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FIREFIIGHTERS RECOGNITION DAY

NICHOLAS SCOPPETTA

Commissioner of the Fire Department of New York

Nicholas Scoppetta has been the Commissioner of the Fire Department of New York, since Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg announced his appointment in January 2002. Mr. Scoppetta is the former Commissioner of the Administration for Children's Services (ACS). During his tenure, from 1996 to 2001, ACS engaged in a comprehensive reform of the city's child welfare system, winning praise from national child welfare experts and the media.

Mr. Scoppetta is also a former Deputy Mayor and Commissioner of Investigation for the City of New York. He has served as Associate Counsel to the Knapp Commission, as Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, as Assistant District Attorney for New York County, and as the Deputy Independent Counsel in the investigation and prosecution of a former Special Assistant to the President of the United States.

Mr. Scoppetta was born on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. When he was five years old he was placed in foster care and lived in various institutions until he was twelve. He attended public schools in Manhattan. After serving two years in the Army, he attended Bradley University on the G.I. Bill and graduated in 1958 with a degree in engineering. He attended law school at night on a New York State Regents Scholarship and worked in the

criminal courts during the day, assisting in the investigation and prosecution of cases in which children had been abused or neglected.

Upon graduation from law school, he was appointed as Assistant District Attorney in New York County.

In 1978, Mr. Scoppetta left public service and joined the faculty of New York University School of Law, where he was a Professor of Law and Director of the Institute of Judicial Administration. In 1980, he founded the law firm of Scoppetta & Seiff. He was in the private practice until his return to public service in 1996.

In January 1996, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani announced the creation of the Administration for Children's Services and appointed Mr. Scoppetta as the agency's first Commissioner. ACS is the city's first independent agency devoted entirely to services for children, with a commissioner reporting directly to the Mayor.

From February 1994 to January 1996, he was Chairman of the five-member Commission to Combat Police Corruption, which was created by Mayor Giuliani to monitor the New York City Police Department's anti-corruption efforts.

He lives in New York City with his wife, Susan, a psychotherapist. He has two children, Andrea a social worker and Eric who is an attorney.

HONOREE:

Lt. Robert Strafer from Ladder 4, will be honored at the April 22nd luncheon for his heroic act on October 31, 2002. He saved a woman who was trapped in her apartment building.



Lt. Robert Strafer's description of act:

Upon arrival at Box 833, Ladder 4 did not see anything showing from the front exterior or the building. Residents quickly informed Lt. Robert Strafer that fire existed in Apartment 3D with someone possibly trapped inside. Located in the rear of the building, outside access via fire escape was blocked by a heavy locked window gates.

Ladder 4's forcible entry team began forcing a tightly fitted front entrance door, which was secured with three locking devices by utilizing a rabbit tool. The rabbit malfunctioned during the effort, which caused a slight delay in accessing the apartment.

Once the door was forced, a chain lock was intact indicating to Lt. Strafer that someone was still inside the burning apartment. Accessing entry, Lt. Strafer was confronted with a very narrow hallway cluttered with household debris obstructing passage. The debris had to be manually passed outside to continue the search. At the end of the corridor, Lt. Strafer found the fire to be unchecked and extending into a second room through a burned door.

Lt. Strafer called the can man FF 6th Grade Greg Gustavino (experiencing his first fire) to keep the blaze in check. A second can was brought up to keep the fire from advancing so that Lt. Strafer could continue deeper into the residence in search for victims. With total disregard for his own personal safety. Lt. Strafer crawled approximately 35 feet to a back bedroom where he found an unconscious female victim.

Weighing in excess of 225lbs, Ms. Peggy Parifam lay naked and badly injured on the floor next to the bed. Lt. Strafer started to drag Ms. Parifam out of the apartment to safety but was inhibited by the extend of her injuries as burned flesh sloughed off into his hands. At this time Engine 54 was advancing line into the scene and hitting back the fire as Strafer was emerging with the victim. Lt. Strafer was met by Ladder 4's forcible entry team who then assisted with the transport of Ms. Parifam to an awaiting EMS unit located two floors below. Due to the actions of Lt. Strafer, Ms. Parifam survived 2nd to 3rd degree burns over 30% of her body surface area. Strafer sustained injuries to his back from dragging the victim requiring extended medical treatment.

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April 29th

Hon. Charles Barron
Councilman

May 6th

David Greenberg
SVP & Chief Compliance Officer
Altria Group

May 13th

Dr. Giovanni Ciuffo, NYU Cardiac Surgeon

REPORTER OF THE WEEK- April 15, 2003

President Silvio Amori opened the meeting and introduced Scarlett Pildes, who led the club in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," accompanied by David Dingle at the piano. Saul Anton offered the day's invocation. David Wankoff introduced 4 visiting Rotarians from 4 countries and 5 Rotarians from 3 states.

