

THE CALLBOY

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HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR !!!!

Another year has come and gone.....Our 90th Season has begun and members are already working on our Anniversary party in October. The Play Reading Committee presented the New Season.

The Opening plays will be "Take Me Out" by Written by Richard Greenburg Directed by Santo Marabella. Performance Dates - February 26, 27, 28 / March 5, 6, 7 and "The Secret Life of Girls" by Written by Linda Daugherty. Directed by Debbie Silas Performance Dates – April 16, 17, 18 / 23, 24, 25.

The remainder of the season will be announced as royalties are granted. Stay Tuned for Audition Notices. Watch the Rdg Eagle for Auditions for "Take Me Out".

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. THERE IS A MEMBERSHIP FORM ONLINE ON OUR WEBSITE ... www.rcptheatre.org ... GO TO THE 'JOIN US' LINK. WE ENDED OUR 89TH SEASON WITH ALMOST 200 MEMBERS !!! LET'S START THE NEW YEAR WITH AS MANY... SEE YOU AT THE THEATER.

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

Miracle, as defined in the *American Heritage Dictionary*, is "An event that appears unexplainable by the laws of nature and so is held to be supernatural in origin or an act of God."

Given that explanation, one might say that the play, "Miracle on 34th Street" experienced more than one **miracle** of its own. With a cast of 38 people, it was a **miracle** that so many families and individuals were willing to give of their time during the holidays to be part of the play. It was also a **miracle** - thanks to Dr. Bill Santoro - that there was a shuttle service for our cast and patrons that was heavily used and appreciated by all who usually find it a **miracle** to get a parking space close to the theatre.

Friday's *Opening Night* (Dec. 11th) was performed before an audience that filled the house, and there was a full house again on Sunday (Dec. 13th) - a **miracle** of its own, considering that earlier in the day, most of the roads were covered with ice!

It's been a long time since we've seen snow in the middle of December, but on December 19th, there it was – the "**miracle**" of snowfall that prompted the cancellation of both shows that were scheduled for that day. One of Kris Kringle's lines from the play was, "If only there would be snow on the ground, this would be a perfect day", so I guess Saturday was a "perfect day" for the holiday season, but not necessarily the theatre. The next day proved to be even one more **miracle** when Sunday's show had another full house for the grand finale!

Let's hope such **miracles** continue to happen in the New Year!

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NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

As we are quickly coming to the close of another season here at Reading Community Players, I wanted to share some things about this past year. One of my personal goals when I took on the position of treasurer was to work with everyone to change our spending habits and to control costs so that the theater is financially able to support ourselves. Even though this year has been full of many huge surprises and challenges, I feel we have started to make a move in the right direction towards that goal.

For many years, regular maintenance work has not been done in the building for various reasons. Because of that, this year has been a challenging one in fixing things that have been let go for too long. As many of you know, this year we have had to replace the heater units and do major repairs to the air conditioning unit. And in the next month, we will have to do some major work on the lighting system. For everyone who has made contributions to the heater fundraiser, I thank you. But in this season of giving, I am asking everyone to remember RCP. We still have approximately \$1500 remaining to pay off the financing on the heater units, and I have used all of the donations to date, which means we are now making those payments out of the general fund which is all ready stretched to pay the normal operating costs and production costs.

To give everyone an idea of what must be paid, the basic monthly bills runs \$700 a month (electric, phone, garbage, water, gas, garage rent). To this you must add heating costs of an average of \$600 a month. These basics total approximately \$15,600 per year. On top of this, we have the production costs for each show. As you can see, we need everyone's help to make it.

So you ask how can you help now and in the future?

2010 brings a new year, and memberships will need to be renewed. Send in your renewal as soon as possible.

We need you to attend the shows. Even better, tell all of your friends about the great productions that we do and have them come, too.

If you can make an extra donation to the theater, we want to be here and strong for many future generations.

Be proud of what you are a part of. We need volunteers to help in many areas of the theater, not just on the stage.

Do you know a tradesman who can volunteer man-hours to do some work around the theater?

We need help with concreting the basement, some construction work, electric work and someone to haul away trash and old wood.

If you have any questions about any of this, please call me, and I can answer any questions you may have.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Bonnie Wyandt

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NEW YEAR'S REFLECTIONS

The New Year is always a time to reflect – not only on what was, but on what will be, or maybe more like what you would like for it to be. People always seem to make some sort of resolution each year, even if it isn't verbally revealed – and some are kept, but a lot die out after several weeks or months, and we fall back into our “old habits.”

Why do we do that? Why do we promise others or ourselves something that we don't follow through on? I think it's because we are all “Creatures of Habit” - and even if something is harmful to us, we continue it because it is familiar to us and we are comfortable in doing what becomes habit in our lives.

So maybe the resolution this year should be: “Not to be Creatures of Habit” and break the mold of the comfort zone that keeps us from enjoying life and each other. Enjoying life is certainly experienced differently from person to person, but there should be a common thread to help us from being self-centered or self-destructive.

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Ten Most Popular New Year's Resolutions Top Ten “Creatures of Habit” Resolutions

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| 1. Spend More Time with Family and Friends | 1. Invest In Those You Love |
| 2. Fit in Fitness | 2. Weigh Your Words Before Speaking |
| 3. Tame the Bulge | 3. Egos Cause Extra Baggage |
| 4. Quit Smoking | 4. Don't Let Your Anger Define You |
| 5. Enjoy Life More | 5. The Simple Things Will Take You Far |
| 6. Quit Drinking | 6. See Things Clearly The Way They Are |
| 7. Get Out of Debt | 7. Do For Others – The Return Is High |
| 8. Learn Something New | 8. Be Gentle In Pointing Out Mistakes |
| 9. Help Others | 9. Selfless Is More Becoming Than Selfish |
| 10. Get Organized | 10. Listen, Plan, & DO For The Good Of All |

-Karon Wolf-Brosey

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 12, 2010 - 7:00 pm.

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Your Editor,

Pat Perfect

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READING COMMUNITY PLAYERS 2010 SEASON

Take Me Out

Directed by Santo Marabella
February 26, 27, 28 / March 5, 6, 7

The Secret Lives of Girls

Directed by Debbi Silas
April 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18

Special Event: Always ... Patsy Cline

June 18, 19, 20

All My Sons

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

Hansel and Gretel

Directed by Debbi Silas & Ray Rhoads
September 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19

Evil Dead, the Musical

Directed by David Mote
October 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31

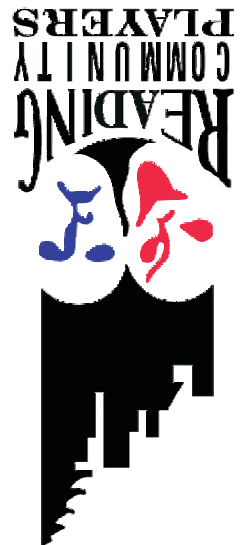
Christmas Show: TBA

December 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19

TICKETS:

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

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