

March 12, 2015

This Week

**Dr. Peter Crabbe,
 Kidspace Children's
 Museum**

**Program Host:
 Charles Wilson**

This week we will be visited by Dr. Peter Crabbe of Kidspace Children's Museum. The mission of Kidspace Children's Museum is nurturing the potential of all children through kid-driven experiences, inspiring them to become joyful, active learners.

To help achieve this, they work by the following core values:

- Respect
- Integrity
- Safety
- Experimental Learning

Crabbe is the Director of Education and Exhibits at Kidspace. He received his MFA from UIC in 1986 and embarked on a museum exhibits career after taking a job working with artifacts for the Chicago Historical Society and becoming interested in museum exhibit design. He eventually became Director of Exhibits at DuPage Children's Museum in Naperville,

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REFLECTIONS

by Hal Yorke, President

BEEFLECTIONS?

on . . . the Celebration of Joy's Life March 7, 2015

It was an honor for me — at Ray Carlson's request — to say a few words about a very important aspect of Joy and Ray's life: their passion for helping others. With a bit of Ray's help, I came up with the following.

Joy and Ray first became involved with Junior Achievement in the early 1950s. They formed their own company that published a small magazine appropriately named: *J.A. CRIER*. They had some help by the staff of the Chicago Daily News, who counseled them. For example, the advertising manager chose Joy to be the *CRIER*'s ad manager, and he taught her how to sell ad space. With her newly acquired expertise, she started with the number one store in Chicago: Marshall Field & Company. The store's ad manager allowed this teenager to make her pitch. When she finished, the ad manager said, "Marshall Field would like to have the back cover of all 8 issues." With that commitment in hand, Joy went to other stores up and down State Street and found more

willing advertisers.

As soon as the *J.A. CRIER* got going, Joy indulged in her second passion; she found celebrities to write about in her own column.

That experience introduced her to salesmanship, which she successfully continued to practice all her life with various products and services until her final 12-year stint at Nordstrom's.

Returning from his first Rotary project in Poland, Ray's shuttle from LAX passed through still smoldering areas impacted by the Rodney King riots. This left a lasting impression on the Carlsons. When Joy

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Program Review

music, Music MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!



That's what we all heard last week as we were entertained by six extraordinary young musicians.

Three of them were eighth grade students from High Point Academy, and three of them were competitors for the Club Level Dan Stover Competition.

The High Point students were very professionally introduced by Ames-

ie Noll, daughter of Program Chair Mike Noll. She pointed out that these students had performed for us three years ago, so we could see how much they've improved. The first performer was Kailyn Chiu on the harp, who played a beautiful piece. The next performer was

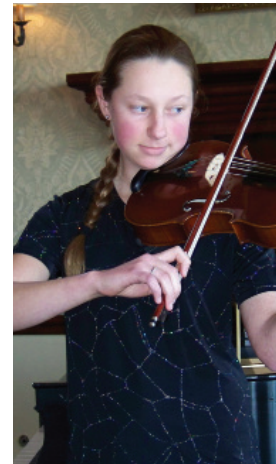


Charlie Viehl on the violin, who showed wonderful dexterity on the instrument. The final performer was Peter Muge-mancuro, who played the piano magnificently. The club members truly appreciated the talent of



these young performers. In four years, they'll be seniors and can compete in the Dan Stover Competition.

Then, it was on to the Dan Stover Competition. Mike introduced the judges. They were Marya Basaraba, an accomplished vocalist and teacher, Clyde Mitchell, a music conductor and teacher, and Daniel Fedor, a violin teacher who counts as one of his students our own Theo Clarke.



The first contestant was Esther Langer on the viola, playing a Bach prelude. Esther is a senior at Marshall Fundamental School, and hopes to attend Northern

Illinois University in the fall.

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Mar 12 - Brooke Applegate, Education Manager, Kidspace Children's Museum of Pasadena
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Mar 26 - Craig Snodgrass, Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 1

April Magazine Month

Program Chair, David Smith

April 02 - To be Announced
April 09 - To be Announced
April 16 - To be Announced

Congratulations



Birthdays



03/08 - Jeri Cunningham
03/14 - Steve Cunningham
03/15 - Trish Robinson
03/15 - David Smith
05/24 - Ed Soza



Anniversaries



03/01 - Tom & Etta McCurry
03/30 - Dennis & Noriko Suzuki Mehninger

Community of Mankind . . . or How do We All Get Along?



