

SPRING 2016

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Spring is the time of the year when we celebrate renewal, and so it is with Playcrafters as well. It is my honor to succeed Amelia as President, following two years of her steady hand guiding us. Her three year term on the board has ended, and we wish her a well deserved respite; though she assures us that she intends to stay

closely involved with Playcrafters' activities. I last served on the board in 2012, during the period when we decided to accept the invitation of the Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport Area to use their new facility for our productions. Since then, both Playcrafters and the Boys & Girls Club have made considerable progress in technical developments in their auditorium, and our relationship has deepened and matured. But, like all relationships, this one must be nurtured and managed; we look forward to working closely with the staff and the club's new Executive Director, to ensure that both their goals and ours are fully realized through our joint efforts. For our part, we hope to see many more successful theatrical productions mounted in our theatre space at this venue, incorporating the traditional excellent production values that Playcrafters has always strived for and for which this venue is so well suited.

Joe Skelly

ANNUAL MEETING

On Sunday, January 31, Playcrafters held its annual



membership renewal meeting which was the best attended in years (maybe ever). We all enjoyed visiting with our many Playcrafters friends & family both old & new. Pictured are Peg & Al Rand

accepting a token of appreciation presented to them by the Board of Directors for their support over the years. At the end of the meeting our outgoing President, Amelia Chiamonte, made a lovely video presentation chronicling the journey to our current theater space at the Boy & Girls Club. Thank you Amelia for your hard work, and in particular your accomplishments during the last two years' service as President.

2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Thank you to the outgoing members for their valuable service on the board: Amelia Chiamonte, Chris Fretto, and Annette Maillard and Jenna Wolf.

Presenting our new Board of Directors:

Executive Board

Joseph Skelly, President
Chrisa Burke, Vice President
Sharon Walker, Secretary
Vince Rasulo, Treasurer

Board: Bob Kaplan, Kathy Loizides, Jane Love, Matt Palace & Lisette Ruch

WINTER PRODUCTION: We are thrilled to report that the first winter production in our new 3-main stage production format was a huge success. "Moon Over The Brewery," directed by Debbie Starker proved to be a winner on many

levels. We had the second largest audience attendance since the inception of our partnership with the Boys & Girls Club; the play came in 10% under budget, and our receipts came in 40% over what we budgeted.



Thank you to our fine cast of newcomers to Playcrafters, Grace Benedetto, Dennis Keeley, Lisette Ruch and Kevin Clyne, for a successful production. (And

thank you Joe Skelly for an awesome MOON!)

Pictured top - Kevin Clyne, Dennis Keeley, Lisette Ruch and Grace Benedetto – below: Kevin Clyne & Lisette Ruch



SPRING PRODUCTION

Wait Until You See Our Spring Production!

When I saw *Wait Until Dark* on stage years ago, I was captivated by the idea of a blind woman conjuring the tenacity and turning her disability against criminals who would do her harm.

When I found it was my



fiancée's grandmother's favorite movie - I was sold on directing it and was thrilled when it was selected from a stack of other worthy scripts. Suspenseful and intelligent, this is a show that will keep an audience on their toes – well, maybe not literally, as I'd like you to sit back and enjoy my rendition where I've peppered in a couple of contemporary twists to move the show into the late 20th century. None of my shows would be complete without a couple of surprises. I've got a fantastically feisty cast – most are new to our stage, so you'll meet some new faces. What they bring to their roles has already impressed and challenged me. Rounding out the cast are two young actors who participated in *The Wiz*, our joint project with the Boys & Girls Club. So please don't *Wait Until* it's too late – join me and the incredibly professional Playcrafters production team for this razor-sharp thriller!

Chris Fretto, Director

Performance Dates & Times

May 13, 14, 20, 21 – 8:00 PM
Sunday Matinee - May 15, 22 – 3:00 PM

THEATRE FOLK:

Let's come out and support our Playcrafters members in the following productions:

- George Loizides**, Director, *"Lost in Yonkers"*, Hampton Theatre Co., 3/31 – 4/17]
- Bob Kaplan**, *"Beau Jest"*, Theatre Three, Pt. Jefferson, 4/9 – 5/7]
- Vince Rasulo**, *"A Few Good Men"*, Stagelight Entertainment, Lindenhurst, 4/19 – 5/7]

*Check theatre websites for times and address

PARADE MEMORIAL DAY

We had a wonderful turnout last year for the Memorial Day Parade and hope to see you all again this year! Please check your E-mail and our web-site in May for information regarding meeting place and time.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWALS

Our annual membership renewals are due at our Annual Meeting. If you were unable to attend our meeting this year and have not yet renewed your membership, we ask that you take a moment now to fill out your renewal information on the form below so you can enjoy the remainder of our season's programming as a paid up member. For your convenience we have listed the 2016 paid up members below.

**Thank you, Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport Area, our members, and our donors, for your continued support. Please visit our website for a complete listing of our generous donors. "It takes a village" - you make all we do possible.*

PLAYCRAFTERS THEATRE COMPANY 2016 MEMBERS

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- Michele & Nick DePalo
- Angela & Rich Giannotti
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- Cheryl A. Felice/Lorraine Kuehn
- Flo Federman & Joe Landolfi
- Jane Love
- Peter & Louisa Morrison
- Michael & Hwasoon Mullaney
- Matt & Terry Palace
- Alonzo & Peg Rand

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- Bill Reynolds
- Susan & Norman Roscoe
- Lisette Ruch & Emanuel Buckvar
- Marilou & Martin Van Zanten

SINGLES

- Angela Becker
- Martha Campanile
- Marjorie Feeney
- Bettina Kakaria
- Lambert Liu
- Dr. Christine Ann Mohanty
- Carol Patanjo
- Judy Perfido
- Jean Pokorny
- Linda Randolph
- Vincent Rasulo

WE HAVE A TOTAL OF 105 MEMBERS OF WHICH 65 ARE CONFIRMED RENEWED WITH 40 STILL PENDING
IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE ABOVE LISTING, IT'S TIME TO RENEW!
WE NEED YOU!

***Please make checks payable to PLAYCRAFTERS and mail to:** *Support your favorite theatre group and become a member, or renew today!*

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