

Last week, Andreas and I attended the 3-day Eastern Large Rotary Club Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. There were 23 Presidents-elect and 24 Executive Directors, all the way from Fort Myers, Florida, to Toronto, Canada.

It was definitely a worthwhile trip for this Club. The seminar was very well organized, conducted by a moderator, and covered such topics as the leadership role of the President, the role of the Club executive, dues & luncheon cost, liability insurance, board meetings, Club websites, and other communication vehicles, club service projects, fundraising, club assemblies, membership development, etc.

The seminars ran from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. and included round-table discussions where many timely and valuable ideas were shared.

We have much to learn from many of these other clubs and we will continue to share experiences with the network we formed.

I had the opportunity, as well, to spend some time with Frank Devlyn, our international President, and we shared our philosophies for the future of our Club.

I will have some important things to report to our board of Directors and I urge you to continue to send each upcoming President and Executive Director to this conference – it is a very important learning experience and connects us to an important segment of the Rotary world.

Helen Reisler, President-elect.

CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Rotarian Tsuguo Endo's wife (Tomoko). Send condolences to:

Tsuguo Endo
24 Woodbridge Lane
Sea Cliff, NY 11579

CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Rotarian Clarence Plummer's brother. Send condolences to:

Clarence Plummer
1936 Hennessey Place
Bronx, NY 10453

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Apr. 10 th	Steve Forbes – Forbes Magazine
Apr. 17 th	ISRAEL DAY
Apr. 24 th	BOARD MEETING – 10:30 a.m. - The Princeton Club
Apr. 24 th	FIREMAN RECOGNITION DAY
May 1 st	Kent Barwick – Municipals Arts Society
May 8 th	ITALY DAY
May 15 th	William Cope Moyers – Johnston Institute Foundation
May 18 th	Foundation Fundraiser at the Union League Club
May 22 nd	BOARD MEETING – 10:30 a.m. - The Princeton Club
May 29 th	ARMED FORCES DAY – Lt. Gen. C. Norman Wood
June 5 th	Leo Fromm – Rotary Club of New York
June 12 th	U.N. DAY

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Rotary Scholars Day (Tuesday, April 3, 2001)

President Serge opened the meeting by paying tribute to Dr. Camilo Uy whose medical knowledge was key to helping Serge's recovery after surgery. Lou Dipaolo led us in singing the National Anthem, and Clarence Plummer offered some philosophical insights during the invocation.

Mort Eydenberg read a letter from US Representative Charles Rangel commending the Club for its support of the electronic learning center at Taller Borica. Bill Currie presented a plaque from the Gift of Life Inc. that honors the NYRC as Rotarians of the Month. Serge revealed that Bill was individually recognized by Gift of Life as well.

Arcadio Casillas plugged the upcoming NY Rotary Foundation fundraiser, and he congratulated Leo Fromm for the \$3,000 he had already donated. Jim Bryan canvassed the membership regarding interest for the annual golf / tennis outing, which will be in the summer or fall. Tina Wolf encouraged the membership to continue its efforts to introduce potential new members.

Helen Reisler reported on a conference she attended in Wisconsin for new presidents in Eastern Large Rotary Clubs, and commended Andreas Runggatscher on his participation. Mats Ingemanson introduced the six foreign and three US visiting Rotarians. One of the visiting Rotarians, Lucian Orasel, spoke about the lack of a democratic political process in his country and his past and future efforts to remedy that as a pro-western candidate for the presidency of Romania. He asked for moral and financial support.

Ann Creo introduced the Rotary Scholars that our Club has hosted this past year. Each scholar spoke for several minutes. Congratulations and best wishes to Filippo Amato, Christine Theuma, Stefan Roschert, Davika Hovell, Jorge Muniz, Lana Jenkins, Koji Uriu, and Masayuki Tsuji. They are all surely an impressive group of young adults. Additionally, Jennifer Sieg, who just completed her Rotary Scholarship in Australia, related her experiences as an American abroad and how it has positively influenced her future career direction. **Rotarian - Taylor Gray**

ATTENTION MEMBERS

President-elect Helen Reisler has asked me to explore the establishment of a Club Education Committee, next year. Its purpose would be to establish some educational programs sponsored by the Club in the city possibly including a read-to-me project for disadvantaged or disabled children. Please contact me if you might be interested in serving on such a committee. Tel. no. (212) 759-4710. Sylvan Barnet

ROTARACT NEWS

St. Mary's College in St. Lucia was founded in 1890 by Fr. Louis Tapon, a Catholic priest, with 27 students. The College has since grown twenty-four fold with a current student body of 650 males, aged eleven to seventeen. Until the mid 1970's St. Mary's College was one of only two schools that provided secondary education in St. Lucia. The college has always attracted the island's most able students, a vast number of whom have achieved international recognition in their respective fields of study. Principal among these accolades are two Nobel Laureates, Sir Arthur Lewis (Economics, 1979) and the Honorable Derek Walcott (Literature, 1992), the former Prime Minister of St. Lucia, and St. Lucia's former Ambassador to the United Nations.

The regional and international successes of Samaritans continues to be a source of inspiration for current students who strive to overcome the present limitations of the College which arises principally from poor facilities (a direct result of paucity of funds). With the establishment of eight new secondary schools on the island within the past 10 years, St. Mary's College no longer receives as much government funding as it once did. Though the government of St. Lucia recognizes the importance of education to the nation, funding, particularly in the areas of information technology, remains a serious economic challenge. It is in this regard that it was endeavored to establish a leading information technology program at the College, with support from Lucent Technologies, the Canadian government, St. Clair College, and local companies in St. Lucia. In October 2000, we opened the school's first computer lab to its students.

