

Pizza Lovers - Did You Know?

If you love pizza, you will love this news: Whenever you dine at the local **BOSTON PIZZA**, simply write "**HURONIA PLAYERS**" on the back of your receipt and place it in the collection box. Boston Pizza will donate a portion of the total amount (before taxes) back to Huronia Players! It's simple. It's rewarding. It will add up. So next time you are enjoying pizza (or your favourite Boston Pizza dish) please remember this simple little detail and 'add to the pot'.

Time On Your Hands? Vote 'yes' To Excitement!

Huronia Players is always seeking volunteer help in many disciplines. If you find yourself at loose ends and want to make new friends, have some fun, and add a little creativity to your life, please call 526-6987 and vote yes to excitement. We need all kinds of people with all kinds of skills and backgrounds – particularly in the area of fundraising. Call Nancy at 549-5483. She is waiting for your call.

Bakers Delight

If you like to bake please remember to put some lovin' in the oven for Huronia Players. Our patrons really love the sweet treats available at our intermissions. We are always grateful for donations of home made cookies, squares, etc. that turn up at the Studio for production nights. A big thank you to all who continuously make these delicacies and an invitation for anyone who likes to bake to please consider a contribution. It will give you a warm and fuzzy feeling, and will be much appreciated.

Fundraising Tag Days:

Nancy Durst has secured two prime tag days for Huronia Players on **FRIDAY SEPT 4TH & SATURDAY SEPT 5TH**. Anyone wishing to volunteer either tagging (2 hr. shift) or helping at 'Command Central' counting, rolling coins etc., please give Nancy a call at 549-5483. Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Huronia Players Scholarship

Each year the Huronia Players presents a \$200 award to a graduating student from one of the five area high schools who has been active in the area of the performing arts (music and drama) and is proceeding to post-secondary education in that field. This is not limited to performers but can include technicians. The awarding of this prize is entirely at the discretion of the Executive of Huronia Players – if there are no appropriate recipients they may choose not to make the award and if there are two candidates of equal merit then they may choose to make two awards. Both situations have arisen over the lifetime of this award. Here are two letters Huronia Players received about this year's awards.

Mr. MacMenemey

It is with great appreciation that I send this letter in thanks for recognition of the award I received at my 2009 high school graduation. I have just completed my Grade 12 education, playing both in music classes and in the stage band. Outside of school I play the saxophone for the Penetanguishene Golden Tones. With my continuing my studies, my hope is to someday become a music teacher at the high school level. I will continue to perform and look forward to entering various music festivals and competing with the Penetanguishene Golden Tones in the future.

Thank you once again,
Kelly Stewart

P.S. Having read the letter received along with the award, the second applicant Bekki Richardson was a fellow student in elementary school (Burkevale School). Bekki and I shared the music award upon graduation from Grade 8.

Dear Alan MacMenemey,

At the June 2009 Graduation Ceremonies held on Thursday, June 25, 2009, an award in the amount of \$200 was presented to Kelly Stewart. We are grateful for your donation for we feel it reflects our shared commitment to our Graduates. We also believe it is important that as they leave us to pursue their chosen careers, they take with them not only the support of the staff at St. Theresa's, but also of the entire community. We appreciate your contribution and thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Denise Tinney
Principal

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Stephen Hartnell's acting workshops will be back this fall. Details weren't available on the 12 week series at press time, watch the website www.huroniaplayers.ca for more information.

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Huronia Players BBQ – 3rd times the charm

For the third autumn in a row, the Huronia Players Season-Opening Barbeque and Social will kick off the season with a bang – or rather, with a steak and a frosty glass. This year, the HP Barbeque expands further on a winning formula.

This year, leadership of the BBQ Committee has changed hands. Christine Fournier is leading the barbeque charge with a small but very committed bunch of folks, aimed to once again throw a kick-butt party on the first Saturday after Labour Day, **September 12th**. Doug Ironside is once again throwing his culinary skills and flaming grill enthusiasm back into the fray to cook up some killer steaks, chicken and sausages.

There will be live music all afternoon, the 3rd annual Horseshoe tournament with prizes, and of course, theatrical improvisation and frivolity to finish off the evening in grand style. Appropriate beverages will be made available throughout the event. Funds raised go the Huronia Players Social Fund – helping pay for your good times all season long.

Tickets are \$20 and will be available throughout the month of August from the usual suspects: Christine Fournier, Jonathan Killing, Doug Ironside, Sue Cook, Rita Groves and others – we will be sending a mass e-mail in the month of August. The event is open to members and friends of HP – invite your neighbour to get a real *taste* of who we are and what we do. Hope to see you then.



Auditions for The Curious Savage

Auditions for *The Curious Savage* by John Patrick will be held **Monday, August 24** and **Tuesday, August 25 at 7 pm** at the Studio Theatre. Cast: 6 females and 5 males of various ages. To read a copy of the script in advance, please call Emily at 526-4915 or emily.harris@rogers.com

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President's Message: Susan Cook

On behalf of our board of directors I would like to extend a warm welcome to our 2009-2010 season.

This year we have an exciting and varied season which will provide something for everyone. We start the season with a classic play "The Curious Savage", which is heartwarming with comedic touches and will be directed by Alan MacMenemey. Our second production "Dancock's Dance" will be a drama directed by Ron Payne and the season closer "Renovations" will be a comedy directed by Doris Sloan. This will be Doris's directorial debut and the Ontario Premier of this production.

We will also continue to offer our theatre workshop as well as provide mentorship for anyone interested in working on technical aspects of production or getting involved backstage. Please feel free to contact our studio should you like to assist with a production. Our group is dependent on volunteers to mount a production and newcomers are always welcome.

