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HON. M. PATRICIA DURRANT

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF JAMAICA TO THE UN

TOPIC: A WORLD FIT FOR CHILDREN

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H.E. Mignonette Patricia Durrant is the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session on Children. A career diplomat since 1971, Patricia Durrant has served as Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations since 1995. She is currently Vice Chair of

and Development (1999). She served as Minister, Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 1983 to 1987. From 1987 to 1992, she was Ambassador of Jamaica to the Federal Republic of Germany with concurrent accreditation as Non-resident Ambassador to Israel, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the Holy See. Prior to assuming her current post, she served from 1992 to 1995 as Director-General of Jamaica's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

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the Open-ended Working Group on the Reform of the United Nations Security Council. She was Jamaica's Representative on the Security Council in 2000-2001. She was appointed UN Ombudsman by General Assembly. Ambassador Durrant is also the Chair of the Consultative Committee for the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). She is a past President of the High-level Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (1999-2001) and was Vice Chair of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Population

In 1992, Ambassador Durrant was awarded the Order of Distinction in the rank of Commander (C.D.) and in 2000 she was awarded the Order of Jamaica (O.J.) for services to Jamaica in the field of international affairs. In 1998, she was honored by the university of the West Indies as one of its distinguished graduates on the occasion of the University's 50th anniversary. Ambassador Durrant has also received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows (WAFUNI).

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Ambassador Durrant holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a diploma in international relations from the University of the West Indies, as well as a Diploma in overseas development studies from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.

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CALENDAR



**June 4th
UN DAY**

Hon. M. Patricia Durrant
(Princeton Club –not at the UN)

**June 11th
TRANSITION DAY**

**June 18th
John Sexton
NYU Law School**

**June 25th
Abraham Briloff
Professor- Baruch College**

**July 2nd
NO MEETING**

**July 9th
PRESIDENT'S DAY- Silvio Amori's Inauguration**

MEMBERS' COLUMN

Members receive 20 luncheon coupons per six months at \$30 each. If you are running out of luncheon coupons, you may have attended 20 luncheons. If this is the case, you may pay \$30 at the door until the last meeting of June. The new luncheon coupons will be available in July.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEW FISCAL YEAR STARTS IN JULY. ANNUAL DUES (\$520) AND LUNCHEON COUPON PAYMENTS (\$600) WILL BE DUE.

Rotary International Service Division Breakfast

Wednesday, June 26
8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

German Permanent Mission to the U.N.
First Avenue between 48th and 49th St. 23rd Fl.
871 UN Plaza

**Topic: Education about the Population Puzzle
Speaker: David Andrews, President, Population
Communications International; Chair, NGO
Committee on Population and Development.**

Registration is at 8:30 and discussion starts at 8:45. Cost of breakfast is \$15 payable directly to the Maitre'd. Kindly let us know by Monday, June 24, if you will attend. RSVP by telephone or fax to the RCNY office, or by e-mail to ny.rotary@verizon.net, with a copy to Ms. Allison Alessi, event coordinator, at aealessi@aol.com.

Giorgio Balestrieri, Chair *Sylvan Barnet,*
International Service Division *Alt. R.I. Rep. to the U.N.*

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

Armed Forces Day was co-chaired by Saul Anton and Lou DiPaolo. The singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" was led by Art Auslander. Rabbi William Kloner, Vice Admiral of the N.Y. Naval Militia, gave the invocation. Saul Anton introduced 20 of our members who served in World War II. They were recognized by the Club, as were representatives of the Fire and Police Departments. Greg Lynch introduced nine visiting Rotarians.

Lou DiPaolo introduced our speaker Thomas E. Ricks, military correspondent for *The Washington Post*. Mr. Ricks was a member of the 2000 Pulitzer Prize-winning team for national reporting at *The Wall Street Journal*, where he was a correspondent for 17 years. He won another Pulitzer Prize as part of a team in 2002 for national reporting on the U.S. counteroffensive against terrorism.

Mr. Ricks shared his accounts of the war on terrorism, noting how few casualties there have actually been, thanks in part to precision bombs; an extraordinary amount of surveillance, such as unmanned aircraft, manned aircraft, and satellites; and a highly efficient military. He told us that there are currently only 7,000 men and women in Afghanistan compared with 38,000 in the NYPD. He told of the need to rebuild Afghanistan's agricultural sector partly by removing landmines, and restoring irrigation and roads. He also noted the important contribution to the war on terrorism by Pakistan, Yemen, several former Soviet Union countries, and the wildcard in the Middle East: Saudi Arabia. The question and answer session that followed was very lively.

-Rotarian Frances Vieta