

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK



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WE WILL NOT MEET AT THE PRINCETON CLUB ON JUNE 12!!!

UNITED NATIONS DAY

BARBARA CROSSETTE

Barbara Crossette, a journalist at *The New York Times* since 1973, is chief of the paper's United Nations bureau. She served previously as a correspondent in Southeast Asia and a diplomatic reporter in Washington. She has also reported from Central America and the Caribbean and been deputy foreign editor and senior editor in charge of the paper's weekend news operations. Before joining *The Times*, Ms. Crossette worked for *The Bulletin* in Philadelphia and *The Birmingham Post* in Birmingham, England.

In 1991, Ms. Crossette won the George Polk Award for foreign reporting for her coverage of the assassination in India of a former prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi. In 1998, she won the lifetime achievement award of the Silurians, a society of New York journalists, and the award for excellence in international reporting from InterAction, a coalition of more than 150 international nonprofit aid and development organizations. In 1999, she received the Business Council of the United Nations-United Nations Association's Korn Ferry Award for outstanding reporting on the organization.

Ms. Crossette is the author of *India Facing the 21st Century*, published by Indiana University Press in 1993; *So Close to Heaven: The Vanishing Buddhist Kingdoms of the Himalayas*, published by Alfred A. Knopf in 1995, and in paperback by Random House/Vintage books in 1996. *The Great Hill Stations of Asia* was published by Westview Press in 1998 and in paperback by Basic Books in 1999. In 2000, she wrote a survey of India and Indian-American relations, *India: Old Civilizations in a New World*, for the Foreign Policy Association in New York.

Ms. Crossette has been a member of the adjunct faculty of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and in 1980-81 was a Fulbright teaching fellow at Punjab University in Chandigarh, India. In 1994, she was the Ferris Visiting Professor on Politics and the Press at Princeton University.

Born in Philadelphia on July 12, 1939, Ms. Crossette received a B.A. in history and political science from Muhlenberg College and an M.A. in history from the University of Colorado. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Women's Foreign Policy Group. She serves on the board of the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs in New York.

Chair of the day: Sylvan Barnet

Welcome by: Paul Hoeffel, Chief, NGO Section Department of Public Information

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST DUE TO STRICT U.N. SECURITY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 12th
U.N. DAY

June 19th
Transition Day

June 26th
BOARD MEETING
The Princeton Club -
10:30 a.m.

June 26th
Dr. G. Zelikofsky

July 3rd
NO MEETING

July 10th
PRESIDENT'S DAY

UNITED NATIONS

Delegates UN Dining
rooms 4th Floor (use
46th Street & 1st Ave.
Visitors entrance)

Private dining room-
6/7/8

Time: 12:00 p.m.
Additional cost for this
off-site luncheon is \$15



**PLEASE JOIN US AT:
UN DAY
June 12, 2001**

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entrance)
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Department of Public Information

Speaker: Barbara Crossette
Chief, New York Times Bureau at the UN
"THE ROAD AHEAD FOR THE UN"

We will meet at the UN Building not at the Princeton Club
Please bring a guest!!!
Additional cost for this off-site luncheon is \$15
Tours (45 minutes) are available at \$7.50 after the luncheon

Please inform the Rotary office as soon as possible of your
attendance

MEMBERS' COLUMN

Transition Day

On June 19th, we will honor our outgoing president, Serge Hadjolian, and show our appreciation for his involvement and efforts during his 2000-2001 term.

Serge will give his views on the past year and his hopes for the future of our club, as he passes the gavel to his successor, Helen Reisler.

Please jot down this special date on your calendar.

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

(Tuesday, June 5, 2001)

President Serge started the meeting and introduced Scarlett Pildes, who led us in The Star Spangled Banner. David Zeller then offered a prayer for our scheduled speaker of the day, Leo Fromm, who was hospitalized the previous day. Helen Reisler, our President-elect, reminded us about her inauguration Day in July. All attending members need to submit an RSVP card to attend. Bill Hall then introduced the visiting Rotarians: 3 Rotarians from 3 countries and 3 Rotarians from 3 states.

To fill the void left by the sudden hospitalization of our speaker, President Serge announced the impromptu formation of table discussions focusing on the restrictions to membership development as a result of strict classification guidelines. Cindy Erickson provided direction to the discussions, which showed support for more flexible and creative classification guidelines. Members were also invited to e-mail the board members to further voice their feelings about this issue.

Horst Schneider, just returning from visiting Leo Fromm at the hospital, gave us a brief update on Leo's condition: The spirit is good but the body is a disappointment. Leo is not yet able to receive other visitors. The members wish him well. President Serge closed the meeting with the customary ringing of the bell.

Rotarian – Charles Coupet



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Annual dues and advance luncheon coupon statements for the first half of the fiscal year 2001-2002 are included in this mailing. As per the by-laws, statements are payable in full by June 30, 2001. If you have any questions about your membership, please call the office. For your convenience, we do accept credit cards by fax (212) 819-0763.



GIFT OF LIFE

Here is the latest on this wonderful program and most important, two ways you can help.

Tarique Stevens – He is now staying with a relative in Brooklyn for the next week because Ronald McDonald House is so overcrowded. Tarique and mother Jeanice have a last visit to the doctor on June 14th and should be cleared to go home to Antigua shortly after that visit.

Stephen Budhan - This 10-year-old should be leaving to return to his home in Guyana this weekend with a new Gift of Life and healthy body.

Tatiana Poruchnik - A final decision on treatment for Tatiana will be made in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, you can visit this 17-year-old and with mother Ludmila at Ronald McDonald House.

Chan Ting Hin - I do not have the latest information on Chan but understand that his surgery went well. I will give a full update in the next newsletter.

Evell Fernandez - This 12-year-old arrives on Sunday, June 17th, from Honduras with mother Olivia, but we have a problem - housing. Right now, Evell is on a waiting list for Ronald McDonald House and the chances are that he cannot stay there for at least the first couple of days in NYC. Do any Rotarians who live in Manhattan have room for this boy and his mother for a couple of days? At this point, all facilities are booked. That may change in the next two weeks, but we must make sure we have a place for this child when he arrives. Please call me (914-828-8640) if you can possibly provide a place for Olivia and Evell when they arrive. (They speak Spanish, but interpreters have already volunteered). Thanks for your Rotary cooperation on this one.

Jose Carlos Flores - Jose is 18-months-old and is due to arrive on July 8th from Honduras. He is also on the waiting list for Ronald McDonald House, but they should be OK on space by the time Jose arrives.

GIFT OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING - I would like to have a short meeting with everyone interested in the Gift of Life just before our regular luncheon meeting Tuesday. We need to re-energize this wonderful program with some new ideas and initiatives without overburdening people who already have too many commitments. We welcome your input and ideas as well. We will meet Tuesday, June 19th, at 11:30 a.m. and end before the weekly Rotary luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m.. The meeting will probably be in the same room where the luncheon is held. Please try to be there!!!

Yours in Rotary, Bill Currie