Four vacancies on the Board of Directors were filled by elections at our June Annual General Meeting. The Board welcomes new Board members Steve Killing and Emily Harris. Returning to the Board are Doug Ironside and myself. The Board has already been at work, planning how to better work within our physical space as well as on educational programs and social events. You will also continue to see improvements to our studio theatre as we continue to search for our new home. Final decisions regarding this location will be decided this season.

The Huronia Players, a totally volunteer community theatre group, will continue to offer high quality productions that our audiences have come to expect. Thank you for your past support and we look forward to offering you an exciting year!

Production Crew

Calling all backstage people – experienced producers, stage managers, set dressers, costumes, props, make-up, sound and lighting folks: If there is a particular play you would like to work on this season, please let Emily Harris know at 526-4915 or emily.harris@rogers.com.

If you'd like to be a part of a backstage crew but aren't sure what you could do, give Emily a call. She'll be thrilled to hear from you and she'll help find you the right spot.

New Colours, Old Building

I'm happy to be serving as the Director of Future Planning on our 2009-2010 Board of Directors. As you can imagine, the goal of achieving our new building still looms large, although I suppose we hoped it would be looming even larger! The community's plans to establish an arts centre/theatre complex at the Regent School property didn't pan out, as the Town of Midland was very keen for Elcan to purchase the site. We've moved on to a new direction and are looking at a new site.

The Arts Centre Planning Committee has been formed by the main tenants of the proposed new building -- the Huronia Players, Quest Art Gallery, and the Huronia Foundation for the Arts. John Lister heads up the team, and the Huronia Players will be represented by myself and Sue Cook. We continue to have the full support of our benefactor Reinhart Weber.

As things stand now, we calculate that we will be in the Studio for two more seasons. By this time next year we will know whether the new Centre will be proceeding as planned. If not, we have the option to pull back and make the Studio our home with significant renovations.

In preparation for the next two years, we are making some further improvements to the Studio. You remember Ron Payne's superb interior painting project and washroom upgrade last year. Well, among other things for this year, he is insulating the Studio windows, installing a new toilet, rearranging the ventilation and adding more lighting in the refreshment area. I am coordinating alterations to the exterior of the building: we will be painting the outside, creating a more theatrical entrance and putting a sign at the road. You have probably already had a request from me to help paint on August 15, but if you missed that date there will be other opportunities to help.

Steve Killing

Email Info Request

Huronia Players is now in the process of updating our website. David Killing is working on refining our capabilities to include an ever growing database of our members. What this enables us to do is reach our membership quickly and efficiently with updates on events, news and opportunities for all to see in a very timely manner. Our database also allows HP to continue to be environmentally conscious and keep our administration costs at a minimum by allowing us to email our newsletter.

We need your help with these efforts. If you have an email address, change in mailing address or would like info on membership, please send this information to newsletter@huroniaplayers.ca Your help is greatly appreciated!

Studio Upgrades and a Christmas Song Fest

From the desk (plank) of your executive member in charge of the crapper and other nasty bits.

This fall will see a new exterior put on the Studio space, the description supplied by Steve Killing in another article. But inside will see improvements to the washrooms with new sinks, the windows in the theatre to be insulated and covered inside to prevent frostbite to our audience as well as actors backstage (no more excuses for a frosty performance) and a new locking system for our doors to prevent our very expensive lighting equipment winding up in a cargo container bound for Costa Rica carnival time. Ole'.

Other things to look forward to:

Fall event for all members: **Complete cleanup and throw away party** at the trailer and storage areas. Date to follow (exciting and intriguing what?)

Christmas Song Fest on Fri., Dec. 4. This will be the group's Christmas get together and I would like to get some excitement going in this group for a musical sometime in the future. So, I am going to get together a group of people who like to sing and present (ready for this?) an evening of songs (no, NOT Christmas tunes, God forbid) but rather SHOW TUNES. Each person who wishes to participate can sing one or two songs of their choice BUT they must be from a musical. Money has been

allocated for musicians to accompany and some rehearsal time. I will be looking after this (with Doug's approval) so, please, I am begging and pleading and snivelling and retching and whatever for people to come forward ASAP so we can start thinking of how the evening will evolve.

Ron Payne

Huronia Players Receives Donation

Huronia Players was recently presented with a cheque from Jaime Crouch of bridalxtravaganza in the amount of \$400 with funds to be allocated to the Huronia Players Building Fund. This is the second time Jaime Crouch has generously contributed a portion of his proceeds to further help our cause. Thank you Jaime!

In Memoriam

Lifetime Member of the Huronia Players, Bill Hanna passed away on Saturday, July 25, due to complications of diabetes. He was in his 91st year. Bill was one of the Players' staunchest supporters. He joined this fledgling drama group way back in 1963 when it was only in its second season. At that time, he took a part in 'Flarepath' directed by his wife, Joan. Not long after Bill played Judge Danforth in 'The Crucible', one of the Huronia Players most successful plays. Later, audiences became familiar with Bill and Joan as a husband-wife acting team in such plays 'Enter Laughing' and 'Jitters', which incidently won the Best Canadian Play award in the Central Ontario Drama League (later re-named ACT-CO) that year. Bill also helped in many capacities backstage. He directed a one-act play for our first Studio Night. He is remembered for his infectious laugh, his story-telling gifts, and his many interests, especially nature and the outdoors. Bill faithfully supported the Players all down through the years and will be fondly remembered by many in this area. Condolences to Joan, Bev, Michael & family.