

# The OP Happening

August 2010



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again I'm happy to share with you the news of what has been happening with the Orange Players since our last newsletter in May. It has been a season of "fits and starts." Our production of *Picnic* was replaced by the staged reading of the hilarious comedy, *CSI: Neverland* in early June. Kudos to Patt Broschul for both directing and producing with assistance from Marianne Miller, John Miller, Ken Lenz, Robin Lewis and Bob Rich (my apologies to anyone I have left out). Thanks also to our wonderful cast, many of whom were performing in their first production with OP. I confess that I periodically put on my pirate's eye patch (given away at the production) and practice my best "arrrrrgh" from time to time.

Much hard work has gone into launching the **Young Playwrights of Orange Competition**. After some discussion and revision, the competition is scheduled to re-open this fall with winners' plays to be produced as staged readings in the winter. Thanks to committee members Patt Broschul, Shelby Zold and Donna Wesolowski for their dedication to this project.

We are very excited to be in pre-production for our next production, the musical, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* which is scheduled to go up in early November. The director search has been finalized and auditions are set for late September (see elsewhere in this issue for further specifics). To find out more about our director, the production and auditions, I encourage you to attend our next General Membership meeting on Wednesday, September 1st at 7:30 pm in the café at the High Plains Community Center (Orange Center Road in Orange). For our program that evening we will have volunteers reading scenes from the show to give you a flavor of the script. I will be serving as producer for the show (along with help from others). As always, I welcome your participation whether it is performing in the show, painting scenery or handing out programs at the door. If you have an interest and a couple of hours to volunteer, I guarantee we can find something for you. My contact information is below.

Finally, as my term as Co-President comes to an end, I would like to thank the current members of the Executive Board who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep this organization running. They are: Bob Rich- Treasurer; John Miller- Assets; Patt Broschul- President-Elect; Pat Miller- Program/Workshop; Andrea Shiffrin- Secretary; Susan Kulp- Newsletter; Bruce Spiewak- Membership; Ken Lenz- Reading Committee and Christine Gill- Website Liaison. A special thank you goes out to my Co-President, Marianne Miller who has run meetings when I was in tech rehearsals (twice for two different shows!), sent out meeting reminders when I forgot, booked meeting space and rehearsal space and performance space and done a thousand other little chores that I neglected or needed assistance with. I offer my sincere gratitude for all of her hard work in this, and previous, years.

As I welcome our next Executive Board, I also welcome each and every one of you to consider how you can participate in Orange Players. Without volunteers to attend to the business of running a community theatre and producing the shows, there would (and will) be no productions in which to perform or to attend. If you care about keeping amateur theater alive here in our community, it's up to each of us to make a contribution, financially and/or physically. Thanks for your support and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Suzanne Powers; [singingscientist@comcast.net](mailto:singingscientist@comcast.net); 203-520-1805

# Performance Committee Report



Many thanks to everyone who made CSI: Neverland such a wonderful success! Every one who came to see the performances had nothing but high praise to offer in between their fits of laughter. From the cast to the crew your enthusiasm, dedication and heart felt enjoyment of the craft was reflected in every spec of pixie dust that sparkled in the theater.

Special thanks to Shelby Zold, Marianne Miller, Ken Lenz, Robin Lewis, Bob Rich, John Miller, Mike Brotschul and Pat Miller who never stopped believing in fairies.

With my deepest love and respect,

*Patt Brotschul*

Director and Producer

CSI: Neverland



## ***I Love you You're Perfect Now Change***

**Welcome!** We would like to welcome Ian Galligan to the Orange Players. Ian will be directing our fall musical *I Love you You're Perfect Now Change*. Ian brings a broad and skilled theatrical background to his work with Orange Players and we consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have him on our production staff.

**Auditions** for *I Love you You're Perfect Now Change* will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 8th & 9th with callbacks on Thursday, September 10th, if necessary. Everyone auditioning will be expected to read from the script that will be provided. Please prepare an uptempo, comedic song that shows off your voice and personality - sheet music with piano accompaniment (in the appropriate key) should be provided by those auditioning. **SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT AUDITIONS!**

**Performances** of *I Love you You're Perfect Now Change* will be held on November 5, 6, 12 and 13, 2010 at High Plains Community Center. Cabaret Style seating for parties up to eight. This is a bring your own refreshments event. Contact the Orange Players Box Office at 203.824.1335 or [www.OrangePlayers.net](http://www.OrangePlayers.net).

