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FELLOWSHIP DAY

New York Rotary on the Web

Mats Ingemanson

Internet Communications Officer
Rotary Club of New York

Vice Chairman

www.RotaryFirst100.org

Mats Ingemanson has in less than a year developed the New York Rotary Web site into one of the most frequently visited club Web sites in Rotary. Mats wants the Web site to enhance our Rotary experience. After all, there is no limitation of time and space with the Web, it does not matter if a subject interests only 5 to 10 members. There is room for every committee and every activity to have exposure to our Club members and Rotarians outside our Club. The biggest recent success of our Web site is in the fundraising for the World Trade Center disaster. Rotarians around the world have received information about this fund through the Internet.

Mats will hold a town-hall presentation, inviting the members to participate with questions and opinions. He wants all members to attend, especially those who are still not using the Internet. It is very important that as many members as possible come on board and online. Rotary is sailing into the 21st century and the Rotary Club of New York is in the forefront.

Mats Ingemanson is known in Rotary for his inventions with infrared technology (including the Redi-Kwick Pizza Oven at www.Redi-Kwick.com), but he also has professional experience in computer technology in America, Europe, and Asia, including working with the United Nations for 10 years.

Mats came to America from his native Sweden in 1980, with a grant from the Swedish government to develop a personal computer in Berkeley, California. He worked there in the Infant computer industry with many of its pioneers.

In his Rotary service as Internet Communications Officer of the New York Rotary Club at www.NewYorkCityRotary.org and as Vice Chairman of the Rotary First 100 Club's Website at www.RotaryFirst100.org, Mats has developed a method of Internet marketing which has contributed to the rapid success of both Websites. Mats writes regular e-mail newsletters that are read by Rotarians around the world.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 30th
Fellowship Day

November 6th
Jim McKloskeys
Centurian Ministries

November 13th
Tom Mellins
Author

November 20th
Fellowship Day

November 10, 2001 – Rotaract Members are planning a Charter Celebration (6th Anniversary).
Place: Trattoria Alba, 233 E. 34th St. Time: 5-8 p.m.

MEMBERS' COLUMN

After I saw a video presentation at one of our meetings: on Mongolian's Disastrous winters, I discussed this agenda at my church, which has 1,800 congregates. We collected 10 truckloads of winter clothing and shoes for the people of Mongolia.

When I was requested to help with a Mongolian festival crew's airplane tickets (26 crew members and air cargo valued at \$60,000), I was able to arrange for 26 free round-trip tickets from Ulanbataar to JFK.

Sonny Lee



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Having retired after 30 some years of UN service, I have since been engaged in the academic circle as a Professor of Peace Studies, and international relations, which keeps me in touch with youngsters. Furthermore, I have set up an NGO, "Reconciliation 21," and am involved in conflict resolution, which I find difficult but challenging.

As I get older, I feel more and more that I ought to pay back our society for the privileges and opportunities I have enjoyed over the years. As such, I look forward to being part of your pro-active and service oriented RCNY team. May I count on your guidance and friendship?

Mikio Tajima

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

The Board of Directors has approved the following applicants. Any written objections must be received at the Club office by October 30, 2001.

Name: KEVIN DONNELLY
Position: President
Company: K.J. Donnelly & Co., Inc.
Suggested Classification: Financial Planner / Retirement
Sponsors: Serge Hadjolian
Joseph Sullivan

Name: SUSAN JAROS
Position: Director
Company: HealthNet, Inc.
Suggested Classification: Health Benefits
Sponsors: Greg Lynch
Clarence Plummer

Name: DONALD DEAN
Position: Retired
Company: Manhattan Properties Company
Suggested Classification: Real Estate Mgt..
Sponsors: Lillian Coury
Allison Alessi

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 23, 2001

President Helen began the meeting by calling the membership to attention at their seats. Allison Alessi led those assembled in singing two verses of "You're a Grand Old Flag". (I would like to add that I personally have enjoyed singing the variety of patriotic songs in the past month - "The Star-Spangled Banner", "America the Beautiful," and now this tune.) Ed Gray gave a calming invocation in which he suggested we leverage our religious faith for strength in these trying times.

President Helen inducted a new member, Mikio Tajima, who took a moment to address the membership and to express his gratitude at being accepted as a Rotarian and into the New York Rotary Club, and his desire for us to help him to get to know us quickly. Dick Sainburg introduced the visiting Rotarians: four international members and four domestic, all regaled with "Fellow Rotarians, We Greet You," as has been done since the song's copyright in 1945. (You can visit the club website at www.newyorkcityrotary.org to view the original sheet music!)

