



# KIRKWOOD THEATRE GUILD CALLBOARD

September, 2011

## Notes from the President

Cheers to KTG's 81st Season!

I hope that you have had a very fun and safe summer and are ready to help us start our 81st season. I know that we can at times become overwhelmed or stressed as we begin our productions and festivities, so I would like to share with you a new saying I am trying to live by; *"Yesterday is the past and that's why we call it history, tomorrow is a million opportunities and that's why we call it a mystery, today is a gift and that's why we call it a present"*.

If we strive to treat today as a gift or a present given to us, then hopefully our lives will have less stress or cause us to be less overwhelmed by all the small/large details each day. I always enjoy sharing my gifts with all my theatre family and friends. Therefore, I am looking forward to sharing each day (or the gifts) with all of my KTG family as we start our 81st season.

Coming up first is our season opening party. Cherol Thibaut is planning a fabulous party for all of us to come together and share what we did over the summer. I hope to see all of you there so that we can share some food, fun, and laughter!

Next up is the annual Green-Tree Festival. Robert Doyle is looking for volunteers to work the parade and work in the booth. Everyone always has fun so if you are interested in helping out, please contact Robert. You won't regret volunteering and sharing the gift of theatre with all of Kirkwood.

I am so excited about our upcoming productions. See if you can spot the theme I have going with our directors. The first production is Noises Off. This is such a hilarious comedy and is going to be directed by the wonderful returning director Robert "Bobby" Thibaut. I know that whoever joins this production team, whether as cast or crew, will have as great time working with Bobby as many of us did last year.

The second production is Doubt. This is such a well written thrilling drama and is going to be directed by the wonderful Sean Ruprecht-Belt. I really enjoyed my discussions/interviews with Sean and know that whoever joins this team will be thrilled working with him as much as I have so far.

The third production is Nana's Naughty Knickers. This is a contemporary comedy that will tickle all who touch it and is going to be directed by the wonderful Landon Shaw. All of those who join this team will enjoy working with Landon and have a lot of fun doing so.

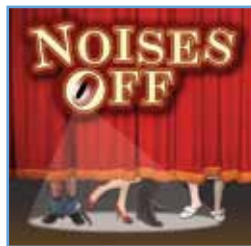
The fourth production is Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. A wonderfully witty script and a score that is sure to keep you laughing along with the wonderful returning director Adam Grun. I can ensure you that joining this team will bring you much joy and happiness.

Yes, we have four wonderful directors! When you join these teams, please remember that you are being watched by your Assistant Director and Technical Director. They are looking for who will win the end of season "You Did Fine" awards. I know that you will enjoy these awards and look forward to them as much as I do.

As I always say to Judy Lewis, my cohort in crime during the President's opening speech, "It's time to wrap this speech up". I would like to thank Bob, Sean, Landon, and Adam for heading up each of our productions. They are all so talented and wonderful and will bring the gift of life to each of these productions. I can't wait to share the gift of theatre with each and every one of you.

My toast for all of us: "Here's to the gift of theatre, family, life, and enjoyment."

*Danny R. Austin*



### NOISES OFF

by Michael Frayn  
Director Bob Thibaut  
Opens November 4th

#### KTG 81st SEASON OPENING PARTY

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9th  
*This is a members only event.  
Invitations will come by mail*

# ~AUDITIONS~

**NOISES OFF** By Michael Frayn

***Sunday, August 28th at 6 pm,***

*Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Rd., Room 201*

***Production Dates: November 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13***

***Director: Bob Thibaut***

**Synopsis:** Noises Off is a play within a play, in this case a dreadful sex comedy titled Nothing On—the type of play in which young girls run about in their underwear, old men drop their trousers, and many doors continually open and shut. Nothing On is set in country home for which renters are solicited; the fictional playwright is appropriately named Robin Housemonger. Each of the three acts of Noises Off contains a performance of the first act of Nothing On. Act One is the dress rehearsal (on stage). Act two is a Wed. matinee(off stage). Act Three the closing performance (on stage).

## **Characters in Noises Off**

**Lloyd Dallas:** The director of the play, Nothing On. Temperamental. One third of a Lloyd–Poppy–Brooke love triangle.

**Dotty Otley:** A late-middle-aged actress. Forgetful. Dating Garry, though she attempts to make him jealous by meeting with Freddy.

