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#### **Message from the President**

Dear fellow Columbians,

June, usually one of the most beautiful months in New York City, arrives again. Central Park is in full bloom, alive with trees, flowers, colors and fragrances. Joggers, bikers, laughing children and couples out for a stroll fill the park with activity. The Public Library has a wonderful exhibit, the Metropolitan Museum, MOMA, and the Museum of Natural History offer outstanding exhibits of art and culture, and King Tut is back in midtown. Broadway is flourishing with new hits, exciting musicals and old favorites. And the crack of bats can be heard in Flushing Meadow and the Bronx. June is a wonderful time to be in New York City!

One of the best ways to enjoy New York is to stay overnight at the Columbia University Club of New York. Centrally located in midtown near theater and shopping, the Club offers outstanding overnight accommodations and extremely reasonable prices. For many members who use the Club frequently, the overnight accommodations at the Club are their most important benefit of membership. It is difficult to find such impressive rooms at comparable rates anywhere in the City, not to mention in the heart of midtown.

While you're in New York, don't forget to check out the many events offered to members. You can see the Yankees play the Rays from a luxury suite, go to a Broadway play, or participate in our exciting Ambassador Series sponsored by the Columbia Club Foundation. On June 10, the Italian Ambassador to the United Nations will be speaking at the Club and taking your questions. On June 17 the very popular event Speed Dating returns to the Club. If you are single and between the ages of 25-40, Speed Dating offers a great opportunity to make new friends. On the 30th we are pleased to present the Chairman of the Dermatology Department at Columbia University Medical Center. Please be sure to check our web site each month to see a full listing of events. These events fill up quickly, so the earlier you reserve a place, the better your chances are of obtaining a seat. And please remember, if your plans change and you cannot attend an event for which you have signed up, please let us know as soon as possible to give another member the chance to attend.

As you can see, there's a lot going on. So come to New York City. Enjoy your Club and all it has to offer. I'm sure you will have a terrific time.

Warmest regards from midtown,  
Mark Lemle Amsterdam, CC '66, LAW '69  
President, Columbia University Club of New York  
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#### **Welcome New Members – March**

Yeri Nam, BUS '10  
Virginia Bertram, TC '73  
Calvin K. Towle, GSAS '61  
Tereza Kaneta, BUS '03  
Kiley White, BC '04  
Matt Barker, LEG  
Mohammed-Tamer, Eid BUS '11  
Madeline Bryer, SW '74  
Loulie Molloy, GS '77  
Sandra RobertsvFAC  
Garth ReucasselvBUS '10  
Pellegrino D'Acerno, CC '65, GSAS '73, FAC

Garrett Clarke, BUS '11  
Bettina Weiner, GS '10  
Eash Cumarasamy, SEAS '08  
Shelley Goldman, TC '80 '82  
Russell Lemler, BUS '12  
Maxwell Tobin, CC '09  
Dan Reed, BUS '11  
Jonathan Arkin, GS '08  
Patrick Tangney, LAW '95  
Noah Herman, BUS '11  
Sandra Roberts, FAC  
Nora Lee, GS '94

*We apologize for errors in last month's listing.*

#### **Welcome New Members – April**

Noha Nakib, APP '85  
Natalie Vacirca, BC '07 TC '11  
Alannah Arguelles, BC '08  
Michelle Lim, BC '96  
Jeremy Brown, BUS '09  
Jonathan Feffer, BUS '09  
Rashid A. Altayer, BUS '10  
Yun Liu, BUS '10  
Avinash Samudrala, BUS '10  
Afsin Alp, BUS '11  
David Hamm, BUS '11  
Stanley Kovler, BUS '11  
Elena Silverman, BUS '11  
Keiko Sonoda, BUS '11, FAC  
Justin MacGregor, BUS '12  
Jacob Miles, BUS '12  
Robert E. Mims, BUS '68  
McKelden Smith, BUS '80  
Margaret Yelland, BUS '80  
Girard Oberrender, IIBUS '81  
Steven L. Wagner, BUS '81  
Jonah Neuman, BUS '95  
Jeremiah Evarts, CC '04  
Nicole Lesko, CC '05  
Meredith Milstein, CC '09  
Raphael Graybill, CC '10  
David J. Londoner, CC '58, BUS '59  
Franklin S. Bonem, CC '61  
Jonathan E. Rosenfeld, CC '69, PS '76, GSAS '76  
Michael Brown, CC '80  
Kyra Tirana Barry, CC '87  
Karen A. Sandler, CC '94  
Angeline Koo, CC '97

