



AUGUST- SEPTEMBER, 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, on a personal note, I want to extend my sincere thanks to all of you who sent cards, emails, Facebook messages, and personal expressions of condolences on the passing of my wife Linda. The outpouring of love and friendship I received just proves what I have always said about Lemon Bay Playhouse; we are a family. Thank you.

And now to happier news. I have calculated the profits for the season just ended, and I am pleased to say that we finished with another very successful season. Our net profit exceeded \$113K. Thank you to our staff and all of our wonderful volunteers for making this possible.

As I write this, our Lemondrops Summer Theatre Camp for Children is in full swing with a record number of young people participating. Special thanks goes to Patty Tuff and Cheryl Hastings who have organized and are leading this very successful event. In addition, Ric Goodwin is conducting a beginner/intermediate acting class in the evenings. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for reports on both of these.

Bob La Salle, President/Treasurer

24 HOUR GIVING CHALLENGE – 2015 PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR THEATRE

BY CHARLIE TYLER

Would you give money to Lemon Bay Playhouse if you knew that what you gave would be matched by the Patterson Foundation up to \$250.00 per donor? Do you know anyone else who would do this?

This year's 24 Hour Giving Challenge on **September 1 and 2** provides an opportunity for that to happen. The 24 Hour Giving Challenge is an online fundraising event, giving qualified non-profits an opportunity to raise money for the people, animals or places they are created to serve. It is strictly an online event, using credit or debit cards. No cash or checks are accepted. The Challenge is active from noon on September 1 to noon on September 2.

For the 2015 Giving Challenge, the Patterson Foundation will provide a 1:1 match for each **new** donor's contributions - up to \$250 per donor, per organization. **This match will be good for the entire 24 hours of the Challenge.**

New donors are defined as people who did not donate online to the 2014 Giving Challenge. Are you one of these people? If you are, you are considered a new donor, regardless of whether you

have donated money to the theatre by other means. It's an exciting opportunity to double the impact of your support of Lemon Bay Playhouse.

If you did not participate in Giving Challenge last year, please consider participating this year. The minimum you can give is \$25. Most of the donations to the Challenge (69%) are \$50 or less. You must donate online to qualify for matching and gifts cannot be revoked.

What if someone donates \$25 online early in the day and then decides they would like to add another \$25? That gift will be matched, too, up to a total of \$250.

Here's how to give:

Go to www.givingpartnerchallenge.org any time after noon on September 1. Do not go prior to noon. The site will not be active. Search for Lemon Bay Playhouse on the home page of www.givingpartnerchallenge.org

Make a donation with a major credit card or debit card. Each gift is 100% tax-deductible and will be applied to general operating support for Lemon Bay Playhouse.

Again, please consider giving online this year if you have not given in the past. Also consider asking your friends to give.

Your donation will allow LBP to:

1. Keep ticket prices affordable;
2. Add to the proceeds of the Annex Fund to pay off the mortgage on the Annex;
3. Continue to fund capital improvements to our existing facilities;
4. Continue to offer workshops and Readers Theater to the community;
5. Provide scholarships to the Lemondrops Summer Theatre Camp for Children and Lemon Bay High School;
6. Plan an expansion of our present facilities within the next five years.

As always, thanks for all that each of you do to support Lemon Bay Playhouse.

The 2015 Giving Challenge is made possible by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County and The Patterson Foundation with support from the William G. and Marie Selby Foundation, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Manatee Community Foundation, and the Herald-Tribune Media Group.

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES BOARD MEETINGS

**August 24, 2015 at 6:30pm (Date/Time Change)
September 21, 2015 at 7:00pm**

IT'S AUDITION TIME!

BY PAUL HYATT

MURDER AT THE HOWARD JOHNSON'S

By Ron Clark & Sam Bobrick

Directed by Rita Corn

Auditions on September 6 and 7, 2015



The Lemon Bay Playhouse will hold open auditions for *Murder at the Howard Johnson's* on Sunday, September 6 and Monday, September 7 at 7:00pm at the Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., Englewood.

The play, a mystery/comedy written by Ron Clark and Sam Brobrick will be directed by Rita Corn and calls for a cast of one woman and two men. The show will run from October 21 through November 8, 2015.

All is fair in love? Even murder? That is the question posed in this light and funny suspense/comedy about a love triangle in a Howard Johnson's Motor Inn. This is a holiday of laughs with mirth provoking situations.

