



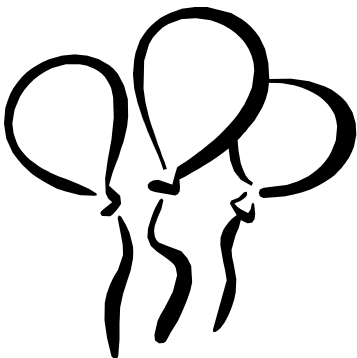
Sun Prairie Civic Theatre

Ramblings of the President

The 2008-09 theatre season is well underway! We have secured rights to all of our shows and have directors in place. In fact, we had all directors in place prior to the beginning of rehearsals for the first show, **Working**. **Patt Dischler** and **Patti Whitebird** are returning after a successful production of *The Spitfire Grill* last season to be artistic directors for this fall's **Working**. Also returning to **Working** as vocal director is **Susan Kelly** and with musical direction by **Kenneth Kusiak**. *School House Rock Live, Jr.* will be under the able direction of Sun Prairie Civic Theatre veteran actor, director and techie, **Livvia Goff**. Assisting her with vocal direction will be **Colin Loeffler** and **Samantha Snyder**, two of our young people who got their start with SPCT in one of our Children's Shows. Choreography for *School House Rock Live, Jr.* will be done by **Josh Swalheim**. Another familiar face, that of **Ken Urso**, has taken on the task of directing our winter production of *Steel Magnolias*. Ken, too, is a veteran of SPCT Children's Shows and numerous other productions in the Madison area. **Dennis Yadon** and **Jane Voegeli** will be artistic and vocal directors, respectively, for *All Shook Up* this spring. Sun Prairie Civic Theatre is fortunate to have this year's productions in the hands of such experienced and able directors. Their knowledge and skills promise to bring us a season to be enjoyed and remembered long in to the future.

Many of Sun Prairie Civic Theatre's Committees are sorely lacking volunteers. We have many volunteers who devote countless hours of time to productions, building maintenance, and theatre administration. These people can always use another hand to make their work lighter. Please consider volunteering some time to one our many committees. We know our lives get busier every day so our time is valuable, but when you have an extra hour or two consider giving it to SPCT.

Things are always changing and you may notice some exterior changes to our facilities coming this fall. The SPCT Financial Trustees has provided the funding to replace the roof on the workshop. If you take a look at the roof, you will have to agree that it is in dire need to replacement. The workshop stores many of our sets and the tools required to construct them so we don't want anything getting ruined by a leaky roof. Along with the roof replacement, you may see some new paint on both the workshop and lower level of the Barn. Another SPCT veteran, **Jared Dalgleish**, along with members of his **Boy Scout Troop** have kindly volunteered to repaint this portion of the Barn and the workshop. You may also notice some construction toward the southeast corner of our lot. The gas company has been doing much work installing new pipeline in the city this summer and will be constructing a pumping station on this corner of our lot. Once the work is finished, there will be little to notice, as most of what is being will ultimately be underground. So, if you see some heavy construction equipment on that corner of our lot, we haven't started building a new theatre, although that would be nice, it is just the gas company doing their routine work.

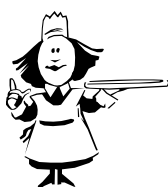


Sun Prairie Civic Theatre is coming upon a milestone in its history. Next season will be our **40th Anniversary** season of producing theatre for the Sun Prairie community. Now is the time to begin planning for a **BIG** celebration! Few theatre groups make it to forty years and this is something we need to celebrate. There is further information about the celebration in another article of this newsletter. This is only the beginning. Much planning and preparation need to be done, so keep your eyes and ears open for developments.

Frank

Working Cast Announced

The cast of *Working*, our fall production, is busily rehearsing for its opening on October 3, 2008. Directors **Patt Dischler** and **Patti Whitebird**, along with vocal director **Susan Kelly** and music director **Ken Kusiak** have been in rehearsals for several weeks. The cast of several new faces and some SPCT veterans includes: **Mark Ashley**, **Nicholas Camp**, **Katie Chapman**, **Mary Hartkopf**, **Brooke Hauser**, **Tracy Hines**, **Sandy Kintner**, **Laura Kochanowski**, **Micha Labovitch**, **Annie Utz**, **Lainie Wade**, **Todd Winterrowd** and **Dennis Yadon**. This group has been hard at work five nights a week preparing for another Sun Prairie Civic Theatre blockbuster. **Moving Day** from the Barn to the high school will be on **Saturday, September 27, 2008 beginning at 9:00 AM** for anyone wishing to pitch in and lend a hand. You don't have to spend the entire day for the move in, just an hour or so in the morning would be great. Everyone hopes you will plan on attending this production on **October 3, 4; 10, 11 and 12**, at the Sun Prairie High School Auditorium. It promises to be a super show!



