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The Princeton Club – 15 W. 43rd Street

Dr. Robin Blackburn

Robin Blackburn is the author of "Banking on Death or Investing in Life: the History and Future of Pensions", a book described as 'timely and important reading' by Kevin Philips in the Los Angeles Times and commended in the Economist for the 'excellent job' it does of explaining the pensions crunch. Born in Britain in 1940 Blackburn is now Distinguished Professor at the Graduate Faculty of the New School University, New York. When he started work on this book he was Senior Research Fellow at Kings College, Cambridge, UK. He has published widely in the field of social and history. He has also served as director economic and chairman of Verso, a successful independent publishing company.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



November 19th
Dr. Robin Blackburn
New School University
ELECTION DAY

November 26th
Foundation Day

December 3rd
Turkey Day

December 10th
Lionel Barber
Financial Times

December 17th
Holiday Party

INTRODUCTION OF YOUR ROTARY GUEST

Last week we started to introduce the non-Rotarian guests that you had brought to the luncheon. In order to continue this, please provide the person at the registration desk, who is assigned to the introduction of visiting Rotarians, with the name of your guest. We believe that this will give more exposure to guests during the luncheon and more recognition to the members that are bringing guests to the luncheons.

***ELECTION DATE FOR THE
NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR
THE BOARD 2003-2004 WILL BE ON
NOVEMBER 19TH. IF YOU HAVE
NOT SENT IN YOUR BALLOT,
PLEASE DO SO ASAP.***

Dear Fellow Rotarians,
The next meeting of the International Service Division of the RCNY will be Wednesday, November 20th, at the German Permanent Mission to the UN, at the top floor restaurant on First Avenue (between 48th and 49th Streets), from 8:30 to 9:45 A.M. This month's topic will be "The Worldwide Flows of Narcotic Drugs." Our guest speakers are: Vincent McLean and Lucie Hvbkova, UN Office of Drugs and Crime, New York (HQ is in Vienna).

The registration is at 8:30, and the meeting will start at 8:45 AM. Kindly let us know if you or your staff desire to attend our breakfast by sending an e-mail to the Rotary Club of New York at "ny.rotary@verizon.net," copy to Ms. Allison Alessi, International Events Coordinator at "aealessi@aol.com," or send a fax to (212) 633-1954. The cost of the breakfast is \$15, payable directly to the Maitre d'.

If you sign up, please do not fail to attend, as we have to give the German Mission restaurant exact figures for breakfast orders. This will be the last breakfast meeting for 2002; there will not be one in December, as it is too close to the holidays.

Sincerely,

Sylvan M. Barnet, Jr.
Rotary International
Alt. Representative to the UN

Giorgio H. Balestrieri
Director and Board Liaison
International Service Division

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

David Del Monte– November 23rd

Arcadio Casillas– November 24th

Kaan Soyak – November 25th

Peter Brizard – November 26th



President Silvio Amori opened the meeting and introduced Scarlett Pildes, who led the club in the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," accompanied by David Dingle at the piano. Arcadio Casillas offered the day's invocation and reminded us, among other things, about the four-way test.

Volker Detering introduced seven visiting Rotarians from five countries and one visiting from neighboring New Jersey. Five Rotarians had brought guests, which were also introduced.

President Silvio welcomed two new club members, Vincenzo Marra and Alfred de Maria inducted them and presented them with Rotary pins. President Silvio pointed out that he had promised not to introduce new Italians every week and noted that he had held his promise, as two weeks had passed since he last introduced an Italian.

We had the honor of hosting Frank Devlyn, Past President of Rotary International 2000-2001. Frank talked about the impact Rotarians have on charitable causes and mentioned cataract operations in particular. Over 20 million people are unnecessarily blind due to operable cataracts. He also mentioned his book "Frank Talk; How YOU can make a difference". Frank donated 95 copies of the book, which can be purchased. Proceeds will go to Polio Plus. Frank also commended Sylvan Barnet on his work in general and praised him specifically for his work on the successful UN day, held recently.

President Silvio reminded us about the upcoming International Breakfast on Wednesday, November 20. The topic is "The worldwide flow of narcotic drugs."

Bill Currie talked about the Gift of Life and introduced a little visitor, Katherine Espinosa, who has now recovered enough from her surgery to pay a visit to our club and let us all see how well she is doing.

Larry Parks introduced today's main speaker, Dr. Joseph Skelly. Dr. Skelly is a past Rotary Scholar, of twelve years ago. You may remember that he visited our club last spring, when several Rotary Scholars were introduced. Dr. Skelly's talk was entitled On Democracy and Terrorism. He warned that his opinions might not please everyone. His main message was that democracy has the moral authority to fight and destroy terrorism. It is necessary to win psychologically, morally, ethically, and philosophically, in order to win physically. Democracies should not waiver and seek some guilt in themselves, but brand terrorists as evil and stamp them out. He rejected the notion that poverty causes terrorism and pointed out that terrorist leaders are not poor and do nothing to eliminate poverty where they are in control.

The meeting was adjourned at 1.30 p.m.

Rotarian - Erik Enroth