



## SPRING 2020

### A Message from the President



*"Alone we can do so little,  
together we can do so much"*

– Hellen Keller

In several of my past president's messages I have referred to Playcrafters' members and supporters as "family." This has never been truer than it is today, when the coronavirus (COVID-19) has us all navigating uncharted waters and we are faced with difficult decisions with regard to ensuring the continued health and safety of our families and friends.

Our Playcrafters' family is no exception. In order to safeguard your health and safety and the health and safety of our theatre staff, the Board of Directors made the difficult decision to postpone our Spring production to the Fall.

That being said, we are reminded of how fortunate we are to have members and supporters who are there for us in good times and bad. During this crisis, your memberships have continued to arrive, and I am overwhelmed with gratitude for your generosity at a time when I am sure you have many other concerns.

On behalf of Playcrafters Theatre Company's Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your continued loyalty and support during these challenging times. Our hearts go out to everyone who is impacted by this terrible virus.

Please stay safe and abide by the advice of experts to help stem the spread of this virus. Remember, "together we can do so much."

– Amelia Chiamonte

### PLAYCRAFTERS ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting was held on January 19th at the Hagerman Fire Department, attended by over half of our membership, where our new board members, **Jean Rico**, **Jane Love** and **Kathy Loizides**, were voted in to office.



President **Amelia Chiamonte** addressed the membership, thanking all of our production supporters -- especially our "core" team who, year after year, provide the crucial skills needed to keep Playcrafters thriving. She went on with a "call to arms" for much needed apprentice/trainees for our sound, light and stage managing personnel. The meeting concluded with a lively game of "theatre" Jeopardy and gift baskets were won by enthusiastic members, **Linda Gairmaro**, **Dick Westhoff**, **Laurie Atlas**, and **Vince Rasulo**. Thank you to **Marcel Paul** and **John Hannon** for your creative energies putting together our 2020 Annual Meeting!

#### **ANNOUNCING our 2020 Board of Directors:**

PRESIDENT **Amelia Chiamonte**, VICE PRESIDENT **Kathy Loizides**, SECRETARY **Laurie Atlas**, TREASURER **Annette Maillard**, and BOARD MEMBERS **James Carey**, **Kevin Clyne**, **John Hannon**, **Jane Love**, and **Jean Rico**.

Thank you for your commitment to Playcrafters!

### OUR SPRING FALL SHOW!

In order to ensure that we have adequate time to mount a quality production, we will be cancelling our Spring show.

The good news is, this is a postponement. "The Fox on The Fairway" will be presented as our Fall 2020 show.

Our cast is in place and rehearsals were going so well -- we can't wait for you to see this hilarious show! Please make plans to join us in the Fall.



## REMEMBERING ANGELA BECKER



We said goodbye to **Angela Becker**, who passed on February 14.

Angela had a long history engaged in the performance arts, both in England and America. She joined us in 2006 playing Sister in *Damn Yankees* and in 2010 playing Madame Arcati in *Blithe Spirit* (pictured).

She never missed a performance of ours and was a beautiful woman both inside and out. Her spirited, warm personality will be missed.

Condolences to family and friends of Angela.

## THEATER FOLK

Many of our members were involved in regional productions this Spring which, due to the coronavirus (COV-19), have been postponed. The following is a listing of the current postponements.

### POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 2020:

**Catherine Clyne** directs *Our Town*, at Modern Classics Theatre in Lindenhurst, featuring **Kevin Clyne**, **Laurie Atlas**, and **Hannah Landolfi**.

### POSTPONED TIL FURTHER NOTICE:

**George Loizides** performs in *Sylvia* at the Hampton Theatre Company in Quogue.

## OUR MEMBERSHIP

As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary, it is our mission to bring our membership numbers back to where they were in 2016, when we had more than 100 members. Below is our current member listing. Your continued loyalty to Playcrafters is valued, appreciated, and never taken for granted.

**Now more than ever, we are reminded how vital it is to support the arts. Please consider renewing/joining us now.**

To those who are involved with any of our present (or past) season's performances: this would be a great year for you to jump on board to join us in honor of our 60th year of performing live theatre in the community!

### Patrons

Gloria Cummings  
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### Angels

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Sharon, Emma & Lexi Walker  
Diane & Gary Zanazzi

### Members

Laurie Atlas  
Martha Campanile  
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Fran & Laurie Fosmire  
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## MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION – We are a 501(c)3 entity. All membership dues are tax deductible.

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