President Silvio welcomed 4 new club members:

Dr. Joseph Scelsa- His classification is higher education administration. His sponsor is Silvio Amori and co-sponsor Vincenzo Marra.

Vito Rago- His classification is telecommunications-business development. His sponsor is Anders Eggen and co-sponsor Silvio Amori.

Dr. Christian Baeumer- His classification is telecommunications-international. His sponsor is Joseph Klee and co-sponsor Gerry Hamilton.

Kayhan Civelek- His classification is dentist-periodontist. His sponsor is Atila Macun and co-sponsor Zehra Basaran.

Larry Parks introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Walter Eberstadt, author of "*Whence We Came, Where We Went*", a book tracing his German-Jewish family history back to its origins in the ghetto of Worms, Germany.

In his speech, he spotlighted some remarkable events over the past 200 years. It's a story of Jewish assimilation in German society, accompanied by tremendous hope by the Jewish Germans to be accepted as equal citizens. After centuries of struggling, the Eberstadt family gained civic rights, culminating in the election of one of his ancestors as the first Jewish mayor in Germany, in Worms in 1848, where he was also part of the revolutionary movement at that time.

Walter Eberstadt's father, born in 1887, represents another era in German history. Being an infantry officer in the German army in World War I, he earned the Iron Cross, became a banker, and led the family through inflation and crisis. He faced ultimate defeat by eventually being forced to immigrate to England, where son Walter joined the British forces as a major to fight against Germany, thus returning to his "fatherland" as an enemy. Walter's grandparents faced destruction in the death camp of Bergen-Belsen. Walter Eberstadt gave a chilling account of correspondence between friends of the family to save their lives by raising money to bribe officials, which ultimately failed.

Walter Eberstadt acknowledged that many Americans seem to have difficulties seeing Germany finally adapting to the lessons learned and opposing war in general, even if the current reasons seem to be rather opportunistic.

Based on his experience as a victorious soldier in Hamburg, he urged the American military to resist any gloating in the defeated nation, because this behavior will ultimately backfire.

Rotarian- Volker Detering

Dear President Silvio,

I have just finished reading your weekly newsletter so ably published by Rotarian Mats. I note especially the reference to the Rotary Club of New York's contribution to PolioPlus. Allow me to offer my heartiest congratulations on a job well done. This contribution represents a significant commitment per member and sets an impressive goal for the rest of the District to try to match. Again please express my congratulations to all the members of NYRC on this outstanding accomplishment. LEND A HAND, SULLY

POLIOPLUS

On April 29, the New York Club's Foundation will present a check for \$100,000 to the PolioPlus campaign final phase. Jack Blane of the Rotary Foundation in Evanston will be here to receive the check.

Please help us by contributing whatever you can to the New York Club's Foundation, (mail to our Club office) to become a part of our \$100,000 gift. All contributions must be received by mid-June. One Rotary District (Minnesota) gave \$1 million by getting \$300 from each district members. \$100 buys 1,200 doses of vaccine; \$500 helps deliver the vaccine to an entire village!

As Dr. Bob Scott, Director of the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign, says: "This is a once-in-a-lifetime event to fulfill our promise (of 1988) to eradicate polio by 2005, Rotary's centennial year. On behalf of the children who are sand crawlers, who are wheelchair-bound or wear leg braces, please do not allow their brothers and sisters to suffer the same fate. These children ask, and demand, of us to fulfill our promise." Let's go, New York Rotary, The Host Club of America—and world leader.

-Barney Barnet, on behalf of RCNY Foundation Board of Trustees.

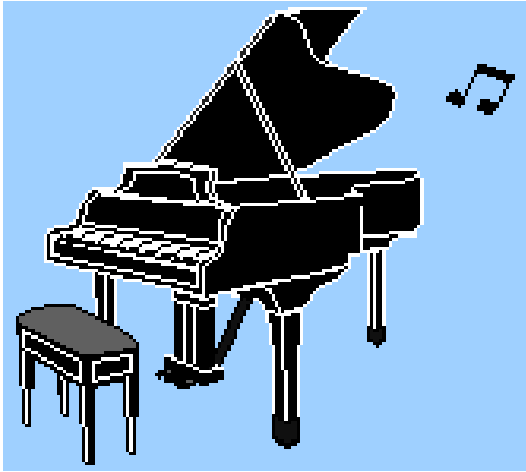


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Edward Gray- April 22nd


Rev. Roger Kozik- April 22nd

Gian Carlo Treggi- April 30th



JAZZ EVENT

You are invited to the Rotary Jazz Cocktail Party at the Cornell Club, 6 East 44th Street, New York, NY, on April 28, 2003, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

 *This event is being organized by David Dingle and Silvio Amori. The music will be provided by The Pelham Jazz Ensemble, an instrumental jazz quartet group featuring piano, bass, guitar, and drums, as well as three vocalists.*



The cost of this event with hors d'oeuvres is \$35 (cash bar). We hope you all join in for what promises to be a lot of fun and great fellowship.

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