

Look who's Coming to Rotary!!!

Thursday, November 2 - Dr. Larry R. Thompson, President, Ringling School of Art and Design. Dr. Thompson will be speaking about the successes the school's graduates have achieved. He will also speak about some new initiatives that the school is undertaking. Dr. Thompson is an attorney with a J. D. degree. He has a doctorate in education, and is the former provost at Ohio State University, he was also the first executive director of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He is a Rotarian (Sarasota Rotary Club), and chairman of the Sarasota County Arts Council. He is very active in the Sarasota-Manatee community, and serves on many boards.

Thursday, November 16, Mary C. Geldi, Executive Director, The Community Music School of Southwest Florida Mary will introduce a program of music entertainment that will get the club and our guests into the fall mood and holiday spirit.

Thursday, November 30, Robert F. Stovall, CFA, Managing Director, Wood Asset Management, Sarasota, FL. Mr. Stovall will speak about market trends in both the short and long term. He will also discuss the NFL prognostications.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

The Rotary Foundation provides many opportunities for donors to express their commitment to Rotary's work. Donors who contribute a gift of \$1,000.00 or more to the Annual Permanent Fund become a Paul Harris Fellow. On behalf of Rotary International, Sarasota Keys Club recognizes the below listed individuals as Paul Harris Fellows. Thank you for your support of RI.

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SARASOTA KEYS ROTARY

A TRIBUTE TO A LIFE OF SERVICE

Abe and Annie



Abe and Sons



REMEMBERING ABE SHAMES: 1920 - 2005

Humanitarian, giver, lover of life, compassionate, sensitive, driven, tenacious and persistent. All describe various facets of Abraham Shames, a Rotarian, and former member of the Sarasota Keys Rotary Club. Abe wrote in the preface and epilogue of his Autobiography (written in 1989) "If I knew I had only six months to live, I would put every moment into Rotary."

Abe not only believed in service above self, he lived it." His life was one of compassion and giving. In his book "Growing through Life," it is evident that Abe was not one born into the life of luxury. He was a self made man. He did not allow the obstacles of life, its hardships, or heartaches turn him into a bitter, self defeated individual. Instead, he fought back and lived to walk with presidents, world leaders and giants in industry. A verse from Rudyard Kipling's famed poem "If," penned in 1895 states "If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,. . . Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it, And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!"

Abe has proven himself. He built the first

industrial park in the Northeastern US in 1956-59, the Westbury Industrial Park, on a 28-acre tract, that bears his name: Shames Drive.

He also built and developed the 60-acre Cardinal Industrial Park in Hauppauge, just south of the Long Island Expressway during 1966-68. During the '70s he introduced the novel concept of lease-purchase plans, building several nursing homes and health-related facilities on Long Island and upstate New York. In 1977, he converted the old Roosevelt Raceway Movie Cinema to Health 'N Sports Racquetball Club & Spa. In 1985 he "redirected" his life and moved to Longboat Key, FL.

Abe was very active with Long Island and Sarasota philanthropic and civic organizations. On Long Island, he served as the president of the *Mental Health Association of NC*, board member of *St. Francis Hospital*, in Roslyn, president of the *Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation*, master of the *Masonic Meadowbrook Lodge*, in Westbury, board member and Humanitarian Award recipient in 1984, of *St. Mary's of the Angels Home* in Syosset (now Mercy First). He was also very active in Republican Party

politics. He was involved with the *Human Resources Center* in Albertson, *Boy Scouts of America*, *NC Heart Association*, *Solomon Schechter Day School* and *American Cancer Society*. In 1983, he was named Man of the Year by the Anti-Defamation League and in 1986, he had lunch in the Cabinet Room of the White House with President Ronald Reagan.



Here in Florida, he was active in the *Gift of Life Program*, *Rotary International*, and *Shriners*. He served on the board of the *Sarasota Opera* and *Mote Marine Laboratory* in Longboat Key.

He died from heart failure 71 days after the love of his life and wife of 62 years. He is survived by his sons, Jerry, of Lakewood Ranch, FL, Jordan, of Great Neck and Barry, of Livermore, CA; daughter Joy, of Westbury; and 10 grandchildren.

"Cherish the past, dream of the future, celebrate each moment of your life"

ABE'S PHILOSOPHY: WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

*In a Personal handwritten note to long time friends Shirley and Arnold Fein, Abe wrote, **Why I am a Rotarian.** Here are his words that he penned in December of 1999.*

My father blessed me with a Jewish heritage, the search for knowledge to improve oneself, the faith in my self-esteem

and the understanding of mother nature's divine process.

