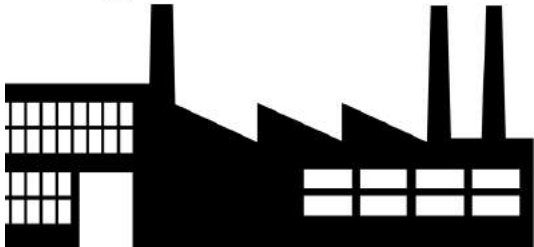


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The Pajama Game



.....from Jay Sydow

"Hey there... You with the stars in your eyes" Get out your PJ's because this year, mid-summer in Wolfeboro means **AUDITIONS** for *The Pajama Game* by George Abbott & Richard Bissell, graciously sponsored by Community Bank & Trust here in town.

This musical, Directed by yours truly, isn't your typical... Boy meets girl. Boy falls in love with girl. Boy loses Girl. Boy gets girl back... Well actually it is.

It goes something like this.....

Conditions at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory are anything but peaceful, as sparks fly between new superintendent Sid Sorokin and Babe Williams, leader of the union grievance committee. Their stormy relationship comes to a head when the workers strike for a 7-cent pay increase, setting off not only a conflict between management and labor, but a battle of the sexes as well.

This show has some of the best music to come from a Broadway show (my opinion). "Hey There" is a beautiful ballad that everyone will recognize right off the bat. There are also a couple other songs that you may recognize such as "Hernando's Hideaway" and a little number called "Steam Heat".

By no means am I doing this production alone. I have strategically surrounded myself with some very talented people. Michael Wilkes will be making sure I stay on course as my Assistant Director; while Kathleen Hill, as Choreographer, will be getting us all to trip the light fantastic.

John Savage will be putting his degree to work as Musical Director, while Wayne Gehman and Jean Kemp tickle the ivories in their PJ's and slippers. All of us will be kept in line by Producer Carol Bense. Now I ask you "Do I have the best support crew or what"?

There are lots of roles to be filled both on and off the stage so please come and **audition at The Village Players Theater on Sunday & Monday, August 19 & 20 at 7:00pm.**

The cast includes: **Sid Sorokin** - (baritone - lead role) the factory superintendent torn between his feelings for Babe and for his responsibilities to his boss. Songs: "A New Town is a Blue Town", "Hey There", "Small Talk", "There Once A Man". **Babe Williams** - (mezzo soprano - lead role) feisty union representative who believes in her cause. Songs: "I'm Not At All In Love", "Small Talk", "There Once Was A Man", "Hey There", "Seven and a Half Cents". **Hines** - (baritone - second banana) the popular efficiency expert who loves Gladys. Songs: "The Pajama Game", "I'll Never Be Jealous Again", "Think of the Time I Save". **Gladys** - (Mezzo soprano - second banana) the boss' hot secretary. Songs: "Her Is", "Steam Heat", "Hernando's Hideaway". **Prez** - (supporting) the head of the union organization. Songs: "Her Is", "Seven and a Half Cents". **Mabel** - (supporting) the no-nonsense mother hen of the factory, Sid's secretary. Songs: "I'll Never Be Jealous Again". **Pop, Joe, Hassler, Charlie, Mae, Brenda, Poopsie, Salesman** - (supporting roles) Chorus: male and female includes the above listed characters when possible. Songs: "The Pajama Game", "Racing With the Clock", "I'm Not At All In Love", "Her Is", "Sleep Tite", "Once A Year Day", "Hernando's Hideaway", "Seven and a Half Cents".

There is more information on the website: www.village-players.com, so please take a minute and check it out, or call me at **630-5024** and I will try to answer your questions.

Now repeat after me...."Mama", "Llama", "Pajama"... "Nothing's quite the same as the Pajama Game".

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You will want to see it twice!!
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the third actor) to make sure that
Shakespeare will never seem the
same to you again.

