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# LISA SUHAY



## AUTHOR

*Dream Catchers, Tell Me a Story,  
 and  
 Tell Me Another Story*

Lisa Suhay is an author, and a journalist turning out features and columns for major daily newspapers, including *The New York Times*. Mrs. Suhay works from home while raising three very

active young sons.

Her career began in tiny weekly publications in New Jersey and moved on to covering hard news in the Middle East in the early 1990s as a freelance writer. In 1995, Ms. Suhay and her husband Robert, a newspaper designer and carpenter, chose to refurbish an old sailboat and leave life as they knew it in their wake. They moved aboard a 38-foot sailboat with their infant son and took a cruise along the Eastern seaboard while Mrs. Suhay was pregnant with a second child.

The family returned to land in New Jersey in 1998 and Mrs. Suhay, pregnant with son number three, began writing columns for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Family Circle* magazine. Then she took on the added task of being a correspondent for *The New York Times*, for the New Jersey and Metro sections.

Her first book, *Tell Me a Story*, (Paraclete Press, April 2000) came into being as a means of helping the author and her family cope with the transition to modern life and the challenging situations they encountered in suburbia. Bullies on school buses and in boardrooms were transformed into magpies and apes.

These simple life lessons, first told to her children as impromptu bedtime tales to solve the day's heartaches, have touched adult's lives in a new way. Through the Internet, these fables have traveled the globe and worked in subtle ways to help adults and children find their courage, spirit, and compassion.

Her second book of fables, *Tell Me Another Story*, was released September 9, 2001, along with her first illustrated children's book *Dream Catchers*, with famed illustrator Louis S. Glanzman. Glanzman created the images for Pippi Longstocking and the portrait covers for *Time* magazine that now hang in the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- February 12<sup>th</sup>  
Lisa Suhay  
Author
- February 19<sup>th</sup>  
Frederick Kagan  
Professor of History
- February 26<sup>th</sup>  
POLICE  
RECOGNITION DAY
- March 5<sup>th</sup>  
Fellowship Day
- March 12<sup>th</sup>  
Steve Malanga  
*City Journal*
- March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Father Joseph O'Hare  
President of Fordham  
University  
Ireland Day
- March 26<sup>th</sup>  
Dr. Joseph Skelly  
Rotary Scholars Day
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Fellowship Day
- April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Walker Todd, Esq.
- April 16<sup>th</sup>  
FIREFIGHTERS  
RECOGNITION DAY



## MEET OUR "ALMOST" NEW MEMBER

### KURT F. MATTHEW, JR.

Kurt has previously been a member of our club.

Mr. Matthew is Chairman and Co-portfolio Manager of K.F. Matthew & Co., a registered investment advisor firm. His clients are institutional investors, entrepreneurs, families, and professionals in the U.S. and Europe.

Mr. Matthew focuses on structuring and managing equity, fixed-income, hedge fund, and private equity portfolios. He also acts as Chief Financial Officer to entrepreneurs and their companies.

In addition, Mr. Matthew recently acquired a media company and was installed as the Publisher and Editor of In Lifestyle magazine.

He was previously a financial advisor at Salomon Smith Barney, Managing Partner of a private family banking firm in Switzerland, and a corporate banker at Citibank.

Mr. Matthew is a graduate of Harvard University and Miami University of Ohio, and holds the series 65, 63, and 7 securities licenses.

Mr. Matthew is a monthly speaker to a group of 35 private investors and two investment clubs in New York. In addition, Mr. Matthew is a mentor and spiritual leader to a group of a dozen inner-city teenagers, and co-heads a church-based housing development organization.

## GIFT OF LIFE

Dear friends of the Gift of Life,

The rumors are only partially true. I have not really fallen off the face of the earth but have been extremely busy at my regular job these past two months. Things have been somewhat quiet until just recently with Gift of Life children in Manhattan. Right now, we have two very precious children in New York City.

