



# THE OUACHITA LITTLE THEATRE

## NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Welcome to this edition of the Ouachita Little Theatre's (OLT) newsletter -- my first as President of the OLT's Board of Directors.

I am grateful and honored to have been elected as the OLT's President: grateful to be counted among those who have served the theatre with love and an eye to the future welfare of our Little Theatre; honored that many of you feel I might have something positive to offer.

I believe the first order of business for the Board is to create a vision of our future and take the necessary action steps to create that future. To that end, the Board was delighted to have RMCC's Jaclyn Keeter facilitate a S.W.O.T. (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Retreat for our Board and Committee members earlier this month. Details of that Retreat will constitute much of our next newsletter.

It is my intention to produce a newsletter several times a year to keep Members and other interested people up-to-date on what is going on at the OLT, so I hope you'll read this publication and participate in our activities.

Hope to see you see you soon at the OLT!

*Janelle Baldwin*

### OLT ELECTS NEW BOARD AND OFFICERS

On Tuesday, May 11, the Ouachita Little Theatre (OLT) held its first annual Membership meeting of 2010. In addition to a review of last year's activities by out-going *President* Judy Kropp, new Board Members and Officers were elected. Judy, who has served for seven years in the role of *President*, will continue on the Board replacing Eddie Huckaby as *Immediate Past President*.

Taking the reins from the hard-act-to-follow Judy, is newly-elected *President*, Janelle Baldwin. Janelle previously served as *Secretary* for several years. A newcomer to the Board, Liz Kast, was elected as *Secretary*. Other re-elected Board Officers were Brad Storey, *Vice President* and Theresa Erwin, *Treasurer*.

Board Officers are elected annually, while Board Members' terms are for two years. We were delighted to have eight candidates run for the three available Board positions this year. Larry Block was re-elected and will be joined on the Board by new Members, Renee Alcorn and Bill Hayes.

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## OLT ELECTS NEW BOARD AND OFFICERS (Continued)

The new Board was officially installed at the regular May Board meeting on Tuesday, May 25. For more information about the OLT please call the information line at (479) 243-0186 or visit the OLT website at [www.oltmena.com](http://www.oltmena.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

As I write in mid-July, The Tolkien adventure *The Hobbit* has opened to great reviews and we expect the final weekend's performances will be well-attended.

### *Lost in Yonkers*

Looking to the near future: auditions for Neil Simon's *Lost in Yonkers* will be the week of August 9, with opening night October 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, check in at [oltmena.com](http://oltmena.com) or call director Janelle Baldwin at 870-389-6247 or email: [duzmags@windstream.net](mailto:duzmags@windstream.net).

### *Steel Magnolias*

The OLT is proud to present the very first production mounted by our new repertory company "OLT on the Road". Audience Favorite *Steel Magnolias* will grace the OLT Stage on September 3-6. On September 4<sup>th</sup>, we have a unique opportunity to entertain, enlighten and raise money for the Polk County Long-Term Recovery Committee. On September 4<sup>th</sup> only, *Steel Magnolias* will be a donation-only performance for the many volunteers from out-of-state and locals who will be hard at work that weekend through the *New York Says Thank You* group. Take a break from your volunteer work on Saturday evening, September 4<sup>th</sup> and enjoy the air conditioning and popcorn as the OLT says Thank You to all the volunteers with the Benefit performance of *Steel Magnolias* before we take it "on the road".

We're staying close to home for our first "OLT on the Road" adventure. On September 10 & 11, 17 & 18, *Steel Magnolias* will be "on-stage" at Mena's hot-spot, Spinelli's outdoor patio. Director Tim Hesse has arranged for the great food and special theater experience for those four days only, so be sure to mark your calendar!

## JOIN THE OLT

When you become involved with the OLT, onstage or backstage, you're partnering with many fun and interesting people who know how to create wonderful experiences for more than just our local community. Case in point: last March a team from the OLT competed against theatres from bigger Arkansas cities in the American Association of Community Theaters (AACT) Arkansas Festival. We presented a one-hour version of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and brought home the 2009-2010 State Championship! And it was all done by local people: actors, costumer, set designer, backstage crew, and director -- all volunteers. For more information about becoming a part of the OLT, visit [oltmena.com](http://oltmena.com) and click on Membership or call the OLT Information Line (479) 243-0812.

*We're the Ouachita Little Theatre -- come play with us!*

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