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President's Message.

Remember that the April General Meeting will be held at the theatre this Wednesday, April 8th at 7:30 pm. Among other things, we will receive a report of the nominating committee and a report from the play reading committee. As you can see, it will be a busy and important meeting. Hope that as many of you as possible will attend.

George Muehlhauser

From the nominating committee:

It's that time of year again. If you would like to be nominated for the board of directors for next season, please let Joyce Mulaney know. We will need to fill 2 two-year board seats and possibly 1 one-year board seat. We also need a secretary (which is a one year board term). However, if you'd like to be nominated for president, vice-president or treasurer, please let Joyce know and we'll put you on the ballot when the time comes. The nominating committee will announce candidates at the April general meeting. We know you are all excited about helping shape the future of our beloved theatre! Thank you!

Keys, Keys Everywhere.....

We seem to be running short on keys to the theatre lately. So in order to get a handle on where all of our keys are located, the board is requesting that anyone holding a key to the theatre, please contact me by email or phone and let him know. We need to know who has a key and also the number of the key (which should be stamped right on the key itself). If the key doesn't have a number, please indicate that as well. Please do this as soon as possible.

Jim Ohlemacher



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

April 8 6:30 p.m. Kid Kompany meeting - anyone who would like to participate please attend or call Donna Jean Evans if you cannot as this will be a decision-making meeting as to whether or not we have a Kid Kompany this year. So if you truly want to see it happen get to this meeting!

April 8 - 7:30 p.m. the April general meeting. Playreading will be presenting their choices for our next season. And the nominating committee will be letting you in on who will be on the ballot in May. And I'm guessing there will be sign up sheet for ushers. Please sign up for your favorite slot as soon as possible. Thanks!

April 12 - HAPPY EASTER!

April 18 - 10:00 a.m. clean-up time at the theatre. During the last show there was a good turnout (I heard) and it took almost no time at all so the more the merrier - come and help and then we'll all go eat!

April 19 - Tech Sunday

April 20 - dress rehearsal

April 21 8:15 p.m. press dress rehearsal for *The Farnsdale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth*. Come see the show for free (and don't expect to see much Shakespeare)

April 22 7:30 p.m. board meeting

April 23 8:15 p.m. Opening Night!

April 24, 25 8:15 p.m. *Farnsdale* (no, we're not writing it all out again)

April 26 2:00 p.m. *Farnsdale*

April 29 8:15 p.m. Special performance for the OSU Alumni

April 30, May 1, 2 8:15 p.m. *Farnsdale*

May 3, 2:00 p.m. Closing night

Currently In Production

The Farnsdale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth

By David McGillvray and Walter Zerlin Jnr.

Produced by Samuel French, Inc.

Directed by Marian Hancy

April 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, May 1, 2, 3, 2009

When you delve into performing live theatre, as the ladies of The Farnsdale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society will attest, things can go wrong. However, the show must go on as everyone knows...and it does...whether or not it should is another question. However, the ladies have spent nine months rehearsing and hope to take their production of Macbeth to the national final. Luckily (or not), a well-respected adjudicator is present who will judge their performance worthy. Sets facing the wrong way, actresses who don't show up, props, costumes...if it can go awry...well, hilarity and mayhem ensue.

Let There Be light!.....

I want to thank Lori Demres, Jim Ohlemacher, Nate Fuller, Vicki Vandebout, Marian Hancy and Harry Stenzel who all came down on Sunday, April 5th to help set lights for "Farndale". Setting and plugging in lights...plus setting lighting levels went very quickly with so many helping hands! Thanks, guys!

Lisa Wiley

Many Thanks!

A big thank you to the Spring Fling committee of Donna Evans, Angie Wetzel, Mike Sudsina, Lori Demres and Lisa Wiley (and I hope I haven't forgotten anyone but if I have we thank them too). We think all the "children" who showed up had a good time and we hope to see more of you there next year!

It's For the Kids!

This is to inform you that we are getting down to the wire for kid Kompany this summer. Donna Evans is trying to put together a committee so we can get something started, but it's going to take more than 2-3 people. So far there hasn't been very much interest shown by the membership in volunteering their help. So we're setting up a meeting for this Wednesday, April 8th, right before our general meeting.

Anyone interested in helping out with Kid Kompany and serving on the Kid Kompany committee, please come to the meeting on April 8th, starting at 6:30pm at the theatre. Depending on the response, we'll decide at this meeting whether to go ahead with our kids play this summer or cancel Kid Kompany for the year. Last year, Kid Kompany put on a wonderful play that was very well attended. It would be nice to keep this momentum moving forward. I've already been contacted by some of the kids asking when auditions were.

We hope to see you there this Wednesday.
Jim

Getting to Know You! The Queen of stage and screen!

Well, maybe not screen...

Joyce Mulaney

Do you realize how crazy it is asking someone who has been a member for 56 years to write a short item? OK, here goes.

I became a member in January 1953. Did props on my first play and had a bit part in the last play "Light-Up the Sky" and Jack became a star. I was the ingénue in 1954's "My Three Angels" and had the lead in "Nine Girls" in 1955. Then the children came and I babysat.

In 1962 I started (for the next ten years) directing Children's Plays (today's Kid Kompany) in the spring and Jack babysat. In 1972, I played a bitch (don't say it) in "Dear Friends" and in 1989 and old woman (don't say that either) in "Silver Whistle". In 1976 I started directing the big guys - the first was "Sunshine Boys" and we took it to OCTA - won at Regional and it went on from there and it was great fun with great actors. My last direction was a remake of "Tribute" in spring of 2000. In the fall of 2000 I performed in my favorite, "Cemetery Club" and also as dear Ms. Tweed in "Something's Afoot". Got to sing and dance in that one. Oh, I forgot another fun role...Mrs. Pearce in "My Fair Lady". That was great fun - got to role my eyes and everything. There are many more good memories, but these were the highlights.

Attention All!

Below you will see a list of the current dues-paid members. If you're not on it, you need to pay your \$6 dues.

CHRIS & KATHY BEATTY
AMY & DEAN BOITEL & SMITH
EARL & DELORES BOITEL
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DON & SUE DOELL
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BOB & RUTH JACOBS
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JIM & ANN LEWIS
JOHN & SHELLY LUIPOLD
JEFF MCGORY
LINDA MORALES
GEORGE & ANN.MUEHLHAUSER
JACK & JOYCE MULANEY
JIM & CAROLYN OHLEMACHER
DEBRA PRESSER
MARTY SAWICKI
GENE & SUSIE SMERCINA
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