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"That show was the most fun I've ever had!"
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An Introduction

Well as you may have noticed by now TapRap has a new format. Yup, I was sitting at the computer one day and realized that I could do other things than just buy records off eBay! And a new TapRap was born. Please let me know what you think either by phone (905) 528-9113, mail (see above) or email: broes@netaccess.on.ca. I plan on using this space for any quick notices or just to make observations so let's begin!!

(Unfortunately I've run out of space on this page!!)

AGM/Party a Success!!

OK so we really call it the "Annual General Meeting" but for the last few years, any resemblance to an actual meeting has been tough to discover. On June 9th, approx. 60 of our subscribers and members were treated to a night of food, fun and frivolity at Drury Lane's The Loft. Kudos go out to Bev Mattson and Diane Cranston for organising the evening and all the entertainment.

After an hour or so of "socializing", Roz began the evening by introducing the members of the Board and the actors and actresses from the years two productions. After a brief review of the past year at TAP, the "meeting" portion of the night was over. (We like to

keep the formalities to a minimum for as we have found, they interfere with any partying that might develop!!)

Next up, the awards presentation. As chairman of the awards presentation, I can honestly say I was truly impressed with the calibre of talent that graced TAP's stage this year and judging by the questionnaire's that were returned after the show's, the audiences were similarly impressed. In fact everyone who appeared on stage this year received at least one vote for whatever category they were nominated. (List of awards and the winners are on the next page.)

Of course once you get twenty actor's in one room that also includes a stage, there's bound

to be a show and so the evening ended with collection of monologues and skits featuring some of TAP's performers. Again, a big round of applause to Bev & Diane for putting together our "third show" of the year and to all the performers for taking on the task of learning their lines and then getting up on stage with NO rehearsals!! We do have a talented bunch here!!

And thus the night ended with everyone having been entertained, well fed and having enjoyed a "beverage" or two! For those of you who missed it there's always next year and to all our faithful subscribers who showed up on a hot summer night to support TAP, the members of the board and all the actors give a heartfelt "Thanks!".

Scalpers Seen at West Plains United

"Psst wanna buy a ticket? I got premium seats here, who needs 'em? First row, first riser, c'mon these are tough to get!!"

Yes if things continue as they are going, it's surely only a matter of time before we hear the familiar refrains of the ticket scalpers that is so often found

only at hockey games in Toronto. Ticket sales for last spring's show "It Runs in the Family" were an astounding 750 seats sold, the highest ever for a TAP production!!! This works out to an incredible 97% of all tickets available. (We must be doing something right!) So what does all this mean?

Well, this fall's production of "Harvey" is rapidly approaching. Ticket sales have already started with some of the good seats already taken. Order yours soon to avoid disappointment. Or you could always wait until the night of the show and then deal with those pesky scalpers.....

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And the Oscar Goes to....



Here's a list of this years winners of The Aldershot Player's "Oscars" as awarded at last month's Annual General Meeting.

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| Best Director
(presented by Hugh & Margaret Watson) | David Caswell |
| Best Producer
(presented by June Davis) | Roz Woodcock |
| Best Stage Manager
(presented by Roz Woodcock) | Tom Rice |
| Best Actor
(presented by Mady Stewart, Mady's Hair Fashions) | Ray Kohler |
| Best Actress
(presented by Martin Brown) | Barbara Snaith |
| Best Supporting Actor
(presented by Harry & Marie Lemon) | Stephen Fletcher |
| Best Supporting Actress
(presented by Dennis Taves & Norma Cowan) | Margaret Watson |
| Best Newcomer
(presented by Scott Broe) | Jamie Cortese |

(The above winners walked away with a "coveted" TAP Oscar, one of the most highly revered trophies in theatre, (next to possibly a "Tony"). Since the award ceremonies TAP Oscar's have been seen in such places as "The Surf" dining establishment, Burlington, Rochester, New York and possibly even Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, although this sighting has yet to be verified. We will keep you posted on further developments.)

Also awarded: Western Ontario Drama League Certificate of Nomination for Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role **Chris Ragonetti** for "Play On"

The Cast of "Play On" (at the infamous cast party!!)



So have you got an email address?? If so you can get onto the TAP mailing list!! This is the best way to get the latest news about TAP, whether it's trips to other other plays or upcoming auditions. Perhaps even your future TapRap by email... So send your email address to: broes@netaccess.on.ca What's next? The TAP webpage??



Casting Call!!

We still have two VERY good roles for men that have yet to be cast in Harvey. One aged 25-35 years as Dr. Sanderson (this is a major role), the other aged 50 years plus as the Judge (this is a supporting role). Please phone Roz Woodcock at (905) 632-4256 if you are interested in either role.



Hey You on the Couch!!

Yeah I see you sitting there, saturday mornings, tuned into

those home handyman shows, the do-it-yourself ones where everything looks so easy. Are you a Bob Vila wanna-be? Do you have your own show on cable? Do you wear a lot of plaid shirts? If this is you well then forget it, we don't want you!! Everyone knows Bob never did anything in those shows!! We're looking for the Norm Abrahms, the Joanne Lieblers or even the Tim "the Tool Man" Taylors, heck anybody who knows which end of the hammer (see picture) you're supposed to hit a nail with. People who want to come out, cut some wood, drill some screws, nail some boards, eat a few timbits, drink some coffee, in general, have some fun! If this is you, please contact our resident house manager Ralph Woodcock at (905) 632-4256. He'll be glad for the help and you'll get your name in the program!!



So You Think You Can Do Better??

