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## LOOKING AHEAD

- 10/26 - Tanya O'Carroll Ambassadorial Scholar
- 11/6 - UN Day.
- 11/9 - Rob Raylman from the Gift of Life and Club Assembly & Board Meeting.
- 11/16 - Celebration of Puerto Rico Sunset Meeting.
- 11/23 - Andrew Deutsch - motivational speaker.
- 12/14 - Bronx Opera Company holiday celebration.
- 12/21 - No Meeting.
- 12/28 - No Meeting.
- 1/10 Club Assembly & Board Meeting.
- 1/18 ML King - Black History Sunset Meeting.
- 1/25 - Dr. Christine Walsh from Montefiore Hospital.
- 2/15 - Celebration of Dominican Republic Sunset Meeting.
- 3/13 - Celebration of Greece Sunset Meeting.
- 4/19 - Celebration of Persia Sunset Meeting.
- 5/17 - Celebration of Mexico Sunset Meeting.
- 6/28 - President's/Paul Harris Dinner

## OPENINGS...

President Barry Fitzgerald opened the meeting and Luis Torres led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bea Castiglia-Catullo gave the Invocation.

## REPORT ON THE OCTOBER 12, 2010 MEETING CLUB ASSEMBLY

President Barry Fitzgerald announced that he and Cheryl Simmons-Oliver have volunteered to be on the District Nominating Committee.

He also said that Boris Bulayev of Educate! has put in a request for \$7,000 from our Club. Last year, the Club granted \$1,800 to Educate! which provided for three students to attend the 2 year program. Barry recommended that the Club stay with the \$1,800 amount for this year in light of dwindling resources.

Barry also reminded everyone of the importance of the 50/50 fund-raiser raffle. This raffle will help to bolster our resources and all members are asked to sell a *minimum* of 2 tickets each.

The Club's Abagana well drilling proposal was not accepted as it was written, so it has to be redone. There were questions raised about the depth of the well, who will be using it, who will be responsible for it and who will maintain it going forward that were not addressed properly in the first draft.

R.A.I.N. will be having its 46th Anniversary event and Rosemary Durso has requested that the Club take a full page ad in their journal.

Frank Arcuri reported that arrangements for the Celebration of Italy Sunset Meeting are going well. He is a member of the Sons of Italy as well, and said that they altered the date of their own celebration so that they could attend ours. As of this meeting, about 45 people have signed up to attend.

Barry read the following contents of an email circulated to him by DG George Camp:

A recent post on LinkedIn asked the following question:

*What would Rotary look like if they were to allow business advertis-*



Photo courtesy of Jim Romeo

*Debby Appel concocted another confection for the October Birthday Babies.*

*ing and networking. Would we grow in member size? Would we cease to be a service organization? Would we retain more members? Would the world look at us differently?*

As with most LinkedIn discussions, the responses were varied, but the person who I believe

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## 50/50 FUNDRAISER

Tickets are now available for the 50/50 fundraiser. President Barry reminds Bronx Rotarians to be responsible for 2 raffle tickets @\$50 each. Please try to sell more as this is a major fundraiser. Checks are to be made payable to the Bronx Rotary Foundation. Drawing will be at our holiday luncheon on Dec 14.

[www.bronxrotaryclub.org](http://www.bronxrotaryclub.org)

## DG GEORGE CAMP

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went right to the heart of the question was Past RI President Cliff Dochterman, who said:

*That is an interesting "what if" question -- because there is nothing in the policies of Rotary which would prevent networking or advertising within one's Club. Networking, if there were such a concept was the essence of the Rotary organization in 1905 -- and it really has not changed. However, it seems that some Clubs have artificially put a barrier on promoting one's business. Let's not forget that Vocational Service is our second Avenue of Service! The very definition of Vocational Service in our Manual of Procedure is "It is the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and value of his or her vocation to other club members..." Just read the "Declaration for Rotarians in Business and Professions." There is no prohibition of mentioning a Rotarians business or profession at a Club Meeting -- it is an historic part of Rotary.*

*A Rotarian should be aware that Rotarians neither seek nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship. Just remember -- business success and profit are not bad words in Rotary.*

In a follow-up response to me he added:

*It always amazes me how some of the myths develop in the world of Rotary. I've been to clubs where the mere mention of a business or profession is "subject to a fine." How absurd. We wouldn't be in Rotary if we didn't have a profession or business -- so why not take advantage of it. In our house we always ask, "What Rotarian sells that product or whom should be ask about some item we need." We go to Rotarians because we believe that they live up to just a little higher standard and can be trusted for honesty and fair dealing. That's the Rotary way. It is always great to walk into a hotel or restaurant and see a sign "Rotary Meets Here." Somehow, it gives us just a little satisfaction. I've always said, "One benefit of Rotary is that you never have to buy insurance from a stranger!"*

Thanks, President Cliff!

