



OCTOBER - NOVEMBER, 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The past two months have been fairly uneventful. When you come to the theater, you will notice the new booth right off. It is almost complete, with just a few additions or changes that will take place over the next few weeks.

"Don't Talk to the Actors" opened, and the new sound equipment is working swimmingly. The booth has proved to be an excellent addition to our theater. No longer do we bother the patrons sitting up near the booth with our lights and commotion. The sound is wonderful, and the convenience for the Techs is welcome.

We had to purchase two computers recently. One will replace the computer that I, as well as our bookkeeper and others, use in the Annex. Another was purchased for the new tech booth so that, in the future, we can control sound and maybe even the lights with it.

I attended an informational meeting of the Charlotte Community Foundation. Even though we are physically in Sarasota County, a good part of our audience comes from Charlotte County, so we stay affiliated with them. They give grants and hold seminars for their constituents. The next seminar to be held is to explain the changes to the state's non-profit donation regulations. I plan to attend.

In late breaking news, as some of you may know, Ron Bupp had to resign from the board due to illness. At the September Board meeting, Ric Goodwin was elected by the board to take Ron's place. You may remember Ric as Dr. Sloper in "The Heiress." He comes to us with an impressive resume of acting, teaching drama, and directing both at the college level and in community and professional theater. We are very pleased that Ric consented to work with us.

We have a spectacular 28th season planned for you here at LBP, and I hope you enjoy it. I'm looking forward to seeing and chatting with you all.

Bob La Salle, President/Treasurer

WHAT'S NEW AT READERS THEATER

BY KATHY AMELIA

Well here it is, a new "season" upon us at Readers Theater! New readings, new faces, old friends! We start October 6 and will meet the first Monday of each month through May, 2015. Come and enjoy this unique form of entertainment! Also, please keep the dates of February 28 and March 1, 2015 open for our **SIXTH ANNUAL SHORTS ALOUD FESTIVAL**. There will be three performances this year. The first at 7:30pm on Saturday, a matinee on Sunday at 2:00pm and an evening performance at 7:30pm. Reserved seat tickets are still reasonably priced at \$12.00 each. See you on the aisle!

ANNEX FUNDRAISER PROGRESS

BY JIM SCIARELLO

Several months after the purchase of the Annex, the fundraising campaign was initiated to pay down the \$85,000 mortgage. Through your generosity, the donations of money, time, and talent have brought us close to 30% of our goal. We have presently raised about \$25,000. **Thank you all very much.** We hope to reach our goal in 2015. Therefore, you will be hearing more about our efforts on this campaign in the near future.



GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF OUR ACHIEVEMENT TO DATE

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

BOARD MEETINGS

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE PLAYHOUSE
UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED!**

October 20, 2014 at 7:00pm

November 17, 2014 at 7:00pm

Changes in meeting dates or times will be posted on the website and sent by email to members who have an active email address with the playhouse.

IT'S AUDITION TIME!

BY PAUL HYATT

GREETINGS!



Open auditions for *Greetings!* by Tom Dudzick will be held on Sunday, October 5 and Monday October 6 at 7:00pm at the Playhouse.

A widely acclaimed comedy/drama, it tells this story: Andy has a sweet Catholic mother, a sour Catholic father, and a mentally challenged younger brother, Mickey. When Andy brings his Jewish atheist fiancé to meet his folks on Christmas Eve, his worst fears about family blow-ups are realized. And then Mickey speaks!

Director Ron Bupp will need two women and three men to fill the cast.

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

LETTICE AND LOVAGE



Open auditions for *Lettice and Lovage* by Peter Shaffer will be held on Sunday, November 23rd and Monday, November 24th at 7:00pm at the Playhouse.

An expert on Elizabethan cuisine and medieval weaponry, Lettice Duffet is a tour guide at an old

London estate. However, when her lectures become more fiction than fact, Lotte Schon, an inspector from the Preservation Trust, is sent to fire her. But then, what happens between these two is a revelation.

Director Bob LaSalle will need three women and two men to make up the cast for this clever comedy.

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Upcoming Showcase Production



MARCY DOWNEY

"It's My Party: The Fabulous 50's and 60's!"

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014; 7:30 pm

With a lifetime of show business experience and an impressive list of stage appearances including New York, Los Angeles, Lake Tahoe, and Florida, Marcy Downey is the ultimate entertainer. Her singing voice has attracted critical acclaim from coast to coast, and her stage personality "lights up every room in which she appears". This season, she will perform her new show "It's My Party: The Fabulous 50's and 60's!" You'll be remembering Hula Hoops, Slinky Toys, and 45 rpm records as you listen to iconic radio hits from those memorable years: It's My Party; In the Still of the Night; Bye Bye Love; Hold Me Thrill Me; 60's Fun Songs and more - from artists such as Brenda Lee, The Shirelles, Everly Brothers, The Supremes, Beatles, and many others; Plus comedy characters with loads of laughs - including "Moon Blossom the Dippy Hippie" and "the First Female Elvis Impersonator"! To see a video demo of her performance please visit her website at www.marcydowney.com. Reserved seat tickets are \$18 each.

OUR CURRENT PRODUCTION

BY PAUL HYATT

LADIES IN RETIREMENT By Edward Percy and Reginald Denham Directed by Ron DelBello



Theatre goers who enjoy variety will be pleased to find a mystery/drama opening at the Lemon Bay Playhouse on Oct. 22 and running through Nov. 9.

