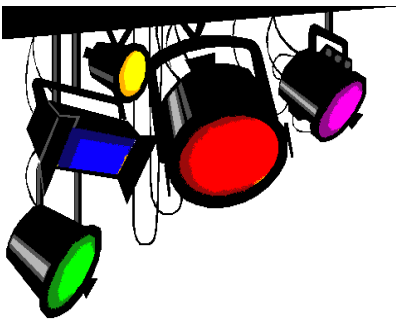




DECEMBER, 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I'm sure that you all know by now that we have had to cancel the remainder of our 2020/2021 season because of the resurgence of Covid-19. If the rest of the country is any indication, this is going to be worse than in the spring and summer. However, we will look at the situation in April/May and, if there is a huge reduction in the infection rate, we may be able to offer something at that time. We will wait and see.

I want to assure you all that we are doing well financially. I had applied for a CARES grant from Sarasota County. The grant arrived, \$49,999.99! It will help to defray some of the expenses we are incurring during the shutdown. In addition, many of our patrons have generously donated the cost of their purchased tickets to Lemon Bay Playhouse instead of taking a refund.

I am very optimistic that we will be able to go ahead with our 2021/2022 season in the fall either with a reduced audience size or as normal. A vaccine of some kind seems likely by then and if we all abide by certain restrictions, the safety of all should be assured. The season is all planned and ready to go.

I want to thank Deb Poling our Business Manager and Jeff Dillon our Artistic/Production Manager for helping to keep the theatre going, updating and improving the building, keeping everyone informed and supporting me through this unprecedented time. Also, a big thank you to Crystal Coluzzi who has been producing the Spotlight newsletter.

Stay safe and well and I hope to see you all in the fall.

Respectfully,

Bob La Salle



LEMON BAY PLAYHOUSE NEWS

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

BY DEB POLING



RECIPE *of the* MONTH

With everyone being home more...snacking is the new pasttime! I thought I'd share a healthy recipe my sister gave me last year. This is easy to make and a snack for anyone that has a sweet tooth. I hope you give it a try!

Muffin Brownies

Ingredients:

- 1 – 15 oz. can Chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 3 Eggs
- 1/2 cup Honey
- 1/3 cup Cocoa Powder
- 1 Tsp. Baking Soda
- 3 Tablespoon Coconut Oil, melted (or olive oil)
- 1 Tsp. Vanilla

- Mix all ingredients in blender until smooth.
- Use cupcake liners and make 12 muffins.
- Extra good when topped with a few chocolate chips or nuts.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes.



So good and easy to share with friends or freeze up for later!

**We want your recipes! Next edition we will have yummy
and healthy recipes from Deb Poling!
Submit your own recipe to be shared in future articles by emailing them to
boxoffice@lemonbayplayhouse.com**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT READER'S THEATRE?

BY KATHY AMELIA



The summer of 2020 has slowly come to an end. With new ways of doing old things or not doing things at all. We are still planning on beginning Readers Theater's monthly sessions when things return to normal and of course as the time approaches I will send updated information to our participants. Until then please keep your imagination active even though we have to be extra careful around groups - enjoy the solitude of your thoughts and your ideas. Hope to see you on the aisle in the new year.

LEMON BAY PLAYHOUSE NEWS

IN MEMORY OF JIM SUCHOMEL

BY ROBERT LA SALLE

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Jim Suchomel, a long time volunteer and devoted friend to Lemon Bay Playhouse and myself. Jim designed and built sets for us for about 20 years and was a much loved and respected member of our LBP family. Because of health considerations, Jim moved to Naperville, Illinois several years ago to be close to his family who wanted to care for him. I have often thought of Jim over the past few years. I wrote to him several times, but his sight was failing, and answers were spotty. I have missed his humor, down home anecdotes and his gentle way of speaking to people. He will be missed by those of us at LBP who remember him.

Following is a shortened version of his obituary:

James W. Suchomel, age 94, passed away peacefully on November 16, 2020. He was born on February 11, 1926 in Chicago, IL. James is survived by his three children; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson and his dear sister, Marjorie Ahr. Jim proudly served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was awarded an honorable discharge. He was a longtime resident of Glen Ellyn and worked for the federal government for almost 30 years. Upon his retirement he moved to Englewood, FL and enjoyed almost 30 years in the sunshine. He was a longtime volunteer at the Lemon Bay Playhouse. Jim enjoyed fishing, bowling and traveling the world, especially on cruises. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Jim's life, memorial donations may be made to the Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn, Street., Englewood, FL 34223.

RETIREMENT HUMOR

SUBMITTED BY DEB POLING

Two elderly couples were enjoying a friendly conversation when one of the men asked the other "Fred, how was the memory clinic you went to last month?" "Outstanding!" Fred replied, "They taught us all the latest psychological techniques: visualization, association. It was great." "Wow! What was the name of the clinic?" Fred went blank. He thought and thought, but couldn't remember. Then a smile broke across his face and he asked, "What do you call that flower with the long stems and thorns?"

"You mean a rose?" "Yes, that's it!" He turned to his wife, "Rose, what was the name of that memory clinic?"



HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

SUBMITTED BY CRYSTAL COLUZZI

with information from
MARIA PEREZ

2020 is weird enough on its own! Have you heard of any of these strange holiday traditions?

In Japan, Christmas isn't really celebrated, but Kentucky Fried Chicken sure is! Yes, eating KFC on December 25 instead of having a homemade Christmas dinner is a tradition in Japan. The Colonel's special recipe fried chicken is so popular, the chain asks customers to place their orders at least two months in advance. The popular feast began back in 1974 when it was introduced to Japan for visitors who wanted a dinner resembling a traditional holiday meal. The chicken dinner also attracted locals, and it's still a tradition practiced 40 years later.

There isn't a particular day for this weird tradition, but from the time of Christmas to late January, natives of Wales go caroling with a "dead" horse. The celebration of Mari Lwyd is supposed to bring good luck. One person will dress as a horse with an actual horse skull and is usually accompanied by a group of people. The group will go to homes singing carols in exchange for food and drinks. The tradition is thought to stem from ancient Celtic rites.

Happy Holidays!



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