

**In the wheel of the
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PEACE CORPS DAY

Joye Wagner, Regional Recruiter

Joye Wagner began her service as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Morocco in 1996. She worked with a rural community on the edge of the Sahara, in efforts to address the country's steep maternal mortality rate. Following USAID's Safe Motherhood Initiative plan, she worked closely with the medical staff in her local health dispensary, officials within the Moroccan Ministry of Health, community members, and local NGO professionals. She also spent six months in the capital, working as a Peace Corps trainer, instructing trainees on health-related concerns, cultural adaptivity, and technical preparation for serving within the Maternal and Child Health program.

After completing her service, Joye went on to obtain her M.A. in International Affairs at Columbia University (SIPA), with an emphasis on International Science and Technology Policy. Before joining the Peace Corps' staff, Joye worked in international media as a production coordinator for ABC's 20/20 and World News Weekend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 17th
Fellowship Day

February 24th
John Stossel
Journalist, Anchor, 20/20

March 2nd
Police Recognition Day

March 9th
Bill Schultz
Amnesty International

PAUL HARRIS MEETING

Please note that there will be a meeting of the Paul Harris committee at the Princeton Club at 11 a.m.

ROSTER 2003-04

Members who are interested in placing ads for their company in our Roster, should contact the office as soon as possible for more information.

Pricing is as follows:

A quarter page: \$50- Half page: \$100 Full page: \$200

**THE DEADLINE FOR PLACING ADS WILL BE
FEBRUARY 16TH.**

LUNCHEON COUPON PAYMENTS

THE ADVANCE LUNCHEON COUPON PAYMENTS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 ARE NOW **DUE**. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED YOUR PAYMENT, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOUR QUICK FOLLOW UP.

INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST MEETING

Kindly be advised that the next meeting of the International Service Division of the Rotary Club of New York will be Wednesday, February 18th, at the German Permanent Mission to the UN, top-floor restaurant on First Avenue (between 48th and 49th Streets), from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Leigh, and he will discuss volunteerism and the UN.

Registration is at 8:30 and the meeting will start at 8:45 a.m. Kindly let us know before the end of Monday, February 16th, if you or any guests wish to attend by sending an e-mail to the Rotary Club of New York at ny.rotary@verizon.net. The cost of the breakfast is \$18, payable by credit card (via e-mail to ny.rotary@verizon.net) or cash at the entrance. Since seats are limited, your reservation is not refundable.



Speaker Dr. Ethan Nadelmann, Executive Director of the Drug Policy Alliance



President Greg, and a representative from Rotaract, Svetlana Atanazevich



Bill DeLong who spoke about his trip to Africa as well as his upcoming trip to Liberia.



Joan Fyfe as well as other District 7230 representatives invited by PP Richard Sainburg joined us for this luncheon.

REPORT ON FEBRUARY 3, 2004

President Greg opened the meeting by introducing Scarlett Pildes to lead us into the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," accompanied by Volker Detering. The invocation was delivered by Sylvan Barnett, who took the opportunity to reflect on the Centennial of the Rotary Club and the New York Rotary approaching its 95th birthday celebration. He said the success of the organization's longevity is due to the common bond of a group, of professional leaders and pillars of the community.

Our Ambassador from Rotaract, Svetlana Atanazevich addressed our group, giving thanks for the outstanding work that Rotary has done for the organization through the years. She also announced the "Bring a Friend Day", to be held on Feb. 19th, at the NY Blood Center, 310 E. 67th St. (between First and Second Avenue).

President Greg also announced the Friendship Exchange Trip with the Rotary Club of Milan Aquileia, departing on March 11th, touring Milan, Bergamo, Mantova, Venezia, Pavia The Certosa, Lago Maggiore and Stresa and Padova, returning on March 21st. We already have confirmation for approximately 10 Rotarians; however, we would appreciate more Rotarians joining us. For additional information, please call the NY Rotary office or visit the website: www.nyrotary.org.

Bill De Long, our International Goodwill Ambassador, has been recognized and honored as the first Rotarian honoree "for his humanitarian volunteer charity work performed both at home and around the world, especially on the continent of Africa" by the Rosa Parks Foundation in Montgomery, Alabama. Congratulations are in order. We need more people like you. Our international jetsetter travels yet again soon to Monrovia, Liberia, in a joint effort, including not only Rotary, but also the Lions Club and The Salvation Army.

Larry Parks introduced our Guest Speaker, Dr. Ethan Nadelmann, Executive Director of the Drug Policy Alliance, an organization, which offers a realistic approach to the consequences of a socio political system, incarcerates nonviolent drug users for their abuse, and treating them as criminals as opposed to treating their addiction as an illness. The beginning of the history of Prohibition, started with alcohol, which by depriving people of their right to freely consume beverages of their choice, only fueled their need for alcohol use, thereby rebelliously increasing its use and driving the crime wave of the era. The current prohibition includes various substance-abuse drugs, such as opium, marijuana, heroin, crack, ecstasy, etc. Dr. Nadelmann has been vigorously campaigning, by using a pragmatic/realistic approach, offering resolution of this problem. He informs us that we need to learn to live with drugs harming in the least possible manner and the subsequent alternative to the War on Drugs is to look at it as a "health" issue, not a criminal justice issue. The exorbitant amounts of money ill-spent on this mission by local, state and the federal governments, not to mention the core principle that no adult should ever be punished for what they put into their own body out of their own will and volition, makes this a highly controversial subject in our modern-day society, but one that ultimately needs to be addressed, wherein common sense, not insanity, should prevail. Once Dr. Nadelmann's dissertation was concluded, a Q&A Session was underway. A Drug Policy Alliance Sign-Up Sheet was distributed to encourage education, as well as the promotion of a sound and reasonable alternative to be voiced to our Legislature. We thank Dr. Nadelmann for a different perspective on this subject matter.

Fellow Rotarian Tom McKinnon presented our weekly raffle and President Greg led us into the recitation of our "Four-Way Test".

President Greg adjourned our meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Rotarian, Charo De Pretti