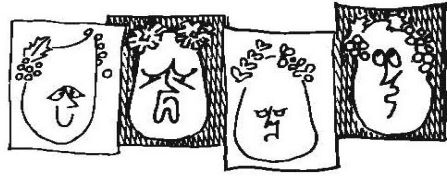


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April 2011

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Auditions for *The Music Man* in June!

You read that correctly. Even though we haven't seen a minute of *The Scarlet Pimpernel* on stage, yet, it's time to start thinking about the opening show for next season. Director **Don Bischoff** is holding auditions for *The Music Man* on June 11th and 12th (Saturday and Sunday).

Auditions for the approximately 4-6 children's parts (ages 6 to 12) and the 12-14 teen-aged roles will be held Saturday morning from 9:00 am 'til 12:00 noon. Actors interested in the lead roles, Harold and Marian, will be seen from 2:00-4:00 pm on Saturday. On Sunday, June 12th, auditions will be held for the featured, supporting, and ensemble adult roles, from 2:00-5:00 pm. Auditions for the quartet will be held by appointment only. Please contact Don at 586-677-4270 or owen.kyle2@comcast.net or **Lyndsey Briggs** (Producer) at 313-884-2466 or lyndseybriggs@comcast.net for further audition information.

A Dance Workshop will be held at 315 Fisher Road on May 14th from 10:00 am 'til 12:00 noon, for those actors interested in learning some of the dances before audition weekend.

Tech Director, **Rick Hawley**, is also getting an early start on set construction. As soon as *The Scarlet Pimpernel* moves its set over to Fries, Rick is going to begin working in the Scene Shop. He'd like to have as much work done as possible before folks start going on vacations and to cottages. Please plan to join him on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings, as often as you're able.

Scarlet Pimpernel Prepares



Learning how to swordfight



Constructing the set in the Scene Shop



Creating the costumes in the Costume Shop

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

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GPT Calendar

Date	Event
April 9-10, 2 PM	Youth on Stage's <i>Annie</i>
April 30	Set-up for <i>Scarlet Pimpernel</i>
May 8	<i>Scarlet Pimpernel</i> opens
May 22	<i>Scarlet Pimpernel</i> Strike
June 11-12	Auditions for <i>Music Man</i>
June 18	Dinner Dance at Blossom Heath



Out and About with Gwenn Samuel



Erika Fell and **Brian Welch** have been cast in Stagecrafters' *Grey Gardens*. Congratulations! **Barb Elliott** is starting rehearsals for *Brigadoon* for Heart of the Hills Players- a senior theatre group.

From Missouri, **Molly Dodge** writes that she is very busy with the Maplewood Barn Theatre. She is directing the female version of *The Odd Couple* (in April) and is in a readers' theatre production of *John Brown's Body*, playing Mary Lou Wingate, the feisty matriarch of Wingate Hall. (Hard to think of Molly being feisty!)

LeeAnne and **John Shaheen** are excited about the engagement of their son **Joey** to long-time girl friend **Jackie**. A spring, 2012 wedding is being planned.

Peggy Pastznik is the new vice-chair of the Michigan Members of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival. The group advocates on behalf of the Festival here in Michigan by sponsoring a three-week residency of actors and designers in the fall. They hold a Michigan Members weekend in Stratford in June.

Marcia and Geoff Proven sailed the western Caribbean recently on *Allure of The Seas*, Royal Caribbean's newest ship. It shares its title as the world's largest cruise ship with its sister ship *Oasis of The Seas*. With seven distinct "neighborhoods" on board, the Provens' interior stateroom and balcony overlooked "Central Park." Celebrities on board that week were **Jenny McCarthy**, **Dean Cain**, **James Brolin** and **Amy Yasbeck**. The other surprising sighting was **Mike** and **Kerry Edick**, who were walking through Central Park when the Provens spotted them... big ship, small world!

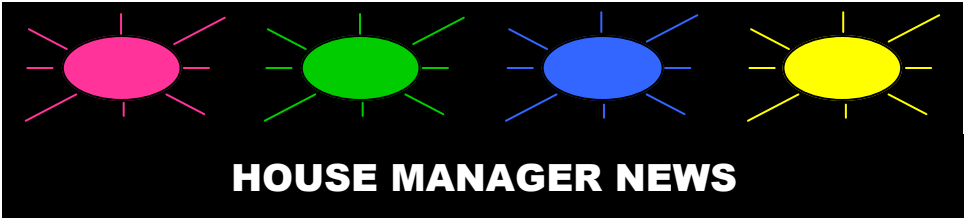
Mickie Pizzimenti and **Janie Burkey** spent a lovely week in Acapulco in February. Also in Acapulco were **Mike** and **Leslie Trudel** and the kidlets. Also warming up in Mexico were **Stephanie Samuel** and **Kathy Lucas**, but they were in Cancun.

