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# UN DAY

## MR. ANWARUL K. CHOWDHURY

Under-Secretary-General and High Representative  
For the Least Developed Countries,  
Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island  
developing States United Nations, New York

### SPEECH: CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPMENT: A CASE FOR THE LDC

On March 2002 Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury was appointed in by the Secretary-General of the United Nations as Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the least developed countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

Between 1996 and 2001 Mr. Chowdhury served as Permanent Representative Of Bangladesh' Ambassador to Chile, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela, as well as Bangladesh's High Commissioner to the Bahamas and Guyana.

During his tenure as Permanent Representative, Mr. Chowdhury served as President of the Security Council, President of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Executive Board (1985-86 and 2000) and Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (1997 and 1998). Mr. Chowdhury was the UNICEF director in Japan, Australia and New Zealand (1990 – 1993).

Mr. Chowdhury has been closely involved in population and development issues. On a global scale he was Chairman of the main committee of the Hague International Forum on Population, 1999; Founding Chairman of the UN Committee for Population Award, 1983-85 and Coordinator Vice-President of the UN International Conference on Population and the Urban Future in Barcelona 1986. He is currently Chairman, Board of Directors "Population 2005", Washington and member of the Board of Directors of the Population Institute.

Mr. Chowdhury is the recipient of the U Thant Peace Award, UNESCO Gandhi Gold Medal for Culture of Peace, and Honorary Doctorate by the Soka University, Tokyo, Japan.

**THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE  
AT THE PRINCETON CLUB AS USUAL.**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>  
UNITED NATIONS  
DAY**

**AMBASSADOR  
ANWARUL  
CHOWDHURY**

**JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>  
FELLOWSHIP DAY**

**JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>  
DR. STEVE KAGAN  
CHIEF ECONOMIST  
TO THE  
GOVERNOR, NYS**

**JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
TRANSITION DAY  
SILVIO AMORI**

**JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
PRESIDENT'S DAY  
GREG LYNCH**



*Eugenio Magnani Director, North America, Italian Government Tourist Board and President Silvio Amori during last week's Italy Day. More pictures of that exiting day you can see on page 3.*

## MEMBER'S COLUMN

### It's a boy!

Executive Assistant Ana Rivas gave birth to a 6,5 pound little boy on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. His name is Aden.

You can send congratulations to:

Ana Rivas  
1133 Morrison Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10472

### Read the Rotarian – June edition

- Relief effort in Iraq
- HHS Sec. Thompson on Polio
- Rotary and Vesuvius
- Building Bridges in Ethiopia
- WCS Project Exchange
- Stop HIV/Aids in Kenya
- Kenya Conference on peace
- Panama Conference on entrepreneurship

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



ANN CREO	JUNE 8 <sup>TH</sup>
HORST SCHNEIDER	JUNE 8 <sup>TH</sup>
EMBEE MAHTANI	JUNE 11 <sup>TH</sup>
HENRY PLEMPER	JUNE 16 <sup>TH</sup>
HELEN REISLER	JUNE 21 <sup>ST</sup>

## REPORT OF THE WEEK OF JUNE 3, 2003 – ITALY DAY

June 3 was Italy Day. There were 152 attendees, the highest turnout in a long time.

President Silvio Amori opened the meeting and later gave the invocation. The Italian national anthem was sung by loyal Italians in attendance. Lou DiPaolo then sang the "Star-Spangled Banner," with David Dingle at the piano.

The Greeters were Allison Alessi and Christian Baeumer. There were some 50 guests, and Francesco Fadda announced that we had 39 visiting Rotarians from four other countries, 26 of whom were from Rotary Club Milano Aquilea, and one visitor from another state. The President of the Milan club, Livio Manenti, spoke briefly. His was the club that initiated Rotary's international Polio Plus program. Then Franco Poggio of Commissione Buruli spoke. His organization provides Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, that is oxygen machines such as President Eisenhower needed, for children in Africa suffering from this terrible disease. Our own Camilo Uy had introduced Mr. Poggio to an organization in Texas, which made the machines available to Commissione Buruli.

New member, Peter Gambino, was inducted. The speaker was Eugenio Magnani, Director for North America of the Italian Government Tourist Board in New York. Mr. Magnani advocated U.S. tourism in Italy and accompanied his speech with a Power Point presentation. He introduced a number of facts: tourism, in general is down since the terrorist attack of 9/11/01; the airline industry, as that providing the vehicle by with the attacks were executed, has been especially hard hit; the world economy overall being in a contributory malaise; four million Americans go to Italy each year being eight times as many as the 500 thousand Italians that travel to the U.S.; and that 83 percent of U.S. citizens do not have passports.

Rotarian – Peter Brizard

# ITALY DAY – PICTURES OF THE DAY

*During last week's Italy Day 26 Rotarians from the Milano Aquileia Rotary Club joined our club for this traditional International Day. Besides listening to our very interesting guest speaker Eugenio Magnani from the Italian Government Tourist Board, members and guests enjoyed Lasagne and Tiramisu and wines sponsored by "IL Covo Dell'Est" and the presentations of the various members of the Milano Club mostly thanking our club for cooperating with the Buruli Disease project (see report of the week). Just as traditional as our International Days are the introductions of new members, especially this year and also during last week's meeting a new member, Peter Gambino was inducted (see picture on the bottom with President Silvio and sponsors Vincenzo Marra and Giorgio Balestrieri). Our own David Zeller was ecstatically waving his raffle ticket, when he realized that he had just won airplane tickets to Italy.*