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Working is a celebration of the hopes, dreams, joys and concerns of the average working American. That the everyday lives of "common" men and women should be so compelling and moving will surprise and inspire anyone

who has ever punched a time clock.

Based on Studs Terkel's best-selling book of interviews with American workers, *Working* paints a vivid portrait of the men and women the world so often takes for granted: the teacher, the parking lot attendant, the waitress, the mill worker, the mason, the trucker, the fireman and the housewife, just to name a few. It's a highly original look at the American landscape that's simply impossible to forget.



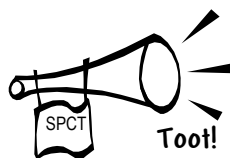
SPCT Newsletter to Go Electronic

Yes, SPCT is finally going the way of the rest of the world! Our next and future newsletters will be published on our Web site. All members will receive an e-mail each time a newsletter has been published. You'll then be able to go to our Web site at www.sunprairiecivictheatre.com to read, download or print the newsletter. We are hoping to be able to get the newsletter to more people and save some money on postage. For those of you who do not have access to a computer or just wish to have a paper copy of the newsletter sent to you, this will also be available.



To receive a paper copy of the newsletter, simply drop a note to **SPCT Newsletter Editor**, P.O. Box 132, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin 53590-0132, call **608-577-4751** or e-mail carriejmccann@tds.net.

Update from the Publicity Committee



The SPCT Publicity Committee met on August 18 to get the ball rolling for our 39th season. We had a great meeting and covered many aspects of publicity for the year. **Linda Narveson** and **Carrie McCann** will

continue to contact 21 radio stations and six TV stations. They both distribute SPCT fliers in Verona, Mt. Horeb, Dodgeville, Argyle and the eastside of Madison. **Wayne Wichelt** distributes at least 100 posters to local business in Sun Prairie. **Patti Whitebird** has been submitting audition information to *The Star* and *SP Today*, which comes by email. She also writes a story with pictures for each production and submits it to *The Star*. **Frank Peot** takes care of ordering the printing of our posters and fliers that we use for advertising. We usually have 300 posters and 6,000 fliers printed for each show. He also has 1,200 fliers printed for the Corn Fest Parade. He submits audition and show information to Mad Stage and the WACT newsletter. He sets up and takes down the ticket booth at the Copps Food Store. **Elaine Jellings** submits the ads for our shows to *The Star*, the *SP Advertiser* and the *Waunakee Shopper Advertiser*. The *SP Hometown Advertiser* has a distribution of 33,000 homes. It covers SP, Columbus, DeForest, Fall River, Reeseville, Windsor and Watertown. The *Waunakee Shopper Advertiser* has a distribution of 20,000 homes. It covers Waunakee, Lodi, Poynette, and DeForest. She also provides two posters for the SP Historical Museum outside marquee. She also tries to get businesses to help sponsor fund raisers if they will not become patrons. **Connie Meyer** and **Debby Kozol** are new committee members this year. We are hoping to target our show to the Red Hatters, Theatre Bus, Oakwood, Senior Centers, 55+ Living Centers, Church Groups and Service Groups. Future publicity may include some kind of entertainment at the Sacred Hearts Festival, St. Albert's Fest, Strawberry Festival and the Corn Fest Stage. We are hoping that some of the eateries in SP will allow us to put tents about our shows on their tables. We hope to advertise on place mats that some of the restaurants use.

One of the items that the publicity committee discussed was the fact that next year will be SPCT's 40th Year. We are hoping to do some kind of celebration to commemorate this great feat. It is sometimes a miracle that community theatres make it past 5-6 years. There are 50 community theatres in a 50-mile radius of SP. If anyone is interested in working with the Publicity Committee for the 40th Celebration, call **Elaine Jellings**

or **Frank Peot**. We are hoping to plan the celebration for the month of June 2009 so that we won't run into vacation time for our members or the people who would like to attend our celebration.

One other form of publicity is the SPCT Costume Shoppe. There are so many people that contact the Costume Ladies that say they heard through the grapevine that we loan out our costumes to other groups. Everyone is so impressed with what we have at the Barn, and they usually say, "Oh, I wish we had something like this." They are so appreciative of the fact that we just ask for a donation that they usually tell another groups that we do this. This is the greatest publicity we could get. Recently, a costumer said that she heard we were not going to loan costumes anymore and she was heartbroken to hear this. She said that she could never put on the kind of production her community theatre wants if they didn't get costumes from us. What a great way to achieve publicity!

Meet Julie Zacher . . .

