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# This Week

# Blair High School International Baccalaureate Singers Returning from a Tour with the PUSD All Stars Program Host: Theo Clarke

Benita Scheckel, choir teacher for the Blair IB Singers (BIBS), has put together a fine program for our meeting this Thursday. IB stands for International Baccalaureate. This is an audition only group of hand selected singers who represent the best of the best of the Blair singers.

The BIBS group just returned home from a whirlwind 5-day performance tour of The Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida where they performed at Epcot, Kennedy Space Center, and The Magic Kingdom. The BIBS group was joined by the Pasadena Unified School District All Stars during their tour.

For our luncheon the BIBS singers will perform exactly what they performed on their recently concluded tour. They will sing "Laudate Domino" from the *Vespers* by Mozart and a

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# A Big Rotary Congratulations to ... All of you who attended the Sickle Cell Lip Sync Show at Elliot Middle School last Sunday

hat seems like such a long headline for such a short article. But I really do mean it



To, my fellow Rotarians who attended and/or bought tickets to the show I want you to know at least these two things. Your money was appreciated because the kids really need it. However, your physical bodies in the mix truly makes a difference in a most positive way.

That is truly hands on involvement in community outreach. I want you to know that you and your continued involvement are recognized and appreciated.

There is such a difference between "...hands on involvement..." and hands on community involvement.

## Greeters

April 22 **Kevin Moore**April 29 **Ron Morris**May 6 **Mike Noll** 



# Program Review

## Unmentionables shape Her Silhouette

eanine Gilvaher, MHA, Cht. hypno therapist leader of Spiral Centric Jour neys specializing in imagery, grief work, weight control, smoking cessation, pregnancy and birth and energetic balancing ... whew! ... was our guest speaker this week.

Gilvaher's topic was ... well ... Unmentionables. No slouch, she is an expert in theatrical design and technology, which proved indispensable to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in the recent games in Vancouver and Whistler. She was there.

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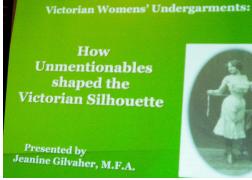
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More to the point she is an expert in breathing and meditation believing that logic-based breathing techniques change bodies through life trans states by increasing blood to oxygen saturation levels, dropping heart rates, relieving stress by affecting moods and one's sense of well being and happiness.

More to the point, our clothing both communicates and affects our breathing, sense of well being, our culture and worldview.

Getting down to basics in Victorian fashion — by way of example — begins with one's underwear! Take Sarah Burnhardt, that stereotypical vamp of the stage with

her archetypal backhand upon her forehead calling for a cold compress to alleviate her headache. Surely it was



all due to that final tug of her corset or corselet, her La Belle Assemblée!

Are beauty and pain to ever be en-

twined? That bustle. that gusset. tracer, Helen pad, under bodice, waist-



coat, crinoline and hoop, par let, petticoat(s), wooden busk and stays, overskirt or fishtail or a 16-bone corset ... the price for beauty? Houses of Couture for those who could travel to pick their

> fashions or scaled models for those wishing to order this year's crepe de chines were all the rage. An 85- to 105-pound dress anyone?

> These underpinnings, these

unmentionables insured a woman of the day could parade in style, gently swaying to and fro, sporting a 14- to 18-inch waist.

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Program Chair, Theo Clarke Apr 22 - Voices of Blair IB School for the Performing Arts

Apr 29 - Stephanie Bettman (country western violinist/singer) and her group

#### **May Programs**

Program Chair, John Guerrini

May 06 - To be Announced

May 13 - To be Announced

May 20 - To be Announced

May 27 - JROTC awards - Visitor Day



# Chairmen's Every Rotarian Every Year orner by Craig Cox, Foundation Chair



Reprinted from Rotary International News — 12 March 2010. During a trip to Niger on a Volunteer Service Grant, Ernie and Sally Montagne

of Arizona, USA, saw firsthand how The Rotary Foundation's humanitarian efforts are helping to break the cycle of hunger and poverty. "The Rotary Foundation is our vehicle of choice to enable ordinary Rotarians to make a lasting difference in the lives of thousands of villagers in Africa," says Ernie.

Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative are the primary source of funding for Foundation pro-

grams, including those that helped support efforts in Niger. These programs cover more than 160 countries and geographical areas on seven continents.