**Garry Lejeune:** A stuttering actor, easily fired up, repeatedly tries to attack Freddy after believing that Dotty was cheating on him with Freddy. Speech affectations disappear onstage but are ever-present offstage. Always is stuttering and completing sentences with, “you know...” Dating Dotty.

**Frederick Fellows:** An actor with a serious fear of violence and blood. Gets nosebleeds easily. Often questions the meaning of his lines and moves. Blames himself often for things going wrong.

**Belinda Blair:** Cheerful and sensible, a reliable actress. She may have feelings for Freddy.

**Poppy Norton-Taylor:** Assistant Stage Manager. Emotional and over-sensitive, and envious of Brooke, whom she understudies. Carrying Lloyd’s child. One-third of a Lloyd–Poppy–Brooke love triangle.

**Selsdon Mowbray:** An elderly alcoholic man who hides his bottles onstage. If he is not in sight while rehearsing, the stage crew must find him before he passes out.

**Timothy Allgood:** An over-worked Stage Manager. Understudies Selsdon and Freddy.

**Brooke Ashton:** A young inexperienced actress from London. Pays no attention to other performers, either in performance or backstage. She rarely takes stage direction, and continues performing regardless of any other action onstage. Is always losing her contact lens. One-third of a Lloyd–Poppy–Brooke love triangle.

## **Charactercters of Nothing On**

**Mrs. Clackett (Dotty):** Housekeeper for the Brent’s home in England. Hospitable, though slow.

**Roger (Garry):** Real estate agent who is attempting to rent Flavia’s and Phillip’s home, but uses it for his own personal benefit.

**Vicky (Brooke):** Works for Inland Revenue and is trying to woo Roger.

**Phillip Brent (Freddy):** Lives out of the country with his wife Flavia to avoid paying taxes. He enters the country knowing that if he is caught by Inland Revenue, he will lose most of the year’s income.

**Flavia Brent (Belinda):** Phillip Brent’s wife. She is dependable, though not one for household duties.

**Burglar (Selsdon):** Old man in his seventies, breaking into the Brent’s home.

**Sheikh (Freddy):** Interested in renting Flavia’s and Phillip’s home and is the spitting image of Phillip.

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**Auditions consist of readings from the script.**

**Rehearsals will be every Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 7-10 pm  
at the Kirkwood Community Center beginning September 7th. Tech week begins October 30th  
Please be prepared to list all conflicts at the audition. Please do not audition  
if you are unable to attend ALL tech week rehearsals and ALL performances.**



# Kirkwood Green Tree Festival

## September 16th, 17th, 18th

Come help us publicize KTG!

Volunteers Needed!

**PARADE**~Join us Saturday at 8 am to decorate the cars (at KTG office-844 S. Harrison Ave.). Parade begins at 10 am at Kirkwood High School. This is a really fun way to help!

**INFORMATION BOOTH**~Kirkwood Park  
2 hour shifts available. We want to promote our new season & share our volunteer opportunities.

Please contact our Publicity Manager,  
Robert Doyle, 314-766-5787 or  
robert.doyle@charter.net

## *KTG begins 81st Season!*

### **Set-Build for NOISES OFF**

**Saturday, OCTOBER 22nd**

For those who can tote & carry

**Move-in** starts at 9 am~meet at theater

**Build** starts at about 10 am

**Painting and detail** work to start late am.

**Work continues Sunday October 23rd**~10 am

AND in the evenings during the week  
(time to be determined)

**Continuing on Saturday October 29th** at 10 am.

**Questions?** Please contact, Production  
Manager Frank Lewis 314-821-3720

### **Ushers needed for upcoming show**

Please contact Membership Manager,  
Cherol Thibaut to schedule a date!

