

The Pinelands Players

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The Official Newsletter of Pinelands Players

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News from the editor

Dear Readers

It is almost the end of the year.. . And what an adventurous year our society has had thus far, with just over another month to go before we wish each other "Happy New Year".

But with two more events on our calendar, remember to book for our production, **The Grand Opening**, starting next week on the 6th of December 2012. This show promises to be very entertaining and is our last production for the year.

We are super delighted at our achievements at the recent inter-society quiz. Thank you to all those who participated and who were there as our groupies to support us.

After **The Grand Opening**, we invite all our members to our year-end celebration on Friday 21 December 2012 at the clubhouse to celebrate the years' achievements, look back fondly on all the fun we have had and to look forward to what awaits us in 2013. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members, their families and friends who have supported **Pinelands Players** this year. Without you all, we would not be the great society we are.

As we approach the festive season, let us keep in our hearts the feelings of joy. The joy of a smile. The joy of friendship. The joy of kindness. The joy of tenderness. The joy of compassion. The joy of giving.

Blessings,

Tanya March

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Note from our outgoing Chairperson

Hello all

I can't believe how quickly this year has flown by and we are now approaching the start of the silly season and the end of 2012. Before we know it, the AGM will be upon us and we will be needing to elect a new committee.

The end of 2012 will bring to an end my 2 year stint as Chairperson. Due to work commitments I do not think that I will be able to stand for another period. So we need start thinking about nominations for chairperson and other committee members.

Being a committee member can be rewarding and fun. It can be hard work as well and does require a fair amount of time commitment. But it's always worth it in the end! It's your chance to be part of the decision making of the society. If you have good organising skills or leadership skills that's great, but you don't have to be an expert in anything specific. Just having a **love for the theatre** will do.

We really do need some new blood with new ideas to take the society into the future. If you would like to become part of the **Pinelands Players** committee or would like to chat about what it entails, please drop me a line bgough@telkomsa.net

But before the end of yearI hope that we will see you at **The Grand** and then at our Christmas Party at the clubhouse.

Regards,

Tina



The Grand Opening

Ready to Shake, Rattle & Roll

The cast, crew and band of **The Grand Opening** are all set to entertain you from 6 to 14 December 2012 at the Pinelands Town Hall.

Extensive planning, preparation, meetings, organization and rehearsals have taken place over the past few months to bring you this hilarious comedy musical revue, written and directed by **June Wells**. June, a life member of the society, continues to amaze all with her relentless energy, passion and love for theatre. Sparky, her fluffy companion (and show mascot) have spent hours on end at the clubhouse to put this show together. Musical director **Victor Tichart**, with his wit and enthusiasm is yet again, bringing to **Pinelands Players** his musical talent and knowledge.

Pinelands Players members, family and friends have all joined up to provide costumes, décor, photos, publicity material, props, sound, lighting, refreshments, furniture etc, which once again highlights the unique camaraderie and community based culture this society is renown for.

The tight-knit cast of 10, will have you in stitches of laughter, get your toes tapping and the audience is encouraged to sing along to some of the familiar songs (some old & some new) which will be performed.

The characters have been carefully selected by June to portray a close community of family and friends, with a some subtle challenging relationships, yet ensuring that diversity and culture shines through.

The storyline is based on Charlie and his friend Mac who have taken early retirement and invested all their hard earned retirement packages into refurbishing an old nightclub called 'The Grand'.

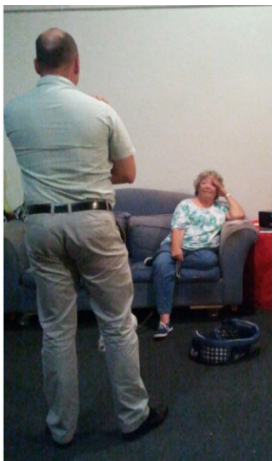
In it's day, The Grand had been the hub of Cape Town, but that was a long time ago. The two friends are determined to bring it back to its glory days.

When the last of the 'big name' entertainers turns them down, Charlie, in a desperate attempt to keep the ball rolling, calls on his family and friends to perform in the grand opening of The Grand.

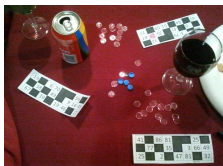
With varying degrees of enthusiasm the family are 'persuaded' to show off their talents in an impromptu 'audition'. It doesn't look very promising, but they have three weeks to pull it together and Charlie still believes in miracles.

Will it all work out? Well, when the big night arrives you'll be the judge!

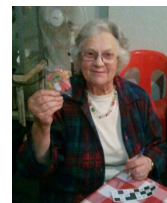
Your R120 will buy you an evening's entertainment as well as a tasty meal, which is not a lot when you think how far this kind of money goes when compared to paying for other entertainment.



Previous Club Night



Bingo! For all ages....



What a night of fun and laughter! Who would have thought that chasing buttons and numbers could be so entertaining. We have a lot to look forward to in our elder years.

Special thanks to **Tina** (Bingo Master) and everyone who made the evening so special and amusing. The food was delicious, the atmosphere great and such fun was had by all.