Performances are scheduled for
**Saturday, August 11th at 2pm &
8pm and Sunday August 12 at 2pm.**
Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!!

from Phoebe Van Scoy-Giessler

The Village Players is celebrating its 30th
Anniversary in 2008 and we want to mark the occasion
right! Kathleen Hill is chairing the Anniversary Committee and the group has
met to begin sorting through ideas for celebration. We really want to get the
community involved in the celebration and continue to promote our perform-
ances as well as all the events we have at the theater -phew! Not a simple
task. Just a few of the ideas so far include; a "gala" event showing off the
theater, a "fashion show" of some of our most memorable costumes in the
4th of July Parade '08 and creating a tribute to our founders.

If you have ideas or would like to be part of the action, please contact
Kathleen 520-1372 or one of the committee members; Mandy Ferriman, Carol
Bense, Jay Sydow, Willie Mork, Diane Sullivan and Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler.

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scheduled for the first
Monday evening each month.

All dues-paying members
are also welcome to attend.

If you have a topic to
present to the Board,
please contact
a member listed above.

Be sure your membership
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If Men Played Cards As Women Do

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Directed by
Theresa Crowell



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FREE ADMISSION FOR Village Players MEMBERS

Hey guys! Didn't we always tell you it was worthwhile being a Village Players member? Well, here's one of your rewards. FREE ADMISSION to The Directors' Workshop Productions.

As part of an on-going director training program set up by Carol Bense, three new directors have each chosen a short comedic play which will be presented on **Friday, August 24th & Saturday, August 25th at our theater**. All Village Players members will be admitted FREE to either evening. All others will be charged \$5 ea.

"If Men Played Cards as Women Do", directed by Theresa Crowell, is approximately 15 minutes long. What if men got together to play cards and did and said the things that women do in the same situation? That is the premise behind this funny little tidbit. Card players are Tim Brown, Russ Ellis, Jerome Holden and Michael Wilkes.

"Refund" is directed by Gordon Brooks and runs approximately 25 minutes. How can a private school avoid refunding tuition and costs to a former student who claims he did not receive a decent education and is willing to fail a test to prove it? This clever comedy attempts to answer that question through the efforts of Tim Brown, Jeannette D'Onofrio, Russ Ellis, Corky Mork, Greg Parker, John Savage and Michael Wilkes.

"Laundry and Bourbon" is directed by Diane Sullivan and runs approximately 1 hour. When three southern women get together to fold the laundry, and bourbon is the beverage of choice, some pretty hilarious observations follow in short order. Starring in this comic drama are Mandy Ferriman, Jenna Van Valen-King and Phoebe Van Scoy-Giessler.

For an evening of variety and laughs (AND IT'S FREE) be sure to join us. No tickets are required, simply come to the theater and give your name at the ticket booth to be sure you are a current member, or simply pay your admission if you are not.

See all "3" Comedies
Fri.(Aug.24) & Sat.(Aug.25)
8:00pm
at the Village Players Theater

Village Player Members – FREE
General Public – \$5ea.

Surprise visit – the Cemetery Club behind the scenes....

from Carol Bense

Kathy and Jay were painting the set when the phone began to ring. "Don't bother," said Kathy. "It's probably just another telemarketing call." But Jay, being Jay, couldn't let it go. Lucky for us. It happened to be Ivan Menchell, the author of "The Cemetery Club", calling to see if he could attend our rehearsal.

Mr. Menchell (of course we are now on a first name basis with him – ahem – Ivan) was in the area visiting his wife's aunt but had to return to California before the performance. A neighbor saw our float in the 4th of July Parade and told him we were performing 'The Cemetery Club'. He wanted to see a local group performing his play. So, of course, we were thrilled to say "YES !" How many little community theater groups like ours get a chance to meet the playwright?

On Wednesday, July 11, Ivan and his wife and two children and his wife's mother all came to the rehearsal. For a while we actors did not know they were in the audience and we went on with our work. Athena was prompting and we had been instructed to listen only to her for prompts. Everything was going fine till Kathleen missed a line and a prompt came from a deep male voice in the audience. It was Ivan! So now Kathleen has the distinction of being the only Village Player ever to be prompted by the playwright.

