



# NEWSLETTER

## Dixie Swim Club

*Opens Friday, February 13 at the OLT*



Dixie Swim Club is in the last days of rehearsal. Opening night will be Friday, February 13 at the OLT. This is a slight change. Earlier information indicated that there would be two evenings of dinner theater. However, the only dinner theater performance will be

Saturday, February 14 at the Mena Mountain resort. This means fewer tickets. So be sure to get yours as soon as possible to keep from being disappointed. Tickets are available by calling Mena Mountain Resort for reservations at 479-394-3110

### Katie O'Rear Raises Funds

Last month we reported that Katie would be organizing a bake sale to raise money to buy paint for the lobby and bathrooms. She has now not only raised the money, but the painting is done as well. I think you will agree it looks great. Furthermore she had money left over which was donated to the theater for future painting projects. The floor in the auditorium is on the short list of painting projects.



### COMPLETE DIXIE SWIM CLUB PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 13 at OLT, 7:30 PM - Admission \$8/\$5 for students and seniors 60+

Valentine's Day Saturday, February 14 - Dinner Theater at Mena Mountain Resort. Reservations only. Call 394-3110. Dinner at 6:30. 7:30 play. \$30 per person

Friday, February 20 at OLT, 7:30 PM Admission \$8/\$5 Students and Seniors over 60

Saturday, February 21 at OLT. "Girls Night Out" Special - \$19/\$16 for students and seniors over 60. Includes

light dinner at American Artisan beginning at 6:00 PM. Play starts at 7:30 PM. Great door prizes to be given away before play. Advance tickets only. Tickets will be available at ARVEST bank starting January 26. Gather your friends for a special night out! Limited tickets available.

Sunday, February 22 at OLT, 2:30 PM Admission \$8/\$5 for students and seniors over 60





THE THEATRE HAS BEEN CLEANED OF CLUTTER

*Some of the trash that was eliminated*



*Dragon Room, where auditions were held*



*Middle room, with sewing table & totes*



*Tech room, with tools and hardware*



I am happy to report that much progress has been made in clearing the theatre of clutter and restoring useful space. LaDonna and Joe Van Wolf, Linda Johnson, Marilyn Brown, Jeffery Matthews, Barefoot Annie, Beth McMillen, Alison Austin, Billy and Jerod all had a hand in the cleanup.

The rooms upstairs have been repurposed. What was once called the paint room is now the tech room with tools hardware and newly installed electrical outlets. Here we can repair lights build cables etc.

The middle room has some storage for costume totes as well as a sewing table for costume alterations etc. The little bathroom accessed from this

room has been made functional again.

What was once the prop room is now storage for more costume totes, while the old light booth has become the prop room.

The actual costume room has been reorganized so now it can be accessed and costumes can be found.

The upstairs area adjacent to the auditorium, formerly called the "dragon room" has been electrified and cleaned so it can be used as rehearsal space. We used it for auditions for "Eyes of the Apostle"

The back porch area has been cleared and can now function as a "green room" with bath rooms and makeup tables.

EYES OF THE APOSTLE CANCELLED

I am sorry to relay that "Eyes of the Apostle" had to be cancelled. The show required quite a few young men in the age range of 21-45. While we had 50 or more people audition, not enough were what the script called for. A big thank you goes to Scott O'Rear for accepting the directorship. He has worked very hard to make the show go. Lamar Austin and Lorraine Timmerman also deserve a pat on the back for working tirelessly to make the script more stage friendly. We also acknowledge the effort of those who did come out to audition. These folks are probably as disappointed as anyone seeing the show cancelled. The board is working on finding a substitute for the show. I will be performed latter in the spring, late April. It is the intention of the OLT to bring quality productions to our audience. We would rather change our schedule than do a poor job on a production.

LADONNA VAN WOLF HEADS THIS YEAR'S BENSON AWARDS



After consulting with friends, who have agreed to help her, LaDonna Van Wolf has agreed to head up the Benson Awards ceremony. This is a big undertaking and she has asked that those who can, give her a hand. The Benson Awards are held every two years and honor individual performances, plays, and service by members during the past two years.