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President's Message.

It looks like Fall is here! Fall is one of my favorite seasons. I love the splendor of color, the crispness of the air and the start of the Harlequin Season!! Woo hoo! The Coach House has come to life with the hustle and bustle of set building, rehearsals and preparations for our season opener, "Lying in State".

At the past General Members meeting, several people volunteered to help with various areas of production. There are still open positions that need filled, so contact Angela Wetzel at 419-621-1218, for more information on how you can help with the show.

Don't forget to look at the Upcoming Dates such as Theatre Clean Up Day and Press Dress, and put them in your calendar. Realize that you are showing your support to the cast and crews every time you volunteer. Plus you don't want to miss out on the opportunity to hang out and have a blast with fellow Harlequins and be an active member in a great organization!

I would like to thank Bob and Ruth Jacobs for providing the entertainment at our last General meeting. Bob and Ruth presented a Harlequins slide show depicting some wonderful moments and memories of the Harlequins past. If you missed the first installment- do not fear as Bob and Ruth have promised to show the sequel at another meeting in the spring. So-before I sign off- I want to say to the cast and crew of "Lying in State"- Break a Leg!

-Lisa

Fun had by all!

A larger than normal crowd enjoyed the food and entertainment at October's General Meeting! There was plenty of good food provided by George and Ann Marie Muehlhauser, which was enjoyed while watching a slide presentation by Bob Jacobs. Bob's slide presentation featured Harlequins' shows from 1968 - 1972. It took us a while to figure out who some of the "young" looking actors and actresses were. Bob tells me that we only saw half of the slides he has. Maybe if we ask him nicely, he'll present the other half at another of our General Meetings!! A great big thanks to George, Ann Marie and Bob.

Harlequins Scholarship Awarded...

We are happy to announce that the winner of Harlequin's Scholarship this year will be Cody Noon from Milan, Ohio. Cody is currently a Freshman at Firelands campus of BGSU. He has been very active in theatre for several years. Cody already has 32 performances under his belt...doing shows with Edison High School, The Huron Playhouse, Caryl Crane Children's Theatre, Firelands College and Harlequin's Kid Kompany. On top of that, he is a member of the international Thespian Society (National Honor Thespian)...along with being the Vice-President of the Drama Club Student Organization his last two years at Edison high School. We wish him continued success in his future endeavors.



You Can Ring Our Bell!

If anyone would like any information put on the website, please send it to Jim Ohlemacher and he will then put it on the website!

We are trying to cut postage costs for the newsletter and would like to know if anyone receiving the newsletter would prefer to get it by e-mail instead of snail mail. If so, please let Ellie know. If that's not your thing, we still don't mind sending it by regular mail since we do want everyone to receive it and know what's going on.

Also, if there's anything you want in the newsletter, please let Ellie know. Just try and have it to her by the last week of the month preceding the month's newsletter in which you'd like it to appear.

Our new website is up and running!

Our new website, at www.harlequinstheatre.org is now up and running. Make sure to check it out. If anyone has any ideas of things they'd like to see included on the site, please email me and let me know. If it's at all possible, I'll try accommodate...

Jim

I've Got Dates to Remember

11/7 - Sat. cleaning 10:00 a.m. COME ONE! COME ALL! The more people we have to clean the faster we can all go to lunch!

11/10 - Press dress (tentatively) 8:15 p.m. Come support the cast and crew.

11/11 - Kid Kompany meeting 6:30 p.m.

11/11 - General meeting 7:30 p.m.

11/12 - OPENING NIGHT for LYING IN STATE! 8:15 p.m.

Cast of "Lying in State"

Jill Smith of Sandusky as *Edna*, the ex-wife

Hank Preston of Sandusky as *Wally*, the Governor's son and all around gofer

Jim Ohlemacher of Sandusky as *Herb*, a chairman in search of a candidate

Valerie Thames of Sandusky as *Margo* from Parlor C

Jean Smith of Huron as *Buttons*, the fiancé and semi-exotic dancer

Rob Albach of Sandusky as *Fred*, the Governor

Don Sieb of Huron as *Harry*, the deceased's wacky, rich brother

We'd like to welcome some new faces to our stage...Jill Smith (who was in our past production of, "Museum"), Hank Preston (who recently moved into the area) and Don Sieb. The cast is also now on our website.

Special thanks for volunteering above and beyond

We want to send out special acknowledgement to a handful of members that came to volunteer for set painting and setting lights for "Lying in State." Thank you to Deb Presser, Gary Spayd and Harry Stenzel. Even though they had other things they needed to do, they gave up of their time to show up, just in case they were needed, in the event we didn't have enough volunteers to help. Already having sufficient help for what we needed, they were able to attend to their other commitments. Thanks for showing the true *spirit* of volunteerism.

OCTA NEWS

2009-2010 Northwest Delegate meetings:

1st meeting - Sat. Nov. 14 hosted by Genoa Civic Theatre

2nd meeting - Sat. March 27 hosted by Harlequins Theatre of Sandusky

3rd meeting - Sat. May 8 for the "walk the stage" at the University of Findlay hosted by Fort Findlay Playhouse

The 2010 Northwest Regional will be held June 12-13 in Findlay

Stage Right Wall Now Complete!

Thanks to Bob, Nate, Johann and Bart for the upgrades made to the stage right wall. Insulation and drywall were added to the stage wall to make it more energy efficient. Plus, Jim jumped in to help Bob and Bart shift the third "electrical" over to accommodate the new wall. There are plans to continue around the back of the theatre starting next summer. Thanks guys to a job well done as usual!

Coming to Harlequins Theatre...

Dan May will be coming to Harlequins Theatre on December 12th at 7:30pm. Dan is a Sandusky native who is also a singer-songwriter. He will be performing with a 5 piece band as back-up. Harlequins Theatre will be providing ushers and lighting for this show. If you are interested in learning more about Dan, visit his website at www.danmaycd.com He'll be selling tickets to the show through Musicians Alley, 152 Columbus Ave., Sandusky. (419-625-6619)

Be sure to come and see "Lying in State"

Nov. 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 2009

Ed, a State Senator, has died in a gun battle defending his home from supposed intruders...or so everyone thinks. However, as everyone gathers for Ed's funeral, the *real* truth comes out. On top of that, Edna, his ex-wife; Buttons, Ed's fiancé and semi-exotic dancer; and Harry, his wacky brother, are all vying for his now vacant Senate seat. Combine that with a game of musical caskets, crazy characters and a big squirrel named Mel, about the only thing you can really count on is laughing until your sides hurt.



Kid Kompany.....

Greetings to all: In order to get a head start on the Kid Kompany planning this year, it has been suggested that we get together a group of interested members who would like to work over the winter to put together a game-plan for a successful show experience for the kids in the summer. I am not looking just for Harlequins who want to help out with the production and workshops at this point in time, but would like to meet with those of you who want to plan, strategize and brain-storm what we can do to have everything in place for the coming summer. If we meet several times over the coming season, we can do things like read scripts, contact possible directors and tech people, workshop speakers and other helpers, design the program and discuss dates, publicity, etc. To make it more convenient, I'm going to schedule a first meeting right before the general meeting in September. That would be at 6:30 on Wednesday, September 9. Please join me and contribute your thoughts and expertise. If you are interested, but can't make the meeting, just send me an e-mail or call. I'll make sure to keep you informed of future meetings.

Donna Jean Evans

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