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OUR NEXT PROGRAM

HARDIN SIMMONS UNIVERSITY Fantasticks

"Fantastick" Season Opener!

The Hardin-Simmons University Department of Theatre opens its' 07-08 season with a dinner theatre production of the beloved musical *The Fantasticks* by Texans Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt. The story is not a new one. Jones & Schmidt drew inspiration from classic tales of love and loss throughout history, most notably that of William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. What differentiates this love parable, however, are its ties to theatrical styles throughout history, from *commedia del' arte* to the Chinese *prop man*, and of course the great tradition of the American musical.

The *Fantasticks* is one of four productions at Hardin-Simmons directed by a student this year. Senior church music major and theatre minor, Amber Hale, is both the artistic and musical director of the show. The Cast includes a member of the Hardin-Simmons University faculty who has long been a part of productions as Technical Director & Stage Designer, Mr. Larry Wheeler (playing the role of Hucklebee). The *Fantasticks* marks his HSU on-stage debut. Other members of the cast include Randal Ramirez (El Gallo), Sue Robinson (Theatre professor Mrs. Melissa Green's mother) as Bellomy, Neal Springer (Matt), Rychelle Apfel (Luisa), Garrett Davis (Henry), Evita Richarte (Mortimer), and Rebecca Heard and Ashley McNeely as the mutes. The production's pianist is the Kiwanis Club's very own Lora Lynn Christensen.

The show will run September 4th through 9th at the Van Ellis Theatre on the H.S.U. campus. Dinner Theatre tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$12 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. For reservations or more information, please call the H.S.U. Theatre Box Office at (325) 670-1405.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 08/29/07

Margaret Hoogstra presided over the meeting. **Randy Williams** led the singing and **Millie Brady** played the piano. **Bruce Benton** led the prayer; **Chris Carnohan** led the pledge and **Stanley Higgins** introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! August 29, 2007

Frontier Forts Celebrate 140th Anniversaries Robert F. Bluthardt

Robert Bluthardt was our guest speaker this week. Bob was born in Boston Massachusetts, and graduated from Brandeis University in 1977 with a B.A. degree in History and Classical Civilization. He received a teaching certificate from Boston State College in 1978 and taught Latin and English in the Boston Public Schools prior to attending graduate school at George Washington University where he received a Master of Art Teaching degree in Museum



Education. He currently is Director of the Fort Concho National Historic Landmark.

Bob offered a lot of information by taking members way back to the 1860's after the American Civil War. He told why and how the Forts came to be where they are today. Bob noted that Fort Concho, Fort Griffin and Fort Richardson are all celebrating their 140th Anniversary this year. Fort Concho will celebrate in December, Fort Griffin the second weekend in October, while Fort Richardson celebrated in April already. Bob discussed myths of the forts and their place in history. Members were able to get a better understanding of the importance of the forts today and learn where they are located. Bob told about the Forts that were now in private hands, which were educational centers, which were run by city, county and even federal sites and those too that are acknowledged with historic markers.



In conclusion it would be a wonderful idea for all of us to take the time to visit as many of these landmarks as possible. The Texas Forts Trail is important to all of us!

PRAYER REQUESTS

To the family and friends of John and Erin Thomas as their son Joseph has passed away. LuGene Lewis is recovering from minor surgery.

Roland William's wife Gloria.

****Billy Clay**Rosanna Herndon**Nelda Wallace ** Margaret Jolly****

****J. R. Velasco's mother Olivia Velasco** Richard Kincaid's brother David****

To those not mentioned, our thoughts prayers are still with you. *****

****** God Bless our Military Men & Women ******



NOTE

We all are very saddened to learn of the passing of member John Thomas's six year old son Joseph. Joseph passed away on Wednesday, August 29, 2007. Please extend your thoughts and prayers to John and his wife Erin, daughter Emma, and their family at this difficult time.

