

WINTER 2017



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Transitions

This is the season when we traditionally reflect on transitions in our lives. Playcrafters seems to have an especially full plate this year.

We bid farewell to three stalwart board members, and welcome three new ones.

We wish Godspeed to Bill and Gen Rudock, as they chart a new course in their lives; we thank Bill for his many and varied contributions to Playcrafters, most of all in recent years his unfailingly flattering head shots for our casts.

And we mourn the untimely loss of two young theatre folk connected to Playcrafters. The tragic demises of Diane & Jim Giattino's son-in-law, Rick Styles in November, and Kristin Rohde in December have shaken many of us, and moved us to reflect on the transient and unpredictable gift of life.

The theatre is filled with playwrights who have addressed just such themes, and we take solace in appreciating how universal our feelings are. Finally, let us bid a joyous and Happy New Year to all our members and friends

Joseph Shelly

READERS THEATRE

We enjoyed a great turnout for our readers theatre production of "You Can't Take it With You". From the laughter heard throughout the production, it was apparent that everyone enjoyed



themselves. Thank you Matt Palace for a great job in your maiden voyage as director. We hope this won't be your last. And

thank you to a wonderfully talented cast accompanied by great sound and technical effects, without which this production could not have been as funny! Kudos to all!

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 29** at the Boys & Girls Club from **2:00 – 5:00 PM**.

Members are asked to bring an appetizer to share. Drinks, coffee and desserts will be provided.

We are once again cooking up some special entertainment for your enjoyment. So please mark your calendars, and plan to join us.

This is also our **Annual Membership Meeting** when we ask our members to renew their membership, and we encourage our non-members to become a part of this great organization. This is a fun opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones!

2017 NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The nominating committee comprised of board members Kathy Loizides and Vincent Rasulo and Playcrafters members, Michele DePalo, George Loizides & Des Burke, is pleased to announce the following candidates for board service:

We welcome back long time Playcrafter and former board member **Barbara Allen**. In addition, **Bob Maletta** another veteran Playcrafter will be joining us along with Playcrafters member **Marcel Paul**.

We wish our new candidates the best of luck.

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OUR UPCOMING WINTER PRODUCTION



Directed By Catherine Clyne

The turnout for Rumors auditions was incredible. So many talented people came out for this production, making the director's casting job a real challenge.

Playcrafters Theatre Company is proud to announce the following cast of both Playcrafters veterans and newcomers:

Kevin Clyne, Chrissy Cavagnet, Joe Cavagnet
Flo Federman, Meghann Sullivan, Derek McLaughlin
Amelia Chiamonte, John Simpson, Mark Santaromita,
and Lisette Ruch

A note from our director:

Rehearsals for Rumors are underway! It is my distinct pleasure to have the opportunity to be working with such a talented, professional cast and our organized and skilled production & technical team.

I chose this play because of its deviation from the typical Neil Simon fare. Although we love Mr. Simon's rapid fire wit, this piece adds broad, farcical humor to the mix. Come and laugh along with us as we watch an elegant, upscale dinner party hilariously unravel as the guests attempt to protect the Deputy Mayor from scandal.

Catherine Clyne

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We look forward to seeing you at our Theatre Space at the Boys & Girls Club, 471 Atlantic Ave., Bellport, N.Y.

Performance dates:

Fri. & Sat. February 10, 11, 17, 18 - 8:00 PM

Sunday Feb. 12 & 19 - 3:00 PM

CALLING ALL DIRECTORS!

The **Playcrafters' Reading Committee** will accept submissions from any director who would like to direct a show during the 2017-2018 season, running from August 2017-June 2018. Our main stage performances run in the fall, winter and/or spring. You can submit up to 3 plays that you would either want to direct or you think would be good for us to produce. If you submitted something last year, you will need to resubmit it. All plays must be submitted by February 5, 2017 to: **Jane Love** janelove2010@gmail.com or 28 Academy Lane, Bellport, N.Y., 11713.

THEATER FOLK

Several of our members are involved in productions throughout the island this fall. Please come out to support and cheer them on, knowing you are also supporting live theatre on Long Island.

If you would like us to announce a show you are involved with in one of our future Newsletters, please send us the details and if room permits and it's timely to our Newsletter publication, we will be happy to put in a plug for you!

Bob Kaplan – *Peter and the Starcatcher* at the Smithtown Center for the Performing Arts, **Jan. 14, 2017 – Feb. 25**

Bill Rudock

Farewell & Good Luck



Long time members Bill and Gen Rudock are performing in their favorite production – photographing nature around the country. Their plan for the next couple of years is to travel the country and conduct photography workshops along the way. Log on to bellport-playcrafters.com to read Bill's touching farewell letter

to the membership. We will miss you Bill! - (You can stay in touch with Bill's adventures through Bill's Facebook page).

REMEMBRANCES:

Playcrafters extends condolences to the entire Giattino family on the death of Rick Styles, husband of Mary Giattino-Styles. Mary and Rick are the owners of Stage Door School of Dance, founded by Mary's parents, long time Playcrafters members James and Diane Giattino, who have directed and choreographed for us.

Rick was 42 years old, and had worked extensively on Broadway and at Gateway. Rick was a constant pillar of strength and support at Stage Door, and in the community. Rick is remembered with great affection by all who knew him, and we are heartbroken for his untimely and tragic loss.

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We are also saddened by the passing of our theater friend Kristin Rohde. Kristin was a 1982 recipient of Playcrafters scholarship program. She appeared in numerous episodes of the original law and order TV series as well as *Law and Order SVU*. In addition Kristin had a large role in the Emmy winning HBO series *OZ*.

For the last 15 years Kristin was a real estate agent at Old Purchase Properties in Bellport.

An avid boater and sunset chaser Kristin frequently brought her dogs and friends to Ho Hum beach.

She was a great talent and good friend and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

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ANNUAL MEETING IS COMING JANUARY 29TH. PLEASE PLAN TO RENEW!

Support our theatre group and become a member, or renew today!

*If you cannot attend this year's meeting, please take a moment to renew your 2017 membership now, fill out the **Playcrafters Membership Renewal/Application** below and return it to us.*

If you are not sure of your membership level, please check our website's membership tab for a complete listing of our 2016 members: bellport-playcrafters.com

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