Here is a small sample of projects made possible through EREY:

- In the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch, Rotary clubs helped create Nueva Esperanza, (New Hope), a sustainable community in Honduras for poor families devastated by the storm. Using a Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant, Rotary clubs in Honduras and California, USA, provided books, computers, and medical equipment for Nueva Esperanza, helping families put their lives back together.
- With the help of a Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant, the Rotary

- Club of West Jacksonville, Florida, USA, built a baseball field designed for local children with disabilities. The unique turf allows players using wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches to easily maneuver across the field with the help of an on-field "buddy" — a volunteer, parent, or friend.
- A 3-H grant sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Calcutta Metropolitan, West Bengal, India, and Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, helped establish a half-mile concrete walkway in Nabapally, India, that serves as an escape route for villagers during annual monsoons.

Please make a commitment to contribute to the Rotary Foundation every year and help create your own stories.

# Program

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(Today's average women's waist 24 to 28 inches)

Archetypal hus-

sies? My. my! Some of those dresses were 116 inches in circumference. Tη



dresses required architectural alterations to widen doorways just to pass through in comfort. The alternative? Send the men from the room and solicit the assistance of ladies in waiting to tip your hoop up to vertically slide through the door to gain access to an adjacent room. Quite colorful I can imagine!

To keep the form (form over function)

try cinching and sewing on the bias. Try putting a permanent bend in that

sleeve to maintain the grace of a bent elbow. Of course the wearer could no longer straighten her arm, but that is quite beside the point!

Oh the ecstasy, catching a glimpse

of ankle! It was all in the packaging, the wrapping of the lady on the pedestal. Garter belts and suspenders. buttons and bows, ties and ribbons were all the rage.

Just what was Victoria's Secret?

It certainly was not comfort. Many fully dressed ladies of the day could not sit down for fear of snapping or breaking something. Many fainted for lack of air or difficulty with breathing.

Many needed an assist to find the chamber pot when required. And that is the true story of ladies unmentionables in the Victorian Age.

Jeanine Gilvaher held us spellbound with the pictures and description of unmentionables, leaving us somewhat stunned at the lengths to which a culture will go in search of an ideal; an archetype

> to which to aspire.

Her thesis. The Divas of the Ladies of Camellias, entices our imaginations to find out more about those unmentionables.

Thank you Jeanine

Gilvaher for your vision and enticements! John Frykenberg ()





#### Last Week in the News

The Institute for Supply Management reported the monthly index of non-manufacturing activity rose to 55.4 in March from 53 in February. A reading above 50 signals expansion. Economists had anticipated a reading of 53.3. The reading was the highest since May 2006.

The National Association of Realtors reported that its pending home sales index, a forward-looking indicator based on signed contracts, rose 8.2 percent in February after a revised 7.8 percent decrease in January. The February reading was the largest gain since October 2001.

According to the Federal Reserve, consumer credit debt fell in February by \$11.5 billion, an annual rate of 5.6 percent. Economists had forecast that consumer debt would rise by \$500 million. Consumer credit rose in January by \$10.6 billion, ending a record 11 consecutive months of decline.

Sales at US retail chains rose 9.1 percent in March. It was the largest monthly jump since recordkeeping began in 2000. Economists had anticipated a 6.3 percent increase.

Initial claims for unemployment benefits unexpectedly rose by 18,000 to 460,000 in the week ending April 3. Continuing claims for the week ending March 27 fell by 131,000 to 4.55 million.

The Mortgage Bankers Association said its seasonally adjusted index of mortgage applications for the week ending April 2 fell 11 percent. Purchase volume increased 0.2 percent. Refinancing applications fell 16.9 percent.

The Commerce Department said wholesalers increased their inventories by 0.6 percent in February following a revised 0.1 percent rise in January. Sales at the wholesale level rose 0.8 percent in

February, marking the 11th straight monthly gain.

Upcoming on the economic calendar are reports on retail sales on April 14, the housing market index on April 15 and housing starts on April 16.

#### Web Strategies that Work!

If you're spending hours on social networking sites, or have a slick website but few leads coming your way, you may not have an integrated web strategy that works. In this month's installment of InsightNOW, author, business speaker and Internet Anthropologist Jim Marks shares his integrated web strategies to help you maximize your results from Internet marketing. Here are some top tips. [While the tips are slanted toward real estate agents, you may find something that resonates with you.]

