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SKITbits

Winter 2019

Hello SKIT friends,

SKIT had another great year. We produced three shows in 2018. The first was a hilarious comedy, *The Red Velvet Cake War*, directed by Suzanna Brown, followed by *Looking Over the President's Shoulder*, a brilliant one man show starring Michael Tyrone Brown II. In the fall SKIT put on a murder mystery, *Towards Zero*, directed by Caleb Parsons.

All three shows were well received and SKIT is now in the midst of producing a spring show, William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, set in the roaring twenties. The show is directed by Billjean Martinello and features a cast of 17.

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting and Potluck on March 17, 2019 at St. Andrew's Church in New London. There will be a short business meeting, election of officers and potluck. If you have questions, please contact Judy Lowe at 603-927-4247. We hope to see you there. — *Judy*

From the President

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Current officers can be found on page 6 of this publication. A new slate of officers to be elected will be presented at the annual meeting in advance of the election.

NOTE: Whereas the Board of Directors would like to keep the positions of Secretary and Treasurer as is for the next full year, ***Resolved Article VI, Section 2***, shall be suspended not to exceed one year from the date of the annual meeting.

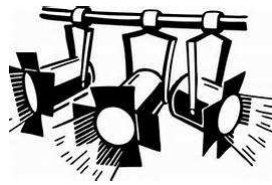
CONGRATULATIONS

The five students awarded SKIT's Steven M. Mendelson Memorial Scholarship in 2018 included Hunter Wells, Jorgie Ingram, Lydia Pinard, Bailey Christiansen and Suzanne Ricard. We congratulate these five talented students and wish them well in their college careers.

Applications for 2019 awards are available at local high schools and on-line at skitnh.org. Scholarships are also awarded to home-schooled students as well as private-school students. The application deadline is May 10.



Looking Back



Top two, *The Red Velvet Cake War*

Middle right,
Looking Over the President's Shoulder

Bottom two, *Towards Zero*

Looking Ahead

SKIT is now rehearsing for William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, set in the roaring twenties. The show is directed by Billijeane Martinello and features a cast of 17.

The dates for the show are April 5, 6 and 7 at the Warner Town Hall. Look for more information in advertisements in the *Kearsarge Shopper*, *InterTown Record* and flyers around town.



It's 2019 Membership Time!

Make sure you stay in the loop with news of upcoming auditions and productions (and that you receive future editions of *SKITbits*) and *become involved* in our fun group by joining SKIT for the first time or renewing your membership. We've enclosed a 2019 membership form with this newsletter (*next page*).

And please consider going up to the next level of membership and showing your support for your local, all-volunteer community theatre group. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to provide scholarships to local students who were enriched by the arts during their high school years. **Thank you!** We couldn't do it without you!

The President welcomed new members in 2018:

Jules DeLoria, Larry Fuller, Tim Kiss, Billijeane Martiello, Chris Martiello, Greg Phillips and Ella Thomas

(Apologies to any new member whose name has been inadvertently omitted.)

Fond Memories

We were saddened to hear of the passing of long time SKIT member and pianist extraordinaire **Ruth Sisson**. Ruth was a founding member of SKIT and accompanied numerous performances. She and her husband Don continued their support even after moving to the Kendel community in Hanover. She passed away in September.

SKIT!