Laura Sotomayor, DOS '09 '13  
Rizwan Sheikh, GS '03E  
Wan Lim, GS '09  
Jan Asshaur, GS '10  
Laura Bandler, GS '10  
Eileen Gallagher, GS '10  
Stephen Fitz, GS '12  
Joshua Hamilton, GS '95  
John S. Barkat, GSAS '02  
Benjamin Small, GSAS '06  
Louis Monte, GSAS '64I  
vaSkoch, JRN '09  
Claudia Calcagno, LAW '09  
Sarah Swan, LAW '10  
Sara Westin, LAW '10  
Kathryn Rodgers, LAW '73  
Josephine Sapp, NRS '76, FAC  
John Gupta, PH '96  
Benjamin Bloxham, PS '12  
Alexander Campbell, SCE '10  
James Warren Reed, SEAS '09  
Alejandra Klamecki, SEAS '12  
Issacc Johnson, SEAS '14  
Hugh Nickola, SEAS '86  
Nana Eduafo, SIPA '10  
Jana Karam, SIPA '84, JRN '99  
Scott C. Wilcox, SOA '02  
Norman Wyloge, SW '64  
Amy O'Neal, TC '10  
Lauren Friedland, TC '86  
Elizabeth Galderisi-Kohlmeier, TC '91  
Elaine RuizLopez, TC '94  
Robert Lidz, DISC  
Ryan Underwood Wall, DISC



#### **MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING Wednesday, June 23 – 6:30 pm**

All members are encouraged to attend the CUCNY Annual Meeting and Reception at the Club. Meet and speak with members of the Board of Governors. Learn about the State-of-the-Club. Please register by June 16 at 212-719-0380 or [events@columbiacub.org](mailto:events@columbiacub.org).

## Exclusive Yankee Stadium Suite The Columbia Club goes to the Bronx

Friday, July 16 - 7:05 pm

Join us for a night of exciting baseball action with members of the Club as the New York Yankees take on the Tampa Bay Rays. The event will be held at Yankee Stadium in one of their PRIVATE SUITES! Columbia Club members and their guests will have exclusive access to this suite with unlimited food and non-alcoholic beverages for the duration of the game. Enjoy a truly exclusive and luxurious experience.

Cost: \$150 members; \$170 guests. Deadline to register is July 2. Costs increase by \$25 after 7/2. All reservations are final sale.

Space will go fast, so make your reservations now. Contact the Columbia Club Office at [events@columbiaclub.com](mailto:events@columbiaclub.com) or 212-719-0380 to reserve your space.

*This event was organized by the Columbia Club's Young Alumni Committee*

## All-Ivy Club Blood Drive

August 25 - 11:30 am - 5:30 pm

Join the All-Ivy Club Blood Drive on August 25th, 11:30am - 5:30pm, organized by the Penn Club PENNDulums Community Service Intra Club. A New York Blood Center Bus will be parked on 44th Street, between 5th & 6th Avenues, that day to facilitate the drive.

Please RSVP with your name, email address and phone number to sign-up for a time slot (spaced at 15-minute intervals) to donate blood. You may be contacted for alternate time slots if there is a scheduling conflict.

Contact the Program Office at 212-596-1261 or [events@princetonclub.com](mailto:events@princetonclub.com)



## Dancing with the Stars' Karina Smirnoff Returns this Summer!

Dance Professional Karina Smirnoff from *Dancing with the Stars* fame will be coming to the Club to teach an exciting group ballroom lesson! Don't miss this opportunity to learn from these international dancing sensations and global champions!

