



Who's On First -- President's Note

Happy Halloween Forgers! October has been a busy month with our first Membership Meeting, a successful garage and theatre cleanup and the convening of our 2010-2011 Season Playreading Committee. Thanks to all the members and volunteers who make these things happen.

If you are in the area on Halloween drop in and visit the Schulzes and Corrs who are providing trick or treat goodies to the neighbors as well as some theatre information. Publicity, publicity!

November will see the opening of our first musical, *1776*. Director Jim Kelsh and his awesome cast and production staff are looking forward to a wonderful show. Please make sure to make your reservations and come see it. Denise Wisneski will be selling Philly Pretzels during the show to support PACS. With the long run of the musical, Janet Hoehl will be in need of many hospitality volunteers so consider coming and helping with the goodies.

In other news, the Forge Data Project that was discussed at the Membership Meeting is getting started. The Committee of Bill Braak, Aaron Gould and Chris Braak will be working with John Magolan as board liaison to find software and develop tools to gather membership data, audience data and more to help improve our theatre and learn about our audience.

Also, keep your eyes open for a Proxy envelope in your mailbox soon. A change to our by-laws to allow Proxy Voting for board elections was proposed at our October meeting. Further information about the change and a ballot including a SASE will be mailed to each member in the next several weeks. Please fill out the proxy and send it back so that we can have enough ballots to have a valid vote. Contact any member of the board if you have questions on the letter or proposal.

Happy Fall!

Cathy Stratoti, President



1776 opens November 6
Make Reservations Now

Auditions for *The Importance of Being Earnest* - November 9 and 11

Auditions for *84 Charing Cross Road* - December 5 @ 2:00, December 8 @ 7:30

The Last Noel - December 11 @ 8:00



SPARKS



Book by Peter Stone, Music & Lyrics
by Sherman Edwards

**Performances: November 6, 7, 13,
14, 19, 20, 21, and December 3, 4, 5
at 8:00 PM and Sunday, November
15 at 2:00 PM**

Production Team

DIRECTED BY JIM KELSH

PRODUCER

Stevie Tagye

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Denise Wisneski

CHOREOGRAPHER

Megan Kelsh

STAGE MANAGER

Linda Blystone

Cast

JOHN ADAMS

Bob Goretski

ABIGAIL ADAM

Sue Murphy

THOMAS JEFFERSON

T.J. Wilkinson

MARTHA JEFFERSON

Heather Reese

JOHN HANCOCK

Michael Zatuchni

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Clem Mirto

JOHN DICKINSON

Lew Osterhoudt

EDWARD RUTLEDGE

Allen Puy

DR. JOSIAH BARTLETT

Alan Ciarlone

STEPHEN HOPKINS

Gary Bullock

ROGER SHERMAN

Brian Schwartz

LEWIS MORRIS

Rick Dowdall

ROBERT LIVINGSTON

Rick Goldstein

REV. JONATHAN

WITHERSPOON

Mark Dickinson

CAESAR RODNEY

Jack Forman

JAMES WILSON

David Nyman

SAMUEL CHASE

Doug Smith

RICHARD HENRY LEE

Jim Malin

JOSEPH HEWES

Randy Frame

DR. LYMAN HALL

John Henken

MCNAIR

Randy Knox

CHARLES THOMPSON

Mike Nolan

COL. THOMAS MCKEAN

Paul Perrymore

GEORGE READ

TBD

COURIER

Radler Kelly

LEATHER APRON

Tim Johnson

Forge Theatre Proposed By-law Amendment Notes

Amendment 1

The quorum threshold for Forge membership meetings was adjusted from 20% of all members to 20% of senior members several years ago.

This proposed Amendment makes a similar adjustment to the amendment rules in Article IX of the by-laws. The change in wording is needed because not all eligible voters are senior members.

To be removed from Article X:

This Constitution may be amended at any general membership meeting by a simple majority of over 50% of a tally vote of the total membership.

To be added to Article X:

This Constitution may be amended at any general membership meeting by a simple majority vote, provided the total number of votes in favor of the amendment exceeds 50% of the total number of senior membership.

