



# Driftwood Newsletter

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## Harvey! By Mary Chase

When Elwood P. Dowd starts to introduce his imaginary friend, Harvey, a six-and-a-half-foot rabbit, to guests at a society party, his sister, Veta, has seen as much of his eccentric behavior as she can tolerate. She decides to have him committed to a sanitarium to spare her daughter, Myrtle Mae, and their family from future embarrassment. Comedy ensues when confusion arises over who sees Harvey and who is there to commit whom.

### Cast

			
Michael Bennet as William Chumley, M.D.	Bryan Blackburn as Lyman Sanderson, M.D.	Clyde Brown as Judge Omar Gaffney	Daryl Johnson as Elwood P. Dowd
			
Stacy Murphy as Ruth Kelly, R.N.	Katie O'Brien as Betty Chumley	Damien Reino as E. J. Lofgren	Terry Rogers as Miss Johnson
			
Debbie Scoones as Veta Lousie Simmons	Tim Shute as Duane Wilson	Cherri Spoon as Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet	Stacy Thompson as Myrtle Mae Simmons



Directed by Kathe Rowe  
Assisted by Ben Hohman,  
(not pictured)

Cast in costume for publicity  
pictures (right).



## Sustaining Fund Update

For the 2006-2007 seasons (two years), supporters have donated \$42,627. Our goal is \$71,000, we're over half way there. Projects targeted:

Repair leaking dormer windows: \$18,000 (completed)  
Paint building exterior: \$21,000  
Repair deteriorating theater entrance pillars: \$18,000  
Upgrade stage lighting control system: \$26,000  
Upgrade sound control system: \$6,000

Contribution Levels for the Sustaining Fund:

Sponsor (\$50 - \$99)  
Patron (\$100 - \$249)  
Benefactor (\$250 - \$499)  
Underwriter (\$500 or more)

Mail your check to:

Driftwood Players  
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## Building & Grounds

In late February, the theater was broken into twice. The first time the perpetrators gained access they cleaned up so there was no signs of forced entry. The second time they did not clean up and we found they gained access through a window. The outcomes from both break-ins were damage to internal doors, some vandalism including destruction of the pop machine, and theft of property, both theater and loaned. Lists of missing property were provided to the police department, including jewelry, sound and telephone equipment, costumes, stage props. Damaged doors and locks were replaced.

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## Wardrobe

To Our Wonderful Patrons:

For a long time now, I have been meaning to write a Thank you letter to all the folks who have donated so generously to our wardrobe, but, I am sure everyone knows how easy it is to put things off - my favorite saying is "The road to hell is paved with good intentions", and this last week I realized how precarious my position on that slippery slope is. First, please let me say how much I appreciate your donations, sometimes I don't even know who the donors are, bags and boxes are dropped off at the theatre, with notes that say "Costume Room", but no name - but a lot of times unfortunately, I do have a name, but neglect to send the proper "Thank you", I'm afraid I have some huge gaps in my etiquette education. Therefore, I hope that you will accept this as a general THANK YOU, and I'll try to do better - here I am again, sliding faster and faster!

I now have to ask for a favor from you. The second theatre break-ins included the costume room in which they

made a terrible mess and took several expensive items. One item, which did not have a lot of value to anyone but our costume room, was a box of watches which many of our patrons donated, when I sent out a "Help Me" call a few months ago. So I am back at square one in the watch department. Do any of you have any old or new watches, particularly men's, that you would be willing to donate? In case you are wondering if our actors are too poor, if we do a period piece, most of the watches men wear now look that they could program a rocket ship! If you have such items, please either call me at 532-4881, or bring to the theatre the next time you come to see us. Thank you so much.

Sonny Frieauf, Wardrobe Trustee

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## Summer Banquet

Everyone is welcome to attend our annual banquet, Saturday, June 9th at 6:30 PM at the Grays Harbor Country Club. The Driftwood community will roast the directors and present awards for the best performances from the 2006-07 season. Changes from last year include, food will be catered, no open bar (there will be champagne and sparkling cider with the meal), and Jason Whited will give a preview of his Elvis tribute show. Tickets will go on sale once we settle on a menu and a caterer (in progress). All cast members should try to attend, especially the following as presenters for this year's awards.

Kathe Rowe, *Best Actress*

Tim Shute, *Best Actor*

Debbie Lansing, *Best Supporting Actress*

Keith Kruger, *Best Supporting Actor*

Angela McFadden, *Best Actress in a small role*

Gary Morean, *Best Actor in a small role & Ham award*

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## Special Thanks

Special thanks to Margaret Tingwall and her sister Linda Steffen for the creation of many of the stunning new women's costumes for our recent production of The Importance of Being Earnest. The show required authentic period costumes and many of the creations, including the spectacular hats were custom designed. In addition to Margaret and Linda, Sonny Frieauf, Kathy Lytle, Karen Papp, Betty Peterson, and Dot DeSalvo also donated their talents to create the beautiful fashions.

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## Next Board Meeting - Call For Plays

The next board meeting is May 7th at 6:30 PM. We will be selecting board positions as well as plays for the 2007-08 season. Yours truly would like to assist & or co-direct.

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