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The Princeton Club – 15 W. 43rd Street



JOHN L. GERMAN

John L. German is founder and director of Non-Profit Computing, Inc. (an award-winning nonprofit organization). He has been a full-time *pro-bono* volunteer since setting up NPC in the early Eighties to advise and assist nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, government and international agencies about information and communication technologies -- computers, telecommunications and new media.

For this work, he received a citation at City Hall from Ruth W. Messinger, President of the Borough of Manhattan, in 1995. In 1996, also at City Hall, Rudolph W. Giuliani, Mayor of the City of New York, presented the Mayor's Voluntary Service Awards; he presented the top group award to NPC "for its extraordinary *pro-bono* efforts to bring the computer age and the information highways into our school system."

He was a co-founder and director of New York Connects, which ran Net Day in New York to wire the schools for the internet, staffed entirely by volunteers, a task which took several years to complete. NPC is a member of the New York City Technology Resources Consortium, created to continue to support the mission of the schools through information and communication technologies.

NPC is a member of the LINCT Coalition (Learning and Information Networks for Community Telecomputing), which provides learn-and-earn computer training, including for people on welfare, and is uniquely certified for workfare payments to participants, including for their practice time at home.

With Hunter College of the City University of New York, he helped run the conferences on Computers for Social Change, which brought information and communication technologies to thousands of leaders of grassroots nonprofits throughout the region, was cloned elsewhere and spanned over a decade.

In New York, he is a member of the New York Technical Assistance Providers Network (NYTAP), and nationally and internationally, the Alliance for Nonprofit Management, Circuit Riders, and the Nonprofit Technology Enterprise Network.

He worked for Citibank in Brazil and then in the USA, in line and staff positions from product management to corporate banking, problem credit workouts and bankruptcies, management and regulatory reporting, credit policy, and information and communication technologies.

Earlier, he worked in Brazil for a major financial group led by Banco Real, S. A., on diversification, and set up one of the largest mutual funds in the country. Before and during graduate school he worked respectively in the USA and Canada for Sun Oil Company and in South Africa for Swiss-owned Everite Limited/Beperk.

He is a long-time officer or director of professional societies or associations and user groups, including the one at Citibank, of cooperative housing associations, and was president of the Harvard Club of São Paulo, Brazil.

He earned a BS at Pennsylvania State University and an MBA at Harvard University Graduate School of Business.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 18th
John L. German

February 25th
FELLOWSHIP DAY

March 4th
POLICE RECOGNITION DAY

March 11th
Hon. Charles Barron
NYC Councilman

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.

ROTARY AFTER HOURS NEW LOCATION

**Torre Di Pisa, 19 West 44th Street in the bar-
5:00-6:45 P.M.
Wednesday, February 19th**

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

We kindly remind you that 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 Ms. Eirah Gorre-Dale, Communications and External Relations Manager at the 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 a.m. Kindly let us know (before the end of the day next Monday) 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.
Chair RCNY Intl. Ser. Div.
Rotary International
Alt. Representative to the UN

Giorgio H. Balestrieri
Director and Board Liaison
RCNY [Int'l. Service Division](#)

**Please note that the reservation cut-off is Monday, February 17, at 9PM.
After that, no reservations
will be accepted.**

Reporter of the Week Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Julie Stewart, president and founder of families against mandatory minimums (FAMM), a national organization working to change mandatory sentencing laws, was our guest speaker. Ms. Stewart, who founded FAMM in 1991 and whose brother was sentenced to five years in federal prison for growing marijuana opened by posing the question whether legislatures in Albany and Washington should be in the sentencing business and whether they know the best sentence for each individual case. Believing that each punishment should fit the particular crime and circumstances, she went on to explain that there are about 100 mandatory sentence laws in the books. In 1950, Congress began introducing mandatory sentences for drug offenders. These laws did not deter individuals from using drugs and in 1971, Congress repealed the mandatory drug sentence laws. In 1973, New York's Governor Rockefeller instituted mandatory drug sentence laws in New York. Michigan followed in 1978 with similar laws. In 1986, Congress reenacted mandatory sentences for drug offenders. In 1989, these laws were challenged in the Supreme Court as to whether Congress had the right to do this. The Supreme Court ruled in 1991 that Congress did have this right. FAMM is based in Washington D.C. with a paid staff of nine and 38 chapters nationwide. Their focus is divided between generating media attention and lobbying federal legislation. Closing her informative talk Ms. Stewart explained that reform of the Rockefeller drug law in New York State would save a minimum of \$30,000 to \$74,000 per prisoner. Thanks to Larry Parks for another enlightening guest speaker.

Rotarian – Jim Thompson

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

The Board of Directors has approved the following applicants. Any written objections must be received at the Club office by February 18, 2002.

Raul Escuza	Country Partner
Company:	The E-Pol Group
Classification:	Technology Security
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Classification:	Consulate-Italy
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