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THE PELICAN PLAYBILL

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE PELICAN PLAYERS COMMUNITY

Editors; Barbara Boyle; Mary Anne Moseley; James Williams

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2021. It has been a year of many ups and downs. Since September 2020, five of our dear friends left us far too soon. We had the excitement of finally be able to perform again after a long hiatus due to Covid. We also had the disappointment of another postponement of “Nana’s Naughty Knickers”. What joy we had seeing phenomenal audiences show up for our performances. We could certainly tell that everyone was ready to get out and enjoy a night of entertainment with us.

On Saturday, November 6th we performed a community public service production that Deputy Jeffrey Merry asked us to do to help our community. Deputy Merry along with WSCQ-Sun Radio, and our producer Mary Banaszak, went all out publicizing the evening and it worked. We had between 800-820 people attend the show!! It was exciting to see such a large audience and so many smiling faces as the audience left Veterans Theater. We again want to thank our sponsors for that evening, Christina Cieslik for Next Stage Senior Solutions and Janice Bayruns for First Light Home Care. Deputy Merry mentioned later that evening that he would like to do it again. Some members want to do an original script to address some of our community challenges. Stay tuned.

It certainly appears as though we could have performed Nana’s Naughty Knickers in November, as we were scheduled to do. For a November show, we have to start rehearsals in August. If you will recall, at that time the Delta variant was surging and it was not safe to ask our cast and crew to be put in a situation where they could get sick. Our main concern is always the safety of our cast and crew.

What a wonderful feeling it was to take posters to our KP North Club and South Club announcing our entire 2022 main stage season. We have not been able to announce our full season this far in advance since I became a Pelican Player member in 2013. Diana in the Box Office was very impressed and pleased.
We need Directors for our Spring and Summer shows. “2 Across” is scheduled for April 21-23. “Kitchen Witches” is tentatively scheduled for July 28-30. Two members have asked to be considered to direct “Kitchen Witches”. No one has requested to be considered as Director for “2 Across”. If you are interested in directing, please contact Kevin Steinke (sccnoonen@gmail.com) for a copy of either play script.

Our heartfelt wish for all of you is that you have a great Holiday Season and a happy, healthy and creative 2022.

Rick

POTTERS BOWL FOR MEMORY CARE

BY: BARBARA BOYLE

Pelican Players has donated over 100 pounds of clay to the Kings Point Pottery Club. The clay will be used to make bowls for the Potters Bowl for Memory Care event on March 7, 2022 in the Veterans Theater from 1:00 to 2:30. The event is co-sponsored by Kings Point Pickleball Club. Tickets are $15 per person and proceeds go to the Breakaway Respite Ministry.

BY: BARBARA BOYLE

We would like to welcome our new members:

Cathy & Guy Bailey
June Corbett
Dawna Efford
Amy Fattori
Yvette Griffith
Sharon Maher
Susan Mulholland
Cindy Owens
Mary Rabelo
Sherry Siler
Rosemary Skummer
Laura Thrasher
Michele Whelan
Sue Bernagozzi
Bob Dealmeida
Laurie Failing
Kevin & Peg Goodenow
Rhonda Jinks
Mary Mertinke
Carolann & Danny Olson
Greg Rabelo
Dianne Raymond
Janice Simo
Jamie Szoke
Diane Van Der Woude

Thank you for joining Pelican Players and we look forward to a long-lasting relationship with all of you.

THE MATCH GAME

BY: MARY ANNE MOSELEY

Here is a little exercise to test your knowledge of common theater terms. Just match the correct word to its meaning. Answers will be on the last page of the newsletter. No peeking!

1. APRON
2. CALL
3. BACKSTAGE
4. ANGEL
5. BLOCKING
6. DENOUEMENT
7. CURTAIN UP
8. FOURTH WALL
9. STAGE LEFT
10. PROPERTIES
11. UPSTAGING
12. TROOPER

A. ANY ITEM OR ARTICLE USED BY THE ACTOR OTHER THAN COSTUMES OR SCENERY.
B.TO DELIBERATELY DRAW FOCUS ON STAGE.
C. THE BEGINNING OF THE SHOW
D. PART OF THE STAGE IN FRONT OF THE CURTAIN
E. FINANCIAL BACKERS OF A PRODUCTION
F. NOTIFICATION OF A WORKING SESSION OR REQUEST FOR AN ACTOR TO COME TO THE STAGE
G. THE PART OF THE STAGE AS VIEWED BY THE ACTOR WHEN FACING THE AUDIENCE
H. ANY PART OF THE STAGE NOT IN THE ACTING AREA
I. THE PROCESS OF ROUGHING OUT THE MOVES TO BE MADE BY THE ACTORS
J. AN OPTIMIST - SEES THE GOOD AND ROLLS WITH THE BAD
K.THE IMAGINARY WALL THAT SEPARATES THE AUDIENCE FROM THE STAGE
L. PROCESS DURING WHICH ALL TENSIONS AND CONFLICTS IN A PERFORMANCE ARE RESOLVED

