

April 2018

# The Fresnel



## From The President

Dear Members,

I know that the letter you received from BSP last month came as quite a shock to most of you. Since that time there have been some very encouraging developments that I want to make you aware of.

- I/we received a number of offers to help. Those offers include some people who are willing to serve on our board of trustees. However: we still do not have enough volunteers to seat a full board. Let me/us know if you would be interested in serving in that capacity or if you would like to know more about what serving on the BSP board would entail.
- Due to the number of people stepping forward we are considering mounting at least a limited season next year. At the moment we are considering having a two-show season with a straight play and a musical. If this happens, we anticipate changing our membership structure to take into account moving from a four-show season to a two-show season.
- We are looking for additional volunteers for all aspects of putting on a production and all aspects of running a community theater. While we are feeling the most urgent need for board members at the moment, anyone, volunteering any amount of time, for any task, will help make the work better for everyone. As my grandma, and probably yours, used to say, "Many hands make light work."
- That being said, we'd welcome anyone available to help build our set for *On Golden Pond* this Saturday, April 7 at 3:00pm at the church.
- As Bob Hastings wrote in his recent letters to the editor in BG Independent News and in the Sentinel-Tribune the path forward to another 50 years of BSP productions is clear. We, somehow, need to find a home to call our own. The water tower would be amazing. It would be a home run. At this point, we'd be happy to hit a single or even get hit by a pitch. We are hoping to find that new performance space. Even a small theater, that seats 70 people would pave the path to 50 more years of community theater in Bowling Green. Your time, your ideas, and your dollars can make that possible.

Lane Hakel

Pres. Black Swamp Players

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## On Golden Pond

*On Golden Pond* is looking like a great production. We have two talented lead actors playing the parts of Ethel and Norman, those are the parts played by Katherine Hepburn and Henry Fonda in the beloved movie version from 1981. Our production stars Fran Martone and Bob Welly in those roles. The rest of the cast features Gavin Miller as Billy, Gavin is a student at Otsego High School; Tom Edge, the current president of Horizon Youth Theater, plays Bill, the dentist; and current board members Stephanie Truman and Lane Hakel play Chelsea, the estranged daughter, and Charlie, the lovelorn mailman. I've always found that fun rehearsals make for a good ensemble cast and a great show and we are having fun.

Join us April 20, 21, 27, 28 at 8pm; 22, 29 at 2pm!

## Horizon Youth Theatre News

Horizon Youth Theatre is gearing up for a busy spring and summer season! In April, we will once again host our annual Festival of Shorts, featuring one-act plays written by, starring, and directed by our own students. Performances are April 13 and 14 at 7:00 PM and April 15 at 2:00 PM at Otsego Elementary School. In lieu of an admission fee, donations will be accepted at the door. This year's Festival of Shorts is sponsored by the Wood County Historical Center & Museum and the Bowling Green Community Foundation.

After the Festival, auditions will be held for our spring musical, "Dorothy in Wonderland" on April 23 and 25, with callbacks on April 26. Times and places will be announced shortly, so keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for full details. This mash-up of two children's classics will conclude our twentieth anniversary season in style! Performances are scheduled for June 22 and 23 at 7:00 PM, and June 24 at 2:00 PM, at Otsego High School.

Watch for upcoming announcements about our Summer Workshop schedule! This year, we will offer early-bird pricing for those who register before June 1, so please sign up early to lock in last year's prices. Workshops will run the weeks of July 9-13, July 23-27, and August 6-10.

Finally, in May we will formally announce the schedule for the 2018-19 HYT season! As it stands now, we anticipate fall productions of the Jason Robert Brown musical "13" and Keith Guion's "Silly Goose," our Festival of Shorts in April, and "The Phantom Tollbooth" next June.

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