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AUGUST— the last month of summer, the month that brings us days at the **beach**, **corn on the cob**, **watermelon**, and that good old summer treat - **ice cream**. Welcome, **AUGUST** and thank you for providing such great food during this month, and for the wonderful ways we can enjoy the end of the summer season.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

When RCP changed its season year to be parallel with the fiscal year, there was some confusion about when membership fees are due. So, to help clear up any confusion, here is how it works: The season and the fiscal year both run January to December. That means membership dues are to be renewed every January. Membership fees are \$15.00 for an adult, and \$6.00 for children. That entitles members to discounted ticket prices. You can also help RCP continue to bring quality shows to the community with monetary donations. Below is a list of the generous donors who have supported RCP in that way. **THANK YOU!**

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"All My Sons", which opened July 30th, and runs again next weekend, is dedicating performances to all military veterans, and will be raffling off several items, with the proceeds going to the Fisher House. Fisher House provides free or low-cost lodging to veterans and military families receiving treatment at military medical centers.

We will also be collecting items during the shows that will be sent to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you would like to be part of this endeavor, please visit our website at www.rcptheatre.org to view a list of the items you can contribute to this cause.



Next show at RCP will be "**Hansel & Gretel - A Modern Tale**"

Show Dates are: September 10, 11, 12 and 17, 18, 19

Directed by: Debbi Silas Musical Direction by: Ray Rhoads

Cast List

Hansel - John Fielding IV

Gretel - Alex Goshert

Mom - Marisa Hoover

Dad- Ryan Katzenmoyer

Madame Hexasprout - Mindy Wheeler

Bereen (The Cat) - Sandra Bennett

Sarah Kowalski - Julia Minotto

Robin (A Neighbor) - Allison Wilson

Julie Kowalski - Joanna Fielding

Kids: Christina Flamporis

Adults: Patricia Fielding

Melissa Flamporis

John Fielding

Congratulations to the entire cast of "Hansel & Gretel - A Modern Tale"

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MEMBERSHIP IS OFFERED TOUR OF THEATRE SPACE

Pat Perfect, and property owner, David Telstar will be heading up a tour of potential theatre space at 123 N. 3rd Street, Reading, PA, on Tuesday, August 3rd @ 7:30 PM. Interested RCP members should meet at the building to view the site that is being considered for collaboration by several theatre groups.



UPCOMING AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held at the Hendel House, Monday, August 9th @ 7 PM to field a team of actors that will put on a performance at the inaugural **John Updike Society Conference** the first weekend in October. RCP is looking to stage a mini-dramatization of the local author's famous novel, "Rabbit Run", which will be 50 years old. We need a tall (at least 6' 2"), slender, athletic, 26 year-old (or looking that age) male to play Rabbit. We also need two females - one to play Rabbit's wife who is also around the same age (26), and about 5' 6", slender, and somewhat frail-looking. The other female will play Rabbit's lover (who is a hooker) and is also mid-20, but is more full-figured, and taller than his wife. **It is very important that we get actors who look the part, and become the person, as this has the potential for national media coverage.**

Auditions for "Evil Dead: The Musical" will be held Monday & Tuesday, August 9 & 10 @ 7 PM at RCP. We need four men & four women, ages 18 and up. You must be able to pass for college age. **No one under 18 will be allowed to audition.** We also will need tech people for this show, so if you are interested in being a part of the show in that way, please come to an audition.

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PUPPET WORKSHOP FOR "A CHRISTMAS CAROL...WITH STRINGS"



Saturday, August 7th from 10 AM - 1 PM we will hold our first workshop for this year's Christmas show. If you are interested in creating puppets that will be used in this show, please bring your imagination, and your desire to be creative, along with a brown-bag lunch and be part of an afternoon of fun. All ages are encouraged to participate. The event will be taking place at Community Church, 51 Green Valley Road, Sinking Spring, PA. Interested parties can call the theatre at 610-375-9106 for directions or any other information they may need. Come join the fun!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Pancake Breakfast was such a smashing success that we are doing it again, so plan on joining us for some good food and fun.