Debby Appel got up to speak about

Rotarian Fellowships which are "Clubs within the Club" for almost every special interest. She herself belongs to the International Fellowships of Motorcycle Rotarians, Flying Rotarians and Travel & Hosting Rotarians. This last being the way she met our guest speaker D. Timothy Pinkney from Sacramento. He was planning a trip to New York and opened the directory for the Travel & Hosting Fellowship, found Debby's name and took it from there.

Debby urged members to go to the Fellowship link on the RI website to see what Fellowships are available. They connect you with people of like interests all over the world. Dues and membership are separate from your local Club. She commented that her Fellowships have been a lot of fun for her and she highly recommends taking advantage of them.

### Birthday Babies

OCTOBER

Edward Hicks - 10th  
Eric J. Oppenheimer - 12th  
Kathleen Quinn-Miller ~ 26th

### MAKE UPS

None today.

### DR. HAPPINESS

Amir Asadi collected \$32 from happy Rotarians.

### CHUCK-A-BUCK

Cheryl Simmons-Oliver was the lucky winner of \$20 in the 50/50.

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President Barry Fitzgerald opened the meeting and Jim Romeo led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Susan Chadwick gave the Invocation.

CHUCK-A-BUCK

Barry Fitzgerald won \$160 in the 50/50 and donated it back to the Club.

MAKE UPS

None today

VISITORS & GUESTS

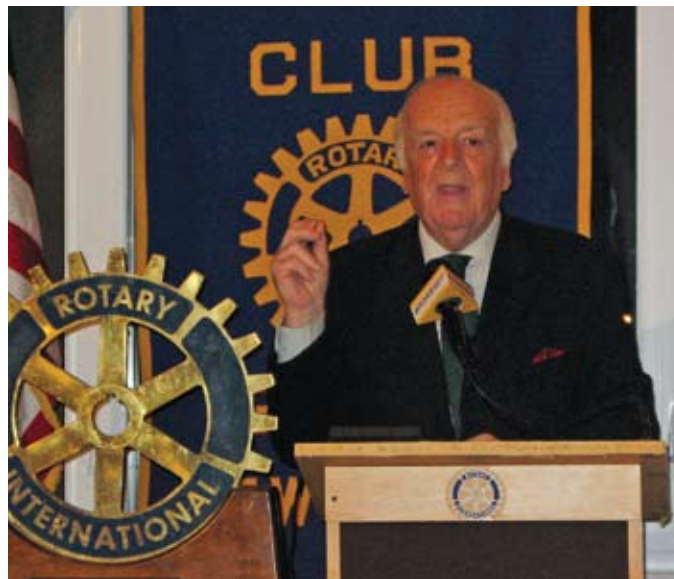
Guest speaker Prof. Paolo Palombo was a guest of the Club. Carol Arcuri was a guest of Frank Arcuri, Barbara, Anthony, Tina and Fortunato Romeo were guests of Jim Romeo. Irene and Carmine Sarno were guests of Mary Springman. Louis Vazquez and Jane and Joe Castiglia were guests of Bea Castiglia-Catullo. Isabel Cavanaugh and Geri Schwalb visited from the Yorktown Rotary Club. Jewel Moolenaar-Marsh and PDG Gilda Chirafisi visited from the Riverdale Rotary Club with Bill Ruffanello from the South Shore Rotary Club. Florence Ubah, Prof. Chuma Ozumba, Charles Gallo, Leonard Aloï, Ben DiGregorio, Maria Swieciki, Dr. Julie and Emilia Kazimiroff, Lillian Pekic, Nicoletta Lasandra, Artie Dimella, George, Christina and Crystal Dilacio, Lorraine Corsa and Edward Angelino were all guests.

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REPORT ON THE OCTOBER 19, 2010 MEETING  
CELEBRATION OF ITALY SUNSET MEETING



Photos courtesy of Jim Romeo

Guest Speaker Professor Paolo Palombo

Frank Arcuri introduced Bilen Eminov, operatic tenor, who sang 3 pieces including the ever-popular "O Sole Mio". A Neapolitan tenor, Mr. Rocco Fiore was introduced next and he also sang 3 spirited Italian classics. Both tenors received a standing ovation from the enthusiastic crowd.

Bea Castiglia-Catullo introduced the keynote speaker, Prof. Paolo Palombo who gave an extemporaneous talk about Italian people and their culture with inimitable and often hilarious style.

He began by saying that God created the world and heavens in 6 days and on the seventh he rested. However, he wasn't quite satisfied. He wanted to create a place with different people who would make him happy, create merriment and keep him from being bored. This was when he created Italy. According to Prof. Palombo, "He has regretted it ever since".

Prof. Palombo related the story of how he caused his entire family to miss their ship to America when he was a small boy. Everyone in the family passed the obligatory health examination for passage to America but him. Because he had a problem with his eyes, the whole family had to remain in Italy. They were all very annoyed with little Paolo until they learned that the ship they had booked passage on, the *Andrea Doria*, had been sunk off Nova Scotia. He has been their darling ever since.