Heavens, when will I get some lucky numbers? This is taking forever....

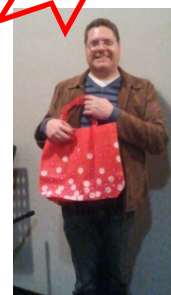
What am I supposed to do with this? A pink cupcake recipe book? Really!!

I just want to thank my manager, my mom & dad, my etc etc

Trendy!



Multi-tasking team



Calendar Girls

Congratulations to our fellow (brave and other) society members of **Calendar Girls**, which was recently staged at the Masque Theatre, directed by **Wendy Goddard**.

They will be taking the show to Somerset West for more performances from 6 - 8 December if you missed out. Contact Wendy Goddard for more information 083 414 7003.



Inter Society Quiz - 25 November 2012



Pinelands Players teams 1 & 2:

Shaun Browne, Graham Boxhall, Kyla Thorburn, Tanya March, Glyn Fogell, Chenara Fenton, Tina Gough & June Wells

Well done to us! **Pinelands Players** entered two teams this year, taking **2nd** and **3rd** places, as opposed to our embarrassing **last** place the previous year!

The event was very well organized by Fish Hoek Dramatic society, and a great evening was had by all. Congratulations to Constantiaberg for winning with a score of 57. We trailed behind with 51 and 49 points respectively - not too shabby!



News from Abroad

I have been living in London for the past 7 months and have been absolutely loving it! London truly is a vibrant and diverse city and I've fitted in quite well (I think)! I am currently living in Kent which is breathtakingly beautiful with it's rolling fields, narrow country lanes and expanses of forests and nature. Just wonderful! I have also managed to travel quite a lot in the short time I've been here - to Europe and around the UK, with trips planned to more places before I head back!

I have only managed to see 2 shows (they are exceptionally expensive - unless you find a good deal). One was a West-End production and the other was an am-dram Shakespeare one. Both shows were amazing, and the standard was virtually the same!

I have become quite adept at the early morning train run (it bothers me when it's so full that I have to stand for the entire journey) and have finally got the hang of dressing for winter! Wear one very warm coat and dress for summer underneath. The Brits do so love their central heating!!

I am coming home in January as it will mark my third year of being a substitute teacher and I really want to have my own class, for a full year!



Looking forward to seeing you all again!

Clara

Year-end club night

Join us on

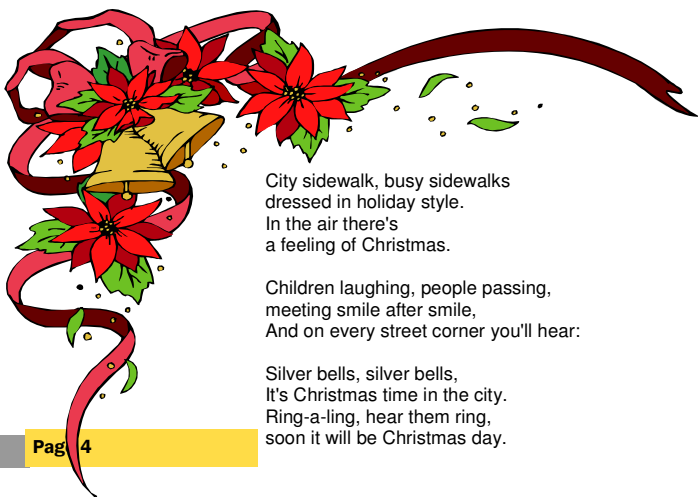
Friday 21 December 2012

at 19h00



Bring a wrapped present to the value of no more than R30 for the same gender as you are, and mark it male / female . We can all be a Secret Santa!

More information to follow, but keep this date open.



City sidewalk, busy sidewalks
dressed in holiday style.
In the air there's
a feeling of Christmas.

Children laughing, people passing,
meeting smile after smile,
And on every street corner you'll hear:

Silver bells, silver bells,
It's Christmas time in the city.
Ring-a-ling, hear them ring,
soon it will be Christmas day.

What's on

2 - 22 December 2012 Masque Theatre

Aladdin directed by Di Thom
Constantiaberg Theatre Players
Bookings 021 788 1898



30 Nov and 1,6,7 & 8 Dec Milnerton Playhouse

A Christmas Carol more or less

Directed by Shiela McCormick
Milnerton Players
Bookings : bookings@milnertonplayers.com



2 - 14 December Pinelands Town Hall

The Grand Opening directed by June Wells
Pinelands Players

Bookings 072 923 1035 or
grandpinelands@gmail.com



NEXT YEAR

18 March 2013

CATA Awards

More details to follow

March 2013

Moon over the Brewery directed by Shiela McCormick
Milnerton Players

Auditions

Milnerton Players

Moon over the Brewery by Bruce Graham

Directed by Shiela McCormick

Performance Dates: March 2013
Milnerton Playhouse

Audition date: 1 December 2012 @ 13h00

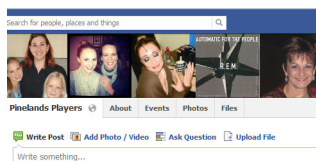
Place: Milnerton Playhouse
Milnerton

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