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Richard Hunter is vice president and director of research at Gartner's Research organization. Mr. Hunter holds a bachelor's degree in music from Harvard University.

Mr. Hunter's initial position at Gartner was as a research director in the Applications Development and Management service. He was appointed vice president and director of research for Applications Development

in 1998. Gartner is a research group in Stamford, Conn., which has a sweeping view of how technology is unfolding, altering American society, and playing out on the world stage.

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Mr. Hunter is co-author, with James Kerr, of "Inside RAD" (McGraw-Hill, 1994). He also the author of "World Without Secrets: Business, Crime and Privacy in the Age of Ubiquitous Computing." It is a sharp reminder that the technologies of the 90's are still being deployed rapidly. The collapse of dot-coms and the decline in high-technology stocks - as well as all the other recent distractions- have not halted a march toward a time when people are surrounded by computers, sensors, transmitters, and cameras linked to extensive networks and databases.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 1st

Richard Hunter
Gartner Group

April 8th

Mark Baer
Rotary Scholars' Day

April 15th

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

April 22nd

Firemen's
Recognition Day

April 29th

TBA

May 6th

David Greenberg
SVP & Chief
Compliance Officer
Phillip Morris

May 13th

Fellowship Day

REPORTER OF THE WEEK -Tuesday, March 25, 2003

Larry Parks, who is in charge of Programs, and who is Executive Director of FAME (Foundation for the Advancement of Monetary Education) www.fame.org, gave a brief but spirited and provocative introduction to the topic, to which he has dedicated much time, effort and resources, and about which he evidently has strong feelings he'd like us all to share.

He then introduced the speaker, President of the National Alliance for Constitutional Money and FAME Foundation Scholar Edwin Vieira, Esq., who has written extensively on the history and legal background of the monetary system of the USA, including the definitive work on the subject, *Pieces of Eight: The Monetary Powers and Disabilities of the United States Constitution (Second Revised Edition -- 2 Volumes -- 1,729 Pages)*.

Dr. Vieira described his subject for us as one that, despite its significance and importance to our nation, causes most people's eyes to glaze over, and his book -- a massive and meticulously documented work which he conceived to bring together for the first time, all in one place, the entire historical and legal record on the subject -- as a cure for insomnia, which will probably actually be read by only a relatively small number of specialist readers, finding its major role as the standard reference work on the subject.

Dr. Vieira described for us widespread misconceptions about the monetary system of the USA which have arisen and persist among the various branches of government, and traced the history of the dollar, from the Spanish milled dollar -- the dominant unit and form of money internationally and in the USA at the time the country was founded and for many years prior to that -- to the present.

His descriptions of the Constitutional basis for the monetary system of the USA and the Constitutional references to the dollar, were particularly illuminating in light of many subsequent government actions which arguably have ignored or misinterpreted their Constitutional bases. He explained how those abuses -- of powers and limitations of government -- have broad implications for excesses of government in other matters beyond monetary policy, quoting statements by founding fathers, which clearly show that they were well aware of the potential for such abuses and their potentially devastating consequences, and the need to be ever vigilant to guard against them.

Questions to Dr. Vieira were numerous. During the discussion, which continued well after the meeting was adjourned, many members of the audience expressed desire to know how Dr. Vieira's groundbreaking work might be carried forward -- beyond the public-awareness and public-education efforts of Larry Parks and FAME, which he cited as exemplary -- to political action, which he emphasized is necessary.

The topic clearly interested and engaged the audience; the speaker is a master of the subject which is his life's work. His presentation was beautifully developed, his delivery was polished, and he presented his material -- which is so challenging it almost defies public presentation -- in a vivid, compelling and memorable way.

Dr. Vieira's speech constituted a ringing call to action, leaving the audience asking for more -- which is about the highest accolade a scholar, researcher or writer can receive.

Rotarian- John L. German

JAZZ EVENT

You are invited to the Rotary Jazz Cocktail Party at the Cornell Club, 6 East 44th Street, New York, NY on April 28, 2003, from 6.30 – to 8.30PM.

This event is being organized by David Dingle and Silvio Amori and the musical entertainment will be provided by The Pelham Jazz Ensemble, an instrumental Jazz quartet consisting of Piano, Bass, Guitar and Drums as well as three vocalists.

The cost for this event with hour's d'oeuvres is \$35 (cash bar).

We hope you all join in, for what promises to be a lot of fun and great fellowship

ROTARY SCHOLARS DAY

Dear Host Counselor!

As you know Rotary Scholars Day is coming up on April 8th.

We hope that you and your scholar will be in attendance for this event that has many years of tradition.

Please inform your scholar as well, to make a brief presentation, describing her/his current projects and how Rotary has helped with its grant.

Mark Baer a former Rotary Scholar and now successful businessman will be the guest speaker.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Werner Kobelt- April 18th