Ladies In Retirement, by Edward Percy & Reginald Denham, draws the audience into complicating life events of a retired actress,

Miss Fiske, and her housekeeper/companion, Ellen Creed. When Ellen schemes to bring her two simple minded sisters to live with them, tension builds. But then, a nephew of the Creeds arrives, and the plot thickens. Director Ron DelBello has assembled a skilled group of actors to weave this story.

Information and tickets are available on our web site at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com or by visiting or calling the box office at 941-475-6756 between 10:00am and 2:00pm weekdays and one hour prior to curtain time. Reserved seat tickets are \$18.



The cast of *Ladies In Retirement* take time from their busy rehearsal schedule for a photo opportunity. Seated (l to r) are Carol Louisgman (Ellen Creed), Rick Moore (Albert Feather), Jennifer Furey (Leonora Fisk). Standing (l to r) are Marilyn Barton (Emily Creed), Terri Morris (Sister Theresa), Mariah Phillips (Louisa Creed), and Jacqueline Wands (Lucy Gilman). The Director, Ron DelBello, is not pictured.

ENJOY THESE HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER



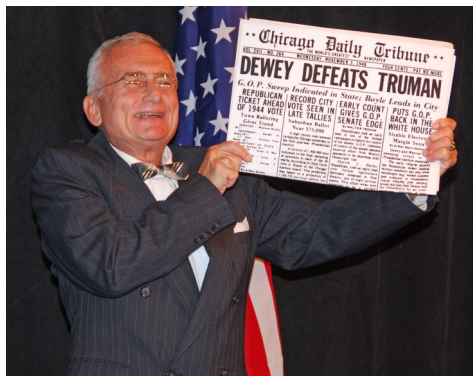
FUNDRAISER PERFORMANCE

BY JIM SCIARELLO

Give 'Em Hell, Harry! By Samuel Gallu

Produced by and Starring Jack Rabito

Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 7:30pm



Veteran actor Jack Rabito has generously volunteered to produce and perform *Give 'Em Hell Harry!* at Lemon Bay Playhouse. The proceeds from this performance will be used to reduce the mortgage on the Annex, which was purchased by LBP earlier this year.

This is a wonderfully dynamic one-man presentation of our 33rd President, who was a haberdasher, farmer, WWI soldier, and U.S. Senator. Harry Truman was a common man with common sense, who was an open, outspoken, and honest politician. He confronted some of the most critical problems of the past century. He never stopped "shooting from the lip" about the issues he faced and the people he faced up to. His comments on the leading political figures of his time are perceptive, deliciously candid, and sometimes downright prophetic.

Theater critics have called Jack's stage work "Riveting", "Emotionally honest", and "Inviting the audience into the character's soul". Jack Paul Rabito brings honesty and passion to his portrayal of President Harry S. Truman and lets Harry speak for himself.

Tickets are \$18.00 each and are available by visiting or calling the box office (941) 475-6756 or online at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com.

LEMONDROPS SUMMER THEATRE CAMP

BY RITA CORN

The Lemondrops Summer Theatre Camp concluded with evening performances of *The Cat Revue Caper*, an 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.

Cheryl and Patty, our instructors, distributed a survey to all parents and guardians of our campers. The success of this year's summer camp was shown by the responses to the questions on the survey. Two of the survey questions and the responses follow:

Q: If this theatre camp is offered again next year, do you see yourself signing your child up again?

A: All 18 people answered yes.

Q: Would you recommend this camp to a friend?

A: All 18 respondents answered yes.

The survey also asked for any additional comments and the following were received:

We love this camp!! Thanks for all your hard work.

Everyone involved in this were SUPER!!! My child now wants to be an actress! Her self-esteem is thru the roof!

This camp has developed my child's confidence and speaking ability. She has learned to be a leader. It is perfect. Thanks for all you do!

My daughter has tried many different activities and by far, she has enjoyed this camp the most. Everything and everyone a part of the playhouse has been amazing! Thank you all so very much!

These were just a few of the comments made by the parents and guardians, all being very pleased and thankful for their child's opportunity to participate in this theatre camp.

We at Lemon Bay Playhouse are very proud of our instructors and young helpers and hope to continue this wonderful theatre camp every summer.

Scenes From The Show *The Cat Revue Caper*





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Celebrating our 28th Season! **2014-2015**

<i>DON'T TALK TO THE ACTORS</i> by Tom Dudzick	September 3 - September 21, 2014
<i>LADIES IN RETIREMENT</i> by Edward Percy & Reginald Denham	October 22 - November 9, 2014
<i>GREETINGS!</i> by Tom Dudzick	December 3 - December 21, 2014
<i>LETTICE AND LOVAGE</i> by Peter Shaffer	January 21 - February 15, 2015
<i>DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER</i> by Marc Camoletti adapted by Robin Hawdon	March 11 - April 5, 2015
<i>OH, MAMA! NO, PAPA!</i> by Reginald Denham	April 29 - May 17, 2015
<i>SOMETHING TO HIDE</i> by Leslie Sands	June 10 - June 28, 2015

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Visit our website at: www.lemonbayplayhouse.com (or scan the QR code)



"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."