

Back Stage

May 2018



The Drowsy Chaperone production is underway

By Kel Nagel, Director

Everyone is wide awake as rehearsals have started for The Drowsy Chaperone. The cast is terrific, and everyone is having a good time.

We will need considerable help with the set, once Kenny Johnson has finished directing Seussical, which we look forward to seeing.

First Set Building Saturday will be May 12, at 9 AM.

We are also seeking help backstage and will have many props to gather or build.

A big thing is the need to build an audience. Since we will be competing with the beach, the bay, baseball and a lot of other activities on the first full week of summer, we need help getting the word out.

If anyone is interested in helping with the production, please email me at kelnagel@yahoo.com or stage manager, Melissa Dasher at bizemomx5@comcast.net.



Cast list for The Drowsy Chaperone

By Kel Nagel, Director

Man In Chair - Steve Culver

Mrs. Tottendale - Susan Upton

Underling - Pete Evans

Robert - Matt Hatfield

George - Nate Drehmer

Feldzieg - Matt Bogdan

Kitty - Alana Troxell

Gangster #1 - Pete Cuesta

Gangster #2 - Antonio Nastasi

Aldolpho - Kenneth Johnson

Janet - Shelbie Thompson

Drowsy Chaperone - Heather McHenry

Trix - Alexa Nastasi

Superintendent - Ben Reavis

Ensemble - Britni Ilczuk, Rusty Mumford, Bella Nastasi, Cheryl Phillips, Kim Szentesi, and Charlotte Szentesi-Thomas

We have a great show coming in June!!

Order your tickets today!

The Drowsy Chaperone at WiHi

Friday, June 22 at 8 PM, Saturday, June 23 at 8 PM,
and Sunday, June 24 at 2 PM.

You can order your tickets
by calling 410-546-0099
or by going to our website www.SBYplayers.com.



Calendar Girls Final Update

By Sharon Benchoff, Director

Twenty-four hours after the last performance of *Calendar Girls*, I am sitting at home typing this message.

Thank you to the Players Patrons, members, and friends who attended our performances. Thank you for sharing two and a half hours of laughter and tears with us.

The true story of the eleven women in England touched all of the cast and crew and it was our privilege to share that story with you.

Everything I just wrote is 100% true, but it was not all serious work. The cast and crew had an absolute blast working on the production.

From a wine tasting outing, to working on the intricate blocking for the “nude” scene, to working on the hill (well, truth be told, the hill wasn’t a lot of fun), we came together and played as hard as we worked.

I had the pleasure of directing a brilliant cast and crew who made my vision come to life.

Thank you is not enough to express my feelings.



Tom, this is Pete Hutchinson. We attended *Calendar Girls* last night. Very well done.

Please see the email at the bottom, sending regards from Angela Baker Knowles, who is Annie Clark in the play. She is a close friend of my friend Paul Willets. I had forwarded the article from the *Salisbury Independent* about the play to Paul, and he sent it on to Angela.

We are visiting them in Yorkshire in July, to ride in a charity bike ride in memory of John on the 20th anniversary of his death from Leukemia.

Keep up the good work! Break a leg!

Peter

Cheers Community Players,

Sending love and best wishes to the cast of *Calendar Girls*, from one of the “original” *Calendar Girls*.

I wish them all well for the production and the money they are raising for Research.

Love x

Angela Baker Knowles
(aka Annie Clark, in the play)

We are looking for Lifetime Achievement nominees

By Pete Cuesta

Nominations are being accepted for this year's Lifetime Achievement Award for both living and posthumous.

Nominees must be a continuous member for 25+ years, participation in multiple positions (Cast Member, Board of Directors, Stage Crew, Director, etc.), and over the age of 60.

In addition, we are soliciting members to serve on this committee. If you are interested, have questions, or wish to nominate someone, contact me at pjcuesta@comcast.net.



The Wicomico County Public Schools are performing *Seussical the Musical* on Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12. Both shows will start at 7:00 PM at the Wicomico High School auditorium.

Tickets may be purchased by calling 410-677-4585 or purchased at the box office on the day of the show. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and children 5 and older.

This show will be a first for our school system, students from each of our high schools will have the opportunity to showcase their talents in *Seussical* through dancing, acting, singing, and playing an instrument in the orchestra.

It is directed by Ken Johnson.

Some of the cast members that have performed in Community Players shows – include Seamus Benn, Alexa Nastasi, and Zoë Sheller.

Calendar Girls, Leukemia and Sunflowers



Calendar Girls is based on a true story. The women decided to do the calendar to raise money to help fight leukemia after Angela Baker's husband John died from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 1998 at the age 54. From the onset of his illness, John grew sunflowers and gave them to his friends and family, hoping that he would recover by the time they bloomed.

Unfortunately, this was not the case, yet the image of the sunflower remained as a reminder of John and a symbol of the group's fund raising for leukemia and lymphoma. The image of the sunflower is present throughout the calendars.

Community Players is pleased to donate \$312 to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



Community Players does Third Friday

Third Friday is an art and entertainment event held on the third Friday of every month on Main Street in downtown Salisbury. Live music and local artists fill the streets and the shops and restaurants are open with special sales.

Come stroll around and check out all the great things happening in downtown Salisbury!

Community Players participates in *Third Friday* every month through the Fall.

A special thanks to Britini Ilzcuk for heading up this project for Players. Stop at the Players table and say "hello".

