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FOUNDATION DAY

ROBERT DONNO – CHAIRMAN OF THE GIFT OF LIFE 



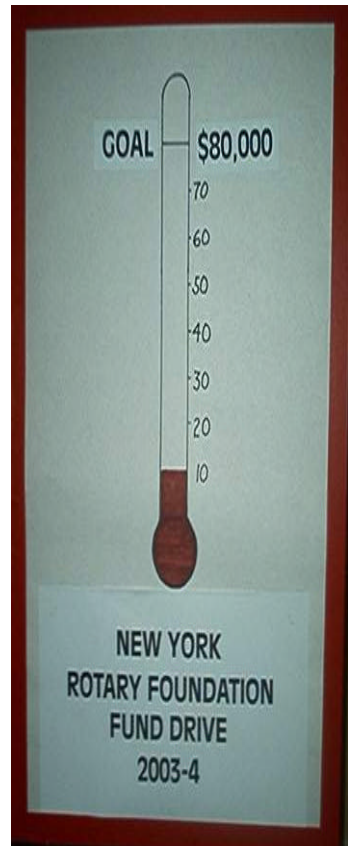
Gift of Life is a crusade of the heart, touching children in peril. An idea born in 1975 to a group of Rotarians from Manhasset, Long Island, NY, is today a global effort. We reach out to many children, who would otherwise die, and heal their failing hearts with the miracle of cardiac surgery. Our outreach spans the world, nurtured by compassion for young victims we alone can cure. Each child whose future

we restore is a tribute to humanity and love, helping build bridges of friendship and peace among people everywhere.

More than 2,500 children have since been flown here from dozens of nations for sophisticated open-heart surgery...from Europe, the Caribbean, South and Central America, Africa, Asia and within our nation. Medical centers throughout the U.S., and in Israel and Malaysia, are participating Gift of Life hospitals. Dedicated surgeons and nurses donate their skills to the cause. American families assist Rotarians as hosts and interpreters who bring warmth and comfort to children and their escorts.

We are pledged to saving the lives of children who could be ours, to returning them to lives, which should be theirs. We invite the generosity of foundations, corporations, community groups and of every caring individual. Join the crusade and be a friend for life!

PLEASE HELP REACHING THIS YEAR'S NEW YORK ROTARY FOUNDATION'S FUND DRIVE GOAL



THE NEW YORK ROTARY FOUNDATION'S MOST RECENT GRANT RECIPIENTS

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| Polio Plus | Milano Aquilea/Buruli disease |
| Gift of Life | District 7230 Africa School Project |
| Taller Borricua | Norman Weissman Fund |
| Metropolitan Museum of Art | Ambassadors of Peace Youth Orchestra |
| Fraternite Notre Dame | Rotaract - Turkey School Project |
| Young Girls Education | Preventive Blindness |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 25th
FOUNDATION DAY
Robert Donno

December 2nd
James Taranto
Editor, OpinionJournal.com

December 9th
Greg Palast
Reporter, Author

December 16th
Louis Freeh –Holiday Party

December 23rd
NO MEETING

December 30th
NO MEETING

READ THE NOVEMBER ROTARIAN FOUNDATION MONTH

- ? ?Portraits of Service
- ? ?\$100 million raised for Polio
- ? ?Rotary Foundation Roadmap
- ? ?African Health/Poverty Concerns
- ? ?Iraqi "Gift of Life" child
- ? ?Ghana Projects
- ? ? Family of Rotary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DAVID DEL MONTE- November 23
PETER BRIZARD- November 26

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

The Board of Directors has approved the following applicants. Any written objections must be received at the Club office by November 25, 2003.

Name: Dr. Sekou-Koureissey Conde
Position: Visiting Scholar
Company: New York University
Classification: Doctor of African Studies
Sponsors: Mary Fischetti and Jim Morita

REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

During the last Fellowship Day on November 18th, Greg awarded Lillian Coury with the Rotarian of the Month Award for her support with the Evening of Harmony and her ongoing work with the corporate membership.



James Thompson was honored was his outstanding work as Chairman of this year's Evening of Harmony at the National Arts Club, on October 17th. Jim has also had significant input on 9/11 related grant recommendations to our Foundation and is among the very most active Rotarians in our club.



Our Community Division under the leadership of Taylor Gray and David Wankoff has put together a team of six members of our club who will be serving Thanksgiving meals to Veterans next week. Furthermore a representative of the New York Blood bank made a pitch for Rotarians to donate Blood (see details on next page).

BLOOD DRIVE

ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK – NEW YORK BLOOD BANK

Dear esteemed member,

The New York Blood Center has organized specific dates and times for us to donate blood. We hope that you will follow their appeal and make a difference. Taylor Gray, Chair of our Community Service Division has already set an example and donated blood just this past week.

CITIGROUP CENTER, 53RD Street and Lexington Ave., lower level
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 7AM – 2PM (first shift)
and 1PM – 8PM (second shift)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 7AM – 3PM (first shift)
and 7AM – 6PM (second shift)

CENTER EAST, 310 EAST 67TH Street
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 9.30AM – 5PM

Please don't forget to put down group# 15449 when you donate blood. It will help tracking down Rotary's success with this Blood Drive.

NEW YORK, NY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003 -- Due to changing blood donor criteria, donor deferral rates have been increasing since 1999 with trend lines predicting additional deferral increases. This predicament has created a critical demand for new people to step forward to donate to ensure there is an adequate supply of blood for hospital patients in New York and New Jersey who require life-saving transfusions, reports New York Blood Center (NYBC) officials.

Donor eligibility and criteria are established by the Food & Drug Administration to protect the safety of the American blood supply, explained Dr. Robert Jones, President and Chief Executive Officer of New York Blood Center. "But as more and more deferrals are put into place, some of which are based on purely theoretical risk of disease transmission, the result is fewer current donors remain eligible to donate," pointed out Dr. Jones.

"We estimate we have lost approximately 5% of our donors since November 2002 due to criteria related to travel or residence in Europe for fear of transmitting mad cow disease despite any medical or scientific evidence this is possible. Other potential donors are turned away now if they were possibly exposed to West Nile Virus, the SARS virus, or if they have less than one-year-old tattoos, traveled to malarial regions of the world or served time in the military in Iraq. The bottom line is that with each new deferral, the nation's blood supply is put at risk and no more so than in the populous NY/NJ community where some of the nation's finest medical care facilities are located," said Dr. Jones.

"Our community demands over 2,000 life-saving donations of blood daily to meet the transfusion needs of patients in close to 200 NY/NJ hospitals," remarked Dr. Jones. "Yet currently less than 2% of eligible people in our community donate blood versus the nationwide average of 5% of eligible residents in a community donating. We simply need more people locally rolling up their sleeve if we hope to avoid a devastating shortage of blood this month as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday," continued Dr. Jones.

A less than adequate blood supply could translate into reduced shipments of blood to area hospitals, cancelled elective surgeries, emergency room closures or worse. So NYBC is urging people to donate if eligible to guarantee no one goes without a life-saving transfusion this November. Potential donors are asked to call New York Blood Center at **1-800-933-BLOOD** to schedule an appointment at one of many convenient donation locations in New York City, Long Island, New Jersey or the Hudson Valley. Donors can also schedule appointments online by going to www.nybloodcenter.org.

Best regards,

Taylor Gray, Chair Community Service Division