



SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE

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NICHOLAS RUOCCO



Nicholas Ruocco received his Master of Fine Arts degree from Columbia University and his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Herbert H. Lehman College of the City University of New York. Mr. Ruocco has taught at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in various positions for more than twenty years. Currently as Museum educator for administration, he is involved in all aspects of the Museum's educational work with direct oversight of all of the Museum's programs for schools, families, students, teachers, and the library in the Uris Center for Education. These responsibilities include direct supervision and training of both administrative and teaching in many of these programs. Mr. Ruocco is also an Adjunct Instructor at City College of the City University of New York, where he teaches a graduate seminar in Museum Education, and Manhattanville College where he teaches undergraduate courses in materials and techniques. Nicholas has been a guest lecturer and instructor in Museums throughout the New York area.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



September 17th
Nicholas Ruocco
Metropolitan Art Museum

September 24th
AUSTRIA DAY

October 1st
FELLOWSHIP DAY

October 8th
JJ. Goldberg
The Jewish Forward

October 15th
Tom Lipscomb
Political Commentator,
Journalist

October 22nd
GERMANY DAY

October 29th
James Goodale, Esq.
Debevoise & Plimpton

MEMBERS COLUMN

In Memory

What was it you had said?
Why did you have to go?
Each simple little memory
Now passes by so slow.
I am stuck in the yesterday
Not wanting to accept
The horrid truth that you are gone
Your life taken without threat
This morning you awoke
To face a brand new day
But a cold-hearted terrorist
Took that gift away
Though the grave cry for the lost
In the settling of the dust
They failed to shake our foundation
For in God we put our trust.

Michelle Lynn McPeters Inman, SC

THE GIFT OF LIFE 2002 AMERICAN HEART WALK Sunday, October 27th, 2002

8:30 Registration
Walk begins at 10 a.m.

RIVERSIDE PARK

1.5-mile waterfront walk & health fair
beginning at 79th Street and Riverside Drive

TO REGISTER CALL (212) 878-5926

By joining us on Sunday, October 27th, companies, clubs, schools, and citizens can learn more about heart disease and help raise money to fund American Heart Association research that will someday lead to more answers and save more lives right here in New York City.

Happy Birthday Fellow Rotarians

David Dingle- September 25th
Bruce Firkins- September 25th
Rev. Laurent Deneux-September 26th
Richard Sainberg- September 27th
Giorgio Balestrieri- September 29th



REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

President Silvio opened the meeting, and Bernie Wytko led the club in the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner", with David Dingle on the piano.

Past President and Foundation Trustee Ed Gray delivered a beautiful invocation, which was followed by a moment of silence in memory of the victims of 9/11.

President Silvio read some touching letters (one very moving message to all Rotarians from DG Bob Benson and one from the Rotary Club of Lockerbie, Scotland), all letters of solidarity in view of the first anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11.

The speaker of the day was Adi Roche of Chernobyl Children's Project International. She expressed her sympathy for the victims to the members present and her admiration of the courage and strength of the American people. Adi Roche, who has received many awards said that her most cherished one is the Rotary Club's "Paul Harris Award." Adi Roche said she is especially honored by the award because of the Rotarians spirit and her father's active membership in the organization in Ireland until his recent death.

Adi Roche reported that 16 years after the tragic events in Chernobyl, when reactor no. 4 exploded at the Atomic Energy Station, the after effects are terrifying. Cancer rates, birth defects, and infant mortality are higher than ever. Hundreds of institutions, and homes house abandoned children, who have become orphaned since the disaster. Many of these children are born with such severe birth defects and illnesses that parents are unable to care for them without institutional assistance. The suffering of these children is compounded by poverty and displacement (adult suicide has increased 1,000% since Chernobyl), and now the suffering has spread to the next generation. In fact, radiation health experts at the United States National Academy of Sciences now predict that the full medical impacts of the Chernobyl disaster will not be known for another 5 to 10 years.

The Chernobyl Children's Project International Inc., or CCPI, is a recently incorporated New York not-for-profit organization created to provide humanitarian aid to the 3 to 4 million children the United Nations recognizes as currently affected by the world's worst nuclear disaster.

The need for medical treatment and humanitarian aid is greater now than it was 16 years ago, and Adi Roche asked the members present and the American people at large not to forget about these poor children of Chernobyl and to find it in their hearts to donate generously to their cause.

Adi Roche's speech received a standing ovation by the members. The meeting closed with the singing of "God Bless America."

Reporter of the week – Andreas Runggatscher