Well let's see what

And now a word from our President

Well another successful year at TAP has passed and while some of you may be out enjoying the sun (on those rare occasions it appears!), our board has been hard at work preparing for the next season. Our play reading committee has taken time out from cutting the grass (my hasn't it grown with all that rain we've had!) to evaluate plays over the past several weeks since *It Runs in the Family* closed in May. We are delighted to be able to reveal our 2000-2001 Playbill to our subscribers and friends. By the way, we are extremely grateful for the confidence placed in us by the many loyal fans of TAP who have been purchasing their tickets for the next season even though our spring play had not been selected. Your enthusiasm and appreciation is remarkable and most rewarding to all of us at TAP and we look forward to dishing up another season of dining and laughter "On Tap"!

Did you bring a clip?

Imagine if you will, one day in the not too distant future, a member of the TAP alumni sitting next to David Letterman, extolling the merits of their latest movie. Letterman, with a sly grin, asks for the director to "roll the clip" and instead of seeing the latest instalment from *Rocky XV*, we see a short scene from "It Run's

Our fall play is "Harvey" by Mary Chase, performance dates Oct. 13-14, 19-21, 27-28, followed by "Squabbles" by Marshall Karp, performance dates 20-21, 26-28, May 4-5. Harvey, of course, is a 6 and 1/2 foot tall white rabbit, friend and



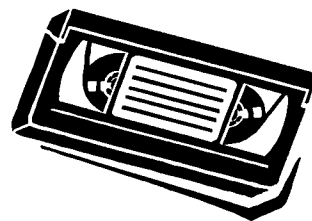
companion to the irascible Elwood P. Dowd. Unfortunately for Elwood, not everyone in his family likes Harvey or wants him around. When Elwood's sister Veta Louise takes steps to get rid of Harvey well...you don't really want me to give away the story do you? Bev Mattson will be returning to our stage as Veta Louise with Scott Broe in the role of Elwood P. Dowd. Many familiar faces along with some new ones will bring "Harvey" to life in a 40's setting.

Our spring play, "Squabbles" is the

contemporary story of Jerry Sloan, successful writer of advertising jingles, married to an equally successful lawyer. Jerry's curmudgeon of a father-in-law, Abe, comes to live with the happy couple. The plot thickens when Jerry's mother Mildred loses her house and needs a place to stay. This play is one hilarious confrontation after another. The director and cast will be announced in 2001 but a little bird told me we may see two popular Aldershot actors don director's hats in collaboration for this one. Dinner will be served by Maitre D' Catering for the fall show and I believe that we will be welcoming Doulton's catering for the spring show. Margaret will be advising us of menu plans in the next issue of TAP RAP.

For yet another year we are maintaining our prices at the same rate as year's gone by. This is the best bargain in the Golden Horseshoe. Come on out to the theater!!

Roz "The Prez" Woodcock



in the Family"! Well, you can be the one to provide Letterman with that clip!! Videos of "It runs in the Family" (featuring Ray's famous "Wait for it" ad-lib)

are available. Please contact Scott at 528-9113 to place your order. Please note: in order to keep costs down, I'll be making the copies when I can. If demand becomes too great, we may have to get professionals to do them at \$10 a tape (tape not included).

It's Mini-Fest Time!!

Sailing Into The Y2K is a one-act play written by our very own Margaret Watson and Roz Woodcock or "Watson & Woodcock" as they are now known. It will be performed for the Western Ontario Drama League being held this year in Tillsonburg. Who woulda thunk that our stunning "Poopsie Magruder" of last spring's "One Toe in the Grave" would turn her hand to "captaining" our entry under her real name of Susanne Tristani. But here's the good part...

We're having a party, er... preview!!

Come out and meet the "crew" at our Mini-Fest preview night being held on July 22nd at the West Plains United Church at 7:30pm. Ralph Woodcock and Kim Koren ("It Run's in the Family") will be "walking the planks" with a host of interesting newcomers whom we look forward to featuring in upcoming main stage performances.

There will be refreshments and fellowship and possibly some old stories of the sea following the play for a cost of \$5.00 per person. Proceeds will be donated to the West Plains United Church towards their maintenance costs. Please call Roz Woodcock at (905) 632-4256 to reserve your tickets. We would appreciate a good turnout for this event to support our much appreciated space at West Plains. Reservations will enable us to plan our refreshment table .

(Editor's note: I recently attended a rehearsal and can state that you will be in for a hilarious surprise with this show. Nothing like this has been, or possibly will be, seen on the TAP stage before. Just wait until they take it to those folks in Tillsonburg!)

TapLight on..... Roz Woodcock

She hails by many names; "El Presidente", "The Grand Poobah", "Queen of the World" but many call her simply "Roz". She has been with TAP for the past several years, working in every capacity from director to producer to, as of the last two years, president. Her acting career spans many years as well from such varied roles as "Dolly" in the "Matchmaker" to the carnival barker in a recent



production of "State Fair" in Mississauga. She is also

possessed with the gift of storytelling. Sit down with her at Chaps and you might hear about her visit to an indian sweat lodge or chasing after Ralph on her motorcycle and baby blue leathers. She recently became a grandmother for the first time and, in fact, has a new baby of her own, a Saab 9000 turbo!!

you've got. TapRap is Looking for contributors (I mean I can't do it all myself you know!!) Do you have a funny story? Anything you want to get off your chest? A suggestion about TAP in general? A recipe for an excellent chocolate chip cookie? (Note: all recipes must undergo a taste test by the editor before being printed) Send them in!! I NEED YOUR HELP!! ALL contributions will be



considered (keep them clean!) OK how about a contest!! This month's TapLight featured our President Roz Woodcock. Can anybody tell me the first play she appeared in for TAP? The first person to send me the correct answer will get their show ticket paid for by me (you'll still have to buy your dinner ticket) for this fall's production of Harvey!! Sure it's a tough question but then tickets are getting harder to come by (see "Scalpers" on page one).

That's it for me!! See you in the fall.

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