

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the volunteers who have helped us accomplish so much during the first half of our season. Since our season started last July, we have sent out a large direct mailings, cleaned our prop/wardrobe building, taken part in Get Down Downtown, the White County Fair Parade, in addition to Dessert Theater and two Dinner Theater productions onstage. We have a wonderful company of actors and others who work behind the scenes to keep things going.

The first annual **Volunteer Appreciation** event was a tremendous hit. More than 60 people who have helped out Center on the Square in some way attended the cook-out at the theater on August 19.

As participants munched on delicious hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings, they were entertained by the cast of our current show, “Guys and Dolls.” The theater gave each volunteer a tee shirt in gratitude for their loyal service

First Security Bank and White County Medical Center are the sponsors of Center on the Squares’ 2010-2011 Volunteer program. First Security brought their portable grill to provide the cook-out, while WCMC provided goody bags for each person.

We want to recognize everyone who participated, but know we might leave someone out. When the job is big and several pitch in to help, a name might slip our memory. (In the future, look for a sign in sheet for volunteers so we don’t miss anyone.)

That being said, and with apologies for anyone whose name is missing, we want to let all our backstage volunteers know how much we appreciate all they do. If your name should appear here and doesn’t, be sure to let Dot know: dothatfield@sbcglobal.net

Stuff and Stamp:

Thanks to these who helped with the brochure mailing and the direct mail campaign to donors: Janet Benight, Sara Dacus, Dale Ellis, Irene Gray, Dorothy Hatfield, Beth Huddleston, Patsy Pipkin, and Dan Tullos, Betty Harris, and NettieLangley.

Spread the Word:

These people sat in our booth at Searcy’s Get Down Downtown: Caleb and Annie Keese.

Meet and Greet:

Each performance a host or hostess helps seat the theater patrons. Thanks to: Janet Benight, Virginia Cantrell, Hazel Dickey, Mary Lou Dunn, Dale Ellis, Carla Fuller, Irene Gray, Dorothy Hatfield, Beth Huddleston, Caleb Keese, Karm Prock, Gayla Pruitt, Patsy Pipkin, and Danielle Brown.

Dessert Theater: These wonderful cooks provided luscious desserts for our summer Dessert Theater: Tity Albud, Shirley Baugh, Rosemary Bell, Janet Benight, Chip Braswell, Joan Cole, Sara Dacus, Hazel Dickey, Mary Lou Dunn, Dale Ellis, Irene Gray, Lana Hallmark, Dorothy Hatfield, Jessica Kaplan, Nancy Liles, Phil Miller, Sally Paine, Tommie Pemberton, Gayla Pruitt, Lynette Shipp, Roy Showalter, Diane Thomas.

Get the Word Out:

Our Poster Team, led by Janet Benight distributed posters to local businesses announcing our current play.

Music, Music, Music:

Musicians who have provided dinner music for the theater: Jack Ryan, Rosemary Hallmark, Nancy Showalter, Susan Bucher, Sherry Organ, David Robison, Sherry Sowell.

Set Building:

Many actors put in some “sweat equity” on the set. Here are some others who pitched in: Tom Hartsfield, Dale Ellis, Jonathan and Jessica Kaplan, Evan Hallmark, Matt Embrey.

In the Booth:

Taking care of the technical aspects of the play: Dale Ellis, Sophie Fuller, Tyler Norris, Gracie Bain, Mary Margaret Jackson.

Photography/Video:

Shoots stills and makes a video for our library: Dan Hilgenkamp, Bradley Taylor.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Now that the weather has cooled off a bit, we will organize a Saturday morning of sorting and cleaning our prop/wardrobe building. Watch for the call.

June 10, 2010 is the date of the Center On the Square WooHoo, our *fancy get together*. There are various jobs connected to this, if you like to help organize parties. Also, plan to come! Last year at this event we honored two volunteers who had given outstanding service to COTS.

Calling a scrapbooker: We would love to have someone to read the local newspapers and other publications to cut out and scrapbook photos and news stories about the theater and its programs. Let Dot or Lana know if you're interested.