Karina was born in the Ukraine and came to the U.S. with her family at age 12. At five years of age she studied ballet and then moved on to figure skating. At the age of nine, she was introduced to ballroom dancing and fell in love with it. Karina graduated from Fordham University with a law degree but put her academic studies on hold to pursue her ballroom dancing career in the United Kingdom.

This popular dancing exhibition and instruction is coming back to the Club this summer. Watch for special emails announcing the date - or check our website at [www.columbiaclub.org](http://www.columbiaclub.org) often for details.

Space is limited so sign up early! Cost is \$40/person. Contact the Program Office at 212-596-1261 or [events@princetonclub.com](mailto:events@princetonclub.com)

*This event is sponsored by CUCNY's Health & Wellness Committee.*



## David R. Bickers, M.D., Carl Truman Nelson Professor and Chairman, Department of Dermatology, Discusses Skin Cancer and Prevention

Wednesday, June 30

6:30 pm Reception - 7:00 pm Lecture

Join us for a timely discussion about skin cancer and prevention with David R. Bickers, M.D., leading researcher in environmental carcinogenesis and photobiology.

The author of more than 250 scientific and clinical publications, Bickers has written extensively on the metabolism of carcinogenic chemicals in the skin and its role in causing skin cancer, and diseases induced by environmental sunlight exposure such as the porphyries. Through his lecture, we will gain insight into this complex and deadly disease.

Before coming to Columbia Bickers received his bachelor's degree from Georgetown University in 1963 and his M.D. from the University of Virginia in 1967. He was an intern in medicine at University Hospitals, University of Iowa, Iowa City, and later completed his residency training in dermatology at New York University Medical Center. During his residency, he was a National Institute of Health training fellow in dermatology, and was a guest investigator and assistant physician at the Rockefeller University. He originally joined the faculty of Columbia P&S in 1973 before accepting an appointment at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in 1977. In 1994 he returned to Columbia P&S in his current position.

There is no cost to attend this event, but reservations are necessary. Contact the Program Office at 212-596-1261 or [events@princetonclub.com](mailto:events@princetonclub.com).

*This event was organized by the CUCNY's Health & Wellness Committee.*

## 2010 Senior Celebration at the Club





**Sixth in Our Ambassador Series**  
**Cesare Maria Ragaglini**  
**Italian Ambassador to the UN**

Thursday, June 10  
 6:30 pm Reception - 7:00 pm Lecture

Ambassador Ragaglini received his degree in International Relations from the “Université Libre de Bruxelles” in 1975 and in Political Science, with

an international focus, from the University of Florence in 1976. He joined the Italian Foreign Service in 1978.

His diplomatic career spanned many regions and assignments starting in Teheran in 1981. He served in Ottawa for three years before returning to Rome where he was assigned to Parliament monitoring the passage of important legislation regarding Italy’s foreign affairs. He created and ran the Italian Foreign Ministry’s Intelligence Unit which he directed until 1992.

He was Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy in New Delhi; then returned to Rome as Deputy Acting Head in the Press and Information Service. He reopened the Italian Diplomatic Mission in Baghdad in 1996, and remained as Head of Mission until 1999. He served as Deputy Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister, Chef de Cabinet of the Foreign Minister of Italy and most recently Director General for the Countries of the Mediterranean and Middle East. He was awarded the rank of “Grand Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic” in 2006.

Ambassador Ragaglini assumed his position in New York as Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations in July 2009. There is no cost to attend. However you must have a confirmed reservation. Contact the Program Office at 212-596-1261 or [events@princetonclub.com](mailto:events@princetonclub.com).