Scripts are available for perusal at the Box Office between 10:00am and 2:00pm weekdays. For information call (941) 475-6756.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT READERS THEATER

BY KATHY AMELIA

As Readers Theater enjoys its summer hiatus, our participants should be made aware of the response the Outreach Program has received over the past "season". I leave a "response card" with our booking contact, and the comments have been interesting. Here are just a few. From the Rotonda West ESO Golden Girls Reading Group "We thoroughly enjoyed all of your scripts and performances. We are so fortunate to have you in our community". First time audience, Calusa Lake Breakfast Committee, noted "....can't thank you enough for your talented skits you entertained us with. Our guests enjoyed your humor....you are a special team of performers and we thank you." A special group dear to my heart is the Venice on the Isle Assisted Living Facility where we performed a Holiday show complete with carols accompanied by a pianist. Their activities director wrote "....just wanted to let you know they did a great job. My residents had a wonderful time...brought some laughter and smiles." As anyone from our outreach group can tell you, this is a rewarding experience when audiences respond to our efforts in bringing this unique form of theater to others in communities from Punta Gorda to Nokomis and all points in between. Many people from these audiences come to our monthly RT sessions as they are curious to see more of our skits, even

participating in some of the readings! Our aim is to spread this entertainment and also the name of Lemon Bay Playhouse and its season offerings. Our first Readers Theater session is Monday, October 5, 2015. See you on the aisle!

OUR UPCOMING PRODUCTION

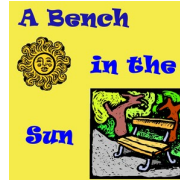
BY PAUL HYATT

A BENCH IN THE SUN

By Ron Clark

Directed by Michele Strauss

September 2 - September 20, 2015



For its first production of the 29th season, the Lemon Bay Playhouse will present *A Bench in the Sun*, a comedy, written by Ron Clark and directed by Michele Strauss. From opening night on Wednesday, September 2, it will run through September 20.

In this show, Harold and Burt, longtime friends, live in a retirement home and spend their days bickering on a bench in the garden. A once famous actress has moved in, giving them something new to argue over. When they learn that the home is about to be sold, and they will have to find a new residence, the three join forces to prevent this upsetting development.

Visit www.lemonbayplayhouse.com or stop by or call the Box Office at 941-475-6756 between 10:00am and 2:00pm weekdays and one hour prior to curtain time for more information and tickets. Reserved seat tickets are \$18. Student tickets are available at \$12 each.



The cast of "A Bench in the Sun" pose for a photo op prior to joining forces to stop the sale of their retirement home. Seated (l to r) are Michele Strauss (Director) and Joyce Cleary (Adrienne). Standing (l to r) are Charlie Tyler (Burt) and Robin Mazey (Harold).

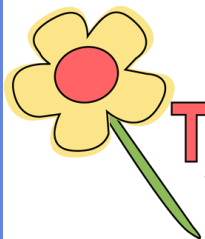
IN MEMORIAM - BILL HANSON

September 16, 1931 - July 9, 2015

We at Lemon Bay Playhouse were very saddened by the passing of William Edward Hanson on Thursday, July 9th, 2015. Bill has been a very active and loyal volunteer at Lemon Bay Playhouse for many years. He was involved in the theatre when it moved to our present location at 96 W. Dearborn St. He was among the many volunteers who helped renovate the building prior to opening night in November, 1995. He and his wife, Dottie, were House Managers for many years. As a team they helped at all cast parties and were there to assist at the auditions for the shows at the playhouse. Bill was a very involved and caring volunteer, and he will be sorely missed around the playhouse. LBP expresses our deepest sympathy to his wife, Dottie, his brother and sister and their families, and his many friends. There will be a Celebration of Life for Bill at Lemon Bay Playhouse on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 at 1:30pm

MANY THANKS TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEER ACTORS

BY JIM SCIARELLO (on behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of Lemon Bay Playhouse)



We had seven fantastic shows, with a total of 129 performances, making our 28th season one that surpassed any previous year. This is all attributed to our incredibly talented and dedicated volunteer actors. Because of them, the Directors, and all of the volunteers "behind the scenes" who supported the plays performed on our stage, we were able to accomplish this. Our thanks go out to everyone who helped achieve this feat. Great job, people!