As a Rotarian, I am able to enrich my fight for life's enjoyment when I implement service above self. Gift of Life, Polio Plus 4H, Children's literacy Programs, scholarships, and humanitarian causes all

lead to people pursuing goodwill and peace.

Finally, to know that [when], I leave this earth, kindness in the human race will prevail because of the efforts of Rotarians throughout this world.

Your friend,

Rotarian Abe Shames.



EXCERPTS FROM HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY: "GROWING THROUGH LIFE"

... "I want future generations to understand, to know in their heart of hearts, that the best and truest way to achieve your goals is to link your goals to the service of others. If you don't serve someone else in this life, you do not grow. If you put service above self, then you will find your highest abilities and true calling.

... attitudes and customs will change with each generation. Yet I believe that the classic traditions of hard work, persistent pursuit of growing through experience, joined with a positive attitude will survive and always be applicable to whatever endeavor any human being might pursue. I say this because I firmly believe that when push comes to shove, perseverance is what really counts.

... the legacy of my religion, Judaism, was the very root of my determination, the strong fiber of my universal approach to sharing and giving. The faith of my forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has been the fiber of my nervous system, ever strengthening my own faith in the power of God.

... Let it be known that all men and women, of all races, creeds religions, cultures, or personal customs can rise above their individual proclamations and join in the fellowship of brotherhood and in the joys to be found in putting service above self.

Abe lived a life of service to his God, his Country, his family and his Fellow man



EMILIO FIORE 1918 - 2006

*Zip-a-dee-doo-dab, zip-a-dee-ay
My, oh my, what a wonderful day
Plenty of sunshine headin' my way
Zip-a-dee-doo-dab, zip-a-dee-ay*

*Mister Bluebird's on my shoulder
It's the truth, it's actual
Ev'rything is satisfactual
Zip-a-dee-doo-dab, zip-a-dee-ay
Wonderful feeling, wonderful day,*

Emilio Fiore, song leader for the Rotary Club of Sarasota Sunrise, would open the meetings at 7:15 with a rousing version of this song. What a way to start the day! Full of joy, and full of life, Emilio, a thirty-five year Rotarian, was extremely active in the gift of life.

Emilio knew how to give back to life and life in turn gave back to him many wonderful experiences. As the father of eight children, Emilio took his responsibility of providing for his family very seriously. Working long hours at two jobs

when necessary. He did whatever it took to make sure that their needs were met. Emilio worked hard to achieve his success. He knew how to enjoy life, and not be stopped by its demands. He was an avid gymnast, excellent singer, and a lover of life.

He served on the board of Gift of Life and for a number of years, he was in charge of transportation. He picked up children and families at the airport and shuttled them to and from the hospital or to the nearest Ronald McDonald home.

Emilio was born in Long Branch, New Jersey, and came to Sarasota in 1988, from Englewood, New Jersey. He owned a dry cleaning business and was an Army veteran of World War II.

In addition to

being a member of the Sunrise Rotary he is a former member of Fort Lee and Englewood, New Jersey, Rotary clubs and the Senior Center. He was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

Emilio is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen, who we are very glad to have with us today as we celebrate Emilio's life and contributions to Rotary and Gift of Life.

Emilio's children include; daughters Emily Mangan of Park Ridge, New Jersey, Helen Malick of New City, New York, and Laura Lukanik of Keyport, New Jersey; sons Dr. Paul of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Thom, of Oradell, New Jersey, James, of Ashland, Oregon, Emil of Dumont, New Jersey, and John of Ashland, New Jersey; 14

*God Bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her,
and guide her
Thru the night with a
light from above.*

*From the mountains,
to the prairies,
To the oceans,
white with foam
God bless America,
My home sweet home*

The Gift of Life : *By Curing the Heart of a Child, You Cure the Heart in All*

The GIFT OF LIFE of Florida is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, the majority of whose Board of Directors and members (Chaired by Lou Auricchio) are active Rotarians.

The primary purpose of this program is to help needy children receive corrective heart surgery. The Gift of Life Program has saved the lives of over 8,000 children from more than sixty countries throughout the world.

Over the past quarter century ailing children, from infancy to eighteen years of age have been sponsored by Clubs and Districts throughout the Rotary World.

As we honor Abe Shames and Emilio Fiore, we honor the charities and the causes that they so selflessly embraced. These men have made our world a better place. May all who's lives have been touched by their generosity empower others to do the same.