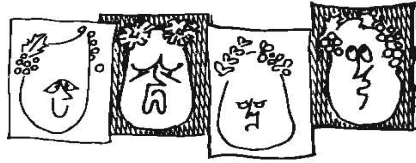


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February 2011



Annual Membership Meeting/Elections
Monday, February 7 @ 7:00 PM
War Memorial

GPT Annual Meeting Election of Officers View of *Exonerated*

Members are urged to cast their vote on February 7 at the Annual Meeting, in the Crystal Ballroom of the War Memorial. Those unable to attend should request an absentee ballot from Secretary, **Marianne Casey** email: mtcasey618@aol.com or phone: 248-250-9083. Candidates for office are: Vice-President: **Rick Hawley** and **Mike Trudel**; Membership Chair: **Don Bischoff** and **Blair Arden**; Treasurer: **Chris Kaiser** and **Mary Lou Britton**. While voting will be open from 7:00-8:00 PM, the usual schedule will include a Social from 7:00-7:30 followed by the meeting at 7:30 PM. Entertainment for the evening will be cuttings from *The Exonerated*.

The Exonerated Motors to EEF House!



Photo by Dale Pegg

A riveting drama, *The Exonerated*, with (L to R) Don Couture, Sharron Nelson and Peter DiSante, heads to the Eleanor and Edsel Ford House for the Purdon Studio Theatre's 2nd Season production. This story of six incarcerated citizens who were later proven to be innocent captivates audiences from beginning to end. Don't miss this "must see" event! Visit www.gpt.org for more details or call the Box Office (313-881-4004) for tickets. Show dates are: February 18-20 and 25-27; Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM, Sundays at 2:00 PM.

Latest Education Classes

Direct a Staged Reading or One Act
Advanced Acting (Scene Study)
Very Short Film Production

Anyone wishing to be mentored in how to direct a Staged Reading or a complete one-act for March 2nd is strongly urged to contact Education Chair **Harry Burkey**.

Coming in March are two new classes: *Very Short Film Production* (from beginning to end) will include writing, casting, shooting and editing of a 2-3 minute film, and *Advanced Acting for Stage (Scene Study)* will include analysis and character development with a showcase of scenes on the final class period.



Acting students (and new GPT members) run through an *Entrance Exercise* in the Acting for Stage and Screen I class. Pictured (L-R) Roseanne Morrow, Debbie Konkey, Lianee Tait, Mary Ann Bury, Carol Saile, Darlene Lovelace, Peter Wilson and Duncan Currie.

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

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GPT Calendar

Date	Event
Monday, February 7, 7:30 PM	Annual Meeting and Elections - GPWM
Saturday, February 12, 12:00 PM	Director Interviews - 2011-12 Plays
Monday, February 14, 7 PM	Board Meeting 315 Fisher
Friday, February 18, 8 PM	Purdon Studio Theatre: <i>The Exonerated</i> opens - Eleanor & Edsel Ford House
Saturday, February 19, 8 PM	<i>The Exonerated</i> EEF House
Sunday, February 20, 2 PM	<i>The Exonerated</i> EEF House
Friday/Saturday, February 25-26, 8 PM	<i>The Exonerated</i> EEF House
Sunday, February 27, 2 PM	<i>The Exonerated</i> EEF House, Strike After
Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 PM	Wednesday, Education Special - TBA



Out and About with Gwenn Samuel



We have received notice that former member **Tom Kern** passed away. Tom played many important roles for us, including Don Quixote in *Man of LaMancha*. Among his other achievements was directing our first presentation of *Company*.

Vicky Urbanik sends along a note changing her email address: "I'M TOTALLY RETIRED NOW!!! YES!!!" Please discontinue using the Macomb email address. Her new email address is zosiamom@hotmail.com

Mike and Emmajean Evans are absolutely thrilled with the two new babies produced by daughter **Jean Michele**. They're the cutest, absolutely the most adorable children ever born! **Reland Jean** and **Spencer Aden** already are becoming literate, as Grandma reads to them all the time. For those who knew Mike's mother (**Mimi**) you might remember that her name was Reland. . . a very loving tribute to a wonderful person.

Sad news: **Dick (Richard) Rogers** of St. Clair Shores, a long-time member, passed away in December.

Happy news: **Darline Bucchare** is a grandma again. A beautiful little girl, **Madison Renee, LaFata** checked in on January 6. Congratulations to Darline and family!

Fun news: **Don Ross**, who has done a lot of studio teaching in the film industry, has been "cast" as the backstage teacher for **Kristin Chenowith's** new film, *Family Weekend*.