Election ✓ 2018

Election of Officers & Board of Directors

Sharon Benchoff, Nominating Committee

It is time for elections at Community Players. We will have elections for four officers and three members of the Board of Directors.

The election will be held at the General Membership meeting on Wednesday, June 6 at 6:30 PM. No nominations may be made from the floor at the election.

All newly elected officers will take office on July 1.

There is a ballot on the following page of this newsletter. You can bring it to the June 6 meeting (we will also have ballots at the meeting) or you can fill it out, sign it, and mail it to Community Players, P. O. Box 2431, Salisbury, MD 21802. All mailed ballots must be received on or before June 4.

Reminder: You have to be a member of Community Players to vote. Please make sure your dues are paid for 2017-18. Check the label on the next page to make sure your dues are current.



Two 2018 Community Players \$500 Scholarship Winners

The two high seniors that will each receive a \$500 Scholarship from Community Players are Tommy Demetriou (High Point University with a minor in Musical Theater) and Alison Sahler (University of the Arts with a major in Musical Theater).

Congratulations to both of them.

Alison Sahler will be graduating from James M. Bennett High School in June. She will be attending University of the Arts in Philadelphia in September with a major in Musical Theater.

With Community Players she appeared in *Fiddler on the Roof* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

With other theatrical groups she has appeared in *Almost Maine*, *Into the Woods, Jr.*, *As You Like It*, *Legally Blonde, Jr.*, *The Lion King, Jr.*, *I Love You You're Perfect*, *A Family Reunion To Die For*, *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.*, *Dairy of a Wallflower*, *Annie, Jr.*, and *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*

She was the president of the Bennett High School Drama Club and the Bennett Middle School Drama Club, performed in All Shore Chorus, Maryland Summer Center for the Arts for Musical Theatre, and a recipient of the Douglas I. Smith Memorial Grant for young artists from SWAC.

Tommy Demetriou will be graduating from The Salisbury School in June. He will be attending High Point University in North Carolina in September with a minor in Musical Theater.

At Community Players he played the title role in *Oliver!*, Jack in *Into the Woods*, he also appeared in *The Addams Family*, and *The Wizard of Oz*.

At The Salisbury School Tommy sang in The Concert Choir played Danny in *Grease*, Lionel in *Cinderella*, Shrek in *Shrek the Musical*, The Toy-maker in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and Prince Chulalungkorn in *The King and I*.



Community Players Of Salisbury - 2018 Ballot

Nominee For Vice President

Megan Davis

Nominee For Recording Secretary

Kel Nagel

Nominee For Corresponding Secretary

Robin Finley (Continuing)

Nominee For Treasurer

Charlie Linton (Continuing)

Nominees For Board Of Directors (Vote For Only Three People)

Carol Alex

Judy Hearn

Tony Broadbent

Rusty Mumford

Bobbie Calloway

Alanna Phillips

Pete Cuesta

Bill Zlakowski

Your Name _____ OR Membership Number _____
(Please Print)

All adult members (18 and over) whose dues are paid for 2017-18 may vote.
(Individual, Family, Patrons)

This ballot may be copied so that all adult members may vote.

Bring this ballot to the General Membership Meeting on June 6 or mail it to:
Community Players - P. O. Box 2431 - Salisbury, MD 21802

All mailed ballots must be received by June 4, 2018

You don't want to miss the 2018-2019 Season



**Directed by Matt Bogdan
November 2018**



**Directed by Darrell Mullins
February 2019**



**Directed by Sharon Benchoff & Robin Finley
March 2019**



**Directed by Matt Hatfield
April 2019**



**Directed by Ken Johnson
June 2019**



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Community Players of Salisbury

Remit Form and Payment to:

Community Players

P.O. Box 2431

Salisbury, MD 21802

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Tier: Select One (Valid September 1, 2017—August 31, 2018)

<u>Mezzanine</u>	<u>Orchestra</u>	<u>Center Stage</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Family*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Family*
Membership Card	Membership Card	Membership Card
Newsletter	Newsletter	Newsletter
Email Blast	Email Blast	Email Blast
	Gift	Gift
	Players Night – Fall Musical Only**	Players Night – All Shows**
		Free Admission to workshops/classes
		10% off Players Merchandise

*Family memberships are good for 2 adults and all children under the age of 18 living in the same home. All family members, including children, must be registered and will receive a membership card

**Members must present membership card at Players Night to be admitted

Membership Information: Fill out (Address where Membership Card will be sent)

First Name:		Last Name:	
Home Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone:		E-mail Address:	
Family Member Names (Family Memberships ONLY):			

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Membership Dues Reminder

If the address label on this
newsletter does not show
Member 2017-18
— your dues are not current.
Join today! Fill out the form
on the previous page.

Next Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 6, at 6:30 PM

At Community Players, 5109 Nutters Cross Road, Salisbury 21804



Community Players Officers & Board of Directors - 2017-2018

President: Tom Robinson - tomchicken@aol.com

Vice President: Ken Johnson - kjohnson71063@gmail.com

Recording Secretary: Sherri Hynes - shynes@wcboe.org

Corresponding Secretary: Robin Finley - robinfinley@comcast.net

Treasurer: Charlie Linton - charliecamtransport@yahoo.com

Immediate Past President: Megan Davis - mdavis9094@gmail.com

Board Members

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

David Allen, Sammy Barnes, Matt Hatfield - Term Expires 2019

Sharon Benchoff, Melissa Dasher, Darrell Mullins - Term Expires 2020

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