Art of acting is to move the audience, not the actor.





Marching On: When in Rome

by Bets Knepley, Director

We now have a dozen rehearsals under our belt and the cast is beginning to develop their characters. Blocking is still ongoing and going on and on. With such a large cast, blocking seems to never end.

My sincere apology to Helen Esposito (Julia) and Beth Harrington (Muse). I inadvertently left

them off the cast list in last month's newsletter. My "senior moments" are getting more frequent. Please forgive.

Two cast members have dropped out—Ed Dufrane and Joanne Smith. Luckily we were able to replace them with a new member, Dave Daniels (Roman Soldier), and Helen Kriegel (Laffinia/Lady) who is playing two roles. A big round of applause and thanks to them for stepping in and saving the play.

Costume Designer Pat Dews adds a touch of pizazz to the play with her colorful designs. Jim Campbell is doing a wonderful job as music director. Dave Milbradt, Alan Mager and Lloyd King have come up with a terrific set design. Lynn Levvis is creating some exciting dance routines. Stage Managers Goldie Grandy and Joey Wagner are doing a great job, making my task so much easier. Several actors have already memorized their lines. And you should hear the Muses sing! Wow!

So you see, we have a great start—on our way to a fabulous finish. And we're having fun on the way!

Treasurer's Report

by Jim Campbell, Treasurer

The Little Theatre budget for 2006 was approved by the membership at the January General Meeting. Yearly dues of \$10 (due in January '06 for all current members) are an important item in that budget, and your continued membership is important to us. If you have not already done so, please give your dues to me (cash, or check made out to HHLT) at a show rehearsal, a General Meeting, or by mail to HHLT, 13765 Charismatic Way. Thanks!

From the President

Hope you had a happy Valentines Dav!

February is provina to be as unpredictable as March. One day I'm sitting out on a lawn chair with some neighbors. A few days later those same neiahbors and I are standing around waiting for our turn to use our block's snow blower. I may be from way up north in New York, but that doesn't mean I have to like the white stuff.

Joyce Mancini has a 3rd birthday blast planned for us after our (short) general meeting. See ya at 7:00pm in the card room on February 23.

Helen Esposito, President

Voice Your Opinion!

by Sandy Mills

We are an opinionated lot by nature, so use this quality to provide some feedback to the next director, who is having difficulty making a choice among several likely productions. In order to make a wise choice, it would help to know how many people are available for auditions in August and rehearsals beginning in September. Our fall production is scheduled for November 14,15,16,17, 2006.

I am/am not available for the fall production. (Circle one)

Would you prefer:

- a.) another large scale, large cast musical
- b.) a smaller scale, smaller cast musical, accompanied by piano only
- c.) a large cast non-musical comedy with a speaking part for everyone

This is NOT a vote but merely a way of providing feedback to an undecided director.

If you are unable to return this in paper form, please feel free to e-mail me your opinion and availability at skmills@attglobal.net. Your participation will ensure a successful production.



General Meeting

Thursday, February 23rd 7pm in the Card Room

Birthday Bash

February 23rd—7PM—Card Room

<u>Sight & Bite Nite</u>

May 7—Cost \$36

Oliver at Fauquier Community Theater

Dinner at Stonewall Golf Club

Readers Theater Workshop

Cancelled until further notice

May Production Dates: When in Rome

May 2, 3, 4 and 5

Fall Production Dates

November 14, 15, 16 and 17

Activities Committee

by Joyce Mancini, Activities Chair
Send in the clowns!
Well, I've finally done it!
I've achieved my childhood
dream of running away and
joining the circus. It seems
everyone in our little group of
thespians wants to be a clown.
Join us as we present a skit
called Career Changes. We'll
tell you what our secret
dream jobs are. We'll also
give you a few tears as Dottie
aives some advice on how to

make a house a home. Could you ask for more? I think not. Except for cake and coffee. Cash bar will be available.

You ask "Where can I see this fabulous entertainment?" At our third Birthday Bash on Thursday, February 23rd in the Card Room right after our general meeting. All HHLT members are invited to join the merriment. Hope to see you there.

We have also had to change the date of our Sight and Bite to May 7th. We'll see the musical Oliver at the Fauquier Community Theater and then go to the Brass Cannon Restaurant at Stonewall Golf Club at Lake Manassas for a wonderful dinner. Cost is \$36—all inclusive. Call me at 1622 to reserve a place.