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Greetings, and welcome to Red Mask's 52nd season and our opening production, *The Odd Couple*.

Welcome back to our many supportive members and to many new members. Membership are currently available for those of you here for the first time (inquire at the box office).

We are excited about our first play and working with a new director, Candy Keller-Raber. Those of us close to this production have enjoyed it greatly and hope you laugh as much as we have.

So please sit back, relax, and enjoy the evening.



Florence (Sue Ann Crick) and Olive (Marty Howrey).

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The first time I read the script for *The Odd Couple* I laughed almost continuously. Neil Simon has—of course—the super gift of humor in looking at real life situations. During auditions these actresses and actors were chosen because each displayed the funny side of the characters. The richness of Simon's dialogue combined with the natural wit of these performers makes for wonderful entertainment. Enjoy yourself. Laughter doeth good like a medicine!

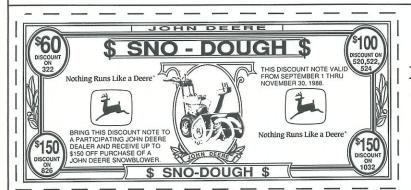
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## DIRECTOR . . .

#### Candace Keller-Raber

Candace Keller-Raber has been directing plays and cantatas in churches for 10 years. *The Odd Couple*, her first community theatre production. She has a BA in TV-Radio and Film from Stephen's College for Women and is extremely interested in instructional media. Candy is an educator in the Georgetown-Ridge Farm School District.

## STAGE MANAGER ...

#### Ed Poletti

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This is Ed's first effort as stage manager after doing backstage work, and appearances in *Night of January 16th*, *Cactus Flower*, and *I Never Sang for My Father*. The great cast and supportive crew working together makes this job enjoyable as well as challenging. Ed is the chief of library service at the VA Medical Center.

## PRODUCER . . .

#### James D. Beebe

A past President of Red Mask, Jim is currently serving as 1st Vice-President. This is Jim's first time working as producer. He has had a little experience, the Director-Producer of 13 seasons of Sunshine II Productions, Ltd. (but he says Joy usually does all the work). Joy, his wife, is general music teacher at Northeast and Meade Park Elementary Schools. The Beebe's have two children. Danielle teaches elementary general music in the Palos Park Schools, and Steve just finished his first opera role in ISU's fall production of Mozart's *The Impressario*. When he is not working in theatre, Jim keeps "popping" up to Cissna Park to work the family's farm business, Beebe/Stevenson Popcorn Co., Inc.



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Sylvie (Gail West), Mickey (Donna Sant), Florence (Sue Ann Crick), Olive (Marty Howrey), Renee (Jennifer Cole), and Vera (Joyce Aschermann) enjoy a rousing game of Trivial Pursuit.



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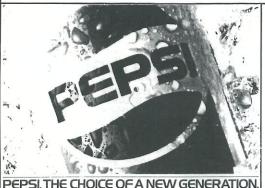
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GAIL WEST (Sylvie): Gail takes a break from her usual backstage roles to return to the stage and join the girls in Trivial Pursuit. She currently serves as President of Red Mask Players and when not at the theatre is principal of St. Paul's School.

DONNA SANT (Mickey): Donna has been active in Red Mask Players for the past 6 years in many backstage capacities. She has been seen on stage in Dracula, Bus Stop, and Squabbles. Donna participated in Window Repertory Theatre's Shadow Box and Talley's Folley. She is married to Edward Sant who just finished performing in DLO's Sugar Babies. With their busy rehearsal schedules, and Donna's job as manager of Waldenbooks, they've planned on finally crossing paths again at Thanksgiving dinner!

JENNIFER A. COLE (Renee): This is Jennifer's first Red Mask performance. although she has appeared onstage for DLO and Sunshine II Productions, Ltd. Some of her favorite roles have been Eulalie Shinn in The Music Man. Jennifer in Godspell, and Beatrice in The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, Jennifer is a member of the Danville and Lafayette Symphony Orchestras. She is beginning her third year as director of vocal music in the Covington (IN) Schools.

JOYCE ASCHERMANN (Vera): Joyce is making her first appearance with Red Mask (actually it's her first-ever venture into acting). She caught the performing bug from her husband Jon (Jesus). Joyce works as a computer programmer at Carle Clinic in Urbana.



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MARTY HOWREY (Olive): Beginning her 9th season with Red Mask, Marty has performed in a variety of roles (including that of the quadraplegic in the female version of Whose Life Is It Anyway? During the summer she performs and works backstage with Sunshine II Producitons, Ltd. Marty and husband Dave have two children-John (a freshman at Illinois State University) and Meg (a senoir at Professional Children's School in New York and a trainee at the Joffrey Ballet School).

SUE ANN CRICK (Florence): The neurotic (Cleanliness is next to Godliness) Florence is a far cry from Sue Ann's last role, the evil Lenya in Sunshine II Production, Ltd.'s Bullshot Crummond. She says she has enjoyed all the roles she has played, but her favorites are Florence and Toby The Gingerbread Ladu. When not memorizing lines (special thanks to Josh and Jennifer for all their help), Sue Ann stays busy working with husband Ron at Castle's Business Equipment.

JIM KNOBLAUCH (Manolo): Jim was last seen at Red Mask as Gene in the production of I Never Sang for My Father. He was also part of the cast in Sunshine II Productions, Ltd.'s Bullshot Crummond this past summer. Jim and his wife Joyce work for Barry Boyd Photography in Danville. Jim attributes his spanish accent to his first grade teacher, Sister Fatima-a Honduran nun who tried to teach a bunch of six-year-olds how to read English. (He's not hoking!)

JON ASCHERMANN (Jesus): Jon is happy to be returning to the Red Mask stage for the first time since his appearance in 1987's Night of January 16th. After working backstage in last year's Norman, Is That You?, he says he prefers being "on stage" because it's not nearly as much work! Jon is employed by Illinois Power Company and lives here in Danville with his wife Joyce (Vera).



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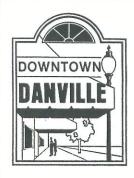




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