314-606-2295 or cherol.thibaut@yahoo.com

❖ **KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE** ❖

*~New Members always welcome~*

**INVITE A FRIEND**



## *Joan & Paul Thomas~Take A Bow*



If you have been involved with KTG for several decades, you are familiar with the energy and contributions of Joan and Paul Thomas. Both grew up in the suburban Philadelphia area and attended the same high school, something they discovered much later. Joan is one of 3 girls, with a younger sister and a beloved twin, Barbara. Her father was a civilian employed by the Army Signal Corp. Paul was the middle child of 3 with an older sister and younger brother. His father was a physician. They met while Paul was in college at the University of Pennsylvania studying Electrical Engineering and working part time at a local movie theatre. They were set up on a blind date by one of Paul's coworkers who was dating Joan's twin. Paul asked Barbara if there were any more like her at home and of course she introduced him to her twin. They dated for several years and married in 1959. Paul went to work for IBM as a student intern and retired from there in 1992. He worked first in Philadelphia, then St. Louis, next Connecticut and then back to St. Louis. For 4 years during his IBM career, he served in US Air Force in Air Defense on a military leave. Following retirement he worked for Six Flags for

10 years in the marketing department helping with graphics. Joan was busy herself, raising 3 children. She has worked as a Secretary, Office Manager for Ace Hardware, run a family dry cleaning business and as an Administrative Assistant for a financial planner. The Thomas's are both busy, active people. Joan loves to sew, do crafts, quilt, spend time with her 7 grandchildren and cook. Paul has long been involved as a volunteer firefighter in Glendale and as a Chief in Stamford, Connecticut. He served as the Emergency Management Director for Kirkwood for 24 years and was on the Board for the Disaster Recovery Institute for 16 years. Today, Paul is very involved with hobby railroad groups. He is the current President of the Big Bend Railroad Club and works with the St. Louis Lionel Model Railroad Club and volunteers at the Kirkwood Train Station.

Paul has had a long standing interest in the technical workings of just about everything. In school he was involved in theatre and when he saw the information on KTG in the Welcome Wagon packet in 1979, he decided to check out the local community theatre. Not capable of doing anything halfway Paul jumped in and has been active with KTG ever since. His first show was You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running. He has enjoyed being very involved in the Sound Design for many shows and keeping pace the incredible growth in theatre technology. Joan joined in the fun and became involved with catering, costumes and house managing. It became a family affair. Their daughter, Barbara, met her future husband Stuart Wiseheart at a KTG event. Paul has served on the KTG Board of Governors for several terms, helping KTG automate their accounting and establishing the tradition of having a Technical Director for each production. In 2006, he was recognized by KTG and given the status of Lifetime Member.

Nine seasons ago, KTG needed someone to take on the job of managing our box office. With a "nudge" from Paul, Joan was on board for another KTG adventure. Over the years they have helped thousands of KTG patrons and brought KTG up to date with an automated ticketing system. So when you call to reserve your seats, take a moment to say "thank you"

# Kirkwood Theatre Guild Annual Awards & Meeting Banquet



Sean Ruprecht-Belt, Jane Abling, Linda Menard, Ren Binder



Stephanie Merritt, Kent Coffel,  
Sara Rae Womack, Jeff Wright



Bert Wunderlich, Jan Mantovani,  
Leah Giessing



John Davidson, Danny Austin, Judy Lewis



Betsy Gasoske, JD & Denise Wade,  
Rebecca Davidson



Diane Haneklau, Frank Lewis



Bobbie Wunderlich, Kathy & Tom Day



Danny Austin, Mary & Dave Hanson, Judy Lewis



Jeff Kargus, Jason Sinclair, Sally Lister



Danny Austin



Jay & Grace Sibbitts



Caroline & Tom Yager



Danny Austin, Susan Wolff, Judy Lewis



Kim Klick, Brandon Atkins



Doug Chapis, Bob & Vi Hotze,  
Mary & Dave Hanson



Barb & "Birthday Boy" Lee Meyer



Alan Agular, Joy Powell, Robert Doyle



Sue Abling, Deanna Garcia

SHOW  
PEOPLE!



