

HHLT PLAY TIME

July



2015

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next General Meeting—Thursday, July 16
7 pm in the Craft Room

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Good-Bye and Best Wishes to Rick and Peggy Sullivan

Long time HHLT member Rick Sullivan and his wife Peggy are leaving our midst and moving to North Carolina this month. Rick will be greatly missed and appreciated for his wonderful portrayals of characters in many HHLT productions. Rick’s work included roles in “Charleston,” “Trouble at the Tropicabana,” “Afraid of the Dark,” “When in Rome,” “Hound of the Clackervilles,” “Love Letters,” “Old

*Time Radio,” “12 Angry Men,” “Reunion at Mt. Sanguine,”
“Ancestral Voices,” “Senior Follies,” and “A Nice Family Gathering.”*

*Rick also served as Treasurer and webmaster. A very heartfelt
farewell and appreciation for his wonderful contributions to HHLT!*

We'll miss you!

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Our Prez Says

Long time members of HHLT may remember Betty Costello, a former HHLT member from the mid-90s, who passed away recently. I can recall in 2003, practicing for Westward Ho, a musical, and hearing this lovely voice behind me and I turned and met Betty. If you wish to send a note or card to the family, the address is Mr. and Mrs. Elton Hewitt, 821 Hewitt Rd., Swoope, Va. 24779. Peggy is her daughter and Polly is her niece.

In the past, HHLT has contributed to various causes, e.g. money to upgrade the ball-room lighting, donations to Fauquier Community Theater to redo some of their theater seats, a donation to the Prince William Rescue, etc. We have a budget expense item available for Community Support and in June, passed a new HHLT Donation Policy which provides us with a more planned way to respond to requests. This policy and the Donation Request Form are available on the hhlittletheater.org website under the Misc category. A Donation Request Form must be completed and sent to the President of the HHLT, Denny Cumber no later than August 31st. At the August 20 General Meeting, we will draw names for members of the committee who will evaluate any requests. The approved requests will be announced at the October General Meeting.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Denny

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HLT Fall Play: "Social Security" By Gene and Kathryn Schmiel

We have begun rehearsing for this very funny play, which ran on Broadway for over a year in 1986. In fact, we will be rehearsing in the ballroom just after the July general meeting, so stop by to see how we're doing and, as always, find out how you can be of assistance (we would especially like to have someone help with the posters/publicity). Please contact either Marlene (mjkg.528@com-cast.net) or Gene and Kathryn (geneofva@gmail.com) if you would like to help with the play. (By the way, the play contains some "adult content," so please take that into account when considering inviting younger family members).

Our stars include: Kathy Carrico as Barbara, Walt Meyer as David, Val Bowman as Trudy, Bob Bowman as Martin, Jim Burwell as Maurice, and Gayle Chisholm as Sophie. Also Dot Schuetze and Chuck Breder are our stalwart understudies.

Remember, the play dates of Tuesday-Thursday, October 6, 7 and 8. Tickets (using the light blue reservation form) will go on sale in early September.

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A LANGUAGE ALL ITS OWN

Theater, like any specialized pursuit, has a vocabulary uniquely its own. Some of the terms are familiar and are used in everyday conversation. Others are unusual and rarely heard outside the language of theater. Following are several terms that are useful to know especially when talking about the set.

Backdrop is a large drapery of painted canvas that provides a covering for the rear or upstage of a set.

Batten is a suspended tubular metal bar from which overhead lighting can be attached or hung.

Border is a narrow, horizontal masking piece above the stage. The purpose is to hide lighting rig or scenery in theaters that can raise scenery out of sight.

Box set is a scenic design that includes three walls to give a realistic visual effect. It emphasizes the notion of a fourth invisible wall, the one at the front through which the audience observes the action.

Cove is a position in the auditorium where stage lighting can be placed and hidden from the audience.

Drop is a large piece of fabric hung down onto the stage floor.

Flat is a flat piece of painted scenery often consisting of a wooden frame covered with stretched fabric, usually canvas.

Legs are vertical curtains or flats used to hide the wings from view and frame the audience's view of the stage.

Rake is the slope of the floor of the auditorium or, when appropriate, the stage.

Tabs refer to tableaux curtains. In theaters with curtains to hide the stage when the performance is not in progress, these are called house tabs.

Next month more terms will be discussed in the language of theater.

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Brain Teaser

Last month's Brain Teaser (in which you were asked to identify TV/screen cowboys and their horses) was won by Jim Burwell. The answers were as follows: Roy Rogers-Trigger; Hopalong Cassidy-Topper; Andy Devine-Joker; Matt Dillon-Buck; Dale Evans-Buttercup; Lone Ranger-Silver; Cisco Kid-Diablo; Tonto-Scout; Gene Autry-Champion. This month's challenge covers a topic that is very popular on the silver screen: the war movie. Just identify the war that is the subject of each of the following movies and email your answer to Kathryn (geneofva@gmail.com). The same war may be correct more than once.

1. *Glory*
2. *The Great Escape*
3. *Platoon*
4. *Hurt Locker*
5. *African Queen*
6. *The Buffalo Soldiers*
7. *Patriot*
8. *For Whom the Bell tolls*
9. *Dirty Dozen*
10. *Full Metal Jacket*

Mark your calendar

HHLT Annual Picnic will be on Saturday, October 17 at Georgiana and Nick Ides' at 6245 Clay Hill Ct. Rain date will be Sunday, October 18.

Heritage Hunt Little Theater

General Meeting June 18, 2015 Minutes

The meeting was called to order in the Craft Room at 7:00 PM by Vice-President Sandy Thompson. Twenty-one members were present. Board Members absent were Denny Cumber, Helen Esposito, and Georgiana Ide.

Secretary's Report: Jim Burwell read aloud the minutes of the May General Meeting, which were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: As of June 15th the Balance is \$11,128.75. Expenses (Administrative and HHLT Brochures) for the month totaled \$196.52. The report was accepted.

Vice-President's Report: Sandy called upon Gene Schmiel to report on the Fall Play, "Social Security" by Andrew Bergman. The Production, Cast, and Crew members were announced. Gene noted that help with Program and Graphics is still needed.

President's Report: No report.

Activities Report: Although there was no report, Nancy Mahevich expressed appreciation to Georgiana and Nick Ide for their post-theater party on June 14th.

Membership Report: Ginny McCardle gave an update regarding members whose dues remain unpaid. A number of them intend to resign from membership.

At-Large Report: Kathy Carrico reported that a more sturdy replacement for the Memorial Bench could be purchased for \$544. The original plaque has been salvaged. Purchase was approved, and the bench will be placed at the same spot near the corner of Heritage Hunt Drive and Charismatic Way.

Communication's Report: Kathryn Schmiel reported that Jim Burwell won the May Brainteaser, successfully matching Cowboy movie stars with their horses.

Old Business: Sandy presented the revised Donations Policy and Application, which were approved. Updating of Board Members Job Descriptions for the Bylaws Committee is a "work in progress".

Open Issues: Nancy Mahevich noted that her granddaughter will be playing "The Little Mermaid" in the present Fauquier Theater production.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James Burwell Secretary