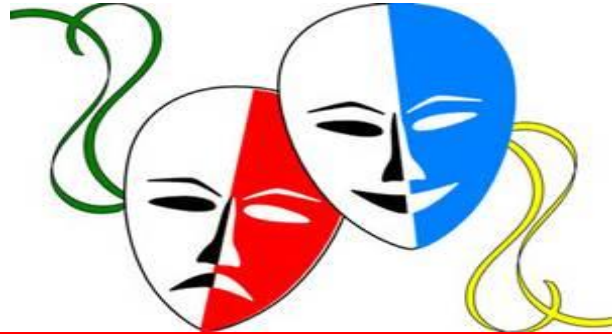


HHLT PLAY TIME



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Newsletter of the Heritage Hunt Little Theater

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Best Wishes and Greetings to All!

General Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2016

7:00 pm in Mountain View Room

*Note **CHANGE** in location!*

*Come for Fun and Excitement and a
Celebration of HHLT's 13th birthday*



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Prez Sez

We're winding up another fun year with HHLT and looking back at some of our accomplishments. Two very different comedies, "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" and "Social Security," were both well received by our Heritage Hunt audiences. We are also changing our venue for the HHLT General Meetings from the Craft room to the Mountain View Room, with meetings held on the third Thursday of each month with the exception of August and December. This will allow us to use the LSTV capabilities for both education and fun videos as well as providing a more comfortable atmosphere for an expanded agenda for our meetings. Our newly-formed Program committee has planned activities for our first three meetings in 2016. We'll inaugurate our move at the January 21st meeting with HHLT's 13th Birthday party at 7:00 P.M. in the Mountain View room. Fun, food and surprises will abound.

At our final Board of Directors meeting for the year, we said goodbye to Sandy Thompson, Vice-President, Jim Burwell, Secretary and Helen Esposito, Treasurer. Thank you all so much for your two years of service. We then welcomed our new Board members, Bob Bowman, Joan Turner and Ina Mayer. After discussion and consensus, our new Board of Directors for 2016 is Denny Cumber – President; Bob Bowman – Vice-President; Joan Turner – Secretary; Kathy Carrico – Treasurer; Activities – Georgiana Ide; Membership – Ginny McCardle; At Large – Ina Mayer; Communications – Kathryn Schmiel.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our Birthday Party!
Happy Holidays, Denny

A Good Time to Ponder

The New Year will soon be upon us (can it possibly 2016?), and it seems like a good time to ponder why we love theater. Understandably there are many people involved in theater who have expressed their thoughts on the subject very articulately. Here are a few short quotes from four well-known dramatic persons:

“I like the ephemeral thing about theatre, every performance is like a ghost—it’s there and then it’s gone.”

Maggie Smith

“When I come into a theatre, I get a sense of security. I love an audience, I love people, and I act because I like trying to give pleasure to people.”

Vivien Leigh

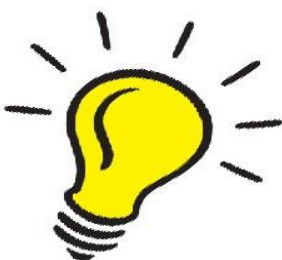
“From the start it has been theater’s business to entertain people. . . It needs no other passport than fun.”

Bertolt Brecht

“I love theater as much as music, and the whole idea of getting across to an audience and making them laugh, making them cry—just making them feel—is paramount to me.”

Stephen Sondheim

Let’s make 2016 as much fun, as entertaining, as emotionally-satisfying, as laughter-filled as we can for our audience and ourselves.



Brain Teaser

Last month's Brain Teaser (in which you were asked to identify the movie that contained the quote: "I'm mad as hell and I'm not gonna take it anymore!") was won by Christine King. The movie was "Network." This month's brain teaser will be a challenge. Following are short synopses of movies with a holiday theme. Name the movie and send your answers to Kathryn (geneofva@gmail.com) to win the monthly Starbucks card.

1. Employees of a gift shop can barely stand each other. They don't realize that they are falling in love through the mail as anonymous pen pals.
2. At an inn that is only open on holidays, a singer and a dancer vie for the love of a beautiful up-and-coming performer.
3. A soldier suffering from combat fatigue meets a young woman on Christmas furlough from prison. Their mutual loneliness blossoms into romance.
4. A successful song and dance team become romantically involved with a sister act and team up to save the failing Vermont inn of their former commanding general.
5. A man, discouraged and despondent, is nearly suicidal over the loss of \$8000 until his guardian angel appears to show him how much he has meant to so many people.

6. *After two disastrous family vacations, a man decides to plan the perfect family Christmas. The disasters continue.*

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7. *A nine year old wants nothing more for Christmas than a BB gun.*

Heritage Hunt Little Theater

General Meeting November 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Denny Cumber at 7:15 PM. Twenty-three members were present. Absent were Board Members Georgiana Ide and Kathy Carrico.

Secretary's Report: Jim Burwell read aloud the Minutes of the October General Meeting, which were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Helen Esposito reported Income from "Social Security" of \$3,520. Total Expenses for the period were \$1,987.97. The Balance as of November 10th was \$10,460.05. Her report (attached) was accepted.

Vice-President's Report: Sandy Thompson introduced Board Candidates Bob Bowman and Joan Turner. (Candidate Ina Mayer was absent.) The Candidates were elected to the Board of Directors by acclamation. Sandy reported that the Spring Play dates (April 19th, 20th, and 21st) have been contracted for. We are still seeking a Director.

President's Report: Denny conveyed thanks to Georgiana and Nick Ide, as well as their volunteers, for a very successful Annual Picnic. Congratulations were expressed to Kathryn Schmiel for designing the "Jeopardy Game" and to Joan Patton for conducting it. The dates for the 2016 Fall Play are being revised. Suggested are Tech Rehearsal November 6th, Dress Rehearsal November 7th, and Production on November 9th and tenth. HHLT received thanks for loaning our Fall Play set to help with "Talent Night" and "Jack Benny".

Activities Report: Kathryn Schmiel announced that the Mountain View Room will be our venue for General Meetings in 2016. The technology available there will be used to enhance our meetings, which will be held on the third Thursday of every month at 7 PM.

(No meeting in August and December.) Program Categories will include Speakers, Video presentations, Member-produced programs, and Fun & Games Nights. In addition to the ten General Meetings, there will be four off-site Theater Events and at least one overnight Theater Excursion. The goal for 2016 is to make all events more interesting and educational. Our Annual Birthday Party will be celebrated at the January 21st meeting, and Valentine's Day will be noted in February. A suggested future Event was a joint dinner at Flint Hill with Fauquier Theater members. The HHLT Program Planning Committee members are Denny Cumber, Mary Anne Bosco, Val Bowman, Georgiana Ide, Nancy Mahevich, Joan Patton, and Kathryn Schmiel.

Membership Report: Ginny McCardle welcomed visitor Nadine Bishop to our meeting. She reported that the Membership Questionnaires have been sent out and replies are being catalogued.

At-Large Report: No report.

Communications Report: Kathryn noted that Christine King won the Monthly Quiz. The quotation was from "Network".

New Business: Nadine Bishop, representing the Hylton Center, briefly described their program.

Open Comments: Gene Schmiel thanked all participants for their support of "Social Security" and noted its financial success. He commented that Directing is arduous but rewarding, and encouraged others to try it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James Burwell, Secretary