



Our 101st Season - May 2021

The Prompter

Players Guild of Leonia Monthly Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation, when new Board members are elected, is this Thursday. Diane, Steve and I are in the final weeks of our three-year terms. We will be replaced by those elected by the members present, so be sure to come and make your vote count. The Nominating Committee has selected its recommendation for board selection, which are listed on the second page. We will also be taking nominations from the floor at the meeting before the vote. While every season seems to have its difficulties and triumphs, the past few years have certainly been both challenging and rewarding, to be sure. From unexpected vacancies on the Board, a Centennial that passed with little of the expected or planned fanfare, and a global pandemic. I won't forget this most recent stint on the Board anytime soon. There have been many positive developments, however, and it is those I will look forward to as things continue to develop. Most notable have been our digital presence and our outreach to the Borough, for which I would like to thank Ralph and Alison for their dedication and hard work, respectively. I would also like to thank the other board members who are remaining on for their commitment and diligence: Lynne, Alice, John and Marc, and wish them all well in their new and continued roles moving forward. While we have some great challenges ahead I believe there are many new opportunities to look forward to and will assist the new board in any way I can. A final heartfelt thank you to Diane for far too much to list, Steve for easing my burden with the building, and to all PGL Members for your time, input, and support over these last three years. Thank You!

Dan Giordano

MAY WORKSHOP

Hello PGL Membership! I've missed working with everyone! I can't wait till we can all be together again on stage, but for now I thought I would share a piece that is witty, hysterical, and just plain fun.

Have you ever been frustrated on a customer service call? Isn't that robot voice annoying? Do customer service agents make you want to throw your phone against the wall? If you answered yes to any of these questions then you should come see Customer Service at this month's membership meeting! Claudia MacDermott and I have had a blast putting this together, and we hope you enjoy it as much as we did! **Matt Blum**



CALLING ALL DIRECTORS

Any interested and qualified directors who would like to participate in Theater on the Edge, please contact Carol Fisher: carol.fisher@optoline.net or Diane Arabella at: sunsetwntr@aol.com. This production will be presented in late January/early February of 2022.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Ad Journal** - Beth Parrillo, Mark Watson
- Budget/Finance** - Ralph Martinez
- Building/ Facilities** - Dan Giordano
- Costumes** - Diane Arabella, Laurette Miller, and Joanne Livelli
- Director/Play Selection** - Diane Arabella
- Historian** - Annette Lenge
- Hospitality** - Brian Laub
- Membership** - Bunny Giordano, Laurette Miller, Chris Thorn, and Alison Miller

- Music/Sound/Video** - Chris Thorn
- The Prompter** - Ralph Martinez, Alison Miller, and Nicole Parente
- Props** - Art Penque
- Publicity** - John Garbo, Mark Watson
- Set Construction** - Steve Moldt
- Tickets** - Lynne Vitale, Bobbi Weintraub
- Website** - Ralph Martinez
- Workshops** - Alison Miller, Chris Watson, and Angela Cozzi



SINATRA FUNDRAISER

Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams is well underway! Wonderful voices and some exciting presentations will livestream in the evening on June 19th. Please encourage everyone you know to watch, especially potential donors!!! Our deck is in need of serious renovation. Also, this is my last official undertaking as VP and I consider the success due to the wonderful people who have come forward to have fun and collaborate to keep our theater alive!. I love you all and wish you all well. **Diane Arabella**

IMPROV SESSIONS BY STACI BLOCK

Our Improv Sessions, facilitated by Staci Beth Block, are FUN and going well. The days and times may change each week, and is on a "drop in" basis, meaning that if you missed the others, it doesn't matter, you can still be part of what we are doing. Attend whenever you can! Sessions are 40 minutes long, and you need to have a working camera and be connected to audio. An email announcing the sessions for the week is sent to those people who have expressed interest. Interested in receiving the weekly emails from Staci? Let her know at SBBlockNJ@gmail.com. Come and play with us and stay connected to your PGL members!!!

NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD

Please make sure to attend the upcoming general membership meeting this Thursday, May 20th at 7:30pm via Zoom. An email blast will be sent with additional information and Zoom link. The below slate has been presented by the nominating committee for seat appointment on the PGL board:

Linda Wielkottz
Frank Osmer
Bill Benedict

Nominating Committee:

Bunny Giordano
Joanne Guarnaccia
Nicole Parente

CALENDAR GIRLS

Enjoy this encore presentation of Calendar Girls from 2019, directed by Dori Persson. After the death of her best friend's husband from cancer, spirited Yorkshire housewife Chris Harper hatches a scheme to raise money for a memorial to him. Utilizing a tradition from the hidebound Woman's Institute association, Chris encourages her friends to create a calendar -- with the novel detail of using the middle-aged women of their village as nude models. The idea stuns the husbands and a way young photographer. Click the link below and enjoy PGL's production of Calendar Girls

<https://youtu.be/wvY8A5kmz8E>



Cast from left to right: Joanne Moldt, Suzanne Renauld, Beth Parrillo, Chris Milone, Laura Ward, Diane Arabella, and Daniel Tolep