

MANKIND IS OUR BUSINESS

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The Princeton Club – 15 W. 43rd Street



JUDGE

JEANINE FERRIS PIRRO

District Attorney Pirro is the chief law enforcement officer in Westchester County, having been elected District Attorney in 1993 and re-elected in 1997 and 2001. Since 1975, DA Pirro has devoted her life to public service as a prosecutor, County Court Judge, and an advocate for crime victims.

As District Attorney, she established new units to investigate and prosecute bias crimes, high-tech crimes, environmental crimes, youth and gang violence, crimes committed against seniors, and crimes committed by public officials. She has aggressively prosecuted deadbeat parents, welfare fraud and unemployment insurance fraud, returning more than \$1 million to taxpayers. In her quest to ensure that law enforcement has the resources necessary to address crimes, District Attorney Pirro enlisted the assistance of corporate America to create innovative programs for the victims of domestic

violence, to prosecute high-tech crimes, protect senior citizens, and educate students.

A longtime advocate of increased penalties for hate and bias crimes, DA Pirro testified before the United States Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on hate crimes in May 1999. In June 1999, on behalf of the U.S. Department of State, she gathered testimony of Serbian war crimes from Kosovar refugees. In 1999, DA Pirro was the first woman President of the New York State District Attorneys Association.

In 1990, she was the first woman elected to the Westchester County Criminal Court. Judge Pirro received the highest rating from the independent Fund for Modern Courts. She has received numerous civic and law enforcement awards and honors, including the Spirit of Anne Frank Award and the Ellis Island Award.

CALENDAR

April 30th Jeanine Pirro District Attorney	May 7th Dick Morris Vote.com	May 14th ITALY DAY	May 21st Janine Jackson	May 28th ARMED FORCES DAY Tom Ricks	June 4th UN DAY Hon. Patricia Durrant
June 11th TRANSITION DAY	June 18th John Sexton NYU	June 25th Pending	July 2nd NO MEETING	July 9th PRESIDENT'S DAY	

MEMBERS' COLUMN

As you may already know our Club Secretary and President-elect for 2002-2003, Greg Lynch, was in charge of the outgoing GSE group for District 7230 in Brazil. Within that program, we have an incoming group of five from Brazil. We need several host families for the week of April 28th through May 5th.

Please help in providing them with great New York Rotary hospitality. They will be attending our luncheon on April 30th.

WTC-DISASTER RELIEF FUND GRANTS

<u>Safe Horizon</u>	<u>AWARDED</u> \$100,000
<u>Seedco</u>	\$100,000
<u>Children's Health Fund</u>	\$7,500
<u>Fraternite Notre Dame</u>	\$20,000
<u>Council of Churches City of NY</u>	\$5,000
<u>The New York Mission Society</u>	\$50,000
<u>The 9/11 Children's Fund</u>	\$100,000
<u>Helpline</u>	\$25,000
<u>City Meals on Wheels</u>	\$50,000
<u>Individual Grants to 9/11 victims</u>	\$30,000
<u>SUBTOTAL</u>	\$507,500

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

President Helen called the meeting to order and Bernie Wytko led us in the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and gave the invocation. President Helen introduced the people giving service. Bernhard Fabricius introduced the visiting Rotarians, one from abroad and two from the United States.

President Helen called on Richard Stanley and Lou Moscatello of the Great Barrington Rotary Club in Massachusetts, who presented our Club with a \$2,655.24 check collected by their Club for the World Trade Center Relief Fund. New York Rotary Foundation Chairman Werner Kobelt thanked them for their support.

Don Stern presented Alexandra Halprin with a certificate for winning the "Mankind Is Our Business" poster contest.

Dick Sainburg, Chairman of the Ambassadorial Scholars Committee, introduced Scholar Bernd Grama. Bernd Grama is a student from Austria, studying at the Columbia Law School. He talked about his experiences in New York City and said he was impressed with the way Americans responded to the terrorist attacks.

President Helen announced that she is due to travel to Kansas City on April 26th to speak at their Rotary District Convention. She will present them with framed certificates on behalf of the Club.

Bill DeLong announced that he has traveled around the world and spread the good things Rotary has accomplished. He also said he will be participating in the AIDS Walk on May 19th.

The remainder of the time was spent with fellowship talk among the attendees.

Rotarian -David Zeller