



Key - Notes

A Newsletter for the members and friends of Celestia Performing Arts Association

Key Events

**Horsham Public Library
Grand Opening**

November 5, 2004

**Holiday Celebration
at Village Players
Hatboro**

December 3, 4, & 5

**Horsham Township
Blue Tree Lighting**

December 6, 2004

**Willow Grove Bank
Maple Glen, PA**

Annual Tree Lighting

December 17, 2004

**St. Luke's Church
Glenside**

**Holiday Concert/Craft
show.**

November 11, 2004

**Ronald McDonald
House; Philadelphia
"Share a Night"**

December 8, 2004

**"Annual Holiday Party"
with the families:**

December 15th, 2004

**See our website for
additional details**

www.celestia-arts.org

Keys to Success

Well, here we are at the end of another year. It hardly seems possible that the time has passed so quickly, once again! I have been very gratified by the support and talent that has played a part in this premier year for the **Celestia** newsletter. Without the support and opinions as well as the willingness to participate in this venture it would not have elicited the positive response that it has over the last nine months.

This quarter, we have decided to focus on the overall group with pictures and comments, and focus on the comments of those outside our "family circle" of members.

Many of our friends and neighbors have continued to praise and support the organization. The cadre of support continues to grow, and the vision for the future continues to gain "traction". We are surely making an impact in our communities and all that are associated with the organization should rightfully be proud of all the progress we have made. A well-deserved Thank You is in order for our membership's dedication and our stakeholder's ongoing support.

We have seen many new

milestones this year. We have been called upon for special events, because our presence in the community at large continues to grow. Many of the events we held this year involved our entertainers in primarily fund raising activities. The "troupe" has consistently displayed a willingness to share their precious time and their talents to support the overall organization.

There also remains a high level of enthusiasm for the long range goals of the organization. Our leadership continues to keep the membership abreast of the operations side of **Celestia** with briefings to the performers following each board meeting and whenever a significant event has taken place. This is a very important tool for developing an awareness, by the general membership, of the progress and goals of the organization. Communication is a key element for the creation of positive team spirit.

Early this year the Board approved the initiation of this quarterly newsletter. Its purpose was to communicate with the membership and provide the facility to com-

municate with our supporters and stakeholders outside of the general membership. We have found that the consensus regarding the newsletter has been positive.

As we look forward to a busy 4th quarter of activities and the equally busy holiday season we are excited by the opportunities to showcase our talents, increase our presence in the community, and discover new avenues and venues to support our friends, neighbors and the cultural opportunities in our communities.

My personal thanks to all who graciously supported me in the newsletter preparation, publication, distribution, and encouragement.

R Harris: Editor

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Key Happenings for Celestia

Ann's Choice

During the Hatboro-Horsham school term we are fortunate to be able to use the facilities at the Simmons Elementary School, on Babylon Road in Horsham. The district has been generous with their ongoing support and we are thankful for the opportunity to use this facility.

During the summer months we have been confronted with the issue of where to rehearse. This past summer we were fortunate to have the use of a facility at Ann's Choice, an adult community located in Warminster. Arrangements were made for us at this marvelous facility and we were welcomed by their friendly staff as well as the gracious residents.

We were able to convey our thanks and appreciation to the staff and residents with a complimentary concert on August 30. The concert was well received and the audience was enthusiastic in their responses and participation.

The following is a sampling of the written responses we received from the residents:

"Special thanks to a wonderful group, for a delightful evening of entertainment."

"Hats off to all for a wonderful evening, thank you for all the smiles your hard work generated"

"Thank you so much for the wonderful concert. The sound, the feeling and artistry you gave to the residents was enjoyed by all. Thank you for sharing your joy through music with our residents and staff".

"Your energy, enthusiasm, musician-ship, and a real desire on the part of all of you to communicate your love of what you do, to your audience, made the night a memorable experience".

Our special thanks to all at Ann's Choice for a warm and friendly reception and for the use of their lovely facility.

Hatboro YMCA National Gymnastics Competition

On July 4th we were called upon to participate in the YMCA's National Gymnastics Competition opening ceremonies held at the Hatboro-Horsham stadium. A crowd, numbering in the thousands, warmly and enthusiastically received our performance. The program included "summertime" tunes from the 60's and 70's as well as patriotic music in recognition of the holiday.