Thank you to Patt Brotschul and Andrea Shiffrin for helping with the potential director interviews. It was a difficult decision as we

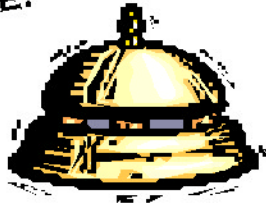


Below is the Orange Players 2010/2011 Board of Directors proposed nomination slate for voting upon at the September 1st General Membership meeting :

**President** – Patt Brotschul  
**Co Past President** – Suzanne Powers  
**Co Past President** – Marianne Miller  
**Treasurer** – Bob Rich  
**Secretary** – Andrea Shiffrin  
**Publicity** – Jennifer Ju  
**Membership** – Bruce Spiewak  
**Reading Committee** – Jackie Koral  
**Newsletter** – Susan Kulp  
**Program** – Pat Miller  
**Assets** – John Miller

You must be a current member to vote at the General Membership meeting.

**NEWS FROM  
THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:**



## **Dues are Due!**

We have 4 new members since our last newsletter - welcome!. All lovers of the performing arts are invited to join the Orange Players, in whatever way entices your interests and abilities. We are always looking for actors, directors, producers, technical support staff, painters, house staff and of course audience members. Your membership dues help support the administrative and operational efforts for Orange Players including postage, web page maintenance, reading committee materials and storage facilities to name a few. Basic membership includes newsletter mailings and participation in organization votes including the slate of officers at the beginning of each season. Our new season is upon us come September which means dues are due for all members for the 2010/2011 year. Orange Players is one of the oldest continuous performing community theater organizations in the state, please help us keep that tradition and passion alive in the years to come. Please join us once again

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE MEMEBERSHIP FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE AND RETURN IT TO BRUCE SPIEWAK. REMEBER THAT ONLY CURRENT, PAID MEMBERS RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER. ASK FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN TOO!**

**SUPPORT THE ORANGE PLAYERS - KEEP GREAT THEATER ALIVE IN CT!**



Orange Players  
Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:      Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_      Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

(Add \$1.00 for each additional member in household for each membership type):

Regular:      \$15      \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any additional family members \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor:      \$25      \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any additional family members \_\_\_\_\_

Angel:      \$50      \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any additional family members \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to: Orange Players

Please mail completed form to:      Bruce Splewak  
945 Red Fox Road  
Orange, CT 06477

For office use only:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_      New Member: \_\_\_\_\_      Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_      Check: \_\_\_\_\_      Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

Date to Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_



## Join Us at the Orange Country Fair September 18 and 19

The Connecticut Fair Association first classified the Orange Country Fair as a Local Fair, then a District Fair. For their thirty fifth year they are now a **Major Fair** in Connecticut. As always, the Fair plans many events, displays, activities and entertainment for your enjoyment. The Orange Players is one of the oldest continuously performing community theater organizations in the state and we want to share our pride with our neighbors!! We will again have a booth at this years Fair and we are asking your help in making it a huge success!! Do you have any photos of past shows? Any t-shirts? Any programs? We would like to put them on display. We will be also be holding a drawing for tickets to our fall musical *I Love you You're Perfect Now Change*. So come on down and stop by to say hi to old friends and meet some new ones!

If you have memorabilia you can share for the booth display (all will be kept safe and returned to you after the fair) or if you have an hour to volunteer you time to join us at the booth for some meet and greet time with fair revelers, please contact Patt Brotschul at 203.506.8227 or [delicateirish@hotmail.com](mailto:delicateirish@hotmail.com) prior to September 4th.



### SHOUT- OUTS!

Outgoing President, Suzanne Powers Spagnulo, will be performing the role of Muriel in the Thomaston Opera House production of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" - September 18 - Oct 3rd. Visit their website for tickets [www.thomastonoperahouse.org](http://www.thomastonoperahouse.org). Susan Kulp will be performing the role of Ms. Hannigan in the Whitney Players Production of "Annie", August 18 - 21. For tickets and information please call (203) 314-8599.

Let us know what YOU are doing - send your shout outs to Susan Kulp at [thekulps4@aol.com](mailto:thekulps4@aol.com) by September 30th to be included in the next newsletter.



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