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SUMMER SHOW

by Carol Bense

If you are expecting funny, you will be in the right place at The Village Players Theater on Glendon Street in Wolfeboro at 8pm on Friday, July 22nd; Saturday, July 23rd; Friday, July 29th; or Saturday, July 30th. You

can also attend this risqué laugh-fest at 2pm on Sunday, July 31st. *Bathroom Humor*, by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore, is being directed by Jay Sydow and you know he can bring out the humor. Assisting Jay, and adding his own spark to the production, is Joshua Spaulding in his first stint as Assistant Director.

Bathroom Humor takes place entirely in the upstairs bathroom of a home where an office party is being held. Office gossip is rife and hanky-panky is always a possibility. As the evening progresses, the party gets wilder and wilder and so do the goings on up in the bathroom. Dirty little secrets and indiscretions are soon revealed as tongues loosen. **This production is for mature audiences only and not suitable for children.**

Reviewers said: "slick, sophisticated and thoroughly funny... throws jokes at the audience one after another... zany, action packed fun... wild and outrageous."

Helping to make it happen are Meggin Dail, who fills the role of Laura, the boss's wife who has a thing for Sandy; and Priscilla Adams who plays sweet, insecure and naive Peg. Next, in comes Babette, the office flirt who has her hooks out for anyone married or not, played by Jennifer Smith. Peg's father, who just happens to have to use the bathroom often, is played by James Cross. Chris Campbell plays Stu, the guy who will raid a house's medicine cabinet and take random medications. Arthur, the boss, a simple and timid man who loves his wife, is portrayed by Russ Ellis. Christian Boudman plays Sandy who is trying to get up the nerve to ask Arthur for a raise, while at the same time making a play for his wife, Laura. It's complicated. Finally, every party needs an entertainer, so Bob Rautenberg provides his interpretation of Elvis in the role of The Big El.

In addition to the directors, lots of folks are working to make the production happen. Carol Bense is producing with Laura Cooper as Stage Manager. Costumes are in the hands of Deb Jones. Lighting and sound will be overseen by Matthew Johnson and Cathy Fraser. The set is being designed and built by Jay Sydow with lots of help. The House Manager duties will be shared by Diane Mork and Esther Roakes. Cathy Fraser is taking care of publicity. Poster, program and tickets are the bailiwick of 1.

Carol Bense and Tracy Lionetta.

Tickets will be available at Black's Paper Store in downtown Wolfeboro and on-line at www.village-players.com approximately six weeks before opening night.

This production is sponsored in part by Kris and Bruce Gurall.



Priscilla Adams as Peg with Bob Rautenberg as "The Big El"



Laura (Meggin Dail) greets her paramour, Sandy (Christian Boudman)

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

by Carol Bense

Your board is working on codifying all of the policies and procedure which are used to make decisions but which are not part of the by-laws or articles. Over the many years of our existence, various boards have enacted policies which are somewhere in the minutes of the meetings, but which are all but impossible to find. Therefore when questions arise, one board member may think that there is a rule regarding that issue, but another board member may think differently, and without reviewing all the minutes of all the meetings of all the years, there is no way to show definitively what the rule is.

As a result, your board has determined to review all policies and procedures and vote on them. These will then be posted on our website with the date of board approval so that they can easily be accessed. In the future board members will be able to refer to this document to determine what our current policy is and to decide if they want to change it. Any future board at any time can vote to change our policies and procedures. Such changes will be added to the document and remain on-line for easy access.

The board is dealing with such issues as play selection, membership, loaning costumes and props, dealing with purchases, and others as they come up. If you have a particular issue that you would like to see addressed, please contact a board member. You will find their names, phone numbers and email addresses on the last page of The Prompter.

Drinking Habits Wrapup

by Joshua Spaulding

The costumes are stored, the set has been taken apart and the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing have left the building. But the spring production of *Drinking Habits* by Tom Smith proved to be an enjoyable show for everyone involved and a successful run for the Village Players.

