



“SERVICE ABOVE SELF” - “HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST”

The Four Way Test

1. Is it the **Truth**?
2. Is it **Fair** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **Goodwill** and **Better Friendships**?
4. Will it be **Beneficial** to all concerned?

The Big Wheel

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March 27th Program: Club Assembly

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Lights, Camera—METROPOLIS

Article by Bob Paddock, Jr. Photo by Rick Koebernick

Jim Bertucci introduced this week’s speaker, **Matt O’Brien**, the new Executive Director and Producer at the **Metropolis Performing Arts Center**. Matt told us about the exciting programs and growth at our own Arlington downtown theatre destination.

His chorus and back up at today’s meeting were long-time supporter, **Kris Stabler**; driving force of the Metropolis board and theater, and its president, **Monica McCarthy**; **Mary Ann Flynn**, board treasurer; and **Bob Paddock, Jr.**, Vice President.

Metropolis has become a key part of the business and entertainment scene in Arlington Heights, and a remarkable success in the theatre community. The village estimates that it brings in about \$4,200,000 of additional revenue to the community annually. Audiences have built steadily over the years and number more than 75,000 today. For a young organization, Metropolis has afforded quality theater at reasonable prices, Matt said.

Only behind the likes of the venerable Goodman, Looking Glass, Northlight, the acclaimed Steppenwolf and Chicago Shakespeare theaters, Metropolis is number nine in budget amount. “In eight years, Metropolis has gone from nothing to a projected budget next year of over \$2.8 million. Think back to those other organizations that have 20 or 30 years more time in business and are just a little ahead of us budgetarily. Pretty cool stuff . . .”

He pointed out that the “Center” is also home to the Metropolis Youth Symphony and the Metropolis School of the Performing Arts. The theatre’s subscription season is the core of the 300 perform-

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Board Holds Planning Meeting For RI Year 2008-09

Article by Lynn Jensen. Photo by Bill Kmiecik.



In preparation for Rotary Year (RY) 2008-09, the club’s Board of Directors held a planning session at Arlington Park’s Trackside on Wednesday evening, March 19th.

President-Elect Ron Crawford presided over the meeting. **Jim Miller** gave a slide presentation on the results of the satisfaction survey that club members recently took. **Mark Tauber** facilitated the meeting. In addition, attendees included: **Linda Borton, Jennifer Burnidge, Pete Cavoto, Wendy Davis, Tim Corrigan, Lynn Jensen, Bill Kmiecik, Stacey Mallek, Bob Nash, David Schultz and Ron Walter.**

At the club assembly on March 27th, Ron Crawford will talk about his vision and expectations for RY 2008-09. He will also review for the club his perceptions of the planning meeting and the key points that emerged from the discussions. Jim Miller will briefly present the survey results to the club. Given the format of this club assembly meeting, members can sit wherever they would like and do not need to sit with their committees.



Upcoming Programs

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| Apr 3 | Cory Upmeyer
Classification Speech |
| Apr 10 | Donna Gulley
Shelter Box USA |
| Apr 17 | Cory Upmeyer
Spring is here!
Get your yard ready |
| May 1 | TBA |

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ances each year with four plays and musicals. Jazz, classical music, Second City comedy as well as special events and performances fill the rest.

There are over 2,000 students in music, drama and dance programs, and over 3,000 students participate in outreach programs. The “Stories in Action” series has brought in 20,000 students from area schools this year.

Matt sees the future as one of expanding the audience (the “house” being on average approximately 70% full now) and “growing our actors,” bringing quality productions and performers to entertain and expand the appreciation of the audiences.

“See a show – take a class! There are over 320 performances every year.” There are opportunities for charity events as well. On stage now is *Sylvia*, a comedy about a man’s mid-life crisis . . . leading to a Labradoodle instead of a red Mustang. Maybe we should keep this alternative in mind, fellow Rotarians !

Rotarians of the Month

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Vocational Service chair, **Pete Cavoto**, along with his team, **Mike Field** and **Roger Key**, received Rotarian of the Month Awards for their remarkable work –

8 RYLA students going to Wisconsin for the Rotary Youth leadership skills convention and 4 interviews for the district vocational scholarship ! Two of the four candidates were submitted for the \$1,500 scholarships.

Fine Master Corner



Fine Master Jim Hassenplug celebrated a special birthday – Vern Equinox ! Actually he got us buzzing with titter about the birds (yes, they do learn how to sing) and the bees (well, at least talked of where the bees hang out – Oregon, the Lilly Capital of the World). And that urge we’re feeling isn’t necessarily indigestion – it’s a real biological adjustment to the start of spring that we call “Spring Fever.”

Care Committee

Our condolences go out to Ron Popp and his family on the death of Ron’s Father-In-Law. His father-in-law was 96 years old. The club offers our support to Ron, Helen and their family.

Upcoming District 6440 Events

From District 6440 Website—www.rotary6440.org

April 24-27, 2008

District 6440 Conference, Itasca, Illinois

June 15, 2008

Rotary International Convention, Los Angeles

Jun 25, 2008

Installation Dinner for DG Pam Kerr

Upcoming Club Events

May 15, 2008

Club “Ten Grand” Raffle

May 22, 2008

Arlington Park Day at the Races

Club Member Updates

Rotarians Absent From the Club’s March 20th Meeting: Behrens, Blaseck, Burnidge, Chisholm, Chrisos, Dawson, Ennes, French, Heller, Johnson, Landwehr, Lombardo, Mahoney, McMahon, Mulder, Murray, Ohrstrom, Passannante, Pearson, Popp, Ridler, Sampson, Scaletta, Schweers, Silverman, Upmeyer, Whisler R., Whisler S.

Guests: Mike Gillfilan (guest of Roger Key), Monica McCarthy (guest of Jim Bertucci), Mary Ann Flynn (guest of Deb Whisler), Gareth Hatch (guest of Joe Musolino)

Make-Ups: Blaseck, Borton, Burnidge, Dawson, Ennes, Schultz

Greeter Schedule

March	Borton & Dawson
April	Lombardo & Mulder
May	Schultz & Kmiecik
June	Lombardo & Borton
July	Mulder & Schultz
August	Passannante & Kmiecik

Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

March Stand-In	Susan Dawson
March 28	Pete Cavoto
April Stand-In	Sandy Baker
April 3	Jennifer Burnidge
April 10	Bill Bodinus
April 17	Bob Blaseck