



BEHIND THE SCENES

A Bi-monthly Publication for Mud Creek Players Members

August 2008

Me, Too!

Our season opening is coming up fast, and Me, Too!, our first offering of 2008-2009, promises to be an interesting and thought-provoking comedy/drama. Directed by Gary Cohen, Me, Too was written by Gary's son-in-law Mark Goffman. Mark is married to Gary and Marlene's daughter Lindsay. Our production will be the Midwestern premiere of this show. Members of the cast include: Betsy Bullis, Brenna Campbell, Robb Day, David Pittman, Anne Phelan, and Paul Burton. Carla Crandall is the Assistant Director and Ann Ellerbrook and Liz Simon are co-producing. If you haven't been asked to be part of this production, contact Ann or Liz. They're in the book!

Performances are: Fridays and Saturday, September 7, 8, 12, 13, 19, & 20 at 8 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 14. The matinee will be an ASL interpreted performance. Me, Too! deals with mature subject matter. While the play is primarily about relationships, the play also deals with cancer patients and the people who love them. Sara Wills is working on question and answer sessions after each performance as a community service.

The Little Red Door, an agency that works primarily to provide free assistance to under served cancer patients, will be using the Me, Too Preview on September 4 to thank its volunteers, clients, and supporters in one special night. The Barn is providing the space as a community service and the usual cost of a Mud Creek benefit is being picked up by several Barn members.

Next up: The Soapy Murder Case directed by Paul Haskin.

Almost Sixty Years of History

This December, the Barn will be 58 years old. We have almost 60 years of history accumulated under the watchful eye of our Historian, Dottie Pierdos. All this history needs to be archived and preserved for future Mud Creek generations and as part of the history of the Mud Creek Valley. If you like history and/or scrapbooking and/or organizing, this project is for you. Dottie and Nina Perry are creating a team of members who will assemble this irreplaceable historical data. It will be a time for laughter and memories. No experience necessary. We will also need brawn to transfer the data from Dottie's home to the Barn. Please contact Nina Perry at 317-826-1044 or at rperry03@comcast.net if you are interested in helping with this important and critical project.

Committee News

Building and Grounds is working on new stage lighting.

Communications is working on a Barn brochure and better means of communication with members.

Drama is working on some extra social events and the 2009-2010 season



Barn Buzz

Bragging Rights

Linda Eberharter has been published in an anthology entitled: *56 Stories from the Hearts and Lives of Military Wives*. Sold at online stores and at www.Householdbaggage.com.

We Grow 'Em Up Good at the Barn

Samantha (Sam) Simon, daughter of Liz and Earl Simon, was cast twice in the same week. First, she has a guest role in the NBC series "Life". She will be seen as a college student suspected of murder. The episode is expected to air around October 24 at 10 p.m. She has also been cast as the lead in an independent film called "Miss Ohio" which will be shot in New York and Chicago. The movie is expected to air at film festivals in hopes of being picked up for distribution. Sam began her Mud Creek career as a student producer for Gary Cohen.

The Perkins Kids

Not many people can make a living in the theater. **LeyAnne & Bill Perkins** raised two kids that can make that claim. While son-in-law **Matt Socey** was heading up Barn Rats this summer, **Lynne Perkins Socey** played Goneril in "King Lear" at Pennsylvania Shakespeare near Philadelphia, one of the country's most prestigious Summer Shakespeare Festivals. She can be seen this holiday season in her 11th appearance in "Christmas Carol" at IRT. Lynne's brother David (known professionally as Phineas) will be lead construction manager for a new Universal Theme Park in Singapore. Guess where Bill and LeyAnne will be heading for their next overseas jaunt? Lynne's first role was in "Nobody Loves an Albatross" at the Barn at the age of 10. David began his theatrical career on the technical side of theater during high school and did lights and sound for the Barn while in college.