PELICAN PLAYER PROFILES

BY: MARY ANNE MOSELEY

Who are the Pelican Players? They are ordinary people like you and me, who have had varied lifetime experiences before lending their time and talents to this extraordinary community theater. Some have theater or music in their background, and many others have never stepped on a stage before coming here to live. You may recognize their names or maybe just their faces. You might have passed them in the supermarket. Each newsletter will feature several members' stories. Who are the Pelican Players? It's time to find out:

JAMES WILLIAMS - As a child in rural northwestern Pennsylvania, James Williams and his three siblings grew up in a loving, close knit family. He spent many happy hours on his grandparents farm. After graduating from Conneaut High School, he entered trade school for travel and tourism and became a multimedia specialist with Piedmont Airlines (which later became US Air). He made training videos in Pittsburgh and Nashville. Continuing in this line of work, he moved to Ohio where he met Kevin, his partner of 35 years. They next moved to Tennessee and James returned to Pennsylvania for a time in order to help out with his mom who was ill. Sadly, she passed and he returned to Tennessee becoming a Senior Project Manager for Piedmont Airlines in which he made corporate videos and also performed in them. He then went on to become a Flight Attendant. After a few years, James decided a change was in order and moved to Ormond Beach, Florida with Kevin, where they bought a Day Spa and Coffee Shop. They moved back to Tennessee two years later where he got involved in local theater. James worked onstage, backstage, or wherever he was needed. He had a memorable role as Bob Cratchit in “A CHRISTMAS CAROL”. Next move was to Cape Cod Mass., where he had his own art gallery in Provincetown. Their final move was to Sun City Center, Florida, originally as snowbirds, but in 2015 Pelican Players hooked them and they decided to stay full-time. Between renovating their home and getting involved with Pelican Players, James has been busier than ever. As an artist, musician and talented actor, he is a real Renaissance man. He's been in Readers Theater, Murder Mystery Dinner Theater and main stage productions. He truly shines as a director and has brought his creative vision to some of our most successful shows i.e. “CALENDAR GIRLS”, “STEEL MAGNOLIAS”, and “BOEING BOEING”. James is also our Vice-President, Artistic Director, and Web Designer. We are extremely blessed to have him on our team.

KEVIN STEINKE - Our hardworking and fiscally responsible Treasurer, Kevin Steinke grew up along with his sister Julie in Trotwood, Ohio near the City of Dayton. While in school and after graduating from Trotwood Madison High School, he worked as a third-generation baker in the family business “Village Bakery” for 15 years. He knew he wanted to do something different with his life and in the early 1980's, he became quite interested in computers and went to trade school for Travel and Tourism. Within a year, he became involved with the Dayton Theater Guild where he performed for a number of years while also working for Piedmont Airlines. He was promoted to training at US Airways and traveled to Europe from 1996 until 2001 when his department was eliminated due to downsizing. This turn of events was actually very fortunate for Kevin. He moved to Nashville where he became a reader for the blind through the Nashville Public Library's Radio show. He also had roles as an extra on the TV Show “Nashville”. Another move came when he and James bought a Day Spa and Coffee Shop in Daytona, Florida while living in Ormond Beach where they stayed for two years. They relocated further north again to Tennessee for a time and then even further north to Provincetown, Cape Cod, Mass.

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KEVIN STEINKE (cont'd) - During all these moves, he worked on and off in local theater. And in 2014 came to Florida as snowbirds where Kevin immediately snagged a role in the Pelican players presentation of “ALL THE KINGS WOMEN”. Kevin has been in many Pelican Players productions, most notably “ON GOLDEN POND”, “HARVEY”, and “BOEING BOEING”. In addition to mainstage plays, Kevin has performed in Readers Theater, Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, and Radio Shows. He's been a Director, a Stage Manager, worked on set construction and is a very active and dedicated Board member. He and James have been busy learning Sound Technology and working on the website. By the way, they are also leaders in the Morning Fitness club at the CA in SCC three days a week. The whole community benefits from his talents.

JOY DUNN - Canton Ohio is home to the Football Hall of Fame. It is also the birthplace of Joy Dunn, Secretary of the Pelican players Board of Directors. She grew up in a happy family with two sisters, a blue collar worker Dad and a stay-at-home Mom. Grandma lived right behind them and Joy has happy memories of helping her in her garden.

