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ShowTime

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Note From the Editor —

Due to vacations,
"Showtime" will not be published in
July nor in August.

General Meeting on
Thursday, June 25 at 7:00pm
in the Craft Room.. Come to
hear about the July 12 Sunday
Social Breakfast



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SPOTLIGHT ON JOHN GATT

It's a pleasure to honor the big "GUN" of HHLT...John Michael "GATT". John was born in Detroit, MI. His wife, Dodie, of 40 years passed away in 2000, but John is blessed with a supportive family of 6 children and 9 grandchildren. John lived in Fairfax from 1983 until 2001 when he moved to HH.

After 30 years in the Air Force, John retired as a full colonel. He logged over 5000 hours as aircraft commander including 109 combat missions in Southeast Asia. While in the AF, John coached girls' softball and high school volleyball, and boys' high school basketball. In Munich he coached a German semi-pro basketball team and was head coach of a German football team that played in Germany's version of the Super Bowl. After he retired from the AF, John worked for 20 years as executive trainer for an auto dealer in Manassas, and retired March 2009. John now can devote more time to his favorite hobbies of golf and fishing.

John has considerable theatrical experience. While in the AF he put on variety shows and played and sang in a folk group. His first acting performance was in HHLT's production of "Don't Say No to the USO", and his proudest experience was writing and directing "The Last Dress Rehearsal". He also directed "Trouble at the Tropicabana", HHLT's recent production of "Reunion at Mount Sanguine, and also MC'd five HH Variety Shows. John says..."HHLT is a great organization, and I wish more members would take a more active role in future productions. You'll never know if you can act, produce, or direct unless you try". That's good advice from one who's tried them all.

Art Moscatello, Membership Chair

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting - May 28, 2009

President Zinicola opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

Minutes - The minutes of April 23rd were read. Motion to accept as read was made by Goldie Grandy and seconded by Ina Mayer.

Treasurer's report - Jane reported a balance of \$10,162.32 as of May 28th 2009. Jane also stated that the tree (donated in the memory of Jim Campbell) was planted today. With regard to this Jane read a letter from Doris Campbell thanking the HHLT for this tribute to him.

Activities - Joyce reported that she is working on the "Site & Bite" program. Eldon Street Theater is having a production of "Amour" in August. Joyce is trying to get tickets for August 2nd or 9th. She also told us that Joey had advised her that the theater gives out a 1/2 price discount ticket for Tortilla Factory, which is in the same neighborhood. Everyone agreed with this suggestion so Joyce will proceed with plans for this. The Classic Movie Night will be on June 6th. She will again attempt to show "West Side Story".

Membership - Art reported that there are still unpaid dues for some people. He stated that these people would be put on the inactive list. We now have 68 paid up members and hoping for new ones. There were two guests with us this evening, namely Chuck & Judy Covarrubias.

Plays - Joey stated we still do not have a director for the fall play. She gave a synopsis of a few 1-act plays she has on hand. John Gatt has renewed his offer to be an executive director for these one-act plays but we still need directors. In regard to this Sil brought forth a suggestion. He wanted to get an idea if the membership was open to obtaining someone outside the community to direct.. Sil knows a person through his work. He stated that she is connected with the "Little Theater of Alexandria" and has directed plays and also has sound & lighting experience but that she would only be available on weekends. After lengthy discussion it was decided that we think this over. There is nothing in the bylaws against this but we are still hoping for someone to come forward from Heritage Hunt either for a regular or for one of the 1-act plays. If no one comes forward by August we will have to abort the fall production.

TTT - Ina reported that they have new material for some skits. TTT has not been too active lately inasmuch as so many of our members have been involved with the spring play.

NEW BUSINESS Art presented a request. It seems there has been a Fund set up for Nestor Pangilinan (Heritage Hunt's Maintenance Engineer). His wife recently had a stroke and eventually died. Nestor is left with a young child. A motion was made by Denny Cumber and seconded by Joyce Mancini to donate \$500.00 from Heritage Hunt Little Theater. This was passed by the membership.

Lois Potter requested that whoever might have pictures from the recent play to please get them to her so she can put them in the HHLT scrapbook.

Nanette Ross made an announcement to remind us to attend the June 14th performance of the Bell Ringers in the Ballroom at 4 PM There will be dessert served and the charge will be \$20.00.

Goldie Grandy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM and was seconded by Dot Schueteze. The next General Meeting will be on June 25th at 7 PM in the Craft Room.

Arlene Maroney, Secretary