At the beginning of the new year, an infant (born October 3) named Mohammed Abdulla arrived from Amman, Jordan. Little Mohammed is in need of immediate cardiac care and will be undergoing several procedures while here. He is staying at NYU/Tisch Hospital at 530 First Avenue at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street with his mother, who speaks English. If you have a chance, visit this mother and child in the Pediatric Unit. By the way, this mother lost a six-month-old child previously to heart disease so she could use our support at this critical time.

Tatiana Porushnik has been in New York well over a year hoping to find someone to perform very complex surgery for severe scoliosis. Tatiana has had many setbacks here but the good people at the Gift of Life office in Long Island never stopped trying to find someone who could help. You might remember that Nadia, our permanent visiting Rotarian, asked for prayers for Tatiana at last weeks New York Rotary Club meeting. I am very happy to report that Tatiana has had the first of two vital surgeries and is doing extremely well. She is at the Baby and Children's Hospital (part of New York Presbyterian) located at 166th Street and Broadway, Room 808. I have gotten to know Tatiana over the past 19 months and she is a warm and wonderful 17 year old looking for a chance at a real life. Visit Tatiana and her mother, Ludmila (what a great mom!) at the hospital.

Rotary District 7230 will be having its annual Gift of Life Dinner Dance at the Crowne Plaza in White Plains, on Friday, February 15th. I am proud to be a member of this districts Gift of Life Committee, along with Helen Reisler and hope to see some of you at the dinner next week. If you need information, call me or the RCNY office.

Stay well and many blessings in this New Year.

Bill Currie, Gift of Life Chairperson

## **REPORTER OF THE WEEK**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2002**

President Helen, "Lady Rotary," opened the meeting with the singing of The Star-Spangled Banner led by Scarlet Pildes and accompanied by David Dingle. This was followed by Cynthia Erickson's invocation and the introduction of four visiting Rotarians by Mats Ingemanson.

An FDNY lieutenant read the names of his firehouse's perished firefighters and their widows and orphans. He thanked us for our support and reiterated his men's personal commitment to ensuring the ongoing well-being of the families.

Programs Committee Chairman, Larry Parks then introduced our guest speaker, Andrew Stuttaford, a British-born journalist, banker, and its contributing editor to the *National Review Online*.

Mr. Stuttaford gave his personal reflections, on Europe's reaction and response after Sept. 11, 2001. He began on a nostalgic note, citing a parallel to "the Dunkirk affair," where "the Brits (like ourselves) stuck together and ordinary people did extraordinary things, for each other and their beloved country." He said that though Europe is on the side, of the individual countries differ in their level of commitment. Initially, the French questioned whether this was indeed "a war"; the Germans said it was not their problem; the Belgians were apologetic it all happened; the Brits, though, immediately rallied around the U.S. He attributes these disparate reactions to: "greed" (some European countries have longtime, lucrative trade ties to the "enemy"; a change in the political dynamic of Europe (widespread Muslim migration into Europe has resulted in there no longer being a unanimous national mindset) and the growth in political extremism (there are now, "British Taliban" and "Tartan Taliban," factions, to name just a few.)

Mr. Stuttaford also peppered his presentation with his views on the European Union: He begs to defer with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, that the UK should join the "ludicrous" EU. He disagrees with Europe trying to become a massive "super-state." In his defense, he argued that the UK would not have been able to respond, as quickly with the U.S., had the UK been part of the EU's bureaucracy.

Mr. Stuttaford ended on a positive note. He praised the U.S. as "the top dog that gets done what needs to be done" and leads the world by dint of sheer gumption!

Rotarian - Kurt F. Matthew, Jr.

## **Breakfast of the International Service Division**

Please mark your calendar for the next breakfast of the International Service Division at the German House on February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 8:15 a.m. We will have one speaker from the World Health Organization and one speaker from UNICEF. The topic of the day will be "World Health Problems" with a specific focus on HIV/AIDS. The names of the speakers will be announced.

The German Houses is located on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 48<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> Street. Please sign up with the Rotary office for this breakfast at [ny.rotary@verizon.net](mailto:ny.rotary@verizon.net). or call your reservation in to (212) 819 0809.

## **CONDOLENCES**

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Rotarian Mother Marie Martha Guibert's mother. You may send your condolences to:

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