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE-True Riches

A perceptive real estate agent once observed that a big house never brought happiness. But if the people bought a big home with money they earned helping other people, they tended to enjoy the home. His conclusion was that instead of being a status symbol, the home should be an expression of how much a person has helped his fellow man. Happy people have strong goals, and somehow, these goals include helping other people.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38 (NIV)

WEST TEXAS FAIR AND RODEO

Royce Manning expressed his thanks to those members that have volunteered to assist with the upcoming West Texas Fair and Rodeo. If you are able to help, please contact Royce Manning or George Woodfin as soon as possible. The Fair and Rodeo runs September 7-15, 2007.

CELEBRATION BANQUET

This year's Celebration Banquet will be held at Lytle Bend Ranch. We hope to see all of you there. The banquet has been set for Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30pm. If you have not signed up to attend please do so as soon as possible. Sign-up sheets will be available again this week.

UPCOMING PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

If you have been in the service and have a photo or two of yourself in uniform Charles Kirkpatrick is hoping that you will share them with him as he prepares for our November Veteran's Day program. All photos will be

returned and Charles asks that you include your name, branch of service and date please.

BIRTHDAYS- September

Russell Johnson 6
Margaret Jolly 9

Luncheon Cup Money for August 29, 2007 was \$50.54

GUESTS FOR 08/29/07

Jerry Harris introduced the guests.

David Pitzer, Nicki Harle, and Priscilla Gwilt were all guests of Margaret Hoogstra.

Mark Chatman, Don Boles, and Darrell Watkins were all guests from the Clyde Golden K Club.

George Woodfin, Lorne Sutherlin, John Fred Phillips, Laurie Martin, and John Hewitt were all guests from the Greater Abilene Club.

MEMBERSHIP

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Induction Date</u>
Connie Stephens	Dub Pritchett	10/4/06
Dub Hawkins	Pamela McGrew	10/4/06
Bruce Benton	Van Boozer	10/11/06 (member since 08/30/06)
Faye Dodson	Kelly Jones	11/1/06
Bradley Campbell	David Bacon	11/1/06
Vicky Stout	Kenny Smith	12/20/06
Shirley Velasco	J. R. Velasco	2/14/07
Mike Jeter	Jerry Harris	2/28/07
Matt Smith	Donald McDonald	2/28/07
Carol Casey	Randall Williams	3/14/07
Casey Thompson	Marcus Anderson	04/18/07
Lori Reyna	Sheila Watts	05/30/07
Stanley Higgins	Bruce Davis	06/13/07
Jessica Boyd	David Bacon	08/15/07
Sharon Jones	Kelly Jones	08/22/07

FUTURE PROGRAMS

09/12/07-First Responders

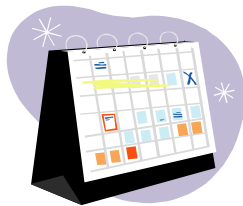
09/19/07-Texas House of Representatives-Susan King

09/26/07-Round Table

10/03/07-Ralph Fisher

10/10/07-Medivac-Amber LeFevre

Programs are subject to change without notice.



KIWANIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/13/07-Board Meeting, 12 Noon at the Cotton Patch Restaurant.

9/20/07-Program Committee Meeting-12 Noon at Briarstone Manor.

9/18/07-Celebration Banquet-Lytle Bend Ranch at 6:30pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Don't forget the Boy Scouts of America and the unique exhibit that they have organized at the Grace Museum entitled "Trail to Eagle". The exhibit includes eight works by Norman Rockwell that were painted for the boy scouts between 1925 and 1973. They are in town until September 20th, 2007.

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The Texas Donor Registry is now up and running and, for the first time, Texans can officially and legally register to be organ and tissue donors.

The registry website is:

www.donatelifetexas.org

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This registration takes the place of a donor card or an indication on the driver's license and once someone registers, no other person can override that decision. If people already signed up when this was the Texas Dear Registry, those names will already be in this registry. They do not need to re-register.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

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