

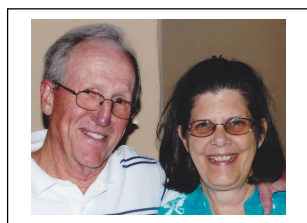
# Brevard LITTLE THEATRE SPOTLIGHT

## *June 2012*

### ***MEET BOARD MEMBERS, JIM & PATRICE ROBINSON***

Jim and Patrice Robinson joined the Board in 2011 and immediately accepted the position of Facility Managers. This position entails making sure the theatre is in top condition for performances, events and rentals. Jim has been an active proponent for updating the theatre with fresh paint and devising a way to provide more intimacy to such a large auditorium.

Jim grew up in small-town Richmond, Michigan, spent 3 years in the Army, and then went to Western Michigan University on the GI Bill for Vietnam vets. He was a teacher in the Michigan Upper Peninsula and then a school guidance counselor, coach, and high school play director in Kingston, Michigan. It was here that he met his wife, Patrice.



Patrice was born in Lansing, Michigan, graduated from Michigan State University and taught school for 25 years as a special education teacher.

They worked together for 25 years. During that time they traveled throughout the USA. In the summers, Jim became an avid distance runner, doing five marathons and many shorter road races, qualifying three times for the Boston Marathon.

They retired to Florida where they lived for five years. They stage managed many plays at Venice Little Theatre (now called Venice Theatre). It is one of the top community theatres in the US, employing about 10 people and 600 volunteers.

In 2005 they moved to Brevard and built a new home here that summer. Jim developed a strong interest in photography. He says, "As anyone knows who has been to or lives in this area it's 'eye candy' for a photographer." Patrice and Jim have continued their passion for community theatre at BLT in the technical side by doing lights, sound, and stage managing many plays. Jim is currently directing *The Dixie Swim Club* that is "a great experience made

easier by such a great cast of characters. Not to mention the two wonderful producers of this show, Al Edick and Mary Lou Morrison.” Patrice is the stage manager. She feels “we are heading in a new direction and hopefully this will help build attendance and take us into the next decade”.

Jim and Patrice are the parents of three children and grandparents of six. His interests in retirement continue to be traveling both the US and Europe, photography, hiking, working out and bluegrass music. Patrice enjoys traveling, crocheting, sewing and gardening.

## ***NEW VOLUNTEER POLICY IN EFFECT***

The BLT Board of Directors has extended the new policy for ushers to include box office and concession stand personnel at all productions. These volunteers may see the productions at which they work and will not need to purchase a ticket.

## ***LOBBY UPDATE***

Dedicated BLT volunteers spent many hours updating the BLT entrance and lobby with fresh paint in a new color scheme. In addition, a partition has been added to cover the staircase that goes to the wardrobe room and curtains have been made for the lobby windows. A big THANK YOU goes to the following volunteers: John Whitmore, Jim Robinson, Patrice Robinson, Al Edick, Dick Thompson, Mark Henry, Mary Lou Morrison and Maureen Edick (curtains).

## ***THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB***

### ***ANOTHER HILARIOUS JONES, HOPE AND WOOTEN COMEDY ARRIVES AT BLT***

(The same celebrated writing team that created *The Hallelujah Girls*)

**Five southern women who met on their college swim team set aside a long weekend every August to meet at the same cottage on North Carolina’s Outer Banks to catch up, laugh and meddle in each other’s lives. The play focuses on four of those weekends and spans a period of 33 years.**

Cast: (in alphabetical order)

*Jeri Neal*.....Kathy Kitahata  
*Sheree*.....Adele Latell  
*Vernadette*.....Nita Porter



Lexie.....Julie Vorus  
Dinah.....Sandra Whitmore

Runs June 15 to July 1. Call 884-BLTR [2587] for reservations.

**CLICK HERE FOR A VIDEO PREVIEW:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYjsxkz31hk>

The opening night reception on June 15<sup>th</sup> will be sponsored by COMPORIUM. Come meet the cast and mingle with audience members after the show while enjoying appetizers and beverages.

## Theatre Arts Summer Camp

This is our 7<sup>th</sup> year of Theatre Arts Camp for ages seven through high school. It will be offered July 16-20 from 1pm to 5pm daily. Cost is \$75 per person. Contact Sonia Arnold for details at 828-883-2029.

### Coming in August: *The House at Pooh Corner*

*The House at Pooh Corner*, adapted by Bettye Knapp and based on a story by A.A. Milne, will be presented August 2 & 3 at 8 pm and August 4 & 5 at 3pm. This youth theatre production will be directed by Sonia Arnold with Sandi Thompson as assistant director.

### Celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> with *The Great Western Melodrama*

*The Great Western Melodrama* is a free, family-friendly, melodrama presented by BLT as part of Transylvania County's Arts & Culture Week and the Heart of Brevard's Fourth of July Celebration. Get out of the sun for awhile and come BOO, HISS, and CHEER while you enjoy a good, ole-fashioned melodrama. Cool drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. All performances are **FREE** to the public! Donations are appreciated. Times TBA.

## Reservations and Information Line:

**828-884-BLTR [2587]**

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