

BIRTHDAYS:

Best birthday wishes go to the following Spotlighters having birthdays in February: **John Barker, Vivian Brock, Lee Lowder, Nick Montoya & Steve Perdue.**

CAST NOTES

Most all of the new trainees have now debuted into the cast and are doing a great job. We still need new "hams" to come down and join the cast. If you know anyone, please contact **Mike McCarthy** @ 720-3442 and he will arrange a time for them to audition. We desperately need another Frank Slade or two, as we have lost **Seth McNamar** for the remainder of the school year. Thank you, **Seth**, for performing, and hope to see you back in the summer months.

NOTICE: To the actors and actresses!

If you find you cannot perform on your designated week-end, PLEASE DO NOT call and replace yourself. Please call **John Barker** at 313-0663 or **Mike McCarthy** at 720-3442 and let one of them make the replacement. This way, we know who is will be there on Saturday night and at rehearsal.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE REPORT

Josh & Mindy Barker have been busy preparing for the upcoming Children's Theatre production of *Alive In Wonderland*. This editor has seen mushrooms growing in the auditorium, but they don't look like the edible type. Better make plans to attend a performance. Performance dates are February 26 - 28, March 5 -7 and 12 - 13. Tickets are still \$10 - Adults; \$9 - Seniors and \$8 - Children.

Auditions for *Little Women* are Friday, Feb. 12th at 7:00pm and Saturday, Feb. 13th at 12:30 pm. Audition will consist of cold readings from the script. Optional" Auditionees may also prepare a one-minute monologue. Needed for the cast: 11-12

females & 3 males.....7-8 Girls: Teens to early 20's/4 Women: 30's +/- 1 Male: 30's to 50's/ 2 Males: late teens to mid 20's. See you there!

OLIO-VATIONS

Welcome to our new Olio acts: **Jeff Stauffer**, playing the saw; **Danielle Dipboyle**, a piano act; **GLAM**, a 4 girl singing act referred to us by **Bruce Webb**, and returning to the olio as an emcee, **Sue Wiedemann**.

Acts, please check to see if you are scheduled as pre-show acts and if so, you need to be ready to walk on to the stage at 7:30 pm.

BUILDING REPORT

Director, **Richard Robertson**, has been getting bids on the exterior of the building and the retaining wall and should have something to present to the Board and membership shortly. He also is looking into winterizing the building, something he has not had much of a chance to do till now.

DOWN FRONT CORNER

The news of the Month is centered on our audiences. A recent crowd brought home a very critical point: As Servers, it is our responsibility to get the audience motivated. If we don't LEAD them into a response, they won't know what to FEED the stage. Melodrama - and The Drunkard more than any other show - needs that interaction among everyone present to bring smiles and return patrons.

If you are going to tell me "I can't sing...I say "BAAASH! And Pshaw!" Most of us are no contender for "American Idol" but that's even better. Let the audience sing over you! When "Old Mill" needs emphasizing, provide it! When Joe's drunk, and about to fall into the first row, cheer him on! When Willie speaks, whistle and applaud! When Mary dies, groan!

We have had several large crowds over January, two that were over 80 in number. Do we advertise? No. We are, strictly speaking, known only by word-of-mouth. When was the last time you invited someone down to see the shows? Have you offered to bring a friend who might work WITH you when you serve? Why not?

We are starting to get some white shirts purchased, and then we'll schedule a work day. Starting with white shirts "off the rack", we should be able to apply special lace, pull off collars, add some frills, and have them ready in just hours. After that, they will become available to wear whenever you're scheduled.

And never fear: Remember, I wash those red aprons and vests often. I'll continue to provide clean things to wear. If you see something before I do that needs attention, please leave a note or call me.

The Board of Directors are about ready to roll out a whole bunch of new programs and policies. Be ready to seel popcorn soon! Look for cleaner facilities! Be ready to smile everywhere you turn.

Have a great month! **You are my Valentines!!!**

A FUNNY!

At a recent children's theatre performance, a little girl was looking at the Drunkard marquee in the lobby, turned to his mom, pointed to an empty slot in the olio spaces and said "Look Mommy, somebody got fired!" All those standing close couldn't help but laugh. Kids! Priceless!!!

CONDOLENCES

We have learned that our next door neighbor, **Jack Wing**, who after having heart surgery last year, has been diagnosed with a form of cancer recently. **Jack**

is and has been the voice at the finiosh line of the Tulsa Run and long time Director of same until he retired. He is now recuperating at Oklahoma Methodist Manor and hopes to be home again by early February. The cast signed a program recently, which was mailed to him and the Theatre sent him a plant.

Also, we have learned that Spotligher, **Charles Conrad** has been at St. John's Hospital and will be moved to an Assisted livingnursing center in Jenks. He is not doing well. His daughter, **Kristi Stewart** has been in town with **Charlie**. She is also trying to sell her dad's VW van, which is located at Ambassador Courtyards around 61st and Peoria.

Details:

1973 Volkswagen Bus [Van]
Orange Exterior [body]
White Top
Black Interior
Does not run - needs a new alternator
Pretty good shape
No Air Conditioning
Standard Transmission
AM Radio

Asking \$1,200 or best offer
If interested, please call **Kristi** at [416] 801-5519
Jere has photos if you can't make it by to view.

She sold her mom's VW to a fellow for his teenage son. She sent a picture after it was painted and it looked brand new.