

Backstage Whispers



May 2021

President's Message – Shannon Lever

Spring is in the air. As we are now in the month of May, we are reminded that as we got through another season, the spring is a chance for new ideas to blossom. KPI has had some very positive meetings as of late and we look forward to seeing these ideas flourish in the months to come. We would like to see some new branding ideas, volunteers, and virtual plays and readings. Please stay tuned for a survey and new initiatives that will continue to offer growth opportunities for KPI.

We welcome your feedback. If you have any ideas or want to be a part of assisting with virtual plays let us know. We would like to have monthly get-togethers. Once the dates are established we will let you know. Stay tuned, stay safe and remember to pay it forward. Remember that together we will get through this as a community.

To all the moms, we wish you a wonderful and Happy Mother's Day



Message from the Editor

At the time of the February Issue of Backstage Whispers, Canada was in a downward trend of a second wave of the corona virus. Now we are in the midst of a third wave with more variants. This seems to be reminiscent of the movie "The NeverEnding Story". We are all hopeful that next season things will have improved. We look forward to shaking hands with friends, hugging our children and kissing our grandchildren. We also look forward to getting back on stage and to rehearse plays that will delight our audiences. We miss the audience laughter and also miss the grueling

schedule of rehearsals. What the summer and fall season will reveal is unknown. We are all getting Covid fatigue but sooner or later, this will be history.

Vice President's Message - Darrell Nunn

We are planning a series of online participatory activities. Mary Anne is coordinating one for Mothers' Day. I will be coordinating an ongoing series to begin in mid- June. By May 10, at the latest, members will receive an email outlining the options available with dates, descriptions of each activity and my email to respond to. There will be voice exercise, game sessions, one act play readings, cabaret entertainments and Canada Day themed readings.

While you are waiting, practice the following two articulation challenges:

To sit in solemn silence
In a dull, dark dock,
In a pestilential prison
With a life long lock,
Awaiting the sensation
Of a short, sharp shock,
From a cheap and chippy chopper
On a big black block.
(Maximum 8 seconds!)

And now, make every consonant clear in

Amidst the mists and coldest frosts,
With sternest wrists and stoutest boasts,
He beats his fists against the posts,
And still insists he sees the ghosts.

Eastern Ontario Drama League

The EODL Annual General Meeting will be held in June by Zoom. There are changes in the Executive Board. New appointee positions are Secretary, Membership/Policy Chair and Constitution Chair.

Due to the unpredictability of the pandemic even into the fall, no decision has been made in regard to the One Act Festival. If it does go ahead, it is unknown what format will be used nor which theatre group would be willing to host. Except for virtual presentations, no live plays are yet planned. Found in the May edition of the EODL electronic newsletter, "Closed theatres are nothing new. The good news is, they reopen".

Dates to Remember

May 20th- KPI Get-together by Zoom. Time to be determined

June 17th- KPI Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be via Zoom. Time will be advised

KPI News – Paul Rochon

The following are a few somethings to think before the AGM. There is a motion put forward to change KPI's name. After reviewing the EODL website, most theatre

group name's ends with Players, Guild or Theatre. It has been suggested that we revise our name to Kemptville Players Theatre or Kemptville Players Theatre Group. If you have other suggestions, please send it to Paul at aprochon@cogeco.ca

KPI's logo is also ready for updating. If you have an idea or suggesting for a new design that incorporates contemporary colours and font, please send it to Paul at aprochon@cogeco.ca

To make payments to KPI, our Treasurer is setting up e-transfer capability. Membership will be notified when this is completed.

A limited number of KPI Covid Masks are still available. Cost is \$15. If you don't want to miss out please contact Caroline Matheson, now.

In the past KPI performances have been taped and then sold to anyone who wanted to purchase one. A copy is always kept in the archives. Over the years, it has gone from VHS tape to DVD. Now KPI is investigation new ways of saving the recording.

Bylaws within our Constitution have been updated. They will be presented at the AGM for approval.

I have been asked to Chair the Nomination Committee. Each position is for one year and election occurs at the AGM. An executive member may volunteer to extend

their role. If there is another nomination for that position, a vote will be conducted. If you or someone you know anyone would like to be part of the Executive Board, please forward their name and I will personally contact the nominee. My contact information is email at aprochon@cogeco.ca or at 613-258-2706

KPI Recent Executive meeting.



Happy Corner

From Cathie Raina -My news is rather ordinary but happy for me! After many years I have finally bought two new kayaks! My long-promised canoe and kayak party might actually happen now that I have more water crafts. Another good news story is that Ralph turned 96 in March and is as healthy and as energetic as ever.



