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HON. ELIOT SPITZER



Eliot Spitzer became the state's 63rd Attorney General on January 1, 1999. Since that time, he has advanced initiatives to make New York a national leader in investor protection, environmental stewardship, labor rights, personal privacy, public safety and criminal law enforcement.

Spitzer's investigations of conflicts of interest on Wall Street have been the catalyst for dramatic reform in the nation's financial services industry. His lawsuits against Midwest and Mid-Atlantic power plants will help reduce air pollution responsible for acid rain and smog in the Northeast. His efforts to curtail abuses in the green grocery industry have been hailed as landmark labor rights cases. His investigations of Internet companies and direct marketers have resulted in new privacy protections for consumers throughout the nation. His "code of conduct" was the foundation for a settlement that reformed the way the nation's largest gun manufacturer designs and distributes handguns.

His prosecutions of sophisticated white-collar crimes have resulted in some of the nation's largest fraud recoveries.

Through these and other initiatives, Spitzer is building the reputation of the Attorney General as "the People's Lawyer."

Spitzer brings considerable experience to the office. He was a clerk to United State District Court Judge Robert W. Sweet and, later, an associate at Paul Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton, and Garrison.

He served as an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan from 1986-1992, rising to become Chief of the Labor Racketeering Unit, where he successfully prosecuted organized crime and political corruption cases. He also worked at the New York law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, and was a partner at Constantine & Partners.

Spitzer has contributed great time and energy to community service, serving on the board of various not-for-profit organizations.

Spitzer is a 1981 graduate of Princeton University and a 1984 graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. Spitzer and his wife, Silda, also a Harvard Law School graduate, live in Manhattan with their three daughters, and also maintains a home in Columbia County.

RSVP IS NECESSARY FOR FEBRUARY 4TH LUNCHEON; COST FOR GUESTS WILL BE \$50

MARK YOUR CALENDAR			
February 4th	February 11th	February 18th	February 25
Hon. Eliot Spitzer	Julie Stewart	SPAIN DAY	Hon. Bob Kerry
Attorney General	Families against mandatory minimums		Pres. New School University

LUNCHEON COUPONS
\$600

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Advance Luncheon Coupon statements for the second half of the fiscal year 2002-2003 have been mailed. Please make your payment as soon as possible.

You are required to pay for six months' worth 20 luncheon coupons, at \$30 each, amounting to a total of \$600. Please remember that once you use all 20 coupons you must pay \$30 at the door.

If you have any questions about your membership status, please call the office. For your convenience, we do accept credit cards by fax.

Reporter of the Week January 28, 2003

President Silvio warmly welcomed Rotarians and guests. Scarlett Pildes led us in the singing of the national anthem accompanied by club member David Dingle on the piano. Volker Detering presented the invocation.

As a fine veal Stroganoff was served, President Silvio introduced the club members giving service today. President Silvio introduced new Rotarians Giovanni Ciuffo and received a Rotary pin.

Our guest speaker Sarah Stranahan, representing the Needmor Fund, gave an interesting presentation about fiduciary activism. It is her opinion that pension funds should band together and use their collective power to fight against corporate irresponsibility.

The Needmor Fund is composed of three generations of family who share an active commitment to effective charitable giving.

Ms. Stranahan's grandfather was on the Board of Directors of Champion Spark Plugs back in the '50's. When family members criticized some Champion activities he questioned, "why pick on Champion – go after the others." From that day forward the family activists went after the others. Using the power of their Needmor fund investments they joined like-minded pension fund managers in banding together to fight corporate irresponsibility. She spoke in depth about ethical business methods. Her presentation was provocative and easily identifiable with Rotary principles.

President Silvio closed the meeting promptly at 1:30 P.M. with a ring of our historic Rotary bell.

Rotarian, Lou DiPaolo

MEET NEW MEMBER GIOVANNI B. CIUFFO, M.D.

Giovanni B. Ciuffo, M.D. is an assistant professor of surgery and attending surgeon in the Division of Cardiothoracic surgery at the New York University Medical Center. He is a diplomat of the American Boards of Surgery and Thoracic Surgery as well as a member of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. His current areas of interest are beating heart surgery, total arterial coronary revascularization, thoracic aortic surgery and valve surgery with the most advanced minimally invasive techniques.

Dr. Ciuffo earned his M.D. degree, "Summa cum Laude," from one of Italy's oldest Medical Schools, at the University of Cagliari. He completed his residency training at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

Dr. Ciuffo has been a very active promoter of health awareness in the New York area. He is often an invited speaker to meetings and community events to educate his audience on prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease. He is the author of a weekly health column he writes to offer his readers a "practical guide a "healthy heart" and will start hosting of a TV show on the same topics in the coming months.

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The next meeting of the International Service Division of the Rotary Club of New York will be on Wednesday, February 19 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 New Liquid Gold-Water**" Our guest speakers will be Mr. Gourishankar Ghosh, Executive Director, Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council, the international advocacy organization for "Wash-Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for All."

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'.

Sincerely,

Sylvan M. Barnet, Jr.
R.I. Alt. Rep. to the UN

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