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Paul Harris Day Mats Ingemanson

Senior Vice President and History Ambassador
Rotary's Global History Fellowship



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 11th
Bishop Deneux
Fraternite Notre Dame

November 18th
Fellowship Day

November 25th
Robert Donno
Foundation Day

December 2nd
James Taranto
Editor OpinionJournal.com

December 9th
Greg Palast -Reporter, Author



Mats Ingemanson will speak about Paul Harris' exciting youth, including his 5 restless years after law school when he traveled to different places in America and Europe and worked as a reporter, laborer, teacher, actor, traveling salesman, cowboy and cattleman. You will also hear Paul Harris speak from a recording that he made in 1933. Mats Ingemanson's presentation, in combination with Paul Harris' own speech, explains in vivid ways how Paul Harris inspired the creation and growth of Rotary to become the most prominent service organization in the world today. It gives Paul Harris a youthful image that is more likely to inspire young professionals to join Rotary. It may surprise you that Paul Harris was only 37 years old when Rotary was founded in 1905 and only 42 years old when he became President of the National Association of Rotary Clubs, which later was re-named to Rotary International.

Even though Mats Ingemanson is mostly known in Rotary for the weekly New York Rotary E-Mail Newsletter and the New York Rotary Website, he is also a founding member of Rotary's Global History Fellowship and serves in its Executive Committee as Senior Vice President and History Ambassador. You can find out more about Rotary's Global History Fellowship on the web at www.rotaryhistoryfellowship.org.

Mats came to America from Sweden 23 years ago with a grant from the Swedish Government to develop a personal computer in Berkeley, CA. He has been an entrepreneur for many years doing business in America, Europe and Asia. His company sold and installed the first Chinese word processing system at the United Nations and maintained it for 10 years. Mats is also an inventor with pending and issued patents. You can read about his inventions on the web at www.Redi-Kwick.com and www.ussterilizer.com. Mats lives in New York and has been married for 17 years to Sundra, who is a Teacher and Arts Coordinator in New York. Their 16-year-old son Morris is a junior at Hunter College High School. In addition to his volunteer work for Rotary, Mats also maintains the PTA website for Hunter College High School at www.HunterPTA.org.

REPORT OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Speaker of the day was Chairman of the Board of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, John Whitehead. This corporation is responsible for rebuilding and revitalizing Lower Manhattan,

After the press conference during which his appointment was announced, Mr. Whitehead found himself in a bit of a desolate state of mind; where to start without a staff and no money? But soon it turned out that approx. 20 million dollars from the Government were allocated to this project in order to realize the revitalization.

Mr. Whitehead shared in a very humorous way some of the problems he faces everyday:

Since there are so many constituents, it is very difficult to realize all the wishes of everyone involved.

- The family of the 9/11 victims are mainly interested in a memorial. A very reasonable wish if you know that many of those family members have no remaining to memorize their loved ones.
- The (former) residents of the area wanted to return asap to their homes and hoped to see a lively neighborhood with shops, restaurants and theatres. They were not too interested in a Memorial.
- The commuters had to face an extra commute time of about 1 hour a day. Some of them even lost their jobs. They wanted to return to lower Manhattan as soon and as easy as possible. The commuters were not interested in a Memorial nor shops or restaurants, etc.

And on top of all those constituents came...politicians! Although Mr. Whitehead tries to avoid party politics as much as possible, politics and politicians are and have to be involved. And to manage all those different people takes a lot of listening according to Mr. Whitehead. This listening was organized in a systematic way by having participation rounds where about 4000 people could have a say in the matters involved. On one of those initial rounds all six plans submitted by the board were rejected and they had to go back to the drawing board after getting all the feedback.

The whole Lower Manhattan Area is 16 acres, equal to 16 football fields. This area has to be rebuilt. The Path train will open in a few weeks time, underground garages are being built and a station is being made for other trains entering the area. Furthermore the first foundations are being made for a Memorial that will be built on five acres, surrounded by a performing arts center and other non profit organizations.

July 2004 should hopefully represent the starting date for a 60/70-store office building.

On top of this building there will be sort of an arm (reminiscent of the Statue of Liberty), which will hold an antenna and therefore produce important revenue from various TV and radio stations for the construction of the building itself.

Rotarian, Christ'l Dullaert



John Whitehead, speaker on 10/28 with President Greg Lynch (above) and during the induction of new member Dieter Beintrexler as a corporate member – RZB Finance (below)



MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

*The Board of Directors has approved the following applicants.
Any written objections must be received at the Club office by November 4, 2003.*

<u>SUNG K. MIN</u>	President
Company:	Space Age, Inc.
Suggested Classification:	Importer/ Women's Accessories
Sponsors:	Sonny Lee Sylvan Barnett

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 18, 2003

**IN THIS BULLETIN PLEASE FIND THE
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OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.
PLEASE RETURN THE FORM TO THE
NEW YORK OFFICE.**

Happy Birthday Fellow Rotarians

Pat Mellea- November 3rd

Gerd Fey- November 5th

Bonnie Mairs- November 6th