



DELCO IDOL

If someone wandered into the Media Theatre, not knowing what "Delco Idol" was all about, they would have been unlikely to conclude it was anything but a totally professional cavalcade of young performers. As the 15 singers vied for a spot in the finale Aug. 6, they all seemed to have grown in talent, poise and commitment.

As the group reached round four, individuality has taken center stage. The "theatre girls," as some called some performers, identified Broadway musicals as their forte, and carried through week after week. Janet McWilliams moved from "Funny Girl" to "A Chorus Line," singing "What I Did for Love."

The lyrics of "Broken Vows" were not just words for Steven Calakos. He "has taken total command of every song [he's] done."

"I adore the actor in Steven. He makes me feel very lucky I can work with people like him."

Each performer had his or her distinctive qualities. For Hannah Phillips, clad in a full-length black gown, it was the sophistication of "If He Walked into My Life." Sarah Ragle's control and restraint were noted in a sad tale called "Your Daddy's Son." At 14, Gina

Santare's big voice and clear ambition to be on Broadway prompted some to call her "a performing package." Caitlin Ward hopes to pursue singing now that she is a college graduate.

"This is a start," said Ward, smartly choosing a song from "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

Delco Idol will definitely be a stepping stone for at least one of the performers. In next week's finale, all 10 moving on will sing in the first act. Five will come back for the second act. If mere points separated performers last night, the judging will become immeasurably more difficult.

The five-week series of Idol is definitely a bright spot for the theatre as well.

"Everything we do here is integrated, bringing in all age groups," said Patrick Ward, the theatre's executive director. "The kids take classes and have a chance to audition for roles like the upcoming production



Steven Calakos, Barbara Laurenzi, and Krista Master, Music Director of the Media Theatre Summer Camp.

of 'Oliver.' People come to Idol, and we hope they will become an audience for the Broadway shows."

Rather than diminish as the contestants have been eliminated, the audience has increased. Ward believes there is a true following for the young people. It's hard

to see them grow in performance and not wonder how it will all turn out. Next week will tell.

Delco Idol finalist, Steven Calakos performed for the Rotary Club of Media at last Thursday's meeting.

Finalist Hannah Phillips performed at their weekly meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2008.



Roger Ricker, Director of Public Relations, Media Theatre, Hannah Philips, Krista Master, and Tom Hibberd, Chairman of Board, Media Theatre and member of the Rotary Club of Media.

Reception Committee		Program	
Date	Chairperson	Greeter	Speaker/Subject
August 7	Virginia Falkenbach	Tom Gibson	Nicole Wilson & Fran Franci-DelCo SPCA
August 14	Pat Kosinski	Edward Garabedian	TV Celebrity
August 21	Nancy Geisel	Evelyn Preising	Soccer at Harrah's Chester Casino
August 28	Ellen Gorby	Lynne Green	Canine Partners for Life
September 4	Karin Gustafson	Rosemarie Halt	Classification Talks
September 11	Sally Holub	Warren Higgins	9/11 Lest we Forget

The Rotary Club of Media #5492
PO Box 522, Media, PA 19063

CALENDAR OF EVENT

Rotary Board Meetings - Second Tuesday of every month.
The meetings will be held at 12 p.m. at the Towne House.

Rotary Foundation Meetings - July 31, September 9, December 18, March 26, May 28, & June 25
The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Towne House.

Schedule of Events for Rotary District 7450
More information can be obtained at www.rotary7450.org.

A copy of the Rotary Foundation of Media by-laws, latest Treasurer's report and guidelines for requesting funds are available at <http://www.mediaryotary.org/foundation>. A comprehensive list of recipients is also available for your perusal.

Sunshine Committee
Let Lynne Green know about anyone who is ill, has passed away, has gotten married, has had a new baby, etc. Please contact her via email at pgs8@comcast.net.

Website
www.mediaryotary.org

ROTARY CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

At the last board meeting, we discussed membership. The board recommended having Rotary Information on the Thursday following the Board Meeting each month, having the 3rd Thursday be "Membership Day" (with a few minutes to talk about what it's like

to be a Rotarian), and the 4th Thursday being Induction Day. This will allow for names to be placed in the Medium with enough time for the 7-day notice.

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Courtney Ballauer

In the News

Second Saturday Arts Stroll Celebrates Bastille Day

The Media Arts Council (MAC) will celebrate Bastille Day in collaboration with the Media Theater, Hedgerow Theatre, the Fair Trade Committee, the Media Business Authority, the Historical Society and the Colonial Plantation. Bastille Day will be the highlight of the 2nd Saturday Arts Stroll, 6 to 9p.m., Saturday (July 12).

