



An Occasional Newsletter

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### ~ Tonight I Take Over the World! ~

My sister Alfreda broke her parole and was involuntarily committed to the state hospital in Thomasville. I wonder who could have done that to her?? <snicker> So now you're stuck with me.

I have the pleasure of introducing a fourth member of the insane Lowndes Lagoon staff. Beats me why tremendously terrific tenor Kerry Montgomery is lending her considerable writing skills to this sleazy rag. She will thrill you below with the Spotlight On Patrick, our accompanist. Sure is easy to look at, isn't he girls?!

The management would like to apologize. Due to technical difficulties, Kerry's picture will not appear by her article. The camera went dueflunky. With luck, staff photographer Lynne Bennett will be able to get her picture next rehearsal.

Polly Diamond has given us many faithful years of service as treasurer. This issue will also give information on the necessary Treasurer's election required by the bylaws.

Speaking of bylaws, there will be a short article on the process of revision and acceptance by the membership.

And there you have it - Alfred E. Newman, waving the patriotic flag of Tanzania



### ~ Badges? I Don't Need no Stinkin' Badges! ~

The current bylaws state that any revision must go to the membership a minimum of two weeks before a vote to give y'all a chance to suggest revisions. Proposed bylaws will be sent to the membership by this editor at the same time this newsletter goes out. Read the bylaws carefully! We have been under the 2006 revision and this revision may be on the books for years to come also. The bylaws ratification and Treasurer's vote will happen at a General Membership Meeting at the end of this rehearsal season.

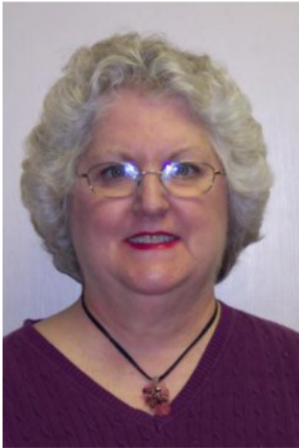
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## ~The King is in His Counting House~

This editor would like to thank soprano Polly Diamond for her many years of faithful service. As our president Ann Embry stated at our last rehearsal, the bylaws are clear; we need to elect a new treasurer. The current bylaws gives the following job description for the office of Treasurer:

“The Treasurer shall care for the organization’s funds; i.e., collect all dues and other income, keep an accurate record of receipts and disbursements, pay bills promptly as directed by the Board, maintain records of the organization’s bank account(s), and submit financial reports at each meeting of the Board and the annual general membership meeting.”

Applicants must have computer skills and knowledge of bookkeeping and/ or knowledge of bookkeeping software. The Nominating Committee consists of three of our members: Margie Vollenweider, Chairman, Winnie Dooly and Harry Hamm.



In the past, the Nominating Committee had to approach or call every member to see if they were willing to serve. Please make their job easier. Their pictures are included so you can approach them and volunteer to serve. The treasurer’s job isn’t too time consuming, much less so then the ponderous workload of an overworked secretary that does the minutes of the board meetings, writes the newsletters and website, takes out the trash and panhandles on the corner in order to afford postage.

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## ~ Spotlight On... ~



Story by tremendously talented tenor and Kourageous feature writer Kerry Montgomery

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the second soprano section has once again been graced with the addition of Kay Vincent (article by our roving photographer Lynne Bennett). Thus introducing us to the ever so charming 22 year old senior @ VSU, Patrick Jones.

Although born in Florence, Alabama, Patrick considers Rome, Georgia his home where he started to play classical piano at the age of 7. The middle of 3 children, his parents were not very musical although his older brother plays guitar as a

hobby & his sister plays the clarinet in her high school band.

Playing piano, is Patrick's life & he doesn't know what else he'd do if he couldn't play! "If I couldn't play the piano I honestly have no idea what I would do. I've been playing most of my life and love doing it." His passion is playing and composing jazz. Some of his favorite composers while growing up were Debussy, Stravinsky, Bartok & Ravel. In high school his musical interest turned to jazz and pop, where his influences are Duke Ellington, Gil Evans, Bill Evans, Brad Mehldau, Bud Powell, Darcy James Argue, Jim McNeely & Fred Sturm.

His plans are to go on to the University of Oregon in May where he has already been accepted. He is just waiting on a Teaching Assistant spot there. He will be taking classes and teaching and rehearsing ensembles full time, earning a degree in Jazz Piano Performance & Composition.

Patrick's talents are not limited to just the piano, he also plays the drums, trombone, guitar & other stringed instruments like bass, mandolin etc. . His other interests are disc golf, biking, hiking/back-packing; anything involving the outdoors in the mountains. Patrick admits, "I grew up in the mountains, it's been hard getting used to all the flat sand in Valdosta. Honestly though, I don't really have time for interests other than practicing, performing and writing music."

