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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Preparations for our production of "Larceny and Old Lace" June 16, 17, and 18 are moving ahead at a rapid pace, though we have had a few bumps in the road along the way. Tickets (a great bargain for \$25) are now on sale (via the pale yellow form), and we hope to have three sold-out sessions for this hilarious and family-friendly comedy. Make sure to tell your friends and neighbors about the play and encourage them to buy their tickets early (and often!).

(A "get well soon" wish for Pat Boggs, one of the "casualties" of the bumps in the road mentioned above).

All HHLT members will be able to have a "sneak preview" of the play next week **Thursday, May 20**, when we are rehearsing from 6-8 in the ballroom. The timing overlaps our **general meeting at 7 in the craft room**, so since I am in the play, VP Ina Mayer will chair the general meeting. All HHLT members should feel free to come by the rehearsal either before or after the general meeting to see how we are doing and cheer us on.

Looking ahead for the HHLT, our next general meeting was scheduled for June 17. However, since that is one of our performance evenings, the board has decided to cancel that gathering. The next meeting, after May 20, will be on Thursday July 15.

By the way, later this month (May 21-23) we will see the grand opening of the nearby Hylton Performing Arts Center. This new venue is a wonderful addition to the fine arts opportunities in our area, and like you, I look forward to attending numerous performances in the future. Read M.J.'s article on the next page for more information.

See you all on the stage or in the audience next month!!

Gene Schmiel



Hylton Performing Arts Center

Now a Reality

The formal dedication ceremony of this beautiful new structure took place on Saturday, May 1st at 2 p.m. in Merchant Hall, the 1000 plus capacity theater reminiscent of the Grand Opera House La Scala in Italy. It has to be seen to be believed! More than ten years in the planning and construction phases, this remarkable building was made possible by the collaboration of the city of Manassas, George Mason University, Prince William County, and the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as hundreds of generous donors, supporters, and volunteers.

Here at Heritage Hunt, a group of volunteers first met in May, 2007 to decide how best to promote, support, and raise funds for this new Performing Arts Center. Hence, the HHPACC - Heritage Hunt Performing Arts Center Council - began its mission. Little Theater members -- Pat Boggs, Mary Jane Brickach, Helen Esposito, Natalie June, Nanette Ross and Yvonne Stathis-- were there at the start. Later on, at a regular Little Theater meeting, when Pat Boggs first brought up the idea of donating \$2500 to "buy a seat" with HHLT's name on it, our members voted overwhelmingly to do so. In Saturday's dedication program booklet, our name is listed as a donor under the category "ARTS ADVOCATES." As a group, we can feel very proud of our contribution and can look forward to having many offerings of music, dance, and theater to choose from in the coming years. HHLT's activities chairman -- Jack Merelman -- is very enthused about group outings in the coming season for Little Theater members. He will be talking about that at future meetings once the schedule is available.

In the meantime, if you would like information about the Opening Weekend activities of May 21, 22, and 23, you can visit www.HyltonPerformingArtsCenter.com or call 888-945-2468. Sunday, May 23, is Family Day from 12 to 5 p.m. and at \$10 per adult and FREE for children of all ages, it's quite a bargain!

Sincerely,
M.J. Brickach