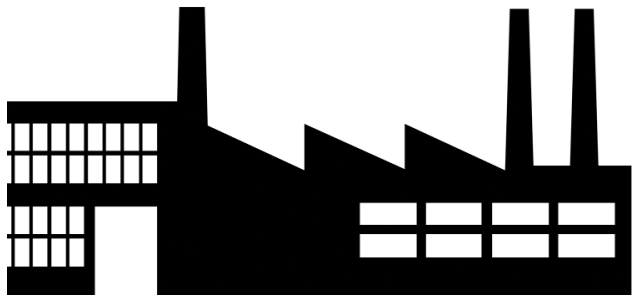


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The Village Players

The Pajama Game



**PAJAMAS,
GAMES,
FUN,
LAUGHS,
STRIKES,
MUSIC**

...from Carol Bense

Great songs and lots of fun are just part of our fall production, that terrific musical, *The Pajama Game*. When the workers in a pajama factory are agitating for “Seven and a Half Cents” raise, and management refuses, the stage is set for a conflict of wills. Union, representative, Babe, vows “I’m Not At All In Love,” but she falls for the new superintendent, Sid, who can’t believe he is smitten as he sings “Hey There!” The workers are “Racing With the Clock” while Hines, the time-study man keeps his stop watch on them singing “Think of the Time I Save,” but they get a break at the company picnic on their “Once a Year Day.” Gladys and her pals show off with a funky rendition of “Steam Heat,” and then everyone has an exciting evening at “Hernando’s Hideaway.”

Performances are scheduled for **November 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 8pm with matinees on November 11 and 18 at 2pm**. Tickets are available at Black’s Paper and Gifts on downtown Main Street in Wolfboro or on-line at www.village-players.com.

If you have been out of the loop, or haven’t checked the website recently, the cast is as follows: Babe – Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler, Sid – Scott Giessler, Gladys – Christine Muehlhausen, Hines – Gordon Brooks, Mabel – Diane Sullivan, Hasler – Russ Ellis, Prez – Rick Kincaid, Pop – Corky Mork, and Poopsie – Meggin Dail. Other cast members include Ernie Bass, Carol Bense, Bonnie Bergeron, Tim Brown, Jennifer Bruce, Dan Charlton, GayAnn Cooney, Theresa Crowell, Aja Devork, Athena Ellis, Meegan Ellis, Suzanne Esper, Mandy Ferriman, Jerome Holden, Lisa Hoover, Pam Howley-Crawbuck, Nancy Jacobs, Amy Madden, John Morency, Willie Mork, Megan Parly, Patty Parly, Tracy Remington, Dana Shure, Michael Welch, Kathy Whitehead, Michael Wilfert and Joyce Woods.

“OK, you three, exit stage right,” exhorts director, Jay Sydow, as he works to get everyone to move to the right spot at the right time. Assistant Michael Wilkes, takes it all down in the master script. Producer, Carol Bense, is making lists and asking if anyone has a 1950’s Dictaphone. John Savage is drilling the chorus to get them to come in on the upbeat and not the downbeat, while choreographer, Kathleen Hill, puts the dancers through their paces. It’s all coming together as it always does, so be sure to be there in November for a great evening of pajamas, games, laughs, fun, and music.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Upon deadline for this Prompter, there are a few places for extra hands to help on this production. We are still looking for a House Manager, Ushers, and folks willing to be part of the crew in many capacities. Please contact Producer, **Carol Bense** at **569-1396** or cwbense@adelphia.net and come join the fun!

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Did you know?

You can purchase tickets on-line from the Village Players website for any of our upcoming shows.

Go to:

www.village-players.com

Click on the link:


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Buy Tickets for this event
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!!

from Phoebe Van Scoy-Giessler

The 30th anniversary committee has made some great progress in the last couple of months. In fact, you can celebrate 30 years of the Village Players in every season of the year! Whether you like to 'get-your-theater-on' as an audience member or as the 'star of the show', we have a place for you in 2008.

As producers of some not-too-shabby shows ourselves, we all appreciate the efforts that go into any play or musical. But there's theater.... and then there's *theater!* So, what better way to celebrate the art form we love than taking a trip to see a professional show? Two Boston bus trips are on the docket: the first trip is "Spamalot" in January (see below for details) and the second is the 2007 Tony-winning "The Drowsy Chaperone" in the spring. You'll find more details about the May Boston adventure in upcoming Prompters. We hope to get lots of VP members and friends together for these fantastic shows.

