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## TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES for a zany First Night

"First Night" in Wolfeboro is always a great celebration, and this year promises to give us yet another wonderful holiday experience. The Village Players is performing *Truth and Consequences* by Daris Howard at our theater on Glendon Street. Performances will be at 6pm, 8pm, and 10pm. Entrance is by "First Night" button only. These can be purchased from the Chamber of Commerce or at various stores in town.

As usual, we will be doing a melodrama to keep everyone on their toes. The heroine's father has died leaving an intriguing will. He left his fortune to his daughter, but no one knows where or what it is. The hero and his friends, Beaker and Charlie, have to find it before the villain and his cohort.

Beaker has created a truth potion, which the villain wants to use against the hero in a debate as they run against each other for mayor, but the tables are turned. The fun comes from learning that sometimes even the truth is better left unsaid.

The cast for this romp features Bob Tuttle as Frank, our young and handsome hero who always tells the truth; James Cross as Charlie, the ornery cowhand; Travis Lawrence-Hurt as Beaker, the nerdy genius type; Christian Boudman as Hobart, the coniving villain; Kalin Jordan as Adeline, our young and innocent heroine; Pat Parent (her first time on stage) as Bertha Barton, the tough and bossy villainess; Kimberly Brenion (back with VP after a long absence) as Josie Barton, Bertha's nerdy daughter; Judy Gallagher (her first speaking role) as Judy the judge.

Director, Gordon Brooks and his Assistant Director, Helen Rautenberg, are looking for folks interested in working on the stage crew or getting props or acting as ushers. Please email Gordon at [gordon@thebrooksbunch.com](mailto:gordon@thebrooksbunch.com).



## AUDITIONS FOR SPRING SHOW

The Village Players will be presenting their spring show, *The Diary of Anne Frank* by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett on April 8-9 and 15-17, 2011. The play will be directed by Diane L. Sullivan. Assistant Director is Carol Bense.

Auditions will be held on Dec. 12th and 13th, Sunday and Monday at 7 PM at the theater. The 5 female parts range in age from teenagers to 50's, and the five male parts range from 16 to 60's. If you can present yourself as someone in these age groups, you are invited to audition. No accents will be used in this play. You will be given a description and the demeanor of the characters and asked to read from the script.

Rehearsals will start in January on Sunday evenings and one other night during the week at 7 PM. If this is your first audition or play with The Village Players, please bring in a theater resume showing your past theater history with dates, shows, character, and name of organization. For more information, you may email Diane at [disully@worldpath.net](mailto:disully@worldpath.net) or call her at 539-4425.

## PATS ON THE BACK TO...

All those folks who showed up on Saturday, the 6th to clean the theater in preparation for our performances of *Cinderella*. Thanks to Anne Marie Allwine, Carol Bense, Diane Ducret-Mork, Meegan Ellis, Judy Gallagher, Wayne Gehman, Don Hargy, Angelo Gentile, Jean Gentile, Mike Haeger, Brandon Haeger, Willie Mork, Corky Mork, Kristi Nieman, Megan Rohrbacher, Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler, Mike Welch, and Barbara Wilson the job got done in just a couple of hours. Thanks to Judy Gallagher for taking responsibility for overseeing the worker bees.



### Breathtaking. Clever. Hilarious. Beautiful.

These are just a few of the “overheard” comments about the fall musical, *Cinderella*. The photos, taken by Michael Wilfert, only begin to tell the story of this truly magical production. Director Kathleen Hill began dreaming up ideas for this show over a year ago. We aren't sure if it was a magic wand up her sleeve or just plain top-notch talent that she recruited, but a true fairy tale unfolded for incredibly appreciative audiences. My money is on talent....

Stef Marsh and her team of dedicated costumers were tireless in their efforts to create elegant, coordinated fashions for every single character. This was particularly noteworthy during the ballroom scenes when the ensemble ladies were all in shades of pink. These dresses contrasted perfectly with the outrageous orange and green of the stepsisters (Lisa Rose Penny and Jen Gagne) and the beautiful pale blue gown wore by Cinderella (Katelyn Parker).

Jay Sydow led the set construction and design. Once again, the limited space of our stage was utilized to its maximum potential. Young and old alike were delighted by the fire that lit magically, a giant story book with turning pages as a back drop and a cozy cottage that Megan Rohrbacher's crew could roll in and out in just seconds.

Music director Keith Belanger helped create an ensemble sound of brilliant harmonies and enjoyed working with soloists whose voices were top-notch. With just a few rehearsals, he led the pit band to a sound that enhanced almost every moment of the production.

Of course, you can't talk about the production without mentioning the talent performing on the stage. We were lucky to find some new faces, voices and dancing feet for this show. Katelyn Parker played Cinderella with a “Disney Princess” voice and genuine sweetness. We hope to hang onto Katelyn

for future shows! With any luck we will be seeing more of Angelo Gentile (King), Bobbi-Lynne Cote (Queen) and Jean Gentile (Stepmother) on our stage as well. We thank all of our new cast and crew members for taking a chance on a VP show! And, of course, thanks to our experienced players and crew who once again pulled it off for us.