Helen mentioned that the Club has received over 300 letters from around the world in the wake of the 9/11 attack, and the letters have progressed from condolences, to monetary donations (which prompted the formation of the NYC Rotary Foundation Disaster Relief Fund), to project proposals. As Helen pointed out, this is just one indication of that Rotary is united and that Rotarians are never alone in the world.

After a nice period of fellowship over our monkfish lunch, Helen introduced our speaker of the day: none other than NYRC member Dr. Lawrence Parks. Larry, in addition to his stellar work as our Club's Programs Division Chair, is the Executive Director of the Foundation for the Advancement of Monetary Education (FAME). "FAME is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization whose sole mission is to educate people about the benefits of honest monetary weights and measures and the harm caused by our current fraudulent fiat money monetary system," as outlined in the organization's Web site, at www.fame.org. Larry has just published a book titled What Does Mr. Greenspan Really Think and he provided us with an overview of his thesis and how he came to write the book. As Larry said, it is difficult to do justice to his thesis in a 20-minute speech. I would suggest that you consider visiting the FAME website if you would like to learn more about the book and the message of Larry's organization.

Yours in Rotary, Taylor Gray

Corporate Membership Meeting

When: Tuesday, October 30, 2001

Where: Princeton Club Time: 11:00 a.m.

10/30/01 - ELECTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please submit your ballots. If you have not received a ballot sheet, call the Rotary office.

INFORMATION FOR THE NEWEST ROSTER

If you have not already done so, please submit your personal data as well as a recent picture for the preparation of the 2001-2002 roster. There is also a corps of volunteers, headed by Tim O'Brien and David Del Monte, placing calls and trying to accelerate this process. Please support them in any way you can, since this will ensure that your member profile will be published correctly. We will have a camera at the next meeting and take your picture if we do not have one on file or if you wish to have an updated one in the new roster. Please be at the Princeton Club at 11:30 A.M. on the next meeting and we will take your picture.

Andreas Runggatscher

BREAKFAST OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB SERVICE DIVISION

Participants in the October 24th discussion with to H.E. Dr. Hanns Heinrich Shumacher, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the UN, on "Public/Private Partnership at the International Level":

1. Amb. John Richardson (Head Delegation EC)
2. Amb. Patricia Durrant - Jamaica
3. Nicola Bellomo
4. Sylvan Barnet (Alt. Rotary Rep. UN – Polio Campaign)
5. Giorgio Balestrieri (NY Rotary International Division)
6. Joseph Sullivan (NY Rotary, Past President)
7. Dieter Kemp (NY Rotary)
8. Suzanne Sebert (NY Rotary)
9. Giulia Iacobelli (NY Rotary)
10. Joseph Klee (NY Rotary)
11. Bill Delong (NY Rotary)
12. Edward Gray (NY Rotary, Past President, Polio Campaign)
13. Tilman Schmidt-Lorenz (MERCK)
14. Mikio Tajima (NY Rotary)
15. Dr. Gannon (invited by Mr. Klee)
16. Greg Lynch (Secretary of the NY Rotary Board)
17. Gerry Hamilton (NY Rotary)
18. Allison Alessi (NY Rotary)

NEXT MEETING:

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

WHERE: THE GERMAN MISSION

TIME: 8:15 a.m.

GIFT OF LIFE UPDATE

The Gift of Life program is still having difficulty placing children at Ronald McDonald House in New York City. We are hopeful that we will be able once again to use this wonderful facility that is so close to the New York hospitals in the near future.

In the meantime, we have one child who arrived last week. Nancy Rosario, (age 7) arrived from the Philippines and will be having surgery at NYU/Tisch Medical Center within the next week or two. Nancy and her grandmother are staying at the Ronald McDonald House on Long Island. I realize that visiting is difficult for most of us at the Long Island facility. Nancy was here about a year ago, and the surgery this time is the next step for her to lead a full life. I will let everyone know when Nancy is admitted to the hospital so you can visit this sweet young child.

A PERSONAL NOTE: I realize that with all of the terrible things that have happened these past weeks, it is difficult to think about the Gift of Life. With so many fears surrounding us and with the devastation we all experienced still fresh in our minds, saving a child's life seems a little less significant. I like to think that while we cannot always understand why and how tragic events like September 11th can happen; we can do our part to make this a better world. We can be a little more kind to each other, a little more compassionate, and we can help to save lives - one child at a time. That is what Gift of Life is all about. Do not lose the spark. Help to keep the spirit alive and continue to support this wonderful program.

Yours in Rotary,
Bill Currie