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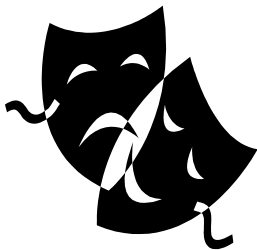
**From the President
&
the BSP Board**

We are coming very close to ending what has been an exciting season. The Pajama Game was a hit, and we hope you thoroughly enjoyed it. We also hope you come out and enjoy our last production of the season, Ken Ludwig's "Leading Ladies," directed by Bob Hastings.

Looking ahead, please take a look at our upcoming 2012/2013 season. The four shows being offered will all be performed at the First United Methodist Church, and will provide a little something for everyone. We will be starting our membership drive in May, so be on the lookout for more information on that. Finally, our annual Swampy Banquet is coming up, also in May, and more information will be coming your way on that in the days ahead. As always, our profound thanks for all your support, and we look forward to that support in 2012/2013.

Yours in support of quality community theater,

Leroy Morgan, President, and the 2011/2012 Board of Trustees



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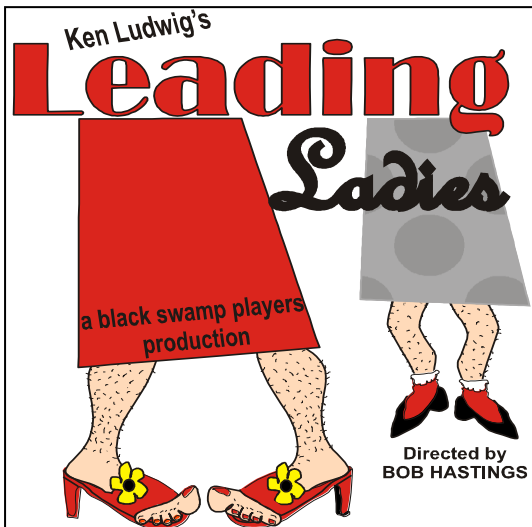
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****Notice from the BSP Board****

Open Nominations for Black Swamp Players Officers 2012-13 and Three Board Members 2012-2014

While our current slate of officers and one board member are all willing to return and are candidates to be re-elected to those posts, any current member of the **Black Swamp Players** is eligible to be elected. The nominating committee will accept nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer...all one year terms beginning June 1, 2012 and continuing through May 31, 2013. We will also accept nominations for the three governing board members, all of which are two year terms beginning June 1, 2012 and continuing through May 31, 2014. Current officers who will remain **as candidates** for re-election are Leroy Morgan, President; Guy Zimmerman, Vice President; Jason Wells-Jenson, Secretary; and Becky Hansen, Treasurer. Only one Board member is a candidate for re-election, that being Bob Marzola.

If you desire to nominate a member for any of these positions, or place your own name in contention...please contact Bob Hastings at 419-352-1358 or bobhastings@woh.rr.com...or Bob Marzola at ballroomdancer4u@hotmail.com...no later than May 1, 2012.



Leading Ladies

by Ken Ludwig

April 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29

Directed by Bob Hastings

Following *Lend Me A Tenor*, that became a very successful comedy last season, I felt compelled to submit another Ken Ludwig show for the board's consideration. Ludwig, who has also gained fame for his musical book dialogue in such shows as the Gershwin hit, *Crazy For You*, wrote *Lend Me A Tenor* as the first of a planned trilogy...all of them involving Shakespearean snippets here and there. His second show was *Moon Over Buffalo*, which we will be presenting next season. **Leading Ladies**, then, was his third and is equally as funny as the other two.

