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**2005/2006 SEASON**

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| 1. GINGERBREAD LADY   |  | SEPTEMBER 7-25  |
| 2. MINUS SOME BUTTONS |  | NOVEMBER 2-20   |
| 3. OFFICE HOURS       |  | JANUARY 11-29   |
| 4. SCANDAL POINT      |  | MARCH 8-26      |
| 5. THIS DAY AND AGE   |  | MAY 3-21        |
| 6. VISITING MR. GREEN |  | JUNE 28-JULY 16 |

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**A Word From The President...**

If you enjoy watching the plays we produce here at LBP you'll love the action you can find – and participate in – at our General Membership meetings. The November meeting was an SRO event that bubbled with lively member input, debate, discussion and humor from all of the attendees.

We also were visited by a well known playwright who praised our playhouse and offered us an opportunity that very few theatre groups ever have. Read more about that elsewhere in this newsletter.

Like most organizations we function best when more people get involved in promoting our common goals – and we have more fun in the process.

The January meeting promises to be equally effervescent, so grab your day planner right now and enter 7 p.m. on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> as "Must Be At LBP."

Paul Hyatt

**Important Announcement**

It's getting close to the time when LBP members elect new trustees to fill vacancies on the Board. Even though actual voting takes place in March, nominations must be submitted by no later than the January Membership meeting. That's at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Anyone interested in being a candidate for a seat on the Board, or wishing to nominate someone else, should contact a member of the nominating committee, chaired by Rosie Tremo.

**Auditions**

Auditions will be held Jan. 15-16 at 7 PM for *Scandal Point*, a mystery thriller by John Patrick. There are roles available for three men, ages 20-60 and one woman, age 20-30. The fourth show of the season runs March 8-26 and will be directed by Mary Lou Ardrey. The script is available for perusal at the box office during regular office hours.

**Check out lemonbayplayhouse.com**

Have you visited our website lately?

If not, please go to [lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://lemonbayplayhouse.com) and take a look at LBP's site, generously donated to us by Greg Wanner, owner and manager of EWOL (Englewood On Line) and maintained by volunteer Jim Hanushek (in photo).



Jim served as president of Lemon Bay Playhouse a few years ago but was unable to complete his term when he joined the staff

at Suncoast Humane Society. Now he is retired and working on expanding his computer and website skills.

Jim says he first got interested in computers in the early 80's when he was living abroad and began to learn website development when he was in Saudi Arabia. He started off with an Apple II+ ("Did anyone else play the original Zork game by Infocam?" he asks) and now owns a Dell.

Our website displays a calendar of upcoming Playhouse meetings and events; provides information on the current season, ticket sales, other programs and also gives a history of the theater. Jim is doing a terrific job of keeping the site up-to-date and says it's getting more visitors judging from the questions he receives. "I refer folks to the site if the answer's there," he says or he forwards the questions to board members for appropriate action.

Besides managing the website, Jim recently volunteered to write grant proposals for the Playhouse. He can be reached at [lbp@ewol.com](mailto:lbp@ewol.com).

Thanks, Jim, for your great work!

**Our First Paid Position At LBP**

At its last meeting, the Board of Trustees authorized the hiring of a part time Business Manager for the Playhouse. Some of the duties of this position are as follows:

1. Build and maintain databases for membership, volunteers, actors and inventory.
2. Supervise and coordinate all of the office work here at LBP including the Spotlight, Newsletter, membership mailings, Box Office and maintaining supplies.
3. Perform simple accounting functions such as deposits, and claims forms.

The requirements for the position are: Strong customer service skills. Knowledge of or ability to master box office management. Ability to prepare routine administrative paperwork. Ability to supervise and train volunteers. Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. Knowledge of supplies, equipment, and/or services ordering and inventory control. Ability to foster a cooperative work environment. Ability to analyze and solve problems. Ability to analyze, develop, establish, and maintain efficient office work flow and administrative processes. Skill in the use of personal computers and related software applications. Ability to gather data, compile information, and prepare reports.

The position will pay \$10 per hour for a minimum of 20 hours per week. We would like to fill this position from inside our organization. All members who wish to apply for the position will please submit a resume to either Mary Lou Ardrey or Bob La Salle no later than January 31, 2006.

**LBP's 20th Anniversary** is coming next season!!.. A wonderful milestone for us all! All those interested in planning the '06-07 yearlong celebration should leave their names at the Box Office for Mary Lou Ardrey, Special Events Chairperson.

**Due to increased demand for tickets**, LBP adds at least one Tuesday night performance, sometimes even two... during each of the four productions in November, January, March and May—ask about these if you hear the famous "Sold Out" words. For "Office Hours": January 17 and January 24th!

**Lemon Bay Playhouse Presents "CLARENCE DARROW"**

That's the way newspaper headlines will read beginning early next month. As a fundraiser for the Lemon Bay Historical Society, our Playhouse will produce this historical drama during LEMON BAY FEST which spans the first full week in February. Our own very talented Robyn Mazey will portray the famous trial lawyer in the play by David W. Rintels based on the book, "Clarence Darrow for the Defense" by Irving Stone. Paul Hyatt will direct. All performances will be at the Green St. Church Museum, 416 W. Green St. at these times: February 10 & 11 at 8 PM and February 12 at 2 PM. Admission is \$10...Call LBP's Box Office for tickets. **SPREAD THE WORD!!**

**Doreen Barnett has asked** that all volunteers return their completed 2005 blue time cards....they are due in January. If anyone needs a blue 2005 card, a supply can be found on the Volunteer mail shelf in the LBP hallway. 2006 cards will be available in January.

**On December 14th**, the Board of Trustees and the Future Development Committee hosted an Information Session to further its ongoing research into a new theater space. Two experienced consultants were invited to moderate the discussion: Elizabeth Spicer from Boca Grande's community theater, the Royal Palm Players, and Jonathan Toppe a theater and cultural facilities architect. The Board of Trustees will be continuing its evaluation of our theater's needs as well as the alternatives that will best meet those needs in the exciting years ahead.



From left to right: Russ Kyper, Elizabeth Spicer, Mary Lou Ardrey, Jonathan Toppe and Paul Hyatt.

**20th SEASON TO OPEN WITH A BANG**

As most of you know, next season will be our twentieth and we plan to open it with an extravaganza. Through special arrangement with the author, Michael Parker and Samuel French, Inc., we will present the **WORLD PREMIER** of "Sin, Sex and the CIA" beginning August 15 and ending August 27, 2006. It will be a specially priced, 12 performance run and will be directed by the author himself. Auditions for this production will be held at 7PM in the theater on July 7th and 8th, so mark those dates on your calendar.