He and his family could not stay for the whole rehearsal as they had to get the children home and prepare to leave early the following day for California. So our director, Carol Light, stopped the performance and we dragged Ivan up on stage to talk about his work and sign autographs for us. He is a terrific guy and we all enjoyed meeting him and his family. Next year he will be in the area for a month and says he will be sure to come and see our summer show.



*(PHOTO TOP - from Jay Sydow) - cast and some crew from The Cemetery Club pose with playwright Ivan Menchell (center standing)
(PHOTO BOTTOM- from Michael Wilfert) - cast of The Cemetery Club in dress rehearsal.*

You just never know what is going to happen at The Village Players Theater !

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT...from Carol Bense

If you attended the general meeting in June, you are aware that the membership did not support the changes to the By-Laws as presented at that meeting. As a result, a new committee is working to deal with some of the issues which presented problems at that meeting. Members of the committee are Carol Bense, Dick Cary, Wayne Gehman, Jerome Holden, Corky Mork and Gil Perham,

A meeting was held on July 12th with all members in attendance, the committee agreed to change some parts of the Articles of Agreement so that the membership would be required to approve any changes to the By-Laws by a 2/3rds majority vote.

The committee will present the proposed amendments to the board and then to the membership for approval before they are sent to the state as final.



Meet the Vice Prez.

from Willie Mork

Mandy Ferriman, The Village Players' Vice President, has been an active member in our group since she appeared as an Indian and a can-can girl in ANNIE GET YOUR GUN in 2004. She played a nun and Ursula, a German sympathizer, in THE SOUND OF MUSIC, a Gemini twin in A FUNNY THING HAPPEN ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM and Dorothy in this spring's HOUSE GUEST.

Mandy also pitched in to work on VP fund-raising events and the Art Auctions. This August, you will see Mandy as 'Amy Lee' in our Director's Workshop production of LAUNDRY AND BOURBON.

Mandy has quite a theater background. She grew up in Colorado where her father was a producer for a dinner-theater club in Steamboat Springs that showcased old Broadway hits. As a child she learned songs from these shows and was enthralled to mingle with the actors at parties in the Ferriman home. She was hooked!

Mandy majored in Theater at Temple University, with minors in History and Math. After college she became co-host of the Morning Mountain Report in Vermont; then a stint as box office manager for People's Light and Theater Company in Pennsylvania, after which she taught theater for two years at Woodlynds School in Strafford, a private school for children with ADD and ADHD.

For most of her summers, Mandy vacationed at Loon Pond in Gilmanton NH. On her travels, she and her beau, Hunter Emory, used to enjoy stopping for coffee at Lydia's Cafe on North Main St. in Wolfeboro. They ended up buying the café which they have owned now for four years. It was at Lydia's that she met Village Players folks who frequented the eatery. The rest is history....

Besides theater, Mandy's loves are cooking, laughing, outdoor activities, history, hanging out with friends, snuggling with her dog and cat, her whirlpool tub and of course, Hunter (who she incidentally, has roped into helping backstage with set construction at the theater). ...We're glad they came to Wolfeboro!

Kathleen Hill receives award from NHSAA *(from the Granite State News)*

Kathleen Hill, curriculum coordinator of the Inter-Lakes School District (SAU 02), is the recipient of this year's "Outstanding Service Award", according to an announcement from the New Hampshire Administrators Association. Each year the NHSAA presents its "Outstanding Service Award" as a way to recognize an exemplary New Hampshire School System Leader.

Hill, who lives in Center Harbor with her 9-yr old daughter, Jeanne Puglisi, earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Purdue University in 1982 and a Master of Education in Administration from Plymouth State College in 1997.

