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Presidents Column

Isolation. Quarantine. Stay at home. Wear a mask. These have been our mantras for some three months and they are phrases we never like to hear in the theater--well, except for that mask-wearing (sometimes that can happen, but only in character when the director tell you to wear one!).

We are all tired of staying home, missing our pastimes, lonely and bored. Unfortunately, a pandemic is not just unhealthy for the human beings it affects; it is extremely unhealthy for community activities like your community theater.

In a nutshell, RCT needs your help now more than ever. More than 50% of our annual budget income is from ticket sales. We will not be able to produce live shows in the near future--however, don't write us off yet! We have lots of interesting ideas and projects coming up that you can support and help us continue. Rest assured, those of you who had purchased season tickets for 2020 WILL get your money's worth. We have every intention of bringing you "Amadeus" and "Helium" just as soon as we are cleared for performance and the play selection committee is working hard developing a fresh season for 2021-2022. Sooner than that, though, you can be part of RCT by saving your returnable cans and bottles; taking inventory of recyclable scrap metal and renewing or becoming a member of the theater. Elsewhere in this newsletter is more information on the August 8 "Give and Take" event--plan now to give and/or take. Memberships are still only \$5.00 per person, per year (July 1,2020 - June 30, 2021) and our roadside sign is available to rent for graduation, celebration and birthday announcements. Until we meet again face-to-face, I offer virtual hugs and send wishes for a safe, healthy and happy summer.

Barbara Seaton, RCT President 2019-2020



Scrap Metal Drive Details

Full information is on the RCT web site. Bring your aluminum, brass, copper, electric motors, alternators, aluminum siding, cast iron, yard equipment, patio furniture, tin, sheet iron, steel conduit, short steel, cast iron, long steel, mixed steel, guard rails, drums & rotors, washers, hot water heaters, bikes, dryers, cabinets & shelving, furnaces, lawn mowers, gas grills etc.

RCT Annual Meeting

RCT held its annual meeting via Zoom on June 16th. At this meeting, President Barbara Seaton provided viewers with the state of the theater, including some preliminary information on upcoming events. Also at the meeting, Election chair John Frank announced the victors in the annual RCT election of board members and trustees. The election was conducted by mail-in ballot. Elected were:

President: Barbara Seaton

1st Vice President: Arnold Galin

2nd Vice President: Ella Alsheimer

Secretary: Janet Hanna

Treasurer: Maria Rich

Financial Secretary: John Frank

Trustees (three year terms): Kirstin Walker, Suzanne Rodio and John Doiron

RCT congratulates all, and also thanks Maria Rich for her tireless effort facilitating this election.



Save The Date: RCT Give and Take

Saturday, August 8, 2020

Please **GIVE** us your bottles and cans and scrap metal (any kind of metal is acceptable) – and **TAKE** away Rome Roasted Broasters Coffee (four types to choose from - whole bean or ground) and fresh Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. The RCT parking lot will be set up to quickly accept your donations of cans, bottles and scrap metal. Your orders for 10 ounce bags of Broasters coffee and Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be pre-packaged and brought to your car so you can spend a minimum amount time at our location. We'll be practicing all appropriate COVID-19 requirements. Homemade face masks will also be available. The washable masks are dust mask style--nicely fit around chin and nose, with an aluminum nose piece and foam to prevent foggy glasses; includes two layers of 100% cotton and one non-woven inner layer. Start saving your bottles, cans and scrap metal. Order forms for coffee and doughnuts are available on our website www.romecommunitytheater.com and from theater board members. Order forms are also available from a folder taped to the outside entry doors of the theater. The coffee and doughnuts must be paid for in advance. How long has it been since you had a Krispy Kreme Doughnut?

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Upcoming RCT Stay At Home Talent Event

Rome Community Theater (RCT) is sponsoring a **Stay At Home Talent Event**. Would you like to show off your talents to a “Live” audience without leaving your house? Rome Community Theater will make that dream come true. Watch social media to view the specific entry requirements and instructions being posted soon at www.romecommunitytheater.org.

The second way to participate is that all the entries will be packaged up into a series of weekly videos that will be broadcast over the internet. All of you will then be invited to view them and vote to pick the winner of each segment. After all the videos have been shown, the videos of all the segment winners will be played again for the ultimate “champion” who will receive the designated prize. Once available, the registration information for this part of the contest will be posted at www.romecommunitytheater.org.

Quick News

- The 2020 TANYS Annual Festival scheduled to be held at RCT Nov. 20-22 is cancelled and will be replaced by a virtual event with details to be announced. RCT will host the 2021 TANYS Annual Festival Nov. 19-21.
- Congratulations to graduating senior David Salce, who was presented the RCT Rick Morgan Award at the RFA virtual awards ceremony on June 23. David is the grandson of our dear friend and loyal longtime RCT volunteer Camille Salce.
- Some of our long time loyal supporters, volunteers, members, and board members have graciously sent donations specifically acknowledging our situation of having to find ways to manage on-going financial responsibilities without regular “normal” sources of income. RCT graciously thanks them.