

HHLT PLAY TIME

June  2015

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next General Meeting—Thursday, June 18
7 pm in the Craft Room

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A Farewell to Sil and Janice Zinicola

Saying good-bye is never easy especially when the couple departing is as loved and talented as Sil and Janice Zinicola. For nearly ten years they have contributed to the success of HHLT productions: Janice for her paintings which have decorated the set and Sil for his magnificent acting skills which covered the gamut of roles comedic as well as dramatic. Sil appeared in “Love Letters,” “Twelve Angry Men,” “Larceny and Old Lace,” “Judgment at Nuremberg,” “Murder at the Orient Express,” and “Ancestral

Voices.” He also served as President of HHLT. We will miss them tremendously as they move to their new home in Ashburn and wish them all the best!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Bruce Candlemire

Christine King

Ginsy Shumate

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AN APPEAL FROM DENNY

HELP – HELP – HELP. We are still looking for someone to be our web master. I understand from talking with Bets that it's not nuclear fission and she will provide a tutorial. Please consider this – can we talk?

Enjoy summer.

Denny

HLT Fall Play: “Social Security”

By Gene and Kathryn Schmiel

It is early days, but plans and preparations are well under way for the HHLT fall production “Social Security,” to be held on October 6, 7, and 8. Auditions for the roles (three men and three women) were held on June 10 and June 13. The cast will be announced at the general meeting on June 18. Be sure to be there to learn who will play the “sophisticated” New Yorkers, the famous artist, and the ornery mother!

Some of the technical crew has already been assembled: Ted Day and Don Jewell will be handling set construction; Marlene Griffenhagen will be Producer; Jane Becker assisted by Christine King will be Stage Manager; John Bisaga will do the sound and light; Sandy Iasiello will do makeup; Walt Meyer will do photography; Nick Ide will do lighting and the video of the play. Others have offered to be readers for rehearsal. Still needed:

Tickets sales organizer and ticket takers

Greeters

Publicity (especially for the poster and Horn ad)

Also needed are some furnishings for the set: Scandinavian, mid-century modern love seat or sofa, coffee table and end table, bar and bar stools.

This play, which ran on Broadway for over a year in 1986, promises to be very funny. Please contact either Marlene (mjkg.528@comcast.net) or Gene and Kathryn (geneofva@gmail.com) if you would like to help with any of these jobs.

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ENJOYING SHAKESPEARE

A wonderful evening was had by all who attended the Sunday, June 14, "Twelfth Night" matinee and afterward enjoyed great food and drinks at the home of Georgiana and Nick Ide. Through their generosity we were able to learn about the Bard and the drama of the era, and enjoy the company of other members of HHLT. Many, many thanks to the Ides for sharing their home with us and making this event possible, hopefully the first of many more fun-filled events to come.

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A MESSAGE FROM GENE SCHMIEL

Thank you to everyone who came out to see the Fauquier Community Theater production of "Twelfth Night." Your enthusiasm and support are greatly appreciated! Thanks!

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Brain Teaser

Last month's Brain Teaser (in which you were asked to identify a Shakespearean quote) was won by M.J. Brickach. Whoa! This month's challenge is a real change of pace. Just match the cowboy with his (or her) horse and email your answers to Kathryn (geneofva@gmail.com).

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| 1. Roy Rogers | a. Scout |
| 2. Hopalong Cassidy | b. Champion |
| 3. Andy Devine (Jingles) | c. Silver |

4. Matt Dillon
5. Dale Evans
6. Lone Ranger
7. Cisco Kid
8. Tonto
9. Gene Autry

- d. Diablo
- e. Topper
- f. Trigger
- g. Buttermilk
- h. Buck
- i. Joker

Mark your calendar

HHLT Annual Picnic will be on Saturday, October 17 at Georgiana and Nick Ides' at 6245 Clay Hill Ct. Rain date will be Sunday, October 18.

ROAD SCHOLAR OFFERING IN STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

As if reading our minds the latest catalog of Road Scholar (formerly Elder-Hostel) programs includes a 4 night course at the American Shakespeare Center in Staunton, VA. The program includes three plays at the Blackfriars Playhouse as well as discussions and lectures on all aspects of Shakespeare and stagecraft. Lodging is at a historic Staunton hotel, and meals are included. The dates are Nov. 3-7, 2015, May 3-7, 2016, and June 7-11, 2016. More information on line at www.roadscholar.org.

Heritage Hunt Little Theater HHLT General Meeting May 21, 2015, Minutes

In the absence of President Denny Cumber, and Vice President Sandy Thompson, the meeting was called to order by Secretary Jim Burwell at 7:00pm. Board Member Ginny McCardle was also absent. Overall, 22 members were in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Jim Burwell read the minutes of the April 16, 2015 meeting. Correction was noted to street address of Georgiana Ide. They were approved with correction.

Treasurer's Report – Helen Esposito reported an income of \$11,295.27 as of May 12, 2015. During this reporting period there was income of \$13,183.65. Of this, \$30.00 was for membership fees and the balance was ticket sales of the production, "Bad Year for Tomatoes". Expenses totaled \$1,888.38, all of which were for the

production. The Report was accepted. Details are attached. Helen also reported that the net income for the production was \$1,675.22. Details are attached.

A discussion of the exorbitant cost of the bartenders for the production followed the Treasurer's Report. Seasoned members explained that this is an expense which had been discussed with Western Gulf and Billy Casper in the past with no satisfaction. Both the men's and women's choruses also bear this expense for their concerts. Georgiana Ide volunteered to discuss this practice with Billy Casper on behalf of HHLT.

Vice President's Report – In the absence of Sandy Thompson, Kathryn Schmiel announced that she and Gene will be directing the fall play. It will be held October 6-8 and is titled "Social Security". Kathryn then gave a synopsis of the play and said that there will be a reading after the meeting is adjourned. Kathryn announced that Jane Becker and Christine King will be stage managers, Ted Day will head up set construction, and she described the other crew positions that are available.

President's Report – Acting President Jim Burwell had nothing to report.

Activities Report – Georgiana reminded members that notes to Bets Knepley are still welcomed.

Gene Schmiel is in a production of "Twelfth Night" at Vint Hill. Georgiana said that she purchased tickets for June 14 and invited members to purchase their own ticket for that performance and then go to her home for refreshments and discussion. Members were asked to RSVP to Georgiana and to bring a dish to share. She will provide beverages.

Georgiana announced that our picnic will be a cook out at her home on October 17, with a rain date of October 18. More info will be forthcoming. Also Georgiana welcomes ideas for fun activities.

Membership Report – In Ginny McCardle's absence, Helen Esposito reported that Ginny will be following up with the approximately 20 unpaid members in 2015.

At-Large Report – Kathy Carrico had nothing new to report on the memorial bench. She then announced that resident Tom Chapman died and shared the details of the viewing and service.

Communications – Kathryn Schmiel reported that MJ Brickach was the winner of May's brain teaser. Someone suggested that rather than award the prize to the "first" respondent, to put all correct answers in a hat and draw a winner. Members felt that this is fairer since not everyone is constantly on the internet to read the Newsletter as soon as it is published. Kathryn liked this idea.

Old Business –

Donation Policy - In Denny Cumber's absence, Helen Esposito reported that the policy should be finalized for the next meeting.

By Laws update – In Sandy Thompson's absence, Jim Burwell reported that looking through the archives, he was able to find old job descriptions for Board members. They are being reviewed by the incumbents and then will be given to the committee so the committee can continue working on the By Laws.

Open questions/comments – There were none.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen Esposito, Treasurer

Acting for Jim Burwell, Secretary