After graduating from Glenwood High School in 1964, she attended Kent State University for a while. There she met the love of her life, Mike and they were married in 1966. Mike, an Engineer was transferred to Pittsburgh for two years. In the coming years, they made several more moves to different areas of Ohio and Wisconsin. During this time, Joy gave birth to three children (who have blessed her with three grandchildren). Joy began working in the Travel agency business in 1980, and in 1988 they made their final “Northern” move to Lake George, New York. In 2005, Mike retired and they moved to Kings Point. Mike passed away in 2007, but Joy kept working in the travel business for AAA until her retirement in 2013. That same year she joined Pelican Players. At the time, Pelican Players needed a Front of House Manager and Joy very capably stepped up for the job. Her skills in Customer Service were the perfect assets for this role. She was appointed to the Board in 2015 to finish out another Board member's term and has subsequently been elected in her own right.

Joy has also worked as a Stage Manager and Assistant Director. Her acting credits include Twig Theater, Murder Mystery and Readers Theater. She is an avid golfer and is very active in the United Methodist Church. She enjoys traveling with her best friend Shirley and attending dances with her dance club friends. She is on the Social Committee for Pelican Players and is hoping for a replacement for Front of House Manager. Any takers?

Her favorite thing about Pelican Players is the camaraderie and support of each other in good times and bad. “We may all be transplants, but we've all become Family”

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PELICAN PLAYERS SHOP NOW OPEN 24/7

by James Williams

Have you visited our website?

If you have, you know that we have created an online shop.

If you haven't, please check it out.

We will be adding more merchandise in the future but for now, SHOP. Christmas is coming soon and you can think of your purchase as a donation. We have partnered with a print on demand company that works with non-profit organizations like us. Pelican Players gets a cut of every item sold. It goes directly into our scholarship account.

If you would simply just like to donate to our scholarship fund, all you have to do is click the brand new, bright yellow donate button on top of each page of our website.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

by Mary Anne Moseley

Set your calendars for a very important event.

The Pelican Players will be celebrating a 40th Anniversary Gala for members only. Join us on January 8, 2020 for this special evening filled with fun, food and drinks. Walk down the red carpet for a photo-op. There will be entertainment and trips down memory lane. Meet old and new members. Attire is dressy, so ladies, get out your bling.

This free event is open to members by invitation only. Look for it soon in your emails. All the details will be there. This is our way to thank you, our members, for your loyalty and support all these years.

Total donations year-to-date are $2,041.12. Including donations made at the performances by the Cabaret Singers, Readers Theater and the past performance with Deputy Jeffrey Merry regarding scams. Donations were also made in memory of Mary Winter, Jim Smith, and Frank Rezoagli. In addition, we have received donations from Donna Fiore and Jamie Szoke.

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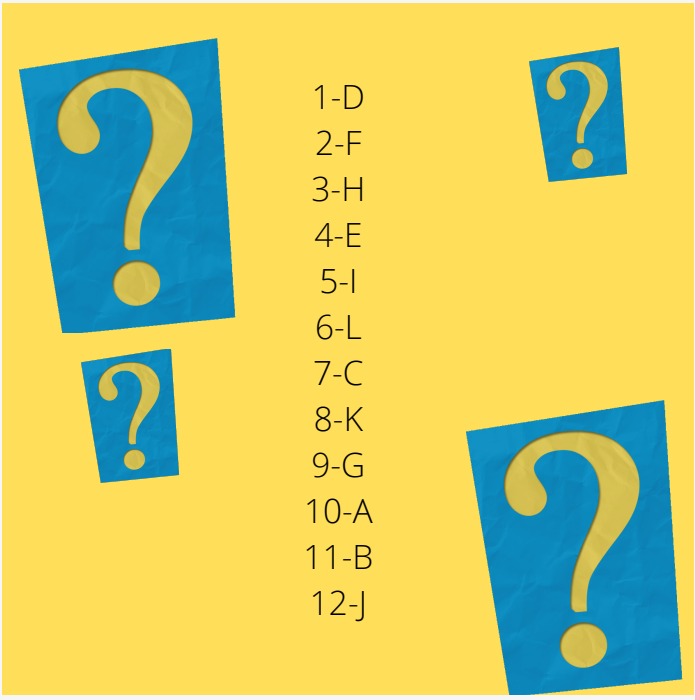

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TWO HOLIDAY SHOWS

by James Williams

We are presenting not one but TWO Christmas reader's theater shows this year.

On Monday, December 20th we present a matinee performance of "It's Christmas". Doors open at 1:30PM and the show starts at 2:00PM.

"It's a Wonderful Life" will be presented that same evening with doors opening at 6:00PM and the show starts at 6:30PM.

We wish you and yours a happy and healthy season of love.

2022 SEASON

GET EXCITED because we are! This is our entire 2022 season for our Main Stage shows: