



PCT Newsletter October 2009

AGM and Election of your new PCT Board

Following the PCT Open House on September 27th, the Petrolia Community Theatre (PCT) Annual General Meeting was held, and chaired by out-going President Wendy Bratanek. Elections were held to fill vacant positions. Here is your new executive:

*President: Carol Graham
Vice-President: Wendy Bratanek
Treasurer: Maureen Grandis
Secretary: Barbara Prescott
Costumes: Sylvia Fairbank
Sets and Props: Warren Graham
Training and Communications: Bert de Roo
Play Selection Committee Chair: Bonnie Harris
Public Relation: Position not yet filled*

Thank you so much to Cathy Warwick, Carla Rankin and Lindsay Peterson for their hard work on the executive last year. Best wishes to the new Board. Next PCT Executive Meeting will be held at 305 Center Street, Petrolia on Monday, October 19th, 2009, 7 p.m.



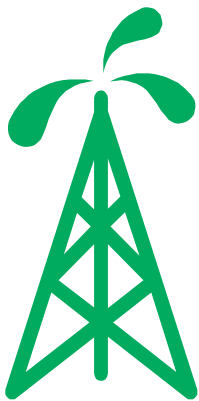
Public Relations Position Vacant

You will notice above that the Public Relations position on the Board has not yet been filled. We are actively seeking someone to fill this position. This position promotes PCT and its productions with the aim

of seeking new members, increasing public awareness, advertising productions, maintaining media contact information, planning promotional events etc. If you are interested in this position please call Carol Graham at 519-882-1220 or we would welcome you to attend the Board meeting on October 19th.

Call for Actors and Production Crew

PCT are again participating in the Spirit Walk to be held at 7 p.m. on October 24th at the Oil Springs Museum. Auditions will be held on Monday, October 5th at our rehearsal hall at 305 Center Street, Petrolia. Carol Graham is writing and directing the Spirit Walk. The theme for this year is Foreign Drillers and highlights stories behind a new display at the Museum. Spirit Walks are a series of 2 to 3 minute skits performed by a group of actors in period costume at different venues around the museum grounds. For information on the auditions, please call Carol Graham at 519-882-1220. To purchase tickets to the event, call the Museum at 519-834-2939.



This is a wonderful opportunity for new actors and experienced actors to do a small project that has a great impact on the audience.

It's a Wonderful Life



Our December 2009 production will be "It's a Wonderful Life, the Radio Show" directed by Richard Teskey. This show is radio veteran Tony Palermo's faithful radio drama adaptation of Frank Capra's classic film about dreams, sacrifice and redemption in small town America. Tony's imaginative radio adaptation has been performed by Hollywood

professionals, radio stations, community theatre troupes, and schools across the country. The live studio presentation is sure to delight live audiences and offer a unique twist to the theatre experience. Come be a part!

Auditions were held recently, and the following actors make up this year's cast:

Actor	Radio Personality	Character in Script
Pete Aarssen	Walter Lawrence: Straight laced hobby actor. Polite and gentlemanly	George
Bonnie Harris	Maxine Stewart: plays by the book, is diligent and works as a vocal coach when not doing radio.	Mary
Danielle Aarssen	Lillian Marx: a diva, unstable and depressed, pretentious.	Violet, Cousin Tilly, Mrs. Davis
TBA	Eugene Simpson: is new to show biz, quirky and awkward, is eager to learn	Clarence
Michael Henry	William Donovan: has a nervous quality and is often fretting about something	Announcer / Superintendent
Steve Carapiet	Edward Billings: a gentleman, kind but sometimes forgetful	Mr. Potter, Mr. Gower, Ernie, Martini, Charlie
Sylvia Fairbank	Tess McCormic: SS #14 school teacher; energetic and excitable	Ma Bailey, Eustace, Impatient Neighbour, Mrs. Thompson
Jimmy Plunkett	Fritz Randolph: quiet/shy	Pop Bailey, Mr. Welsh, Randy
Teresa Ingles	June Sumner: emotional and solemn	Mrs. Hatch, Bank Teller
Bert de Roo	Maxwell Collins: a sponsor and executive	Toll Taker, Mr. Carter, Harry Bailey, Same Wainwright, Uncle Billy
Art Parkes	Jack Thompson: sponsor, competitive	Officer Bert, Sherrif Nick, Eddy
Nathan Calvank	Jonnie Clawson: energetic, thoughtful	Sound FX
Deker Ingles	Student of SS #14	Petey Bailey
Amanda Calvank	Student of SS #14	Zuzu
Shawn Calvank	Student of SS #14	Young George, Jimmy the Parrot, Janie Bailey
Barbara Prescott	Dottie Brooks: direct, to the point	Stage Manager
Carol Graham	Commercial Singer	
Dana Andrade	Commercial Singer	
Kristina Campbell	Commercial Singer	

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday (starting September 30th), Thursday and Sunday evenings starting at 6 p.m. We are still looking for people to fill the following production crew roles: Wardrobe, costumes, publicity, programs, ticket sales, sound/lighting and box office. If you are interested in filling any of these roles, please call Karissa Teskey (Producer) at 519-882-4654 or email kandrteskey@hotmail.com or drop in at any rehearsal at 6 p.m.



Auditions!!!

Theatre Kent is producing "The Elephant Man" and is still in need of a young man 21-35 in excellent physical condition to play Joseph Merrick! Auditions are Friday October 2nd, 7:00 p.m. 160 Stanley Street Chatham..or call for an appointment.

Contact: Sharon Jubenville at 519-354-0984 or Angie Present at 519-676-5762

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Theatre Thought:

From the start it has been the theatre's business to entertain people ... it needs no other passport than fun.

BERTOLT BRECHT, *A Short Organum for the Theatre*

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