In the summer, you can literally march on Wolfeboro to show off your VP pride! Well, you can be in the Fourth of July Parade, anyway. Any member who wants to join in the fun can come to the theater the Saturday before July 4th and the costume mavens will fit you with one of the many fabulous costumes stored in the attic. If you want to join in but can't make it for a fitting, you can come to the theater on Independence Day morning and ride the float, hand out VP chotchskies, carry signs celebrating all the shows we've done since 1978.... There's a lot to do! The cast and crew of "The Cemetery Club" can attest to the power of the Fourth of July parade - it got them the playwright in person! - so we are hopeful that this event will really spread the word about all we do. Of course, many more details will follow.

In September, we will host a gala event honoring the hundreds of people who have worked on behalf of the Village Players since 1978. Special recognition will be given to those who have been involved since the beginning. By September, the renovations will be completed and so this event will also be an opportunity to celebrate all the improvements to the building. This is your chance to dust off your fancy duds and step out for an evening to enjoy fine food and wine, share memories of shows gone by and imagine the Village Players in 2038! A musical review and some special celebrity guests are also in the works for this event. The Prompter will keep you posted.

If you would like to help out with any of these events, please contact committee chair Kathleen Hill or any of the committee members - Jay Sydow, Carol Bense, Diane Sullivan, Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler, Mandy Ferriman, or Willie Mork.



MontyPython's SPAMALOT

A new musical ripped off from the motion picture

MontyPython & the Holy Grail

JOIN US FOR A TRIP TO SEE "SPAMALOT"

The 30th anniversary committee of The Village Players is organizing a group trip to Boston to see SPAMALOT January 20th for the Sunday matinee. We will be traveling by bus from Wolfeboro.

"SPAMALOT" is the hilarious, highly acclaimed musical which has been playing on Broadway for several years and is based on the famous Monty Python film, "The Holy Grail." The winner of the 2005 Tony Award for Best Musical, "SPAMALOT" tells the legend of King Arthur and his knights of the round table, with "a bevy of beautiful show girls, not to mention cows, killer rabbits and french people."

Tickets at the group rate will cost approximately \$82 and the cost of the bus will range from \$20 to \$40 per person depending upon how many people attend. We will travel to the show and then go out to eat in the area before returning to Wolfeboro. If you would like to attend, please send your check for \$122 to Carol Bense,

67 Tuftonboro Neck Road, Mirror Lake, NH 03853. Checks made payable to:

The Village Players, and must be received by Oct. 20th.

If more people attend and your cost is less for the bus, the difference will be refunded to you.

Contact Carol Bense for more details at 569-1396.

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Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday evening 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..

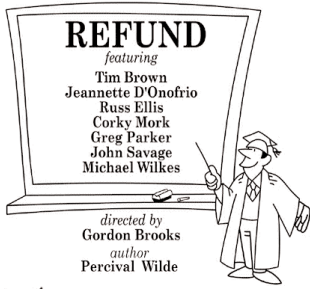
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DIRECTORS' WORKSHOP RESULTS!

from Carol Bense

Over the past several months three budding directors; Gordon Brooks, Theresa Crowell and Diane Sullivan, have been learning about directing with Carol Bense. As a project, the three picked short comedies which were presented on August 24 and 25 at our theater. Village Players members were invited to come to the productions free of charge and general public cost was \$5.



Audiences were fairly small, but 70 folks did come and pay to see the shows, and about 35 Village Players members came as well. The audiences were very responsive, especially the Saturday night audience, who had the added excitement of a town-wide power outage at about 7pm. We told the audience we would wait until 8:30, but if the power did not come back on, we would not be able to do the show and would refund their money. The audience members were so supportive that they told us they weren't leaving until we put on the show no matter what. Well, luckily it didn't come to a showdown since the power came back on at 8:05pm much to the relief of the directors and actors.



Many thanks to the directors, actors, ushers, and Gil Perham who handled the lights, with this multi-production. And thanks to those who came to see it and supported this learning experience.

ANNUAL MEETING

from Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler

This year's Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the set strike for Pajama Game on **Sunday, November 18th**. As usual it will be a Pot-Luck dinner and you won't want to miss what these theater folks can cook up! Plan to bring along a dish to share with the crowd.

