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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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DRINKING HABITS
 by Tom Smith

Drinking Habits Auditions Jan. 3 and 4

by Joshua Spaulding

With the fall production of Monty Python's Spamalot now in the rearview mirror, attention is turning to the spring production, which will take place the first two weekends in April.

Longtime Village Player Megan Rohrbacher is stepping back into the director's chair and will be helming Tom Smith's Drinking Habits.

This farce follows the tale of two nuns at the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing, who have been secretly making wine to help keep the convent's doors open. A pair of reporters (who are also ex-fiancées) go undercover as a nun and a priest to try to uncover what's going on, while a new nun also arrives on the scene, sparking even more paranoia around the convent that a spy has been sent from Rome to shut them down.

This comedy will feature plenty of laughs and a cast of eight, including five women and three men. The director notes that the ages for most of the characters will be somewhere between 20 and 50, with a couple of the characters falling on the older side of that range.

Auditions for Drinking Habits will be held at the beginning of the year, with official dates set for Sunday, Jan. 3, and Monday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. both evenings at the Village Players Theater. Those auditioning for parts should come prepared to read from the script.

Anyone interested in more information on the show can contact Rohrbacher at drivetimeproductions@gmail.com. There are also opportunities to work on the production side of Drinking Habits, and anyone interested in that aspect of the show is more than welcome to contact Producer Joshua Spaulding at trumpet138@hotmail.com.

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



HOLIDAY PARTY FOR MEMBERS

by Carol Bense

Once again we will be having a gala Holiday Party for all members. Save the date of December 5th and be there about 7pm. We will have great refreshments to occupy your hands and mouth while you visit with VP friends. After that we will be showing the film, "Miracle on 34th Street". Do come and spread your cheer for the season.



December is Christmas Movie time and our selections for 2015 will not disappoint. The whole family will enjoy "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and that hilarious and somehow touching, film, "Elf".

You can see them on Saturday, December 19th at 8pm or Sunday, December 20th at 2pm. Entrance is \$5 per person so you can afford to bring the whole family. You can also buy popcorn, water and candy before the show.

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas" brings you all those old familiar characters from Dr. Seuss, The Grinch, his long-suffering dog, and sweet little Cindy Lu Who. It's a classic that you won't see on the big screen anywhere else.

Will Farrell is funny and charming as the elf who doesn't fit into his community in "Elf". His misadventures while trying to find his real father in New York City are both very funny and genuinely moving, making this film a Christmas treasure.

This is the perfect way to bring in Christmas week.
 1. Come to the movies. You'll be glad you did.



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2016 MEMBERSHIP

While your current membership runs through December 31st, 2015, you might want to consider re-upping for 2016. As agreed to by the board several years ago, anyone who joins after September 1 of the current year becomes a member for the following year. So if you join or re-join now, your membership will run from now until December 31, 2016.

You can join by going on-line to www.village-players.com and clicking on the Join, Donate, Endowment tab and then click on the Join Us link. This will take you to the page where you can join with a credit card through PayPal, or you can print out the Membership Form on this page, and complete it and send it with your check to The Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.

The Village Players Membership Form 2016

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 before April 1, 2016 to be a voting member for 2016)
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Hard work pays off with Spamalot success

by Joshua Spaulding (Sir Not Appearing)

There were weeks of rehearsals. Our choreographer, Kaylin Dean, was busy teaching everyone the numerous dance steps to a dozen or so songs.

Musical director Keith Belanger worked with everyone to teach the many songs. And of course, our director, Jay Sydow, had us all going through out lines and scene changes. Bobbi Boudman and her costume crew had people up and down the stairs trying on the numerous costumes they'd need. And slowly and surely, Spamalot came together.

The hard work began paying off as the dances looked better, the songs sounded better, the scene changes came together and the costumes continued to evolve. And then came tech week and a long week of late nights, with the stage crew, led by stage manager Megan Rohrbacher. Set pieces were put in their homes back stage and everyone was assigned their jobs.

And that led to opening night. House manager Stef Marsh and her crew ushered in the crowd and what a crowd. From Bob Rautenberg's first words as the Historian to the final sing-along of Bright Side of Life, the crowd was into the show. There was plenty of laughter throughout the night, keeping the actors on their toes. A positive buzz was heard from everyone in attendance, both after the show and in the community the next day. Word was out, Spamalot was a show not to be missed. This could mean only good things for weekend number two.

It was obvious from their roars of approval that the audience appreciated all the hard work that went into this show. The work that went on behind the closed doors over the previous few months did not go for naught. Everyone did his or her part and in the end, that meant a very successful production.



Photos courtesy of Michael Wilfert

Annual Meeting Report

by Carol Bense

Our Annual Meeting was held on November 15th after the performance of Monty Python's Spamalot. President Jim Adams gave a report on the year's activities.

The new board for 2016 was elected unanimously and consists of:

President	Jim Adams
Vice President	Christian Boudman
Secretary	Rosemary Lounsbury
Treasurer	Joshua Spaulding
1 yr Board Member	Priscilla Adams
2 yr Board Member	Matthew Johnson
2 yr Board Member	Tracy Lionetta

And continuing to fill the second half of their two year terms are:

Laura Cooper
Michael Welch

We thank the board members who served for 2015 but are leaving the board this year:

Jay Sydow
Megan Rohrbacher

The board of 2015 faced some unusual difficulties (for example - ice coming off the roof and destroying the handicap ramp) and we truly appreciate all that they have done for The Village Players.

MOVIE PREVIEW FOR 2016

The movie committee has chosen the following films for our 2016 season:

Jan - "Mary Poppins"	Aug - "Airplane"
Feb - "Philadelphia Story"	Sep - "Them"
Mar - "Rear Window"	Oct - Horrorfest
Apr - "Sunset Boulevard"	"The Mummy" and
May - "7th Voyage of Sinbad"	"The Horror of Dracula"
Jun - "The Princess Bride"	Nov - "Double Idemnity"
Jul - "Grease"	Dec -
	"Nightmare Before Christmas"

A little something for everyone. Why not become a regular? Tickets are only \$5 and you can buy popcorn, candy and water at very low prices. It's a nice evening out and you don't have to leave Wolfeboro or take out a loan.

VP BITS news about members etc.

Eric Martin who has appeared in several productions started work at Comcast in September as a Communication Technician.

Rebecca Bense, former member, and daughter of **Carol and Ted Bense** was chosen as the Everyday Hero of Sullivan County for her work as an advocate for children and families in distress.

Jim and Priscilla Adams go overboard for Halloween, not only sponsoring two movies for us, but also bringing macabre props to the theater from their supply of weird stuff in the basement.



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

We did The Apple Tree in the fall of 1983 when **Corky Mork** played a member of the court of King Arik and this year he plays a king himself in Monty Python's Spamalot