Steve Peirick, Jan Meyer, Jim Meyer



Jim & Jean Peterson



Doug Chapis, Terry Sibbts, Danny Austin



Jeff Wright, Alan Agular, Sara Rae Womack



Robert Doyle



Danny Austin, Beth Graveman, Judy Lewis

## ❖ NEWS TO KNOW ❖

- ☛ **KTG now offering 2nd Sunday matinee!**
  - \*If you know any groups interested in buying tickets- please let us know!
  - \***STRIKE** will be Sunday following show (please come!)
- ☛ **KTG has a new website with lots of information!**
  - \*dates, special events, lots of photos.
- ☛ **Community Open House-Wednesday 11/2/11**
  - \*backstage tour of Noises Off set
  - \*join the fun, bring friends
- ☛ **KTG now offering drama classes.**
  - \*fall classes are now filled
  - \*winter class registration begins in the fall
- ☛ **Program Advertising Available**
  - \*Reasonable rates available for season or by show.
  - \* Contact Tom Day-daytom@hotmail.com



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**LOVE  
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*LOVE LIFT US UP*

benefit to help the tornado  
victims of St. Louis & Joplin

October 22nd-2 pm & 7:30pm

October 23rd-2pm

Bayless HighSchool

go to artsforlife.org for information.

## MORE WAYS TO HELP KTG!

### ~Saturday Work Days~

KTG has many “housekeeping” needs at our office/warehouse. Projects include landscaping, cleaning, door hanging & organizing. Please contact Frank Lewis to RSVP 314-602-7791 or f\_lew@charter.net

**Please join us for our  
next workday 8/13/11**

**We'll start at 9 am-come when you can!**

### ~Opening Party Setup & Clean Up~

Are you available to help on 9/9/11 to set up or clean up for our Season Opening Party? Please contact Cherol Thibaut to let her know. 314-606-2295 or cherol.thibaut@yahoo.com

### ~Try something NEW, help out with light hang and light focus nights~

FRIDAY NIGHTS, 7 PM at theatre

Our technical staff would love to have some extra hands (and you will learn something new!).

SHOW 1-light hang 10/21, light focus 10/28

SHOW 2-light hang 1/6, light focus 1/13

SHOW 3-light hang 2/24, light focus 3/2

SHOW 4-light hang 4/20 light focus 4/28

For questions, please contact Frank Lewis

314-602-7791 or f\_lew@charter.net

2010-2011

PRESIDENTIAL APPLE AWARD WINNERS



*Doug Chapis*



*Susan Wolff*



*JD Wade*



*Rebeca Davidson*



# 2010-2011 **YOU DID FINE** Awards CONGRATULATIONS !



## Blithe Spirit

## Perfect Wedding



**Beth Graveman**  
Best Demolition Ball



**Leah Giessing**  
Spirit Specialist



**Jeff Kargus**  
Frantic Fiance



**Susan Wolff**  
Hot & Happy Hotel  
Design

## The Heiress

**Sara Strawhun**  
You are Beautiful  
on the Inside



**Cherol Thibaut**  
The Material Girl

## Curtains



**Bob Becherer**  
Most Beloved  
Cast Member



**Joy Powell**  
You Made the  
Music



**Kim Klick**  
Creative  
Choreography



**John Davidson**  
Roll Out  
the Barrels



**Dave & Mary  
Hanson**  
That's Using  
Your Head

*Thank you to all the KTG volunteers  
that helped make this a memorable season!*

**Kirkwood Theatre Guild**  
**PO Box 220554**  
**St. Louis, MO 63122**

**KTG'S 81ST SEASON  
BE A PART OF IT!**

***For information regarding VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, AUDITIONS or TICKETS call 314-821-9956 or check at [www.ktg-onstage.org](http://www.ktg-onstage.org). Don't forget to help KTG keep our contact information up to date~let us know when your address or email changes.***

**KTG BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2011-2012**

President~ Danny Austin

VP & Treasurer~ Tom Day

Secretary~ Judy Lewis

Production Manager~ Frank Lewis

Artistic Manger~ Kent Coffel

Publicity Manager~Robert Doyle

Membership Manger~ Cherol Thibaut

**2011-2012 SEASON**

**Noises Off**

Auditions, 6 PM~August 28, 2011

Performances~November 4, 5, 6, 7,11,12,13

**Doubt: a Parable**

Auditions, 2 PM, November 16, 2011

Performances~January 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28,29

**Nana's Naughty Knickers**

Auditions, 6 PM~January 22, 2012

Performances~March 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18,

**Dirty Rotten Scoundrels**

Auditions, 2 PM~March11, 2012

Performances~May 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13

***Check the KTG website~[www.ktg-onstage.org](http://www.ktg-onstage.org) for more information.***