

# SOCK & BUSKIN

March 2011

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315 Fisher

## Casting for *Scarlet Pimpernel* Announced

Director **Susan Davis** is proud to announce the cast for the *Scarlet Pimpernel*:

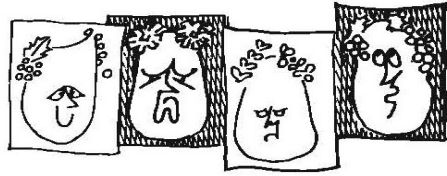
Lucy Ament	Marguerite
Kurt Bowen	Sir Percival Blakeney
Doug Clark	Chauvelin
Elizabeth Perkins Moen	Marie Grosholtz
Kevin Fitzhenry	Armand
Sal Rubino	Mercier / Coupeau
Jerry Nehr	Bounder
Mike Trudel	Bounder
Randy Skotarczyk	Bounder
Peter DiSante	Bounder
Scott Davis	Bounder
Rick Mason	Robespierre
Geoff Proven	Townspeople / Soldier
Jackie Pfaff	Townspeople
Alexandra (Alex) Miller	Townspeople
Cyndy Nehr	Townspeople
Bill Giovan	Butler
Clif Levin	Butler
Ralph Cochran	Lord
Ellen Tabor	Lady
Jack Petz	Townsperson

**Ginger Hupp**, Costume Coordinator for *Scarlet Pimpernel*, requests your presence in the Costume room beginning Friday, February 18th. Costume magic will be happening in the costume room Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Please come help us sew, search and scrounge for costumes. And save those JoAnn Fabric coupons and bring them to 315 Fisher Road.

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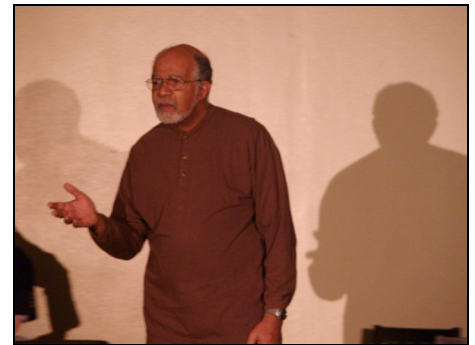
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## The Exonerated a Roaring Success



Jerry Nehr as Gary Gauge and Pat O'Brien as his wife



Rev. Canon Ron Spann as Delbert Tibbs



Thomas Wilson as David Keaton



The entire Company and the Stage Manager

### Letter from a Serviceman

*Over Christmas time we sent packages to servicemen overseas. Here's a thank-you letter from one of them.*

Thank you very much for the parcel you kindly sent, which I received yesterday. It is always good to know that our efforts are appreciated and a parcel or letter is always good for morale. Please also pass on my thanks to everyone who contributed and made the effort to enclose cards.

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

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# GPT Calendar

Date	Event
March 6	Dixie Swim Club opens
March 7	Board Meeting
March 14	Special Membership Meeting, Fisher Rd.
March 19	Dixie Swim Club Cast Party
March 20	Dixie Swim Club Strike

### Directors Chosen

The final directors and shows for the 2011-2012 have been selected:

**Don Bischoff**, *The Music Man*, **Ron Bernas**, *The Trip to Bountiful*, **Mike Trudel**, *Moonlight and Magnolias*, **Bev Dickinson**, *Jekyll and Hyde*, and **Tim Higgins**, *Hairspray*.

Contact any one of the directors to volunteer for what promises to be a real audience pleasing season.

# Organizational News

## Election News

The elected members of the 2011/2012 Board have met and chosen a slate of candidates to fill the remaining six board positions. The candidates are:

