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## President's Message.

### And Away We Go!

I am happy to report that our season is underway and has started off on a great note. Ravenscroft brought home 3 more awards from the State OCTA competition: Merit in Acting, Dawnis Edge, Merit in Acting, Ellie Stuck and Excellence in Set Design, Lisa L. Wiley. A special thank-you to the crew for their invaluable help and to the Harlequins members should showed up to support. I think that Harlequins can once again be proud of the representation of our talent at such a high level of exhibition.

To those of you who attended the first General meeting of the year-Thank you! What a great way to start the season. To those of you who couldn't or did not attend (and I know who you are!) please put the next meeting on your calendar. Attending a meeting is a great way to connect with friends, meet new people and is a great way to stay involved and informed. It is also an opportunity to share and have your opinions heard. We value your thoughts and concerns. If you have any questions about

what is happening, please contact a Board member or committee chair person for information.

Teamwork, Teamwork, Teamwork. Speaking of committees, thank you to those who stepped forward and volunteered to chair a committee this season. If you are interested in being involved on a certain committee, or have always wanted to see what a particular committee does- let your committee chair know! Serving on a committee is the perfect opportunity to "do one better than last year", and lighten the load for all members of our team. You might actually even have some fun!

Auditions for Lying in State are here! Break a leg to all of those who plan to audition. Anyone not wanting to be onstage-contact Marian Hancy (director) or Angie Wetzal (assistant director) to let them know that you want to be a part of what is sure to be a hilarious cast and crew!

With your contribution to our club, this is going to be a great season! And now- on with the show!

-Lisa



### You Can Ring Our Bell!

If anyone would like any information put on the website, please send it to Jim Ohlemacher and he will then put it on the website!

We are trying to cut postage costs for the newsletter and would like to know if anyone receiving the newsletter would prefer to get it by e-mail instead of snail mail. If so, please let Ellie know. If that's not your thing, we still don't mind sending it by regular mail since we do want everyone to receive it and know what's going on.

Also, if there's anything you want in the newsletter, please let Ellie know. Just try and have it to her by the last week of the month preceding the month's newsletter in which you'd like it to appear.

### Our new website is up and running!

Our new website, at [www.harlequintheatre.org](http://www.harlequintheatre.org) is now up and running. Make sure to check it out. If anyone has any ideas of things they'd like to see included on the site, please email me and let me know. If it's at all possible, I'll try accommodate...

Jim

## I've Got Dates to Remember

Sept. 21 and 22 - Lying in State auditions 7-9 p.m.

9/23 - Board meeting 7:30 p.m.

10/9 - Program advertising deadline - if you know anyone who would like to advertise in our program please let Lori know.

10/14 - Membership meeting 6:30 p.m.

10/14 - General meeting 7:30 p.m.

10/28 - Board meeting 7:30 p.m.

11/7 - Sat. cleaning 10:00 a.m. COME ONE! COME ALL! The more people we have to clean the faster we can all go to lunch!

11/10 - Press dress (tentatively) 8:15 p.m. Come support the cast and crew.

11/11 - Kid Kompany meeting 6:30 p.m.

11/11 - General meeting 7:30 p.m.

11/12 - OPENING NIGHT for LYING IN STATE! 8:15 p.m.

### Auditions for

## “Lying in State”

Are this Monday and Tuesday,  
September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00pm

### Characters:

Female

Edna – The ex-wife

Buttons – The fiancée and semi-exotic dancer

Margo – From parlor C

Male

Herb – A chairman in search of a candidate

Fred – The Governor

Wally – The Governor's son and general gofer

Harry – The deceased Senator's rich brother

All characters need to be 30 years old or older

Auditions to be held at  
Harlequins Community Theatre  
414 Wayne Street, Rear, Sandusky, OH.

## OCTA NEWS

### PEACE, LOVE AND THEATRE--OCTA Salutes to the 70's

Oh yes, a salute to the fabulous 70's!

