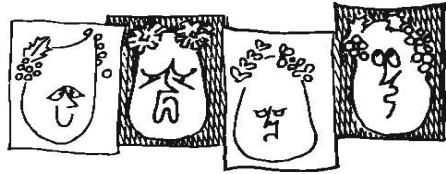


SOCK & BUSKIN

December 2010

Annual Meeting
Monday, February 7
War Memorial Auditorium



Par-tea Time

After a four year hiatus we are bringing back our very popular **Theatrical Affair Tea**, complete with all the goodies that made it so successful for three years running. As we said before, "This is not your grandmother's tea." Our tea features a fashion show, musical entertainment, a silent auction, fabulous individually designed and decorated tables, many prizes, great food, wine,oh, and tea. There are many components to this wonderful event, lots of places for you to "do your thing." Would you like to host a table, be part of the entertainment, model in the fashion show, solicit items for the silent auction, address invitations, be one of our black-tie ushers, spread the word as one of our PR team, or just pitch in where needed? Contact one of the co-chairs, **Kathy Conlon** or **Ruth Ellen Mayhall**, and sign up to be part of the fun. Tickets are \$55, but if you purchase **before Jan.1 (think Christmas gifts) the early-bird price is only \$50** for five first-class events rolled into one great afternoon! Watch for further exciting updates and mark your calendar -June 26, 2011 is the big day!

Board of Directors Candidates Announced!

The questions are asked, the answers given, and here are the candidates for election for the 2011-12 Board of Directors. The Treasurer and Membership Chair will serve two-year terms in those offices, while the Vice President will serve one year as Vice President and the second year as President.

Vice President - **Rick Hawley** and **Michael Trudel**

Treasurer - **Mary Lou Britton** and **Chris Kaiser**

Membership Chair: **Don Bischoff** and **Vicky Urbanik**

According to the By-Laws, any additional member meeting the criteria (a voting member for three years prior) shall be eligible for nomination by presenting a petition signed by five (5) per-cent of the voting members of the Corporation. These must be in at least two weeks before the Secretary has presented the actual ballot. The election will be held at the annual meeting, which will, for logistical reasons be the **first** Monday of February—the **seventh**.

Provisions are made for absentee ballots. An eligible member may ask the Secretary for an absentee ballot, according to the time limitations established by the Board of Directors. Along with the current Vice President and Secretary, these three new Board members will nominate the rest of the Board members, who will be voted upon at the March, 2011 meeting or by mail. The full vested new Board will take over on July 1, 2011, although they will be working from the day of their elections. Learn more about these nominees in next month's *Sock & Buskin*.

Our mission: To present theatre excellence that exceeds the expectations of our patrons and members.

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GPT Calendar

Date	Event
Saturday, November 20, after performance	Annie Cast & Crew Party - Crystal Ballroom
Sunday, November 21, 10 AM	Annie Strike
Friday, November 26	Village Santa Parade
Sunday, December 5, 2 PM	Holiday Party at 315 Fisher Rd
Monday, December 6, 7 PM	Board Meeting
Saturday, December 11, 10 AM-1 PM	Dixie Swim Club audition
Saturday, December 11, 2 PM	Youth on Stage - A Christmas Carol performance
Sunday, December 12, 2 PM	Youth on Stage - A Christmas Carol performance
Sunday, December 12, 4-7 PM	Dixie Swim Club audition
Monday, January 3, 7 PM	Board Meeting
Sunday, January 16 2 PM	Relatively Speaking opens
Saturday, January 29, after performance	Relatively Speaking Cast & Crew Party
Sunday, January 30, 10 AM	Relatively Speaking strike
Monday, February 7, 7:30 PM	Membership Meeting



Out and About with Gwenn Samuel



Jann Hight and husband **Bud** cruised for two weeks on the Adriatic Sea on a Clipper Ship—she says it was “Just like Columbus, only with really good food. My thrill was climbing the mast...50 feet up a rope ladder to a platform on the main mast. What a kick.” (*Editor's note: if you don't know Jann, you're missing something. I am sure this is true! She's up for almost anything.*)

Halli Villegas, daughter of members **Pat Villegas** (in Florida) and **Jesse Villegas** (in GP) has had a new book published (in Canada). *The Hair Wreath and Other Stories* has received sensational reviews. It is a book of 19 ghost stories. Can't wait to read it!

