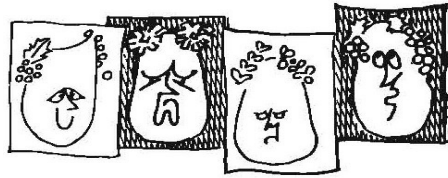


# SOCK & BUSKIN

June 2011



Come Have Tea—Wear a hat!  
(see page 4)  
Dinner Dance/Membership  
Meeting June 18

## GPT Scholarship Winners

### Seniors

Luke Rose

Danielle Muawad

Hannah Sparrow

Halimah Nurullah

### Underclassmen

Margaret Bickerstaff

Grace Muawad

MUCH APPLAUSE to our intrepid judges:  
Michele Karl, Bob Montgomery and Sal  
Demercurio

Kathy Fisk, GPT Scholarship Chair

## Clif's Notes

As I write this article, *The Scarlet Pimpernel* is preparing for its final performances. What a season this has been! Each show a success and well received by our audiences. Thanks to all who were involved in any way in any of this season's productions. It is because of you that this season was a success!!

Thanks, too, to **Emma Jean Evans**, the directors, staff and the children who participated in our successful Youth On Stage productions. And many kudos to **Lois Bendler** and all the people involved with our hit Purdon Studio Theatre show, *The Exonerated*.

I would also like to thank every member of the Board of Directors. Each of them has made my year as President easy and a pure joy. Boy, has the year flown by. It seems like yesterday I just became President and now I am about to leave the office.

Thanks too to **Marcia Scavarda** for all that she does in helping make us a more solid organization. My thanks to the Advisory Committee who has worked hard to assist in the Strategic Plan.

Thank each and every one of you who helped make my year as President stress-free and enjoyable. It has been my great honor to serve as your President. Thank you for allowing me that pleasure.

Clif

## Master Classes offered on Costuming and Directing

CTAM is offering two Master Classes over the weekend of July 22-24 at Higgins Lake. The first one is on Costuming: Working with what you have. It will be led by **Jim Rancillo** who runs the Costume Room for Flint Community Theatre. He has a wealth of experience to share with other community costumers. The second concurrent Master Class is on Directing: New Techniques to take your production to the next level. This is for experienced directors and is led by the husband and wife team of **Kathy Pingel** and **Ron Ziegler** from Des Moines, Iowa. Ron is on staff at American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) and has a very broad background in directing and acting. Kathy is the Director of Education and Youth Programming at the Des Moines Playhouse.

The classes will be held at the Ralph MacMullen Conference Center and the cost of lodging and meals for the weekend is \$179 for one person sharing a double room and \$195 for a single. The fee for the class is \$60 (\$50 for individual CTAM members). Both of these fees should be paid at the same time to CTAM. Scholarships are available; please see the May/June 2011 issue of the CTAM Callboard on their website at [www.communitytheatre.org](http://www.communitytheatre.org) or contact **Mary Lou Britton** at [mellbee@earthlink.net](mailto:mellbee@earthlink.net).

Also, please reserve the weekend of September 23-25 for the CTAM Fall Conference at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac. (Unfortunately, that falls during *The Music Man*!) All sorts of workshops and parties will occur at a weekend celebrating the raucous decade of the '60s! Information on that also at the CTAM website and scholarships are also available for that event.

Courtesy of Mary Lou Britton

## Assorted News and Stuff

### SUMMER BUILDING CLEAN-UP PLANS (Slight Change of Plans!)

The Building Committee has rescheduled the dates of the floor refinishing to June 27 through July 1st. The general building clean-up is still slated for Monday, June 6, and Tuesday, June 7. Please call **Emmajean** at 313-881-4004 to schedule your time to work...or wait for her call to give you an assigned time!

### REMINDER: *THE MUSIC MAN*

Auditions for the first production of the 2011/2012 season, *The Music Man* are to be held June 11th and 12th. Audition details can be found on the GPT website or contact producer **Lyndsey Briggs** at 313-884-2466 or [lyndseybriggs@comcast.net](mailto:lyndseybriggs@comcast.net).

Tech Director **Rick Hawley** has officially opened the scene shop. Come by Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings to lend a hand, lift a paintbrush or saw a saw. Lunch is served on Saturday for the workers.

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

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## GPT Calendar

Date	Event
June 11, 9 AM-Noon	Children's auditions for <i>The Music Man</i>
June 11, 2-4 PM	Lead auditions for <i>The Music Man</i>
June 12, 2-5 PM	Featured, supporting and ensemble adult auditions for <i>The Music Man</i>
June 13	First read-through for <i>The Music Man</i>
June 18	Dinner Dance/Membership Meeting at Blossom Heath
June 26	A Theatrical Affair Afternoon Tea



Out and About with Gwenn Samuel



**Bud and Jann Hight** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a wonderful and memorable party in Georgia. Lots of family and friends attended, with a good time had by all.

