



# CALLBOARD

May 2005

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

June 18	Annual Year End Meeting & Elections	Home of Erica Prussman
August	Cabaret Workshop & Auditions	TBD

## The State of Milton Players

### Season Finale!

In August of last year this column had the subtitle *"Artistically strong, financially...not so"*. I wrote that over the last few years we had been running at about \$2500 deficit. About how we were going to implement new financial management strategies and improve our financial standing, while still providing quality community theatre.

So, the subtitle for next August's State of the Milton Players column could be *"Artistically strong, financially a little bit better."*

Under the extraordinary care of the producers of each show, Steven Key, Laura Dunkum and Brian Delaney, all three shows came in on or under budget. "Annie" and "Picasso" made decent profits. Unfortunately, the audiences for "Schoolhouse Rock" were about half of what we expected and we took a bit of a hit there.

The programs paid for themselves through ads sold by members. Tax-deductible donations helped to underwrite the season. All-in-all, we ran at about \$500 deficit (not including general donations) this year. When the donations are added in, I estimate that the net profit for the year was about \$1500, which will leave about \$4000 in the till to begin next year. We need to be very careful as we move into the future to make sure we stay solvent.

We end the year approximately 100 members strong. Hopefully, you will all be back with us next year for another wonderful season.

As I write this final CallBoard both of this year and of my term as President, I'd like thank everyone who worked so hard this past year:

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## Annual Year End Party, Meeting & Elections

*To be held Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm at the home of Erica Prussmann.*

The Milton Players Annual Party, Meeting and Elections will be held at the home of Erica Prussman, 28 Pine Ridge Road, Weymouth, from 4 to 8 PM. (Directions to Erica's are on the next page.)

This year, Dawn and Erica will be preparing the usual gourmet buffet for our enjoyment. As in years past , we are asking \$10 per person (payable in advance) to cover the cost of food. The Board decided not to raise the cost of the party this year, but at this price will not be able to supply beer and wine. We ask that everyone bring their preferred beverage.

If you would like to bring food, please contact Dawn or Erica. No money is taken out of the treasury for this event. **NO ONE WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR ANY RECIEPTS FOR THE PARTY.**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS: JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>!** ❖

## 2005 – 2006 Dues

*The cost of dues has risen, but you can avoid the increase by paying EARLY.*

At the May 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the Milton Players Board voted to keep ticket prices for 2005-2006 the same as the previous year.

In addition, they voted to raise the cost of dues from \$25 to \$30 per person. The production fee for actors will remain at \$20.

However, anyone who pays their Dues by the party on June 18<sup>th</sup> can continue to pay last years amount of \$25. ❖

# Thank You!

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## The Board:

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## This year's Producers:

Steven Key  
Laura Dunkum  
Brian Delaney

## The Flea Market organizers:

Harriet Ryan  
Glee Brown

Special thank you to Harriet Ryan and Steven Hamilton for being my sounding board and helping with just about everything.

For anyone who I have forgotten, I beg your forgiveness.

Best of luck next year!

Respectfully,

Ray Possick  
President  
Milton Players 2004-2005

## In Memoriam

- Our thoughts and condolences go out to Ron Goodman and family on the loss of his wife, Judy, a few weeks ago. Donations in Judy's name can be made to:

The Boston Center for Jewish Heritage, Inc.  
One Financial Center, 40th Floor  
Boston, MA 02111

OR

American Cancer Society  
[http://www.cancer.org/docroot/DON/don\\_0.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/DON/don_0.asp)

- Our thoughts and condolences go out to Mary Quatromoni and family on the loss of her husband, Hank, last week. Donations in Hank's name can be made to:

Saint Elizabeth Church  
350 Reedsdale Road  
Milton, MA 02186

Though neither Judy nor Hank were Milton Player members both were staunch supporters of our group. They will both be missed. ❖

## Directions to Erica's

If you have any questions, feel free to contact a board member. **No calls after 9 pm please!**

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