

BIRTHDAYS:

Best birthday wishes go to the following Spotlighters having birthdays in January: **Shirley Gilmore, Teddi Hansen, Jeff Howard, Mary Beth McClure, Nancy Scholl, Larry Stockard, Randal Sweeden, Billie Sue Thompson & Mel Tilley.** If I missed any Spotlighter's, a very happy birthday to you and please let me know, so I can correct the records.

CAST NOTES

Richard Robertson finally got to debut as Romaine and did a great job. Now that the new year has come around, let's make 2009 our best year for gaining new recruits. We are in desperate need of Frank Slade's, so if you know of anyone that would make a good candidate, have him come down and audition on a Wednesday evening. Other parts are also needed, so encourage others to audition.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE REPORT

John Barker and crew just finished a successful production of "*Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.*" If you didn't get a chance to see it, make plans to see it next year, as it seems to get better every year. There will be a couple week break for the holidays before the next auditions in January. The dates are January 5th and 6th , at 7:00 PM at the theatre for

"*Tom Sawyer.*" Anyone wishing to audition should pick one of those evenings to come down and audition. Show dates are February 27th - March 1st and March 5th - 8th .

OLIO-VATIONS

Our Olio Christmas show was a great success. Thanks to **Scott Radford, Anna Massey, John Hansen, Jeanette Maxfield, Jere Uncapher.** And parents and support team who helped out. We put on four shows at three retirement centers in Owasso. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to doing it again next year. Ed. Note: Special thanks to **Kathleen Stouffer** for the use of her Karaoke machine. It couldn't have worked out better.

BUILDING REPORT

We have had to replace a couple windows recently, one due to an over-zealous audience member and the other someone evidently hoping to get his choice of seats to the children's theatre play. He arrived at about 4:20 am on a Sunday morning, coming in through a window in the green room and being surprised when he entered the lobby only to find our resident gremlin in the office. He left rather hastily, might we say. No other damage than the window and about an hour and a half talking to the men in blue and picking up glass and

boarding up the window. We were not the only one he broke into as a car and garage was broken into at McBirney at the same time. New security procedures are in place or will be forthcoming.

CONDOLENCES

We at Spotlight are saddened to learn of the passing of another of our own. We recently lost **Sam Walker**, who had been a member of the Drunkard cast for many years, playing first, Romaine, then Simon Slade. He had performed in many other plays in the area, as well as The Drunkard. Our heartfelt sorrow and prayers go out to wife, M. E. and family. **Sam** will be missed, but we know he is now starring in productions where he is now.

THEATRE FOR A NIGHT

Recently, we allowed the Riverfield Country Day School to use the theatre for their school's annual play. This time, it was "*Charlie & The Chocolate Factory.*" The RCDS does not have a stage with which to present their shows, only a gymnasium. They came in on a Tuesday afternoon to rehearse and then had almost a standing room only crowd attend. A fun time was had by all and everyone commented on what a perfect place this was to present the show. I'll predict that this will not be the last time we see them. One of the people who made the comment was the woman who runs the school.

Of interest, the teacher who directed the show recently got the lead in our Director, **Whit Hanna's** upcoming play at the PAC, *Educating Rita.* Small world.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

As this newsletter was being written, the postman brought in a large envelope from the Oklahoma Senate. It was addressed to the Cast and Crew of The Drunkard and Olio. It seems that we have achieved recognition for being the longest running play in the United States and second in the World.

The Oklahoma State Senate takes great pride in recognizing the cast and crew of The Drunkard and the Olio for their outstanding accomplishment, dated the 12th of December, 2008. It was signed by Senator Dan Newberry, Oklahoma Senate District 37. Evidently, Senator Newberry presented the motion to the Senate.

Pretty cool, in this editor's opinion.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

It was just recently reported that Spotlighters **Kris Osborn, Sheila [Alley] Jacobs & Tabitha Phillips** have been cast in the upcoming production of "*Rumors,*"

directed by our own **Jay Christie**.

Production will be presented February 6-7

and 12-15 at the Broken Arrow Playhouse.