

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Kindness matters - Cultivate Kindness
– Gratitude is the healthiest of all
human emotions*

During the past several years, I have noticed an abundance of these types of quotes increasing throughout social media and I wonder *why?* Have we gotten so hurried in our daily lives that we have forgotten to be civil to one another, to show our gratitude for our blessings, or to express our appreciation to someone who deserves it? Sometimes we get so caught up in the daily treadmill of life that we tend to lose focus of what is important - spreading kindness and being grateful for what we have rather than what we don't have. This season of holiday celebrations and family gatherings, I would like to do my part in cultivating kindness and being grateful by "paying it forward" and expressing my gratitude for the support I get from my family, friends and colleagues - many of whom are part of our Playcrafters family. Thank You! Wishing you all a happy holiday season and a healthy New Year!

"When you start counting your blessings – your whole life turns around." – Willie Nelson

Amelia Chiramonte

ANNUAL MEETING—HAGERMAN FIRE DEPT.

Once again we will hold our Annual Meeting at **the HAGERMAN FIRE DEPT.** at 510 Oakdale Ave., East Patchogue, NY. **from 2:00 – 5:00 PM.** Members are asked to bring an appetizer to share. Playcrafters will provide drinks, coffee & desserts. Our Annual Meeting begins our new fiscal year and **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** period. We ask our current and past members to renew their memberships and we encourage non-members to become a part our support team by joining our membership. Take a moment now and mark the date on your calendar! We are looking forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, January 19th, 2020.

NEW BOARD NOMINEES

The nominating committee, comprised of board members Annette Maillard and Barbara Allen and Playcrafters members John Hannon, Sharon Walker and Judy Perfido are pleased to announce the selection of the following 3-year term candidates: former board members Jane Love, Kathy Loizides and new board candidate Jean Rico. Please make sure to attend our Annual Meeting to cast your vote and welcome them aboard. Thank you to our Nominating Committee for taking on this most important task.

At this time the board wants to take this opportunity to acknowledge our outgoing board members: Vice President Marcel Paul, Secretary Barbara Allen, and Director Peter Morrison. We thank you for the knowledge, wisdom and experience you brought to our board. Your dedication and service has been of great value and very much appreciated. We look forward to continuing to work with you as an important part of our board member alumni.

LAUGHTER ON THE 23RD FLOOR

This show was a non-stop steady stream of one-liners delivered with perfect timing by a hysterically talented team of actors. Congratulations Bob Kaplan for your insightful casting and direction. Speaking of team, no show can be a success without all the people who quietly go about their work behind the scenes. The capabilities of our publicity, costume, technical, concession and box office personnel all dovetail to make our shows a success and *LAUGHTER* was no exception. A special thank you to our construction crew, lead by Co-Producer Kevin Clyne and our construction guru, Jim Hazard who came out every weekend for 3-weekends to get this set built, painted and dressed – a group that also included several actors, board members and director, Bob Kaplan. This was indeed a team effort from beginning to set strike at the end.

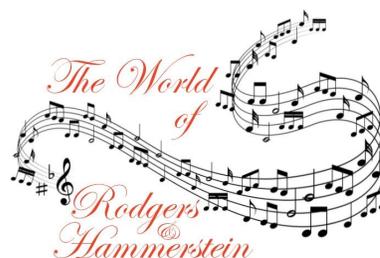


Pictured above L-R: Christlan Leigh, Dan Roehrig, Dan Love, John Simpson, Brian McGowan, Rick Peters, Chrissy Cavagnet, Matthew O'Connor (sitting ctr.)

One final note, this was the third production in a row with record breaking audience participation, helping us turn a nice profit and putting BITS ("butts in the seats") Thank you all for coming out and supporting Live theatre!

Amelia Chiramonte – Producer

THE WORLD OF RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN



Peter Morrison has generously offered to present a musical tribute Fundraiser for Playcrafters Theatre Company, featuring soloists Kathleen Gubitosi and Greg Sixt. You will hear some beloved

selections from South Pacific, "I'm Gonna Wash That Man right Outa My Hair"; Carousel, "You'll Never Walk Alone"; Oklahoma, "People Will Say We're In Love" and many more. The fundraiser will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 64 South Country Rd., Bellport, NY. and will be presented cabaret style with complimentary wine and cheese. Come join us for an enjoyable winter afternoon.

Date: February 9th, 2020
Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Tickets \$25 will be available on line and starting January 1,

CALLING ALL DIRECTORS

Beginning January 1, 2020, our play reading committee will be accepting submissions from anyone who would like to direct a show during the 2020 - 2021 season which runs from August 2020 to June 2021. Our two (2) main stage performances usually run in the fall and spring. The genres we will consider are Modern/Classic Dramas or Modern/Classic Comedies.

You can submit up to two (2) plays that you would either want to direct or feel it would be good for us to produce. If you have a play suggestion in mind, it **MUST** be accompanied by a script. If you submitted something last year, you will need to resubmit it. Each year starts a new list.

Please send your script, to the attention of Jane Hayes, 45 Bieselin Rd., Bellport, NY 11713

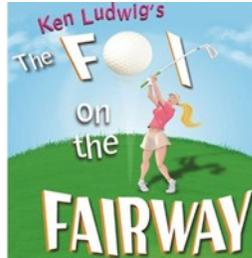
Scripts of your play choices must be submitted no later than February 1, 2020.

No submission will be accepted after that date.

**Questions can be sent to:
Jane at BigCzech1@aol.com**



AUDITIONS FOR SPRING PRODUCTION



Make plans to join us at Playcrafters' Spring production – *A Fox on the Fairway!*

A tribute from Ken Ludwig (*Lend Me A Tenor, Moon Over Buffalo*) to the great

English farces of the 1930s and 1940s, *A Fox On the Fairway* takes audiences on a hilarious romp. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors, and over-the-top romantic shenanigans, it's a furiously paced, charmingly madcap adventure about love, life, and man's eternal love affair with...golf.

The plot surrounds Bingham, executive director of Quail Valley Country Club, who is in a difficult position. He places a foolish bet with the cocky and arrogant Dickie on today's big tournament. His star golfer turns out to be a newly hired assistant, Justin, who just proposed to the club's ditzy waitress, Louise, who promptly loses the family heirloom engagement ring. Soon there are hysterics, a broken arm, and the prospect of Bingham losing it all. The sudden appearance of Bingham's stern wife, Muriel, complicates matters even further, as she catches him much too close to Pamela, his boozy vice-president. Can Bingham win the game, win the wager, and get his life in order?

For further information contact director Flo Federman at flo@flofederman.com.

Auditions: Monday & Tuesday, January 20 & 21 at 7:30 PM.

Performances: Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, April 24, 25, 26– May 1, 2, 3

THEATER FOLK

Members involved in regional productions
Let's come out and support them!

MAME: Playcrafters 1976 Production: Shout out to anyone who appeared in Playcrafters 1976 production of Mame, starring Pat Corn. Ann Marie Fontana, a cast member is looking for anyone who might have a copy of the VCR tape taken of that production (yes VCR and she still has a player) Please contact her at 404-862-6558, mamere444@gmail.com

James Carey: **A Christmas Carol** *The Musical*, The Boulton Center, Bay Shore, NY
Dec.21 and 22. <https://boultoncenter.org>

Bob Kaplan: Directing *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, North Fork Community Theatre, Mattituck
Jan. 17 – Feb. 2. Tickets: <http://www.nfct.com>

Laurie Atlas & Claire Parrella-Curran: *The Dixie Swim Club*, Modern Classics Theatre, Lindenhurst
Feb 14 - 23 <https://modernclassicstheatre.com>