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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Preparations for our new play, “Judgment at Nuremberg,” are now well underway, and all of the cast members and support staff are deeply involved in what undoubtedly will be a moving and meaningful experience for everyone involved. A list of the characters, players, and staff is included in this newsletter.



After the **general meeting** on Thursday, **September 16, at 7:00pm**, rehearsal will take place in the **Craft Room** immediately thereafter. Because of the confluence of these events, we will not have a “social hour” following the meeting this month.

(By the way, the Thursday, October 21 general meeting will take place in the Marsh Mansion large living room since the Craft room is unavailable that day)

During next week’s general meeting we will be announcing that the nominating committee, Bill Harrison, Nanette Ross, and Treva Whyte has been formed and will be looking for candidates for the three board positions coming open at the end of the year. Nominations will be announced at the October meeting and elections will take place at the November meeting. If you’re interested in serving on the board, please let us know. The current board members and their tenure is included in this newsletter.

The annual HHLT picnic, chez Schmiel (6940 Sunday Silence Ct.) on Saturday September 25 from 3-6 needs your input, i.e. pot luck food and drinks. We will send you all a reminder e-mail, but this is also a reminder to contact either Jack Merelman or Joyce Mancini by phone before, during, or after the next meeting to let them know if you are coming and what you are bringing.

Our friend and long-time member Ailene Drennan died recently, and we are going to commemorate her by contributing \$100 in the name of HHLT to “House of Mercy,” and we will dedicate the new play to her memory.

Inventory: I have begun the inventory process by detailing the “holdings” in the Schmiel and Mancini residences and will be in touch with the others who have HHLT “holdings” over the next few weeks so that we can finalize that process.

Tools: The board discussed the proposal by Don Jewell to purchase some basic tools for use in constructing and deconstructing sets, etc. and decided to allocate up to \$500 for that purpose. We will be in touch with Don and Ted Day to discuss what to buy, and the Schmiels have volunteered to keep the tools in their storage area when not in use.

New Members: Welcome to Sharon Ferguson and Myrna Fitzgerald, who joined at the last meeting, and a belated welcome to Sandy Thompson and Joe Ganey.

See you all next **Thursday the 16th at 7 in the Craft Room**
Gene Schmiel

"JUDGEMENT AT NUREMBERG"

DIRECTOR: MJ Brickach

CREW:

Producer: Denny Cumber
Publicity: Bets Knepley
Costumes: Kathryn Schmiel
Set Design: Joey Wagner
Set Construction: Ted Day
Makeup: Sandy Iasiello
Asst. Stage Manager: Sandy Thompson

CAST:

Judge Haywood: Chuck Breder
Oscar Rolfe: Sil Zinicola
Col. Parker: Gene Schmiel
Ernst Janning: Art Moscatello
Judge Ives: Jack Merelman
Judge Norris: Don Jewell
Emil Hahn: Mel Ross
Friederich Hoffstetter: Joe Ganey
Captain Byers: Denny Cumber
Dr. Wickert: Ed Prendergast
Mrs. Halberstadt: Sandy Mills
Mrs. Bertholt: Nanette Ross
Anna Peterson: Lynne Block
Dr. Geuter: Gene Brickach
Maria Wallner: Sharon Ferguson
Elsa Lindnow: Joyce Mancini
Narrator: Dennis Massie



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)

General Meeting Minutes - August 19, 2010

Officers Present: Gene Schmiel, Ina Mayer, Treva Whyte, Sil Zinicola, Joyce Mancini, Jack Merelman and Goldie Grandy

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

Gene introduced three new members: Sharon Ferguson, Myrna Fitzgerald and Aran Mukherjer. He also reported that Ron Ronaldi had recently had heart by-pass surgery.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed with one correction, the Fall play dates will be November 10, 11 and 12. The Spring 2011 play dates will be May 18, 19 and 20. She is still looking for directors for the Spring play and for the future.

Treasure's Report: Treva reported that the amount in the treasury was the same as in July, \$9626.76.

Vice President's Report: Ina reported that the Traveling Theater Troupe is on hold for a while due to all the activity around the Fall play. She suggested that rather than two large productions each year we do something like a Reader's Theater performance for our second production in the Spring. She has ordered a book of comedies suitable for a Reader's Theater production. Logistics such as room, dinner or dessert to be decided. It was noted that we already have the Ballroom reserved. The suggestion was tabled until the next meeting.

She mentioned an Elder Hostel trip to Florida in January or February 2011 called "Backstage With Scripts, Sets, Lights and Sound". If any members are interested in learning more about this call Ina at 1906.

Member At Large: Joyce had no report.

Membership: Sil reported three new members. There are now 53 paid members.

Activities: Jack noted a busy Fall schedule coming up. He has arranged for a social gathering of the Little Theater group to go to the Tuesday night at 5:00 pm in the Hawaiian Buffet on August 24th. We will be in the Mountain Room.

The date for annual picnic at the Schmiel's home was in conflict with the Hylton Center program honoring the Heritage Hunt' Little Theater their contributions on behalf of the Center. The date was changed from Sunday September 26 to Saturday September 25. This picnic is pot luck and will be held from 3-6 pm.

President's Report: Gene noted that a nominating committee is working on finding people to fill the three Board positions being vacated by current officers. The positions to be filled are Membership, Member at Large and Activities. Committee will be Treva, Ina, and Joyce. Elections will be in November.

The inventory process will begin soon. If anyone knows where there is any equipment, costumes, props etc. please let us know. It will then be put on the computer and available for future plays. John Gatt will be updating the character list of the plays already presented.

Don Jewel, Ted Day and Chuck Breder sent an e-mail proposal to spend for approximately \$450 for a variety of tools to be purchased for use in constructing the sets, etc., which would then be put into the inventory. The Board will review this at their next meeting and bring it to the September General Meeting.

New Business: MJ Brickach reported that the scripts had been distributed, including audition forms. She requested members audition for the specific role they would like to play.

MJ reported she had met with the new management on behalf of the Little Theater. She asked whether we could get any discounts etc. She spoke separately to Kerry, the new person in charge of resident events, and the answer was no. She was told the dinner prices had been increased since the June production and they are now also charging for linens. MJ chose a menu of Chopped Sirloin Steak with mushroom gravy, spinach salad, mashed potatoes, broccoli florets and chocolate mousse for dessert. There will also be a vegetarian option. The cost will be \$30 per person. She hopes to have 22 tables seating 10 people each. Tickets go on sale Oct 1 through Nov 1.

Posters, handouts, fliers, reservation forms, ads in the Horn and the programs will again be done by Bets and Ed Knepley. Joyce will do written publicity in the Horn. Actors will primarily provide their own costumes. Kathryn Schmiel has agreed to help get three army costumes. Pat Dews will act as consultant for the costume person as she is not up to doing it all. Sandy Iasiello will do makeup. Joey Wagner and Ted Day will work on sets. Tech assistance will be provided by LSTV. She is looking for stage managers, prop persons, and ticket people. She is also looking for someone willing to hold the cast party at their home.

There being no further business Arlene Maroney moved to adjourn, Ina Mayer seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be September 15 in the Craft Room at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Goldie Grandy