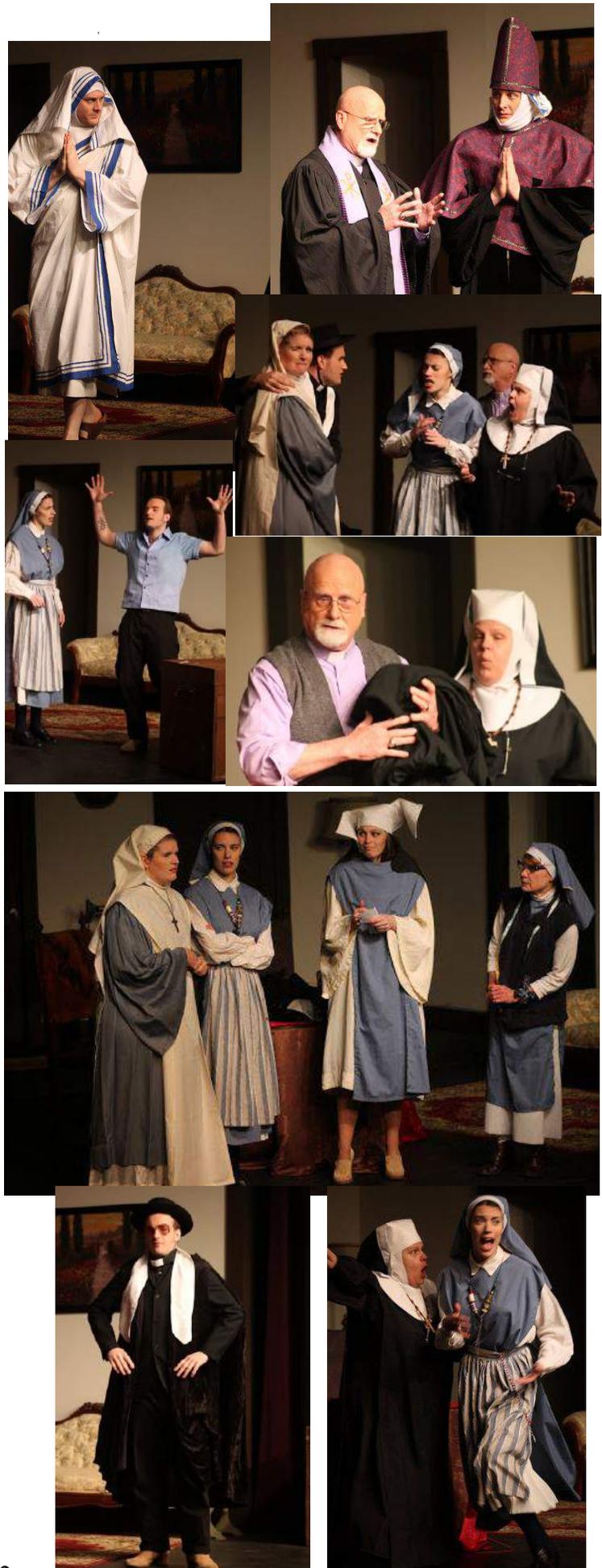
Director Megan Rohrbacher presided over a cast that included many Village Players veterans and a few people who were a bit newer to the group. Emily Marsh, Brooks Campbell, Vinny Amico and Rick Tessari have all been in many Village Players productions over the years, while Jen Smith and Maggie Fraser are all newer to Village Players shows. Kristi Nieman was a veteran of many musicals, including a major star turn in *Mame* in 2009, but *Drinking Habits* was her first non-musical show and she showed a great sense of comedic timing in her portrayal of Sister Philomena.

Paul Stewart also has a number of Village Players shows under his belt, but for the first time he stepped into the assistant director seat and helped to guide the show along.

The backstage crew of stage manager Kaylin Dean and crew members Chelsea Martinese, Kim Tessari and Lisa Penny provided valuable support for the cast, including helping with costume changes along the way. Toni Dingley and Sumayya Al Kindy stepped up to offer their makeup expertise, while Matthew Johnson was again a rock in the light booth, despite a computer failure that knocked out the sound at one point. Ester Roakes served as the house manager and did a fine job organizing another stellar group of ushers.

Of course, no production can go off without a hitch. For *Drinking Habits*, that hitch was the sliding closet door. The door was a big part of the show, as characters went in and out of it on numerous occasions. However, when the door doesn't open, something has to happen. In this case, that something was Eric Milligan and Kim Tessari. Noticing the door wasn't working from the audience, Eric, who was the show's set decorator, headed back stage and manually opened and closed the door for the remainder of the act, with Kim providing him with the cues. Set designer Russ Ellis, who happened to be in the audience that night, noticed the door wasn't working and came back at intermission and Eric and Russ worked together to get the door working for the rest of the show. And the duo made more fixes as the show went along, making sure the cast could get in and out of the door as needed.

It's been said that "it takes a village," and in the case of the Village Players, the production of *Drinking Habits* had a pretty good village.



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MOVIES FOR JUNE AND JULY

by Carol Bense

Our summer schedule is now in place and that means that the movies are on Friday and Saturday evening at 8pm with no Sunday matinee.

