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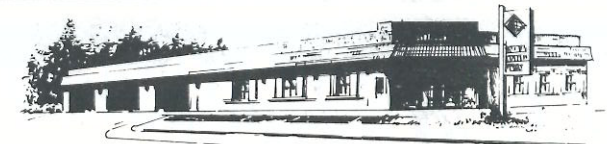
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FROM THE DIRECTOR . . .

James Beebe

Join us with Gene as he meets his parents on their return from wintering in Florida. The damnable Trade Winds have caused Tom to suffer a deep cough. Margaret has several serious ailments. Gene is an alienated son who is still searching for his father's love.

Playwrite Robert Anderson's skill with words has given the theatre an absorbing and exciting book; our talented cast will deliver moments of excitement, bitterness, desperation, frustration and tenderness. While they manipulate your mind, our efficient backstage cast will maneuver you through time and place.

My grateful thanks go to Liz Miller, Darrin Deck and Cyndi Deck; also to the Board and for the Harold Judy Memorial Lighting Fund. The Fund made possible the new lighting system which will enhance all future productions. (We hope it is installed by our show time).


We trust you will become absorbed in this touching and exciting drama. Thanks for your continued support in Red Mask.

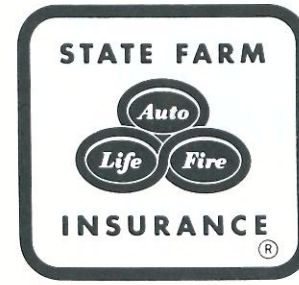


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James Beebe

James D. Beebe has just completed his twelfth season as Producer/Director of Sunshine II Productions, Ltd., Danville area's summertime dinner-theatre. Jim, who teaches Freshman English, T. V. Broadcasting, Acting, and Oral Interpretation of Literature at Danville High School, is Past President of Red Mask and is 2nd Vice-President. Jim's wife, Joy, teaches General Music at Meade Park and Northeast Schools and Fundamentals of Music at DACC. The Beebe's have two children: Danielle, a Senior Music Education major at the University of Illinois, and Stephen, a Sophomore Music Theatre major at Illinois State University.

PRODUCER . . .

Liz Miller

Liz has been active both onstage and backstage at Red Mask, including performing in 13 plays and directing 9. A past president, she has also served several terms on the Board of Directors.

STAGE MANAGER . . .

Darrin Deck

Darrin has been active with Red Mask both onstage and backstage for the past three years. This is Darrin's stage managing debut, but he feels confident about it because "I'm working with a great director, cast and crew, and I've learned from the best." When not working with Red Mask, Darrin and wife Cyndi can probably be found working with Danville Light Opera or Sunshine II. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for Red Mask and Danville Light Opera.



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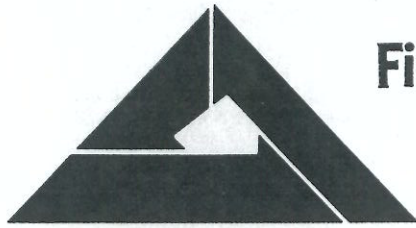
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CAST OF CHARACTERS . . .

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 Porter Chuck Pundt
 Tom Garrison Fred Legg
 Margaret Garrison Pat Simpson
 Mary Gaye Garner
 Nurse (Janet Halsey) Cyndi Deck
 Reverend Pell Justin Trahan
 Bartender Ed Poletti
 Marvin Scott George Murrmann
 Dr. Mayberry Larry Norton
 Alice Marty Howrey

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JIM KNOBLAUCH (Gene): has appeared in previous Red Mask productions, including *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Heaven Can Wait*, and *Deathtrap*. He was producer for Red Mask's production of *On Golden Pond*. Jim works as a video producer for Barry Boyd Photography. In his spare time, he writes plays and occasionally sneaks over to Champaign-Urbana to dabble in stand-up comedy. Jim's favorite audience is his wife, Joyce (she still laughs even if she doesn't get the joke.)