A note from **Ann Foglesong** who has moved out of our area: "Happy New Year! I've just completed a wild and hectic move to the Irish Hills Area. We had an opportunity we couldn't pass up and are now on North Lake LeeAnn. Unfortunately I cannot find my member address book and was unable to contact a lot of people. For anyone who is at all interested the new address is 11932 Waldron Rd. Jerome, MI 49249. email rob.ann_foglesong@yahoo.com. Phone 313-347-6998. The lake is beautiful: come visit anytime. **Becky** is off to Santa Barbara in her second quarter doing well. Not doing much acting as she changed her major to nursing. **Cory** is graduating in Seattle and has applied to law schools. **Bob** and I are checking out a play at the local community theatre here in Tecumseh this month."

After a 35-year delay, **Bill Giovan** is finally getting in his trip to Egypt. Original plans were laid in 1975, but the trip didn't happen. He left January 12.

Kathy and **Jef Fisk** were in NYC over the holidays to see **Arielle Jacobs** (girlfriend of **Mike Babel**, the son of member **Gail** and **Denny Babel**) star in *In the Heights*. They also saw **Celia Keenan-Bolger** in what Kathy describes as a very interesting show, *A Small Fire*.

One would have thought that the GPT branch of the DiSante family (**Donna, Peter, Jackie, Marisa, Paula**) would be large enough to satisfy anyone! But, which amazes no one in particular, there's even more of them! Enter **Jerry Nehr** and his family. It turns out that Jerry is a cousin to all of them through his mother and the DiSantes' grandmother. This was discovered when Donna directed a Youth on Stage production in which Jerry's son, **Quinn** was cast. His grandmother saw Donna's name in the program and told Jerry that she was probably a cousin. So now all of those DiSantes are having a Vinci Family get together at Jerry's house. Word got

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Grosse Pointe Theatre's *Youth on Stage* Christmas Show Wowed!



Photos by Mary Lou Britton



Out and About with Gwenn Samuel (Cont.)

out to other family members, and what was supposed to be a small get-together has turned into quite a large group of relatives.

John Diebel's *Emilie and Voltaire*, which has been cooking for quite a few years, is under consideration by three new-musical competitions: the Eugene O'Neill Theater's New York Musical Theater Conference, the New York Musical Theatre Festival and the Penn State New Musicals program. Good luck, John. This lovely work deserves some serious performances!

Mary Lou Britton hit the road for the holidays (with the help of a GPS from Santa!), going first to her family in Pennsylvania for Christmas and then to Louisville, KY for New Years Eve.

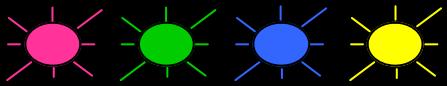
How cool is this gift?!: **Lois Bandler** received a gadget that sits on her bedside table, and when she touches the top of it, it shines the time, indoor and outdoor temperature and current weather conditions **on the ceiling**. So, if it's too bad, she can go back to sleep without raising her head from the pillow. Lois—you win the prize!!! Hammacher-Schlemmer reigns.

Add **Kathy Conlon** to the temporarily ailing list—she's in the middle of a six week radiation cycle. All the best and prayers to you, Kath!

Kevin Fitzhenry is directing *The Last Five Years* at the Box Theatre with **Bronwen Hupp** and **Christopher Dybash** in lead roles. **Eleanore Elero-Groth** is musical director and **Eric Swanson** is vocal director. Runs Jan 21 through 30 and Feb 4,5,6.



Dixie's Spirited Team Raises them High!



Membership News

By Pete DiSante

Elections are Monday, February 7th at the Crystal Ballroom. If you are eligible to vote (paid membership by September 1, or a life-time or DSA member), please read through the candidate info you received in December's S&B, and please vote! You can also request an absentee ballot from Marianne. If you're not eligible to vote, then just come for the goodies!

Remember, the new directories are here! Pick yours up from the box in the board room, or get one at the meeting. Make sure you check your name off in the book so I know you got it. I will mail one out to people who request it, and out-of-towners. If you would like the latest directory emailed to you as a PDF file, just let me know.

The polo shirts are here! If you ordered a GPT polo shirt, let me know how best I can get yours to you. Several extras were ordered so it's not too late to get one even if you didn't order one. I will bring them to the meeting on the 7th.

A special welcome to the new members who joined for the Purdon Studio Theatre production, or as a parent of a Youth on Stage member (or any other reason)! We are glad to have you and I hope you can get involved and stay with us for a long time!



Heavy into rehearsals, *The Dixie Swim Club* cast (L-R) Meagan Meade-Higgins, Marie Reinman, Amy Choudhury, Pam Montgomery and Theresa Selvaggio raise their spirits with "...the faster we swim, the sooner we win!"

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February GPT Birthdays

- 1 Laurie Jamieson
- 6 Paula Kim
- 8 Robert Hubbard
- 9 Carol Green
- 10 Adam Bernard
- Lyndsey Briggs
- 12 Jessica Mazak
- Peter Walilko
- 18 Mary Jo Harris
- 20 Caprice Baun
- 21 Nancy Fielding
- Ruth Ellen Mayhall
- 22 Travis Scaggs
- 24 Ronald Bernas
- 25 Lynne Marthey
- 26 Amy Rogers
- 28 Michael Clyne