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Hansdeep Singh--International Center for Advocates Against Discrimination

Wednesday, April 9, 2014



Hansdeep Singh is the Co-Founder and Director of Legal Programs for the International Center for Advocates Against Discrimination (ICAAD).

His experiences at Human Rights Watch and the Criminal Tribunals of Rwanda and Yugoslavia have made him a forceful advocate in identifying and combating structural discrimination as a means of preventing violence against women and minority communities globally.

He holds a J.D. and an L.L.M. in International Law & Justice. Hansdeep will focus his talk on ICAAD's approach to addressing structural discrimination and the projects currently being undertaken (India, Pacific Islands) that will further illuminate their model. More info about their work can be found at: <http://icaadglobal.org/>.

JFK 5Km/3.2 Mile Run/Walk

Sunday, April 6, 2014



The "Run on the Runway" (since 1972) race has become one of the major fund raisers for the JFK Rotary Club. Funds raised from the race are used to support scholarships, sponsor terminally ill children from countries with limited medical services (Rotary's Gift of Life program), and sponsors annual Christmas parties for handicapped children from the local schools.

The event was a lot of fun again with a record attendance of 1,400 participants. Our team members Liz Landers and Friederike Edlmann landed in the top spot in their respective brackets

Zineb Touzani—President: Rotaract Club of UN

Wednesday, March 12, 2014



Zineb Touzani, President of the Rotaract Club of UN visited our meeting to tell us more of her clubs activities and the collaborations our clubs have been involved in.

Career Gear Career Development

Saturday, March 1, 2014



Career Gear provides professional clothing, mentoring, and life-skills to help men in poverty become stronger contributors to their families and communities. Members from our club volunteered time on Saturday, March 1st to help sort out clothing for men in need to wear for jobs.

Check out www.careergear.org for additional information or contact Michael Hinchin at mhinchin@gmail.com.

Jill Salvino: Brand Strategist, Storyteller and Filmmaker

Wednesday February 12, 2014



Jill Salvino was our guest at this Wednesday meeting. Jill is an accomplished Creative Brand Marketer and Commercial/Film Director. The Award-winning Salvino has personally directed over 500 commercials working in house for ad agencies Young and Rubicam NY and Beber Silverstein; leading Interactive, Multichannel Retailer HSN/USAI; as well as at AOL/Time Warner and through her own

Creative Agency titled Rainmaker Advertising. Last year her script titled "In Vino Veritas" had accolades at The Beverly Hills Film Festival, and currently her Film Short, "Taking It For Granted," is in numerous noteworthy film festivals for consideration. We will be screening her new short, Taking It For Granted, at the meeting which will be followed by Q&A. Movie promo: <http://vimeo.com/72029121>.

Members-Only Mulled Wine afternoon Social

Saturday, February 8, 2014



A Sunday evening social for members was held at the residence of immediate past president, Stefan Jekel, to help bring the new year to a warm start. Mulled wine and food were served to the delight of all who attended.

Yasutake Homma (Ambassadorial Scholar)

Wednesday, January 22, 2014



At our meeting, we had Yasutake Homma visit with us. Yasutake is an ambassadorial scholar. Yasutake is currently pursuing his Master of International Affairs in International Finance and Economic Policy at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. Previously, after his Bachelor of Economics, he was working with the Japan International Cooperation Agency handling Central Asia, South Africa, and Turkey. He has spent time in Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Zambia, Botswana and Mozambique

The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947. Since then, more than 40,000 men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is one of the world's largest privately funded international scholarships programs. Nearly 700 scholarships were awarded for study in 2009-10. Through grants totaling approximately US\$16.2 million, recipients from about 70 countries studied in more than 80 nations.

Third Annual Member-Cooked Dinner Fundraiser

Wednesday, January 8, 2014



The Rotary Club of Metro New York City is kicking-off the new year with our third annual member-cooked dinner. The theme this year is SMORGASBORD, celebrating our club's international membership with food and drinks from around the world.

Proceeds from this special event will go in support of our Haiti Hydroelectric project.

Holiday Party & Toy Drive

Wednesday, December 4, 2013



The Rotary Club of Metro NYC would like to thank all participants and donors in making our annual Holiday Party and Toy drive at Tenpenny at The Gotham hotel a big success. Your efforts and generosity helped us collect almost 300 toys which will be distributed by the Fraternite Notre Dame soup kitchen to children in need. More than 110 people attended to make this event special.

Our Club would like give a special shout out to Rotarians from the Harlem club as well as Rotaracters from the Rotaract UN club for partnering with us in this annual event.

The event took place at Tenpenny at The GOTHAM Hotel (16 E46th St btw Madison and 5th Ave), from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

Please visit our Facebook page for more pictures of the event.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Metro-NYC/146435595418416>

Thank you again for making this holiday season special for many children.

St. Francis Xavier Welcome Table Soup Kitchen

April 13, May 11, and June 8, 2014



Rotary of Metro NYC participates in its monthly event to assist at St Francis Xavier Mission's soup kitchen on February 21st. Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Church took the initiative to start St. Francis Xavier Mission's Welcome Table soup kitchen in 1982. This evolved as a response to the needs of the homeless population in our Manhattan neighborhood of Chelsea at that time. Every Sunday, a day when most other soup kitchens in NYC are closed, approximately 700 meals are served to people in need.

There are two shifts of volunteers. We will be helping in the second one from 11.45 am - 3.30 pm. The tasks include: Putting hot meal items on plates and trays, working at the food stations giving out extras (coffee/bread, water, etc), washing & rinsing trays, general clean up after the distribution.

Our Rotary Metro team is signed on a monthly basis for a group of 5 volunteers under Rotary Metro. The soup kitchen is located at 55 West 15th street, just east of 6th Ave (bet. 6th and 5th) on the north side of the street (This is the entrance to the Church of St. Francis Xavier offices). Those interested should contact our team coordinator Jane O'Sullivan at 917-691-1826 or jane.ellen.osullivan@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. Non-Rotarian friends and family members are welcome to join our group of volunteers!

Metro NYC Rotary Club Meetings

The Rotary Club of Metro NYC is now a participant in the Rotary Meeting Frequency Pilot Program. To this effect, our club has decided to meet twice a month, each second and fourth Wednesday.

Our dinner meetings start at 7:30 PM at:

Dopo Teatro Trattoria

125 West 44th St
New York, NY 10036
www.dopoteatro.com

Please send an email to rsvp@rotarymetronyc.org if you are planning to attend.

If you are interested to know more about us and join for any of our upcoming meetings or events please visit our web site at:

www.rotarymetronyc.org