

## WINTER 2016

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The holidays are behind us, my term as your President has come to an end and plans are under way for the installation of our new board members during our Annual meeting on January 31 at the Boys & Girls Club of Bellport.

I am very proud to have had the opportunity to serve as President of Playcrafters Theatre Company. We have accomplished many things during the last 3 years – most notably; **Changed our name to enhance our branding within the theatre community; Added a 3<sup>rd</sup> show to our production season; Brought back the Sunday matinee; Created on-line ticketing capabilities; Increased our membership from 84 to 104; and Introduced an ongoing fundraising program which enabled us to increase our storage space, enhance our theatre lighting, black out the stage area, add a 4' stage extension, and set up a framed poster lobby display;** none of which could have been possible without the help of our loyal membership, generous donors and an awesome team of talented, creative and enthusiastic Board of Directors who along with our tireless group of Playcrafter volunteers do so much behind the scenes to make each production happen!

Thank you all..... it's been a pleasure and an honor to work with each and every one of you.

*Amelia Chiamonte*

### ANNUAL MEETING

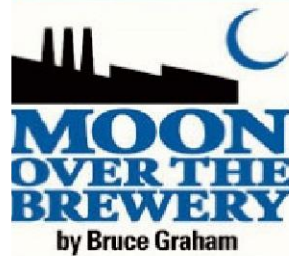
Our Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday January 31**, at the Boys & Girls Club at **2:00 PM**. We have a very interesting event planned including some entertainment, a By-Law vote, and a creative President's farewell. This is also our annual membership renewal meeting where we encourage our members to renew and our non-members to come on down, get on board and be part of a winning team!!

### 2016 NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This year the nominating committee is pleased to announce the following candidates for board service: Kathy Loizides replacing Jenna Wolf for the remaining two years of her term; veterans Jane Love, Sharon Walker, and newcomer Lisette Ruch for a three year term.

Thank you outgoing board members, Annette Maillard, Christopher Fretto, Jenna Wolf and Amelia Chiamonte for your service and dedication.

### OUR UPCOMING WINTER PRODUCTION



**Moon Over the Brewery.**  
by Bruce Graham  
*Directed By Debbie Starker*

A touching, gently humorous study of a precocious adolescent's "coming of age," in which fantasy and reality are deftly juxtaposed to heighten the affecting message of the play. First produced, to critical and popular acclaim, by the Philadelphia Festival Theater for New Plays. "It is a tender, fragile account of a teenage girl's break with childhood." Playcrafters Theatre Company is thrilled to be welcoming our four cast members, new to our stage; Lisette Ruch, Kevin Clyne, Dennis Keeley and Grace Benedetto to this touching show. Come on down to warm yourself and your heart on a cold winter's night.

#### A personal note from our director:

*"Like you, before reading, Moon Over the Brewery, I thought the play's name odd. I never heard of it. However, upon reading, and rereading, I was struck by the charm and universality of its message. So, I signed on to direct. When you know so many people in the theater community, it is unusual to encounter four actors with whom you have never worked. Each of these actors exhibited that "something special" at the audition that impressed and touched me. I'm sure they will do the same for you.*

*If you are tired of seeing the "same old" shows over and over, take a sip of "Moon Over the Brewery". I think it will quench your thirst for a new theater experience".*

*Debbie Starker*

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

Performance dates:

**February 26, 27, March 4, 5 at 8:00 PM  
& Sundays Feb. 28 & March 6 at 3:00 PM**

### THIS FALL'S FUNDRAISER

Kudos to Christopher Fretto for pulling together another successful night of entertainment and laughs with the help of his talented team, Wesley Oakes and Corey Martin to help raise funds in our continuing efforts to enhance our theatre space. A good time was had by all. Along with the proceeds of this event and a generous donation from one of our loyal patrons, we are planning to fulfill some of the items on our theatre enhancement "wish list" .....Thank you all who came out to support our efforts.

**FALL PRODUCTION**

Our hysterical fall production, **Don't Dress for Dinner** was well received by an enthusiastic audience every night.



Photo by Joseph Skelley – pictured Bob Kaplan, Jill Linden, Jean Rico, Vince Rasulo, Victoria Shure.

Congratulations to our Producers, Vince Rasulo and Annette Maillard for pulling together such a fine production team, who once again did not disappoint with spot on costumes, set design, set construction and set decoration! Kudo's to Flo Federman, our director for assembling such a fine cast of talented performers. Welcome to the new members joining our talent pool; James Carey, Jean Rico and Victoria Shure, joined by Playcrafter veterans, Jill Linden, Bob Kaplan and Vincent Rasulo!

**CALLING ALL DIRECTORS!**

As of January 1, 2016 our play reading committee will be accepting submissions from any director who would like to direct a show during the 2016-2017 season which runs from August 2016-June 2017. Our main stage performances usually run in the fall, winter and spring. The genre we will consider are: Modern/Classic Drama; Modern/Classic Comedy; and 1-set musical. You can submit up to 3 plays that you would either want to direct or would be good for us to produce. If you submitted something last year, you will need to resubmit it. Each year starts a new list. Please submit your play choices and availability and send your submission by March 1, 2016 to the attention of Bob Kaplan c/o Playcrafters, PO Box 452, Bellport, NY 11719 or E-mail him directly at [mediamanbob1@gmail.com](mailto:mediamanbob1@gmail.com)

**SPRING PRODUCTION – WAIT UNTIL DARK**

Watch for audition notice - Late-February



***SPRING 2016 PRODUCTION***

**May 13-15, 20-22**

**Wait Until Dark**

By Frederick Knott

Directed by Christopher Fretto

**PLAYCRAFTERS FISCAL YEAR VS. PRODUCTION SEASON**

Realizing there is sometimes confusion regarding when our yearly member renewals are due we offer the following: our fiscal year runs concurrent with the calendar year, from January through December.

Our production **season** begins with our Readers Theatre production in August, (a free offering for our membership) and ends with our spring show, which this year is **"Wait until Dark"**. We look forward to seeing you at our theatre space in the Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport Area throughout our season and thank you for your membership and continued support.

**ANNUAL MEETING IS COMING. PLEASE PLAN TO RENEW!**

Support your favorite theatre group and become a member, or renew today!  
**Playcrafters Membership Renewal/Application**-If you cannot attend this year's meeting, please take a moment to renew your 2016 membership now.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor, \$35 and up | <input type="checkbox"/> Email is good enough                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angel, \$50 and up   | <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to advertise in your program |

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