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SKITbits

Winter 2020

From the President

Hello SKIT Friends!

Let me begin by again thanking all of you for being supporters of SKIT. Your efforts allow us to do what we love to do: put on shows, partner with and contribute to other non-profits, and award scholarships to deserving high school students.

Our production of *The Odd Couple (Female Version)* was a big success. We are grateful to Martha Bristol for directing and Judy Lowe (who also played the role of Mickey, the cop) for producing such a fun and funny show. I am hopeful you were also able to catch two of our SKIT members (Heather Jacques and Kendra Senor-West) in the same show produced by the Concord Community Players on Valentine's weekend.

We are now in rehearsal for *Puffs*, a fast-paced show following three students attending a certain school of magic. For this production we are excited to be partnering with The Kearsarge Food Hub in Bradford. Show dates are April 3-5, 2020. Read more about it inside from the Director, Suzanna Brown.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 22, 2020 when we will have our annual SKIT meeting and potluck. This year it will take place at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New London at 2:00 PM. We plan to have a sneak peek of the *Puffs* show from the cast. Don't miss it!

As we look into 2020 and beyond, our projects include updating our mission statement, organizing a one-act-play festival, and revitalizing a Tom Lowe musical in the fall, among others. And again, we are grateful for your support because we couldn't do any of it without you.

See you soon!

Judy Thackaberry

Looking Back

The Odd Couple (Female Version) was staged on November 8,9 and 10, 2019.

How proud I am of the cast and crew that helped make this show a great success! We held our rehearsals at the Hilltop Place Community Barn and had less than a week to build, paint and get the stage ready to perform on.

Neil Simon's timing and writing are timeless and we had fun bringing this show to life. As a result, we were able to raise funds to benefit both SKIT and The Center for the Arts scholarships. Thank you for your support. — *Martha K. Bristol, Director*



Pictured left to right, Linda Lambert, Judy Lowe, Colleen Dietrich, Heather Jacques, Susan Rives and Pat Rogers rehearse for the November production of The Odd Couple. For more photos, see p. 6.

Looking Ahead

Please join us for our Spring show, *Puffs*, directed by Suzanna Brown at the Warner Town Hall, April 3-5, 2020.

Puffs, written by Matt Cox, takes place over the course of seven years at a school for teenagers who want to learn magic. There are good guys, bad guys . . . and . . . Puffs. Despite being about a bunch of 11- to 17-year-olds this show is definitely not for children. It's a show written for actors who love to act, improvise and have fun and be pretty inappropriate at times. At its core it's about creating your own family and finding your place in the world. The show calls for 11 actors, only four of them are NOT playing multiple characters. Lines are improvised, actors are given more than one line option and it has enough quick changes to make your head spin!

Working with our partnering group, Kearsarge Food Hub, has been an amazing experience so far and I am so thrilled with how many "new" and "old" SKIT faces came out for auditions. So far, rehearsals have been a riot and we hope people come join us for the show April 3rd, 4th and 5th. — *Suzanna Brown*

We will be voting at this year's **Annual Meeting and Potluck**. It will take place on Sunday, **March 22, 2020** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New London. Hope to see you there. Here is this year's slate of candidate for SKIT Board of Directors:

Judy Thackaberry - President. Judy has been serving as President for the past year. She has been seen recently in *The Red Velvet Cake War* and *Much Ado about Nothing*.

David Munn - Vice President. Dave was elected VP last year. He usually is a behind-the-scenes guy building sets and doing lighting. He directed *Civil War Hero* and was seen in *Toward Zero*.

Rachel Parsons - Secretary. Rachel is a recent and welcome addition to the board having been appointed to fill a vacancy.

Suzanna Brown - Treasurer. Suzanna, a three year board member, is now moving up to Treasurer. You remember her as Beatrice in *Much Ado* and as director for *Red Velvet Cake War*.

Michael T. Brown - Director. Michael has been on the SKIT board for three years. He has starred in the one-man show *Looking Over the President's Shoulder* and *The Red Velvet Cake War*.

Caleb Parsons - Director. Caleb has been the tech expert on the SKIT board for two years now. You'll remember him from *Songs and Tales from WWI* and he directed *Toward Zero*.

Christopher Martiello - Director. Chris will be a new addition to the SKIT board. Last Spring, he and his wife, Billjean, directed *Much Ado about Nothing*.

Charley Freiberg - Director. We welcome back Charley to the SKIT board after a hiatus. He is a long-time SKIT actor, most recently seen in *The Red Velvet Cake War* and *Much Ado about Nothing*.



It's Scholarship Time!

If you are a college-bound high school senior (or know one) who has participated in the arts, we want to hear from you! Part of SKIT's mission is to award scholarships to deserving students in our area. Check with your Guidance Counselor for an application. The scholarship is open to public, private and home-schooled students.

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.



PHOTOS SOUGHT

Do you have any photos of rehearsals or production of past SKIT shows? We are currently expanding our web site and want to preserve as much of SKIT's wonderful theatrical history as we can. Please email photos to Caleb at parsons.caleb@gmail.com, or contact him for assistance with scanning.