Wine and Cheese Fund Raiser

Back in the Spring (it seems like so long ago, but really wasn't) we held a fund raiser at Talamore Country Club. In attendance were members of our community's leadership. The following are quotes from some of our guests:

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Alliance with Village Players

We have developed an alliance with Village Players of Hatboro, that will enable **Celestia** to use their facilities for performances and share the proceeds from the performances. This activity is an answer to an ongoing need for us.

Our first performances will take place on December 3rd, 4th and 5th as we present a "Holiday Celebration". This presentation will involve the full troupe including the support staff and will feature an original script written by members of our team. Three performances will take place on Friday evening, Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. We are currently booking reservations for the performances and would encourage all who are interested in attending to book early, as the seating capacity is limited. Please call: (215) 957-5365 for tickets and further information.

We wish to thank the Board of Village Players for their willing support and their decision to work with us.

Want to know how you can help Celestia reach its goals and full potential? There are many ways for you to help! Donations have been "Key" to our success, but you can help without an "out-of-pocket" expense! Apply today for escrip on line and designate Celestia as your recipient in the Community Cash Back Program. Our number is 152174404

Go to escrip today and sign-up for Celestia!!!!

Visit www.escrip.com NOW!

Key Happenings for Celestia Cont.

*"Wouldn't it be great for the region if we had an entertainment venue? A community is made up of people and organizations, while a township is simply a geographic location. We as a region lack a center for the arts and entertainment. The vision of **Celestia** brings our region to a new level!" Mike McGee Horsham Township Manager*

"You will be a success! I believe in you! Your service to the community comes from your hearts. You are changing our community, you are doing a fantastic job." Joe Gisondi: President JAG Oil

"Pool the resources of the region for support, space and your ongoing growth in recognition" George Hayeck; Hayeck's Restaurant and Township Official: Lower Gwynedd

Key Memories 2004

Pictures are in fact worth a 1,000 words and we've selected a few for your entertainment and enlightenment.....



"THE BOSS" At the YMCA National Gymnastics Competition. Our orders? "Have Fun!" July 4, 2004



"Fitz Himself" with a would be reveler at the Irish Cabaret 2004



Part of the "Gang" at the Ronald McDonald House December 2003



Another tough rehearsal for a "worn out" Pianist! Holiday Concert 2003

"Key-Needs"

Toner Cartridges for recycling

Covered trailer (6 or 8 foot)

Access to a van for transporting equipment

Event sponsors-ask your employer!



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We're on the Web!

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Celestia Performing Arts Association

Our Mission is to provide a high quality forum for the arts, supported by educational and practical experiences. We will also cultivate the arts and we invite the community to enjoy local presentations. We will ensure that the talent and support garnered from the community is returned in kind through our activities and performances.

Our Values are based upon Nurturing, Community, Professionalism, Education, Respect and Creativity.

Have Talents that you want to share with the "world"? Why not join us and we'll provide you the opportunity to "show-off". We're always on the lookout for performers, musicians, writers, stage and sound techs, and any one willing to have FUN!!!!

Contact us: at 215-957-5365 or on the web celestia-arts.org

Upcoming Events

The Holiday Show slated for the 3rd, 4th and 5th of December is entitled: "**Christmas Wishes**". Performances will take place at 8PM on the 3rd and 4th and at 2PM on the 5th. Tickets are priced at \$10.00 each and reservations are encouraged. Call 215-957-5365

"**A Wee Bit of the Irish**" will be returning to the Horsham area on March 12, 2005! The stage will come alive with over 50 performers, vocalists, instrumentalists, comedians and dancers gathered at "**Fitz's**" **Pub!** This gathering of the green will take place at the Hatboro-Horsham High School and will be sponsored by the Hatboro Horsham Educational

Foundation. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-672-1023. Prices are: Student \$10.00; Senior \$12.00 and Adult \$15.00 (preferred seating is available for \$20.00)

Book early and be ready to tap your feet, sing-a-long and don't forget your laughter...

Opportunities are available for event Sponsorships:

Our Holiday show, Christmas Wishes, provides advertisers an opportunity to get their message in front of the show's audience during the entire 3 performances.

This is a timely opportunity to put your holiday related products in front the public for a modest fee.

Contact *Celestia* ASAP and get your MESSAGE OUT THERE!!!!