No Daily Meeting – Rotary Club of Dearborn presented So You think You Can Sync?! at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center at 7:00 P.M.

Evening was filled with old and new music, performers in fun creative costumes, and a wide range of dance and song interpretation. Show lasted about one and one-half hours.

Performers included Dearborn Public School students, Dearborn Public School teachers and staff, Rotarians, Dearborn Chamber of Commerce staff, City of Dearborn staff, Mayor John O’Reilly, and community leaders. Students generally performed to modern songs; 70s and 80s music was popular with adults.

Evening opened with Rotarian jim (Riff Raff) Thorpe behind the scenes loud speaker announcement welcoming us to the show. Jim was also the voice at the end of the performance thanking us for attending.

Opening number was “Party Rock Anthem” performed by evening’s emcee Ali “Bulldog” Abdallah and two young high stepping Dearborn High School alumni. Ali, a local Realtor, provided a comical monologue throughout the evening and introduced the acts.

Rotarian performers included Brian (Disco) Whiston, Laura (Hillbilly) O’Droski, Colette (Hillbilly) Richards, Jim (Riff Raff) Thorpe, and Sharon (Chipmunk) Dulmage.

The Dearborn Chamber of Commerce was involved in two productions. Their President, Jennifer Giering, I think has thespian ambitions. In their final production which was a mash-up of Beyonce, Pink and Queen music, the three lovely ladies that lead the Chamber were dressed in Dearborn High, Edsel Ford and Fordson football jerseys.

The student production numbers were all high energy. Adult production numbers were not quite so high energy, but the music was familiar. The Edsel Ford High School Staff “Evolution of Dance” Special Medley did match the student’s high energy. The “Grannies” really shook it.

Show seemed to draw a nice size audience, which included a number of Rotarians. Former Rotarian Sherry Brown was spotted in the audience. Audience members ranged from young to old and included a number of students. Youngest audience member was probably six month old, 25 lb., Leo (Leonardo), who was attending with his Grandmother, Rotarian Margaret Blohm, Mother Robin from Chicago, and Grandfather Peder.

Congressman John Dingell was observed in the audience. His wife, Debbie Dingell, performed with Mayor O’Reilly and other community leaders in a production of “Here Comes Santa Claus” by the Chipmunks.

Rotarian Amal (Amy) Bazzi did a wonderful job of producing the show. She also participated with smooth dance moves in the all cast finale performed to “Party Rock Anthem” by LMFAO. Finale was impressive – distributed program lists 84 cast members and all were on stage at the end.

Choreographer Jeannette (Columbia) Capote also did a good job. Dance performances throughout evening were fun to watch. Her tap dancing in Rocky Horror “Time Warp” performance was impressive.

Rotarians Susan Surducan and Val Murphy-Goodrich were observed handling ticket taking duties. Rotarian Rick Enright handed out programs. Rotarian Rick Goward attended the performance and helped gather sponsors for the show. Rotarian Jim Ives performed photographic duties.

A good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,

David Anderson
**Foundation Giving—Every Rotarian Every Year**

The Rotary Foundation asks all Rotarians to consider giving at least $100 per year to support the programs of The Rotary Foundation. This is the equivalent of $1.92 per week. Please send your contributions to Jack Mueller, and we will post all those who have reached the $100 per year below.

Win Arneson, John and Mary Fish, Joe Hallissey, Omar and Maureen Guevara, Diane & Jim Ives, Don Karcher, Marjorie McCann in memory of PP Jim McCann, Aldo Martin, Jack and Jane Mueller, Bob Putnam, Colette Richards, Merritt Robertson, Dave Sample, Darlene Schoolmaster, John Snyder

Our Club has pledged $7700.00 for the new Rotary year, and any contributions will be greatly

**Announcements**

The Food Pantry needs running low and in it needs the support of the members. Rotarians are to bring one or two cans of food and donate to the Food Pantry. Marsha will bring the box.

