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Luncheons: Tuesdays, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.
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!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 30TH
Fellowship Day

OCTOBER 7TH
Rizek Abusharr
Jerusalem YMCA

OCTOBER 14th
Pending

OCTOBER 17TH
EVENING OF HARMONY

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS
INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED SHORTLY

OCTOBER 21st
David Zach
Futurist

PICTURES OF THE WEEK- 9/24/03



Speaker Hon. Frank Wisner, former ambassador to India, together with President Greg Lynch.



President Greg welcomed and pinned Natalie Hahn, who returned to the club after a year of absence.



President Greg was delighted to induct two new members, Rosemary Maniscalco and Funda Bozkurt.

NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION

II COVO DELL' EST RESTAURANT
September 24, 2003



President Greg Lynch and Past President (owner of Il Covo Dell'Est Restaurant) Silvio Amori.



Board Members (from left to right): Jim Bryan, Bill Currie, Silvio Amori, Clarence Plummer, Greg Lynch met together with Exec. Dir. Andreas Runggatscher for a brief committee meeting prior to the event.



Among the many attendees were Sy Rosenberg, Scarlett Pildes and new members; Denise Scotto, Roberta Galluccio, Liberio Romano and Funda Bozkurt.



Clarence Plummer, Greg Lynch, and Lou DiPaolo enjoying fellowship and a good glass of wine.



Two members who always have a smile on their face- Lou DiPaolo and Thomas McConnon



PDG Paul Caruso and chair of the evening, Don Everett



Carlos Bergantinos flew in from Spain just for this event.



Bill Currie, with wife Susan, and Camilo Uy. Our First Vice President, Bill Currie is a member since 1988 and Board Director, Camilo Uy since 1983.



Evan Linchon, just like Bill Currie, joined our Club in 1988, wife Suzie, and guests.

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

President Greg Lynch opened the meeting at 12:25 and he introduced Scarlett Pildes who led the club in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," accompanied by Volker Detering at the piano. Our greeter for the week was Christ'l Dullaert. Suzanne Sebert offered the day's invocation and read a poem by Lloyd Stone, *Song of Peace*, to the music of Sibelius, played by Volker.

Frances Vieta introduced seven visiting Rotarian from seven foreign countries and one visiting from another state.

President Lynch welcomed three new club members: Rosemary Maniscalco, an image consultant; Funda Bozkurt, who works with global equities; and returning member Natalie Hahn, he presented them with pins.

Larry Parks introduced the main speaker, Frank Wisner, Vice Chairman of the AIG group and former career diplomat. Ambassador Wisner noted that President Bush was visiting the UN today and took that as a starting point for his main theme, the U.S./Saudi Arabia relations.

The good relations with Saudi Arabia began with FDR. Ambassador Wisner noted that the relationship is in now in a state of peril and its decline began well before the events of 9/11. Wisner's concern is that oil executives and a very small number of diplomats are the main links engaged with Saudi Arabia. He also said that there is deep sentiment among Saudis that Arabs have been wronged in the Middle East. More fuel is added to the fire by the fact that the standard of living in Saudi Arabia is actually declining. This is because the population is growing faster than the income that is generated by oil sales. Ambassador Wisner pointed out several times that the popular sentiment is often based on lack of knowledge and understanding among the less educated. But the less educated represent a large segment of the population.

The Saudi government makes decisions by consensus, and even though when there are reform-oriented people in top government circles, progress is slow. Ambassador Wisner stated that the support of Saudi Arabia is a necessity for the solution of just about any conflict regarding the Middle East and the Muslim world. The US needs to listen, be patient, find common ground, and be prepared to work behind the scenes. Interestingly, internal terrorism Saudi Arabia is becoming an increasing concern for the Saudi Government. Osama Bin Laden's first Fatwah actually was directed against the Saudi Government, calling for its overthrow. The US was next. There is a clear common interest there between the two governments.

The winning lottery ticket was purchased by Jim Morita. He got to keep the golf ball, but the winning one remains elusive. The club joined President Gregg in recitation of the Four Way Test. The meeting was adjourned at 1.35 p.m.

Rotarian - Erik Enroth

IMPORTANT INFORMATION **FOR PAST DUE MEMBERS**

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE STILL HAVE PAYMENTS OUTSTANDING FOR DUES AND LUNCHEON COUPONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-04. WE TRUST THAT YOU WILL FOLLOW UP ON YOUR PAYMENT PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER, AT WHICH POINT THE DELINQUENT MEMBERS WILL BE REVIEWED AND DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

The Rotaract Club at the United Nations Sponsored by the Rotary Club of New York

Cordially invites you to our
Charter Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, October 4th 2003 at 5.30 p.m.

Come join us as we celebrate another year of our
commitment to service above self.

**We will meet at
Cibo Restaurant**

767 2nd Avenue

- between 41st and 42nd Streets -

Phone (212) 681-1616

Featuring three course prix-fixe dinner (including soft
drinks)

and cash bar. Please feel free to invite a guest.

Rotaractors/ Students \$45, Rotarians/ Guests \$50
RSVP: rotaractnyc@advinc.com. Subject: RSVP Charter
Anniversary Dinner (by October 1st, 2003)

*The Rotaract Club at the United Nations was chartered
with Rotary International on November 18, 1995 by the
Rotary Club of New York and Rotary District 7230. In past
years we have won international recognition for our
outstanding community and international service projects.*

*This success is due to many outstanding young
professionals and students who are and have been
members of our club.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Daniel Zedeker- October 5th

Vittorio Ansuini- October 7th