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CELEBRATE OUR 30th WITH A TRIP TO BOSTON THEATER



...by Carol Bense

Yes, it's the 30th anniversary of The Village Players and the committee has planned quite a few terrific ways to celebrate. One event you can participate in right away is a group trip to Boston to see that wonderful musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone". We are planning to attend on Sunday, May 4th at 2pm which is the final show of the Boston run.

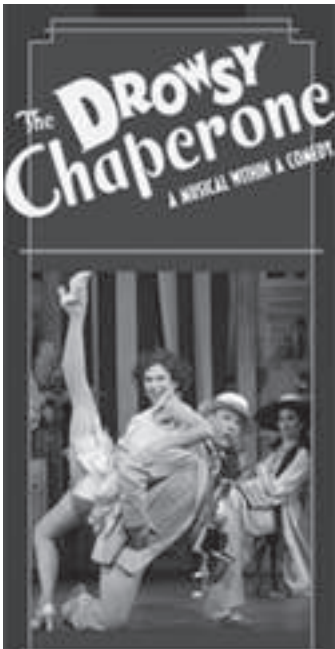
Billed as the "funniest musical on Broadway," this totally original show has won 5 Tony Awards and was named by the N Y Drama Critic's Circle and Drama Desk Awards as the Best Musical of 2006. If you want more information about the show go to http://www.drowsychaperone.com/tour/tour_home.php.

This is one you won't want to miss. As a group, we can get good tickets for about \$85. If we get enough interest, we will charter a bus from Wolfeboro, otherwise we will car pool to Newington and take C&J to South Station which is just a short walk from the theater.

If you think you would like to attend please call or email Carol Bense (569-1396 cwbense@roadrunner.com) or Jay Sydow (875-6792 sancho@worldpath.net) **BEFORE FEBRUARY 17th**. We need 20 people to make a group, and it is very important to get the tickets as early as possible in order to get the best seats.

You will see more about our 30th Anniversary coming up in future issues of The Prompter. We are performing the first show we ever did, "You Can't Take It With You", and the first musical, "Oklahoma!" The committee is planning a Fourth of July Parade event which will require lots of us to participate, and a Special Gala Event in September to honor our founders, our members and our supporters.

So look for the Ta-Da! logo and join in the celebration when you can.-



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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:



Support for a Fellow Member -

Bill Fluhr, one of our original Village Players members, is still struggling in his battle against cancer. The family could use any assistance you are able to provide. You can make donations to The Fluhr Family Fund, TD Banknorth, 36 Center St., Wolfeboro Falls, NH 03896

Spring Production -

By Carol Bense

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

To help celebrate our 30 years of successful theater, we are producing "You Can't Take It With You," once again. For those of you who don't know, this was the first play that The Village Players produced. It was our second production, as the very first show was a compilation of musical numbers called "Yesteryears of Broadway."

This time Michael Wilkes will be directing. Auditions were held on January 13 and Michael is nearly finished casting the show. There are a few parts, both large and small for men, still available at the time of this writing. If you are interested, please contact Michael.

Those currently cast are as follows:

<i>Penelope Sycamore</i> – Carol Bense	<i>Essie</i> – Jenn Bruce
<i>Rheba</i> – Suzanne Esper	<i>Alice</i> - Jackie Witham
<i>Mrs. Kirby</i> – Willie Mork	<i>Olga</i> – Athena Ellis
<i>Ed</i> – Michael Ray Parcels	<i>Martin Vanderhof</i> – Corky Mork
<i>Henderson</i> – Jim Pittman	<i>Tony Kirby</i> – Rick Jessari
<i>Mr. Kirby</i> – James Cross	<i>Second Man</i> – Gerry Theodora.

For production, we have Michael Wilkes as Producer/Director with Carol Light as Assistant Producer and Athena Ellis as Assistant Director. Michael is also designing and building the set with the help of James Cross, Gerry Theodora and Mike Welch. Kathy Whitehead will be set decorator. Jeannette D'Onofrio will manage publicity, and Betty Sherwood will be in charge of props.

More actors and more production people are needed for this show to happen, so if you can help in any way, please contact Michael at 569-4814 or send him email at mwilkes@metrocast.net We do want to be sure we can celebrate our 30th in this way.

