



Costumed for Twelfth Night

Mummers was the word for the 15th annual Twelfth Night Gala at Cranbrook House, Bloomfield Hills, Jan. 6. In a white wig and shawl, representing Mother's Day, is Judith Billiter, teacher, Brookside School, who is adjusting the glasses of April Pool, portrayed by Judith Kingston, teacher, Kingwood School. Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Booth were hosts. Guests included members of the faculty and staffs of the six institutions, trustees and directors of the institutions, board members of Cranbrook Music Guild and St. Dunstan's Guild, choir members of Christ Church Cranbrook and their husbands and wives.

Potpourri

by JULIE CANDLER

As Captain Jolly, Toby David makes his little shipmates laugh so hard they almost rock the boat. And at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel last week, we watched Pop-eye's pal hook an adult audience with a direct tow line to their hearts.

Toby spoke at a dinner at which Women's Advertising Club members honored 150 high school students who participated in the club's "Stay in School" project. Some 500 Detroit area students credit their return to school last fall to the radio campaign developed for the project.

Before the bearded captain gets serious, he breaks you into little pieces of laughing putty that fit right into the palm of his hand.

HE STARTS OUT saying he has an announcement to make. "Will Joe Doakes (here he inserts name of a good friend) please go to the cloak room at once? Your coat is leaking."

Some Captain Jolly observations on juvenile delinquency:

"My father used to tell me to be home by 10 p.m. And if I wasn't home by 10 p.m., he would rent my room. I went to a wedding recently and asked, 'What does the groom do for a living?' The girl next to me said, 'He's a sophomore.'

"A teacher told Johnny that his essay on his dog was exactly the same as his brother's! 'I know,' says Johnny, it's the same dog."

NOW THAT I'VE given away some of his punch lines, I'll relay Toby David's serious message for the students, as well as club members.

"There are two kinds of people," says Toby, "those who are part of the problem, and those who are part of the solution."

"The problem is people who think about how much they can make and get out of life instead of thinking how much you can give and how much you can put into it."

"Some people treat life like a slot machine. They hope to put in as little as possible and hit the jackpot..."

The most valuable investment you can make in life, he advised, is your interest.

"If you can become so intensely interested in the fascinating aspects of your job that there is nothing more interesting in the world, you are on the way to success in life."

HE ENDED UP with a sincere plea to the students, "Don't you be the problem. You be the solution."

And a fine group of young people listened with interest. One of the judges in the "Stay in School" essay contest sponsored by the Women's Advertising Club was Birmingham's Benson Beneker, advertising manager of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. He was there last week with his attractive wife to celebrate the victory of the project.

Cooperating in the project was the Detroit Board of Education and WJR's Jimmy Clark and Jan Wynn. WJR's Lee Murray, another Birmingham resident, was at the dinner, looking sharp in a wide-brimmed fur hat.

She was applauded when it was announced that she has just won a trip to London and Paris for a program she did on the subject of shoes.

IF YOU'RE A music-lover, you will undoubtedly be receiving an invitation soon to become a program subscriber of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit. Birmingham-area residents Mrs. William L. Lowrie, Mrs. Frederick J. B. Sevald and Mrs. Vernon L. Venman spent a big share of Monday helping to address envelopes for the announcements.

The energetic Kathleen Lowrie, a fine photographer as well as hard-working supporter of the arts, is coordinating chairman of the Chamber Music Society's 20th anniversary year. Their four-concert season begins Jan. 21 with the brilliant young Japanese conductor, Seizi Ozawa and his concert pianist wife, Kyoko Edo.

Sixteen Ehring, new conductor of the Detroit Symphony, will be piano soloist at the society's Feb. 11 concert.

WJR's famed Fine Arts Director Karl Haas was instrumental in organizing the Chamber Music Society and is still president, though he is temporarily living in Berlin.

Before he left, Karl convinced a lot of Detroit-area residents that chamber music is exciting, colorful and enjoyable. Karl says that in 1964 vernacular, it's combo music. And in 1964, it has nothing to do with chickens.

If you don't believe it, call Mrs. Sevald on Hickory Bend and she will make you a subscriber to the concerts at the handsome Community Arts Auditorium on the Wayne State University campus.

THEY ALWAYS SEND out handsome announcements of their new shows, but Birmingham's Little Gallery delighted Potpourri most with the splashing explosion of color that arrived Saturday. It's a big poster announcing the opening Sunday of an exhibition of paintings by Sam Kaner.

The color illustration on the poster is a huge reproduction of an enthusiastic, lively, color - happy Kaner painting.

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