Upon arrival at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg, OH, our guests will be greeted by "love children" passing out peace medallions. The opening ceremonies will include two of our OCTA, Jr. excerpts, as well as a Friday night disco party and scavenger hunt. Starting Saturday morning, begin the day with one of OCTA's outstanding workshops and attend one of the many outstanding excerpts from around the state. Saturday night will have both a "disco" for those who want to dance the night away and the usual sing along. If MTI no longer does the sing-a-long, a wonderful Piano Man will offer a sing-a-long piano bar for all those who want to croon the night away. We will also have late night games; OCTAFeud and a late night swim party in the indoor/outdoor pool. On Sunday morning, enjoy more workshops, followed by more outstanding excerpts. On Sunday night, the banquet will be a 70's themed party: **FUNKYTOWN!!** A local Toledo band called Radio Flier is ready to bring down the house with tons of tunes from the 70's (and recent ones, too). There will also be a costume party with lots of funky prizes for those dressed in the best 70's apparel. Again, more late night games and sing-a-longs will follow the dance party for you to enjoy. Monday morning will again feature workshops as well as an outstanding brunch buffet. If there is one thing the French Quarter is known for, it is their outstanding buffets!! After brunch, the highly anticipated awards ceremony. For those who wish to bring their children, Holiday Inn French Quarter offers a kids area that is separate from the "party zone." In addition, Toledo boasts a world class zoo, an amazing park system and several other features for the family to enjoy. So, bring the kids, they'll have fun, too! So, pull those clothes out of storage, find your favorite bell bottoms, and start practicing the Hustle, because we are going to party 70's style as only OCTA knows how!

See you at Conference 2010!

Peace, Love and Theatre

Joe Barton

### Getting to Know You! Deb Presser

I never got to do theatre in High School or College because I was in sports (volley ball and soft ball) and the orchestra. String Bass was my instrument. I played in the University of Toledo Symphony, was in the Toledo Youth Orchestra (got to perform at the Peristyle), and then played bass and guitar for various folk groups at many different churches, including Holy Angels (back in my Sister of Mercy days) here in Sandusky. I love to play the bass and guitar. I tinker on the piano too. Back in my nun days, I was a music teacher at St. Ann's in Fremont and Director of Religious Education at St. Mary's in Vermilion. I earned my Masters Degree in Counseling at John Carroll, and then I worked at Fireland's Community Mental Health, the Private Industry Council, and I've been at EHOVE now for 9 years. I joined Harlequins around the same time as Lori and Tami, and the 3 of us were the prop crew for "Company of Wayward Saints".

In my free time, I perform marriages, hang out with people who like to meditate, ride my Honda scooter, act as treasure for PFLAG and my Condo Association, read, walk and swim. I love to go to the movies and see live shows, so feel free to call me anytime and I'll join you.

So far at Harlequins, I've sung & danced ("Baby" and "She Loves Me"), run lights and sound, done props for a couple of shows, acted ("Deathtrap" and "Ravenscroft"), helped with Kid Company ("Big Bad Wolf") and been Musical Director for "Something's Afoot" and "Kindergarten". And I've loved it all. Wonder what's next?



Deb Presser



*Congratulations to....*

*Sarah Blakeman from Huron for winning two free season passes for our 2009 - 2010 season. Her name was drawn from a total of 74 ballots cast at our booth at the 4th of July celebration downtown this summer.*

### Kid Kompany.....

Greetings to all: In order to get a head start on the Kid Kompany planning this year, it has been suggested that we get together a group of interested members who would like to work over the winter to put together a game-plan for a successful show experience for the kids in the summer. I am not looking just for Harlequins who want to help out with the production and workshops at this point in time, but would like to meet with those of you who want to plan, strategize and brain-storm what we can do to have everything in place for the coming summer. If we meet several times over the coming season, we can do things like read scripts, contact possible directors and tech people, workshop speakers and other helpers, design the program and discuss dates, publicity, etc. To make it more convenient, I'm going to schedule a first meeting right before the general meeting in September. That would be at 6:30 on Wednesday, September 9. Please join me and contribute your thoughts and expertise. If you are interested, but can't make the meeting, just send me an e-mail or call. I'll make sure to keep you informed of future meetings.

Donna Jean Evans

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