



Monthly Newsletter August, 2021



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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow DCP Members,

As I write this, DCP has just closed its fourth *Outlet* show. Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Gadfly* for an excellent show! As you may be aware, our county has reinstated the wearing of masks (recommendation due to our substantial transmission rate) for both vaccinated and non-vaccinated patrons. It seems that the pandemic continues to be a fluid situation. All we can do is hope that we can work back into more of a normal season, but, again, things change hourly!

The Green Room project continues to move forward although we are suffering from a lack of volunteers. There has been an incredible group of about 20 people who have spent practically every Saturday at the theatre since the beginning of March. They are tired. They need help. Kent Gerhart has reached out to several members to ask them to assemble groups of people to tackle a specific task. If someone reaches out to you to help, please, please, please come forward to get this done. The painting is finished, and the carpet has been laid. It looks absolutely beautiful! Help us FINISH THIS PROJECT! Thank you to all of you who have already gotten so much done over so many Saturdays! You have done a truly remarkable job!

Next month, there will be two *Outlet* shows: Sept. 10, 11, and 12, I am presenting *The Lady with All the Answers*, a one-woman show starring Diane Seader. Please come and support this terrific show - 100% of the proceeds go to DCP

Theatre. Later, in the month, Sept. 25 and 26, Chris McBreen is directing *The Incomplete Life and Random Death of Molly Denholtz*, a touching drama about grief and coping with the death of a teenager from an auto accident. Many of our young people will be starring in this show so let’s support them - 100% of the proceeds of this show also go to DCP Theatre.

As always, thanks to each and every one of you who show up to complete all the tasks needed to keep our theatre running! You are quiet angels, doing your work without fanfare or accolades. THANK YOU!

Deb

GENERAL MEETING

Our next general membership meeting will be held Wednesday, September 1 @ 7:30 pm. Due to the change in Covid restrictions, this meeting will be held via Zoom only. [Meeting link](#) is the same as before. Reminder and agenda will be sent closer to the meeting date.

DONORS

dcp theatre is a non-profit 501(c)(3) community theater. Join our donors list by sending your tax-deductible donations payable to “Dutch Country Players” to:

Dutch Country Players
P. O. Box 194
Red Hill, PA 18076

Donations may be earmarked for additional LED lighting. Note such in the memo line of your check. You can also support dcp through



GRANTS/FUNDRAISING

A decision on the MontcoStrong grant will be made soon. A sample letter and political contacts information requesting support can be found [here](#). Contact information for PA state representatives may be found [here](#). Contact information for PA state senators may be found [here](#). If you haven’t already done so, please help dcp get this grant money.

Plans are underway for another Fun Faire to be held in November. Details will be forthcoming.

If you know of any other possible revenue sources, please contact [Kalie Desimone](#) (610-283-5124). She will follow through on all leads.

@ the Outlet

Our next *Outlet* program will be a readers theater production of *The Lady with All the Answers*, a comedy drawn from the life and letters of Ann Landers. Performances will be Friday, Sept. 10 and Sat., Sept. 11 at 8 pm, and Sun. Sept. 12 at 2 pm. Tickets are available [online](#) or at the door.

The following program will be *The Incomplete Life and Random Death of Molly Denholtz*, a drama exploring topics relating to the tragic death of a high school student as told by some of her classmates. Performances will be Sat., Sept. 25 at 8 pm and Sun., Sept. 26 at 2 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Online tickets will be available soon. The complete *Outlet* schedule may be found on our [website](#).

To request an *Outlet* for 2022, contact [Scott Grandé](#).



CALL BOARD

Our *Outlet* program for October 2-3 will be *DCP Short-Cuts: original one-act plays*. To make this a success we need scripts. These do not need to be finished products as all scripts will be workshopped to help with revisions. Submit scripts [here](#). For more information, check [here](#). For any additional questions, contact [Annalise Settefrati](#).

Auditions for *Spinning into Butter* will be held Mon., Aug. 30 and Thurs., Sept. 2 @ 7:30 pm at the theater. Cast needs males and females ages 18+, including a Latino 18-25. Detailed information can be found on our [audition page](#). For additional information, contact director, [Jay Reilly](#). Show runs Nov. 12-14.