### PHOTOS NEEDED

Jeannette needs high res (300dpi) photos on disk of this year's 2010 productions - *Dilemmas with Dinner*, *Unnecessary Farce* and *Cinderella* as well as the "First Night" show, *Truth and Consequences*. Please drop them off at her studio, 17 Grove Street (just past Johnson's Paint) Wolfeboro. Your photos will be given full credit in the 2011 Village Players program booklet.

Deadline for photos is January 2, 2011. She thanks you in advance.

## Annual Meeting 2010

The Villages Players' Annual Meeting and Election of officers was held on Sunday, November 14, following the matinee performance of Cinderella. President, Diane Sullivan introduced and thanked the outgoing Board members, Jim Pittman and Mandy Ferriman

The Village Players has awarded scholarships this year to Clay Skinner, Courtney Cleveland and Amber Nichols, who are continuing their education in the field of the arts.

The Village Players has established an Endowment Fund with an initial contribution of \$1,000. This fund will grow over the years to ensure the future of the organization and provide an instrument for people to invest in Village Players through memorial donations, gifts honoring someone special or wills and bequests. The funds will be invested and the interest and dividends distributed. The fund will be managed by an Endowment Committee consisting of David Haeger, Willie Mork, Jim Pittman, Richie O'Brien and Dean Richardson.

We are still working to raise money for stage renovations and other building projects. Diane thanked the following people for their special help around the theater this year: Hunter Emory, Betty Sherwood, Carol Bense, Willie Mork, Stefanie Marsh, Jerome Holden, Jeanette D'Onofrio, and Barbara Wilson. (Hope we didn't leave anybody out).

Elections for the 2011 Board were held with the following results:

President: Kathleen Hill  
V, Pres. Jay Sydow  
Secretary Kathleen Whitehead  
Treasurer Richie O'Brien  
Members-at-large Jen Gagne, Theresa Crowell, Judy Gallagher  
Jerome Holden  
Ex-officio Diane Sullivan

The next Board meeting will be on Dec. 6 at 7:00pm with the 2010 and 2011 boards.

The 2011 play season was announced:

Spring The Diary of Anne Frank  
Spring 2 Buffalo Hill  
Summer Almost Maine  
Festival Buffalo Hill NHCTA competition  
Fall Little Shop of Horrors  
Christmas A Christmas Story

The meeting was adjourned and a "desserts only" feast was enjoyed by all - especially those in Cinderella who had been forbidden to eat chocolate before a performance. (Keith is so mean!)



Congratulations to Lisa Rose (Hoover) Penny who was married on October 23 to Kreg Penny. Lucky for us, Lisa managed to make time to play Portia in Cinderella. Happily, her parents, Keith & Sherrie, were part of the cast as well. It's fitting that Lisa would be attracted to this show since her love story is practically a fairy tale in itself. (She was introduced to Kreg when a mutual friend dreamed that they would meet and get married!) We share in the joy they find in one another and wish Lisa and Kreg all the best!

## 2011 DUES ARE DUE

According to our by-laws your dues cover the fiscal year which goes from January 1 to December 31. You can pay your dues for 2011 any time after September 1 of 2010. Several people have already done so. (You can check on-line by clicking on the Member Access tab on the web-site. If you don't know your user name and/or password, send an email to [info@village-players.com](mailto:info@village-players.com) and it will be emailed to you or call 569-1396.) You can do it now and get it off your mind.

Single membership is \$12 per year and Family Membership (Parents or Guardians and minor dependents living in the same household) is \$20 per year.

We would love to have you become a member or remain one. You can use the form below to send a check or you can go on-line and click the Join or Donate tab to use your credit card.



## The Village Players Membership Form 2011

The Village Players 1 PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 603-569-1396 [www.village-players.com](http://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 \$12 \_\_\_\_\_ Household \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Remit payment directly to The Village Players by April 1, 2011 to be a current voting member)

Please make checks payable to The Village Players, and mail to PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894  
or go on-line to [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com) to pay with credit card or Paypal.

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### 2010 Village Players Board

<b>President -</b>	Diane Sullivan.....	539-4425
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<b>Secretary -</b>	Kathleen Hill.....	520-1372
<b>Treasurer -</b>	Richie O'Brien.....	569-3973
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	Jen Gagne.....	339-1381
	Jim Pittman.....	539-7694
	Kathleen Whitehead....	539-4973
	Mandy Ferriman.....	651-6068

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](mailto:cwbense@roadrunner.com) or 569-1396 - if you have changes in your address or email, or if you are unsure about your membership status.

### *Newsletter Committee*

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## WE STILL NEED YOUR DONATION

Many thanks to those who have already donated to the 2010 Fall Fund Drive. Your help is really appreciated. If you have not yet made a donation, please consider doing so before the end of the year. We need everyone's help to build up our Restoration Fund to the point where we can begin the next construction project. Whatever your gift may be, it is needed. And, of course, since The Village Players is a 501c3 charitable educational organization, your gift is tax deductible to the extent the law allows.

You can send a check to The Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 or you can donate on-line with a credit card at [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com). Just click on the Join or Donate tab.

### **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.**