

# ENCORE!

Village Playhouse  
Of Wauwatosa  
NEWSLETTER

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## A WORD ABOUT THE SHOWS...

Damn Yankees has been closed for a month now, but people are still talking about it. DY was one of the most energetic productions VPW has experienced. We received several congratulatory notes from show-goers who enjoyed the months of hard work in evidence. Hats off to all involved with this year's musical!!!

DON'T DRINK THE WATER is heavy into a tight rehearsal schedule, working toward a May 10th opening. This show, a hysterical early comedy by Woody Allen, is being directed by Robert A. Gee, VPW's Musical Director. Cast members include Richard Fuchs, Phyllis Ruck, Jeff Hussinger, Becky Haines, Tom Kohls, James Hecht, Maggie Ley, Mike Crowley, James Deuchars, Rosie Peterson, Daniel Gee, Kurt Poth, and Evvie Smith. Set designer for the production is Deb Pipkorn, with construction being headed up by Margaret Bannister and Chris Otto; lighting will be designed by Robert Kafka (who will use this show as a "lighting workshop" to begin training new light people). Costumes are being handled (very expertly) by Maggie Ley, and Phyllis Ruck will oversee the make-up process. The show runs May 10, 11, 17 & 18 at 8 PM and May 19 at 2 PM. All performances will be at the Milwaukee County Plank Road School, 9508 Watertown Plank Road. Need tickets? Pre-sale tickets (2/\$5) are available from cast members, or call Bonnie Torretta at 476-4840 between 8 AM and 3 PM business days to reserve your place for insanity behind the Iron Curtain. (P.S. Props by Judy Schoenfeldt.)

## LIGHTING INSTRUMENTS...

No, not the name of VPW's next show (that's Side by Side by Sondheim), but a name for VPW's next project. ANNOUNCING THE VPW \$3000 FUND FOR LIGHTING INSTRUMENTS!! Our theatre group is in desperate need to purchase our own lighting equipment. We have had to beg, borrow, and (gasp) rent this necessity for our shows in the past, but now, our Technical Director, Mr. Kafka, has calculated that purchasing our own, new equipment will save us \$\$\$ in the long run. Do you care to donate? Does anyone know of a firm, company, or person(s) who would want "their names in lights"? All gifts/donations are tax deductible! For more info, or to make a donation, please contact Mr. Kafka at our mailing address (found below). NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL!! ALL GIFTS BRING US CLOSER TO \$3000!! Please help . . . VPW needs Y O U ! ! !

## VPW BOARD NEWS...

Do you know of anyone who would make a terrific board member? How about yourself? If you have a name (or several), nominate him/her/them to serve on your theatre group's own board. Any member of the VPW can nominate anyone else - including himself/herself. To do so, write to our mailing address and let us know. Voting will take place at the June General Meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP...

Your renewal month (indicating when your \$5 dues are due!) is listed on your address label on this newsletter. Please comply, making checks payable to the Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa. Change of address? Let us know about that, too. There will be a General Meeting for all members in June, place TBA (to be announced!). More info? Call Mary Carroll at 771-9671.

## ENCORE! NEWSLETTER...

All of us on the Board deeply regret the long expanse of time between the last edition of the newsletter and this one. The Board - and newsletter - have been involved in a transition. The word is that there is a new editor for this tome (Robert A. Gee) who welcomes comments & suggestions for future editions; reach him at home (354-0291) or work (332-1170 - leave message). We hope to have all unfavorable glitches worked out soon!! Thanks for your patience!

## COMING SOON...

"Side by Side by Sondheim".....General Meeting for all VPW Members.....ENCORE Awards!!

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SEE YOU ALL AT.....

"DON'T DRINK THE WATER"...

MAY 10-11-17-18 @ 8:00 PM  
MAY 19 @ 2:00 PM