DECEMBER, 2014 - JANUARY, 2015

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

There was not much activity over the past two months. “Ladies in Retirement” went off as scheduled in spite of some very challenging problems. Kudos to Ron DelBello for overcoming these problems and bringing the play to the stage. It was a very successful run.

The set for “Greetings” was built with yours truly helping for several days. This is a difficult time of year as many people go home for the holidays. It was a challenge to get enough people together to do the job. My congratulations to Jim Suochomel for getting the job done.

A special note here: Jim will have to retire soon due to his health and we will need to find someone to replace him - a difficult problem as his are big shoes to fill. Anyone who has carpentry experience would be most welcome. It is possible that we could even split the responsibilities between two or three people. If you are interested, please speak to Ann or me and we will explain the duties of the job.

I attended a meeting of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County at which Jane Chu, chair of the National Endowment for the Arts gave a talk. I was astounded to hear that the arts represent 3.2% of the GDP nationally. And in Sarasota County, they bring a huge amount of money into the economy, especially during the snowbird season. The National Endowment gives out numerous grants to the arts every year. The catch is that they all have to be met dollar for dollar by the recipient of the grant. We will be looking into this when we commence raising money for our new theater.

Bob La Salle, President/Treasurer

LBP FACILITY UPDATES

BY RIC GOODWIN

Due to the recent resignation of building manager Mike Hilton, the LBP Board made the decision to eliminate that part-time position and sub-contract the cleaning and lawn maintenance of the theater and Annex to local independent businesses. ACSC of Southwest Florida will handle cleaning and Tom Campbell Total Care Home and Business will take care of mowing, trimming and landscaping. A special thanks to Ann Hanushek for finding and researching these businesses.

A new volunteer committee was formed to oversee light building maintenance. A Lemon Bay Playhouse shout-out to volunteers George and Diane Mahoney and Tony Durner for offering to perform weekly walk-throughs of our spaces, changing burned out light bulbs and reporting any plumbing, electrical, or other major problems as they arise. Lemon Bay Playhouse is indeed fortunate to have George, Diane, and Tony on our team of superb volunteers.

WHATS NEW AT READERS THEATER

BY KATHY AMELIA

All of us at Readers Theater send out wishes for a joyous holiday and healthy New Year! Our season is in full swing with great attendance at our monthly sessions and outreach appearances filling the calendar.

Speaking of calendars, make a note on yours for Shorts Aloud auditions. They are scheduled for January 17 and 18 at 7:00pm in the Annex. Our Sixth Annual Shorts Aloud Festival is on Saturday, February 28 at 7:30pm and two performances on Sunday March 1 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm. The show will have the theme "The Magic of Readers Theater". Reserved seat tickets are still reasonably priced at $12.00 each.

Come join us!
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**Our Current Production**

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The play selection committee did a wonderful job of choosing many great shows for the 2015-2016 lineup, our 29th Season. The final list of the selected shows, and the performance dates, are listed below. In addition, the playhouse will be choosing four Showcase Productions, and a Readers Theater show, which will be performed between the plays. It will prove to be an enjoyable and entertaining season for the Lemon Bay Playhouse theatre goers. Season tickets will be on sale in the spring and individual ticket sales will start in August. We look forward to your continued patronage and support.

**ACTING CLASSES**

BY RITA CORN

If you missed the classes last year, here is your opportunity to join in. LBP will offer two more classes in the new year. The classes and details follow:

**Adult Acting Class**, instructed by Ron DelBello, will begin Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 10:00AM to noon at the Annex and will run thru Mar. 3, with a performance on Saturday, Mar. 7 at 1:00pm. The cost for this class will be $50.

**Shakespeare Workshop**, instructed by Charlie Tyler, will begin Thursday Jan. 15 from 10:00AM to noon at the Annex and will run thru Mar. 5, with a performance also on Saturday, Mar. 7. The cost for this class is $50.

These classes are a great value for the money and were very popular last year. We encourage you to sign up early to guarantee a spot in the class.

We also plan to repeat the **Lemondrops Summer Theater Camp for Children** again in 2015. Last season, the Lemondrops Summer Theatre Camp concluded with evening performances of *The Cat Revue Caper*, a original play written by Cheryl Hastings, with choreography by Patty Tuff. This delightful play starred all camp participants, each portraying a different Cat and all with different personalities. The camp was very successful and fantastic positive comments were received from parents and students.

**OUR 29TH SEASON PRODUCTIONS**

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**A Bench in the Sun** ~ a Comedy
by Ron Clark
Sep. 2 - Sep. 20, 2015

**Murder at the Howard Johnson**’s ~ a Mystery/Comedy by Ron Clark & Sam Bobrick
Oct. 21 - Nov. 8, 2015

**Over The River and Through the Woods** ~ a Comedy by Joe DiPietro
Dec. 2 – Dec. 20, 2015

**Plaza Suite** ~ a Comedy by Neil Simon

**On Golden Pond** ~ a Comedy by Ernest Thompson
Mar. 9 – Apr. 3, 2016

**Proof** ~ a Drama by David Auburn
Apr. 27 – May 15, 2016

**Making God Laugh** ~ a Comedy/Drama
by Sean Grennan

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**
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DON'T TALK TO THE ACTORS by Tom Dudzick
LADIES IN RETIREMENT by Edward Percy & Reginald Denham
GREETINGS! by Tom Dudzick
LETTICE AND LOVAGE by Peter Shaffer
DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER by Marc Camoletti adapted by Robin Hawdon
OH, MAMA! NO, PAPA! by Reginald Denham
SOMETHING TO HIDE by Leslie Sands

September 3 - September 21, 2014
October 22 - November 9, 2014
December 3 - December 21, 2014
January 21 - February 15, 2015
March 11 - April 5, 2015
April 29 - May 17, 2015
June 10 - June 28, 2015

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“It is the mission of Lemon Bay Playhouse to enrich Englewood and surrounding communities through theatrical productions, volunteer opportunities, education and training in the performing arts, and to provide a venue for other cultural activities.”