The cast of *Don't Talk to the Actors* take a short break from rehearsals to pose for a photo. Pictured (l to r) are Sandi Wood (Lucinda Shaw), Ron Bupp (Curt Logan), Alyson Gamble (Arlene Wyniarski), Rita Corn (Beatrice Pomeroy), Paul Mullen (Jerry Przeczniak), and Charlie Tyler (Mike Policzek).



The cast of *Ladies in Retirement* are seen in Miss Fisk's living-room prior to the suspense filled events that will take place this evening. Seated (l to r) are Carol Louisgnan (Ellen Creed) and Mariah Phillips (Louisa Creed). Standing (l to r) are Terri Morris (Sister Theresa), Marilyn Barton (Emily Creed), Jennifer Furey (Leonora Fisk), Rick Moore (Albert Feather), and Jacqueline Wands (Lucy Gilman).



The cast for *Greetings!* welcomes you to an evening of enjoyment at the home of Phil and Emily Gorski. Front and center is Ian Bisset (Mickey Gorski). Seated (l to r) are Gloria Bandy (Emily Gorski) and Wendi Scianna (Randi Stein). To complete the cast are Jack Rabito (Phil Gorski) and Jim Walsh (Andy Gorski) (l to r) in the last row.



The cast of "Lettice and Lovage" appear in front of the Grand Staircase of the Fustian House. Standing (l to r) are Nick Nichols (Mr. Bardolph and Surly Man), Jenni Elliott (Lettice Douffet), Becky Moran (Lotte Schoen), and Rebecca DeSimone, who completed the run for Carol Rose (Miss Framer).



The cast members of "Don't Dress for Dinner" take a short break from rehearsals to pose for a photo. Pictured seated (left to right) are Wendi Scianna (Suzanne), Michelle Neitzel (Suzette) and Victoria Caruso (Jacqueline). Standing (left to right) are Ric Goodwin (Robert), Robert McInnis (George) and Will Horton (Bernard and Director of the show).



The cast of "Oh, Mama! No, Papa!" take time from their busy schedule to pose for a photo. Seated (left to right) are Kim Fox (Eleanor), Stephen Horowitz (Dr. Bolt), and Bob La Salle (Silas). Standing (from left to right) are Kristi Hibschan (Louisa), Jim Walsh (James), and Lee Hakeem (Dr. Brown), and Donna Hadley (Geraldine).



The actors of "Something to Hide" pause for a short break during rehearsals to pose for a photo op. The performers in the front row (left to right) are Newell N. Nichols (Mr. Purdie), Ruth Shaulis (Julie), and Rick Moore (Howard Holt). The cast members standing (left to right) are Paul Mullen (Inspector Davies), Marilyn Barton (Mrs. Cunningham), Joyce Cleary (Stella), and Victoria Caruso (Karen Holt).

A LEMON BAY PLAYHOUSE FIRST: EVENING ADULT ACTING WORKSHOP

BY RIC GOODWIN

Lemon Bay Playhouse, for the first time ever, has offered an evening adult acting class for beginning and intermediate actors ages 16 and up. This popular workshop filled to capacity early with 20 students meeting twice a week during the month of July. The 20 aspiring thespians learned techniques in dealing with useless tension, improvisation, theatre games, character analysis and development, auditioning practices, and moment-to-moment monologue work. Each student worked on a 1-2 minute monologue they can use in future auditions. Workshop instructor Ric Goodwin remarked he was "thrilled with the commitment and dedication of all the students." Thirteen of the 20 participants were new to LBP and say they are excited with the prospect of getting involved in future productions and participation in future acting workshops.

LEMON BAY PLAYHOUSE EVENING ACTING CLASS



Ric Goodwin (Instructor), Suzan Naskrent, and Leann Frizzell (l to r)



Judie Horton, Rick Moore, Kim Tomchinsky, and Maureen Moran (l to r)



Maureen Moran, Marilyn Barton, and Babs Vitale (l to r)



Sarah Sita, Anne Jillian Boutin, and Wendi Scianna (l to r)



Kira Wiedemann, Lisa Mosser, Jana Brownlee, and Hannah Johnson (l to r)



Stephanie Pressman, Ric Goodwin (Instructor), and Suzan Naskrent (l to r)

Note: Students missing from the picture are Janet Anderson, Sara Antonelli, Joyce Cleary, and Carol Rose.

