

Bailey's Raises \$2500+ for Fisher House Foundation at Theater Night

Submitted by Karey Starnes, Club President ; photographs by Dave Mercer

Friday, January 14 was a magical night at the Little Theatre of Alexandria.

A sell out crowd of over 200 Rotarians and guests enjoyed the musical "Oliver" directed by Bailey's Rotarian Roland Branford Gomez, a renowned actor and director. From 6:30 pm to just before curtain at 8:00 pm, guests enjoyed a complimentary reception of hors'doerves, sweets, and beverages.

Just before curtain and onstage, Bailey's President Karey Starnes extended a warm welcome to everyone and recognized several special Rotary guests in the audience: DG Ron Marion and Rosanne, PDG Chuck Davidson and Nita, PDG Tin Tin Raschid and Bilal, and PDG Andy Turner and Ellie; Joe Lott President of the Arlington RC and his wife Deborah; and Ted Hussar, President of the Annandale RC, and his wife Susan. Karey then asked the Rotarians of the ten Clubs present to stand and be recognized when she called the name of their club...there was much clapping and cheering as each Club tried to outdo the others. The ten clubs present were: Annandale, Arlington, Bailey's Crossroads, Crystal City-Pentagon, Falls Church, McLean, Mt. Vernon, Rosslyn-Ft Myer, Springfield and West Springfield.

The musical was delightful and by the end of the evening the audience was in love with the five-year-old workhouse orphan who stole the show. Afterwards, the entire cast mingled with our guests in the reception room, signing autographs and posing for pictures. A perfect ending to a perfect evening.

Bailey's Rotary Club hosted the event to benefit the Fisher House Foundation (www.fisherhouse.org). With a sell out crowd (and after expenses) we raised over \$2500 for the Foundation; a check will be presented to representatives of Fisher House at a future Club meeting.

We thank all who attended the event and made it such a success.

Note for the Warbler: A special thank you to Bailey's Rotarians who planned, executed, and attended the event: Roland Gomez (our Director), Chris Hoecke and MC Kulick (Planning Tickets and Publicity), Rob Cannon (Reception), Don and Donna Wellen and Joe and Kelly Luquire (Bar) and Dave Mercer (Official Photographer) and Mary Ann; Ron and Gerrie Sturman, Karey Starnes, Juanita Balenger, Tina Trapnell, Bill and Ann Cook, Carl and Adele Newberg, Bill and Alice Bailey, Suyong Min, Dave and Pat Borowski, Max and Nasrine Gross, Jim Holcombe, John and Beth Holtzclaw, Roger and Neesa Hoskin, David Feld, Bill and Susan Kilpatrick, Bob and Millie Schreiber, and Steve and Monique Hunt. Thank you everyone for making this a success!!

