



# BEHIND THE SCENES

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## Buildings and Grounds

Some things have been happening around the Barn...

Rick Perry installed two new heat ducts in the green room and one new duct in the auditorium. This will help alleviate the problem of an inconsistent flow of air in those two areas.

The new risers have been set up and look great. The best part is that they weigh 1/3 less than the old ones. An estimate is out to have a larger door installed between the auditorium and the storage barn, so the risers can be stacked on a rolling cart and pushed into the area for storage.

Thanks to Jose Alejos for donating new granite counter tops and providing an excellent price for a faucet and other items for the kitchen redo.

## Barn Member News

Evelyn Wamsley was recently in rehab at Millers Senior Living; Liz Simon continues with radiation treatment and says she is setting a new fashion trend with half a red face; and M.J. Nickel got a clean bill of health after a cancer scare.

Long time member Jim Holland passed away the end of December. Our condolences to his wife Vicki and three children. Bill Meyer's mother, Edna Caudill, a former Barn member, died on December 19. Our condolences to Bill and Kathy.

Sadly, Paul Sommer's mother, Stella Sommer 86, passed away on January 19. Our condolences to Paul and Mindy

## The Odd Couple, Female Version

Set construction is 95% complete. Dates for set building were January 19 and 26 Tentative dates are February 2 & 9 at 12 noon and Sunday, February 10, 11 at 1 p.m. if needed. Help in other areas is also needed. If you haven't been called, it's not because you're unloved or unwanted. **WE WANT YOU!** Save your hard working producers a call and volunteer by contacting co-producers Bill Meyer and Mark Bulmahn. It's a fun show and the backstage antics will be just as much fun as the performance the audience sees onstage.

## New Things in the World of Promotion

atgeist.com is our "Community Partner" for 2008. We now have a reciprocal agreement with atgeist.com, a community website, newsletter, and e-mail forum for information in the Geist, Fishers, and Lawrence areas. "Mud Creek Players, Inc." will be seen throughout the website and other atgeist.com media We will also appear with a press release and display ad five time per year and we will be featured in the 'atGeist.com pod casts up to five times per year. The name "atgeist.com" will be displayed on Mud Creek communiqués as well. This is a great way to connect to the greater community at large.

We have signed an advertising contract with the Indianapolis Star for 15 1/8 page ads per year that will run prior to each production and Barn Rats Summer Camps.

Through Stephanie Richardson's efforts, you can now get cool Mud Creek "Odd Couple" stuff with our logo delivered to your door. Select your size or whatever you want when you want. Enjoy! We will also be working on more generic items for the times when you're feeling Mud Creek and the show isn't going on.

Between Mark Bulmahn and the J. Everett Light Career Center, much of our printing expense for posters, flyers, programs, etc. will be reduced to the cost of materials. For instance, check out our new 4-part membership applications printed by J. Everett Light Career Center: – the outrageous cost – 20 bucks. Posters for The Odd Couple: Female Version are free, courtesy of Mark. We can also be heard on WJEL-FM-89.3 the week prior to every performance.

## **Love, Sex, and the IRS – Final Report**

Congratulations to Stephanie Richardson and Mark Bulmahn, as well as all others who participated in the production, for a most successful production. Due to everyone's hard work, especially Stephanie's and Mark's, the play was well attended and came in under budget with a profit of almost \$7,000.00

### **March/April Committee**

The committee members for March and April are:

Chair: Sue Ann Crick

Board Member: Rob Rudicel

Committee: Sue Ann Crick, Tammy and Mike Benosky, Rob and Leigh Rudicel, Stephanie Richardson, Mark Bulmahn, Karen Hewett, Gary and Marlene Cohen, James and Leah Yee, Bill and Kathy Meyer, M. J. Nickel, Jose and Barcia Alejos, Patricia Dugan, Lynne Perkins, and Matt Socey.

### **Upcoming Events**

Annual Dinner..... March 15 at 7:00 PM

Pitch-in ..... April 10

Board Meeting ..... February 4 at 7:00 PM

Publicity Meeting ..... January 14 at 6:30 PM

### **Members Should Know**

Please keep in mind that it is a Mud Creek policy that alcohol may not be served at a Barn function when it is a family event where children will be present, such as a pitch-in or family party.