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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.
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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE PRINT AUGUST 2011



by Jay Sydow

The field has been tilled and the seeds have been sown for The Village Players' fall production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. All we need now is some sun and a little TLC. The cast is in place and ready to get started.

Our Little Cast of Horrors

Seymour	Jon Babon
Audrey	Katie Belanger
Mushnik	Angelo Gentile
Orin	David Morrison
Greek Chorus	Priscilla Adams
	Christine Adams
	Megan Rohrbacher
Audrey II	Rick Tessari
Audrey II movement	Phoebe Van Scoy Giessler
Skid Row/Chorus/Ushers/Concessions/Crew	
	Carol Bense, Laura Cooper, Terry Crowell
	Willie Mork, Victoria Neal, Sheila O'Connell
	Lisa Penny, Randi Talbot
Phoebe Van Scoy-Giessler, Julia Velie, Joyce Wood	
Jim Adams, Gordon Brooks, Russ Ellis	
Brendan Haeger, Don Hargy, Bob Tuttle	

Almost Behind the Scenes

by Barbara Wilson

When our summer show, *Almost, Maine*, opens July 29, the audience will see a sweetly sensitive, wonderfully humorous depiction of eight love stories in the dark winter of a mythical town near the Canadian border. The pratfalls will look natural; the conversations will sound real; the ironing board assaults will appear painful. And the audience will believe that they can actually hear that broken heart or see that relationship's total sum of love. Each time the Northern Lights appear on the stage, the audience will know they are in the presence of magic...

But you, dear reader, are in the know, a Village Player, one of the elect, so take a listen behind the scenes:



Phil (Chris Bennion) and **Marci** (Katelyn Parker) consider their future in *Almost, Maine*.

Kaylin Dean: Stepping on and off the porch in four-inch heels without falling or the set rolling away is Challenge city, I tell you!

Kate Lizotte: Being angry/frustrated as Gayle is really easy. Kissing? I just overthink the whole thing and it goes poorly.

Mandy Ferriman: Glory reminds me of me. She talks fast. She goes off on tangents. She is totally into something for a while and then just drops it. But she's not like me because she is a space cadet and my husband is totally awesome.

Katelyn Parker: I enjoy "Where It Went" for the



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NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO FILL OUT THE 2011 YEAR

Thanks to Russ Ellis and Don Hargy for stepping up to fill the vacancies in the board. They will be members at large for the remainder of 2011. New board members will be elected this fall.

Don't Forget!

You can join, donate, or order tickets to our show on-line with credit card or Paypal. Members should log into their account and then purchase tickets.

OUR KATHLEEN

by Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler

Although the chemotherapy treatments (predictably) cause her a solid weak of poor health and exhaustion, Kathleen Hill is making good progress in defeating uterine cancer. A scan earlier this summer showed that the tumor



is shrinking and has not spread to her major organs. The blood clots that were causing her a great deal of breathing trouble have also dissipated to the point that they do not appear on CT scans. She will continue to receive chemotherapy every 3 weeks in the short term and, with consultation from doctors at Dartmouth and Lakes Region General, the next steps will be outlined.

Kathleen, Jeanne and their entire family are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and encouragement they have received. It's not easy to watch someone we care about go through something like this knowing there is little we can do to help. But, here are three things you CAN do:

Make dinner. Sign up with Megan Rohrbacher (drivetimeproductions@gmail.com) to provide a meal for Kathleen. Meals are needed for the family 5 nights a week and The Village Players group is responsible for every 3rd week of dinners and Megan is always in need of happy, helpful cooks. Please consider signing up to make a meal.

Give blood. The platelets that many cancer patients (including Kathleen) need have a shelf life of just 5 days. If you are able to do so, please donate blood!

Be in touch. You can read regular updates and offer your own good cheer on her Caring Bridge website (<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kathleenhill>). You can also send a note to her home address (23 Tufts Lane, Center Harbor, NH 03226).