Get Well Thoughts and Wishes

Jerry Burton, had knee surgery recently but is doing very well; **Deirdre Endsley** will be undergoing chemotherapy; **Ellie Endsley** is very ill and is currently residing at the Forum- it's a tough time for the Endsleys – please send good vibes their way; **M.J. Nickel** still struggles after an operation this past Spring; **June Percy** recently had surgery; **Rob Burt** is recovering from a very scary bout with pneumonia that involved extensive hospitalization.

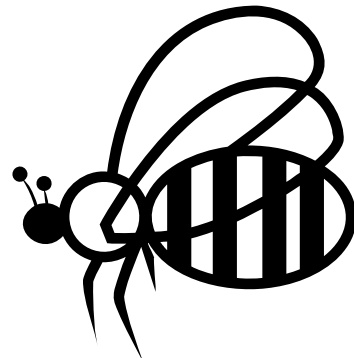
Sadly

Former member **Jack McKenzie** passed away recently. He will be remembered for his extensive collection of Indianapolis 500 memorabilia. **Melissa Deavers** recently lost her father – our thoughts and prayers are with you, Melissa.

Travels

Jeffrey and Deborah Messinger spent two weeks in New England this summer; **Mindy and Paul Sommers** relaxed in Florida;

Kathy and Bill Meyer celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in style with a Mediterranean Cruise.



New and Returning Members

Please welcome the following new and returning members.

Barbara J. Gardiner

Sponsor: Sarah Wills
Interested in: Acting, Singing, Fundraising, Publicity,
Makeup

Jane Grumann

Sponsor: June Percy
Interested in: Acting, Singing, Fundraising, Publicity,
Makeup

Bess Mathews

Sponsor: Sarah Wills
Interested in Acting, Costumes

Kerry Mitchell

Sponsor: Ann Ellerbrook
Interested in: Acting, Props, Kitchen, and Costumes

Colleen & Doug Otto

Interested in: Acting, Makeup, Hair, Group Singing
Children: Kyle – 2/8/95; Mary 10/01/96

**And an especially warm welcome to old friends who
are rejoining us:**

Mason & Andrea Odle

Children: Alexandria 11/03/00; McKenzie 6/14/02; Rylee
2/16/05

Michelle Moore

Children: Christopher 6/25/096; Alaina 2/11/02



August Family and Friends Picnic with Live Music

Kudos to the August committee chaired by the Ganzes. Great food and great music! Could be an annual event???

Dates to Remember

September 5 - Me Too - Opens and continues at 8 p.m. September 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20. Matinee is 2:30 p.m. on September 14. The matinee will be ASL interpreted.

September 8 – Board Meeting – 7 p.m.

September 15 – Communications Committee Meeting – 6 p.m.

September 18 – Drama Meeting – 7 p.m.

September 25 – Pitch-in

October 6 – Board Meeting

October 13 – Communications Committee Meeting

Behind the Scenes

After many years of work on both the old Barn Newsletter – The Curtain Call – and the current Newsletter – Behind the Scenes, this will be Tammy Benosky's last issue. Linda Eberharter will be taking over as editor and Tammy will work with her on the next two issues to help Linda transition into her new role. Thank you, Tammy, for all your hard work. And thank you, Linda, for stepping up to the plate. Behind the Scenes will become a 6x a year publication.

How Do You Like Your Barn News?!

Are you an electronic junkie or do you need that piece of paper in your hand? If you want Behind the Scenes and other Barn news delivered via U.S. mail or if you only like to see an e-mail, or if you are into both, please notify Bob Williams .

The Muddys @Yahoo

Michelle Moore has resurrected the Muddys as a communication/discussion tool for Barn members. If you have not been officially invited to join, contact Michelle .

If you want to know more about anything contained in Behind the Scenes, have a comment or a correction, or want to add something to the next issue, contact one of the following folks: Ann Ellerbrook, Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Meyer, Communications Chair, Linda Eberharter, Behind the Scenes editor.