Ticket Chair. . . . . **Arlene Schoenherr**

Technical Chair. . . . . **Eric Leszczynski**

Social Chair. . . . . **Danielle Caralis**

Production Chair. . . . . **Don Adzigian**

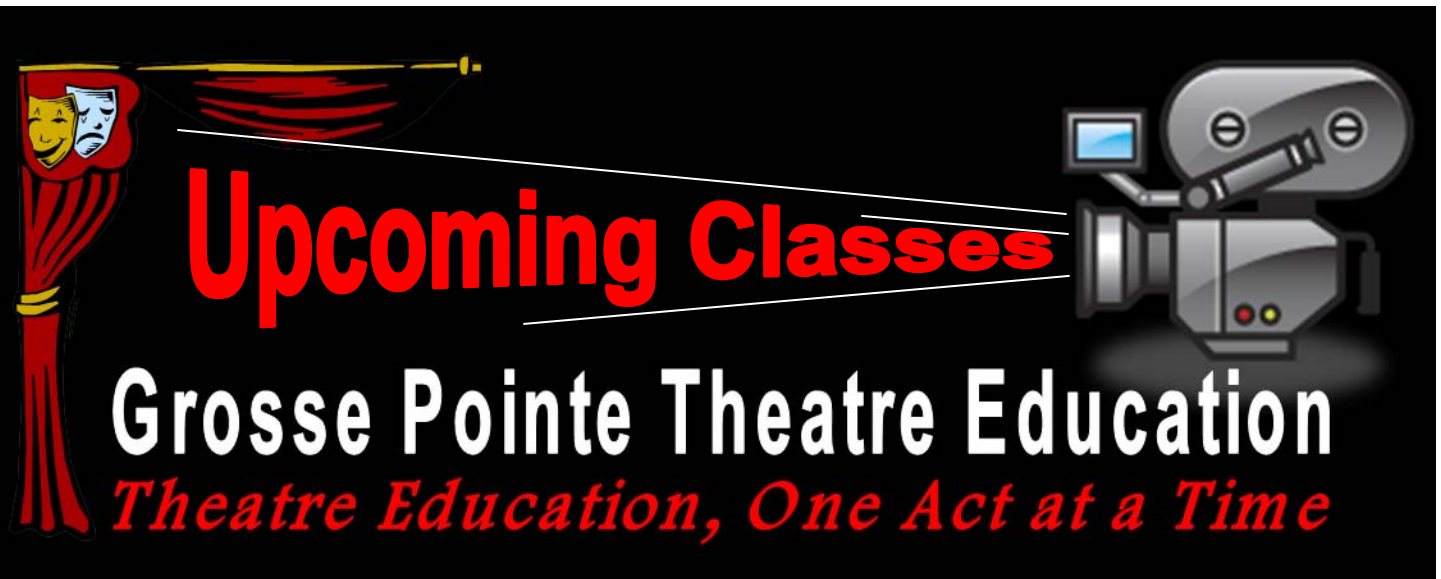
House Chair. . . . . **Clif Levin**

Public Relations Chair. . . **Barbara Bentley**

Vice-President elect, **Rick Hawley**, will fill the Education/Workshop chair position. Watch your mail for the slate ballot and return it to Fisher Rd by March 5, 2011

Here are our new GPT Officers, Vice President **Rick Hawley** and Treasurer **Chris Kaiser**:





## Wednesday Night Classes at GPT

**March 16:**

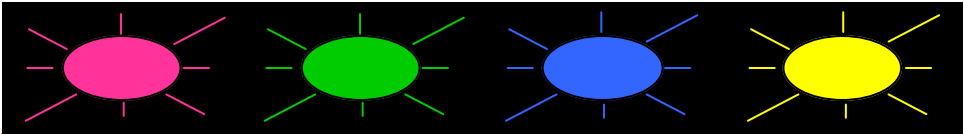
**Stage Combat Class** (7:00-9:00 PM). James Ku, a veteran performer and stage combat expert teaches this class. Students will learn the basics as well as various safety procedures when involved in stage combat. This one night class is FREE to GPT Members. Non-Members are welcome but must pay a \$5.00 fee. Please call 313-881-4004 to register for this class. Registration closes on March 14.

**March 23:**

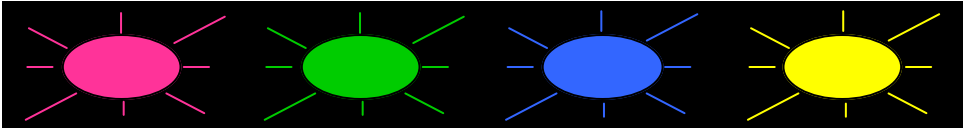
**Advanced Scene Study Class** (7:00-8:30 p.m.) Taught by professional actor Harry Burkey, *Advanced Scene Study* is a two month course utilizing Uta Hagen and Sandy Meisner techniques while preparing a scene cutting for performance on the last day of class. Each student will receive a copy of *The Scene Study Book* by Bruce Miller. Video feedback will be used during the rehearsal process and a DVD of the performance showcase will be provided to all students. Students must have completed Basic Acting Class or be referred by instructor. Class begins March 23 and ends with a showcase performance on June 1. Not all class periods will be held on Wednesdays. To register, call 313-881-4004. Major credit cards accepted. Registration closes on March 16, 2011. Fee: \$90.00 for GPT members or \$115.00 non-members. For more information, contact Harry Burkey at [gpteducation@aol.com](mailto:gpteducation@aol.com). Minimum 6—Maximum 8 students.

**April 6:**

**Meet the Agents** (7:00-9:00 p.m.) Spring is typically the time that the movie industry kicks into high gear. With that in mind, GPT Education has invited several film and model agents in the Metro area to provide information on how to enter the world of film, modeling and voice over work. Along with information on how to register with a talent agency, the following topics will be covered: Headshots, Resumes, Auditions, Casting, Bookings and more. To register, call 313-881-4004. Fee: \$5.00 for GPT members—\$10.00 non-members (includes light refreshments and handouts).



