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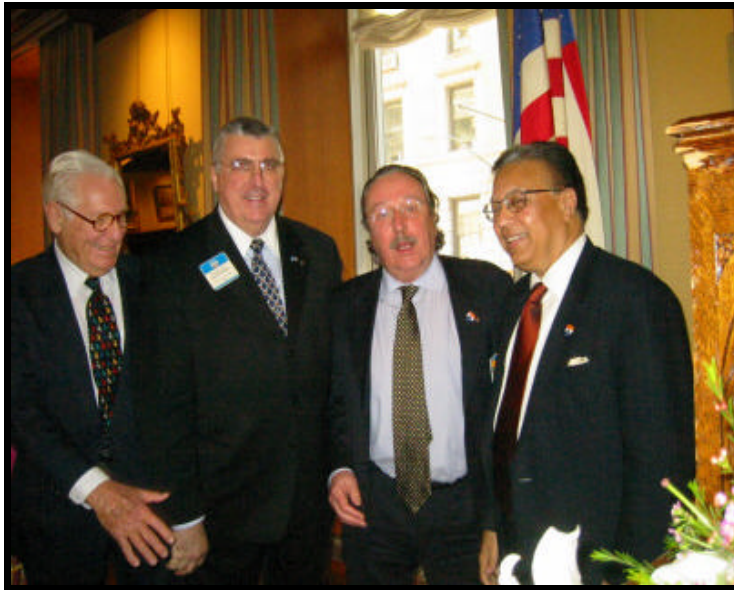
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The Princeton Club – 15 W. 43rd Street

FELLOWSHIP DAY



During last week's UN Day, Hon. Anwarul Chowdhury, Under- Secretary-General, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, was our guest speaker. He was presented with Honorary Membership by President Silvio Amori, Co-Chairs of the Day Sylvan Barnet and Giorgio Balestrieri. More on UN Day, see the report of the week on page 2.

Our speaker for this day will be each one of you.

Speak to each other

about yourselves, your businesses, your ideas, and your committees.

Speak to a new member

Bring a guest and let him/her feel the Fellowship and meet our members.

This is a perfect opportunity for chair people to meet with their committees and report committee progress at the microphone!!

**ON FELLOWSHIP DAYS LUNCHEONS
WILL BE SERVED BUFFET STYLE**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 24th

DR. STEVE KAGAN

Chief Economist to the Gov. of NYS

June 31st

TRANSITION DAY

July 7th

PRESIDENT'S DAY

Reporter of the Week
Tuesday, June 10, 2003

President Silvio rang the bell to call the meeting to order. Lou DiPaolo led the assembly in the national anthem and Giorgio Balestrieri gave the invocation. Giorgio then inducted a new honorary member, Hon. Jeremy Greenstock, the British Ambassador to the UN. David Zeller introduced the visiting Rotarians, 4 from 4 countries and 4 from 4 states. Silvio then inducted a new member, Palo Vannini. This being UN Day at the club, Barney Barnett (who also serves as a Rotary International representative at the United Nations where Rotary is officially recognized as a non governmental organization), wanted to introduce the visiting UN ambassadors: Former Jamaican Ambassador Janice Patricia Durant, Czech Ambassador Hynek Kmonicek Romanian Ambassador Motoc Mihnea, and Madagascar Ambassador Zina Andrianarivelo-Razafy. All of them were presented with Honorary Memberships and the official pin of the Rotary Club of New York.

Our guest speaker, Mr Anwarul Chowdhury, is currently Under Secretary General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States. Mr. Chowdhury began by recognizing Barney Barnett's efforts representing Rotary International at the UN by stating "Barney has been able to get respect and attention by representing Rotary to member states and his high profile role on the board of UNICEF." Mr. Chowdhury stated that the Rotary Club of New York is "The Host Club to the United Nations". Mr. Chowdhury then spoke about the challenges of less developed countries (LDCs). Currently there are 49 officially recognized LDC's at the UN, and East Timor has filed a request for LDC status, which would bring the total up to 50. This is a marked increase from the 25 LDCs recognized in 1971, and this increase is a concern. The key challenges of LDCs are the 3 Hs, Health, Hunger, Humanity. The following are key issues 1) Empowerment of the people is the biggest challenge people in LDCs face. Empowerment of the people is the power to participate in decisions that impact their own lives. Need to empower women and young people. 2) Governments in these countries pose challenges. Corruption is a problem and accountability and oversight is a key issue that needs to be addressed. 3) There is a need for democracy in these countries. In general, it is clear that these countries need international assistance, but often the lack of donor coordination amongst international bodies leads to a diffuse impact. These issues are all items that Mr. Chowdhury is working to address as Under Secretary General.

President Silvio then closed the meeting by making Mr. Chowdhury an honorary member.

Rotarian Taylor Gray



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HELEN REISLER JUNE 21ST
CRAIG PENN JUNE 27TH
BERNIE WYTKO JUNE 27TH

INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST

**NEXT MEETING IS ON:
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2003
GERMAN MISSION
RESTAURANT**

**AT THE TOP FLOOR RESTAURANT ON
FIRST AVENUE (BETWEEN 48TH AND 49TH
STREETS), FROM 8:30 TO 9:45 A.M.**

This month's topic will be "The Atlantic Divide." Our guest speaker will be H.E. Mr. John Richardson, Head of Delegation of the European Commission.

The registration is at 8:30 and the meeting will start at 8:45 A.M. Kindly let us know (before the end of Monday, June 16) if you would like to attend our breakfast, rsvp by sending an e-mail to the Rotary Club of New York at "ny.rotary@verizon.net" copy to Ms. Allison Alessi, International Events Coordinator at "aealessi@aol.com" or send a fax to (212) 633-1954. The cost of the breakfast is \$15 payable directly to the Maitre d'.



**Also during UN Day President Silvio
inducted a new member, Paolo Vannini.
His sponsors were Raffaello Gherardini
and Francesco Fadda.**