

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK

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LASER EYE SURGERY



Mark D. Fromer, M.D., is a board-certified ophthalmologist in surgery and treatment of eye diseases. He specializes in laser vision correction procedures including LASIK (laser assisted insitu-keratomileusis) and PRK (photo refractive keratectomy). Dr. Fromer performs no-stitch cataract surgery, and has been performing laser surgery for glaucoma, diabetic retinal disease, and age-related diseases of the retina since 1988.

Dr. Fromer received his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI in 1980 and his medical degree from Rutgers Medical School in Piscataway, NJ in 1984. He served his internship at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center in New York City, where he also completed his residency in ophthalmology. Dr. Fromer went on to complete a vitreoretinal fellowship at Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Hospital in New York City.

With more than 10 years in private practice, Dr. Fromer offers the most technologically advanced treatment for correction of eye diseases, with offices in three locations in New York City. Through his affiliation with major medical centers in the New York area and as Director of Advanced Vision Care, Dr. Fromer maintains a very active role in teaching advanced surgical techniques and laser vision correction surgery to fellow ophthalmologists. He has also lectured extensively throughout the United States.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



October 2nd
Dr. Mark Fromer,
Laser Eye Surgery

October 9th
Hon. Gary Ackerman

October 16th
GERMANY DAY

~~October 19th
EVENING OF HARMONY~~
CANCELLED

October 23rd
Larry Parks, FAME

October 30th
Fellowship Day

MEMBERS' COLUMN

AS MENTIONED MANY TIMES IN THE PAST, IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT RESERVATIONS BE MADE IN A TIMELY MANNER. IT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW OF YOUR MEAL PREFERENCE. THE PRINCETON CLUB CANNOT PROVIDE US WITH THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF SERVICE UNLESS RESERVATIONS AND INDICATIONS OF MEAL PREFERENCE ARE MADE. FROM THIS POINT ON, THE REGULAR MEAL WILL BE SERVED IF YOU HAVE NOT PROVIDED US WITH INFORMATION THAT INDICATES OTHERWISE. THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION.

ANDREAS RUNGGATSCHER

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

AUSTRIA DAY - Tuesday, September 25, 2001

President Helen Reisler began Austria Day by introducing Scarlett Pildes, who led the Club in the singing of The Star-Spangled Banner, followed by the Austrian National Anthem on tape. Sylvan Barnet gave a heartfelt invocation. Later in the program, Allison Alessi introduced the visiting Rotarians, six from abroad and five from the States.

Hans Belcsak began the Austria Day program by reminding us of the long tradition of friendship between Austria and the United States. November 26 has officially been named Austrian-American Day. He read a letter from the President of Austria to the Austrian American Consul and to Rotary, expressing his sorrow for the events of September 11, and affirming Austria's solidarity with the U.S. in the fight against terrorism.

The speaker of the day was Dr. Christoph Thun-Hohenstein, Director of the Austrian Cultural Forum in New York, who spoke about an Austrian's cultural vision for the 21st century. To find new ways to marry cultural achievement with technology. Art is about creativity and it's cultural consequences. He discussed the relationship of art and human creation, and the role of art in human suffering. The challenge is to extract what is valuable from the human experience.

He mentioned the forum's new building, at 11 East 52nd Street, which exhibits the balance between technology and human experience. The center has new ways of presenting art, music, as well as visual art. The new center will open in April 2002.

Rotarian – Ann Creo



GIFT OF LIFE UPDATE

On Austria Day, Chairperson of the day Hans Belcsak presented me with a round-trip airline ticket from Austria to New York to be used for a Gift of Life child. In my remarks, I mentioned how this gesture could make the difference in saving the life of one child that might otherwise not be able to come to the USA for the type of lifesaving surgery offered by the Gift of Life. I also mentioned that when we had Firemen's Recognition Day back in April, I asked the speaker how firemen go about rescuing someone from a burning building, and he said "one person at a time." That speaker was First Deputy Commissioner Bill Feehan, who died at the World Trade Center doing just that, trying to rescue one person at a time. Indeed that is what the Gift Of Life is all about – to save "one child at a time" so that they can live a full life.

Right now, the 1,000-mile run/walk is 75 percent done. The good people who have been running and walking on behalf of the Gift of Life have covered 750 miles and are now in central Pennsylvania. They will soon be coming through New Jersey and on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, will be entering New York City. I greatly admire the people doing this 1,000-mile journey to raise money and awareness about the Gift of Life. For more information, please see "www.gol1.com," where Gift of Life Chairman Robbie Donno has posted a daily journal.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THE 1,000-MILE WALK/RUN? We expect a number of Rotarians and Rotaract members to join with the group as it enters Manhattan on Sunday morning. The runners are expected to cross the Manhattan Bridge from Brooklyn around 11 a.m. and go up First Avenue to 59th Street before heading out to Ronald McDonald House on Long Island, where there will be a celebration to officially end the journey. WE PLAN TO MEET AT THE CORNER OF 23rd STREET AND FIRST AVENUE AT 11 A.M. and join the group as it heads up First Avenue. We should support their efforts as they come through our home territory. Our group plans to walk with them as they go up First Avenue past the UN. Please join us for this event.

If you cannot join us on Sunday, make a contribution to "Gift of Life, Inc." and say it's in support of the walk/run. If you have the resources, one person or organization can pay the entire costs of saving one child's life by contributing \$5,000 through the Save a Child Program.

Whatever you do, please keep these good people in your thoughts and prayers. They have sacrificed much at this difficult time, and the least we can do is support them as they enter the greatest city in the world. I hope to see as many of you as possible at 23rd Street and First Avenue at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Yours in Rotary,
Bill Currie

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

The Board of Directors has approved the following applicant. Any written objections must be received at the Club office by October 2, 2001.

Name:	Steve Hongsop Shim
Position:	President
Company:	Pan Int'l Realty Invest Corp.
Suggested Classification:	Import / Export Oil
Sponsors:	Sonny Lee Giorgio Balestrieri