

**In the wheel of the
Rotary Club**



of New York

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The Princeton Club – 15 W. 43rd Street

Hon. Charles Barron



Charles Barron is a 25-year community activist with extensive experience on the local and national levels. He attended Hunter College and obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in sociology. He is a New York City council member whose committee assignments are:

- * Chair, Higher Education Committee (CUNY)
- * Land Use
- * Women's Issues
- * Consumer Affairs
- * Landmarks, Public Siting & Maritime Uses

Council Member Barron is the primary sponsor of the Queen Mother Moore Reparations Resolution for Descendants of Enslaved Africans in New York City. On April 24th, 2002, at the stated meeting in Council chambers, Barron presented a proclamation and resolution calling upon the City Council to declare its support of a historic lawsuit on reparation.

Council Member Barron has been a leading voice in the City Council's Education First campaign. The Council, as a whole, feels that education must be protected; it's an investment in the future. Through a modest and dedicated tax increase of seven cents a day, the days of converting closets and hallways into classrooms can end.

Council Member Barron is the primary sponsor of nine pieces of legislation and signed on to 52 more. The legislation includes a Living Wage Bill; a bill to stop Predatory Lending; and a Reparations Resolution. As Chair of the Higher Education Committee, he played a pivotal role in fighting the Mayor's CUNY cuts. Council Member Barron held successful hearings to save the Tuition Assistance Program and to support undocumented students. He stood up to the Mayor in support of Black and Latino parents. He Fought against the Mayor's Board of Education cuts. He has spoken truth to power in every major media outlet in the New York City area. In his district, four new housing developments and economic projects are in the works. In addition, he has formed the Malcolm/King Community Peace Patrol to establish a presence of safety and security in the community. Barron assisted over 500 constituents with issues regarding; housing, crime, home ownership, evictions, legal issues, day care, jobs, health care, public assistance, immigration issues, and education issues.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 6th

David Greenberg
Altria Group

May 13th

Dr. Giovanni Ciuffo

May 20th

Clint Bolick, Esq.
Institute for Justice

May 27th

Armed Forces Day

June 3rd

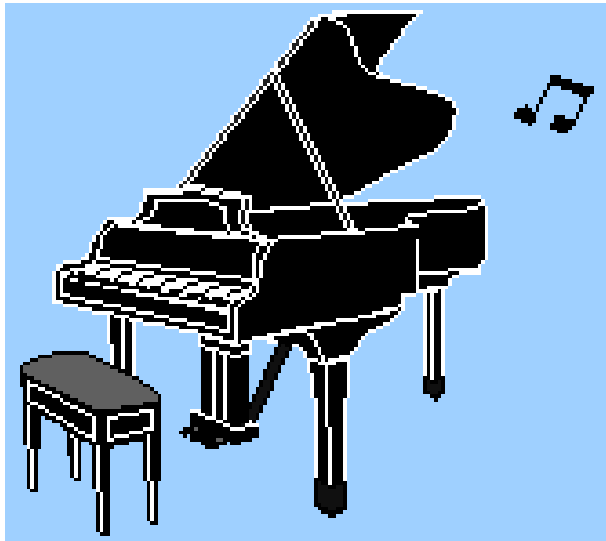
Italy Day
Eugenio Magnani
Director, North America, Italian
Government Tourist Board.

June 10th

United Nations Day


June 17th

Fellowship Day



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 8:30 p.m.

 *This event is being organized by David Dingle and Silvio Amori. The music will be provided by The Pelham Jazz Ensemble, an instrumental jazz quartet group featuring piano, bass, guitar, and drums, as well as three vocalists.*



The cost of this event with hors d'oeuvres is \$35 (cash bar). We hope you all join in for what promises to be a lot of fun and great fellowship.

MEMBER'S COLUMN

Please reserve for the Jazz event at the Cornell Club – it will help the office coordinate the evening.

Anyone interested in receiving the member's directory for 2002-2003 in PDF format should send a request by e-mail to ny.rotary@verizon.net

NEW DISBURSEMENTS OUT OF OUR 9/11 WTC DISASTER RELIEF FUND

During a meeting of our Foundation trustees on April 22nd, the following grants have been approved for disbursement from our 9/11 WTC Disaster Relief Fund

a) WTC-United Family Incorp. - \$20,000

This organization provides psychological comfort and emotional respite to the families of the casualties and survivors of 9/11

b) The Legacy Project - \$10,000

9-11 book project focusing on the "conflict between the fading of memory and the need to remember")

c) Bear Search and Rescue Found. \$10,000

This grant will help to train search and rescue teams and K-9's who were found to be especially effective during 9/11

d) City Meals on Wheels \$20,000

This great organization, in much need for funds after 9/11, receives their third grant for providing outstanding support to homebound sick and elderly



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Gian Carlo Treggi- April 30th

WE THANK ADT SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR GENEROUSLY SPONSORING FIREMAN'S RECOGNITION DAY AND OUR MEMBER JIM THOMPSON FOR MAKING THIS SPONSORSHIP POSSIBLE IN THE FIRST PLACE

Report of the week, April 22nd,

Jim Thompson

New York City Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta, former Commissioner of the Administration for Children's Services, who was raised in foster care from the age of five, opened his remarks by thanking the Rotary Club of N. Y. for its longtime support and service to New York and for its recognition of New York's Bravest. Pointing out that Rotary's motto "Service above Self" is comparable to the Fire Department's "Service to All" the Commissioner relayed how dedicated and committed New York's Bravest are and how they look forward to doing their job. Touching on the tragedy of 9/11, he explained that over 4400 years of service to the fire department was lost that day but that rebuilding the department is continuing: Ninety three pieces of equipment lost has been replaced, 1,500 new firemen have been hired, and over 1,500 promotions have been made in the department. Emphasizing that important work since 9/11 the Commissioner explained that they are learning to respond to planned tragedies, have created incident management teams specially trained to deal with long term incidents, have recently deployed an advanced communication system which was a problem on 9/11, and have staged hazardous material training for over 600 firemen in 20 ladder companies. In closing Commissioner Scoppetta applauded the work of Lt. Robert Strafer our honoree of the day.