



Our 101st Season - June 2021

The Prompter

Players Guild of Leonia Monthly Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

After a review of the by-laws and the procedure followed in last year's election of new board members, as well as an extensive discussion by the board regarding the submission of biographies of potential board members, the following has been decided: The election of new members will be done at this month's Zoom meeting. A brief summary of all nominees' recent participation in the Guild as well as confirming that they have been a member in good standing for two years prior will be made for each, including for those nominated from the floor. A board member (Ralph) will be creating a Zoom poll immediately after all nominations are made and each member present will vote for three board members from that list. An alternate method of voting will be provided for those unable to use the Zoom poll or for the additional members who will be logging in together on one device. It is the goal of this board to make this process as fair as possible and afford anyone who is eligible and interested the opportunity to serve on the board. All of this will be explained again during the meeting this Thursday. We look forward to having another good turnout and to see you all there!

Thank you,
Dan Giordano

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Remember to tune in to WRAP YOUR TROUBLES IN DREAMS on Saturday June 19th at 7:30pm. Tell all your family and friends, including friends of the Players Guild! It's sure to be a fun night for all! This event is to raise monies to rebuild the PGL deck. We are counting on your donations! Visit the Donate page on our website:

www.leoniaplayers.org

If you miss our event, the link will continue to be available for your enjoyment.

Here's the link to our PGL YouTube channel, which will go live on June 19th:

<https://youtu.be/deWmt5-iidI>

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

PGL FLASHBACK

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Note: The below partial article was written by Sam Passow, Managing Editor for the Northern Valley Suburbanite. The article continues on page 40 of the printed publication, which unfortunately is not available:

It seems fitting that a local theater group will kick (sic) off its 90th season with world's longest running musical this weekend.

The Leonia Players' Guild was actually performing shows in some capacity before 1919, but it got its first permanent home that year in the basement of All Saints Episcopal Church. After 37 years it hit the road again before settling in to the Civil War Drill Hall on Grand Ave.

The Guild will present *The Fantastics* through Nov. 8. After initially being made up of just Leonia residents, the cast and crew for productions now features residents from all over the area.

"When I moved to Leonia, I heard about the Guild and since I was a theater person in New York City. I was naturally attracted to it," Helene Marshall, a 50-year member of the Guild, said.

"There were many working professionals in the group and the caliber of the productions was quite high," she said.



Photo courtesy of the Leonia Players' Guild

Marshall has served as president at various points and enjoyed seeing the group grow over the years.

"I am most proud of being a part of the restoration of the Civil War Drill Hall and making it our theater," she said.

The Guild held its first show there in 1995 while celebrating its 75th season.

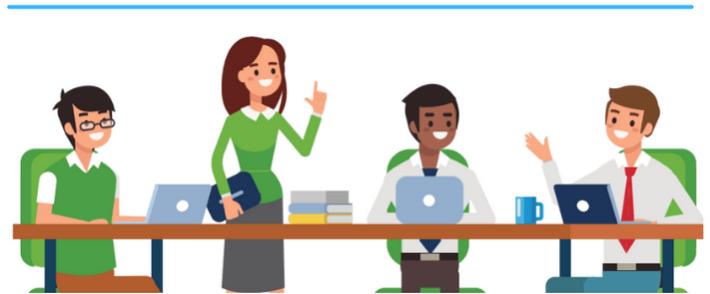
Annette Lenge, the Guild's current president, has been part of the group for 30 years. She learned about it before moving to Leonia when a friend invited her to a show. Once she was in town she started getting involved.

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"The Guild would cast 'Play in the Park' from residents who did not necessarily belong to the Guild but enjoyed participating on and off stage with these enjoyable outdoor family theater presentations," she said. "Here is where I got hooked. The camaraderie and devotion of people from all professions who came together for the sole purpose of providing wholesome entertainment in a hometown setting."

Both members have performed a variety of roles on and off stage over the years.

"One of my favorite roles was Fraulein Schneider in *Cabaret*," Marshall said. "In recent years I have done more directing."



NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD

Important members meeting. Please make sure to attend this **Thursday, June 17th at 8:00 pm** 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:

Nominees:

- Linda Wielkotz
- Frank Osmer
- Bill Benedict

Nominating Committee:

- Bunny Giordano
- Joanne Guarnaccia
- Nicole Parente

Slate nominees from the nominating committee or nominated from the floor will have an opportunity to briefly introduce themselves and tell us if they are a member in good standing and what their recent participation in the organization is.