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## From the President

BLACK SWAMP PLAYERS, INC.

February 2015

Greetings Black Swamp Players Members,

Hope you are healthy and happy this winter of 2015! One sure way to brighten up your February is to come out to see "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown". This charming show is our musical for the season and opens on Valentine's weekend. What better way to have a SWEET evening than to go out to dinner and then to a show! WE are grateful to Matt Zwyer for directing, Anne Clark for being co-director and Bob Marzola for choreographing the show. This is the larger cast version of Charlie Brown, so in addition to the main characters we have a chorus of "school kids". Also I want to acknowledge the Smiths at Al Smiths car dealership for their very generous support of our musical, yet again!! We so very much appreciate their support of Black Swamp Players. More details are in this newsletter so check it out and please plan on coming.

In April, we will be presenting a funny mystery show entitled "Death by Golf". We are happy to welcome a new director to Black Swamp Players, Inge Klopping. Inge has been very involved over at the Waterville Players, but this is her first time with BSP. Welcome, Inge!

NEWSFLASH!! If you have a ticket for a "Charlie Brown", you will be eligible to put your name into a drawing for a gift certificate to eat out at Sam B's here in Bowling Green. We felt that since we open on Valentine weekend that giving away a dinner out was appropriate .

As usual, I would like to make it known that like all community theaters, we are always on the lookout for new people to volunteer—stage crew, directors, technical assistance, ushers, marketing. In the spring we need to tidy up the storage shed again and Many Hands Make Light Work—as the saying goes. If you have a pickup truck and/or would be willing to help it would be greatly appreciated.

And here is a new request—We are super appreciative of the First United Methodist Church for working with us and allowing us to use their wonderful facility for so many years. But it has been a dream of the board's for quite a while, to find a place to call "Home". We would love to have our own space to create a true Theatre experience for our patrons. If you have or know of a space that might work and could be rented (or donated :-)) please let me know! (419-575-2259)

Of course, a theater has to have space for a stage, seating, restrooms and parking. I have been told that there are very successful theaters groups who perform in a converted barn. Do you have a barn that we could remodel?? We are very open to suggestions!

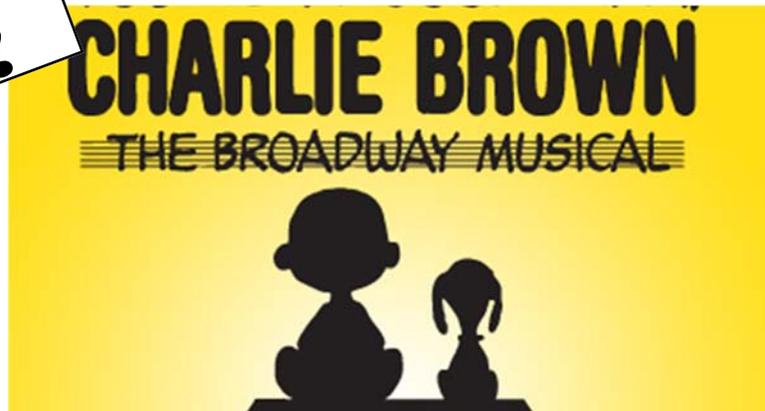
Thank you for your support,  
We really appreciate you,  
Deb Shaffer  
BSP Prez



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**Up Next!**



**February 13, 14 20 & 21 at 8:00 p.m.**  
**February 15 & 22 at 2:00 p.m.**

Very soon, BSP will present "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," based on the Tony award-winning Broadway revival. With exciting music by Clark Gesner and Andrew Lippa, this show will encourage you to revisit your childhood and all the wonderful nostalgia that goes with it. The well-known comic will come to life right before your eyes, especially with the talented cast that has been assembled. Joel Logsdon is Charlie Brown, and Courtney Gray plays Lucy. BGSU students Justin Roth and Taylor Martin play Snoopy and Sally, respectively. And perennial BSP participants Bob Marzola and Brian Carlucci portray the lovable characters Linus and Schroeder. In addition, we have an incredible ensemble of Peanuts characters who help re-create and re-invent the world of Charles Schulz.

With engaging and colorful scenery, and with the fun and energetic choreography from Marzola, smiles are certainly in the works! And with such uplifting songs as Beethoven's Day, My New Philosophy, and Suppertime, you are certain to have a good time. We might even find out what Happiness is...besides the title of one of the songs!

As always, get your advanced tickets at Grounds for Thought. Show dates are February 13, 14, 20, and 21 at 8:00pm; and February 15 and 22 at 2:00pm. And since the production spans Valentine's Day weekend, consider making a date out of this show experience. Just don't miss out on the "comic" experience of the season!



**WANTED!**

**PRODUCERS**  
**DIRECTORS**  
**ACTORS**  
**STAGE CREW**

*The BSP Board of Directors invites you to get involved with your local community theatre.*

Every show needs a collaboration of people in order to create the event...we need set builders, costumers, stage crew, crew to do lights and sound, and more...

**ALSO—we are seeking play submissions for the 2014-2015 season—do you have a favorite play to suggest?**

Ready to help? Contact Deb @ [deb.bgoh@gmail.com](mailto:deb.bgoh@gmail.com)

**Coming Soon!**

*DEATH BY GOLF*

By Gregg Kreutz

When an escaped convict (Tony Rydell), an anxious bride (Emily Remaklus), a scheming new husband (Bradley King), and a suspicious attorney (Deb Shaffer) all convene at Grandpa's (Guy Zimmerman) house--it doesn't take Grandpa long to realize he has to put his best game face on.

This is an extremely funny comedy with the suspense of a murder mystery. Plan to spend some time visiting Grandpa's house this April. This show is directed by Inge Klopping. Performances are April 17, 18, 24, and 25 at 8 pm and April 19 and 26 at 2 pm at the First United Methodist Church, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Tickets are on sale at Grounds for Thought.



horizon youth theatre

Horizon Youth Theatre of the BSP has the following activities available for youth of Northwest, OH:

\*Drama Club - 2nd Thursday of the month from 4:30-6 for \$5 at the Woodland Mall (location to be announced on our website and Facebook - open to ages 6-18 (in 2 groups)

\*One-Act auditions at the Woodland Mall - Fri. Feb. 13th 6-8 or Sun. Feb. 15th 2-4. Performances will be Fri. March 20th, Sat. 21st and Sun. the 22nd at the Woodland Mall. Check website or Facebook for details.

\*"Once Upon a Mattress" - musical auditions to be announced soon. Performance dates are June 11th, 12th and 13th in the Donnell Theatre of the Wolfe Center of BGSU. Watch our website or Facebook for details.

\*Summer Drama Club and week-long workshops to be announced in the next few months.

\*Visit [www.horizonyouththeatre.org](http://www.horizonyouththeatre.org) to learn more about these and upcoming opportunities!

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*Check us out on the web and on Facebook!*

**TICKET INFORMATION**

Plays - \$12 adult, \$10 for Students and Seniors  
The Musical - \$15 for Adults, \$12 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 Deb to take advantage of the deals\*



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