



Back Stage

March 2017



COMMUNITY
PLAYERS
of Salisbury



May the Luck of the Irish be with you! I hope that you and your favorite Leprechaun were able to find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! If you did, could you please return it to me? I lost mine!

Deathtrap cast and crew are busy at work, getting the show ready for opening in March. Be sure to join us for Players' Night on March 30 at WorWic.

If you have something to go in the newsletter, please submit it to me by the 15th of the month at popirusty@comcast.net or you can give it to me at the monthly meeting and it will go in that month's newsletter.

Children's Theatre Workshop Meeting

The next planning meeting for the Children's Theatre Workshop will be Wednesday, April 12 at 7 PM, at Players on Nutters Cross Road. If you plan to attend this meeting, please let Rusty know in advance (410-430-0423 or popirusty@comcast.net). Many hands make light work and much input make sound decisions.



Director Pete Cuesta is pleased that rehearsals for **DeathTrap** are going very well. Cast and crew are working very hard and are very excited as they are feeling "the energy of the moment."

Pete truly believes that this will be an absolute nail biter. Tickets are already selling fast.

DeathTrap opens on Friday, March 31 in Guerrieri Hall at WorWic Community College at 8 PM. Additional shows are: Saturday, April 1 at 2 & 8 PM, Friday, April 7 at 8 PM and Saturday, April 8 at 2 PM. Players' Night is March 30 at 8 PM. Players' members are encouraged to attend Players' Night which is the final dress



April Meeting Notice

President Megan Davis has announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, April 5 at 7 PM at Players on Nutters Cross Road.

Board members will be voting on the shows for the 2017-18 season

We hope to see both new and familiar faces!

Oral History Preservation Meeting

The next planning meeting for the Oral History Preservation will be Sunday, April 9 at 2 PM, at Players on Nutters Cross Road. We will continue to discuss Players' happenings and stories which have not been recorded on our website or in our archives but which are an important part of our history. If you plan to attend this meeting, please let Rusty know (410-430-0423 or popirusty@comcast.net).



**Join Players as we travel to
Shubert Theatre in New York City
to see the revival of**

Hello, Dolly!

**July 29, 2017
2 PM Matinee**

Ticket prices are:
\$175.00 per person

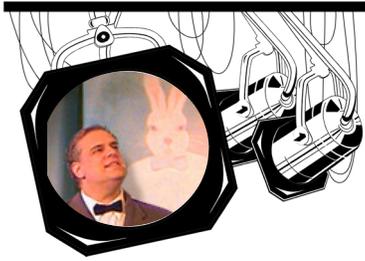
(includes motor coach transportation and mezzanine seat, limited to the first 25 seats)

\$50.00 per person

(includes motor coach transportation only,
to choose a different show on your own or a day of sight-seeing or shopping)

Tickets are FIRST PAID/FIRST RESERVED.

Hello Dolly! Trip Ticket Order Form		
Please print all information!		
Name:		
Email Address:		
Phone Number:		
A. Number of Tickets	B. Type of Ticket and Cost per ticket	C. Sub-total (A x B)
	Motor coach transportation And Hello Dolly! Ticket \$175.00	
	Motor Coach transportation only \$50.00	
TOTAL:		
<p align="center">Make checks payable to Community Players (put <i>bus trip</i> on the Memo line).</p> <p align="center">Give/Mail to Rusty Mumford/Community Players 539 E Lincoln Avenue Salisbury, MD 21804</p>		



Community Players' Board Member Spotlight on Rusty Mumford

CPOS: Who are you when you are not a Community Player?

RUSTY: *I am a retired World Languages teacher (SCPS) and a Grant Manager (WCPS). I am the Secretary of the Maryland Foreign Language Association. I am a husband, father, and grandfather.*

CPOS: How long have you been a Players' member?

RUSTY: *I have been in CPOS since 1987.*

CPOS: What was the first Players' show you were involved with? In what capacity?

RUSTY: *My first show was Li'l Abner. I was an actor?, singer?, and dancer?.*

CPOS: What is your all-time favorite play or musical?

RUSTY: *Without a doubt, my all-time favorite musical is Les Misérables. I've seen the show five times and read the book in English and French. I have many other favorites but that is the top for me!*

CPOS: What is your ultimate dream role?

RUSTY: *ANY of the males roles from Les Misérables would be my favorite role. Just the chance to be a part of that cast would be/has been a milestone for me.*

CPOS: Where do you see Players in 10 years?