S.K.I.T. (Sunapee-Kearsarge Intercommunity Theatre) is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit group dedicated to raising funds for area charities and other non-profit organizations through the presentation of theatrical events. We produce several shows per year, showcasing our community talents in both musical and non-musical productions. The proceeds are shared between SKIT and its partnering group. We also award scholarships to local high-school-aged students (including private school and home-schooled) each spring through our Steven Mendelson Scholarship Fund. Since its inception in 1993, SKIT has participated in, and has been recognized for excellence at the NH Community Theatre Association (NHCTA) competitions.

~~~~ Sunapee-Kearsarge Intercommunity Theatre ~~~  
Annual Membership through Dec. 31, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail address will help save postage costs. We'll only use it for SKIT correspondence; it will not be shared.

\_\_\_\_ To help SKIT save even more postage and some trees, I would like to receive my newsletter via e-mail.

**Choose your level of membership:**

(All members will receive "SKITbits" newsletter and notices of all SKIT events.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Youth: \$ 5 (under) age 18** Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Single: \$10** (age 18 or older)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family: \$15** (may include children under the age of 18)

For Family membership, please list each member's name and children's ages (use another sheet if necessary).

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Friend \$35\*** / **Supporter \$36-\$49\*** / **Patron \$50-\$99\*** / **Benefactor \$100+\***

\* listed in programs for all productions during the membership year.

**There are many opportunities to volunteer. Please tell us how you'd like to help:**

Production Coordinator \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ Stage Manager \_\_\_ Music Director \_\_\_

Accompanist \_\_\_ Choreographer \_\_\_ Performer \_\_\_ Set Design \_\_\_ Set Construction \_\_\_

Set Painting \_\_\_ Lighting \_\_\_ Sound \_\_\_ Tickets \_\_\_ Costumes \_\_\_ Makeup \_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_ Play reading \_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_ Props \_\_\_

Musician (specify instrument) \_\_\_\_\_ SKIT board \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: SKIT**

**Mail to: Linda Lambert, SKIT Membership, 135 Shindagan Road, Wilmot NH 03287**

\*SKIT is a 501(c) 3 not for profit organization and donations are deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

## Member News

**Dave Munn** and **Judy Thackaberry** were married in June.

**Lydia Pinard**, a 2018 scholarship winner attending the University of New England recently performed in UNE's Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, has been cast in UNE's production of *Chicago* and has been selected to travel to London in May to see the Royal Shakespeare Company perform. Lydia will also be co-directing William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* in Concord.

**Rosie Snyder** (*Red Velvet Cake War*) is currently enrolled in the University of New England's Physician Assistant program.

**Wally Borgen**, (*Best of Burt* and *Songs and Tales of WWI*) is the new chairperson of the Performing Arts Guild for the Center for the Arts Lake Sunapee Region.

**Kendra West Senior** (*Towards Zero* and *Songs and Tales of WW I*) is a member of the board of directors of the Concord Community Players.

**Shane Boucher** (*Vintage Hitchcock (A Live Radio Play)*) appeared in *Matilda* at Northern Stage this winter. He and **Lily Magoon** (*Hapenny Magick, A Civil War Journey of a New Hampshire Patriot*) are both members of Northern Stage's Boot Camp program and had an opportunity to perform a showcase in NYC. They were both recipients of the Center for the Arts Scholarships.

**Wally Borgen, Margaret Doody, Charley Freiberg, Jay Lambert, Linda Lambert, Dave Munn, Judy Thackaberry** and **Tom Tuthill** participated in a Murder Mystery improv show to benefit The Fells.

**Susan Cancio-Bello** (*Songs and Tales of WWI*) appeared in her first opera as a chorus member in *Tales of Hoffman* with Opera North last August. She is very honored to be the Choral Director of the Jubilate Singers of the Upper Valley, one of only four auditioned North American choral groups invited to the July Choral Festival in Tallin, Estonia. She also directed the *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* at Epiphany Church in Newport in December as part of the Episcopal church's UpBeat music program with many SKIT members in the cast along with Newport youth.

*Send us your news! Anything exciting going on in your life? Engagements? Weddings? Births? Awards? Performances? Athletic feats? If any SKIT member has any news to share, theatrical or otherwise, please let us know. We'd love to include your news in the Member News column.*

### Mark Your Calendar!!!

**SKIT ANNUAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019**

**2:00 - 5:00 PM – Pot Luck Lunch/Dinner**

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

**52 Gould Road, New London**

**Agenda: Meet and eat, business meeting and election of officers for 2019**

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