



# MANKIND IS OUR BUSINESS

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The Princeton Club – 15 W. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street



## FREDERICK KAGAN

Dr. Frederick W. Kagan is Associate Professor of Military History at the United States Military Academy. He is the author of *The*

*Military Reforms of Nicholas I: The Origins of the Modern Russian Army*, co-author (with Donald Kagan) of *While America Sleeps: Military Weakness, Self-Delusion, and the Threat to Peace Today*, and co-editor (with Robin Higham) of *The Military History of Tsarist Russia* and *The Military History of the Soviet Union*. He has written and spoken extensively on national security and military history issues, including articles in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Commentary*, *Parameters*, *The Weekly Standard*, and *Joint Forces Quarterly*.

### 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 speakers' names are Desmond Jones, Representative of UNAIDS (joint UN programme on HIV/AIDS), New York liaison office; and Matthew Hodge, of the HIV/AIDS Health Section 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.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**February 19<sup>th</sup>**

Frederick Kagan  
Professor of History  
West Point Military  
Academy

**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

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Hon. Richard Butler  
Council on Foreign  
Relations

## AIR FORCE VISITS THE NAVY



Clarence Plummer, Rotarian and member of the Board of Directors attended the christening of the U.S.S. Bulkeley battleship last November. Clarence served in the Air Force and came to the event with his "buddies," former Marine Lou Dipaolo, and Saul Anton, who served in the Navy. The tickets had been arranged by our new member Lieutenant Commander Steve Brock, and many Rotarians accepted the invitation.

Clarence has been volunteering his messenger services over the past several months, and several September 11<sup>th</sup> related shipments and deliveries (blankets, teddy bears, etc.) could not have been completed without Clarence's dedication. The Rotary office and the New York Rotarians would like to thank Clarence for his efforts and his "Service Above Self."  
Andreas Runggatscher

### HELP!

Miryam Bechtle is a Swiss Ambassadorial Rotary Scholar from Zurich and currently studying at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. She is looking for a summer internship position in New York. It is very important for her to get an internship position after completing her junior year in college. She would like to work for 10 weeks in the consulting business or in the Finance Industry. Ms. Bechtle would appreciate any assistance from Rotarians from our club to help her find an intern position in the industries described above.

### COURTESY



Please be aware that during the luncheons all cell phones are to be turned off, out of respect for the guest speaker and your fellow Rotarians.

Thank you for your understanding.  
Andreas Runggatscher

## **REPORTER OF THE WEEK**

Tuesday, February 12, 2002

The meeting began with President Helen Reisler introducing David Dingle on piano and Scarlett Pildes, who led the Club in singing "The Stars Spangled Banner." Joseph Sullivan gave the invocation. Zehra Basaran introduced the visiting Rotarians: five from abroad and two from the States.

President Helen then introduced Werner Kobelt, Chairman of the New York Rotary Foundation, who presented checks to the following organizations for their support of victims of the World Trade Center attack: 1) Fraternite Notre Dame -- \$20,000 for their outstanding effort of feeding all those involved in recovery efforts at Ground Zero. 2) Seedco -- \$100,000 for this fund that supports lower Manhattan small retailers and manufacturers. Seedco has given \$7 million in grants and loans since September 11<sup>th</sup>. 3) The Children's Health Fund -- \$7,500 to purchase books on trauma and grief for children who lost a parent on September 11<sup>th</sup>. 4) Safe Horizon -- \$100,000 to the first group to hand out checks to victims without bureaucratic delays to low-income individuals and families. Safe Horizon has given \$54 million to date.

President Helen introduced all those giving service at the meeting, and then introduced our speaker, Lisa Suhay, author of "Dream Catchers," "Tell Me a Story," and "Tell Me Another Story." Lisa began by sharing her experiences at sea for six years with her husband and two children. When they started out, she had an infant son and was three month's pregnant. They experienced sheer pleasure, as well as sheer fright from the horrible weather at times.

Lisa started writing bedtime stories for her children to help them cope with the day's headaches. Today, these stories have touched adults as well, working in subtle ways to inspire courage, spirit, and compassion. Lisa read from the story, "The Mouse and the Light," a tale about turning fears into courage. It was a heartwarming story, and as Barney Barnett said, "We will all go home now and want to read to our children or grandchildren." Lisa added, "If you don't read to your children, someone else will, and you may not approve of that story."

Lisa Suhay is working with Franklin-Mason Press of Trenton, NJ, to make "The Mouse and the Light" into a book to benefit Camp Comfort Bereavement Camps. \$10,000 is needed to pay for printing. Anyone willing to become the sponsor, may contact Lisa at [suhays@home.com](mailto:suhays@home.com).

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Past President Joseph Sullivan secures his own signed copy of "Tell me another story" by Lisa Suhay.