RUSTY: *I have watched Players grow so much over the thirty years I have been a member. I want Players to continue to grow, especially at the rate we have over the last five years. We have a wonderful facility of our own now. Let's move to making it a performance space as well. Open our hearts and minds to new members from a wide variety of backgrounds. Add cutting-edge productions to our repertoire as well as those tried-and-true classics. I want to see us step out of our comfort zone and show our community that theatre has something for the whole community-not just a select few.*





Auditions Set

Director Rusty Mumford has set auditions for the final show of this season, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, for April 2 (2 PM), April 3 and 4 (7 PM). All auditions will be held at Players on Nutters Cross Road. Auditions will be readings from the script. Doubling is possible with some of the male roles but is not the route the director wants to take.

Women

Abby Brewster: A darling lady in her sixties/seventies who poisons elderly men. Abby is the sister of Martha and an aunt to Teddy, Jonathan, and Mortimer.

Martha Brewster: A sweet elderly woman with Victorian charm who poisons elderly men, Martha is the sister of Abby and an aunt to Teddy, Jonathan, and Mortimer.

Elaine Harper: An attractive girl in her twenties and Mortimer's fiancée, Elaine is the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Harper. She is surprisingly wise in the ways of the world for a minister's daughter.

Men

The Rev. Dr. Harper: Minister and father of Elaine

Teddy Brewster: Nephew of Abby and Martha Brewster, Teddy is a man in his forties who thinks that he is Theodore Roosevelt.

Officer Brophy: A police officer

Officer Klein: A police officer

Mortimer Brewster: Nephew of Abby and Martha, Mortimer is a drama critic who is engaged to Elaine. He is a nice man who cares for his aunts.

Mr. Gibbs: A man who wishes to rent a room from the Brewster sisters

Jonathan Brewster: Nephew of Abby and Martha Brewster, Jonathan is a psychopath who has had plastic surgery and now looks like Boris Karloff.

Dr. Einstein: A plastic surgeon and an alcoholic who is in his fifties, Dr. Einstein has changed Jonathan's face three times.

Officer O'Hara: A police officer, O'Hara is a would-be playwright who pesters Mortimer to read his play.

Lieutenant Rooney: A tough and dominating police officer

Mr. Witherspoon: The superintendent of Happy Dale Sanitarium

The time of the play is early 1940's Brooklyn, NY., early September. The setting is the living room of the Brewster's Victorian home.

If you would like to help with the show in any way, please contact Director Rusty (popirusty@comcast.net or 410-430-0423) or Producer Becky (mimibecky@comcast.net or 410-430-0788). There is plenty to be done and we welcome all help!

Nominations for 2017 Elections

It is difficult to believe, but 2017 is upon us and it is time to begin thinking about elections for the Community Players Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board you must be a current dues paying member of Community Players, be able to attend the monthly meetings, and contribute to the discussions.

The Board is responsible for voting on the productions as well as running the organization. Community Players is an inclusive organization and values the contributions of all of our members.

If you believe you are ready to take that next step and become a member of the Board of Directors, or if you know someone whom you believe will be an asset to the Board, please contact Sharon Benchoff at fresnelop@aol.com. Nominations will be accepted through our April meeting with elections held at our May meeting.

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee Announcements

The LAA Committee is in need of people who are willing to serve. Chair Pete Cuesta needs 6 committee members who are willing to sit on the committee from beginning to end of the process. These people will review all nominations for the LAA and vote on the recipient for this year. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Pete Cuesta for more information.

The LAA Committee is also seeking nominations for this year's award. If you would like to nominate someone or would like more information about eligibility for the award, please contact Chair Pete Cuesta (pjcuesta@comcast.net).



Community Players Scholarship Committee

Each year, The Community Players of Salisbury, Inc presents scholarships to one or two graduating seniors from local tri-county high schools. These scholarships are in amount of up to \$500 each.

To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must have demonstrated an interest and an aptitude in the theatre, been involved in previous Community Players endeavors and he/she should be planning to pursue post-secondary training in some facet of dramatics. Economic need is also a factor which will be considered for eligibility.

Applications are available from the Guidance Offices in the tri-county high schools and local private schools or by contacting:

Scholarship Committee
c/o Sherri Hynes
209 Morris Drive
Salisbury, MD 21804

To be sure that all materials reach the Scholarship Committee in time for consideration, students should mail the completed application, transcripts, and letters of recommendation to the above address no later than Friday, April 14, 2017. Award decisions will be made by Friday, May 5, 2017 and school counselors will be notified if a student in their school will be a recipient.

