



LCRT Member Newsletter – May 2003

Lake County Repertory Theater ~ P.O. Box is 1753, Lower Lake 95457

LCRT Mission: To provide a quality theater experience to the people of Lake County

An auxiliary of the Lake County Arts Council

Welcome to LCRT 2002/003 REVIEW THE THEATRE SEASON



The 2003/2003 LCRT Theatre Season began with the production of the 2nd runner up in the Playing by the Lake Scriptwriting contest, **“Money Matters.”** It was directed by Dick Griffin with Bill Fredriksson, Linda Lake, Derrick Harvey, Dick Griffin and Sandra Wade.

Changes in scheduling postponed the production of *“Same Time Another Year”* from the original December dates to January then to May and now on hold.



Jane Weave, Winkie Griffin, Ruby Smith, Daniel Holland, John Weaver, and Dick Griffin from **“Lysistrata”**

Ginger Ingersoll recommended that LCRT mount a **“Lysistrata”** in cooperation with theatre companies though out the United States. Voris Brumfield agreed to create a set, stage, and partially costume the bawdy Greek comedy. LCRT gained four new members from the cast. (Janet Riehl, Sterling Thayer Jr., Jack Hewitt, Frances Leuck) The play was mounted for one night only and it was sold out. LCRT donated \$450 + to Amnesty International of Lake Co.



Cindy Car, Bill Fredriksson, Valerie Stocking (playwright), Ginger Ingersoll, Randy Hare, and Derrick Harvey of **“THE CHOICE”**

The mounting of the 2002 LCRT Scriptwriting Festival winner, **“The Choice”** was scheduled for March/ April 2003 with Voris Brumfield agreeing to direct. “The Choice” was first performed via Reader’s Theatre during the Festival selection process in January of 2002. Featured were LCRT members Derrick Harvey, Bill Fredriksson, Ginger Ingersoll, and Anita Swanson. All members of the original cast returned for the full staging except Ms. Swanson who recommended Cindy Car for her role. Randy Hare joined the cast playing a part that was originally also read by Bill Fredriksson. Valerie Stocking, the author, was able to fly in from New Mexico and attend the first weekend run and participate in an audience “talk-back.”

Closing the 2002-2003 season in a Radio Theatre format was **“Plaza Suite”** directed by Voris Brumfield. This play brought four new members to LCRT (Norman “Wink” Winckler, Rod Rehe, Hank Porter, and Anne Heins.) Returning to the LCRT acting fold were Cathy O’Connell and Meg Beach with Sterling Thayer in his third role of the season.



Norman “Wink” Winckler, Anne Heins, Sterling Thayer, Cathy O’Connell, Rod Rehe, Frances Leuck (Standing) Hank Porter and Meg Beach (Seated) cast of **“Plaza Suite”**



Playwriting Festival 2004 Update

Linda Altman reported there have been 40 inquires (via email) and three actual submissions of scripts via email. There is a LCRT contest announcement on Writers Digest website and Playwrites.com. She has created an email package and a snail mail packet. Closing date for submission is October 1, 2003. Plays will be read by board members, with a “read-off” of the top 4 in January 2004.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN LCRT
Email Winkie Griffin at: membership@lcrt.org or phone **707/994-8829**. LCRT Individual \$10, Student \$5 or become a major sponsor.



LCRT TENNATIVE 2003-2004 PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof Sept. 2003
Voris Brumfield, Director
Playwriting Festival Readings Jan. 2004 LCRT

TICKET PRICES GO UP \$\$\$~ Still the best live theatre ticket price, the 03 - 04 LCRT tickets for general admission will be \$10 for seniors and students tickets will be \$8 for the new season. Those buying 20 or more tickets as a group will pay \$7. Members who are 60 years old or older pay \$5. Regular LCRT members pay \$8. It will be necessary for members to show their LCRT when they purchase their tickets.