Disc golf????? – Alfred E. Newman

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## ~America the Beautiful~

Dress rehearsal- Saturday, April 21 starting at 10 AM

Performance Sunday, April 22 at 2:30 PM

Performance Monday, April 23 at 7:30 PM

Please mark your personal calendars with this information. We certainly appreciate the hospitality of Messiah Lutheran for both our rehearsal space and now for Spring performance space. If you know any members of Messiah Lutheran please be sure to say a big THANK YOU to each of them!

## ~ Iz Atired, Ain't Chew? ~

With so many procedures like reviewing and voting on bylaws and getting a nominating committee together for the Treasurer's vote, the board hasn't been able to address the issue of attire for the spring patriotic concert, *America the Beautiful*. The board will give as much advanced notice as possible for clothing purchase. Speaking for Alfreda, she will probably need time to do mailorder for her clothes.

## ~ Erin go braugh ~

The Spring Social will again be at Jim Ingram's horse farm where the Low Country Boil was held. Daniel Folsom has a fabulous knack of creating amazing socials, doesn't he?

The party is on March 17<sup>th</sup>. I wonder if it will be a Shamrock Party. Daniel and his committee will again have a sign-up sheet at rehearsal to find out who is bringing main dishes, desserts and drinks. If this social is only half as good as the Country Boil!!

Daniel is passing around maps, but in case you didn't pick one up, Jim's farm is at 5350 McMillan Rd in Hahira. Check the website at <http://www.valdstachoralguild.org/vcg-social-2012.html> for a Google Map.

## ~ This Space for Rent ~ Lowndes' Lampoon ~



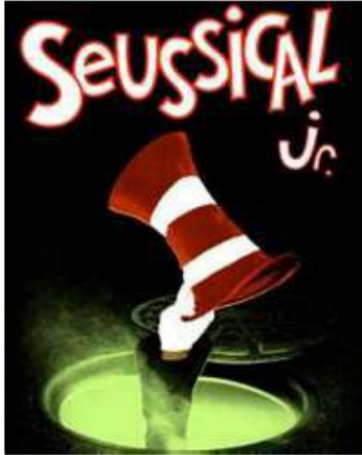
Call Alfreda for information. If a man answers, hang up!!

Fabricate some bogus news and send it to this editor at [valdstachoralguild@gmail.com](mailto:valdstachoralguild@gmail.com).

You too can be labeled psychotic.

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~ Theater Guild Valdosta ~



Tickets for *Seussical, the Musical, Jr.* are now on sale! To purchase your tickets [click here!](#)

Show dates: Mar. 23, 24, 30, 31 at 8pm;  
March 25 and Apr. 1 at 2:30pm

Ticket prices - \$10.70 (including tax) for children 12 & under;  
\$12.84 (including tax) for ages 13 & up

"Oh, the things you can think" when Dr. Seuss's best-loved stories collide and cavort in an unforgettable musical caper! The Cat in the Hat is the host and emcee (and all-around mischief-maker) in this romp through the Seuss classics. When the sweet, good-natured elephant Horton hears a small cry for help coming from a small speck of dust, he promises to rescue and guard it because "a person's a person, no matter how small."

On that small speck of dust lives JoJo, an imaginative young Who. JoJo has astounding "thinks," in which anything's possible, but his parents believe this creativity is inappropriate for the son of the Mayor of Who-Ville. Meanwhile, the one-feathered bird, Miss Gertrude McFuzz, desperately wants Horton to notice her. Maybe, she thinks, she just needs a more impressive tail. At the same time, the amazingly lazy Maysie La Bird connives, cajoles and convinces Horton to sit on her egg while she goes off on a spree. Will the planet of Who survive? Will Horton pay attention to Gertrude? Will Maysie ever return for her egg? Dr. Seuss's beloved classic characters find themselves intertwined in an incredible crazy-quilt adventure, in which the power of imagination and the most miraculous "think" ever save the day!

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~ Austrian Tour for the Summer of 2013 ~

Your incognito reporter contacted our beloved Director Emeritus Lynn Corbin and asked her about the Austrian Tour. She sent the following email:

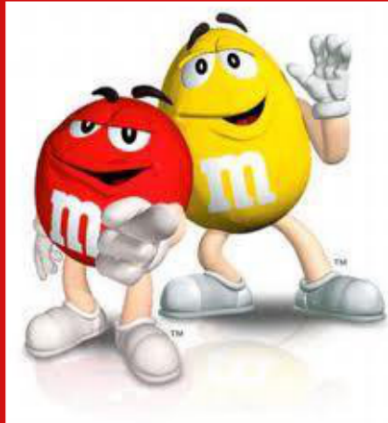
Thanks to all of you for your interest in the 2013 Austrian tour. I have canceled the trip due to insufficient interest. While it would have been possible to hope for late additions, the financial burden and diminishing refund options would have been unfair to those already signed up. I wish you all the best.

Lynn Corbin  
Director Emeritus

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~ HAPPY ~

March



Birthdays  
Can Be So  
Sweet!

Chuk Holzworth  
Wanda Griffin  
Jean Johnson  
Harry Hamm.

Madness

~ Birthday ~