2019-2020 Members

Benefactors (\$100+)

Nola E. Aldrich
David & Celeste Cook
The Fells Historic Estate & Gardens
Alice & Peter Field
John Garvey & Cotton Cleveland
Anonymous
Gordon & Nat Hamilton
Russ Jewell of Jewell Box Storage
(Donation in kind)
Jerry Karr & Brenda Shapiro
Linda Nicklos
Rachel & Ralph Parsons
Richard Roberts
David & Brandy Sinisi
Tom & Sandy Stark

Patrons (\$50-\$99)

Combined Jewish Philanthropies (Barbara Rosenfield)
Noel & Susan Cusack
Wynne DeMille
Patricia Rodgers
Shear Innovations – Rebecca Brooks
Lyman & Barbara Smith
Ken & Nancy Tripp

Supporters (\$36-\$49)

Priscilla Ohler
Kendra West-Senor & Richard Senor

Friends (\$35)

Anna Allen
Ted & Barbara Brown
Bobbie Hambley
Heather Howe

Single, Youth and Family Members

Alex Ager
Colleen Deitrich
Gary Evans
Gail Goddard
Janet Howe
Linda & Jay Lambert
Caleb Parsons
Timmie Poh
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**Annual Membership through Dec. 31, 2020**

**Choose your level of membership:**

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

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| 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.<br>_____ To help SKIT save even more postage and some trees, I would like to receive my newsletter via e-mail. |

\_\_\_\_\_ **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.

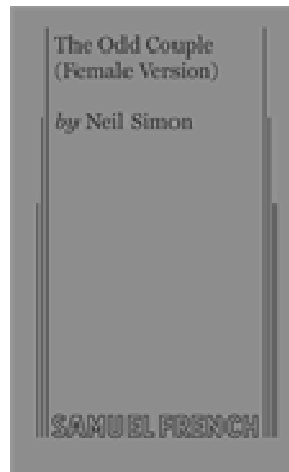
**There are many opportunities to volunteer. Please tell us how you'd like to help:**

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.



*In the two photos above, we see Colleen Dietrich, Gary Evans and Alex Ager in rehearsal for The Odd Couple (Female Version)*



*Below, Heather Jacques, Judy Lowe, Susan Rives, Linda Lambert and Colleen Dietrich portray a scene.*



**It's 2020 Membership Time!**  
If you haven't already joined for this year, make sure you stay in the loop with news of upcoming auditions and productions (and that you receive future editions of SKIT-bits!) Become involved in our fun group by joining SKIT for the first time or renewing your membership. We've enclosed a 2020 membership form with this newsletter. 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!

## **Dues News – Looking Ahead to 2021!**

As we smile and enter 2020 we are reminded of the wonderful gifts we have in our community.

As we all know, costs of all services continue to rise. After careful consideration and to keep our talented and happy troupe financially stable, we must address our membership costs for **2021**. As you can see on our membership form on p. 5, nothing has changed for the current year

SKIT insurance costs have risen, P.O. Box costs, printing and publications costs have increased. Therefore our single membership dues will increase to \$15 a year beginning next January. Family membership will increase to \$25.

As SKIT Board members, we'd like to show a small Thank You to all our friends. With this increase, we will provide a benefit to all our wonderful supporters. We will give each membership one \$2 discount off a single ticket price for each skit event you attend during the year 2021.

Looking forward to seeing you this spring for *Puffs* in Warner Town Hall, April 3-5; and this fall for *Lowes' Sisters' 43<sup>rd</sup> Street*. -- *Dave Munn, SKIT Vice President*

## **Member News**

Condolences to **Mary and Greg Gutsell** and their family on the passing of Mary's mother, Patricia Nachowicz in December.

**Michael T. Brown II** (*Looking Over the President's Shoulder*) is putting together a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association featuring songs from Broadway. SKIT members joining Michael are **Suzanna Brown** (*Much Ado about Nothing*), **Ryan Clark** (upcoming production of *Puffs*), **Jay Lambert** (*Spoon River Anthology*), **Linda Lambert** (*The Odd Couple – Female Version*), **Dave Munn** (*A Civil War Journey of a New Hampshire Patriot*), **Caleb Parsons** (*Towards Zero Director*), **Dorothy Parsons** (SKIT Scholarship Recipient), **Judy Thackaberry** (*Live Suspense Theatre*), and **Kendra West-Senor** (*37 Postcards*). Come on out and support a great cause at Whipple Hall in New London on Saturday, February 29 at 7 PM. Admission is by donation and all proceeds go to the Alzheimer's Association.

**Heather Jacques** (*Red Velvet Cake War*) and **Kendra West-Senor** appeared in the Community Players of Concord's production of *The Odd Couple (Female Version)*. Heather reprised the role of Florence that she played in SKIT's production in November, and Kendra took on the role of Mickey the Cop.

Catch SKIT members **Tom and Nancy Donnelly's** column in the *Intertown Record* called Codger and Sweets. They have also published a book by the same name.

*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. — Linda Lambert*

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