CAST & CREW DISCOUNTS LCRT Cast and crew for each production/ play may receive 1 ticket free and up to four additional tickets at \$5 each for the production they work or perform. *We can always use your help behind the scenes and on stage.*



2002/2003 BOARD and OFFICERS CHANGE

In 2002, Adckinjo Esutoki was elected LCRT President, Anita Swanson Vice President, Jane Weaver Secretary, and Linda Lake Treasurer. Serving on the Board of Directors were: Dick and Winkie Griffin, Ruby Smith, Delores Westfall, Rich Altman, and Pat Conway. Voris Brumfield was elected to the board in August 2002 and became Secretary in September 2002 with the resignation of Jane Weaver from that post. Adickinkjo Esutoki resigned as president in December 2002 and Anita Swanson assumed his post with the Vice Presidency remaining vacant. In February 2003 Delores Westfall resigned from the board because of her traveling schedule and Linda Altman was appointed to replace her. Linda Lake resigned from the board in March of 2003 because of the conflict in her responsibilities as Museum Assistant Curator and negotiating. Jane Weaver agreed to assume the responsibilities as Treasurer and Ginger Ingersoll was appointed to fill the balance of Linda Lake's term. Linda Lake will continue as a member of LCRT, however, she will no longer serve on the board of directors.

Linda stated recently, "I just wanted to remind everyone (as perhaps some don't know and some have forgotten) that in the past 10 years LCRT has spent more than \$7,000 on new lights, a dimmer board, a sound system, light bulbs, etc. (In the beginning we were renting lights). In other words, we have reinvested our profits into the organization! Also we have contributed a lot of money to the Arts Council, paid our dues and insurance every year which is now \$400 per year, paid \$600 a year for our storage shed, and we still keep going like the Energizer Bunny!"

LCRT ANNUAL MEETING IS COMING

Mark your calendar: **June 7 at 1 PM Lower Lake Park Building....** Come and vote for eleven board representatives and officers OR run for an office.

2003-2004 LCRT Officers and Directors

*Blue indicates Incumbent, * Red indicates new election*

President: Anita Swanson (*Incumbent*)
Vice President: Rich Altman (*New Candidate*)
Secretary: Voris Brumfield (*Incumbent*)
Treasurer: Jane Weaver (*Incumbent*)
Pat Conway (*Incumbent*)
Winkie Griffin (*Declined to run for re-election*)
Dick Griffin (*Declined to run for re-election*)
Ginger Ingersoll (*Incumbent*)
Ruby Smith (*Incumbent*)
John Weaver (*Declined to run for re-election*)
* Frances Leuck (*New Candidate*)
* Claudia Listman (*New Candidate*)
* Adckinjo Esutoki (*New Candidate*)
* Jack Hewitt (*New Candidate*)
* Janet Riehl (*New Candidate*)
* Daniel Holland (*New Candidate*)
* Sterling Thayer (*New Candidate*)



SPECIAL THANKS TO LCRT MEMBERS

Bill Fredriksson & Derrick Harvey – Set Builders
Ginger Ingersoll – Organizing LCRT Relay for Life
Team for the Lower Lake Event
Linda Altman – Organizer Playwriting Festival for 2004
Ginger Ingersoll & Voris Brumfield for donating wine baskets for attendance promotion for "Plaza Suite"
Rich Altman – Designing LCRT Website
Keith Larson – Lighting Design and Implementation
Winkie Griffin – Membership
Voris Brumfield – LCRT Newsletter

LCRT OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2004 and beyond

- * LCRT members are invited to offer play suggestions for next season. Email your suggestions to President Anita Swanson. A selection committee will be appointed by President Swanson.
- * Sponsorships for plays: Sponsors for royalties and Museum rental fee.
- * Develop a children's theatre season
- * Select play season two years in advance
- * Promote Group Sales
- * Offer cooperative productions to benefit non-profit groups
- * Let's Get To Know The Members.

THEATRE AROUND LAKE COUNTY

Middletown Repertory Theatre July 2003, **Steel Magnolia's**
Lakeport Players October 2003 – **The Sound of Music**

NEAR BY - Dreamweavers Theatre in NAPA

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? By Edward Albee
Directed By Mei Ann Teo Showtimes: Fridays, Sat. at 8pm, Sundays
at 2pm June 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29.
Admission: Gen: \$15 Students/Sen: \$12 Res.: 707-255-LIVE (5483)

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