Welcome Two New Board Members - *By Willie Mork*

Four new members were elected to the board this year. In this issue we introduce two -

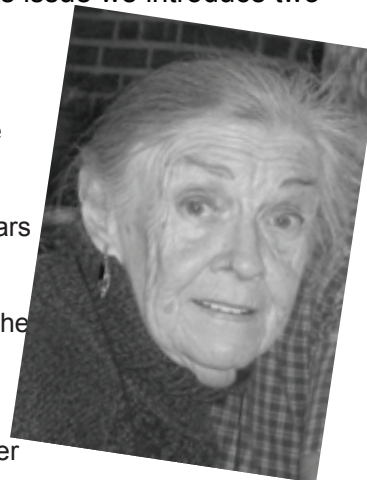
Betty Sherwood - Member-at-Large

Betty grew up in Massachusetts and moved to New York where she worked as an assistant in experimental psychology.

In Wolfeboro she managed the Christmas Presence shop for 18 years until her retirement.

Betty joined VP in 1986 where she has been a loyal contributor to the production teams of most of our shows as house manager, stage manager, producer, or props and costume person.

Betty lives next door to our theater and she's right on hand whenever there is a project going on there.



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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.. Contact Marge Wilson lilredmarge@verizon.net if you have changes to your mailing address.

Always Look on the Bright Side of Life ...



by carol Bense

On the 20th of January, 24 of us traveled to Boston to see "Monty Python's Spamalot" at the Opera House. Some went by bus from Newington and some drove down in their own cars, but we all sat together and had a wonderful time. Here are some things overheard which will give you a taste of the experience.

"It's always fun to go to Boston, whatever the play." "You're writing an article about this???" "I'm not a fan of Monty Python, but I love going to plays." "It's a bus ride." "Worth every penny." "So much going on you had to see it twice to catch it all." "It was done to perfection." "Too much music and no car crashes." (ed. Note - It takes all kinds.) "Fantabulous - plus they mentioned Tom Brady in the show." "It was just fun, and good medicine to get out." "It was too deep for me." "Stupendous, especially loved the sets, costumes and tech stuff." "Enjoyed the show and the company." "My favorite part was when Sir Lancelot came out of the closet." "I laughed 'til I farted." "Are you going to get dessert too?" "One more Mojito, please." "Four episodes of Gilligan's Island without sound on the bus ride home, Wow!" "...there's Gilligan, the professor too, the millionaire and his wife, the movie star, the professor and MaryAnne, here on Gilligan's Isle." "We got Michael to talk all the way down and all the way back." "It's 3 to nothing, Chargers." "No way!" (followed by a groan). "9 to 14 Pats" "Yessss!" "Pats win 21 to 12." "Yahoo!"

Here's who went - see if you can match the quote with the person who said it. Carol Bense, Tim Brown, GayAnn Cooney, Joel Dail, Meggin Dail, Jeannette D'Onofrio, Wanda Harris, Jerome Holden, Diane Guerriere, Alex Lisotte, Katy Lisotte, Corky Mork, Diane Mork, Willie Mork, Richie Obrien, Eric Rohrbacher, Megan Rohrbacher, Kim Siebel, Jay Sydow, Gerry Theodora, Kathy Whitehead, Michael Wilfert, Michael Wilkes and Joyce Wood. No answers provided.

We'll have just as much fun on the trip to "The Drowsy Chaperone" in May. Contact Carol or Jay by February 17th if you want to be a part Of it.

Welcome ... (cont'd)

Joyce Wood - Treasurer



Joyce grew up and went to school in Malden, MA. She honed her interest in the theater as an active member of the Encore Theater in Kingston, NH.

When the family moved to Tuftonboro in 1998, Joyce discovered VP. Her first role with us was as the love interest in "Arsenic And Old Lace".

She has appeared in many of our plays and musicals including, among others, "Annie", "Rumors", "Hound of The Baskervilles", "Moon Over Buffalo" and "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum". She has worked behind the scenes doing makeup for plays and being helpful on VP projects. This is Joyce's first time on the Board of Directors

In real life, Joyce is a busy mom who teaches skiing in the winter and loves working in her own garden and at Spider Web Gardens in the spring and summer. For fun, the family enjoys hiking and camping.

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**RENEW
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Put a little warmth in your heart during these cold, dark days of winter. Renew your membership to the Village Players for 2008. Remember membership "rewards" include...

- Semi-monthly issues of The Prompter
- Voting rights at the annual meeting in November
- Entry and/or free admission into the June "Members Only" Talent Show
- Updates on exclusive 30th anniversary events

Of course, VP will happily take your membership dues anytime, but for full voting rights, you'll want to renew before March 30th! It's still just \$10 for an individual and \$18 for a family. Contact Marge Wilson at 569-6533 or lilredmarge@verizon.net for more information or send your check made out to The Village Players to P.O. Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. Be sure to include your name address, phone number, and email address.