**Nedra and Peter Walilko** spent 17 days in February in Costa Rica working, having fun and staying warm (also hot!) in the Pacific tradewinds. Remembering the weather in February, they couldn't have picked a better time.

**Francesca Catalfo** just returned from a two-week trip to China that included: Beijing (the Great Wall & Forbidden City) Xi'an (the Terracotta Warriors Anthropological Dig Site & Jade Temple) and Shanghai (the MagLev Train, Huang Pu River cruise & the Bund). She says Shanghai is awesome - New York on steroids! The people were super friendly - the food was great as was the weather - in the 70's-80's the entire trip!

**Tim and Marie Reinman's** daughter **Mary** had a wild couple of weeks. On the plus side, while with the family on vacation to Myrtle Beach, SC, Mary scored a Hole-in-One on the Arnold Palmer-designed Myrtle Beach National (West) golf course! It will be registered with the USGA. Then a few weeks later, on the minus side, she spent four days in isolation at Beaumont Grosse Pointe hospital with aseptic meningitis. She's back home, resting now. The Reinmans thank everyone for all the good thoughts.

**Rob Weber** (the nerd in *Grease*) is working hard to finish his final two semesters in law school. He is the coach for a bike racing team at Indiana University and has spent time there preparing his undergraduate students for the 2012 season. He will spend the summer studying and working at 97.1 FM, The Ticket, radio station as the "head" call in screener.

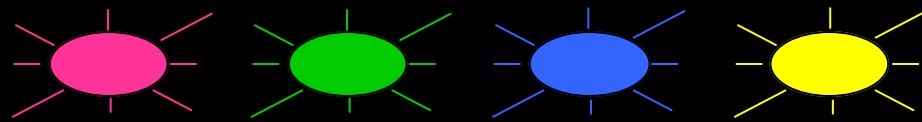
**Rebekah Tiefenbach** will play Truvy and **Amy Ricker** is assistant director of *Steel Magnolias* at The Box theatre in Mt. Clemens. Running dates are May 13th - June 5th. Contact 586-954-2311 for tickets.

**Kathy and Carrie Fisk** were at the Newport Beach Film Festival with several California friends to see a screening of *Answer This*, in which Carrie and **Marty Buffalini** have nice little parts! Hopefully, it will get distribution lined up and everyone can see the funny coming-of-age movie soon.

**William and Carolyn Darby** are doing a 3 1/2 week road trip of nearly 2000 miles (down, down gas prices!). They'll see a few friends, do general sightseeing and finishing up with the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Former GPT member **Ellen Cooper** invites any who will be in the Naples, Florida area this summer to attend *42nd Street* at the Sugden Theatre there. She will be playing Maggie Jones. And, pursuant to the grandparent listing, she will be a grandma again in September!

Our deepest sympathies to **Liz and Steve Linne**. Liz's mother, **Dorothy Borowski**, passed away in April. Cards may be sent to 877 Barrington, Grosse Pointe Park.



## Out and About, Cont'd



### Grandkids:

**Jessica Bashara**, granddaughter of **Nancy Bashara** and daughter of **Bob Bashara**, is spending a good part of her summer in Germany, taking credit courses from U. of M. She is fluent in German.

**Corrine Elliott**, granddaughter of the inestimable **Barbara Elliott**, will graduate from college in Portland, Oregon in June. She will be going on for a Masters in Fine Arts. She is an excellent artist and does terrific computer animation. Her younger brother, **Don IV**, is in Pre-med college.

**Charles Hawkins**, the 13-year-old grandson of **Pat O'Brien**, will be in his 7th year of summer theater camp in Oak Park, IL!!! He will be spending a week with Pat in July, and he is looking forward to attending rehearsals for *The Music Man*. He also plans to come in from Chicago to see a performance! (Pat, one of our newer members, is assistant producer.)

In June, **Phyllis** and **Mark Reeves** will head to Delaware for Mark's 65th high school reunion at St. Andrews School. After that, they go to Connecticut for a visit with son **Scott** and **Mary** and granddaughter **Holly**, who is a straight A student at her high school.

Two of the grandkids of **Tom Gallagher**—**Sean Thomas Gallagher**, son of **John** and **Karen Gallagher**, are graduating from Grosse Pointe North High School with honors in June 2011. While at GPNHS, Sean played the viola for the orchestra, earning a letter. He will attend Michigan State University. And his first cousin, **Michael Thaddeus Kedzierski**, son of **Kathleen** and **Ted Kedzierski**, graduated from Michigan State University's Eli Broad Business College with high honors and a B.A. in Accounting in May 2011. In the fall, Michael will be returning to MSU to complete a Masters degree in Accounting.

