

## 2012 Annual General Meeting

Turning a business event into a social occasion, by serving a buffet lunch as a prelude to TSC's Annual General Meeting on February 26th, proved to be an enjoyable innovation. The meeting itself was less enjoyable but, hopefully, time and some clarification will heal the wounded among us!

Some changes to TSC's Constitution were made, mainly as a result of changing the AGM date, adjustments to numbers required for a quorum and the approval of motions due to fewer members attending at General Meetings than there used to be. A copy of the TSC Constitution can be downloaded from our website.

A proposal, included on the agenda for TSC to award a bursary to a graduating Central Dufferin High School student, came as a surprise to most of us. Inadvertently, full details – including the fact that communication with the school had already been established – were not declared. A few of us were sent a copy of a letter from the school two days before and voted accordingly on the motion to award a specific sum to a qualified student. A tie vote defeated the motion. To eradicate the ill-feeling that resulted and to determine how to move forward in view of the offer made to the school, the issue will be further discussed by the newly elected Executive Committee and presented at the next General Meeting.

2011 Executive Committee members made their reports and President, Jodi Jones, and Secretary, Bob Turnbull, announced their retirement from the Committee. The new Committee was duly elected and looks forward to having your support in a successful term of office.

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## *Jack and the Beanstalk* stands up well in adjudication

The pantomime, *Jack and the Beanstalk* by our own Bev Nicholas, was presented during the last weekend in January and the first in February. Everybody – cast, crew and audience – had a riotous good time. ACT-CO adjudication took place in the middle of the snowstorm on January 28th. Yes, the hardy group made the trip to Shelburne despite the inclement weather! Autumn Smith, Artistic Director of MacKenzieRo, the Irish Repertory Theatre Company of Canada, is ACT-CO's musical adjudicator this season and she loved our production. She also, as is the point of the adjudication, gave us a great deal of valuable feedback on the production which we will bear in mind as we prepare to do Bev's version of *Aladdin* next year.

We had the satisfaction at the end of each performance of knowing that our audience had thoroughly enjoyed the show. The children became spectacularly involved and those who came up on stage to sing *Fee Fi Fo Fum* with Simple Simon just loved their fifteen minutes of fame! Lots of pics on the company website - [tiplingstagecompany.com](http://tiplingstagecompany.com).



*Jeanette Massicote, Bev Nicholas and Carol-Ann Jorgenson.*

## RUMORS will soon be all around town

Our Spring production, Neil Simon's *Rumors*, is in rehearsal. Director Peter Richards has stepped down but, fortunately, Jo Hubbard was ready, willing and able to take his place and rehearsals are underway. Bob (Toby) Turnbull is the producer.

Guests arriving at the townhouse of a deputy New York City mayor and his wife, to attend a party celebrating their tenth wedding anniversary, discover that there are no servants, the hostess is missing and the deputy mayor has shot himself in the head. Comic complications arise when the wealthy and influential New Yorkers decide they need to do everything possible to conceal the evening's events from the local police and the media.

This is vintage Neil Simon and, as such, has every indication of equalling the success experienced with Neil Simon's *Plaza Suite*, which was TSC's inaugural production in 2008. We'd like the support of all members in helping to publicize the April 27th, 28th, 29th and May 4th and 5th performances. If you can lend a hand putting up posters, distributing hand-outs (miniature posters) or selling discounted tickets to groups, contact Jean. If you are able to assist with setting up and tearing down of the set (April 21st and May 6th, respectively) or work front of house on performance nights, contact Toby.

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## Moving forward

The Reading Committee has selected the following plays for the 2012-2013 season:

October: *There Goes the Bride* by Ray Cooney and John Chapman. Director Jo Hubbard.

January: *Aladdin* by Bev Nicholas. Director Bev Nicholas, Choreographer Jo Hubbard, Music Director Joanne Mackie.

April: *Drinking Alone* by Norm Foster. Director Jean Jardine Miller.

This schedule is still tentative until confirmed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Between the production of *Rumors* and that of *There Goes the Bride*, we have the summer – time to work on selling the upcoming season. This is where we must all pull together and get the word out with the objective of selling season's tickets. We will (again, pending approval of the Executive Committee) distribute a brochure as we did last year. This involves selling advertising to pay for its production and postal distribution, so anybody with a business wanting to purchase space or knowing somebody who does, let's hear from you!

It might be a good idea to participate in the Fiddlefest Parade this year to both publicize our next season and to show we're 'alive and well, living in Shelburne'. Any comments, please contact an Executive Committee member or email [info@tiplingstagecompany.com](mailto:info@tiplingstagecompany.com).

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## Treasurer wanted

After becoming Treasurer again by acclamation at the AGM, Debbie Tait has made the decision to resign due to time restraints. Apart from the duties of Treasurer, Debbie has taken part in several productions, produced others, worked backstage, on publicity and on most of the hundred and one other things that go into running a community theatre group. She will continue to assist in some of these areas as her time permits. Meantime, TSC needs a Treasurer. If you would like to nominate yourself or somebody else, please let one of the remaining Executive Committee members know. Appointment of an Acting Treasurer will be made by the Executive Committee, as required by the Constitution, and the incumbent confirmed at the first General Meeting following the appointment.

### 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*President:* Jean Jardine Miller

*Vice President:* Carol-Ann Jorgenson

*Secretary:* Amanda Philip

*Treasurer:* Vacant

*Immediate Past President:* Jodi Jones