



## SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE

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# HOLIDAY PARTY

Dear esteemed Rotarians,

Another year is soon coming to an end and we are in the middle of a holiday season, a time of reflection and hopefully peace.

Please join us on December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Princeton Club for our Holiday Party.

We will focus on fellowship that day and David Dingle, who has been leading us musically all year,

will do so on this day as well, by playing various Holiday tunes. We thank him for his outstanding voluntary efforts all year long and hope to inspire you to sing along and have a good time, because it is all about that.

President Silvio and the Rotary Club office wish you and your families

## **Very Happy Holidays and a great 2003.**

There will be no meetings on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

We look forward to seeing you all again on January 7<sup>th</sup>.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Holiday Party**

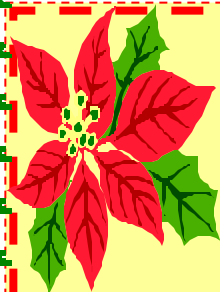
December 24<sup>th</sup>  
**NO MEETING**

December 31<sup>st</sup>  
**NO MEETING**

January 7<sup>th</sup>  
**TBA**

Please note that in case of a transit strike the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be cancelled

## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**





**A MESSAGE FROM –  
FRATERNITE NOTRE DAME  
GIFTS FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED  
CHILDREN**



**PLEASE GIFT-WRAP AND LABEL WITH AGE AND GENDER. IT WILL BE APPRECIATED IF THE GIFTS ARE FOR AGES 10 – 14. PLEASE BRING TO OUR HOLIDAY PARTY ON DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>.**

**THESE GIFTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY FELLOW ROTARIANS AT THE FRATERNITE NOTRE DAME'S SOUP KITCHEN CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN AND AT THE HARLEM CHRISTMAS TREE.**



**MEET NEW MEMBER**

**VINCENZO MARRA**

Vincenzo Marra was born in Rome, Italy and studied engineering in Europe before moving permanently to New York City in 1973. A self-made man, he worked his way up the American ladder of success from truck driver to chef to salesman and international trader of food products, technology and services. He is an International businessman and leading philanthropist and has joined the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA) and he has just been nominated ambassador and advisor to OSIA's Executive Council. In 1997, he founded his own company, Italian Beauty Innovations, an international skin care company in New York City. In 2001, he also founded the Renaissance of Beauty, one of the largest made-in-Italy spa product suppliers in the world. A noted philanthropist, Marra, along with his family, founded Agnus Noster, a non-profit foundation that helps talented students with their education.

**NOMINATING SLATE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS 2003-2004**

- President- Greg Lynch
- President Elect- Clarence Plummer
- First Vice President – Bill Currie
- Second Vice President – Jim Bryan
- Treasurer- Giulia Iacobelli
- Director 2006- Tim O'Brien
- Director 2006- David Del Monte
- Director 2006- Lillian Coury

**Reporter of the Week**

Mr. Warren Adler, Novelist - December 10, 2002

President Silvio Amori opened the meeting with Lou DiPaolo and Bernie Wytko's singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." The Most Reverend Laurent Deneux gave the invocation. Our Executive Director, Andreas Runggatscher introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests.

Chair of the Programs Committee, Larry Parks introduced the speaker, Warren Adler. A true New Yorker, Warren Adler has spent 40 years writing novels about intimate human relationships. To date, his 25 books have been translated into 30 languages and are enjoyed worldwide.

Mr. Adler is particularly well recognized as the author of two books, which have been made into movies, "The War of the Roses" and "Random Hearts." Another book, "The Sunset Gang," is about to become a Broadway production.

Like most authors, Mr. Adler has relied on standard printed books to convey his stories. Rapidly changing technology in communications, however, has resulted in his personal leadership in the development of the next generation of "Stories." While he believes that standard paper books will not become obsolete, they will become antiques in our children's lives. Mr. Adler has created a new format, which offers books electronically as e-books, accessible through computers and palm pilots. The technology is readily available, but Mr. Adler indicates that a challenge remains in getting information about this new reading style to the general public and to have it used by other authors. Clearly, Mr. Adler believes the days of carrying around heavy books is about to end in the years ahead. President Silvio reflected the feelings of many Rotarians when he said he "liked the touch and smell of a real book when reading."

Mr. Adler describes himself as happy with his career. Despite the unusual demise of many famous authors such as Hemingway & London, he looks forward to writing for many years. He responded during Q&A that most of his ideas come from listening to people around him. He continues to be opposed to any form of censorship.

The program was most enjoyable and another success organized by Programs Chair, Larry Parks.

Rotarian - Dave Gibbs



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

David Zeller- Dec. 19  
Charles Smithers- Dec. 20  
Art Auslander- Dec. 21  
Tadashi Hattori- Dec. 23

Guenther Greiner- Dec. 23  
Jim Morita- Dec. 24  
David Wankoff- Dec. 25  
Tsuguo Endo- Dec. 26  
Greg Lynch- Dec. 29

**READ THE DECEMBER ROTARIAN**

- Rotary Bloodbank in Bali
- PolioPlus Pictures by Salgado
- Rotarians conquer Mt. Everest
- Solar Cooking
- March Presidential conference in Panama