

President's Annual Report

2014 – 2015, A Year Of Change

1. A year of patrons being able to buy tickets on line and with a credit card
2. Year end financials showing a healthy bank balance with revenues exceeding expenses by \$24,000
3. The outside of the theatre painted, collapsing stucco replaced, two outside doors replaced, resulting in more efficient energy use.
4. An increase in number of younger people involved in the theatre along with an enthusiasm and energy that makes the theatre seem alive.
5. *Theatre On The Edge* organized by a keen, competent committee and seven productions lined up to make the July festival a reality.

A big thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make these changes happen – the cast, directors, producers, set builders, crew, and the endless number of volunteers who were committed to bring top quality live theatre to the Shuswap, to improve the appearance and functioning of the building, and to have fun while doing all the work. There was never a shortage of volunteers when the call went out for help.

Also a big thanks for all the support received from the community - the number of businesses who bought programme advertisements and sponsored specific productions:

- ★ Bill Laird for donating rehearsal place
- ★ Jim Clayton and son for donating the time to paint three of the outside walls
- ★ Salmar Community Association – \$1,500 to replace the stage doors
- ★ Shuswap Evening Rotary – \$1500 for several needed items including the new ticket booth
- ★ City of Salmon Arm – \$1,800 to replace the scene shop doors
- ★ Shuswap Community Foundation – \$2,500 for sound equipment
- ★ Royal Bank – \$1,000 from their community support programme.

Without such support many of the changes would not have occurred.

Thanks to the members of the Board who, as well as making decisions about what needed to be done and planning for the future, worked hard on various projects and committees. It has been a pleasure to work with such a committed and passionate group of people. Members of the Board are listed on the inside cover. Thanks to Judith Skelhorne, who has chosen to leave the Board, for her many years of hard work. We look forward to her continuing involvement with the theatre.

Also thanks to the Artistic Committee who chose the excellent productions for the season. *The Odd Couple* and *Bah Humbug* had many sold out shows. The two one act plays, *Jewel* and *My Narrator*, along with *Pack of Lies* also provided excellent entertainment and challenged the cast and crew. *Pack of Lies* came home from the Ozone festival with best set design, best set decor, best props and best backstage cooperation awards. Members of the Artistic Committee are listed on the inside cover.

The Shuswap Theatre Endowment Fund, set up at last year's annual meeting, had a value of \$11,947.22 on June 30, 2015. Earnings will be disbursed to the theatre next year.

New positive energy is abounding around Shuswap Theatre and everyone is enthusiastic and looking forward to 2015 – 2016.

Respectfully submitted
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