In nominating Hill for this award, School Superintendent of SAU 02 Philip McCormack, said, "Kathleen is an experienced educator. She has 24 years of experience that includes teaching, building principal and district level administrator." He continued, "She is a 'can do' person who consistently exhibits a positive and collaborative approach to her work and interactions with others."

Dr. Steven Kelley, principal at Inter-Lakes Elementary School, cited Hill as "one of the finest administrators with whom I have ever had the pleasure to work," adding that she "goes above

and beyond the call of duty in pursuit of educational excellence."

Sixth grade teacher Jeremy Hillger praised Hill for her positive impact on educational programs in the district.

Hill currently serves on the Board of Directors at The Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro and recently performed in the Educational Theater Collaborative's production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast at Plymouth State University. She is currently the director of Inter-Lakes Middle Tier Theater Company, among other theater ventures.

Kathleen is presently in the production of The Cemetery Club at the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro. She has become an integral part of the Village Players Theater family!



SNIP-ITS from
the Cemetery Club
rehearsals



photos by
Michael Wilfert



Sit Down for Stand Up

...from Jeannette D'Onofrio

Have you gotten a chance to come out and laugh with us on Friday nights? **SIT DOWN FOR STAND UP, a comedy series** has already produced two shows this season to enthusiastic crowds. This theater building fundraiser was so popular last year we are hoping you will all return and bring your

friends to the last two shows of the season.

COMING >>>>>>>>>>

August 17th: *Bob Siebel and Dave Rattigan

To say Bob is a unique act is an understatement. The audience is totally aware, and

becomes willingly involved with his presence the moment he steps onto the stage and takes command of their attention. His reputation for quick, sustained improvisation is well known throughout the Comedy Clubs in the New England area. "You never know what he will say next!" A guaranteed evening of pure entertainment for any audience young and old willing to take a deep breath and hold onto any fixed object while Bob takes them on a fast paced, non-stop tour of life as seen by one of it's most off beat visitors.



Opening for Bob is Dave Rattigan, a former semifinalist in the Boston Comedy Festival, he's also an accomplished writer who has been published in The Boston Globe, The Sporting News, Sports Illustrated, Boston Magazine,

and other national and regional publications. He's won 15 writing awards, and for many years wrote a popular and funny column for a north-of-Boston newspaper. He also teaches college-level and corporate writing and public speaking courses as well as stand-up comedy classes.



**September 21st:
*Paul D'Angelo and
Steve Guilmette**

Paul is a regular in comedy clubs in Boston and Los Angeles and across the country. He was named *Boston's Best Comedian* by Boston Magazine in 1994 & 1995. He has performed on TV's Comedy Central and NBC's "Friday Night". His act is clean, clever and refreshing. Paul is one of the BEST comics working today and one of the most requested comedians in the country.



Steve returns to our stage again and has performed at comedy clubs throughout New England including; The Comedy Connection, The Comedy Studio and Nick's Comedy Stop. His great wit and down-to-earth sensibility make him a popular performer, and his abilities as an imposter inform his comic characters.

All shows are PG-13. Tickets are \$12 in advance downtown at Black's Paper & Gifts or on line: www.village-players.com (or) \$15 at the door the night of the shows. My advice is to be sure to purchase your tickets well in advance and be at the theater by 7:30pm. These tickets have been selling out fast!

Proceeds from the shows will benefit the ongoing reconstruction effort at the theater.

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As an added bonus, The Barn Door will treat ticket holders the night of the shows to **\$2 OFF their dinner entrée** if they come in between 5 and 6pm, **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL, for dinner before the show.** Simply show your Comedy theater ticket to the server and it's done!

What a wonderful way to spend your Friday nights, dinner and a show...happy summer!

VILLAGE PLAYERS PARTICIPATE IN 4th OF JULY PARADE '07

Jay Sydow and Jerome Holden created the float, Carol Bense and Tyler King drove the truck pulling it in the 4th of July Parade down Main St. in Wolfeboro. It generated lots of publicity for "The Cemetery Club."



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