 Showcase Listings - Every brokerage lists homes for sale on its website, so set your site apart with listings that only require one click from your homepage to access. Also, don't restrict access by making site visitors register in advance to use your home search tool. Let them

- use it and fall in love with it; then, request their information for your database.
- Manage Your Data Most sales professionals get many leads from consumers who aren't ready to buy. Make sure to capture these leads in a database so you can communicate periodically with them. These window shoppers represent future business. Don't lose touch with them!
- Add Value to Your Content Understand your audience's needs and cater to them! Consumers want market knowledge, and you, as the real estate professional, can provide your analysis of your market via a blog or periodic emails to your contacts.
- Convert Social Media Contacts You may have a Facebook and Twitter account, but how do you capture friends and followers from social networking sites? Marks suggests that you drive people back to your website by linking to content on your site and by branding your social media sites so people recognize you.

### This Week

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medley from the Broadway musical Les Miserables by Claude-Michel Schönberg. To kick off our program BIBS will perform the National Anthem in 3-part harmony. They will be accompanied by their pianist Jackie Koo. You won't want to miss this exceptional program. Bring a guest.

# A NEW ROTARY YEAR IS COMING

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## A Short Dinner at the Napa Rose (Anaheim, CA)

OK, so Nick and I are suckers for a good restaurant. And Napa Rose fits that bill perfectly. Top notch service. (We always insist upon our favorite server, "Saucey"). Top notch food, sourced from throughout the country. And top notch wine selection. We lost count long ago of the number of times we've eaten here. For us, this is one of those rare *destination* restaurants, the type of place that literally warrants a trip out of town. This particular dinner was short, with only a few dishes and no tasting menu. As usual, we'll let the photographs do most of the talking.

First up is the to-die-for bread. There are several different kinds, but we like

t h e ciabatta-like rolls the best. (Those are the two on



the top in this photo). The butter is sourced from Vermont Butter and Cheese Company, and it may very well be the best butter you ever taste this side of the Atlantic.

We had an appetizer of pappardelle pasta tossed in arugula pesto, roasted veal

loin, saute e e d coastal mush-rooms and dried cherries. This dish has



been on the menu for a few years, yet we never tire of it. With this, Saucey brought out the 2006 Ambullneo *Bulldog* Cuvee (Carneros), a chunky Santa Maria red with smack-in-your-face spice, chalk and clove. It was a brilliant pair to the

pappardelle.

The kids had the penne with red sauce and the quesadilla with caramelized onions. We then tried the tempura lobster



another dish that has been on the menu for some time, but we never tire of it—chewy, sweet chunks of lobster in a paper thin tempura, quickly fried, not greasy in the least, set stop a wonderfully earthy,

sweet, tangy vinaigrette. The daikon and beef are nice touches, but really, they are af-



terthoughts. The star of this dish is the lobster.

With this, Saucey brought out the 2007 Richter Estate Riesling, an off-dry example of a German Riesling that is not scared of dishes that present flavors other than just sweet. By this, we mean that many late harvest Rieslings know only one dish to match with — and that's basically anything that's sweet.

It takes a great wine (and a great winemaker) to coax out the myriad other aromas and flavors from the Riesling grape, so that off-dry wine can mingle with something that is more than just

sweet. Yes, the coconut in the dish is sweet, but it's offset by the rich beef, the vegetal radish, and the spunky lime. This was an example of another perfect match by Saucey, who we've found has one of the best wine palates around.

But I digress. Next up was the star of tonight's meal — Zinfandel braised Angus beef short rib, wild rice risotto, pine nuts and dried cranberries, all in butternut squash sauce.

This dish was, in a word, phenomenal. Seriously, this rivaled some of the best short ribs we've ever had. Regular read-

ers of my articles know that Nick and I are huge fans of Doug Weston's cooking at



Vertical Wine Bistro (Pasadena, CA). Weston cranks out short ribs that are the equivalent of a 10 of 10 on the culinary scale.

These Napa Rose short ribs rivaled Weston's. Yes, they are that good. One taste sent us to culinary nirvana. The beef fell off the bone (as it should with a well-braised short rib), and each chunk had layer after layer of meaty, earthy, sweet Angus flavor.

The butternut squash and risotto were wonderful supporting actors (actresses?) in this culinary stageshow. This dish alone warrants a trip to the Magic Kingdom. Alas, we're told that it is not on the *regular* menu and may only appear from time to time.

With this, Saucey brought out the 2005 Stanton Cabernet. Of course, one cannot go wrong with a Stanton Cab.

No dessert tonight ... Sigh. Until next time . . .



# 15th Annual Peace Conference





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Conference Theme

# "IS WORLD PEACE POSSIBLE?"

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as we

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At our next Visitor Day Thursday, May 27, 2010

All we ask ...
Each One bring One

