



LEND A HAND

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The Princeton Club – 15 W. 43rd Street

FELLOWSHIP DAY

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



July 29th
FELLOWSHIP DAY

AUGUST 5TH – JAMES ROGERS
Author, Investor

AUGUST 12TH – Stan Meltzer, Esq.

AUGUST 19TH - Hon. Lawrence Korb

AUGUST 26TH – JOHN STEELE
GORDON - Author

SEPTEMBER 2ND – FELLOWSHIP
DAY

SEPTEMBER 9TH – DISTRICT
GOVERNOR'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 16TH – DR. VICTOR
NIEDERHOFFER

SEPTEMBER 23RD – HON. FRANK
WISNER



ANNUAL DUES AND LUNCHEON COUPON PAYMENTS

THE ANNUAL DUES AND ADVANCE LUNCHEON COUPON PAYMENTS FOR THE FIRST 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 YOU FOR YOUR QUICK FOLLOW-UP.

Have fun and support our Club by participating in our ...

New York Rotary Club's Weekly Golf Ball Raffle

- The first raffle was held on Tuesday, (July 22, 2003), next one is coming up during Fellowship Day.
 - Raffle tickets will be sold at the door before each regular Rotary meeting. (1 ticket for \$2.00, 3 tickets for \$5.00 or 7 tickets for \$10.00)
 - There will be 48 identical golf balls in a container with only one ball marked "Winner".
 - President Greg will select a guest or Visiting Rotarian to choose the winning ticket at each regular meeting.
 - The winning ticket holder will pick a golf ball. If the "Winner" ball is chosen, the raffle is over and the winner receives 50% of the revenue from the raffle.
 - If an unmarked ball is picked, the winning ticket holder gets to keep the ball and the raffle continues to the next week.
- The cash prize is added to next week's raffle with one less golf ball.
Consolation prizes will be awarded. Any suggestions or questions contact Tom McConnon

Happy Birthday Fellow Rotarians



MARY FISCHETTI	JULY 27 TH
LARRY PARKS	AUGUST 3 RD
SYLVAN BARNET	AUGUST 5 TH
SAUL ANTON	AUGUST 8 TH
ARTHUR DRAZNIN	AUGUST 13 TH

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, July 22nd, 2003 – by Bonnie Mairs

President Greg Lynch opened the July 22, 2003 meeting by asking Allison Alessi to lead the singing of the national anthem. Volker Detering accompanied her. Clarence Plummer gave the invocation, which stressed enthusiastic commitment. The business portion of the meeting included:

- 1) Tom McConnon description of a new weekly feature - a Rotary golf ball raffle in which half the proceeds go to the raffle winner and half to the club to support club projects,
- 2) Introduction of members giving service at the meeting, and
- 3) Daniel Fenster's introduction of 5 visiting Rotarians from 5 countries, 3 from New York State and many guests. We learned that General Ralph Pope, a former Executive Director of our club, is recovering from bypass surgery. Greg then inducted two new members, Carlos Silva, and Carmine Cabell, whose construction management company, Fortis Silcon, is a new corporate member. Giorgio Balestrieri is their sponsor. He also welcomed Charles Coupet back to the club.

Larry Parks introduced the former Mayor, David Dinkins, who is a now professor at both Columbia and Barnard and on many boards. His speech focused on the current economic state of the city, state and nation with an appeal for us to speak out about it. Quoting Edmund Burke, he said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." He reminded us that, throughout history, our country's defense of democracy has required action. He spoke of the "appalling silence of good people" (a quote from Martin Luther King) and gave some examples of where good people did not speak loudly enough even though they knew the situation was wrong.

These included historical examples: rescuing Jews in WWII, interning Japanese-Americans, stopping McCarthy, and protesting apartheid in South Africa; and current ones: rejecting Haitian refugees, stopping the wars in Colombia, the Congo, East Timor, and speaking up about the current situation in our cities, states, and country.

Mayor Dinkins cited many facts to show that poverty is getting worse in New York City, that state governments are bankrupt, and that the federal government has gone from surplus to deep deficit in just two years. He believes the situation of our economy cannot be blamed on 9/11, though that tragedy made things worse. Facts, which this reporter found sobering: 1/5 of the NYC population lives below the federal poverty line. NYC food and soup kitchens now feed 1 million persons a day. One of every three NYC children lives in poverty. The largest increase in poverty is in working families. Unemployment of persons looking for work is at 8%.

He asked us to think why there are tax cuts when the federal deficit is at \$455 billion dollars and increasing by 4-5 billion in Iraqi war expenses monthly. He believes a national sense of urgency about the economy is growing. Persons who speak up, he said, take the risk of being seen as anti-American if they question which part of the population should be making sacrifices in a time of emergency. He believes these questions must be asked.

After a question and answer period, President Greg thanked Mayor Dinkins for his comments and gave him a Rotary gift. Rotary members thanked him warmly too. President Greg then asked us all to recite the 4-way test and closed the meeting.