Proverbs 6:16-19 states... "There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him:

haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community..." Hating what God hates might be a good place to start in wishing *peace on earth and good will toward men*.

So where does that leave us?

St. Paul goes on to say in Philippians 4:6-9... "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

In our local, national and international relationships and in the world of Rotary, it is good to reflect on the *good we can do or say, abhor the evil* and to guard our thinking and our actions accordingly, while never forgetting the contradictions of competing value systems in the world which do not of necessity share *these truths we hold to be self-evident*.

As consequence, Matthew 10:16 would say, "...I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." Or as Teddy Roosevelt stated, "Speak softly and carry a big stick..."

"To be forewarned is to be forearmed" or simply stated, "those who know that something is coming are better prepared to face it than those who do not know."

Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi stated that "winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." So work, work, work till you get it right.

What are all the maxims talking about? They are all about buying *an ounce of protection to provide a pound of cure* and doing *the right thing* and having *the right stuff*.

None of us wants to think badly about our friends, neighbors, acquaintances or even our enemies for that matter. (Just know who they are!) Thinking the best of people makes for a happier, healthier world in which we can embrace the brotherhood of all men (and women) for the benefit of the commonweal and the planet we all share. (After all we are all in this together). But to do justice and *get along* requires more than trust and a loving heart. We must *trust but verify* to keep ourselves and others honest even as we reach out. To do less inevitably leads to disappointment, disillusionment or catastrophe.

Naïvete is not a virtue! Or as Oliver Cromwell might put it, "Trust in God, but keep your powder dry."

Some of you know I spent a good deal of time in the US Navy and the Naval War College learning the lessons of Alfred Thayer Mahan; "Organized force alone enables the quiet and the weak to go about their business and to sleep securely

in their beds, safe from the violent without or within." And Sun Tzu; "If you know the enemy and know yourself you need not fear the results of a hundred battles." Each has something of great wisdom to impart to us in the dangerous and perilous age in which we live. Both echoed the Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared."

Fact is *a man may do an immense deal of good, if he does not care who gets the credit*. And we in Rotary can do this keeping always in mind that "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil" ... Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Rather "...in your communications, let your yeah be yeah and your nay be nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." (So much for duplicity and double speak!)

In college the question was posed to me, "Do we live in the best possible of all worlds?" And the answer was that we pretty much get the world we deserve. So let us love our fellow man (and woman), help those we can, speak out against the injustice we see, fight like hell against the forces of evil, and forgive our enemies when they are brought to account and the sentence of justice have been served.

As 2 Chronicles 7:14 puts it; "...if my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

We would all do well to remember this even as the world appears to be blowing up around us. ○

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learned that King lived in Altadena — only a mile from their home, she convinced Ray to focus his efforts on needy black kids at local schools. All her life she was superb at motivating people to help others in need.

After completing the required training at JA headquarters, Ray was assigned to Elliot Middle School in Altadena. He recruited members of the Altadena Rotary Club to help, and, ever since 1995, the Rotary Club of Altadena has been involved in Job Creation & Entrepreneurship in local and

some not so local schools — for example, in Nigeria, where some 10 thousand have been impacted.

I joined Altadena Rotary in 1999. My wife and I met Joy at several Rotary functions. At the Carlson home, we discovered her passion for old Hollywood and its celebrities, when she showed us her photo albums and told us stories. With our hectic lives, we unfortunately saw each other only occasionally, but Joy and Ray managed to attend both of our daughters' high school and university graduations,

and we had the honor to join their 60th anniversary party. Yes, lots of parties! We knew Joy as a fun-loving individual — a prime example of someone's name matching his or her personality.

Joy was an exceptionally beautiful woman. Even though she lost a great deal of her mobility in the last few years and seldom left the house, Joy was still concerned about her personal appearance, and meticulously applied her make-up. She always wanted to be beautiful for Ray, and she succeeded. ○

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The second contestant was Chellam Nayar on the cello, also playing a Bach prelude. She is a senior at Pasadena High School, and has been accepted at the University of California - Berkley.



have been too close to call.

