



Monthly Newsletter July, 2021



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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow DCP members:

As I write this, the Green Room project continues to advance, although volunteers have been scarce save for a few stalwart workers. Please respond the next time Kent Gerhart publishes a plea for help. While there are jobs that not all of us can do, if Kent knows you are coming, he can set aside a needed task that doesn't match your skill set. Please help us finish this project! It is shaping up so beautifully. An absolute marvel! Thanks to those of you who have turned out to help and/or donated funds to make this monumental project possible.

As you may have seen in an eblast from Artistic Director, Scott Grande, we still need directors and producers for two main stage shows (*The Addams Family* and *Mrs. California*) and two family theatre productions (*Bedtime Stories...* and *Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit*). If you have interest, please submit your letter of intent to me and our secretary, Candi Remphrey.

Thanks to Kalie Desimone for doing all of the research and paperwork for a \$50,000 grant from Montgomery County. Once Kalie has submitted our application, she will be reaching out to our members to communicate with our legislators to help us get approved.

Thanks to Mike Addice and Geoff Yaroschak for doing the research, comparing costs and benefits and getting a hugely upgraded internet package installed. Our speed has increased tenfold.

Thanks to those members who have come out Saturday after Saturday to work on the Green Room Project. It is REALLY shaping up. Light at the end of the tunnel? Be a part of the parade!

Thanks to Elda and her DCP Elves for routinely showing up to CLEAN before every Outlet performance. Thanks to Lance Peterson for always showing up to mow our grass. Thanks to the cast and crew of *The Sunshine Boys* and *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen: An evening of tall tales getting taller* (Dan and Jill Wentzel), two outstanding Outlets.

Thanks to each and every one of you who performs necessary tasks behind the scenes! You are all appreciated.

Deb

GENERAL MEETING

Our next general membership meeting will be held Wednesday, August 7 @ 7:30 pm. Come in person or Zoom in to learn all that is happening and all that is planned.

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:

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Donation may be earmarked for additional LED lighting. Note such in the memo line of your check. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. We are still not ready to accept non-monetary donations.

@ the Outlet

Our next *Outlet* performance will be a readers theater presentation of *Gadfly: The Socrates Tragedy*, Thursday Aug. 12 thru Saturday Aug. 14 at 7:30 pm. The complete *Outlet* schedule may be found on our [website](#).

The *Outlet* Committee is accepting submissions for 2022. For more information, contact [Scott Grandé](#).

MEMBER NEWS



Lifetime member Alice Munn passed away earlier this month. Condolences may be posted [online](#). Donations in

memory of Alice may be made to the Hilltown Township Police Dept., 13 West Creamery Road, Box 260, Hilltown, PA 18927.



[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. You may sponsor any (or all) of them by contacting them directly by linking 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 through their donation pages using the following links: [Jane](#), [Michael](#), [Wesley](#) (Brad's page is not active at this time).

Jane Spigel has been approved as producer for *Murder on the Orient Express*.



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](#).

Directors and producers are needed for *The Addams Family*, *Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit*, *Mrs. California* and *Bedtime Stories (As Told by Our Dad) (Who Messed Them Up)*. Any member in good standing who is interested in directing one of these shows is asked to submit a detailed letter that includes why you wish to direct; a brief vision statement; an understanding of principal team members and why you feel qualified. Directors may be asked to make an in-person presentation to the Board as well. Interested producers may also submit letters of intent, which include prior producing experience and reason you would like to produce the show. Requests should be submitted to [Deb Takes](#) and [Candi Remphrey](#). Questions should be directed to [Scott Grandé](#).



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GRANTS/DONATIONS

Kalie Desimone is still continuing to explore alternate sources of income and thanks all who have helped in securing funds to help us continue to operate.

Kalie has recently applied for dcp Theatre to receive money through the MontcoStrong 2021 Non-Profit Resiliency Program. We are asking all our members to write to their state representatives and senators to advocate for dcp to receive these needed funds. Kalie has drafted a sample letter which accompanies this newsletter and has also listed all our representatives and senators as designated by municipality. Contact information for PA state representatives may be found [here](#). Contact information for PA state senators may be found [here](#).

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

CLEARANCES

All members whose clearances have expired or will expire anytime in 2021 should have received an email or a letter from Deb Takes. Please note your expiration dates. You cannot volunteer at the theatre without current clearances. Please, take Deb's letter or email and post it on your refrigerator, so you don't forget your expiration date.

Clearances are now required for everyone participating in any of our *Outlet* events.

For more information about updating your clearances, check [here](#).

GREEN ROOM

Kent Gerhart and his many volunteers continue to work on the green room renovations and are making excellent progress. This has been quite an extensive undertaking and help seems to be dwindling. We have a few volunteers who have worked countless hours, but every bit helps. Please consider responding to the email requests and help get this project completed.

THANK YOU

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: Cast and crew of *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen* for a presenting a truly amazing storytelling experience.

Thank You: Kalie Desimone and all who helped her with the arduous task of completing the application for the MontcoStrong 2021 Non-Profit Resiliency Program Grant.

Thank You: Board of Directors and our many other volunteers for sharing your time and talents.



Dates to Remember

Wed. Aug. 4 @ 7:30pm

Membership Meeting
(in-person and via Zoom)

Thurs. Aug. 12 @ 7:30 pm

Fri. Aug. 13 @ 7:30 pm

Sat. Aug. 14 @ 7:30 pm

Gadfly: The Socrates Tragedy

Wed. Aug. 18 @ 7:30pm

Board Meeting

Sat. Aug. 21

Items for newsletter due

Complete calendar can be found [online](#). Password: Purple888

Thanks for reading,
Michael