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Billionaires Hold Secret Cabal in New York

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The meeting was called by Buffet and Gates. In their letter of invitation, Gates, Buffett and [Rockefeller](#) cited the worldwide recession and the urgent need to plan for the future, according to the Irish Times. Some of the other notable names on the guest list included [Ted Turner](#), New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, George Soros and David Rockefeller Jr.

Each of the billionaires were allotted 15 minutes to lay out plans for how their money could make a difference. One of the attendees said Gates was the most impressive, that Oprah didn't have a lot of ideas and Ted Turner was the most outspoken.

All told, the collection of rich people have committed a total of more than \$72.5 billion to charitable causes since 1996, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy.



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