As part of the ongoing project, it is planned to replace the used equipment donated to the lab, as well as establish a Language Laboratory (primarily for French and Spanish studies) in the near future.

Since Children-At-Risk is one main focus of the current Rotary year, the Rotaract Club at the United Nations has decided to support this effort.

To raise some funds, we are planning a major garage sale for May 5, 2001. District Governor Janet DiBenedetto suggested that we get all clubs in the district involved. We therefore would like to ask each and every Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Club for its support to help us raise \$5,000 through the garage sale and donations.

Are you interested in helping, for example by organizing a local drop-off site for collected items or simply collecting items that we can sell? Then contact DG Janet DiBenedetto or Susanne Wetzel, the president of the Rotaract Club at the United Nations (Phone: 908-286-0992, Email: swetzel@acm.org).

POSITION WANTED

Rotaractor Inga Brandt, daughter of RCNY member Juergen Brandt, seeks immediate employment in either film, public relations, media or advertising. Currently, she holds a B.A. in public relations and a masters in journalism and film. Inga has some experience in production, directing and public relations, and has worked freelance for a broadcasting company. She is completely fluent in English and German and can provide references. Please contact the NY Rotary office or Lew Kulik.



GIFT OF LIFE

This has been a good week for our Gift of Life children and we are grateful for the recovery and health of all these young people and, of course, for your support. Here is the latest information I have on the Rotary Club of New York's Gift of Life children.

Tarique Stevens - is now back at Ronald McDonald House (73 Street just east of First Avenue). You can visit this delightful child, just call ahead direct to his room at 639-0403

Victoria Nikuschkina - Victoria and mother Inna should be going home soon as all reports from the doctors look good. If you can, visit them at Ronald McDonald House and wish them well before they return to Moscow.

Jovan Pejic - what a delight this child has been along with the group from the former Yugoslavia that helped bring Jovan to this country. Jovan returned home this past week and is a healthy 5-year-old thanks to the Gift of Life.

Tatiana Poruchnik - Tatiana and mother Ludmila continue to stay at Ronald McDonald House and progress has been made on her treatment.

Stephen Budhan - ten-year-old from Guyana is set to arrive on April 14th. He is staying at Ronald McDonald House with his father and the heart surgery will be at NY Hospital.

Monday night, our Club was honored as Rotarians of the Month by the Gift of Life at their monthly meeting on Long Island. Phyllis Arnold and I were there and gratefully accepted this honor on the RCNY's behalf. We have had many children stay in NYC for these life-saving operations and I am very proud of my involvement in this program and I hope you are as well.

WE HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE, SO KEEP UP YOUR VISITS AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE CHILDREN; IT IS THE GIFT OF LIFE.

Yours in Rotary, Bill Currie



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7230 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

**SAVE THE DATES
APRIL 27, 28, & 29**

CROWNE PLAZA, WHITE PLAINS

Paul Harris Fellows Luncheon	\$40
Friday, April 27, 2001 12 noon	
Clambake	
Friday, April 27, 2001 6 p.m.	\$50
Rotary Conference Breakfast	\$20
Saturday, April 28, 2001 8:30 a.m.	
District Awards Luncheon	\$35
Saturday, April 28, 2001 12:15 p.m.	
Presidents Banquet	
Saturday, April 28, 2001 7:30 p.m.	\$65

If you wish to reserve early, please request the Program Ticket Order Form from the RCNY office.

**Trustees of the New York Rotary Foundation
Report of the Nominating Committee**

Werner Kobelt (2002)
Hans Belcsak (2003**)
Arcadio Casillas (2003**)
Morton Eydenberg (2002*)
Joe Groveman (2002*)
Barbara Burns (2003*)**

Reconfirmed for a second term of 3 years

Bernard Wytko (2004)
David Wankoff (2004**)**

Newly nominated trustee taking the place of Lawrence Heimowitz

Richard B. Sainburg (2004*)

* first 3 year term ending **second 3 year term ending

Article XV, Section 3

The Board of Trustees of the Foundation shall be composed of nine members of The Rotary Club of New York. Three trustees shall be elected each year at a designated meeting of The Rotary Club of New York for a term of three years or to fill unexpired terms. Nominations for such office shall be made as provided in Section 6. and notification shall be sent to the members not less than 6 weeks in advance of the designated meeting by publication in Spokes or by mail. Additional nominations may be made not less than 10 days in advance of the designated meeting signed by not less than 20 members and filed in the Rotary Club office. In case of no contest, voting shall be viva voce, otherwise by ballot.

**THE NEW YORK ROTARY FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK
INVITES YOU TO THE
93RD ANNUAL CELEBRATION BALL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER
at the UNION LEAGUE CLUB
on May 18, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.**



To generate funds for the Foundation, we will have an event journal. We will appreciate your support and that of your company through your participation. Please support this worthwhile event through your generous contributions and with your advertisements (Please note, non-members and outside corporations are welcome).

MORE DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

NYC CHILDREN'S VISION COALITION
and Prevent Blindness New York
Invite you to join us for our Vision for the Future
CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION/ COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Richard York Gallery
21 East 65th Street, Manhattan
Wednesday, April 25, 2001
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
(212) 980-2020, ext. 13 Price: \$25