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Beginning of a New Era

After 80 years of performing in the Milton's Woman's Club, the Milton Players will be opening next season in a new venue: The Massachusetts Hospital School, 3 Randolph St., Canton, MA. The Board of Directors recently signed a three-year contract and we will continue to perform 3 productions each season. The new facility has state-of-the-art lighting and sound equipment. The thrust stage is 24 feet wide and 32 feet deep. The main stage for musicals is 60 feet wide and 20 feet deep. We have free parking on campus. There is extensive storage space underneath the theatre, with a work area for building sets. We will also be able to rehearse for four weeks in the facility prior to opening night. Six members of the Players will have badges (strict security) to enter the facility to work there or search for props and costumes. We will still be called the Milton Players and we will also continue to use Cunningham Hall, FullerVillage, and the Yacht Club for auditions and early rehearsal space. This is a great opportunity for the group since the building on Reedsdale will be razed and townhouses built there. Brian Devin, CEO of MHS, recently wrote to us, "Welcome to our family."

Our 2013-2014 Season

We are pleased to announce our upcoming productions: We will open our 81st season with the powerful production "The Diary of Anne Frank" (November 1-10), followed by the hilarious Woody Allen comedy "Don't Drink the Water" (January 31-February 9) and the murder mystery "Laura" (April 25-May 4).

Save the Date: Annual Meeting/Cookout

This year's Annual Meeting/Cookout will take place at the MassachusettsHospitalSchool on **Sunday, June 9**, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. They have graciously allowed us to use their campus down by the lake for our annual barbecue. We are inviting present members and former members to attend. Everyone who attends the event will have an opportunity to tour our new theatre home and see the performance space and storage and work spaces. You will be hearing more information very shortly.

Moving

We will be selecting and moving the sets, costumes, props, and furniture from the Milton Woman's Club to the MHS over the next few months. We can use all the help you can give us. We are not taking everything. That's impossible, but a crew, headed up by Harriet Ryan and Dawn Labrie, have already begun packing things up. We will begin this Saturday, May 11, with small things, but we will be obtaining trucks to move the big materials and furniture in the near future. We will be contacting you soon to volunteer your car or truck and your assistance as we make this difficult move. Thank you. Stay tuned.

Unexpected Guest

Congratulations to the cast and crew of "The Unexpected Guest." The show was very successful. Over 400 people attended the five performances, and the members of the cast received rave reviews.

Donation

During the run of "The Unexpected Guest" the Boston area witnessed a tragic bombing that affected many people's lives. One of those families affected, the Richard family, had a daughter, Jane, who was enrolled in the Irish Step-dancing class in the Woman's Club. She lost one of her legs. Her brother Martin was fatally hurt and her mother was seriously injured near the Finish line. The Board unanimously decided to donate our share of the 50/50 raffle to the family. The raffle, along with member donations, allowed us to present a check to the family through the dance

teacher, Eileen Dinn, for \$1000. Thanks to those who gave additional monies to reach this sum.

Next Year's Recommendations for the Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee (Pat Brawley, Joan Faulkner) under the chairpersonship of Glenn Ryan have nominated the following members for next year's Board of Directors.

These names will be submitted to the membership at the general meeting during the annual cookout.

Frank Moffett	President
Vicki Kirichok	Vice-president
Dawn Labrie	Treasurer
Maureen Truax	Corresponding Secretary
Glenn Ryan	Recording Secretary
Michael Bradley	Member-at-large
Erin Stulb	Publicity Manager
Kevin Lowney	Tech Coordinator
Cathy Larson	Play Reading Chairperson
Steve Hamilton	Marketing Director (Non-voting position)

Thank you for your support this past season. During the run of "The Unexpected Guest," many former members who had participated in past productions came to the show to say good-bye to the Woman's Club. It is a sad departure, but the future looks very bright. I hope to see you at the annual meeting/cookout.

Frank