

MID-WINTER NEWSLETTER 2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is my honor to be welcomed back by our Board of Directors as your President for the 2019/2020 term.

Over the years, it has become clear to me that Playcrafters Theatre Co. is “family” to many of us. Some of you may have been involved for only a short time, others have been with us for many years, while others became snowbirds or moved away permanently. None the less, they continue their membership year after year. It warms my heart when I see renewals coming in from Massachusetts to Australia!

I am proud to be part of this organization and thank every one of you for your loyalty. Your continued support means more than you can imagine. It is the “community” in our “community theater” that keeps us thriving to uphold the standards you have come to expect of Playcrafters for almost 60 years!

Our spring production, (which coincidentally is all about family), is just around the corner and I hope to see and thank many of you in person. *Amelia Chiamonte*

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting was held on January 27th at the Hagerman Fire Department where old and new members turned out to share stories of the past year.



President Walker detailed the many strides we made over the year with our web site and data base transfer. She expressed her appreciation to outgoing board members Jane Love, and Lisette Ruch for their dedication to Playcrafters, and thanked the entire membership for their support during her tenure as President. After nominees Laurie Atlas, Jane Hayes and Annette Maillard were elected to the board, a fun and exciting game of Jeopardy was enjoyed and gift baskets of wine and Gift Certificates from Avino’s and MVP Auto were raffled at the meeting's conclusion.

The board would like to take this opportunity to give our heartfelt thanks to President Walker for all she did to help bring our data base and web pages up to speed during our transition and her commitment to continue to help in that regard until the transition is complete. A big **Thank You** as well to **Flo Federman** and **Joe Landolfi** for donating so much of their time

towards this effort as well.



OUR SPRING SHOW

A personal note from our director:



In his opening monologue, our leading man Nick Cristiano says, “My grandparents firmly believe in the three ‘F’s’ of life—Family Faith & Food”—which is how I grew up and how I have raised my own family. For that very reason, I fell in love with this jewel of a comedy. Let me explain...

My parents and grandparents could never get enough of us. Whether we spent an hour with them ... a day, a week, a month, a year, or a lifetime ... it was never enough. Every single visit would end with “Aweeeee, do you have to go?” If they had it their way, we would have moved in. And not just next door but under the same roof. As my mother-in-law Marie often says. “MAGINE ..”

My connection to Joe DiPietro's story came to me in a minute. No, not a minute a second; no it was more like a moment! A love connection, if you will.

Joe's wonderful play opened at the John Houseman Theater, NYC, on October 5, 1998, and for the next two years, it played 800 performances.

I am thrilled to be making my directorial debut at Playcrafters with this remarkably gifted cast. For a director to be brought to tears at auditions says something about the caliber of performers who are telling you this story. I am so proud of each and every one of them, thrilled that they have now touched my heart, and grateful that together we are able to bring these wonderfully funny and poignant words to you.

Please take this journey with me *Over the River and through the Woods*. The love, the laughter, the joy, and the tugging of heartstrings will transport you to a place we never forget: **HOME!!!**

Debbie D'Amore

Our cast includes: Dan Love, Carl DiModugno, Robert Vicchiullo, Laurie Atlas, Amelia Chiamonte and Julia Anne Pulick.

SHOW DATES AND TICKET INFORMATION

Fridays & Sats. **April 5th, 6th, 12th & 13th** at 8:00 PM
Sunday Matinee, **April 7th and 14th** at 3:00 PM

Please visit our web-site to purchase tickets thru **Brown Paper Tickets**

www.bellport-playcrafters.com

MEMORIAL DAY

Weather Permitting, we plan to march on Memorial Day. Please look for our E-mail in mid May for details. If the

weather is questionable, check www.bellport.com, Bellport’s paperless newspaper or call Amelia at 631-286-0962 after 9:00.



THEATER FOLK

Many of our members are involved in regional productions. Come out and support them and live theater on LI

Catherine Clyne, director "Gimme A Minute" Phoenix Rep., Lindenhurst April 7th & 14th.
Cast includes **Flo Federman & Kevin Clyne**.

Kevin Clyne - SETC's improv group, "What's Next" Port Washington Library, April 12th.

James Carey, director "Breaking Legs" Clare Rose Playhouse, Patchogue, April 26 – May 12

George Loizides, director "Private Lives" Hampton Theatre, May 23 – June 9

Catherine Clyne, director "A Few Good Men" Phoenix Rep., Lindenhurst, June 7,8,9 & 14,15,16.

Kevin Clyne, actor "A few Good Men" Phoenix Rep. June 7,8,9 & 14,15,16

MEMBERSHIP

A gentle reminder for those who have not yet renewed their membership for 2019. Below is our current member listing. Your continued loyalty to Playcrafters is valued and appreciated, and never taken for granted. If it slipped your mind perhaps this would be a good time to send in your completed membership form below. Thank you for your support.

PATRON

- Kent & Connie Adee
- Gloria Cummings
- Claire & Jay Curran
- Michele & Nick DePalo
- Catherine & Bill DeVito
- Carl Dimodugno
- Flo Federman & Joe Landolfi
- Angela & Rich Gianotti
- Jane Hayes
- Joel Hershey MD and Roy Eddey
- Cheryl A. Felice & Lorraine Kuehn
- Kathy & George Loizides
- Jane Love
- Peter & Louisa Morrison
- Bob & Sue Nalewajk
- Peg & Alonzo Rand
- Richard Westhoff

SPONSOR

- Amelia Chiamonte
- Joseph & Angela Chiamonte
- Linda & Dennis Conroy
- Richard & Kathleen Dallin
- Robert & Carole Kinsey
- Linda & Bob Knight
- Sheila Otten
- Jim Parise
- Judy Perfido
- Alice Quinn
- Susan & Norm Roscoe
- Lisette Ruch
- Joan A. Tscherisich-Cioffi
- Marilou & Martin VanZanten
- The Walker Family, Sharon, Emma, Lexi
- Diane & Gary Zanazzi

ANGEL

- Catherine & Kevin Clyne
- John Hannon & Marcel Paul
- Barbara D. Knowles
- Peter & Kathy Ljungqvist
- Annette Maillard
- Vincent & Mary Rasulo
- Germaine & Joseph Skelly
- Virginia E. Waterman

MEMBER

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| Laurie Atlas | Louis Giudice & Linda Gaimaro |
| Angela Becker | James & Pauline Hazard |
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| Martha Campanile | Lambert Liu |
| James & Josephine Carey | Vincent Rasulo |
| Donna & Bob Esp | Gladys A. Rech |
| Laurie & Fran Fosmire | Arlene Stephani |
| Camille Giammarino | Mr. & Mrs. DH Stonebridge |
| | Robert Vicchiullo |

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

We are a 501 (c) 3 entity, all membership dues are tax deductible

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

- Member - \$25 (*)
- Sponsor - \$50 & up
- Angel - \$75 & up
- Patron - \$100 & Up

PLEASE CHECK ONE

- Always notify me by US mail
- E-Mail is Good Enough

Today's Date _____

(*)Single/Couple/Family/household members are combined into one level - Member - \$25

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