



KIRK PLAYERS SPOTLIGHT

Summer Fun for the Kirk Players, Friends and Families

The summer of 2019 has, and will be, filled with plenty of excitement for the Kirk Players, friends and families. Here are just a few of the many fun activities as we wind down our 53rd season of service through the arts.

“A Night of One Acts” featuring *Actor’s Nightmare & Black Comedy*

Jeff Harding and Peter Grassl made their Kirk Players directorial debuts on June 7th with our final show of the season, “A Night of One Acts”. Two very talented casts and crews brought these one-act comedies to life as patrons enjoyed a “No Drama Date Night”. Congratulations to Jeff, Peter and all who were involved in this production.



Don’t miss our Adult Summer Workshop Showcase!

Kirk Players and friends are invited to attend the final showcase on Monday, July 29 at 8 p.m. at the Mundelein High School Choir Room. Please come out and support this important program! Admission is free.

Gretchen Grassl, Jon Leslie Lynn and their team of coaches (Jon, Kat, Pat, and Peter) have enjoyed working with over 20 participants who have been performing scenes and monologues from classic plays while learning how to use the 12 Guideposts of Acting by Michael Shurtleff in auditions and scene work.

Come support our new actors and Kirk veterans for our Showcase on July 29th!

Children’s Workshop Helps Build Valuable Skills for Young Actors



Kirk Players have offered free children’s workshops for many years. Children develop confidence, presence, verbal and performance skills and often end up participating in our children’s shows. Thanks to Jenny Tomlin and the many volunteers who come out to provide our children with valuable life skills through the performing arts.

Mundelein Parade Brigade

Kirk players once again marched in the Mundelein parade, sharing information about our group, cleverly disguised as hand-held fans. Thanks to the Kirk volunteers who braved the heat to bring our message to the community including Brenda Sparks (our fearless organizer), Bev Johnson, Bev Karns, Brian Motyka, Chuck Fitz-Hugh and his niece Suzanne, Fred Vipond, Lisa & Ellie Soare, Lisa and Hannah Willems, Martin Hill, Mike Lieberman and Randy Rice.



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Welcome New Members!

We are thrilled to welcome Tracey Horn, Jessica Rattanasena and Barb Selvaggio as new Kirk Player members. It has been great getting to know these wonderful, talented women who have all contributed time and talent to Kirk productions in the past. We look forward to working with them on and off stage for many years ahead.



Kirk Players Picnic Celebration

Over 30 Kirk Players and family members gathered to celebrate a year of friendship, collaboration and giving back to the community at our annual membership picnic. Thanks to Randy Rice, the Hospitality Committee and to new member Jessica who provided a great location for our event. It was a fun time for all.



Special July 19 Membership Meeting

We are calling a special KP Membership meeting on Friday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Luigi's (1130 W. Maple Ave.). This meeting is to vote to approve the new Constitution. Please take the time to read the draft sent out by Brenda. Many thanks to Brenda, Meghan and the committees for their hard work on this important effort.

Celebrating the Vote for Women

As we celebrate the 100-year anniversary of women's right to vote, we are looking for inspired people to join the planning team for this event (tentatively titled "Votes for Women Celebration"). The event will be in late January, 2020; however, we need your help between now and then to prepare for this special event. If you are interested in planning this important celebration, please e-mail [Gretchen Grassl](#).

Board of Directors Elections

There are four board positions up for re-election this year: Administrative Director, Artistic Director, Communications Director and Public Relations Director. **If members have an interest in any of these positions**, please e-mail [Brenda Sparks](#) at your earliest opportunity.

Annual Banquet on Sept 14

Our Annual Banquet will be on September 14, at 6 p.m. at Dover Straits. You will be receiving ballots later this summer to celebrate the many talented people on and off stage. This annual member event celebrates the Kirk Players and all we have accomplished as an extended family over the year.

Storage Warriors Assemble!