Betty Morris and **Jake Jacobson** enjoyed wintering in Florida. Betty played for the Bay Indies Players' production of *Makin' Whoopie!*, and Jake had his first role since high school with an over-55 theater group. After their choral concert, they have just returned to Michigan.

Tim Reinman took my dream vacation—he went to see some spring training action in Florida! **Ruth Ellen Mayhall** travelled with her sister to visit her niece in PA. During the trip they went to the Philadelphia Flower Show - Springtime in Paris; she says it was beautiful!!!

Shar Douglas and **Ken Hebenstreit** spent several sunny days in St. Petersburg, Florida, where they played golf, enjoyed the beach, ate lots of food in lots of great restaurants and had a wonderful time. As usual, they combined business with pleasure and spent a few days at the Florida Antiquarian Book Fair.

Hildy Corbett and husband **Eric Johnson** attended a wedding in Miami in January, which was held in a parking garage (!). Picture this: 40 degrees and 20-mile-an-hour winds whipping through: all of the glassware blew off the tables, decorative trees fell over and 200 people huddled together in formal attire. They ended up running up and down Lincoln Ave. (South Beach's shopping area) in tuxedos and long gowns, buying coats, hats, gloves, whatever they could find to keep warm. Everytime something came crashing down during the ceremony, they all called out "Mazaltov!" The *New York Times* was there covering the parking structure for a

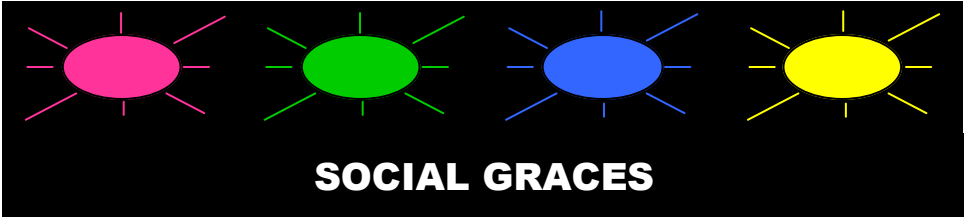


HOUSE MANAGER NEWS

I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to usher this season. I've enjoyed getting to know you and spending time with you. We have one more opportunity to spend part of an enjoyable evening together, during the run of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. The show opens Sunday, May 8th and closes Saturday, May 21st. If you're not already on my list of "regulars", please contact me with some dates when you'd like to usher. Thanks!

Lyndsey Briggs

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SOCIAL GRACES

One more reminder (because people still keep asking) to note the date of the Annual Awards Dinner Dance at Blossom Heath in St. Clair Shores - June 18, 2011. Invitations will be going out in early May, so watch the mail!

Thanks to chef **Barbara Roney** and her outstanding crew of sous-chefs, including **Danielle Caralis**, **Geoff** and **Marcia Proven**, and **Jay** and **Chris Kaiser**, for providing the delicious repast for the *Dixie* cast party. And to **Erin Ann Conway** and crew for the St. Patrick's Day treats at the March meeting.

Cheers!

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From the Education Chair—Harry Burkey

The *Advanced Scene Study Class* is underway with a full class. My apologies to those who were turned away. The class will run until the end of June with a possible showcase in July. Watch for more news as the weeks pass.

The Ten-Minute Playwriting class is coming to a close, and the five playwrights will have their scripts read at the May membership meeting. **Jane Burkey** has offered to direct the Staged Reading. More information on this item will be sent in the Weekend Updates.

The Stage Combat class was well attended last month and many thanks to **Don Bischoff** for finding James Ku to lead the class. All of the attendees are now well-equipped to die in battle for *The Scarlet Pimpernel*.

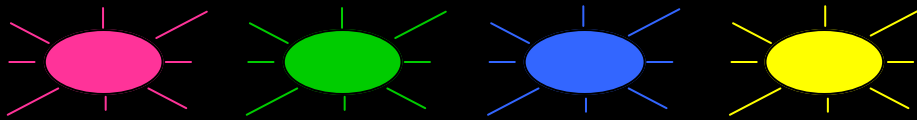
The *Meet the Agents* workshop, published in last month's electronic issue of the Sock & Buskin, has been cancelled. This was due to the fact that absolutely no one had registered for the class by the time of this article (March 27). Perhaps the slashing of the Film Incentive Program by our governor had some effect on interest in becoming a movie star in Michigan.

