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Prior to joining the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Mr. Todd was an attorney in the Legal Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from 1974 to 1985, where he was an assistant counsel after 1980. His areas of specialization included the legal aspects of discount window and emergency lending, bankers' acceptances, and letters of credit. In 1981, he was a member of the United States negotiating teams that obtained the release of 52 United States hostages from Iran and established a plan for an international tribunal at The Hague, Netherlands, for the adjudication of claims against Iran.

Mr. Todd grew up in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and holds a B.A. from Vanderbilt University, an M.A. in French from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a Ph.D. in French from Columbia University, and a J.D. from Boston University School of Law. Mr. Todd is a member of the bar in the states of Ohio and New York and is admitted to practice in the federal courts of Ohio, New York, and Colorado.

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CALENDAR

April 2nd

Dr. Walker Todd

April 9th

Fellowship Day

April 16th

**FIREFIGHTERS
RECOGNITION DAY**

April 23rd

Fellowship Day

April 30th

Jeanine Pirro
District Attorney

May 7th

Dick Morris

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May 14th

ITALY DAY

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

The Board of Directors has approved the following applicants. Any written objections must be received at the Club office by April 9, 2002.

DAVE GIBBS

Company: Greater New York Councils,
Boy Scouts of America

Suggested Classification: Boy Scouts

Sponsors: Tim O'Brien
Saul Anton

BARRY CHUZ

Company: Barry Chuz, M.D.

Suggested Classification: Surgeon: Ear-Throat-Nose and
Plastic Surgery

Sponsors: Helen Reisler
Serge Hadjollan

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIVISION BREAKFAST MEETING

Forty people attended the Rotary breakfast last Wednesday at the German Mission to the UN and participated in a lively discussion on the Environmental Crisis: Deserts, Forests, and Water. Presentations were made by the representative of the UN Environment Program and the Ambassador of Mongolia to the UN.

Attendees included representatives of UNESCO, of the New York Rotary Club at the UN, and from the National Model UN, taking place in New York.

The next breakfast meeting will be on Wednesday, April 24th at 8:30 a.m. The topic will be "A Society For All Ages," a report from the Second World Assembly on the Aging in Madrid on April 6-10.
Rotarian - Sylvan Barnet

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

March 26, 2002

The meeting was opened by Allison Alessi, who led the members in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner." This followed by the invocation by Ed Gray. Werner Kobelt provided an update on the recent disbursements from the 9/11 fund.

We then were treated to remarks from the nine Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars who attended the meeting. Most commented on their year in New York City as being not only educational and beneficial as far as promoting good will and understanding among people of different countries, but also inspirational, as they have been able to witness the spirit and determination of all New Yorkers after the tragedy of September 11. The following students joined us:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>UNIVERSITY</u>	<u>STUDY</u>
Valerie Angelini	Italy	NYU	Law
Daniel Biene	Germany	Yeshiva	Law
Chung-hi Chang	Taiwan	Columbia	Business
Claas Koenig	Germany	NYU	Law
Valeria Ruotolo	Italy	NYU	Law
Misha Schuber	Australia	Columbia	Journalism
Akari Yamamoto	Japan	SUNY Purchase	Music
Byong-Jo Kang	Korea	Columbia	Political Science
Jennifer Schiffrin	Germany	NYU	Law

The Rotary Scholars' remarks were followed by an address by Joseph Morrison Skelly, Assistant Professor of History and Director of the Honors Program at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in New York City. Dr. Skelly was a Rotary International Scholar at Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in 1990, and he shared with us his reflections of that time. As he studied in Belfast and traveled around the small towns of Northern Ireland, he enjoyed the universal Rotary spirit of good will and consideration of others. He also witnessed the effects of terrorism from both sides of the conflict in Northern Ireland. He then spent three years in Dublin, earning a graduate degree in the diplomatic history of Ireland.

Dr. Skelly quoted from William Butler Yeats of "that rough beast" of terrorism, the anti-Christ that he fears is now "slouching" toward New York, and toward all of Western civilization. He ended by asking the greatest national and international question of the day: How do we oppose terrorism? How do we fight this, when the terrorists have no regard for life, their own or anyone else's? He answered that the values and works of Rotary are preventing the birth of terrorism.

Rotarian - Ann Creo