

**In the wheel of the
Rotary Club**



of New York



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EDWIN VIEIRA, ESQ.



Edwin Vieira is president of the National Alliance for Constitutional Money. Edwin Vieira is a graduate of Harvard College, the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and Harvard Law School. He has taught law at Wake Forest Law School (Winston-Salem, NC), and has been a practicing attorney with an emphasis on constitutional law. He has successfully argued several path breaking cases in the Supreme Court of the United States, including *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education*, *Chicago Teachers Union v. Hudson*, and *Communications Workers of America v. Beck*. He is the author of *Pieces of Eight: The Monetary Powers and Disabilities of the United States Constitution* and the co-author of *CRA\$HMAKER: A Federal Affaire*, as well as numerous monographs, articles, and reviews in scholarly journals on constitutional, monetary, and labor law.

Pieces of Eight may be one of the most important books of the century. Because it lays the legal groundwork to reform our monetary system, it has the potential to have a major impact on the reordering of our society. Beautifully written and impeccably researched, *Pieces of Eight* is accessible by both laymen and scholars.

Edwin Vieira has performed a magnificent and heroic service in researching and creating this book, laying bare the rank hypocrisy and mendacity of those who have illegally corrupted our money, to the detriment of ordinary people everywhere. The creation of fiat money, i.e., money created out of thin air, affects every person on the planet in a fundamental way: It puts their savings and the efficacy of their pensions at risk and, in effect, puts their very lives at risk.

The history and legal background about how our nation lost its patrimony of sound money is essential if the U.S. is going to reform its monetary system as envisioned by our Founders, and as cast into law in the Constitution. Edwin Vieira has earned the gratitude of everyone for his splendid achievement.

**PLEASE RSVP
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 25TH

Edwin Vieira, Esq.
National Alliance for
Constitutional Money

April 1st

Richard Hunter
Gartner Group

April 8th

Rotary Scholars' Day

April 15th

Walter Eberstadt,
Author
*Whence We Came,
Where We Went*

April 22nd

Firemen's Recognition
Day

Membership News

We are pleased to announce that for the first time in years the Club has reached the 200-member mark and is surely headed, with your help, to an even more impressive number.

What counts for this Club to be successful is, however, not the number of members but the willingness of its members to serve and to fulfill the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

We feel that we have introduced a particularly fine group of new members to our club this year.

The increase of members this year is largely based on the excellent recruiting efforts of President Silvio Amori. He has created a lot of momentum for other members to bring guests and friends to the luncheons.

In addition, the Board of Directors have extended Honorary Memberships to Ambassadors from various countries and several of them have already accepted these invitations (United Kingdom, Ireland, Romania, Czech Republic, European Community.) Others will surely follow.

All this should give the Rotary Club of New York excellent P.R.

Furthermore, the Board has approved an invitation to the Attorney General of the State of New York, speaker at our luncheon on February 4th, to become an Honorary Member.

Lillian Coury, Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, has made some impressive progress with our corporate membership brochure, which will be the basis for successfully approaching various companies and familiarizing them with the vast possibilities that this fine Rotary Club can offer to them.

Based on this positive outlook, let us all continue to promote the Rotary Club of New York and ensure membership growth, as well as quality in membership.

Andreas Runggatscher

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

The Board of Directors has approved the following applicants. Any written objections must be received at the Club office by March 25, 2003.

Kayhan Civelek President/ owner

Company: Dental Health Services of NY

Classification: Dentist –Periodontist

Sponsors: Atila Macun & Zehra Basaran

Joseph Scelsa Acting Vice President/ Dean

Company: Queens College/ CUNY/ Calandra Institute

Classification: Higher Education Administration

Sponsors: Silvio Amori & Vincenzo Marra

Paolo Vannini President/ CEO

Company: Fiat USA, Inc.

Classification: Int'l. Business Development

Sponsors: G. Raffaello Gherardini & Francesco Fadda

Michael Faillace President

Company: Employment Compliance Solutions

Classification: Lawyer-Employment Compliance

Sponsors: Lou DiPaolo & Clarence Plummer



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Harshad Shah- March 29th

Ted Andrews- March 30th

WE ARE ON T.V.

"Gift of Life—A Child's Story," produced by Helen Reisler, will air on Manhattan cable T.V., Channel 57, on March 22nd at 9 p.m.

"New York Rotary—A Club That Works," produced by Helen Reisler, has been on Channel 57, Thursdays at 8 p.m. Each week one of the four different segments is shown.

Ted Andrews deserves credit for arranging these prime-time schedules, which have been drawing positive comments from the public.

Thanks, Ted and Helen.

REPORTER OF THE WEEK -Tuesday, March 18, 2003

As we gathered in the meeting room on this warm pre-spring day, we were greeted by traditional Irish melodies played beautifully on a harp. President Silvio allowed a generous amount of time prior to the start of the meeting so that we could enjoy conversation with our fellow members and guests.

Our standard formalities included the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" led by Bernie Wytko, the invocation, said by Bill Currie; and the introduction of our Visiting Rotarians (5 from overseas and 3 from the U.S.) by Mats Ingemanson.

All assembled were then treated to more music and traditional St Patrick's Day fare of corned beef and cabbage. It was pointed out that corned beef is essentially a U.S. phenomenon; it was not brought over by Irish immigrants. Often the immigrants were poor, and could afford only the lower quality cuts of meat, which they corned to preserve, and boiled to make tender.

Our speaker, John P. McCarthy, is a Professor of History and Director of the Institute of Irish Studies at Fordham University. Dr. McCarthy spoke primarily of the dynamic change that Ireland has gone through since the 1940s. Among his key points:

?? *The farming population has been cut in half. Thatched cottages have given way to bungalows with satellite TV and multiple cars in the driveway.*

?? *The major exports are computer software and pharmaceuticals. Pfizer makes all of its Viagra in Ireland.*

?? *Until the 1960s, much of the population grew up assuming they would have to emigrate to advance in life. This has now ended. However, there are tradeoffs to progress.*

?? *Art and literature is now emphasized pleasure as opposed to the traditional theme of suffering and sacrifice.*

?? *Family life is breaking down and alcoholism rates have surged.*

?? *Drugs and crime are on the rise.*

In terms of the conflict in Northern Ireland, Dr. McCarthy was optimistic that the progress to date would continue. He thought it would be possible to forcibly disarm the IRA, but that might actually be counter-productive, since it would be more of a military defeat of the IRA. He felt the current course of continued political integration held the most promise for long-standing peace.

Rotarian- Taylor Gray



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March 12, 2003

Mr. Andreas Runggatscher
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Runggatscher:

On behalf of the Police Commissioner and all members of this Department, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and the Rotary Club of New York for making the New York City Police Department Recognition Day a memorable event. Everyone present was moved by the honor and praise bestowed on Police Officer Judith Hernandez as well as the respect that was afforded to our Chief of Department.

Thanks again for your support and continued interest in the New York City Police Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fredrick J. Patrick".

Fredrick J. Patrick
Deputy Commissioner

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