**Ruth Ellen Mayhall** will travel to Richmond, Va. this summer to attend the wedding of her sister's grandson.

**Lois Bendler's** granddaughter, **Abigail**, graduates in New Orleans in June. Also, Lois is taking a class in drawing this summer, working on her theatre degree at WSU.

**Stephanie Samuel-Lucas** was to join hundreds of other breast cancer survivors on May 17 at Comerica Park in the Tigers' recognition of this deadly disease. Unfortunately, the game was rained out, but it has been rescheduled for Monday June 27 at 7:05 p.m. Knowing Steph, there's more to the story: she was chosen to sing the anthems of both the U.S. and Canada (they will play Toronto) so listen in on the 27th. You go, girl!

**Laura Ann Bashara Maurer**, daughter of **Nancy Bashara**, first cousin of the above-mentioned **Stephanie** and niece of **Gwenn Bashara Samuel**, has come to visit Mom for a week. After she returns home to Park City, Utah, Laura will enter a three-week training program for Jet West as she has just been hired by the regional airline as a flight attendant.

**Geoff** and **Marcia Proven** have a new email: [proven1@wowway.com](mailto:proven1@wowway.com)

**Patty Villegas** has moved—her new address is 13927 Coronado Drive, Springhill, FL 34609. Her new home phone number is 352-340-4627. Please update your directory.

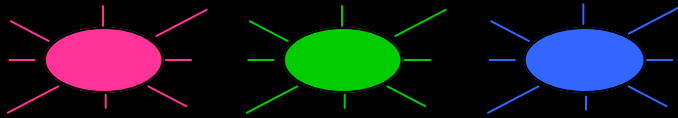
**Amy Choudhury Martin** is acting in Warren Civic Theatre's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Memorial Day Weekend. She and her family will visit the Hamptons for a week in August and try to squeeze in a few days in the Big Apple.

Prayers and healing thoughts would certainly be appreciated for Nancy (Fisher) and Tom Day. Tom was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of cancer. He is currently recovering from surgery at the Cleveland Clinic, and Nancy hopes to bring him home soon. Should you wish to send a card, the address is:

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Day  
325 Lighthouse Way, S.  
Manistee, MI 49660

2	Antonina Delpaz
	Marvin Horner
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	Garda Neill
	Geno Pirrami
3	D.J. Haska
6	Doug Clark
	Sharron Nelson
7	Mary Ann Bury
8	Thomas Archinal
	Isabelle Donnelly
	Jack Petz
	Margie Smith
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10	Laura Ver Beek
11	Larry Garcia
13	Antoinette Urso-Salvador
15	Jim Arnold
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	Lianee Tait
18	Jef Fisk
	Michael McKiddy
19	Elizabeth Linne
20	Chancey Miller
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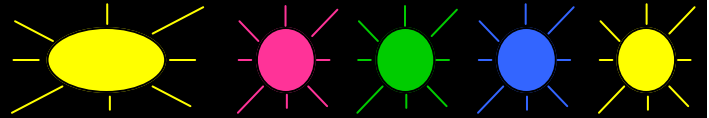
## Membership News

By now, all our shows are "in the books." Soon you will be receiving your ballot in the mail for Clarence Award selections. If you were a member as of 1 September and saw (or were involved with) every main stage show, you will be receiving a ballot. Winners will be announced at the Dinner Dance. Speaking of which, I for one am really looking forward to this great event! If you have not returned your RSVP yet, do it right away. You don't want to miss out on the event of the season! I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Thanks to the members who picked up their membership renewal form at the general membership meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> saving the group the postage costs. The rest of you can get yours at the dinner dance or wait for it in the mail. I have already "activated" incoming Membership Chair **Don Bischoff** to assist me in getting these taken care of. Dues remain at only \$30. What a deal! Tell your friends to join too! You do not need to be a member to audition for *The Music Man*, but that also could be a good time to pick up your renewal form. However, you will need to renew your membership before you can appear on stage in *The Music Man*.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Membership Chair. I look forward to continuing to help out in the membership area wherever Don might need assistance.

Pete DiSante



## HOUSE MANAGER NEWS

I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to usher this season. I enjoyed meeting you and I appreciate your willingness to help our patrons feel comfortable while enjoying the five excellent main stage productions.

Please be as generous with your time next season. I know Cliff will appreciate it. Have a good summer!

Lyndsey Briggs



Photo from *Scarlet Pimpernel* courtesy of Larry Garcia



GROSSE POINTE THEATRE PRESENTS

# A Theatrical Affair Afternoon Tea

Sunday, June 26, 2011  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Grosse Pointe War Memorial  
Crystal Ballroom

32 Lakeshore Drive  
Grosse Pointe Farms



- ☼ Champagne, tea, luncheon and sweets
- ☼ Sparkling musical entertainment
- ☼ Individually themed and decorated tables
- ☼ A show of fabulous period finery
- ☼ A silent auction and raffle
- ☼ Prizes for the best tea ensemble and hat

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