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We are still looking for support staff. There are lots of openings and we urge people to get their names in early because we are sure that jobs like Producer, House Manager and Costume Person will go fast. You can email Jay at jaysydow@gmail.com and Meggin at megginamity@aol.com

Corky Mork, Michael Wilfert, Michael Welch and Hunter Emory will be making an Audrey Two (The Hungry Plant) and rumor has it that she will be in working order by the first rehearsal. Hunter is designing and building the set (completely) and once again Keith Belanger will be music director. Very exciting stuff.

Production dates are October 21,22,23,28,29,30 – 2011.



Richie Goes South

by Carol Bense

Our treasurer for the past two years, Richie O'Brien, got an offer she couldn't refuse. As a website developer, Richie had many clients and one of them, Beyond Health, was close to her heart. After a long history with this company, Richie was given an offer she couldn't refuse, full-time employment as Vice-President of the company. It was a tough choice, unpaid treasurer for The Village Players versus well-paid Vice-President of a successful company.

So Richie rented her house, cleared up her accounts, gathered her dogs and drove to Florida, where she is now ensconced in an apartment in Coral Springs, FL. We expect she will be back for visits now and then.

Until elections, Theresa Crowell will serve as acting treasurer with Hilde Talbot providing technical support.

We thank Richie for her years as treasurer and her support of The Village Players.

AUDITIONS - AUDITIONS - AUDITIONS

by Carol Bense and Theresa Crowell



Everyone loves the story of little Ralphie who dreams of owning a genuine Red Ryder BB gun and hopes that maybe this year Santa will bring him one. But Ralphie's Mom is certain he will shoot his eye out, and his Dad (the Old Man) just swears.

Will Ralphie get his dream gift for Christmas? Will the Old Man get to keep the amazing lamp he won in a sweepstakes? Will Ralphie get beat up by Scut Farkas, the neighborhood bully? Will little brother Randy be able to move after he is bundled up by his mother for a trip outside?

If you saw the movie, you know the answers and you remember these incidents and the many other hilarious moments. This show requires 7 males and 4 females to create this favorite Christmas tale. In addition to Ralphie, Randy, and Scut Farkas, several other boys are needed to round out the cast.

Auditions will be held one day only, Sunday , September 11th at 2pm. We need the following characters...

Ralph- a middle aged man

Ralphie- about 9 years old

Mother- any age that would have a son aged 9

The old Man- Ralph's dad, would be about age of mother

Randy- about 7, Ralphie's younger brother

Miss. Shields- the teacher

Flick- Ralph's friend and playmate

Schwartz – another friend and playmate

Esther Jane Alberry- classmate

Helen Weathers-classmate

Scut Farkas- the bully

Almost, Maine

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challenge it presents, but I can't help but say to myself, "Why can't I have a happy ending?"

Emily Marsh: So far Marvalyn has been pretty tame and hasn't shown up when I'm offstage. She hasn't allowed me to injure total strangers.

Gordon Brooks: I'm still wrestling with creating Aurora Borealis. I've discarded the idea of ionizing the air in the theater in favor of more conventional lighting techniques.

So there you are folks. As easy as they'll make it look, *Almost, Maine* on July 29, 30, August 5, 6 at 8 and August 7 at 2, has been a labor of love. Follow more of their travails on Facebook, Becoming Almost Maine.

Almost, Maine is sponsored in part by Windy Ridge Corporation. Thanks, Tim!

Tickets are \$12 and are available at Black's Paper and Gifts, Main St., Wolfeboro; on line at www.village-players.com, or at the door as available.

VP BITS

news about members etc.

Athena Ellis is back in town after her first year at Hofstra University. You can say Hi! to her at Lydia's Cafe where she is working this summer.

Wayne and Louise Gehman will have to travel to Kuala Lumpur to see their grandchildren, as their son, Carter, and his family have moved there. Carter is furthering his career as a geologist.

You might want to catch the Cate Park Band on a warm summer night. Scott Lounsbury is the director and Wayne Gehman, Corky and Diane Mork, Diane Guerriere, and Mike Welch (all members) are usually playing in the bandstand in Cate Park on Wednesday evenings.

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