The Professor said that the key to

understanding Italians and their mindset is to know that Italy was never a cohesive "state" in the way that other countries like France, Germany and England were. Italy was in a total state of geographical and political fragmentation. Every one of the regions in what is now known as Italy was, from the year 1100, at one time the center of the world and ruled the world. They never acquired the concept of a unified Italy.

When unification was finally implemented 150 years ago, it was an uncomfortable fit for the varied regions of

Italy.

Professor Palombo maintains that Italy was never supposed to be unified. He said that Italians emigrated to South America, North America and other areas in great numbers, (over 50 million), because the Italian unification was a complete failure in the eyes of the Italian people themselves. He also poses



A delicious Italian style repast was served up at the Harbor Restaurant.

the question of how can all these city/state super egos be reconciled to work together in unification?

He says that this is why, to this day, what it is really all about for Italians is

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Tenors (l. to r.): Rocco Fiore, Freddie Lando and Bilén Eminov.

## CELEBRATION OF ITALY

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their region, their province, their town, not Italy as a whole. If you ask an Italian what their origin is, they will not simply say “Italian”, they will reply with their region, like Sicilian, Calabrese, Neapolitan, etc.

However, this internal competition between city/states has given rise to what Italy is today and to great expressions in art and architecture throughout Italy. Each region would try to outdo the next in the magnificence of their public structures.

Prof. Palombo says that Italians cannot be involved in fighting with others because they are too busy with competing and fighting among themselves. “It’s a game, it’s in the DNA, it’s in the spirit of the people”. He says those that have wished to consolidate the people as one have failed miserably. “How can you unite a country that has 3,000 dialects” he asks.

In closing he said that one must always remember that Italians are iconoclasts



Everyone enjoyed the evening as evidenced by all the smiles.



Bea Castiglia-Catullo was ravishing in red as she and other bronx Rotarians presented Prof. Paolo Palombo with his Certificate of Appreciation.

### THE BRONX ROTARY OFFICERS

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### MEETING TIMES & PLACES of ROTARY CLUBS in DISTRICT 7230

<b>MONDAY</b>		
Bedford-Armonk	6:15p	Bedford Presbyterian Church
Bronxville	12:15p	Fogarty's Town Tavern
Central Bronx	7:00p	Jol Kabar Restaurant
Chappaqua	12:15p	Crabtree's Kittle House
New York	12:00p	Harvard Club
Northeast Westchester	6:15p	John-Michael's Restaurant
St. George's	6:30p	Grotto Bay Beach Resort
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Bronx	12:15p	The Harbor Restaurant
Chinatown	1:00p	Hop Lee Restaurant
Croton-on-Hudson	12:15p	Bella Paula
East Yonkers	12:15p	Luciano's Restaurant
Hamilton	12:15p	Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club
Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley & Irvington	6:15p	Doubleday's
Mount Pleasant	12:00p	Casa Rina Restaurant
PortChester-Rye Brook	12:10p	T&J Trattoria
Scarsdale	12:00p	Moscato's
Somers	6:15p	Pinnacle Restaurant
Staten Island	12:30p	Ligreci's Staaten Restaurant
Upper Manhattan	6:00p	Gran Piatto d'Oro Restaurant
White Plains	12:15p	Crowne Plaza
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Eastchester	12:15p	CIAO Restaurant
Gateway	7:15p	Lake Club
Harrison	12:15p	Emilio's Restaurant
Hartsdale	12:15p	Alaroma Restaurant
Inwood Manhattan	7:00p	Garden Cafe
Metro NYC	7:30p	Trattoria Dopo Teatro
Mount Kisco	12:15p	Mt. Kisco Holiday Inn
Mount Vernon	12:15p	Bona Sera Restaurant
New Rochelle	6:15p	Davenport Club
Ossining	12:30p	The Tuscan Grille
Pelhams	12:15p	Rockwells
Sandys	6:30p	Henry VIII Restaurant
Tarrytowns	12:15p	Westchester Marriott Hotel
Wall Street	5:30p	Downtown Association
Yorktown	12:15p	Murphy's Restaurant
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Cortlandt Manor	7:00p	Cortlandt Colonial
Elmsford	12:15p	Rinis Restaurant
Mamaroneck	12:15p	Emilio's Restaurant
Mid-Island	7:30a	Dakota Diner
North Shore	7:00p	LiGreci's Staaten Restaurant
Peekskill	12:15p	Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant
Pembroke	7:15a	Royal Bermuda Yacht Club
Pleasantville	12:15p	Riviera Restaurant
Riverdale	6:45p	The Riverdale Greentree
South Shore	12:15p	Marina Grand
Yonkers	12:15p	Luciano's Italian Restaurant
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Briarcliff Manor	12:15p	Briarcliff Recreation Center
Larchmont	12:15p	Larchmont Yacht Club
Rye	12:15p	Coveleigh Club

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