On Friday, June 17th and Saturday, June 18th, you can see that splendid adventure film, "**Raiders of the Lost Ark.**" Often ranked as one of the greatest films of all time, "Raiders" remains one of the highest-grossing films ever made. It was nominated for nine Academy Awards in 1982, including Best Picture, and won four for Best Art Direction, Film Editing, Sound, and Visual Effects with a fifth Academy Award: a Special Achievement Award for Sound Effects Editing. Harrison Ford is thrilling as archaeologist Indiana Jones who braves an ancient booby-trapped temple in Peru and retrieves a golden idol. Then, fighting a rival archaeologist, and the Nazi's, and, worst of all, snakes; Jones goes after the lost Ark of the Covenant. The film was acclaimed by critics and audiences alike. In his review for The New York Times, Vincent Canby praised the film, calling it, "one of the most deliriously funny, ingenious and stylish American adventure movies ever made." Roger Ebert in his review for the Chicago Sun-Times wrote, "Two things, however, make Raiders of the Lost Ark more than just a technological triumph: its sense of humor and the droll style of its characters [...] We find ourselves laughing in surprise, in relief, in incredulity at the movie's ability to pile one incident upon another in an inexhaustible series of inventions." On our big screen with high definition sound, "Raiders" will be a winner. Our presentation of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" is sponsored by The Penny Candy Shop at Durgin Place in Wolfeboro.

Teen-agers, singing, dancing, and falling in love are the stars of "**Grease**", a great, big, heartwarming musical with the songs you remember. "Greased Lightnin", "Summer Nights", "Hopelessly Devoted to You", "La Bamba", "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On", "Beauty School Dropout", "You're the One That I Want". and many more. John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John star as the on again, off again, on again young couple with Stockard Channing as the rough, tough Rizzo. You will also recognize lots of cameos in this film by the likes of Eve Arden, Dody Goodman, Sid Caesar, Alice Ghostley, Dick Patterson, Fannie Flagg, Joan Blondell, and Ed "Kookie" Byrnes, as well as the popular singing group, Sha Na Na. You can enjoy this evening of great memories at 8pm on Friday, July 15th or Saturday, July 16th. "Grease" is sponsored by Gay-Ann Cooney.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the beginning of the month for each film, on-line at www.village-players.com or at the door. You can use a credit card or PayPal on-line in

advance, but you must have cash or check at the door if you wait until the day of the showing to buy your ticket. Refreshments are available before the show.

See you at the movies.



VP BITS

news about members etc.

Delina Bickford graduated from the Salters School of Nursing in Manchester this past March. She is now a Licensed Practical Nurse. She looks great in that cap, doesn't she. Kudos, Delina.

Emily Marsh has been approved as an artist for Threadless, an online community of artists and an ecommerce website based in Chicago.

Bobbi Boudman and **Carol Bense** have been working to clean and organize our costume collection. " We are finding stuff that we had no idea existed."

Allison Wood, daughter of **Joyce Wood**, is a member of NH Dream Tech which won the 2016 Paul J. Holloway Prize Innovation-to-Market Competition honoring the student team submitting the best strategies for starting, acquiring, or expanding a business venture.

Drew Collins, son of **Catherine Collins**, is a member of the Debate Team at St. Anselm's College which took first place in the Northeast Regional Competition.

Jackson Boudman, son of **Bobbi** and **Christian Boudman**, just completed his role in Snapdragon Theater's production of *A Polynesian Saga*. This is his 8th Snapdragon production.

Also in this show is **Lydia Kreis**, daughter of **Maida Kreis**; and **Nolan Schultz**, son of **Jeanne Schultz**. Both Maida and Jeanne worked on costumes for *Spamalot*.

Congratulations to all our graduating seniors this June. The sons and daughters and grandchildren of many of our members are graduating from high school or college this year and we wish them all well in their chosen vocations. We hope you continue to participate in The Village Players whenever you are able.

If you have news about current or past members of The Village Players, please email Carol Bense at cwbense@roadrunner.com or call 569-1396.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Bob Rautenberg with his future wife, Helen, in one of his earliest performances with The Village Players. He played Greg in *I'll Be Back Before Midnight* in 2002.



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Join Our Movie Team - We Still Need You

by Carol Bense

We have a great team running our movie nights, but we need some more folks to learn how to operate the projection system. We are happy to teach, but if you already have the skills, that's great too. We run two showings each month, and we now have three people who operate the system. We would like to find at least two more who were interested so that the duties could be spread out a bit more. If you wanted to do it every other month or even every third month, your commitment could be that infrequent. Please contact Christian Boudman (christianboudman@gmail.com 393-3613) or Jim Adams (pjadams_wp@tds.net 875-0714). They can explain how it all works and answer any questions you may have. Even if you have just a slight interest, please talk with one of them to get more information. This is actually a cry for HELP!