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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME LAUGHS?

by Carol Bense

Death and Taxes - someone dies and the IRS is involved. How, why, who, where, when? All will be revealed amid the hilarious interaction of town characters who mostly don't like each other very much. Some of them may seem very familiar.



APRIL 4,5,11,12,13

Cora Sedgewick (Diane Sullivan) has discovered a body on the couch at Carl Johansen's (Paul Stewart) house. Who is he and what happened to him? Mayor Kathleen Lyles (Mandy Ferriman) takes it upon herself to conduct a "coroner's jury" at the town council meeting. This does not sit well with Sheriff Wesley Thorne (Christian Boudman) who has completed his investigation by declaring that the man died of natural causes.

Dr. Bishop (Bob Rautenberg) takes umbrage at this because it is his job to declare the cause of death. He is sure that Eddie King (Bob Tuttle), local newspaper



The cast forming living sculptures as an exercise. Can you guess what this one is? Answer on pg.3

editor had something to do with it, and Eddie is sure the Doctor is involved. Lydia (Tori Neal) seems to be responsible simply for taking notes, but does she have a secret of her own? Mattie Johansen (Abigail Catalano), Carl's wife has her own version of what happened. Finally Evelyn Martindale (Kaylin Dean), the drama teacher sets up the scene and brings to light several things that were overlooked, leading to the

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MOVIES ARE HERE!

Every month The Village Players will present a classic film using our new big screen and sound equipment. It's just like being in a professional theater. You will see these films the way most of you have never seen them – on the big screen.

Jim Adams will provide a live introduction and some insightful information about each film. We are so excited to welcome people into the theater for an additional 12 weekends a year. Of course all proceeds go directly back to the theater for greater improvements to make our three live productions a year even more spectacular.

Show times are Saturday 8pm and a Sunday 2pm matinee. The complete schedule is posted below. Tickets are \$5.00 each (Popcorn \$2 and Bottled Water \$1), so it's affordable to take a family to the Movies!!!

Tickets can be purchased with a credit card or Paypal only on our website at www.village-players.com, or tickets can be purchased with cash or check at the door one hour before the movie.



The Wizard of Oz Saturday, January 18, at 8pm Sunday, January 19, at 2pm	Jaws Saturday, July 19, at 8pm Sunday, July 20, at 2pm
Casablanca Saturday, February 15, at 8pm Sunday, February 16, at 2pm	American Graffiti Saturday, August 16, at 8pm Sunday, August 17, at 2pm
North By Northwest Saturday, March 15, at 8pm Sunday, March 16, at 2pm	Some Like it Hot Saturday, Sept. 20, at 8pm Sunday, Sept. 21, at 2pm
Singing in the Rain Saturday, April 19, at 8pm Sunday, April 20, at 2pm	HorrorFest Horror classics (TBD) that will make you scream. Sat. October 18 (time TBD)
Royal Wedding Saturday, May 17, at 8pm Sunday, May 18, at 2pm	On Golden Pond Saturday, Nov. 29, at 8pm Sunday, Nov. 30, at 2pm
Back to the Future Saturday, June 21, at 8pm Sunday, June 22, at 2pm	Polar Express Saturday, Dec. 20, at 8pm Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2pm

Classic Movies
like you've never seen or heard before.

KINGSWOOD THEATER ONE-ACT PLAY ENTRY

by Phoebe Van Scoy-Giessler

Kingswood Theater will present “The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon” at the Kingswood Arts Center on March 13 & 14 at 7PM. Two narrators attempt to recreate all 209 of the fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm in a wild, fast-paced extravaganza. To make it more difficult, they attempt to combine them into one gigantic fable using Rapunzel, Rumpelstiltskin, Hansel and Gretel, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella and other more obscure stories like Lean Lisa and The Devil's Grandmother. Tickets are \$5.

This one-act play will be Kingswood’s entry into the annual New Hampshire Educational Theater Guild festival. Coincidentally, Kingswood will HOST the festival this year on March 22nd. Schools from around the state will gather at the Arts Center for this day-long event to present short plays, receive feedback from noted theater professionals as well as their peers, and generally revel in their theater-ness. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend these shows. Watch the Granite State News for details on performance times.

GET INVOLVED!

by Carol Bense

The Village Players needs you! What do you enjoy doing? Whatever it is, we probably have a place in our activities for you. Like to read plays? Want to work on the play-reading committee? (We really need members of this committee NOW - please contact jaysydow@gmail.com. for this one.) Like to paint? Want to work on the set building crew? Like to be backstage to see how everything works? Want to work on the backstage set crew? Like to let the world know what is happening? Want to be on the publicity committee? Like to learn new things? Want to learn about our lighting and sound systems? Like to scrounge up stuff? Want to be on our props committee? Like to ask people for money? Want to be on our fund-raising committee? (That's kind of a joke - I don't know anyone who likes to ask people for money, but maybe you have a knack for it.) Like to sing and/or dance? Want to be in our musical this fall?

The point is, we need your skills AND you will have a great time working with us in any capacity. After all, we don't get paid, so we have to have fun. If you want to get involved, we can find a place for you.

Please contact our president, Megan Rohrbacher at 332-5636 or drivetimeproductions@gmail.com. Tell her you want to get involved. We'll be happy you are with us.

Village Players Bring Holiday Cheer to Residents of Sugar Hill

by Dianna Serrano

On Sunday, December 22, 2013, several brave Village Player members ventured forth into the wintry weather and pending ice storm to bring holiday caroling cheer to residents of the Sugar Hill Retirement Community. Filled with holiday spirit, Norm and Diane Rautenberg, Bob and Helen Rautenberg, Barbara Gray, Jerome Holden and Jeannette D’Onofrio, Cate Poole and Dianna Serrano gathered to sing an array of traditional Christmas songs.

