

## Newsletter August 2013

### Annual General Meeting and Pot Luck September 22, 3pm

Come out and enjoy a pot luck supper with GP friends at Anne Peterson's house:  
1653 Manotick Station Rd. Greely (613) 821-4107.

Come for the AGM at 3pm, and we'll eat at 4:30. Bring a main, salad or desert to share, your favourite beverage and a lawn chair.

**A special surprise guest and announcement is planned, so don't miss the excitement!**

Election of Officers: There are 11 positions on Executive Board. The following people are willing to let their names stand for re-election for the coming year:

Holly Villeneuve  
Joel Rahn  
Gale Ramsden  
Len Trembley  
Michele Piironen  
Kim Bonner  
Janice Jenness  
Joan Bruce-Nibogie  
Anne Peterson

[Click here for the agenda and last year's minutes:](#)

### Constitution changes

We are proposing updates to our constitution at the AGM to allow for more flexibility for the Executive members duties and for better clarity of language. Please go to the following link to see the proposed update.



### It Was A Wonderful Wizard of Oz!

Our 24<sup>th</sup> production was the most successful to date. We sold 95% of our seats over all 6 shows with 4 of them being sold out. Our cast and orchestra did not disappoint. Under the direction of Tim Picotte, (in his directorial debut with The Greely Players), the talented cast of Dorothy, Lion, Scarecrow, Tinman, Witches, Wizards, Munchkins and Dog wowed the audience and sent them home singing. Many thanks go out to the production team and all the backstage volunteers for their contribution to our successful show.

### And On To Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show....

We are pleased to announce that ***Once Upon A Mattress*** will be our next production running March 26 – 30, 2014. If you thought you knew the story of 'The Princess and The Pea,' you may be in for a walloping surprise! Did you know, for instance, that Princess Winnifred actually swam the moat to reach Prince Dauntless the Drab? Or that Lady Larken's love for Sir Harry

**Once Upon  
A Mattress**

provided a rather compelling reason that she reach the bridal altar post haste? Or that, in fact, it wasn't the pea at all that caused the princess a sleepless night? Carried on a wave of wonderful songs, by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic, this rollicking spin on the familiar classic of royal courtship and comeuppance provides for some side-splitting shenanigans. Chances are you'll never look at fairy tales quite the same way again.

**Information meeting:** November 10, 2013; 2pm at the Greely Community Centre  
Appointments for auditions will be taken at the meeting or after by telephone.

**Auditions:** November 16 and 17, 2013

**Production Team:** Producer - Joan Bruce-Nibogie and Michele Piironen  
Artistic Director – Tim Picotte  
Music Director – John Pohran  
Vocal Director – Holly Villeneuve  
Choreographers – Shanna Thomson and Lise Page

Check the website for detailed audition information.

## Calling Greely Players Singers of All Ages.....

Come and participate in our Second Annual **Christmas in the Village** Concert November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at the Parkway Pentecostal Church. We need four part harmony for pop and secular selections. Rehearsals will be every Wednesday starting Sept. 11, 2013 at South Gloucester United Church, 2536 Rideau Road (corner of Albion Rd). For more information call Joan: 613-821-1756, Gale: 613-821-3660 or Holly: 613-203-3432.

## And The Winners Are.....



The Greely Players is pleased to award bursaries to three talented recipients:

**Troy Arsenian** is entering the University of Ottawa in an English and Theatre program. He has had extensive musical training including trumpet and French horn at Canterbury Arts High School and baritone, baritone saxophone and vocal music at Sir Wilfred Laurier. He played in the pit for three of The Greely Players shows and appeared on stage for the 2013 production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Troy was also a Cappies critic on the Sir

Wilfred Laurier team.

**Peter Klaassen**, a grad of Canterbury Arts High School has been accepted into the University of Toronto's Music Performance program as a double bass player. He has been an active musician around Ottawa, playing with the Ottawa Youth Orchestra, the OSDSB All Star Jazz Band and the Junior Thirteen Strings. Peter has studied with well-known Ottawa Bassist John Geggie and has taught bass guitar to aspiring adult musicians. He played in the orchestra pit for two of The Greely Players productions.

**Carolyn Farnand** will be attending U of T's Music Performance program as a violist. Over the years she has competed in numerous Kiwanis Music Festivals, and has played with the Ottawa Chamber Orchestra. She was the principal violist with the Ottawa Youth Orchestra and has been a member of the Junior Thirteen Strings. Carolyn played for three of The Greely Players shows under the direction of John Pohran.