Amendment 2

We want all interested members to be represented in Board elections, including members who have conflicts with the election date. At the same time, Forge has always accepted nominations from the floor at election meetings. An absentee voting system requiring ballots to be returned prior to the meeting would be unfair to candidates who are not listed on the Nominating Committee slate.

This proposed Amendment allows a member unable to attend the election meeting to transfer his/her Board voting rights to another member. The member who receives a transfer will be able to cast the absent member's vote as well as his/her own.

A member may accept only one transfer. Any agreement between the parties on how to vote is not binding -- the member in attendance is free to cast a transferred vote for any candidates on the ballot, including those nominated at the meeting.

To be added to Article V:

Section 5 Proxy Voting A member may transfer his voting rights for officers to another member via signed proxy. No member may exercise more than one proxy in addition to casting his own votes for officers. All votes for officers, including proxy votes, must be cast by members in attendance at the election meeting. Proxies expire when all officers have been elected.

Section 6 Quorum For purposes of voting for officers, a quorum shall consist of 20% of the senior membership, including both members in attendance and proxies eligible to be exercised.

You will receive a ballot in early November, along with an addressed stamped envelope. Please, please vote and return the ballot.

SPARKS

by Oscar Wilde, directed by Maureen Clarke

Auditions:

Monday, November 9 -- 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11 -- 7:30 p.m.

Auditions will be readings from the script. All roles are open.

Casting:

Two males age 20-35; two females age 20s; two females age 40-60; three males age 40-60.

Rehearsals:

Rehearsals will be Monday and Wednesday evenings, and Sunday afternoons, starting tentatively 11/18 until tech week

The IMPORTANCE of Being Earnest



The Last Noel

An original holiday play by Maureen Clarke

Join us for our Forge Friday holiday offering. *The Last Noel* is a look at a final Christmas in 1934 in Enfield, Ma, one of four towns that were to be inundated by the formation of the Quabbin Reservoir.

Refreshments will be served at intermission and donations are appreciated.

Friday, December 11 @ 8:00 at the theatre





Janet Hoehl is looking for Hospitality Volunteers.

Janet is pulling out the stops to recruit new members to the Hospitality Committee.

Please feel free to join her as either a committee member or a volunteer, especially for 1776. Her e-mail is: janet.hoehl@verizon.net

THANKS

Thanks to our wonderful hospitality volunteers for The Odd Couple:

Denise Wisneski, Patrina Harding, Denise Meyers, Dennis Himes, Doug Smith, Dee and John Henken, Jan Swarr, Eric Jarrell, Cathy Stratoti, Heather Reese and Drew Ullery.

WANTED

One used lawnmower

Are you planning to purchase a new lawnmower next season? If so please consider donating your old but still working mower to Forge. Please contact Steve Schulz @ 610-650-0629 to discuss transportation arrangements.



One electrician

Forge is in need of a few minor electrical projects. If you have the name of a reasonable and trustworthy electrician to bid on them. Please call Steve Schulz @ 610-650-0629.



Board Meeting Highlights from October

- Staff badges are in the box office for Board Members who are at shows.
- Holzer and R. Schulz will co-chair playreading.
- J. Hoehl will get only individually wrapped items for this season due to H1N1 concerns.
- Garage/theatre clean-up held.
- Steve and John got LED night-lights for the greenroom and main floor.

48 Season Board

President - Cathy Stratoti - cstratoti@juno.com

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Thanks to our Theatre Clean-up Crew

Sheila Atkins
Linda Blystone
Bill Braak
Maureen Clarke
Caroline Dascher-Corr
Aaron Gould
Marnie Herzfeld
John Magolan
Clem Mirto
Renee Schulz
Steve Schulz
Cathy Stratoti
Denise Wisneski
Christa Wisneski



The Cast of The Mystery of Irma Vep Bob Goretski and Robb Hutter

Director: Hal Holzer - Producer Marnie Herzfeld
Stage Manager Linda Blystone