The plot involves two rag tag English Shakespearean actors, Jack Gable and Leo Clark (get the reference...Clark and Gable?), who find themselves so down on their luck that they are performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania. When they hear that Florence Snider (Becky Hansen), an old lady in York, PA, is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. The trouble is, when they get to York, they find out that the nephews are really nieces! You know, **Ladies!** Romantic entanglements abound, especially when Leo (Lane Hakel) falls head-over-petticoat in love with the old lady's vivacious niece, Meg (newcomer Sharon Esper from BG), who's engaged to Duncan (Guy Zimmerman), the local minister. To complicate things, Jack (Kent McClary) is falling in love with Audrey (Anne Clark), Meg's somewhat ditzy friend. But, Audrey is also involved with Butch (newcomer Ben Forman from Pemberville). Florence's health is in the hands of a talent challenged quack just called "Doc" and portrayed by Toledo Rep veteran, Bill Delaney, who, together with Lane Hakel, are reprising their participation in the Rep's *Leading Ladies* production a year or so ago. Bill is in the same role, but Lane is switching "ladies" for our version.

I am particularly pleased to be featuring Lane and Kent, veteran BSP funnymen, who have entertained you in many shows, but never together. As the *Leading Ladies* they may be starting a brand new "team" career. The show is a laugh a minute, but a bit risqué, so use your judgment when it comes to bringing young people. The risqué lines could go over their head, but more likely, they will have to explain those parts to you adults. Five big shows, tickets now on sale at **Grounds For Thought**. Just \$10 for Adults and \$8 for Students and Seniors. Best entertainment value anywhere...guaranteed.

~~Bob Hastings

Enchanted April by Matthew Barber

September 21-23, 28-30

Directed by Willard Misfeldt

A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody

by Ron Bernas

December 7-9, 14-16

Directed by Leroy Morgan

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying

by Frank Loesser, Abe Burrows,
Jack Weinstock, and Willie Gilbert

February 15-17, 21-24

Directed by Kathy Barnes

Moon Over Buffalo by Ken Ludwig

April 19-21, 26-28

Directed by Bob Hastings

*Pending licensing rights



The 2012 BSP Swampy Banquet and general membership meeting will be held on **May 23rd, Wednesday**, at the **Riverside Banquet Center** (American Legion Hall) in [Pemberville, OH](#).

The doors will open at 5:30 for a social hour and cash bar. Dinner choices of steak (\$23) or chicken (\$21) will be served at 6:30. The meals include a salad bar, potato, vegetable and dessert and beverage. BSP awards and election of officers will be at 7:30. Questions about the event contact Peggy Keyes at 419-833-2719.

If anyone is in need of assistance with transportation to Pemberville for the banquet, please contact Robin Cagle at 419-308-8925.

Horizon Youth Theatre

HYT is presenting [Midsummer Night's Dream](#) at First United Methodist Church on June 8-10. This show will be directed by HYT founder, Dr. F. Scott Regan, who adapted the Shakespeare script to a Mardi Gras setting while maintaining the Shakespeare language.

For more information on other HYT events, including classes and Drama Club, see HYT's website: <http://horizonyouththeatre.wordpress.com/>

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Check us out on the web!

CURRENT TICKET INFORMATION

Plays - \$10 adult, \$8 for Students and Seniors
The Musical - \$12 for Adults, \$10 for Students and Seniors

GREAT GROUP DEALS FOR BSP PRODUCTIONS!

- A) Discount ticket prices for 10 or more attending all together
 - B) Buy the House!!! BSP will Sell the House for an extra show for your group (excepting the musical)
- *Email BSP or contact Leroy to take advantage of the deals*

**BSP OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
FOR 2011-2012 SEASON**

OFFICERS:

President - Leroy Morgan
VP - Guy Zimmerman
Treasurer - Becky Hansen
Secretary - Jason Wells-Jensen

BSP Board Members:

Bob Marzola	Tod Butler
Peggy Keyes	Robin Cagle
Mark Pike	Melissa Kidder

ANNOUNCEMENT

***NEW TICKET PRICES FOR 2012-2013
SEASON***

Ticket prices will be slightly increasing for the 2012-2013 season. For next season, the prices will be as follows:

Plays - \$12 adult, \$10 for Students and Seniors
The Musical - \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Students and Seniors



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