Kathy Gallagher Kedzierski spent closing night of *Godspell* with her tickets burning a hole in her pocket, as she sat in a traffic jam after the U of M/MSU game.

Ann Foglesong has moved to the Irish Hills as husband **Robert** is now working in Dundee. She has had to close up her massage parlor, leaving a lot of GPT friends unsoothed!

Stephanie Elaine Samuel and **Kathy Lucas** announced their nuptials—they were married in Windsor last December. Congratulations to the very happy couple! Their address is 1939 Alsace Avenue, Windsor, Ontario Canada N8W1M5.

Liz Linne took a tumble down the basement stairs last month and was badly bruised. She broke and fractured her right arm and had to have detailed surgery,

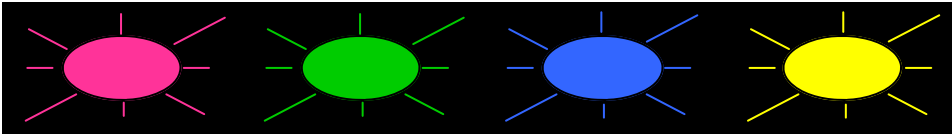
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*Happy Holidays to our GPT Friends
December 2010*

*Mary, Don & Lily Adzigian
Laura Bartell & Stan Harr
Nancy Bashara
Delores & Steve Basile
Lois Bendler
Marie Berteel
Lyndsey Briggs
Mary Lou Britton
Jodi & Bob Brown
Janie & Harry Burkey
Marianne Casey
Lois & Harry Constant
Don Corbin
Judy & Nick Dara
Carolyn & William Darby
John Diebel
Barb Elliott
Emmajean & Mike Evans
Jann & Bud Hight*

*Trudi & Bob Hubbard
Chris & Jay Kaiser
Ruth Ellen Mayhall
Susan & David McDonald
Mary McLeod
Chancey Miller
Vonnice Miller
Pam & Bob Montgomery
Kathy Morris
Dianne & Dale Pegg
Mickie Pizzimenti
Marie & Tim Reinman
Gwenn Samuel
Stephanie Samuel & Kathy Lucas
Arlene Marie Schoenherr
Gladys Solomon
Jean & Richard St. John
Harry & Mary Stutt
Vicky Urbanik*



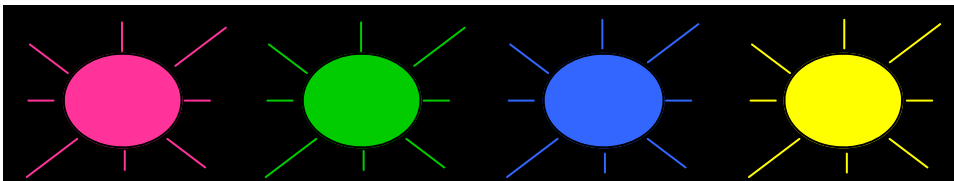
Membership News

Thank you to those who were able to make it to the November 8 membership meeting! It was very informative and some excellent comments and questions regarding our strategic plan were generated from the attendees. I am anxious to find out what comments and suggestions were made on the 3 x 5 cards. It was a very positive start towards creation of our strategic plan to ensure our future as a viable theatre group.

- While modifications are being made to the GPT website, there is no directory posted there. If you would like the latest directory emailed to you, just let me know.
- A reminder: if anyone would like to receive emails regarding goings-on at Stagecrafters (the community theatre group in Royal Oak), just let me know and I will add your email to the list.
- It's never too late to join GPT. If you have friends or family interested, or know of an "old" member who needs to re-up, let's get them in on the fun ASAP!

Pete DiSante

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Current Productions

Relatively Speaking

While **Barbara Bentley** and her cast are rehearsing upstairs, **Don Adzigian** and **Bob Brown** are busy in the scene shop, building the beautiful set. Please join them on Tuesday evenings and Saturdays (excluding Nov. 27, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1). Lunch is served on Saturdays, and cooks are needed. Please contact producer **Lyndsey Briggs** (lyndseybriggs@comcast.net, 313-884-2466) if you'd like to create a delicious meal. Also, many hands will be needed on Saturday, January 8th, for set-up at Fries Auditorium. The show opens on Sunday, January 16 and closes Saturday, January 29, 2011.



