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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations/Camaraderie: Each night as I left the stage after “Judgment at Nuremberg,” I looked back at the set with its four venues: main stage, front stage, “kitchen,” and video screen, and thought what an intricate, complex, and splendid multi-media concoction HHLT put together, under the inspired leadership of our director, MJ Brickach. All the rehearsals, memorization, and teamwork, not to mention the carpentry, painting, make-up, stage and ticket management, and costuming, etc., came together in three great performances of what undoubtedly was the most ambitious project HHLT has ever attempted. The congratulations to everyone involved, both on and off-stage, are clearly well-deserved. But equally important was the sense of camaraderie which was established during our many weeks together. We put in all that time and effort for the compensation not of money, but of friendship and the feeling that we did something special. This play will live long in the memory of HHLT.

Next Meeting Reminder: Our next **general meeting** is on **Thursday, November 18**, in the Craft room, 7:00pm, and there will once again be a social time, with refreshments, after the meeting. This meeting, our last for the calendar year, is especially important because we will be voting to fill three positions on the board. Members can vote at the meeting or absentee, via Treva Whyte.

Spring Play: The November 18 meeting will also provide an opportunity to hear more about the spring production. See the attached note from VP Ina Mayer for more information.

Looking ahead, Joyce Mancini will once again host a pre-Thanksgiving feast on Sunday November 21, so please let her know if you are coming and what you will bring for this “pot luck” enterprise.

Inventory: At long last I finished the inventory as of mid-October. Of course, five minutes later it became outdated because we moved materials hither and yon, and now we’ve moved them back to yon and hither. But by the end of the year, once the materials are in their “new homes,” I will once again try to complete a “final inventory” for use in the future.

Gene Schmiel

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Last month the board approved a Readers' Theater production consisting of humorous short skits (no more than 5 or 6 minutes long). These will be read with no need for memorization and will give many more members a chance to perform. Joyce Mancini and I have been working to put this program together. If you have a funny script that you feel would work with this venue, please give it to Joyce or me so we can see if it will fit in with the other selections. At our meeting on November 18th, we will have a read-through of some of the material we've chosen. We plan to finish the read-through at January's meeting and have auditions in February.

Ina Mayer



Heritage Hunt Little Theater Officers and Tenures:

President: Gene Schmiel, 2010, 2011
Vice President: Ina Mayer, 2010, 2011
Treasurer: Treva Whye, 2010, 2011
Secretary: Goldie Grandy, 2010, 2011
Activities: Jack Merelman, 2009, 2010 (tenure ends 12/10)
Membership: Sil Zinicola, 2009, 2010 (tenure ends 12/10)
At-Large/Publicity: Joyce Mancini, 2009, 2010 (tenure ends 12/10)

Heritage Hunt Little Theater
General Meeting Minutes October 21, 2010

Officers Present: President Gene Schmiel, Vice President Ina Mayer, Secretary Goldie Grandy, Activities Jack Merelman, Member-at-Large Joyce Mancini and Sil Zinacola. Absent: Treva Whyte.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented in the Newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was given by Ina Mayer. The current balance is \$8,821.94. Expenses of \$521.87 were reported.

Activities: Joyce Mancini reminded members of the Thanksgiving dinner at her home on November 21. Joyce will prepare the turkey and attending members will bring a side dish. Joyce passed a sign-up sheet and requested that members please sign up and indicate what you will bring and how many will attend. Gene complimented Joyce on the wonderful Horn article about the play.

Vice President: Ina Mayer reported the list of candidates for election to replace three retiring officers. The candidates are Joey Wagner, Betty Hitchcock, Walt Meyer, Sandy Mills, Ed Prendergast, and Tom Taggart. The elections will be held at the November 18 meeting. Three individuals will be elected to fill the three vacancies. Members may vote by absentee ballot prior to the meeting up to two days before. Sil is sending the absentee ballot in an attachment to an e-mail that can be printed out and sent to Treva. The voting results will be announced at that meeting.

President: Gene Schmeil noted that work is beginning on the Spring play. He said that great progress is being made on the current play. Everyone in the cast is working hard.

He reported that there were 40 people who came to the annual pot luck dinner at the Schmiel home. All who attended had a good time and a wonderful meal.

Walt recommended a book "Alone In Berlin" about those times.

The inventory is nearly completed and will be available on the internet.

Ted Day and Don Jewel will be purchasing the tools for use of the Little Theater. Tools will be stored at the Schmiel residence.

The Charter for the club has been completed and turned in.

The recent Board meeting was attended by MJ Brichach and Denny Cumber who were asking permission to put information in the local papers and perhaps the Post. Also to possibly invite people from outside the community. This has never been done because our Charter states that only people from the HH community may buy tickets or bring in family and friends. It was agreed that it could be tried and Joyce will contact the papers. She did call the Post but she got no reply. She also contacted the Bull Run Observer but they cannot put it in due to our being a closed community.

New Business: Joyce said that Midge Teahan, who works at a children's book store, has asked for volunteers to read in some schools on Tuesday, November 9, National Reading Day. The schools are Bristow and Tyler Elementary. Midge can be reached at 703-743-5863 if you are interested in being a reader.

Betty Hitchcock reported that ticket sales for the play are as follows: Wednesday, 67; Thursday, 137; and 195 for Friday night for a total of 399 tickets sold to date. Cast members have gone to the Tuesday night dinners in costume and spoke, with German accents, to the diners about the play. Tables at the play will be 8-9 seating.

Ina and Joyce told the group that the Board had approved a Spring play that will be a Readers Theater. They will be co-directing. The play will be called "A Handful of Humor" and will consist of a number of skits. This will allow more LT members to participate. They want to do something light following the serious November play. There will be no memorizing, actors will read from scripts. The play will be on May 16, 17, 18. Auditions will take place in early February. There are still details to be worked out.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Goldy Grandy