*This event is sponsored by the Columbia University Club Foundation.*

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**SPEED DATING SOIREE!**  
**Find Your Summer Love**  
**at our Inter-Ivy Alumni**  
**Speed Dating Event**

Thursday, June 17

6:00 pm Registration – 6:30 pm Dating

Columbia University Club of New York, 15 West 43rd Street

Are you between the ages of 25 and 40 and single? Then come to the Columbia Club’s All Ivy Alumni Speed Dating event and meet other eligible singles. Speed dating is perfect for busy professionals, providing the opportunity for you to meet a number of intelligent and attractive people all in one night! Sign up with a friend of the opposite sex to guarantee your spot. If you choose to sign up individually, you will be placed on a waiting list until we have an equal ratio of men to women.

Cost: \$35 members; \$45 guests. Event includes two free drinks and appetizers. Reservations are required and space is limited. Sign up today! To reserve your place, please contact the Program Office at 212-596-1261 or [events@princetonclub.com](mailto:events@princetonclub.com). Cancellations not accepted after June 10th.

*Sponsored by the Columbia Club Health and Wellness Committee*

**WANTED:** A few good men - between the ages of 25 and 40 and single - to fill some empty seats at our Speed Dating Event on Thursday, June 17, 6:00 pm. We have a group of intelligent and delightful women - and need a few considerate and professional men to even out the group.

Cost is \$35 for members, \$45 for guests. Cancellations not accepted after June 10th. Event includes two free drinks, appetizers, and lots of fun!

Contact the Program Office at [events@princetonclub.com](mailto:events@princetonclub.com) or 212-596-1261 today.



**High Line Tour with Club Members**

Sunday, June 27 - 11:00 am

Meet other club members and learn about the High Line’s history, design, and horticultural elements on our guided tour led by Friends of the High Line staff.

When the High Line was built in the 1930s, it elevated freight rail tracks off the street to protect pedestrians. Today the High Line is a public park, owned by the City of New York. It runs through three of Manhattan’s most dynamic neighborhoods: the Meatpacking District, West Chelsea, and Hell’s Kitchen/Clinton, from Gansevoort Street to 34th Street on Manhattan’s West Side.

Cost is only \$15 per person for the guided tour. Space is limited to 20 attendees, so reserve your space today. Contact the Program Office at 212-596-1261 or [events@princetonclub.com](mailto:events@princetonclub.com)

We’ll meet at the Gansevoort Street entrance, corner of Gansevoort and Washington Streets.

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## ***NEWS & EVENTS***

### **Dear Fellow Young Alums,**

As spring comes to a close, the chairs of the Columbia Club Young Alumni Committee (YAC) would like to thank all the Club members that attended our May programming. We enjoyed sipping on high quality tequilas, touring the Philips de Pury Auction Preview, and learning about sustainable viticulture. These events would not be possible without the tremendous efforts of our committee members, and we thank all of them for their work in putting together exceptional programming for the young alums of this Club.

Throughout the summer, doubtless many young Club members will take advantage of the weather by travelling domestically and abroad. However, I encourage all young alums to keep abreast of YAC news during the summer by visiting our website: <http://www.columbiacub.org/youngalumni.htm>.

Along with our cousins from Princeton, we will be sailing around the Hudson River on a private schooner on Saturday, June 26. The event will include an open bar of beer and wine, and I hope many young alums will fit this wonderful event into their busy summer plans.

As always, please feel free to contact any YAC member with questions or ideas

Kind regards,

#### **Co-Chairs:**

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### **Hudson River Sail**

**Saturday, June 26 — Chelsea Piers - 3:30 pm**

Avast, Club members! Please join your fellow young alumni aboard our private schooner for a 2-hour sunset sail along the Hudson River. The event includes an open bar of beer and wine. We will be meeting at Chelsea Piers at 3:30 pm and should return to port by 6:00 pm.

Cost is \$75. To hold your space, contact the Program Office at 212-596-1261 or [events@princetonclub.com](mailto:events@princetonclub.com). All reservations are final sale and required by Wednesday, June 9. Precise meeting spots will be given to guests closer to the event date, but if you lose your way, you may call the charter company at 212-627-1825.

*This event was organized by the Columbia Club's Young Alumni Committee*