

## SPRING 2015



### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our 2015 Annual meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> was well attended with more than 50 members joining us for the day. A big thank you goes to George Loizides, Bob Kaplan and

Des Burke, for their delightful skit presentation. Our new 3-yr. board members were voted in: Chrisa Burke, Joe Skelly and Jenna Wolf. Welcome to the new Playcrafter members in attendance: Jim & Pauline Hazard, and Bettina Kakaria.

Mission almost accomplished! Our new member and renewal numbers continue to grow. If all members from last season renew, we will have reached over 101! Please check the listing on the back to see if you are among our current 2015 renewals. Best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful spring season. As always thank you for your continued support.

*Amelia Chiaramonte*

### BRANDING

As part of our efforts to improve our branding within the community, our new logo, adding "Theatre Company" to our name was launched. The Playcrafters Theatre Company logo, both former and present was designed by Brian Hannon. Thank you Brian!

Along with our new logo, beginning with our 2015 season, (July 2015 thru June 2016) Playcrafters Theatre Company will expand its offerings to present three Main Stage productions, one summer readers theatre and a fundraiser. The new season will be announced this June.

**2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Thank you to outgoing board members, Vicki Fleming, Kathy Loizides and Chrisa Burke (completing Des Burkes term) for your outstanding service to the board and membership.

#### Our 2015 Playcrafter board:

Amelia Chiaramonte, President

Matt Palace, Vice President

Joe Skelly, Secretary

Annette Maillard, Treasurer

Board: Chrisa Burke, Chris Fretto, Bob Kaplan, Vince Rasulo and Jenna Wolf. Congratulations to all

**THEATER SPACE:** The improvements continue.

**House Lights.** The Boys & Girls Club, with assistance from Joe Skelly & Matt Palace Lighting, installed new LCD "house" lighting fixtures in the theatre. These and the stage fixtures are now controllable on the same light board. They offer full color and dimming control and have independent zones for the "house" and "lobby" areas. We can now create a "house" and cabaret effect during pre-performance and intermissions!

**STAGE AREA:** Bob Kaplan & Matt Palace assembled a group of zealous people to complete the task of painting the stage area black. Enter, Wayne Winter, a local

professional painter with his industrial air brush gun, and voila! **WE HAVE A BLACK BOX STAGE AREA!**



Thank you Bob, Matt, Vince (Pictured) Chris, and Michele with a special thank you to Wayne Winter for making this job so easy!

### THE WIZ



On March 21 & 22 an enthusiastic and talented group of local middle and high school students took the stage at the Boys and Girls Club in a collaborative production of *The Wiz*. Our team of Annette Maillard, Chris Fretto and Vicki Fleming met with the cast members several nights each week beginning in January, through opening night in March. Musical direction and musical support were provided by Playcrafter members, Martha Campanile and Michael Bonti, who met soloists individually to hone their singing skills. Costume assistance was expertly provided by Chrisa Burke & Kathy Loizides. Dennis Conroy handled the challenging task of monitoring music, sound effects and body mics. Lighting designed by veteran Playcrafter Joe Skelly was skillfully executed by our newly trained lighting intern, Cameron Trent.

*The Wiz* was very well received by our audiences, and we wish to thank all Playcrafter members who supported this production by their attendance and offers of help. This was our first effort at staging a show with a cast made up exclusively of local youth, and we relied heavily on support of the entire staff of The Boys and Girls Club. They provided us the opportunity to take our cast on a field trip to see a production of *The Wiz* at the Patchogue-Medford High School. We thank Tracie Romandetti and Jason Neal especially for their collaboration and help on all phases of our production. We are delighted with the enthusiasm and talents of our young cast who fully enjoyed the theater experience and made us proud. Look for several of their young faces in our spring production *Born Yesterday*.

Good Job Everyone.

**SPRING PRODUCTION**

Bob Kaplan brought together a skilled and talented cast for our upcoming production of *Born Yesterday*, by Garson Kanin about the story of an uneducated young woman and an uncouth, older, wealthy mobster who comes to Washington to try to "buy" a Congressman. He hires a journalist to educate her, and in the process, she learns just how deep his corruption goes. Come see it live at our theatre space at The Boys and Girls Club of Bellport. We welcome the members of our cast, many

who are new to Playcrafters Theatre Company. The show will open on April 24<sup>th</sup>, and run 25<sup>th</sup> 26, May 1, 2, and May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please check our web-site for further details.

**THEATRE FOLK**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of one of our founding members, Peggy Card Suydam. She was involved in every phase of production, as well as singing and acting in many of them. Her most memorable role was that of Eliza in our 1973 production of *My Fair Lady*. Our condolences go out to her entire family.

*\*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 2015 MEMBERS**

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- Gloria Cummings
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- Alonzo & Peg Rand
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**ANGELS**

- Barbara Allen
- Amelia Chiamonte
- Linda, Dennis & Emily Conroy
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- Vicki Fleming
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- Skip & Flo Pope
- Vincent & Mary Ellen Rasulo
- Susan & Norman Roscoe
- Ken & Lee Strange
- John Tighe & Debbie Starker
- The Walker Family

**SINGLES**

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Angela Becker          | Vince Rasulo      |
| Stan Boyle             | Gladys A. Rech    |
| Martha Campanile       | Robert Vicchiullo |
| Manning Dandridge      | Richard Westhoff  |
| Carl Dimodugno         |                   |
| Allie Fahie            |                   |
| Christopher D. Fretto  |                   |
| Dr. Joseph Harder, Sr. |                   |
| Bettina Kakaria        |                   |
| Lambert Liu            |                   |
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Support your favorite theatre group and become a member, or renew today!

**Playcrafters Membership Application**

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