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# Monthly Newsletter

## May, 2021



### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow DCP members,

I don't know where to start listing the names of DCP members and volunteers who have come together to make so many wonderful things happen! Green Room work continues with a cadre of dedicated and skilled volunteers -- painting was scheduled to start Sat. the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kitchen renovations are tentatively planned for September with yet another team of dedicated people. A hearty group of folks came out all week to clean the theatre and make it ready to open to patrons for Friday's performance of *Slow Food*. People show up to mow the lawn and weed. People put stuff together and take stuff apart. Lighting appears. Actors rehearse. Box office and website magic happens. Marketing and Facilities happen. Calendars are formulated and reformulated. Newsletters go out. The list goes on and on. For not having a formal season, we sure are busy!

Sincere thanks to all members and volunteers for getting us this far during a worldwide pandemic. The Fun Faire organized by Kalie DeSimone, Elda Kulp, and Kim Bell added approximately \$2500 to our coffers -- giving us cash flow! Thanks to all of you for supporting the event and assisting in setting up and tearing down.

In other words -- thank you to each and every one of you for keeping a light on in our gem of a theatre!

Deb

### @ the Outlet

Since the regular slate of shows has been cancelled (many of which will be rescheduled for our 2022 season), our 2021 Outlet season is blossoming. We had a successful opening with sold out performances of *Slow Food*. Our next show, scheduled for June 18-20, is a Readers Theatre performance of *The Sunshine Boys*, a comedy about a retired vaudeville team who, after more than 10 years of not speaking to each other, consider reuniting for one more performance.

Additional events are:

July 10: *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen*

Aug. (TBD) Original Playreading  
Sept. 10/11: *The Lady with all the Answers*

October 1-3: Original one-acts  
Oct. TBD: Musical Monologues  
Oct. 29-31: *Motherhood Out Loud*  
Nov. 12-14: MTI: *All Together Now*

Nov. 19-21: *Seat of Our Pants Players*

12/17-18: TBA

We would like to schedule as many events as possible. If you are interested in an Outlet weekend (could be one night, two nights, matinees, whatever) contact [Scott Grandé](#) for more information. Original works, scripted reads, musical performances, comedy, etc. will all be considered. You bring the talent and we provide the venue.

Please note: Outlet volunteers will not receive comp tickets. Lifetime members are never comped for the Outlet.

### 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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Your financial support is greatly appreciated. We are still not ready to accept donations of furniture, clothing, etc.

### 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 will now be required for everyone participating in any of our *Outlet* events.

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

### MEMBER NEWS



Former member Mary "Polly" Schneider passed away last month. During the 70s and 80s she played piano for many of our musicals. A memorial service will be held and live streamed on June 6. For more information or to send condolences visit the Huff & Lakjer Funeral Home [website](#).

## 2022 SEASON

The Playreading Committee has submitted its recommendations for the 2022 season. Five of the shows scheduled for 2021 were moved to the 2022 slate. The Board will be discussing the shows at its June meeting. Although a musical is on the proposed slate, the committee recognized that both the profitability of producing musicals and finding directors may compel the Board to decide there will be no musical in 2022. If there is a director who would like to know what musicals were proposed and would be willing to convince the Board of the profitability of producing one of them, please contact [Jan Thompson](#) (215-256-8673) or [Cathy Zeller](#) (484-645-0124).

## GRANTS/DONATIONS

Kalie Desimone has done an amazing job researching and securing grants and donations, but she's not finished. If you know of any possible revenue sources, please contact [Kalie](#) (610-283-5124). She will follow through on all leads given to her.

## A BETTER DCP

Kent Gerhart and his many volunteers continue to work on the green room renovations and are making excellent progress. Elda Kulp and her many volunteers continue to improve the grounds and front of house which were much appreciated by the patrons of *Slow Food*. Kim Bell, Kalie Desimone and their many volunteers continue to find alternate sources of revenue. The tech proposal approved by the members at the May general membership meeting made it possible to stream one of the *Slow Food* performances. Our theater also had a new roof installed last month. With Covid restrictions lifted everyone may attend our next general membership meeting in June to see the many improvements and thank the many people who are making a better dcp.



Shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), choose Dutch Country Players, Inc. and 0.5% of your eligible purchases will be donated to our theater. You may skip the sign-up by choosing the [direct link](#). For directions to turn on AmazonSmile in the mobile app, click [here](#).

# THANK YOU

Thank You: Kent Gerhart, Mike Addice, Emma and Jeff Beckers, Jim Bingley, Kalie Desimone, Camille Eustice, Joe Gallagher, Mark Henry, Matt Mazza, Ray Podulka, Cameron Purdy, Deb Takes, Ray Thompson and everyone else who is working on the renovations of our green room.

Thank You: Kim Bell, Kalie DeSimone, Elda Kulp, Deb Takes, and everyone else who helped to make our first Fun Faire a huge success.

Thank You: Cast and crew of *Slow Food* for bringing back live theater to dcp with a truly funny production.

Thank You: Mike Addice, Joseph Gallagher, Chris McBreen, Deb Takes and everyone else who helped with cleaning the lights.

Thank You: Mike Addice, Jayne Galetta, Kent Gerhart, Ray Podulka, Deb Takes and everyone else who helped with set construction for *Slow Food*.

Thank You: Jan Thompson, Cathy Zeller and the rest of the Playreading Committee for poring through many scripts, thoughtfully discussing them and preparing a 2022 slate for Board approval.

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



## Dates to Remember

**Wed. June 2 @ 7:30pm**  
Membership Meeting

**Wed. June 16 @ 7:30pm**  
Board Meeting

**Fri./Sat. June 18/19 @ 8pm**

**Sun. June 20 @ 2pm**  
*The Sunshine Boys*  
(Readers Theatre)

**Sat. June 19**  
Items for newsletter due

**Sun. June 20**  
e-delivery of newsletter

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

## 2021 dcp BOARD

President – Deb Takes  
Vice-president – Kent Gerhart  
Recording Secretary  
– Candi Remphrey  
Treasurer – Geoff Yaroschak  
Technical Director  
– Mike Addice  
Marketing Director – Kim Bell  
Artistic Director – Scott Grandé  
Patron Services Director  
– Elda Kulp  
Development Director  
– Kalie Desimone



Thanks for reading,  
*Michael*