Themed activities will focus on American independence and its influence on the French Revolution and will highlight the friendship between the two countries as represented by George Washington and Marquis de Lafayette.

There will be visual art displays, professional theater presentations and horse drawn carriage rides among other activities for families.



Above, Lr Penelope Reed of Hedgerow Theatre, Loic Baraies of LaBelle Epoque and Roger Ricker of Media Theatre are pictured planning for the 2nd Saturday Arts Stroll's celebration of Bastille Day July 12.

Penncrest Honors Hall of Fame Inductees



Penncrest High School recently honored four distinguished alumni and inducted them into the Alumni Hall of Fame. Above (l-r) John Lohn, honorees Robert Koch, Dr. Robert Oye, RTM Superintendent Dr. Denise Kerr, and honorees David Lockwood, Patricia Robinson-Linder.

'PA-Pangani Day' At Reformation Lutheran



Pastor Larry Smoose of Reformation Lutheran Church helps plant "seeds of faith" in Pangani Parish, Tanzania, East Africa.

Media VFW Seeks Gifts For Troops

The Media VFW Post 3460 is seeking military post office addresses of active troops from the area.

Parents, families, and friends may contact Junior Vice Commander Ken Delmar (610-565-5796).

For those interested in donating gifts, they can be dropped off at the post, Media Rotary Club meetings and all Long and Foster Real Estate offices.

Suggested items include: coloring books, baby wipes,

crayons, cotton balls, small safe toys, Q-Tips, silly string, toiletry packets, toothpaste, tooth brushes, powdered drinks, sunglass inserts, training pants, toilet tissue (1-ply), etc.

MEET OUR MEMBERS: DON BAK

Don has been a member the Rotary Club of Media since 1980. He grew up in Korea and attended Dartmouth and the University of Pennsylvania. After college, he became an architect in Media and raised a family including four children. He joined our Rotary club for community service and loves every meeting that he attends. One thing he looks forward to our club doing is more hands on work.

DONATIONS TO VFW

Our active military has requested the following items:
 Coloring Books * Baby Wipes * Crayons * Cotton Balls * Small, Safe Toys * Q-Tips * Silly String * Toiletry packets * Tooth Paste * Tooth Brush * Powdered Drinks * Sunglass Inserts * Training Pants * Toilet Tissue (1-ply) * Donations * CHOCOLATE * etc.

DR. WALT HILL

Dr. Walt Hill would love to hear from fellow Rotarians. He is at:

Presbyterian Village
 Cheswick Road
 Rosemont, PA 19010

Or call the Village and ask for Dr. Hill, Room 171.

REGISTER TAPES

Jack has been working hard to collect register tapes for ... 12 YEARS! Keep them coming!

At the end of our June he has collected almost \$9,000. As the tapes come in, Jack submits the receipts and a check, generated from Acme's Home Office, is mailed directly to the Rotary Foundation.

Thank you all for your support!

GREAT ROTARIAN?!

Know someone who would make a great Rotarian? Bring them to a meeting!

TRIVIA QUESTION FROM THE ROTARIAN MAGAZINE

- What famous Rotarian featured in this month's Rotarian Magazine competed against Johnny Weissmuller (Tarzan) at Broomall's Swimming and Rowing Club in the 1920's?

(Answer found on back.)

COST OF LUNCH

I regret to inform you that the cost of lunch will soon be going up. With rise in cost at the Towne House, the cost for lunch will be raised to \$14. Thank you for understanding.

Please don't forget to sign in!

Replacement Badges - \$10

Replacement Lapel Pins - \$5

Phones must be on vibrate - \$10 charge if they ring.

Rotarians are responsible for all information changes with Courtney Ballauer.



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Johnny Weissmuller gained fame and even carried the torch of Hawaiian Duke Kahanamoku, who dominated swimming in 1912 and 1920. Weissmuller captured three gold medals in swimming and a bronze in water polo. He would later gain fame for his role as TARZAN in the movies.

Today's Sports: In 1923, Johnny Weissmuller became the first swimmer to break five minutes for 440 yards. Weissmuller finished in 4:57, improving his own world record of 5:10 by 11 seconds.

On July 9, 1922, Weissmuller broke Duke Kahanamoku's world record on the 100-meters freestyle, swimming it in 58.6 seconds.

TRIVIA ANSWER

