



SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE

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The Princeton Club – 15 W. 43rd Street

FELLOWSHIP DAY

Our speaker for this day
will be each one of you.

Speak to each other

about yourselves, your businesses,
your ideas, and your committees.

Speak to a new member

Bring a guest and let
him/her feel the Fellowship
and meet our members.

This is a perfect opportunity for
chair people to meet with their
committees and report committee
progress at the microphone!!

**ON FELLOWSHIP DAYS
LUNCHEONS WILL BE
SERVED BUFFET STYLE**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



July 30th
FELLOWSHIP DAY

August 6th
Michael Cardozo, Esq.
Corporation Counsel
NYC Law Dept.

August 13th
Beth Gilinsky
The Jewish Action Alliance

August 20th
Robert Benson
District Governor's Day

August 27th
Lisa Evers
Radio Talk show host
1010 Wins

September 3rd
FELLOWSHIP DAY

MEMBERS COLUMN

After work fun at Annie Moore's

David Del Monte and Tim O'Brien invite all New York Rotary Club members to an "after work group for Rotary fellowship". The gathering will take place every third Wednesday (5PM to 7PM) of each month at Annie Moore's located on East 43rd Street near Vanderbilt Avenue/Grand Central. The first gathering on July 24th was both, fun and successful.



ANNUAL DUES AND LUNCHEON COUPON PAYMENTS

THE ANNUAL DUES AND ADVANCE LUNCHEON COUPON PAYMENTS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003, ARE NOW PAST 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.

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.

Happy Birthday Fellow Rotarians

Mary Fischetti- July 27th



REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, July 23, 2002

President Silvio Amori opened the meeting with the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," led by Allison Alessi followed by Hugh Hamilton giving the invocation. Bill Goldman introduced the visiting Rotarians.

Larry Parks, Chair of the programs committee, introduced our speaker Bill Berkeley. "The graves are not yet full," is the title of Bill Berkeley's recent book on Africa. It is not meant to be a sales trick, it is a citation from a radio broadcast to agitate Hutus in Rwanda to kill more Tutsis.

Berkeley lived and worked in several countries of Africa and his book is a summary of a decade of reporting. He was a witness to terrible developments and atrocities. Most of the African "ethnic wars" and other tribal tensions are usually described as "historical hatred", "exotic situations" or in similar terms. Berkeley pointed out that in many countries of Africa we have to look at lawlessness, corruption and agitation that are used to enhance personal power and benefit. This is the perfect breeding background for terrorism. Bin Laden established his network first in Sudan, then in Somalia.

Charles Taylor in Liberia is a known dictator, arms dealer and crook surrounded by a "small boys unit" of eleven year old kids with automatic rifles. His power was established through the protection of one side and discrimination of the other, a typical procedure.

Arbitrary borders and ancient rivalry are not the cause of hatred and genocide. It is far more generated by interested groups or individuals and unfortunately also by Europeans and Americans, who profit from arms trades and diamonds. The bad people are black and white; the good people are also black and white.

What an interesting speaker, what a great Rotary meeting.

-Rotarian Bernhard Fabricius