



# ENCORE



## Village Playhouse Of Wauwatosa NEWSLETTER

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### OOPS?!

Due to clerical error on my part and a misinterpretation of postal dept. regulations you never received an April Newsletter. My sincere apologies for any inconvenience or loss this mistake cost. I'm enclosing it with this month so you can see all the great things you missed because I boo-boomed.

### REHEARSAL FOR MURDER

closed last weekend, I hope you knew it opened, to complete our 86-87 season. The tense mystery drama received an outstanding review and appreciative applause from the small and enthusiastic crowds. Director Gil Shine, his cast and crew deserve our congratulations for producing an exciting and entertaining evening of Theatre.

### ENCORE AWARDS BANQUET

Our season is closed and now it's time to celebrate and acknowledge our success. The Encore Awards Banquet will be held June 20 and you should be receiving your reservations and ballots this week (maybe already). From the madcap rollicking farce of You Can't Take It With You, the variety and originality of the One Act PlayFest, to the Milwaukee premiere of Baby, and the taut Rehearsal For Murder the VPW accepted a variety of challenges and achieved success in each production. To me, this VPW season featured what is possible in community Theatre, and I do hope you all come share in our celebration June 20. I'm mailing 265 newsletters and it would be great if everyone attended. If you're a new VPW member, or have never attended, please join us- it really is a wonderful evening!

### GENERAL MEETING

Before the awards banquet starts June 20 the VPW will hold it's annual General Meeting to elect our next seasons board. There are six elected board members this year, composing the executive board which holds the voting power( What did I say?) As of this writing these are the candidates for the positions. If you're interested in running contact Tom Kohls 453-2283, and nominations can be entered from the floor at the meeting.

- President- Robert Gee, Jane Preston
- Vice-President- Mary Carroll, Gary McManus
- Secretary- Jeff Hussinger, Margie Kaczmarek
- Treasurer- Lloyd Dreger
- Membership-

Technical Director- Bob Kafka

The executive board will structure the remaining board positions, PR-Ads-Newsletter ect- so if you're interested in such a position contact the newly elected board. Be involved and have fun!

There are some other events taking place June 20 and if you read you April Newsletter, which you now can do, you'll know all about them and who to contact if you want to participate.

The VPW July 4 Marching Kitchen Band is tuning-up for this years parade- \*Note, that doesn't mean they'll play in tune. Due to the phenomenal community response the band is this year open to unlimited expansion. This means the vegomatic, and wash-board sections are not closed. JOIN US!

### Wisconsin Theatre Association Convention

The weekend of May 1-3 saw five VPW members (Bob Kafka, Marianne, Kurt Poth, Judy Scoenfeld, Joe Walsh) made the trek to Superior to attend the WTA annual convention. While there they were forced to choose from the the more than 50 workshops and 10 seperate performances. What were some of their choices? Stage Combat, taught by Rick Sordelet an instructor from the Lee Strasberg Institute and the Actor's Combat Training School in NY city, dealt with the techniques for crafting stage illusions of violence. Musical Theatre Dance, taught by Ann Bergerson Assistant Professor at the University of Deluth, covered basic dancing skills and fundamentals for working with music and people. Job Market USA, presented by a panel of young Theatre professionals discussed the job market and how to find work, keep it, and find more work. A sample of the performances included, The Miss Firecracker Contest, Mime Mask and Clown, The Belle of Amehearst, The Caine Mutiny Court Marshall, and Quilters. While there was some disappointment over the last minute cancellation of the VPW's presentation from our Original One Act Festival, it should be noted with pride that the VPW's own BOB KAFKA was elected President-Elect of the Community Theatre division of WTA. Congrats Bob! Also worthy of note is the inclusion of Bob and Marianne Kolar on the convention planning committee. Next years convention is scheduled for April 7-10 in Oshkosh. See You there!

### THEATRE Rx

The Theatre Rx company of Anne Marie Cheney, Bernie Eckert, David Handrich, Jane Preston, Victor White, and Tom Zuehlke, will make their final Milwaukee appearence June 16 before taking their road show to Vail Colorado for production and performance July 28. This is a rare opportunity for you because Theatre Rx usually performs for private engagements. The June 16 show will be held for the Village Playhouse Mini-Theatre Players meeting at St. Matthew's Lutheran 76th and Milwaukee in Tosa. Be there. And join Mini-Theatre also. Show time is 7:30. You'll find it interesting. (Me and line's are an adventure

### STAGE DUST By Afra Bean the Gossip Queen

Heather Meisenheimer, who played Emily in the St. Sava's Our Town production will not flunk Journalism due to private tutoring at the cast party by Editor Webb.

What normally only slightly crazed VPW member was seen among the three dozen people swimming in Lake Superior during the WTA convention?  
And how could you tell which belonged to the Polar Bare Society?

The line drawn between fact and fiction is seldom straight.

Evvie returned to the ranks with avengence. Coming off an exhausting tax season she kept Judy, Mary, and Tom out till 3:30 (Lucky Tom) after a RFM cast party. Plans for the post July 4 parade pool party took a strange development.

How did Bob fly to Superior?

Speaking of Bob, what comment did he make about Janet while shopping at Astor's?

The Theatre Rx folks have rented a condo in Vail for an entire week. What will the sleeping arrangements be? \*Note- Tom eat's Velamints at bedtime.

\*Remember July 1 is the deadline to submit One Acts for the PlayFest.

\*Afra will attend the Encore Awards Banquet June 20. Say hi, and give her an earful of great gossip- or make some up if you want.

### THE END

A new board will be elected June 20 and I don't know if I'll be producing the newsletter next season. I want to. We'll see. I hope you've enjoyed reading my newsletter as much as I've enjoyed composing it. That's been my intention. I hope they've been informative and entertaining. Thanks for letting me do it.

Tom Zuehlke