Candid shots from *Relatively Speaking*



**SOCIAL GRACES....**

by Barbara Bentley, Social Chair

The cast/crew after-show party for Dixie Swim Club will be held in the Crystal Ballroom immediately following the closing night performance on Saturday, March 19. Admission is \$10.00 for members and guests alike. **Barbara Roney** is the chef du jour for this event, and would like a head count by Sunday, March 13, so get your reservations in to Producer, **Carolyn Darby**, as soon as possible. For those of you who have not yet marked up those cute kitty or puppy calendars that you received for Christmas, please make a note of the date for the event of the season: the Clarence Awards Dinner Dance to be held at Blossom Heath in St. Clair Shores on Saturday, June 18, 2011. Details will follow, including formal invitations, at a later date. But do reserve the date before you make vacation plans! Don't forget, we have a general membership meeting on March 14 at 7:00 P.M. at 315 Fisher. An update will be given on the Long Range Planning Committee's progress. Refreshments are being provided by Erin (go brach) Ann Conway and her crew. So wear your best St. Patrick's Day gear and join all of your Irish (and wannabe Irish) friends, and celebrate a few days early. Cheers!

**Barbara Bentley**, Social Chair  
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**Notes from *Youth on Stage***

Youth On Stage is busy rehearsing for *Annie*, directed by **Ruth Ellen Mayhall**. For the first time we double cast the show, which is working very well. The performances will be April 9 and 10 at 2:00pm, with a different cast at each performance. See it at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Fries Auditorium. Hope to see you there.

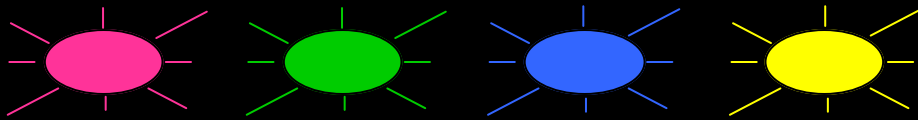
**Emmajean Evans**

All photos by **Dale Pegg**

**March GPT Birthdays**

1	Keith Johnson
2	Mark Reeve
5	Donald Bischoff
	Stephanie Samuel
6	Harry Stutt
7	David Hertzberg
9	Kathleen Fisk
	Wally Maher
10	Sandra Nelson
14	Sal Rubino
16	Cynthia Kole
	Dawn Naidow
18	John Diebel
19	William Giovan
20	Maria Dasaro
	Kevin Fitzhenry
	David McDonald
24	Cyndy Nehr
25	Gerylann Arden
	Bob Battaglia
	Brittany Michael
26	Nick Dara
28	Marianne Casey
	Anthony Selvaggio
31	Lisa Caruso-Spreder
	Gregory Olszewski
	Randolph Skotarczyk

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## Membership News

Membership Memo #19

By Pete DiSante

Elections were held Monday, February 7th. Congratulations to those elected, and a big thank you to those who weren't. Also a big thank you to all eligible members who voted, whether absentee or in person.

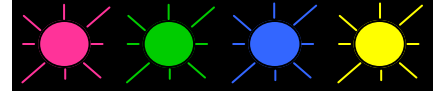
Remember, the new directories are in the board room. Help yourself. I already mailed them to the out-of-towners. If you would like the latest directory emailed to you as a PDF file, just let me know. Soon the PDF file should once again be posted on our website, in the 'members only' section.

The polo shirts have all been distributed, either in person or by mail (except for Phyllis; don't worry, I haven't forgotten about you)! Thanks to all who participated in this fundraiser by ordering a GPT polo shirt. Several extras were ordered so it's not too late to get one.

A special general membership meeting will be held March 14th at 315 Fisher. The purpose is to roll out and discuss the strategic plan that the board and the long-range planning committee have been diligently preparing. Please attend. We're excited to tell you what we have done and we are equally excited to hear your thoughts as well!

**Pete DiSante**

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have shared the contents of the parcel with the staff in my HQ, so rest assured that it will all be well used.

Our wing is an Air Force infantry unit and we are charged with all manner of force protection duties in and around Bastiou. Our main focus is protecting UK aircraft on takeoff and landing, when they are more vulnerable. We also ensure that every single person and vehicle is physically searched before they enter the base.

We are almost 50% of the way through our 7 month duty now and all is going well. Thus far we have managed to avoid the IED' the insurgents bury around the base, but it is a constant game of cat and mouse.

Once again, thank you for your kind gift.

Per Ardua,  
Jason

## Clif's Notes - from President Clif Levin

As this issue goes to press, *The Exonerated* is performing at the Ford House, *The Dixie Swim Club* is about to start tech rehearsals, *The Scarlet Pimpernel* has just started rehearsals, the Youth on Stage program is well into classes and rehearsals for *Annie* and the Education Committee is holding classes on Wednesdays. GPT sure is busy! If you are wondering how to get involved, contact **Harry Burkey** to learn more about the Education classes, Producer **Jon Lechner** to assist on *The Scarlet Pimpernel* or **EmmaJean Evans** to help out with the Youth on Stage Program.

Be sure to mark March 14 on your calendar for the latest update on the Strategic Planning Committee's work. We will meet at 7:00 at 315 Fisher Road. Plan on attending to learn how the process is proceeding, receive answers to questions that you may have and to learn how you might assist in the process.

I greatly appreciate those individuals who took me up on my challenge to try something new for GPT this season. If you haven't done it yet, there is still time! Help out in the scene shop, crew *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, or take a class. There is so much that you can do for GPT and you will be greatly rewarded by the experience.

Hope to see you at 315 on the 14th.

Clif

Don't miss the membership meeting—be there March 14 at Fisher Road!