

# ShowTime

August 2011

## Board of Directors

The Newsletter of the  
Heritage Hunt Little Theater  
[www.hhlittletheater.com](http://www.hhlittletheater.com)

*President - Gene Schmiel  
Vice President—Ina Mayer  
Secretary—Sandy Mills  
Treasurer—Treva Whyte  
Activities—Betty Hitchcock  
Membership—Ed Prendergast  
Member-at-Large—Goldie Grandy*

Publisher: Bill Harrison  
Editor: Helen Esposito

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**A Few Good Years!:** Bill and Ina are moving ahead quickly in preparing for it. If you are interested in playing a role on the stage or behind the scenes, please get in touch with one of them soon. We will be doing a read-through of more of the play at our **next meeting, Thursday, August 18 at 7 PM** in the Craft Room, so this will be a good opportunity for everyone to get a “feeling” for this new play. Formal auditions will be on August 19 (7-9 PM in the Craft Room) and August 20 (9A.M. to 12 Noon in the Mt. View Room).



**Play-Writing Contest:** We hope to see numerous entries for this contest, sponsored by HHLT. See the Horn for details.

**Storage of HHLT Inventory:** We hope to have a report and a recommendation for action soon. If anyone has any ideas, or would like to volunteer their lower level (aka basement) for storage of our inventory, we would love to hear from you.

**Picnic:** Each year the HHLT has its annual picnic during the summer months hosted by a member at their home. We need a volunteer for this year, so please let us know if you are willing to do this. It is always pot-luck and the HHLT chips in to help defray costs, so we hope to hear from a lucky volunteer soon.

**Play and Director Selection:** The Board has been discussing the methodology for selecting directors and plays, and we plan to advise the membership of the new procedures very soon. We hope and trust this will both systematize and simplify this process.

**Leadership Note:** In my absence and that of VP, Ina Mayer, Betty Hitchcock will preside over the general meeting next Thursday.

Gene Schmiel

, HHLT General Meeting Minutes --- July 21, 2011

Meeting was brought to order at 6:59 PM by President Gene Schmiel. He welcomed the 21 members present with a remark about summer doldrums not stopping HHLT. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Treva Whyte reported a balance of \$9744.60. We had expenses from the production, cast party and refreshments from last meeting.

Joyce Mancini suggested that the coffee and refreshments for the monthly meeting be discontinued due to the annual expense. This matter to be taken up later under New Business.

Betty Hitchcock announced that we will have a buffet dinner in the clubhouse board room on August 9th. (5PM) A list was passed around to sign up. Our clubhouse accounts will be used as form of payment. Cancellation will be by the standard procedure of the red clubhouse form. Betty also asked for a volunteer to host the annual picnic in Sept or Oct.

Membership chair Ed Prendergast said it's been a slow couple of months. Ed then reported on the prices of the 3 storage facilities that he contacted. Joyce Mancini reacted to annual amount as too costly for the organization. Gene asked for a volunteer to offer their basement for storage. Betty suggested that a resident be encouraged to provide storage space in their home for a small stipend. Joey Wagner suggested that much of the pieces be discarded; it would be more economical to replace them than to pay to store them. Kathryn Schmiel made a motion to put an ad in the Horn asking for storage space within the community. Motion was approved.

Gene commended Roger del Rosario on the playwriting contest.

Goldie Grandy reported that she took action that caused the HHLT meeting to appear on the calendar in the Horn.

Gene thanked Helen Esposito and Bill Harrison for their work on the newsletter for the last 3 years. Bets is due to take over this responsibility. He also reminded members that there would be a read thru of act 1 of "A Few Good Years". (AFGY)

Lois Potter asked for photos from Arsenic and Old Lace. It is the only production undocumented in the scrapbook.

NEW BUSINESS: Joyce Mancini made a motion that \$125 was too much to pay for refreshments for so few members attending the monthly meeting. The motion was to stop the refreshments. During discussion Lois suggested reducing the amount ordered and limiting refreshments to 4 times a year. This issue will be discussed at the next board meeting..

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. Next meeting will be August 18, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Mills, Secretary



*!Laissez les bons temps roulez!*

The next Senior Theater Festival will be held June 3 - 7, 2012 in New Orleans, LA. Save the date! Host hotel is Harrah's New Orleans Hotel and Casino. Key speakers will be Dr. Stuart Kandall and Jeanne Kelly. Dr. Kandall, nationally acclaimed director of Stagebridge, has been called a "pioneer in the field of creative aging". Dr. Kandall's workshops will focus on storytelling and intergenerational theatre.

Jeanne Kelly spotlights a new direction for Senior Theater - USA. In addition to workshops featuring skill building activities, Ms. Kelly will conduct the festival choral concert. She is the founder of Encore Creativity for Older Adults which has performed at the White House and the Kennedy Center. Participating choral groups will perform their favorite pieces for this master choral conductor.

More information will be coming out later. For the latest news, check the website: [seniortheatreUSA.com](http://seniortheatreUSA.com).

Submitted by Sandy Mills

### **Play Auditions**

As indicated in Gene's letter, the auditions will take place Friday, August 19th from 7:00—9:00 PM and Saturday, August 20th from 9:00 AM until noon. There are parts for 4 men and 4 women plus up to six mimes. Not sure about learning lines, you can go through the whole play with your mouth shut.

Please call Bill (x1644) and let him know if you are interested in the Friday or Saturday time slot so we can organize things a bit.

This will be an exciting new adventure for Little Theater so become part of the history. Please let Bill know when you would like to audition.

This play, A Few Good Years is going to be "cool".

Ina/Bill

**This will be the final newsletter published by Bill and edited by Helen. We have enjoyed working on this for HHLT for the past several years. Hope you have enjoyed our efforts as we turn the publication over to others.**

**Helen/Bill**