EDUCATION FOR FUTURE THESPIANS CONTINUES IN 2016

BY JIM SCIARELLO

ADULT ACTING CLASS

Lemon Bay Playhouse will be conducting an acting class for adult students age 16 and up. You will learn exercises in relaxation techniques, vocal dynamics, improvisation, imagination expansion, character and script analysis, auditioning practices, and moment-to-moment monologue work. The class is open to both newcomers to acting, and actors with experience. The workshop instructor will be Ric Goodwin (MFA in Acting, Wayne State University), a retired professor of Theatre with over 40 years of teaching and acting experience. This 8-week class meets on Tuesdays from 10:00am to noon at the Playhouse Annex, beginning January 19, 2016. The learning experience concludes with a rehearsal day on March 1 and ending with a performance on Saturday, March 5 at 1:00pm. The cost for this class is \$50.00. Reserve by calling the Box Office at (941) 475-6756.

ADULT SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOP

Lemon Bay Playhouse will be conducting an adult Shakespeare workshop facilitated by Charlie Tyler. Charlie taught and directed Shakespeare in schools for 28 years and has taught adult workshops in Shakespeare since 2000. The focus of this year's workshop will be *The Tempest*. No previous experience with Shakespeare or with acting is required. The overarching objective is to discover what made Shakespeare such an extraordinary playwright. This 8-week class meets on Thursdays from 10:00am to noon at the Playhouse Annex, beginning January 21, 2016. The learning experience concludes with a rehearsal day on March 3 and ending with a performance on Saturday, March 5 at 1:00pm. The cost for this class is \$50.00. Reserve by calling the Box Office at (941) 475-6756.

THIRD LEMONDROPS SUMMER CAMP CONCLUDES

BY RITA CORN

The Lemondrops Summer Theatre Camp ran for three weeks and finished on Friday, July 31. The campers concluded the training with a dress rehearsal on Friday morning, July 31. Lemon Bay Playhouse volunteers were invited to the dress rehearsal to preview what these incredibly talented children have learned. The students then performed in two shows for the families of the students. The performances were at 7:00pm on Friday and Saturday night, July 31 and August 1. After the last show, the young thespians and audience enjoyed refreshments and “goodies” at the cast party.

This year, our Lemondrops Summer Theatre Camp had 21 students ranging in age from 7 thru 12. This amazing experience was provided to the children by two excellent class teachers, Patty Tuff and Cheryl Hastings. Several Lemon Bay Playhouse volunteers and homeschooled students from the area provided assistance to Cheryl and Patty throughout the three weeks of the camp. This is the third year that Patty and Cheryl have been providing this wonderful experience for the children in the community.

The students had a marvelous time doing improvisation, characterization, blocking, puppetry, stage direction, and many more acting related activities. They studied hard and rehearsed studiously for a delightful play that Cheryl had adapted especially for the class participants. Each student had the opportunity to play many such fun characters. The play was entitled “The Lonesome Café” and was written by Judy Cox and adapted by Cheryl Hastings.

Lemon Bay Playhouse is looking forward to continuing this tradition and to offer this Summer Camp again next year.

SOME SCENES FROM THE SHOW “THE LONESOME CAFÉ”



The fantastic cast of “The Lonesome Café” include Allie Perez (Belle and Kid #7), Billy Rand (Dad), Charlie Mann (Grandpa and Mr. C), Desirea Wack (Harriet), Destiny Reeves (Waldi), Elianna Taulbee (Mrs. C), Haille Thideman (Elfie and Kid #4), Hannah Seckel (Tin Man and Kid # 1), Israel Nethery (Lion and Kid #3), Jaelyn Jenkins (Josie and Kid #8), Jannine Walston (Jackie), Jayden Fisher (Dot), Jarus Taulbee (Bus Driver), Kaelin Bussiere (Grandma), Kaylee Cornwell (Camera person), Krysta Skudlarek (Mattie and Kid #6), Krystina Tieu (News person), Lillyann Abbott (Scarecrow and Kid #2), Madeline Atancio (Alien and Kid #5), Mason McLaughlin (El), Savannah Campbell (Jill), and Taylor Orris (June).

The incredible crew for the show are Becca Raymer, Jarus Taulbee, Kayla Gebert, Matthew Black, Myranda Villacis, and Nathan Black.

Special thanks to Lemon Bay Playhouse Board of Trustees, Englewood United Methodist Church and Foundations Preschool, Ann Hanushek, Charlie Tyler, Debbie Martin, Donna Walters, Linda Hateley, Lori Campbell, Mama Schneider, Maria Ciampi, Pat Saracco, Rita Corn, and Sue Finucan.

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