

Social Eyes

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Diotle, Bob and Lynn Talbert, the Hon. David and Ada Kerwin, the Hon. Denise Langford Morris and Barro Morris, and divorce attorney Hanley and Julie Gurwin.

Baskin's law clerk and very attractive songbird Connor Roth expressively sang Glover and Howe's favorite tune, "That's All I Ask of You," from "Phantom of the Opera." Henry Baskin's date, (a Catherine Leahan look-alike) Debbie Schultz, looked great in a form-fitting little black dress. Gladys Baskin, looking too young to be Henry's mother, was leaving the next day for her winter stay in Florida. Diane Diotle turned heads in a black-with-gold-studs suit. Variety's 1993 Volunteer of the Year, Dee Shapiro, caused quite a commotion on the dance floor, with her flirty car-wash skirt and beaded hair tie, performing her graceful ballroom dance numbers with Barrister Baskin.

"Raise the roof"

The invitation from Janice and Ralph Nichols read, "Come raise the roof with us . . . and dance the walls down before the construction begins" — but they forgot to mention Caesar, the 900-pound wrestling bear that delighted guests with a gentle wet kiss as they held a peppermint candy tightly between their teeth.

"If you act enthusiastic, you will be enthusiastic," Dale Carnegie graduates will recognize that familiar phrase. Right, Ralph. As always, Ralph Nichols, who is head honcho of Michigan's successful Dale Carnegie Corp., was filled with enthusiasm at the Saturday night shindig that greeted party-goers with a second-floor balcony bubble machine, neon lights, endless buffets of theme viands, a foyer filled with pastel balloons and, of course, non-stop rock and roll.

The party guest list included local luminaries Mort and Renee Crim (still acting like newlyweds after almost two years), Roy Zurkowski (the former Vic Tanny proprietor who shared wonderful Arnold (Schwarzenegger) stories, John and Terry Rakolta, Sam and Katie Valente, former Gov. Jim and Janet Blanchard, Howard Flint III, Julie and Richard Weyand, Anne and John Kolon, Colleen Burcar and hubby Brian Becker and lovey Lucia Zurkowski in a two-piece pink Chanel sweater set.

Richard Weyand looked like "Home Improvement's" Tim Allen (Allen is formerly Tim Dick from Birmingham's Seaholm High School). Party-guest Weyand was wearing a tool belt equipped with hammer and screwdrivers. Stan and Deborah Ohanian talked about their experience moving from West Bloomfield to Bloomfield Hills. And Paul and Pat Wisniewski, Mark

and Karen Nichols, and Jim and Anne Korh debated who would wrestle the bear?

Flash panache

Looking Hollywood chic, in a Vertigo military pant regalia, celebrity photojournalist Linda Solomon motivated the spirit and warmed the hearts of those attending the "Our Town" Art Exhibition Luncheon on Oct. 22.

"Enjoy taking photos, it helps us look at our lives more closely and remember special moments," suggested Solomon, international photographer of the stars.

During her anecdote-filled, tripe-trayed slide presentation, Solomon shared her "special moments," which included dazzling candid shots at this year's Academy Award ceremony; her favorite chimes from Malcolm Forbes' 800-guest gathering in Tangiers, Morocco, and touching slides of children discovering the magic of photography — which is Solomon's current project.

At my luncheon table, Pam Campton and Pam McCarthy discussed their "special moments" living around the world as GM executive wives. Campton just moved to Bloomfield Hills from a three-year excursion in Tokyo. McCarthy recently returned to her Bloomfield Hills home after a 12-year adventure in Kenya, Iran and New Zealand. The two "Pams" met while shopping in Hong Kong several years ago. Also at our table were Judi Earnshaw (a recent transplant from Ontario), Janette Englehardt and Paula Allard.

Former computer marketer Mary Cullen talked about her one-year sabbatical from a well-paying job to explore an artistic dream. Her sabbatical turned into a career cosmos. Mary is now teaching photography at Eastern Michigan University and had two juried pieces in the "Our Town" exhibit.

Also at the luncheon was artist Carol Chiselm, who sold four of her paintings at the preview soiree. Chiselm was seated with Jo Monahan, PR director of Mercy High School, who is working on an upcoming project with the DIA's Youththeatre.

My favorite pics? How about . . . mmmmm-Mel Gibson as Oscar. Richard Gore with Cindy Crawford, Tom Cruise with Nicole Kidman and a humorous Dr. Ruth/George Burns look-alike shot.

Seated with the "famed photographer" was Michigan's former first lady Janet Blanchard, and Linda's best friend and mom Mona Rappaport (also wearing a Vertigo suit with beret).

Important names to drop at the luncheon: Ann Booth, luncheon chairwoman; Miranda Burnett, "Our Town" chairwoman; Jane Turner, special events chairwoman, and Libby Dickinson, who



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Hammer time: Renee and Mort Crim (left), Janice and Ralph Nichols, Lucia Zurkowski and Howard Flint III "raise the roof" and dance the night away, celebrating the Nichols' new abode.



Romancing the stone: Channel 2 anchors Joe Glover and Jennifer Howe celebrate their engagement. "He used to bring me fruit and vegetables," cooed Jennifer. "And she still won't eat her broccoli," quipped Glover.

will chair next year's "Our Town."

Symphony fashion show

Ruth Fruehauf, Karin Garrett, June Lark, Vanessa Lezzoli, Ileen Mullane, Helga Nisonger, Lauri Parks, Helga Seerest, Anne Skowronek, Joan Stern, Ellie Unverzagt, Ruby Weldner and Carol Larson Wenzel strutted the Detroit Golf Club runway at the recent Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony fashion show fund-raiser, donning exquisite fashions by Servo Elegance.

Hand-painted silks, wool classics and sparkling sequins and beads wooed guests, but fashion show chairman Corky Miller steamed the catwalk wearing this season's swishy, car wash skirt (strips of fabric cut from mid-thigh to mid-calf). Miller rocked the runway with her energetic moves.

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'Our Town' speaker: Photojournalist Linda Solomon poses on the "other side" of the camera with mom, Mona Rappaport, at the "Our Town" luncheon.



Baskin's beauties: Henry Baskin's songstress/law clerk, Connor Roth (left); daughter Dana Baskin; and darling date Debbie Schultz celebrate the engagement of Joe Glover and Jennifer Howe.



'Our Town' chairwomen: Ann Booth, luncheon chairwoman (left); Jane Turner, special events chairwoman, and Miranda Burnett, "Our Town" chairwoman, beam with excitement at the success of the four-day "Our Town" Art Exhibit and Sale at The Community House in Birmingham.



Dance fever: Professional dancer Dee Shapiro takes a few moments to teach attorney Henry Baskin all the right moves on the dance floor at Arriava Restaurant.

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