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The Princeton Club – 15 W. 43rd Street

Julie Stewart



Julie Stewart is the president and founder of Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM), a national organization of concerned citizens working to change mandatory sentencing laws. Ms. Stewart started FAMM in March of 1991 after her brother was sentenced to five years in federal prison for growing marijuana.

Ms. Stewart attended Mills College in Oakland, California, graduating summa cum laude in 1988 with a B.A. in International Relations. After moving to Washington, D.C., in 1988, she worked at the Cato Institute for three years as the director of public affairs.

Ms. Stewart has discussed mandatory minimum sentences on many national television shows including the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour, ABC News, CBS News, CNN News, NBC News, MTV, 48 Hours, the Donahue Show, the Sally Jesse Rafael, the Maury Povich Show, the Leeza Show, and on numerous radio and local television programs throughout the country. She has also testified before Congress and the U.S. Sentencing Commission about mandatory sentences and prison

overcrowding.

Ms. Stewart is the recipient of the Thomas Szasz Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Cause of Civil Liberties and the Champion of Justice Award from the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys.

In the past decade, FAMM's work directly contributed to fairer sentences for over 45,000 drug defendants nationwide and paved the way for the current shift away from mandatory sentencing policies. Among FAMM's successful legislative reforms were changes to federal LSD and marijuana sentencing policies, restoration of judicial discretion in certain federal drug cases, and the abolition of mandatory drug sentences for nonviolent Michigan drug prisoners.

Families Against Mandatory Minimums has 30,000 members and 32 chapters across the country. It is staffed entirely by volunteers.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**February 11th
Julie Stewart
Families against
mandatory minimums**

**February 18th
SPAIN DAY**

**February 25th
FELLOWSHIP DAY**

**March 4th
POLICE RECOGNITION DAY**

LUNCHEON COUPONS
\$600

PAYMENT IS NOW PAST DUE

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 February 4, 2003

President Silvio Amori opened the meeting by introducing Scarlet Pildes, who led the singing of the Star - Spangled Banner. Past President Helen Reisler offered the invocation. Gerry Hamilton introduced visiting Rotarians from Canada, Luxembourg, Brazil, and Long Island. District Governor Bob Benson attended the meeting, as did a very large number of guests.

Larry Parks introduced Elliot Spitzer, New York State Attorney General, the speaker for the day. Spitzer selected three themes for his talk. He described the "new federalism" under which states attorney general are bringing suits involving issues of anti-trust, civil rights, and the environment— issues formerly left to the Federal government. He stated that former proponents of federalism were now feeling a greater policy affinity towards Washington.

Spitzer illustrated ways that the "Chicago School" theories of free market economics do not work when applied to environmental protection, civil rights, and the regulation of financial markets.

He asserted that corporate governance has gone awry and that CEOs have acquired too much power, because boards of directors, outside auditors, investment bankers, institutional investors, and lawyers all abdicated some of their responsibility for oversight during a time of apparent success and prosperity.

In response to questions, Spitzer indicated that two primary areas of work of his office in the year ahead would be auto insurance fraud and pharmaceutical pricing.

Rotarian – Suzanne Sebert



German Ambassador to the U.N. Dr. Hanns Schumacher, congratulating Bill DeLong on receiving the ASB volunteer medal for the Eilenburg Flood of 2002 in Germany at the Int'l Service Division of RCNY breakfast, at the German Permanent Mission to the UN in January 2003.

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 speaker will be Eirah Gorre-Dale, Communications and External Relations Manager at the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council.

The registration is at 8:30 and the meeting will start at 8:45 a.m. 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

Giorgio H. Balestrieri
Director and Board Liaison
RCNY International Service Division

Rotarian Bill DeLong Volunteers for the Children of Chernobyl

CHILDREN OF CHERNOBYL

Here I sit alone
Waiting for the children
To come back home
Their skeleton-bodies
Their hollowed eyes
Are filled with joy
Much to my surprise
The world must know
What I have seen
Is not a show
But reality that can
come and go
The time has come
For every one
To share their love
ONE BY ONE

By: Harold "Bill" DeLong



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Senos Gift to Belarus
Nov-Dec 2002
Chernobyl
Republic of Belarus



Feeding little children with out
teeth due to fallout radiation
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Down's Syndrome children
at Vesnovo Orphanage
Nov-Dec 2002
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Helping little boy to walk for
daily exercise affected
by radiation fallout
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