CHUCK PUNDT (Porter): This is Chuck's second role in Red Mask. He made his debut in the season opener *Squabbles* as Hector the handyman. He is very enthusiastic about his new role; there's much less make-up to put on. However, he is disappointed too, because he has been downgraded from a Puerto Rican to just being a porter. When not rehearsing, Chuck serves as a volunteer fireman on the Bismarck Community Fire Protection District. He lives at home with his parents and one of his two brothers. This is all the information we could get from Chuck, because he spends a great deal of time in the bathroom.

FRED LEGG (Tom): likes to quote two beautiful theatrical women: Barb Stover – "Not many roles come along for us mature types" and Nancy Nichols – "It is my firm belief that it is all in the lines." Fortunately in this play he has both and is back onstage with Jim Knoblauch – "Who could ask for anything more?" Fred and his wife Carol are retired and, if anyone thinks he is bored, they should try to memorize this many lines. Fred, a veteran both onstage and offstage, is the current Red Mask president.



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PAT SIMPSON (Margaret): Pat first performed for Red Mask last year in *Night of January 16th*. She says she's not sure if this is her biography or her obituary. Pat has three children-Scott, Tom, and Kerry and seven grandchildren under five. She enjoys playing tennis and dabbling in poetry, and has been employed by District #118 for the past 14 years as a Teacher Aide at Liberty School.

GAYE GARNER (Mary): Gaye is a four year Red Mask Veteran who has performed a variety of roles, both on and off stage. She is married to fellow Red Masker, David Garner. A permanent Danville transplant, the new home owner is busy at work as an assistant Public Defender and at DACC as an accounting student.

CYNDI DECK (Nurse): Although Cyndi is making her onstage debut at Red Mask, she previously appeared in high school plays and in local productions of *Grease* (Actors of Tomorrow) and *Hello Dolly* (Gregory Productions). A veteran backstage worker both for Red Mask and Danville Light Opera, she is also serving as assistant stage manager and is in charge of properties for this production. The wife of stage manager Darrin, she is employed at Professional Marketers Incorporated in Savoy, IL.

JESTIN TRAHAN (Rev. Pell): Jestin is very pleased to return to the stage after a lay-off of many years. His last roles were in *Bus Stop* and *Dark at the Top of the Stairs*. He teaches French and English at Georgetown-Ridge Farm High School and, now that both of his children have graduated from high school, he has more time to devote to one of his favorite activities-acting. His wife, La Vonne, is a teacher in Chrisman.

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ON STAGE . . .

ED POLETTI (Bartender): Ed has worked backstage in the last few productions. He played the Bailiff in *Night of January 16th* and the Music Lover in *Cactus Flower*. Ed, who works at the VA Medical Center, enjoys his association with Red Mask.

GEORGE MURRMANN (Marvin Scott): George is a Red Mask first-timer. He has been on the stage previously in a style show at DACC modeling Penny's clothes. Retired from The Commercial News as a proofreader and linotype operator, he is now a full-time security guard and volunteer at Lakeview Medical Center. George's wife Danuta, works at Meis in the accessories department. They have two daughters, Susan and Anita.

LARRY NORTON (Dr. Mayberry): Larry is appearing a second time as a doctor in a Red Mask production. His debut performance was last year as the doctor in *Night of January 16th*. Larry lives in Danville with his wife Gayle and daughters Shay and Sherry. He is employed by Bohn Heat Transfer.

MARTY HOWREY (Alice): Marty has performed in nine previous Red Mask productions (if you count the mute nun in *Heaven Can Wait*). Marty directed the season opener *Squabbles*, and is currently serving as a board member and treasurer for the organization. Marty and husband Dave have two children - John (Senior at DHS) and Meg (a junior at Walnut Hill Performing Arts School in Natick, Mass.).

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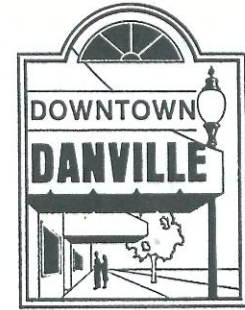
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