Kerrie reminded all to fill out the contact form for a potential new member. New calendars give away.

Jim Thorpe, There are openings for Santa Snaps and need the members to step and fill these openings. Use the Sign-up sheets.

Santa Snaps events Nov. 17 (1p to 5p) & Nov. 20 (1p to 6p), sign-up sheets passed around.

John Artis: D6400 asks Rotarians of the Dearborn Club to be involved in the upcoming Vocational Training Team (VTT). D6400 is looking for Rotarians to apply as Team Leader. For more information, contact John Artis.

Membership Roster 2011-12 booklets are available, all are encouraged to pick up the new booklet.

John Arties, reminded all Rotarian to contribute $100 to The Rotary Foundation.

**Attention!!!!**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Members in Attendance  Guests

Santa Snaps is just around the corner. One of the major tasks with Santa Snaps is the set-up and decorating. We need your help on two separate occasions. First, right after Rotary on Thursday, 11-16-11, we need to get the Santa Snaps decorations moved from storage to the pavilion. The second event is on Sunday, 11-20-11 from 1-5PM at the pavilion. Please sign up to work one or both of these sessions. Either sign up at Rotary on Thursday, or e-mail Roger Miller that you will be helping.

Thank you in advance for your support.
November 5th was Rotary—U.N. Day

More than 1,000 Rotarians, UN officials, Rotary youth program participants, and guests celebrated the special relationship between Rotary and the United Nations on 5 November. Rotary-UN Day, held annually at United Nations headquarters in New York City, included panels on health, water, and literacy, highlighting Rotarian projects that advance the goals of the UN and improve lives around the world.

Kiyo Akasaka, UN undersecretary-general for communications and public information, commended Rotary for its ongoing collaboration with the United Nations to improve the health of children worldwide, and for its contribution to polio eradication.

"Our shared vision for a safer and better world is what brings us together here today," Akasaka said. "It's your model of Service Above Self and your sterling results in improving health that makes Rotary one of the most important partners of the UN."

Peace and justice

Both organizations are striving to create a more peaceful and just world, noted RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka.

"If you were to seek the one idea, the one goal that is at the core of Rotary, you would find the same goal that you find in the charter of the UN: to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors," Tanaka said.

Timothy E. Wirth, president of the United Nations Foundation and Better World Fund, stressed the importance of partnerships. "Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon recognizes that every problem the UN faces cannot be [solved] by the UN alone," he said, adding that Rotary's "understanding and commitment to partnerships will make so many of these goals we share possible."

Partnerships

Rotary is committed to partnering with organizations like the UN, said John Hewko, RI general secretary.

"Rotary is learning by experience that it can accomplish more in concert with others than it might on its own. Working together multiplies our success: one plus one equals three," Hewko said. "This new formula provides a unique opportunity to enhance humanitarian service, which is what Rotary is all about. It helps build understanding and peace -- the mission of Rotary and the UN."

Zulfiqar A. Bhutta, head of the Division of Women and Child Health at Aga Khan University, discussed the strategic partnership between the university and Rotary, and the challenges of promoting maternal and child health in developing countries in Africa and parts of Asia.

More than 300,000 women die each year from complications related to pregnancy and childbirth, Bhutta said. "Our biggest challenge is reaching these poor women, families, and infants to give them adequate health care."

"I believe we are at the beginning of the journey with Rotary International to improve child and maternal health in the hardest-to-reach places in Central and South Asia and Africa," he added.

Other panelists during Rotary-UN Day included Jacob Kumaresan, executive director of the World Health Organization, New York; Paul Edwards, senior adviser for UNICEF on water, sanitation, and hygiene; Ginny Wolfe, senior director of U.S. communications for the ONE Campaign; Philippe Kridelka, director of UNESCO, New York; and Ron Denham, chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group.

Rotary, which has a 66-year history with the UN, holds the highest consultative status offered to any nongovernmental organization by the Economic and Social Council, which oversees many UN agencies.
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