Participants are needed for a read-through of *Murder on the Orient Express*. If you would like to be a reader, listener, or other volunteer, contact director, [Patrick Gallagher](#). Accents will be encouraged but not required. The read-through will be Tues., Sept. 28, 8 pm at the theater. RSVPs are required for planning and to monitor the number of people in the building. There will most likely be a post-reading discussion of the script and characters. Anyone interested in auditioning for the show is welcome to participate. Participation does not constitute any endorsement for a role in the production. Actual auditions will be held in November. For more information, check our [auditions](#) page.

Directors and producers are needed for *The Addams Family*, *Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit* and *Mrs. California*. Any member in good standing who is interested in directing one of these shows is asked to submit a detailed letter to [Deb Takes](#) and [Candi Remphrey](#) and may be asked to make an in-person presentation to the Board as well. Interested producers may also submit letters of intent, but should first be approved by prospective directors. Questions should be directed to [Scott Grandé](#).



For our assistance in directing cars to appropriate parking areas during their Fair Days, Sept. 1-4, the Harleysville Jaycees will donate a portion of this revenue to dcp. Please use [SignUpGenius](#) to volunteer.

MEMBER NEWS

Kelly Butler has been approved as director for *Bedtime Stories (As Told by Our Dad) (Who Messed Them Up)*.



[Jane Dettra](#), [Michael Dougherty](#), [Wesley Hrabina](#), and [Brad James](#)

will once again be participating in the Bike MS City to Shore Ride, Sept. 25-26, to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Sponsor any (or all) of them by contacting them directly choosing the links on their names above. (Phone contacts: Jane: 215-234-0314, Michael: 215-541-0100, Wesley: 215-257-4590, Brad: 610-861-3037.) Online donations may be made using the following links: [Jane](#), [Michael](#), [Wesley](#), [Brad](#), [Team CLC](#).



Mark and Marian Henry will be hosting a picnic for lifetime members on Saturday, September 11 starting at 3:30 at their home - 426 Fallowfield Lane, Harleysville. Dinner will start at 5:30. Water, iced tea, beer and wine will be available with dinner. Picnickers may bring any other beverages of choice.

This is an outside event - rain or shine. (Please contact [Marion](#) if you can offer a canopy for the day.) All members are invited. If you are not a lifetime member, we do ask that you help that day by making a side dish or dessert, helping with setup, parking cars, serving, or cleanup. Please RSVP to [Marian](#).

THANK YOU

A few weeks ago a tree fell out of the woods and into the rear parking area. We are most grateful to the person who cleaned up this mess. Mark Henry has been working extensively at dcp, and is especially appreciative as this was a big help to him.

Thank You: Kent Gerhart, Mike Addice, Emma and Jeff Beckers, Jim Bingley, Kalie Desimone, Camille Eustice, Joe Gallagher, Tish Grandé, Mark Henry, Matt Mazza, Chris McBreen, Ray Podulka, Cameron Purdy, Deb Takes, Jan Thompson, Ray Thompson and everyone else who has been helping with our green room renovations.

Thank You: Anna and Maddie Bingley, Claire, Helen and Jane Spigel and Josie Neuenschwander who earned a \$200 donation for dcp through their recent work with the Souderton summer camps.

Thank You: Cast and crew of *Gadfly* for presenting an original and thought-provoking dramatization of the trial of Socrates.

Dates to Remember



Mon. Aug. 30 @ 7:30 pm
Thurs., Sept. 2 @ 7:30 pm
Spinning into Butter auditions

Wed. Sept. 1 @ 7:30 pm
Membership Meeting

Fri./Sat. Sept. 10/11 @ 8 pm
Sun. Sept. 12 @ 2 pm

The Lady with All the Answers

Sat. Sept. 11 @ 3:30 pm
Lifetime Members Picnic

Wed. Sept. 15 @ 7:30 pm
Board Meeting

Sat. Sept. 18

Items for newsletter due

Sat. Sept. 25 @ 8 pm
Sun. Sept. 26 @ 2 pm

The Incomplete Life and Random Death of Molly Denholtz

Tues. Sept. 28 @ 8 pm
Murder on the Orient Express
read-through

Thanks for reading,
Michael