Julie Zacher is our new Ticket Chairperson! Having been introduced to Sun Prairie Civic Theatre through our children's productions, Julie has kindly volunteered to be the ticket chairperson for the coming season. Julie is new to the workings of Sun Prairie Civic Theatre so we hope everyone assist her in any way you can. One of the most important jobs of the ticket chair is staffing the ticket booth at Copps for the run of our shows. Julie will be contacting some of you by phone to fill slots. If perhaps she doesn't contact you and you are interested in working the ticket booth or box office, drop her an e-mail at jzacher@charter.net or call her at **608-837-0677** to volunteer your services. *Welcome & Thank You, Julie!*

Board of Directors Meeting Schedule for 2008 - 2009

The Board of Directors typically meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Barn. Sometime we are in the main rehearsal room and other times in the kitchen. We meet at 7 PM. All members of SPCT are welcome to attend meetings and offer input, however, only elected board members are allowed to vote. The meeting scheduled for the upcoming theatre season are October 14, 2008; November 11, 2008; December 9, 2008; January 13, 2009; February 10, 2009; March 10, 2009; April 14, 2009; May 12, 2009; June 9, 2009 and July 14, 2009. *We hope to see you soon!*

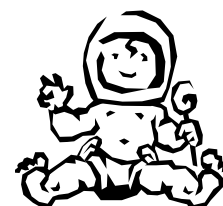
Thank You!

This year, the Corn Fest Parade was the longest in the history of Sun Prairie. Eighty-four units participated! **Krista Berggren** and **Karl Grimm** were the SPCT banner bearers. **Todd Winterrowd**, **Kayse Wichelt**, **Paul Hildebrand** and **Elaine Jellings** walked the parade route behind – sometimes *way* behind! – the banner and distributed fliers. These fliers advertised the upcoming season and also had a \$1.00 off a ticket when returned. Last year, we received 17 coupons back from the parade for tickets. It's a start for Publicity!

Corn Fest Face Painting was fun on Sunday. The following people – **Brittany**, **Lindsay** and **Courtney Ollerman**, their friend, **Mari Fernandez**, **Mary** and **Tessa Loeffler**, **Wendy**, **Karissa** and **Katrina Simyab**, **Krista Berggren**, and **Kathy Schuster**, who came all the way from Fairwater, WI, filled the slots and did a great job painting and relating to the kids. On Saturday, however, the only people available to paint turned out to be **Connie Meyer** and **Deb Holmen**. That meant that **Elaine Jellings** had to pitch in. You'd think that after 15 years of organizing the face painting at the Corn Fest, she would have learned something about it. Not true! She would rather sew. And with Connie saying that sticking her finger in an outlet would be more fun than face painting, it sounds like she'd rather be sewing, too. (Note: In another life, Connie painted Christmas cards for a living!) Deb had never done face painting, but she really got into it. After three hours, she was getting very good at it. Remember...it's not the painting, but the camaraderie of getting together with other SPCT members and friends that keep us doing it. It's also excellent publicity for SPCT and it doesn't cost the group anything but time. (*Bet 'cha can't wait to face paint next year, huh?*)

Baby Boy Alert!

Lori and **Kelly Erdman** are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy! **Jack Magnus Erdman** was born July 13, 2008 and weighed in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces. *Congratulations!*



SPCT 2008-09 Season

Working

Move In Day: September 27, 2008 9 AM at The Barn
Production Dates: October 3 & 4; 10, 11 & 12, 2008

Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr.

Move In Day: To be announced
Production Dates: December 5, 6 & 7, 2008

Steel Magnolias

Audition Dates: Dates & time to be announced
Production Dates: February 6 & 7; 13, 14 & 15, 2009

All Shook Up

Audition Dates: Dates & time to be announced
Production Dates: May 1 & 2; 8, 9 & 10, 2009

Calendar of Events

- **9/27/08:** Move In Day for *Working* at The Barn at 9 AM
- **10/3, 10/4; 10/10, 10/11 & 10/12/08:** Production of *Working* at the Sun Prairie High School Auditorium at 7:30 PM except 2 PM on 10/12
- **10/14/08:** SPCT Board Meeting at The Barn at 7 PM
- **11/11/08:** SPCT Board Meeting at The Barn at 7 PM
- **12/5, 12/6 & 12/7/08:** Production of *Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr.* at the Sun Prairie High School Auditorium
- **12/9/08:** SPCT Board Meeting at The Barn at 7 PM

2008-09 SPCT Board of Directors

- Frank Peot, President
- Kayse Wichelt, Vice-President
- Karl Grimm, Secretary
- Livvia Goff, Treasurer
- Michael Truman, Member at Large
- Krista Berggren, Member at Large
- Brian Goff, Member at Large
- Paul Hildebrand, Member at Large
- Tim Olmstead, Member at Large
- Rex Owen, Member at Large
- Darrel Snyder, Member at Large

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Do you want to become a member of SPCT? Contact President Frank Peot at 608-837-7197 for details!



Do you have an item you'd like to share with the readers of this newsletter? If so, please forward it to Carrie McCann at carriejmccann@tds.net or by calling 608-577-4751. Thanks!

SPCT MISSION STATEMENT

Sun Prairie Civic Theatre is a community of volunteers, sharing their resources of time, talent and finances to give as many people as possible an opportunity to experience live theatre on stage, back stage and in the audience.