The residents, including our very own, Willie Mork were seated in the dining room dressed in festive attire and surrounded by beautiful table settings, centerpieces and décor. This was their annual Christmas holiday dinner buffet.

Dianna alternated between playing the ukulele and harmonica and Cate played guitar, while the other members sang. Bob Rautenberg, dressed as Santa Claus, gave an occasional convincing, “Ho, Ho, Ho!” Helen sang a beautiful harmony to “Angels We Have Heard On High” and topped off a solo (from memory) of Jingle Bells in between the 1st and 3rd verses. It was unanimous that “All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth” would not be a good choice and was replaced by “We Wish You A Merry Christmas” instead. Other songs included, “Silent Night, Winter Wonderland, Deck The Halls and Rockin’ Around The Christmas Tree. “

Barbara wistfully recalled caroling at Sugar Hill with her daughter’s quartet. Jerome and Jeannette remembered caroling among the Wolfeboro shops in the snow. Norm and Diane were making this their last holiday send off before their long awaited road trip to warmer climates.

Although we sounded pretty good, everyone agreed that perhaps practice could have made perfect. We were thankful that our acting talent pulled us through. The joy we felt in giving on this festive occasion was equally met with the residents’ sincere appreciation. The outcome was a gift of raw talent with heartfelt good will at the right time. We hope to do it again next year!



Who remembers this group of carollers? What show?

Some Village Players "Moonlight" in Pittsfield

by Jay Sydow

Hopefully by the time you read this Jay Sydow and Meggin Dail will have finally cast their production of *Dearly Departed* and have rehearsals well under way. Rumor has it they had a great turn out at auditions and way too many men. When was the last time that ever happened? Come on down and see our Village Players vets. President Megan Rohrbacher plays dual roles of Juanita the "Yam Queen" and the much older Veda. Zach Shea returned from NYC just in time to audition for the role of Reverend Beverly Hooker and Greg Parker is tackling the role of Junior. Ernie Bass has decided to reprise his role as Royce, the nephew with Beelzebub in him.

The show dates are March 14, 15, 21 & 22 at 8:00 and Sunday March 16 at 2:00 at the Scenic Theater in Pittsfield. For more information please check out the Pittsfield Players website www.pittsfieldplayers.com/pplayers.htm

VP BITS

news about members etc.

The peripatetic **Athena Ellis** is now working in the box office for Hartford Stage in Hartford, CT.

Many of our current and past members participated in *Dancing With The Community Stars* to benefit the Kingswood Theater Boosters and Wolfeboro Area Creative Arts Center. Some of our members and friends who danced are **Kaylin Dean, Barbara Wilson, Kristi Nieman, Meghan Burns, Rebecca Gronski** and **Linda Williams**.

We recently lost long-time member and supporter, **Tony Lyon**. Tony lived in Tuftonboro and passed away last week.

If you have news about current or former Village Players, please forward it to cwbense@roadrunner.com.

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resolution of the puzzle.

All the characters suspect each other, and their long-standing grudges give rise to lots of wise-cracks and comic moments. Director, Cate Poole, is working to create an ensemble cast so every actor can make the most of the comic relationships. She is using techniques from

workshops offered at the theater by Zach Shea, a graduate of the Actor's Studio in New York, to help the actors reach



their potential. Can you guess what this one is? See the end of this article.

Tickets are \$12 and will be available after February 15th. You can purchase tickets any time before the actual day of performance with credit card or Paypal account on-line at www.village-players.com. Just click on the Tickets tab at the top of the page. Tickets will also be available at Black's on Main Street in Wolfeboro or at the door from one hour before the performance. Only cash or check can be accepted at Black's or at the door.

If you want more information about *Death and Taxes*, please visit our website www.village-players.com and click on the logo.

ANSWERS: turn upside down

Fig 1 photo: "Washington Crossing the Delaware"
Fig 2 photo: "A Night with T-Pain and Kanye"

The Village Players Membership Form 2014

The Village Players PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 603-569-1396 www.village-players.com

(please print)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Would you prefer to receive your Prompter Newsletter via e-mail? Yes No

Call me to help on a Committee / Project / Production _____

Individual \$15 _____ Household \$25 _____ (2 adults and any minor children living in the same household)

Check # _____ Date _____

(Remit payment directly to The Village Players by April 1, 2014 to be a current voting member)

Please make checks payable to The Village Players, and mail to PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894

or go on-line to www.village-players.com to pay with credit card or Paypal.

CONTACT US...

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Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday evening of each month. All dues-paying members are also welcome to attend. Be sure your membership is current to receive your newsletter and special membership deals.

Contact Carol Bense - cwbense@roadrunner.com or 569-1396 - if you have changes in your address or email, or if you are unsure about your membership status.

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DON'T FORGET TO JOIN FOR 2014

We are all in this thing together, so don't forget to pay your dues for 2014. Dues are now \$15 per person or \$25 for a family (up to 2 adults and any number of minor children living in the same household). The fiscal year for The Village Players is January through December, so your dues will make you a member for that time period regardless of when you pay them. However, if you pay before April 1, 2014 you will be allowed to vote at our Annual Meeting to elect officers. To find out if your dues are paid for 2014 go to the website (www.village-players.com), click on the red Members Access tab, cursor down until you see the purple "MEMBERS" link, click on that. You will see a list of members. Find your name and if there is a date in the last column (2014) your dues are paid for 2014. If there is no date, you dues are not yet paid.

Your membership is essential to the support and maintenance of The Village Players, so please join now. You can complete the form included in this newsletter which requires a check or cash; or you can go on-line to www-village-players.com, click on the gold tab "Join, Donate, Endowment", then click on the "Join Us" link.

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