

BIRTHDAYS:

Best birthday wishes go to the following Spotlighters having birthdays in December: **Drew Cochran, Jamie Hallford, Wanda Craddock, Sue Wiedemann, Frank Wolfe & Judy Zickefoose.**

CAST NOTES

We have finally seen the debut of **Richard Robertson** as Romaine. The previous times he was scheduled, we either had to call the show or move him to another part in the cast. We are also having some new people training and auditioning, which is very encouraging.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE REPORT

It is time again for our annual Christmas Children's Theatre production of "*The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.*" Director/Producer **John Barker** and Assistants **Joshua and Mindy Barker**, have been working hard to make this the best show yet. They will be giving away the usual Christmas gifts to the audience at IDR. Reservations are already coming in, so don't wait until the last minute to reserve your seat. Show dates are Dec. 5 - 7 and 11 - 14.

Auditions for the next show, "*Tom Sawyer,*" will be held on Monday and Tuesday, January 5 & 6 at 7:00 PM.

Kathryn Hartney will be directing this production.

OLIO-VATIONS

November saw the debuts of a new Pianist, **E. Kirby, Jr.**, and singers **Maggie Gresham & Carl Mark Osborn.** Olio Director, **Mark Roberts**, also has scheduled some Olio acts to go to three Owasso Retirement centers on Sunday, December 7th. This brings back a former tradition when Spotlighters would go by bus to the Muskogee VA, Eastern State Hospital in Vinita, and Home Of Hope, also in Vinita. The trips stopped when the State broke up the Home of Hope and put the kids in other places. We are very limited in time at these retirement centers, so can only use a limited number of acts. If you would like to be included, please give **Mark** a call at 408-5082.

WINTERIZATION

Building Director, **Richard Robertson**, has been seen around the premises lately getting the building ready for winter. That means covering up the air conditioners, stopping the cracks under the doors in the back and the auditorium, and other jobs needed to keep the cold air out and the warm air in.

HOSPITAL TIME

Unfortunately, this month we have had several Spotlighters in the hospital for various illnesses. **Keith Scarberry** was in St. Francis after surgery and a few complications from gastric surgery. Good news is that he has now gone home. **Sam Walker** has been in St. John's after a heart attack and pains from other illnesses, but he was recently released and home again. **Jean Gregg**, **Travis's** wife, who was at Claire House, a hospice, passed away on November 26th. Travis was there at her side and says she went very peacefully. Services will be held on Monday, Dec. 1 at Freeman-Harris Funeral Home near 41st and Harvard at 11:00 am. Our best wishes and prayers go out to the above.

Lastly, we sadly observe the passing of former Spotlights **Sue Woodruff**. Sue has not been active in the theatre for a couple of years but had just re-auditioned for the show on Wednesday, November 19th and was extremely excited about getting reinvolved with *The Drunkard*. Sue had achieved Stage Manager accreditation and had worked as stage manager for our director, **Whit Hanna**, in every show he has done in Tulsa and the surrounding area since returning to Oklahoma several years ago. We send our heartfelt condolences and prayers to her daughters, **Samantha** and **Carrie** and their family.

GREMLIN'S CORNER

This month, I want to give a special thank you to our AARP "partner", **George Killion**. After being here for a little over a year, taking care of keeping the restrooms and other areas in good shape, we have learned that he is to be transferred to another post. AARP doesn't like to leave their people in the program in one place too long. They are looking for them to get hired permanently. **George** has worked generally Tuesdays through Fridays for about 4 ½ hours per day and has been great help to me and to the theatre. However, there is a chance we may not have seen the last of him. He may yet come down for a day a week to keep the restrooms in good shape. Whatever the case, we at Spotlight have really enjoyed having you down at the Spotlight, **George**, and wish you well wherever you go or whatever happens.

DOWN FRONT NEWS

Down Front Director, **Kris Osborn**, writes:

I would like to welcome **Jerry Fuller** [new Simon Slade] and **Rose Rolph** [new Ann Slade] as new volunteers who've been helping out serving. I would also like to wish Bartender **Keith Scarberry** a speedy recovery. A big thank you for those that helped fill all those volunteer slots for the five weeks we had in November, and a thank you in advance to the 20 volunteers that are covering the 32 slots in December.

It takes a total of 7-9 down front volunteers for each show. Please call me if

you would like to donate your time to serve in one of the areas. Thanks Cast

members, Olio performers, and those with a love for the theatre in serving down

front. Please consider helping out once, once a month, once every other month, etc.