All photos by Dale Pegg

April GPT Birthdays

1	William McCarthy
2	Fran Dombrowski
4	Jacquelyne Pfaff
5	Emmajean Evans
9	Pam Montgomery
10	Ronald Otulakowski
11	Gigi Gaggini
	Alice Hausner
	Linda Paton
13	Jeffrey Bautz
	Pamela Muawad
15	Harry Constant
16	Gary Lakind
18	Alan Canning
19	Anthony Foust
	Chris Ruzzin
	Val Sisto
23	Tom Rose
24	Karen Breen
25	Heather Neeley
26	Sarah Dickinson
	Toni Sclafani
28	Marty Bufalini
29	Diana Ruzzin
30	Thomas Woodman

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Membership News

A special 'Thank You' to those members who attended the general membership meeting on March 14th to discuss the strategic plan and submit suggestions. Hearing (and reading) your thoughts and suggestions is an important step in making this work! Soon members will be asked to volunteer for staff committees and focus groups to make our plan a reality. Please answer the call!

Congratulations to the members elected and to those selected to serve on the board.

Several of the new board members have already begun getting involved in our strategic plan. Please support the board in making the 2011-2012 season successful, and support the plan for making GPT successful for years to come.

Remember, the new directories are in the board room. Help yourself. I have mailed directories to those who so requested (or live out of town). If I missed you, just let me know! If you would like the latest directory emailed to you as a PDF file, send me an email. The directory PDF file is posted on our website in the 'members only' section.

The dinner dance is Saturday, June 18th at Blossom Heath in St. Clair Shores. The Membership Milestone pins have been ordered for those celebrating multiple decades of membership. Clarence award statuettes are being made. **Barbara Bentley** has been making preparations and promises a wonderful evening for all, so please mark your calendars and plan on attending. We deserve a good party after such hard work this season!

It won't be long before the renewal forms are mailed out. Dues remain fixed at \$30, which is a very good deal when you consider the benefits of being a member. Convince your friends and relatives to join. Please respond promptly when you receive the form. Per our bylaws, your dues must be received by September 1st to be a voting member.

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Out and About, Cont'd

story about new architecture. They shot the wedding and it made the front page of the Sunday *Times*! What a hoot!

Our senior Travel Diva, **Carolyn Darby** leaves on a three week trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. She's meeting a Grand Circle tour group over there. Due to the recent earthquake, the itinerary had to be changed in order to bypass Christchurch, but she still will be able to see the beautiful scenic spots of the country.

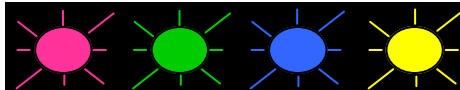
John Diebel just got back from ten days in the warm South — a week at Hilton Head, then three days with brother, Don, and his great family in Winter Park, FL. John got to meet Don's seven grandchildren, all boys, who are of course his great nephews. John says he had a blast!

Deepest sympathies to **Darlene Bucchare** who unexpectedly lost her mom on February 28. Her mom was 90 and still feisty, still driving, and still active. It was very unexpected. For those wishing to send cards, Darlene's address is 27231 Welch, Warren 48092.

A note received from former member **Toni Moore** which her many old friends would probably like to share:

"In April of last year, I retired after 48 years of working. Retirement is wonderful, I highly recommend it. You probably already know that our mom, **Iris**, (a former member) passed away on July 28th. It was quite sudden and unexpected even though she was 89 years old. She went very peacefully. Just after Christmas, **Linda** (Toni's sister, also a former member) and I went to California to see the Rose Parade—saw all kinds of sights, had a wonderful trip. Now I fill my days with lots of home improvement projects and volunteering with the Cleveland Animal Shelter." If you want to contact Toni, her email is toniandtess@yahoo.com.

If you're headed for NYC any time soon, take an evening and see *Peter and the Starcatcher* off-Broadway with **Celia Keenan-Bolger** in a lead role; brother **Andrew** plays the bumbling butler



Still more out and about

in *Mary Poppins*. **Maggie Keenan-Bolger** has been accepted into the theatrical Ph.D. program at the University of Texas.

Francesca Catalfo says she has been waiting for this since playing Nonna Emma in *Over the River* — and now she is a real Nonna! Granddaughter **Eva Ball**, daughter of **Gianna** and **Jason Ball**, checked in January 23 at just under six pounds. Congratulations, Nonna!

Also grandparenting (again) are **Chris** and **Jay Kaiser**, whose daughter **Bridget** along with husband **Bill** presented them with little **Adelaide India Stellkamp** on February 22. Again, congratulations to all!

Youth On Stage

Those hardworking kids of Youth on Stage will be presenting *Annie* on April 9th and 10th at 2:00 p.m. at the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Make plans to get your tickets and support the kids of GPT! New this term, tickets are available in advance through the box office. Call 313-881-4004.

Library News

After many years of dedicated service, one half of our Library staff, **Mary McLeod**, has resigned her post. A heartfelt thank-you to Mary for all she has done to organize and keep track of the many plays and musicals that we own. If you would like to volunteer to be Mary's replacement, please contact **Marianne Casey** at mtcasey618@aol.com

From Marcia Scavarda:

If anyone would like to receive the latest draft of the Strategic Plan, please call the ticket office at 313-881-4004 and we will be glad to mail them a copy. If the members have email, we can also email them a copy.