After a lengthy deliberation, the judges declared viola player Esther Langer as the winner. She will go on to the regional competition, and, if successful, to the District Conference in May. Chellam Nayar and Gohar Tahmizian finished second and third respectively.

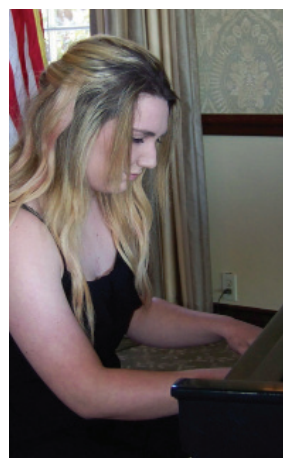
This was a wonderful program and a highlight of the Rotary Club year. Thanks to Mike Noll and Theo Clarke for their hard work. Good luck to Esther in



Our Judges (l to r): Daniel Fedor, Clyde Mitchell, and Marya Basaraba

the regional competition.

Ed Jasnow ○



The third contestant was Gohar Tahmizian on the piano, playing a movement from Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. She plans to attend Pasadena Community College, and then transfer to UCLA.

All three contestants played spectacularly. Everyone agreed that they were glad they weren't a judge because it would

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Illinois where he designed, developed and directed many successful interactive exhibit projects. He is passionate about the sense of excitement and perseverance children display when engaged in good quality *kid-driven* museum experiences.

In addition to working at Kidspace, Crabbe enjoys playing chess and building Hi-Fi speakers. He will be giving us an overview of some of the fun and exciting exhibits and activities that are scheduled in the coming months at Kidspace. ○

Sparks - Altadena Rotary Club Newsletter

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Cyclists roll out for charity

Organization that began as a blog holds second Bikes 4 Orphans event.

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Bicyclists from Crescenta Valley, Clark Magnet and St. Francis high schools prepare for the start of the second annual Bike-A-Thon/Hike-A-Thon fundraiser at the Glendale Sports Complex on Saturday, Feb. 28. (Photo by Brian Park / March 4, 2015)

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Bikes 4 Orphans President Shawnt Bazikian

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By Brian Park, brian.park@latimes.com

March 5, 2015 | 11:00 a.m.

A charitable effort started by local teens has quickly gathered downhill speed and is giving orphans around the world greater access to brighter futures.

About 150 bicyclists and hikers gathered at the Glendale Sports Complex Saturday morning as part of the second annual Bikes 4 Orphans Bike-A-Thon/Hike-A-Thon. They took to the San Rafael Hills to get in a morning workout and raise funds for Bikes 4 Orphans, an organization that aims to donate bicycles to orphans in hopes that better transportation will ease their access to education and other necessities.

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From Local Newspaper

Sebough Bazikian, then a junior at St. Francis High, started a blog and reached out to family and friends to raise \$5,000 to purchase bicycles through World Bicycle Relief, an international nonprofit. As a senior, Sebough Bazikian was then able to travel to Kenya to help deliver the bicycles.

“One of the children mentioned he had relatives, but they lived so far away, walking would be pointless. But with a bike, he could shorten the distance,” Sebough Bazikian said. “It opens up so many opportunities and doorways.”

Since then, Shawnt Bazikian, currently a junior at St. Francis, has taken control of the endeavor, starting the Bikes 4 Orphans club on campus this year. He also reached out to friends at other high schools who have started clubs of their own.

Together, they brought together cycling teams from St. Francis, Crescenta Valley and Clark Magnet High schools, who showed up in force Saturday.

“At this age, to be so giving and to think so broadly is really commendable,” said Glendale Mayor Zareh Sinanyan to the crowd at the event.

In all, the bike-a-thon/walk-a-thon raised \$5,500, including \$1,000 donations each from the Glendale Noon and Altadena Rotary clubs. Combined with \$4,850 they had raised prior to the event, Bikes 4 Orphans members exceeded the goal they set at the beginning of the year to raise \$10,000 by July.

The money will go toward the organization’s next delivery of 10 bicycles to South Africa. Shawnt Bazikian and his friends are currently researching which orphanages to help with the remaining funds.

Since the organization began, its members have arranged for the delivery of 174 bicycles to orphans in Kenya, South Africa, Armenia and Ethiopia.