St. Patrick's Trivia

- 1. A trifoliate plant that is a national symbol of Ireland.**
 - A. Pepperwort
 - B. Shamrock
 - C. Water Clover
 - D. Lucky clover
- 2. In what year was the first celebration of St. Patrick's Day in the United States?**
 - A. 1726
 - B. 1903
 - C. 1737
 - D. 1640
- 3. St Patrick is said to have used a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagan Irish.**
 - A. True
 - B. False
- 4. What is the birth name of St. Patrick?**
 - A. Maewyn Succat
 - B. Patricius
 - C. Patrick Celestine
 - D. Benignus
- 5. What was the original national color of Ireland during St. Patrick's Day?**
 - A. Yellow
 - B. Green
 - C. Red
 - D. Blue
- 6. Which of the following rock singers/bands is Irish?**
 - A. U2
 - B. Roxette
 - C. Falco
 - D. Europe
- 7. Name of the wooden walking stick of the Leprechaun.**
 - A. Makila
 - B. Shillelagh
 - C. Alpenstock
 - D. Kebbie
- 8. What happens to you if you don't wear green on St. Patrick's Day?**
 - A. Not allowed at the parade
 - B. Bad luck for a year
 - C. Get pinched
 - D. Have nightmares
- 9. Doing which of the following is said to bring you good luck on St. Patrick's Day:**
 - A. Wearing green clothes
 - B. Drinking beer
 - C. Taking a bath in a river
 - D. None of these
- 10. In traditional Irish Stew they use lots of potatoes, what meat is used for the stew?**
 - A. Lamb
 - B. Beef
 - C. Chicken
 - D. Pork
- 11. Where was the first St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrated in 1762?**
 - A. Ireland
 - B. Canada
 - C. New York
 - D. Boston
- 12. In what location is it rumored that leprechauns bury their pot of gold?**
 - A. In a cave
 - B. The end of a rainbow
 - C. A river
 - D. A mountain

BCAADABCDACB

Answers:

Community Players of Salisbury
has partnered with



You shop, Amazon gives. It's that easy:

1. Go to smile.amazon.com (Don't worry; it's the same Amazon you know and love).
2. Search for "**Community Players of Salisbury**" and select us as your charity.
3. Once selected, Community Players will be rewarded 0.5% of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases every time you shop through smile.amazon.com.
4. Community Players recently received \$26.12 from Amazon Smile for purchases between October 1-December 31, 2016. So the more people that select "**Community Players of Salisbury**" as their charity, the more we will receive. Sign up today at smile.amazon.com – there is no cost to do it.



Community Players of Salisbury

P. O. Box 2431 - Salisbury, MD 21802

www.SBYplayers.com

Membership - September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017

Individual - \$10 *Family - \$20 Student - \$5

First Name:		Last Name:	
Home Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
E-Mail 1:		E-Mail 2:	
*Additional family members names (must reside in the same household) (for Family Memberships only):			

___ I am also paying my dues for 2017-18 (paying double the amount shown above)

___ Please send me information on how I can become a Community Players Patron.

___ Please send me information about purchasing Season Tickets.

Community Players of Salisbury
P. O. Box 2431
Salisbury, MD 21802

NONPROFIT ORG.
U. S. POSTAGE PAID
SALISBURY, MD 21801
PERMIT 176

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Membership
Dues Reminder

If the address label on this
newsletter does not show
Member 2016-17 or 2017-18
— your dues are not current.

Join today! Fill out the form
on the previous page.

Next Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, at 7:00 PM

At Community Players, 5109 Nutters Cross Road, Salisbury 21804



Community Players Officers & Board of Directors - 2016-2017

President: Megan Davis - m david9094@gmail.com

Vice President: Tom Robinson - tomchicken@aol.com

Recording Secretary: Sherri Hynes - shynes@wcboe.org

Corresponding Secretary: Rusty Mumford - popirusty@comcast.net

Treasurer: Charlie Linton - charliecamtransport@yahoo.com

Immediate Past President: Tom Robinson - tomchicken@aol.com

Board Members

Pete Cuesta, Ken Johnson, Katie Simms Parsons - Term Expires 2017

Steve Culver, Judy Hearn, Kel Nagel - Term Expires 2018

David Allen, Sammy Barnes, Robin Finley - Term Expires 2019

We're on the Web: www.sbyplayers.com