The Nominating Committee - Wayne Gehman and Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler - is seeking willing candidates for office. (Don't try to screen your calls or avoid them at the theater; they WILL find you!) If they have not approached you about taking the plunge into candidacy, please feel free to contact them or any current board member to express your interest.

As usual the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are up for grabs and this year there are (2) Members-At-Large positions open as well. Diane Ducret-Mork has decided to take a break from the Treasurer position she has so ably filled for the last few years, so anyone with a yen for accounting would be especially welcome! (Diane is willing to train a successor, of course.) The Members-At-Large positions are two-year terms and the officers are voted on every year.

Also being discussed at the meeting are the Articles of Agreement. Any member who paid their 2007 dues by April 1st is eligible to vote in the elections and on the By-Laws. Each year the Village Players find good, hard working members to become part of the board. Isn't 2008 your year?

BY-LAWS AND ARTICLES

from Carol Bense

A committee consisting of Carol Bense and Jerome Holden as co-chairs with Dick Cary, Wayne Gehman, Corky Mork and Gil Perham is at work trying to refine our Articles of Agreement and By-Laws to strengthen our organization.

After two meetings, the group has presented revised Articles to the Board for their approval and has begun working on the By-Laws. They expect that by the Annual Meeting this fall, they will have the proposed new By-Laws ready to present to the membership for review.

A happy event in our Village Players family....

Mandy Ferriman and Hunter Emory have announced their engagement! The two VP members are planning a wedding for March 2008. We wish them well on the adventure that is wedding planning, and, of course, a lifetime of wedded bliss thereafter. (Oh, and the really good news is Diane Sullivan says they can borrow the bridesmaid's dresses from the Cemetery Club show!) **Congratulations Mandy & Hunter!**

P.S. Before you ask her, Mandy's answer to the most frequently asked question: "No, I'm not pregnant!"

CHECK OUT THE VILLAGE PLAYERS

WEBSITE >>>>>>>>>> *from Carol Bense*

If you haven't taken a look lately, take a minute to check out our website; www.village-players.com. You can find information on what shows we are currently doing as well as lots of other stuff about our group.

Want to take a look at what we have done in the past? Click on [Past Productions](#) for photos and programs of all our shows. A few have no photos because none were available. If you have some for that particular play, please contact Carol Bense. You will find the names and phone numbers of our [Board Members](#) under that title as well as a link to our current [By-Laws](#), and a form you can download to renew your [Membership](#), or even [Donate](#) is on the site as well.

Current and past issues of [The Prompter](#) are on-line, and you can see photos of the progress of work on the front steps under [Restoration Project](#). There is also a [Calendar](#) linked to the site which shows activity in the theater, so you can easily check to see if another group is using the space, or when a rehearsal will be happening on any given day.

PROMPTER DEADLINES

Need to send some theater info. for inclusion in the last issue of the year?

Here is our next Deadline:

**December Prompter copy deadline
- Friday, Nov. 23rd-**

Please forward your copy to
Jeannette

via email: virgodesign@verizon.net
(NOTE: the Newsletter Committee will review content and may edit for clarity.)



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KRHS DRAMA fall production..

If you had to choose one memory from your life to live over and over for eternity, what would you choose? When four people enter the afterlife, they are given the task of remembering their favorite memory of their lives. Once a person chooses his/her memory, all other memories will be erased, and that person will relive it for the rest of eternity. How will each person choose? And what will the consequences be of not choosing?

The KRHS Drama students will be presenting "100" a poignant play by Diane Petterie, Neil Monaghan and Christopher Heimann, **Nov. 2nd & 3rd at 7:00pm and again on the 4th at 2:00pm at the**

KRHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 each for Students and Senior Citizens / \$7 each for Adults and can be purchased at the door the date of the shows.

Recently, the KRHS has added to the 2007 academic year, an accredited drama class, taught by VP member Scott Giessler. By the urging of the students themselves - they petitioned the school board and were able to make Theater Class part of their daily schedule which will enable the group to learn all the skills of theater production. Help to support theater arts in the schools and attend one of the show dates. All proceeds go directly to the theater class, there is no funding through the school for this activity, your support is greatly appreciated.

Meet the Village Players Board '07 *...from Willie Mork*



Treasurer: Diane Ducret Mork

Diane grew up in Colebrook and has lived in the Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro area for 17 years.