Where: Applebee's Restaurant (5th Street Highway)

Date: Saturday, September 25, 2010

Time: 8 AM - 10 AM

Cost: \$6.50 for Adults / \$4.50 for Children

RCP's 90th Year Celebration



The committee still needs the names and addresses of people you want us to invite to the 90th Year Celebration. At our next meeting we will start addressing the envelopes, so please give us the information we need to get the invitations out in a timely manner. Some of you have already done so, and we thank you for that. Please e-mail the information to rcptheatre@gmail.com or call 610-375-9106 to leave a message with pertinent information. Don't forget the date - **Friday, November 12, 2010 from 6 PM to 10 PM** to come and celebrate 90 years of Reading Community Players Theatre.

Next committee meeting for 90th Year Celebration will be announced at a later date.

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The Board Meeting for August will be held **Tuesday, August 10th at 7 PM**. There are lots of exciting things going on at RCP, and we need our members to work hand-in-hand with the board to make sure we live up to our middle name - **COMMUNITY**. Please join us at this, and every board meeting to ensure your voice is heard.

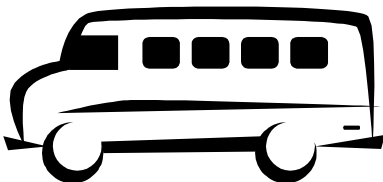
ITEMS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. The 2011 RCP Season after presentation by the Play Reading Committee
2. A "Dissolution Statement" to be included in RCP's Articles of Incorporation that will bring the theatre into compliance with PA State Law for exemption from State Sales Tax. The statement to be voted on will read as follows:

"In the event of dissolution of Reading Community Players, the board of directors shall, after paying and making provisions for the payment of all liabilities, distribute all the assets of the corporation over to an organization dedicated to charitable and/or educational purposes and which has been recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service."

BCTV EVENT

Tune in to BCTV on Wednesday, Sept. 1st @ 8:30 PM. There will be an interview discussion of the play "Hats" (based on the book, "Hats" written by Dr. Joe Cornelius) which RCP is scheduled to perform during Black History Month next year. The performance, in collaboration with RACC, will be on stage at the Miller Center February 19 & 20, 2011.



FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE

Remember - Starting 45 minutes before each show, park your car at the 13th and Green School parking lot (off Greenwich St.), and ride the shuttle to the theatre. When the show is over, the shuttle will be out front to take you back to your car. Take advantage of it, and spread the word.

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On A Sad Note...

RCP lost a long-time member when Marty Devlin passed away on June 28, 2010. Marty served several terms as Treasurer of RCP and lent us his skills as a pianist for productions and rehearsals. He was always dedicated to the performing arts, volunteering not only with RCP, but also Reading Civic Theater, Berks Grand Opera and the Reading Liederkrantz. Marty was the widow of Life Member Jeri Kelsay-Devlin, who also served on our Board of Directors, wrote our newsletters and graced our stage many times. If you would like to see Marty's name placed with Jeri's on our Memorial Plaque, please send a donation in Marty's name to RCP at PO Box 13425, Reading, PA 19612.



RCP Members celebrating a birthday in **AUGUST**:

Logan Stewart-Mugno - 8/2

Harold Kremser, Jr. - 8/2

Arlene Meyer - 8/12

Tama McConnell - 8/16

Denise Smaglinski - 8/26

SEE YOU AT THE THEATRE

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READING COMMUNITY PLAYERS 2010 SEASON

Take Me Out
Directed by Santo Marabella
March 4, 5, 6, 7

The Secret Life of Girls
Directed by Debbi Silas
April 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18

Special Event:
Always ... Patsy Cline
June 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

All My Sons
Directed by Susan Sneeringer
July 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 / August 1

Hansel and Gretel:
A Modern Tale
Directed by Debbi Silas
Musical Director: Ray Rhoads
September 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19

Evil Dead, the Musical
Directed by David Mote
October 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31

A Christmas Carol ... With Strings
December 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19

TICKETS:
\$15 Adults \$10 Seniors 65+ \$8 Students

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