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Luncheons: Tuesdays, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

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!!*



November 20th
Fellowship Day

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 27th
NO MEETING

December 4th
FOUNDATION DAY
Board meeting

December 11th
Dr. Mark Skousen
Foundation for
Economic Education

MEMBERS' COLUMN



HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

The Holiday Toy Drive will take place on Tuesday, December 18th, at our Holiday Luncheon. Please start thinking about arranging for a toy, which will make one child in need very happy. The toy drive will be organized by our Club in cooperation with Rotaract and Fraternite Notre Dame. We will provide you more information in next week's bulletin.

Andreas Runggatscher

Alfred D. Furth International Service Division Breakfast Meeting

The Alfred D. Furth International Service Division of the Rotary Club of New York announces its second monthly breakfast meeting on Wednesday, November 28, at the German Mission rooftop House Restaurant, located at First Avenue and 49th Street, from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The meeting will be open to interested members of the Rotary Club of New York, the Rotaract Club of New York at the UN, the diplomatic community, members of the UN Secretariat, and executives of New York City corporations.

The objective of our meetings is to discuss global issues, including the role of civil society in global affairs.

Please call our office at (212) 819-0809 or e-mail ny.rotary@verizon.net if you or a friend will attend our breakfast meeting on November the 28. (The cost of the breakfast is \$15, payable directly to the maître d.)

HELP FOR OUR AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR

Shao-hua Liu, a Rotary Scholar from Taiwan, needs help finding housing. If anyone would like to help, please contact Ms. Liu at shaohua_liu@hotmail.com.

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Rotarian William Hall, Tuesday, November 13, 2001

President Helen Reisler opened the meeting by introducing Presidents from three Rotary Clubs who came to express their condolences for the terrorist attacks and to affirm their friendship in Rotary.

Roberto Mattei, President of the Salt Lake City Club, spoke briefly and expressed sympathy.

Gordon Johnson, President of a Club in London, England, described his Club and presented a letter, read by President Reisler, expressing the London Club's appreciation of past U.S. support and offering sympathy for the survivors of the World Trade Center attack.

Steve Henderson, Past President of the Rotary Club of Watsonville, California, introduced several of his club's members, who traveled with him to present a generous donation of \$10,500 to the NYRF Disaster Relief Fund. We enjoyed meeting this warm group of Rotarians and realized once more that we are one big Rotary Family.

Present were also the President and some members of the RC of San Diego.

President Reisler displayed a book with notes to New Yorkers signed by visitors to a restaurant in South Wales, Australia, expressing concerns and condolences.

Allison Alessi led the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and Maye Musk gave the invocation. Susan Jaros then introduced the visiting Rotarians.

Giorgio Balestrieri announced that Bill DeLong and Roberto Mattei would travel to frigid Mongolia to deliver 3,000 sweaters manufactured in Italy by Mr. Mattei's firm to children.

President Reisler then introduced Thomas Mellins, an architectural historian and award-winning author of three books on New York City. Mr. Mellins started his presentation by declaring NYC the greatest city in the world. His presentation and slide show focused on the period of the early skyscrapers in NYC from the late 1920s through the late 1930s. He first cited the *Chrysler Building*, completed in 1931, as the expression of American pride and ingenuity. The skyscraper was America's answer to the great cathedrals and palaces of Europe. He next described and showed slides of the *Empire State Building*, which was the tallest building in the world when it was constructed, in the 1930's.

Next shown was the *American Radiator Building* south of Bryant Park, designed by architect Raymond Hood. Architect Hood also designed other memorable buildings, including the *NY Daily News Building*, also completed in 1931, which highlights the American spirit and communications skills. He continued with Hood's design of the *McGraw Hill Building*. It has a dark-green brick exterior and a "jazzy" entry and lobby representing NYC as a modern metropolis.

Non-commercial high-rise towers included *River House*, representing skyscraper residential living, and *Columbia/Presbyterian Hospital*, a high-rise institutional complex.

He ended his presentation with the "high point" in skyscraper design and construction of the *Rockefeller Center Complex*. This brought together several skyscrapers and created the ideal urban space. He suggested that Rockefeller Center could serve as a model for rebuilding the World Trade Center.