

What's Mime is Yours *from the desk of the artistic director Bob Kloos*

We have a new look and a new address.

Due in great part to the generosity of The Giant Eagle Foundation, our web site has been substantially renovated. Construction is done and the orange barrels are gone. See for yourself: www.beacon-street.org. With a click or two, the menu across the top will take you to descriptions, bios, calendars, resources, archived newsletters, and more. It is our sincere hope that this will make it easier for you to contact us and survey some of the services we can provide. We also hope our video "When did we see you?" will attract the attention of resource-seekers nationwide. Please take a self-guided tour and let us know what you think. We will try to make adjustments or corrections you bring to our attention. Thanks.

Our internet connection is faster these days, too. Office manager, Pam Kestner, has ramped us up with a DSL line and it comes with a new email address: beacon.street@sbcglobal.net. Feel free to make inquiries or updates for your mailing address at the speed of light! Send us postal addresses for churches, schools, nonprofits or community organizations, or persons you think would benefit from our services. Request removal from our mailing list the same way. Please swap out our old address for the new one. Thanks.

Returning to the same client year after year for Catholic Schools Week can present a unique challenge. As I prepared to return to Saint Anthony of Padua in Parma in January, I noted that last year I had alerted the upper grades to the needs of their peers in tropical countries where cocoa beans are harvested to make our beloved chocolate. I had shared with them in 2006 that Equal Exchange is a 25-year old co-op that guarantees a fair return to the small farmers for their harvest. As a result, children can attend school and have access to safe drinking water and health services. It probably didn't hurt that I provided a 3.5oz bar of milk chocolate for each classroom. Returning this year, I was delighted to see that 7th graders there were selling

EE fair trade bars for the school fundraiser. My program began with heartfelt words of congratulations. "Well done Saint Anthony School community."

And a big thanks to our donors. End of the year donations still trickle in. And our Tenth Annual "Have a Heart" dance and silent auction was memorable and successful due to the kindness of hundreds who supported us with items to bid on and the financial support we needed to host the event. Donor names and a photo from our event on page seven are the least we could do to acknowledge our gratitude.

And thanks, Jean Kloos, for a decade of able leadership of the committee. I am privileged to see Jean's preparation from the start. A profound spirit of hospitality reigns throughout every aspect of the event. It is Jean's goal from the start to insure everyone has wonderful music to listen to, a satisfying dinner, attractive auction items with at least a few within reach of all attendees, and raffle baskets that will make you want to reach for the last of your First Communion money. Granted, she relies on me for the printed program and the live performance. And this year, it was she that suggested we invite Sarah to return as the unforgettable Zacchaeus. But it is Jean's careful attention to detail that has merited the esteem of our "Have a Heart" guests year after year.

Nobody does it better, Jean. Thanks for helping us keep the "fun" in fundraiser all these years.

We are still here as we approach the beginning of our 20th year this fall. Please contact us if you need information or brochures to pass on to potential clients. There is no recommendation more valuable than yours. Mention our name when your church, school, local nonprofit, or community organization is looking for an entertaining, informative, or inspirational program. We won't let you down. Let us pray that this unique ministry will continue to serve well. +Much peace.

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