She became involved with Village Players after she met Corky. She has appeared on our stage only twice; in the chorus of "Allegro" in 1992 and in the special 'The Olde Cookie Shoppe' which we performed for a select audience. Since then she has worked on many of our plays as crew, stage-manager and producer.

For fun, Diane likes to read, quilt, garden, watch plays and movies and spend time with her family and friends.

In her daily life, she is Account Manager at Imecom Group, Inc. and has recently started her own bookkeeping business part-time.



Kathleen Hill

Kathleen grew up in Indiana and now lives in Center Harbor with her daughter, Jeanne.

A newspaper audition notice drew her to the Village Players where she first appeared in "Annie Get Your Gun" in 2004 as Mrs. Porter-Potter and an ensemble Indian. She had such a great time that she came back for the First Night® show - and the rest is history. Kathleen is currently our choreographer for the upcoming "Pajama Game" and is chairing our 30th Anniversary Celebration in 2008.

Monday through Friday, Kathleen is the Curriculum Coordinator for the Interlakes School District where she recently won the 'Out standing Service Award for 2007' from the School Administrator's Association.

Dick Cary

Dick grew up in Minnesota, received his education at Oberlin College and degree in architecture from the University of Minnesota. With Boston as a home base, he pursued his career living in such diverse locations as Switzerland and Kuwait, and in Tunisia as a Peace Corps volunteer.

After he and wife Debby returned to their summer home in Lake Winnepesaukee, Dick volunteered his expertise on projects like the Village Players restoration (see his drawings on the wall in the theater) and turning the old elementary school in Tamworth into a Unitarian Universalist meetinghouse.

Dick started a play reading group for those who love the theater, but lack the courage to go onstage.



Patti Pardy

Patti grew up in Leavittown, NY and became interested in singing at an early age and was the youngest member of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir in NYC. She now lives in New Durham where she is music director for two churches and a Para-educator at KRHS.

She joined the Village Players in 2005 and jumped head-long into "The Sound Of Music" as vocal director and the role of Sister Margaretta.

For fun she enjoys gardening and basketry and can be heard "singing all the time".

Meet the Village Players Board '07 *...from Willie Mork*



Megan Brady Rohrbacher

Megan feels like the Village Players is her other family. She has been active since she was a 9-year-old member of the cast of "Allegro" in 1992. She has had many roles on and offstage. We last saw her in "That Darn Plot" in the summer of 2006.

Megan is the producer for The Morning Waking Crew with Mark & Danielle, the #1 NH morning radio talk show on WOKQ/WPKQ. She is lovingly referred to as "the pride of Colebrook" and frequently is heard adding her two cents' worth to the on-air hilarity.

Past President: Jay Sydow

Jay hails from Alton where he works full time as a marine mechanic.



"Everybody knows how I ended up at The Village Players. Willie made me do it. Meddling relatives called Willie Mork and told her I would love to help out in a production of "A Christmas Carol" in the fall of 1999. If only she hadn't called me back!"

Well, aren't we glad? Jay has designed and built some of our most memorable sets such as the ones for "South Pacific", "Hound Of the Baskervilles", "Annie" and "Pirates of Penzance". He even gets hauled onstage now and then, kicking and screaming. Right now he is the director of "The Pajama Game".

When Jay isn't doing something for us here at the theater he is tied to the UNH hockey team, which leaves him little time for anything else. "Anybody want to come paint my house and mow my lawn? I still have a pile of mulch to spread, garden to be weeded and a driveway to seal..."

Secretary: Kathleen Whitehead

Kathy is that rare bird, a Wolfeboro "native". She grew up and went to school in Laconia and at UNH.

She has worn many volunteer hats involving children. Kathy has had a number of unique jobs such as tour guide/driver for Molly-The-Trolley, gift shop manager for Story Land, teacher's aide for GWSD, work for a title company and currently in publishing. She works part-time as copy editor, proofreader, calendar person and sometimes writer for Panoramic Publishing (The Laker)

Kathy became involved with Village Players in 1988 as a chorus member in "Fiddler On The Roof". She made the mistake of volunteering to help with the set. She was hooked! Ever since, Kathy has lent her amazing artistic talent to many, many of our spectacular sets. She is also our official prop-master, in charge of organizing and storing our large collection of stage props and furniture.



For fun, Kathy and husband, Mark love hiking, camping, traveling and demolishing and restoring parts of their home in Ossipee. Kathy is returning to the stage this fall in the chorus of "The Pajama Game".