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Bill Berkeley is a reporter on the investigative staff of The New York Times and the author of "The Graves Are Not Yet Full: Race, Tribe and Power in the Heart of Africa," published in 2001. He has been an editorial writer at the Times and for more than a decade reported on African affairs for *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The New Republic*, *The New York Times Magazine* and *The Washington Post*. He grew up in Connecticut and was educated at Harvard College and Yale Law School, where he spent a year on a fellowship for journalists. He teaches writing at Columbia University's graduate School of International and Public Affairs, and he lives in New York with his wife and daughter.

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**For their generous and outstanding help
with the relocation of our new office.**

MEMBERS COLUMN

CONGRATULATIONS!

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Rotarian Peter Connors became a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel, a very distinct honor. There are only 700 in the U.S.



ANNUAL DUES AND LUNCHEON COUPON PAYMENTS

THE ANNUAL DUES AND ADVANCE LUNCHEON COUPON PAYMENTS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THIS FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003, ARE NOW DUE. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED YOUR PAYMENT, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUICK FOLLOW-UP.

YOUR LUNCHEON COUPONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET. THEY WILL BE MAILED AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THEM.

COMMITTEES

Please let the office know of your interest in joining any existing committees if you have a concept for forming a new committee, in which case we would kindly ask you to submit it in writing. Please participate as an active member.

BICYCLE RIDE 4 THE CURE

COAST-TO-COAST 2002

Children's Leukemia Foundation

On August 25th, Steve and Stephanie Mountford, two retired British police officers, will start their bicycle ride from coast to coast, 100 days, 60 miles each day, to raise monies for the National Children's Leukemia Foundation. They will start in Central Park and finish their ride on December 7th in San Francisco, CA. If you are a biker and/or would like to support their worthy cause, please go to www.coasttocoast2002.com for more information.

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, July 16, 2002

The meeting had great energy and many visitors, including prospective members. President Silvio welcomed everyone. Scarlett Pildes sang the national anthem with passion. Volker Detering gave the invocation, a Haiku based on the German poem "Augen in der Grossstadt," which means "Eyes in the Big City," by Kurt Tucholsky, denaturalized by the Nazis in 1933:

*eyes in the big city
glimpses in the canyon's heat
blown away forever*

President Silvio asked for a minute of silence in honor of, what would have been the 78th birthday of Leo Fromm, who passed away last year. Silvio then introduced the members giving service. Jim Morita generously donated \$5,000 to the club and \$1,000 to the New York Rotary Foundation. Maye Musk introduced visiting Rotarians and we sang the New York Rotary Welcome Song, which was written by New York Rotarian Johnny Shays in 1945 and copyrighted by the Rotary Club of New York.

Past Director Larry Parks introduced speaker Kerry Kennedy Cuomo, who started working in the field of human rights in 1981 when she investigated abuses committed by U.S. immigration officials against refugees from El Salvador. She is on the Board of Directors of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial and established the RFK Center for Human Rights. She has appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, and CNN, and her commentaries and articles have been widely published.

Kerry Kennedy Cuomo spoke about her book "*Speak Truth To Power*" with interviews of 50 human rights advocates from around the world- an inspiring rainbow of heroes from more than 35 countries and five continents. In each interview, she examines the courage of women and men who are dramatically changing the course of events in their communities and countries. They are individuals who have made the difficult decision to confront the most pressing problems of our world today, from free expression to women's rights, from environmental defense to eradication of slavery. Their stories represent a small sampling of individuals found in every community: people willing to stand up, speak out, and make a difference. Kennedy Cuomo said that when we speak out against human rights violations, we send ripple effects. Human rights violations happen everywhere and the only way to end them is to speak out against them. For example, one woman out of three has been subject to sexual assault. She herself knows 14 women who have been raped. Only one told the police and it was dismissed. In Pakistan, 800 women were murdered last year in the name of honor. Kennedy Cuomo ended her speech with a poem by Langston Hughes.

There were five minutes of questions and answers before President Silvio adjourned the meeting.

Rotarian - Mats Ingemanson

Happy Birthday Fellow Rotarians

Herb Missry- July 20th

Jeffrey Burkes - July 21st

Achim Moeller - July 21st

Mary Fischetti- July 27th

