

HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE THEATER PLAY TIME

November 2017

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Dates to Remember

Thursday, November 9— Next
General Meeting at 7:00 pm in
Mountain View Room. Note the
change of our usual meeting day!
The meeting will include Elections
and the One Act Play presentation

Saturday, December 9--Holiday
Party at Gene/Kathryn Schmiel's,
6:30 to 9:30 pm



PREZ SEZ



Love Letters was a success for many reasons. The audience liked it, we had senior and new members participate; some for the first time on stage, the matinee was well attended and the cast party was excellent. Thank you Gene Schmiel and team for what you accomplished. Now we are looking for that next director candidate. Give it a try and we'll help you. Bill

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November's Play Time is coming early due to the change of meeting date in November and the editor's vacation.



ELECTIONS COMING!

OUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!! Board elections are coming up on **November 9.** We need ready and willing candidates to step up to fill terms of office that are being completed. It's not hard, is a lot of fun, and is vital to the continuation of our club. We all love theater and need to pitch in to assure the vitality of our club. Please contact **Bob Bowman** if you would like to be on the board. Nominations may be made from the floor at the **November 9th meeting.** Just be sure to check with your nominee first!

SEEKING DIRECTOR(S)

HHLT is seriously in need of a member or members to step up to direct our spring production. As part of the performing arts community of Heritage Hunt it is our tradition to produce a play twice a year. Our dramatic

creativity is our contribution to the cultural vitality and variety that make Heritage Hunt a great place to live. If being a director seems overwhelming, consider co-directing or look into shorter one-act plays. Two directors each directing a one act play (of which there are many) would make an interesting evening. Bob Bowman, V.P., has a collection of plays (one act and others) to peruse. Please consider offering your time and talent to our production tradition. You will find it very rewarding!



The HHLT
together
Saturday,
from
930pm, at



Gene's home. The evening will start, as it did last year, with champagne and shrimp cocktail and lots of conversation and laughter. Mark your calendar!

Holiday Get-
will take place on
December 9th,
630pm-
Kathryn &

One Act Play Group

The One Act Play group met on Saturday, October 28. We are all enjoying our rendition of "Sorry, Wrong Number," a popular radio play by Lucille Fletcher. We will be performing



the play after
the general
meeting on
November 9.

Please note the
change of date. We plan to start a new play after the first of the year and welcome any suggestions. Email Kathy Carrico (kcarrico327@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.



NEWS OF TTT

HHLT's Traveling

Theatrical Troupe has been busy spreading cheer in care facilities in and around Gainesville this fall with their Fall Follies. They presented their program at Tribute last month and will be at Caton Merchant House later this month. They will be participating in the Heritage Holiday Show in December.

Off-Site Excursion



Who knew a history lesson could be so much fun? Our Sunday, Oct. 22, excursion to Fauquier Community Theatre's production of 1776 was a pleasurable experience with singing and dancing, romance and a look at the very great challenges our Founding Fathers faced in 1776. After the performance a group enjoyed dinner at Bertucci's and reminisced about the fine singing and choreography of the musical. Thanks to Georgiana for organizing our experience.

"Love Letters" Thanks: A big thanks to all members who gave of their time and creative skills for the production of "Love Letters." It was a pleasure to work with each and every one of you, and your contributions were greatly appreciated. Gene Schmiel, Director

BRAIN TEASER

Last month's Brain Teaser had four movie actresses wearing enormous and unusual hats. You were asked to identify the actresses AND the movies they in which they wore the hats. The winner was Nancy Mahevich.



Elizabeth Taylor in

Cleopatra



Audrey Hepburn in

My Fair Lady



Cate Blanchette in

Elizabeth



Kate Winslet in

Titanic



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This month's Brain Teaser takes HHLT in another direction: Africa. Can you identify these films that take place in Africa? Email the titles to Kathryn at geneofva@gmail.com.

What Is RT?

And How Do You *Really* Spell It?

By Aaron Shepard

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Shepard Publications, 2004

For more reader's theater, visit [Aaron Shepard's RT Page](#) at
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Reader's theater is minimal theater in
support of literature and reading. There are
many styles of reader's theater, but nearly
all share these features:

- Narration serves as the framework of
dramatic presentation.
- No full stage sets. If used at all, sets are
simple and suggestive.
- No full costumes. If used at all,
costumes are partial and suggestive, or
neutral and uniform.
- No full memorization. Scripts are used
openly in performance.

Reader's theater was developed as an
efficient and effective way to present
literature in dramatic form. Today as well,
most scripts are literary adaptations, though
others are original dramatic works.

Popular first in colleges and universities,
reader's theater has now moved to earlier
education, where it is seen as a key tool for

creating interest and skill in reading. Young
people love to do it, and they give it their
all—more so because it's a team effort, and
they don't want to let down their friends!
Repeated readings bring fluency, and if a
script is based on an available book, kids
want to read that too. What's more, reader's
theater is a relatively simple activity for the
teacher, with no required setup other than
making copies of scripts.

Reader's theater has been found effective
not only for language arts but for social
studies as well. Performing stories based on
another culture is one of the best ways for
students to become interested in and familiar
with that culture.

As to how to spell it, there's no one right
way, so take your pick! All the following
have been used:

- reader's theater
- readers' theater
- readers theater
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- readers theatre

That's why it's sometimes easier to call it
RT!

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your shared love of the theater."

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General Meeting Oct. 7, 2017

President Bill Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:35PM. 32 members were present. Bill thanked everyone for coming and also thanked the Activities committee for organizing the HHLT picnic. He then thanked the Ide's for being such welcoming hosts.

Vice-President's Report: Bob Bowman told everyone the Fall play practice was going well and that everyone should pass the word to their friends and promote ticket sales. He announced the slate of officers for the Nov. election and said he was still missing one more candidate to fill the slate.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the July 20, 2017 General Meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy reported an Income \$0 in Sept. and Expenses of \$482.03. The Balance as of Sept. 30, 2017 is \$ 11,242.82.

Membership Report: There was no report.

At-Large Report: There was no report.

Activities Report: Val Bowman thanked her committee for putting on the picnic. She also thanked Kathryn Schmiel for putting together the third annual Jeopardy game. Val announced that the One Act Play committee was going to perform for the Nov. meeting. The Dec. meeting will be our annual Holiday party at the Schmiels.

Communications Report: There was no report.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

New Business: There was no New Business.

Bill adjourned the business meeting at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Turner, Secretary



