

# NEWSLETTER

## Annual Membership Meeting: Officers Elected, Membership Categories Changed

The annual general membership meeting was held in the theatre Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00 pm. The following officers were elected to serve for the next season:

#### **NEW OFFICERS**

President - Rudi Timmerman Vice-President - Brad Storey Secretary - Judy Kropp Treasurer - Bill Hays Board Members
Andy Arnold
Lamar Austin
Robby Burt
Will Hose
Linda Johnson

Jessica Kropp

#### **MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS**

Starting with the 2017 season two new categories of supporting donors have been add to the current options. An individual Life membership will be available for lump sum of \$5000 (husband and wife \$7500). As a Life member one will be able to attend all OLT sponsored events at no cost. Membership voting privileges are also included. In addition, Life members will be able to provide a limited number of complementary tickets to friends and family.

A new Major Donor level has been established at \$1000. The \$500, \$250 and the \$125 Angel level will remain as donor options. These donations are made annually and provide the donor with 2 season tickets, memberships, and an additional 18, 12, or 6 complementary tickets respectively for the \$1000 through the \$250 donation level. All donors will be acknowledged in the program and pre-show video presentation.

Commercial memberships also continue to be an option. For \$150 annually the commercial member receives membership privileges, 10 complimentary tickets, a business card size ad in all OLT play bills, and a full screen ad on the pre-show video.



### ONLINE COMMITTEE CONTIUES ITS WORK

There is committee consisting of Jessica Kropp, Judy Thompson, Barry Mickelson, Robby Burt, Linda Johnson, Marilyn Brown, and Rudi Timmerman studying they ways in which OLT can do some of its business online. Barry Michelson has agreed to be the chairman of the committee. It is felt that if folks could join OLT online we could increase our membership enough to more than offset the cost associated with online services. It could also eliminate the need to leave the house to get reserve tickets for our productions. They hope to have a plan before the next membership drive

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#### ADDITIONAL CHANGES ADOPTED AT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

#### **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

The membership privileges have been separated from the season ticket purchase. The season ticket provides admission to all four OLT productions each season. On the other hand, membership provides voting privileges and covers insurance fees for any member participating in an OLT event. At present the organizer of the event has to collect \$4 from each participant to get them named in our insurance policy. Since it was decided that **in order to participate in an OLT event** (actors, musicians, stage crew, etc.) **one must be an OLT or JOLT member**, everyone will already have their insurance paid. You don't have to be a member to buy a season ticket nor do you have to buy a season ticket to be a member. Membership is \$10 per person or \$25 for a family.

#### **SEASON TICKETS**



The season ticket is primarily designed to provide admission to each of the four shows during the OLT season. It is transferable but can only be used by one person per show. The season ticket may be used for the same show for up to four successive

performances but only by one person at a time. Season tickets will sell for \$30 per person or \$75 per family.

#### **TICKET PRICES**

Ticket prices for individual non musical shows will be \$12 for adults or \$8 for children, students, and seniors. Tickets for musicals will be \$15 for adults or \$10 for children, students, and seniors. At these prices an adult would save \$21 buying a season ticket and children, students, and seniors would save \$4.

#### **VOTING PRIVILEGES**

Voting on OLT business is limited to members 18 years old and older. OLT will adhere to the policy of one vote per person regardless of that person's level of financial contribution to the theatre.

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#### Coming Attractions

The Junior Ouachita Little Theatre will present "As You Wish It", a play written and directed by Logan Sweeten. Rehearsal is in progress. The cast is as follows: Marcus- Ian Cameron Eleanor- Arianna Kelly John- Daniel Green Quincey- Jared Sweeten Prospero- Cody Gee Puck- Samuel Bloodworth Ariel- Savannah Prather Herald- Tia Moe Maxwell- Mark Castillo Betty- Caroline Morgan Page- Angel Moe Extras Ball Guests -Jocelyn Parsons -Kara O'Donnal -Elizabeth Slocum -Morgan Caldwell Visiting Nobility -Tyler Lane -Evette Harnar

Ouachita Little Theatre's plays will resume in the Fall. Scott O'Rear will direct "The Penultimate Problems of Sherlock Holmes", October 21-30, Auditions will be August 29 & 30. and Ladonna Van Wolf will direct "Eb Scrooge: A Southern Fried Carol" opening December 2. Auditions are scheduled for October 3 &4

The show will be presented

July 8, 9, 10,15, 16, 17

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