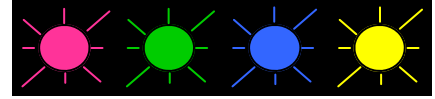
December GPT Birthdays



4	Virginia Blackmer
6	Elaine Leslie
9	Thomas Stein
11	Beverly Dickinson
12	Bob Bashara
13	Janine Lozon
	George Wilson
14	Nancy Day
	Pat Vintevoghel
15	Dawn Gontko
19	Laura Charbonneau
	Tom Gallagher
	Jerome Lemenu
21	Kerry Edick
	Megan Meade-Higgins
22	Michael Edick
	Lisa Leszczynski
23	Marie Reinman
24	Jane Burkey
	Mike Johnston
	Marliese Kimmerle
26	Aaron Humphreys
	Jerry Nehr
28	John Chmura
30	Lora Ketelhut
31	Roger Williams

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From the Education Chair—Harry Burkey



Out and About, Cont'd

Mark your calendars for next year: January 5 is the 2nd Special Wednesday (TBA); January 12 *Acting for Stage and Screen*, Level I; January 17 *Ten Minute Playwriting*. Details of classes will be published in next month's *Sock & Buskin*.

The first Special Wednesday, a staged reading of *Moonlight and Magnolias* on November 10, was a huge success. Thanks to all involved including **Jane Burkey** (Director and Narrator), **Sal DeMercurio** as David O. Selznick, **Ron Bernas** as Ben Hecht, **Hildy Corbett** as Miss Poppenghul and **Geoff Proven** as Victor Fleming. More than 30 members attended.

PST Exonerated Cast List

Director **Lois Bendler** had a sizeable turnout for *The Exonerated*, which will be presented at the Purdon Studio Theatre in February. The excellent cast includes:

Delbert.....	Ron Spann
Sunny/Darla.....	Sharron Nelson
Robert and Other Roles.....	Gregory Alford
Georgia and Other Roles.....	Heather Neely
Gary.....	Jerry Nehr
Kerry.....	Alan Canning
David and Other Roles.....	Marvin Horner
Sandra and Other Roles.....	Patricia O'Brien
Male Ensemble # 1:.....	Don Couture
Male Ensemble # 2:.....	Peter DiSante

Lois said, "It was heartening to see the professional level of people who responded to our recruitment efforts. We had folks from the Detroit Repertory Theatre and from the TV show *Detroit 187*. They didn't all make it to scheduled auditions, but better late than never. They and I are very excited to get going with the play." The first rehearsal is Dec. 6th.

including insertion of pins.

Ruth Ellen Mayhall and gentleman **Jim Weiss** are in Kona, Hawaii Nov. 27-Dec. 6. A very excited Ruthie will join her brother and sister-in-law at their time-share condo in Kona.

Sharlan Douglas has been elected to a three-year term on the Michigan Association of Planning board of directors. She is a planning commissioner in the city of Royal Oak.

Jean and **Richard St. John** celebrated their 40th anniversary at Andiamo in Novi on November 7. And 40 more good ones to you!

Gwenn Samuel spent almost three weeks visiting **Patty Villegas** in Florida for Thanksgiving and the first week or so in December.

Olivia Wickline completed shooting on a Hallmark movie which opens in February. She had two excellent roles: in one scene, she played a green witch, in the other a nanny/housekeeper. **Don Ross** was the on-set teacher for **Keirnan Shipka** (you may know here as Jon Hamm's daughter in *Mad Men*), and they both had a great time in the Green Room hearing lots of great Hollywood stories and hanging out with star **Kelly Martin**.

And speaking of local TV/Movies shot in Detroit, did you catch **Emmajean Evans'** plaintive cry for water for her tea in *Detroit 187* November 9th? She had only one line, but she got to say it three times! Get that girl something to drink, please!

Finally, a recycling alert from the Building Committee—please remember to throw your **EMPTY** plastic bottles and **CLEAN** plastic other stuff into one of our red recycling boxes—one is on the first floor outside the "ladies" bathroom, the other is in the small kitchen on the second floor. Many thanks. (A further note: empty and rinsed beer and pop cans and bottles should be put into the container in the Scene Shop next to the refrigerator. Thanks.)

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