As you can imagine, after 53 years our group has accumulated a few props, set pieces and costumes. Thanks to Brenda, Susie and our Storage / Costume Warriors Barb, Betty, Bev, Fran, Fred, Gary, Jon, Kat, Marilee and Meghan who are working to organize and remove enough "stuff" to reclassify us as "hoarders lite". **We still need your help the next two Saturdays** at Metro Storage on Butterfield any time from 10-1. E-mail [Brenda and Susie](#) for details.

Open Auditions for *Lord Arthur Savile's Crime* on August 5 and 7

We are pleased to announce auditions for *Lord Arthur Savile's Crime* at St. Andrew from 7-10 on Monday, August 5 and Wednesday, August 7. Callbacks will be at 7:00 on Thursday, August 8. Brush up on your British accent and visit our [Kirk Players Website](#) to complete an audition form (which also includes tech roles) in advance.

The show goes up October 4, 5 and 6 and will be directed by Kat Basso. We look forward to working with you on stage or off. If you haven't participated in a Kirk Players production before, you are in for a treat.



What's News with You?

May

Marilee's son, Kiefer Wald, graduated from Mundelein High School.

July

Jess and Brian Motyka just celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary on July 5th.

Franny Pollack's son Scott won first place in his bowling league tournament.

Randy Margison is the Sergeant of Police in "The Pirates of Penzance" at PM&L in Antioch 7/26 through 8/11. Ari Cohen is also in this performance. Info/tickets available at www.pmltheatre.com.

August

Lisa Willems is directing the [Mundelein Arts Commission's Shakespeare Shorts](#) opening on August 8 at the Village Plaza.

Come and enjoy the [Festival of the Arts](#) in Libertyville on August 3 and 4. Kirk Players will share some brief snippets of our talent on stage during the festival.

September

Bev and Ken Karns' oldest granddaughter is getting married in September.

Membership Anniversaries

Marilee C.C. Rusiniak – 6/2/10 (9 years)

Franny Pollack – 8/10/12 (7 years)

Catie Hein-Carter - 8/4/16 (3 years)

Jon Leslie Lynn – 9/1/68 (51 years)

Brenda Sparks – 9/2/93 (26 years)

Patrick Blake – 9/2/93 (26 years)

Chuck Fitz-Hugh – 9/3/98 (21 years)

Fran Hansen – 9/7/00 (19 years)

Ron Otrembiak – 9/8/17 (2 years)

Randy Margison – 9/14/18 (1 year)

Betty Slack – 9/14/18 (1 year)

Henry Hogan – 9/14/18 (1 year)

Happy Birthday Kirk Members!

June

Mike Lieberman

Tracey Horn

July

Randy Margison

Henry Hogan

August

Jon Matousek

Mandy Stebbins

September

Franny Pollack

Marilee C.C. Rusiniak

Remember to send your birth date (year not required) to Randy Rice so we don't miss you in our Birthday wishes.

KP Calendar

KP Summer Picnic	July 14 (Sat) @ 12:30-4:30	Jessica's
Membership Mtg. to approve Constitution	July 19 (Fri) @ 7:30	Luigi's (1130 W. Maple Ave.)
KP Props, Set Pieces and Costume storage help	July 20 (Sat) @ 10:00-1:00	e-mail for more details
KP Props, Set Pieces and Costume storage help	July 27 (Sat) @ 10:00-1:00	e-mail for more details
Adult Summer Workshop Showcase	July 29 (Mon) @ 8:00	Mundelein HS Auditorium
Board Meeting	Aug 6 (Tue)	
Auditions for "Lord Arthur Savile's Crime"	Aug 5 (Mon) @ 7-10	St. Andrew
Auditions for "Lord Arthur Savile's Crime"	Aug 7 (Wed) @ 7-10	St. Andrew
Callbacks	Aug 8 (Thu) @ 7:00	St. Andrew
Membership Meeting	Aug 9 (Fri) @ 7:30	St. Andrew
Board Meeting	Sep 10 (Tue)	
Annual Membership Meeting	Sep 13 (Fri) @ 7:30	St. Andrew
Awards Banquet	Sep 14 (Sat) @ 6:00	Dover Straits

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