

Men's Group November Newsletter

Sorry that so many of you weren't at the meeting today. Maybe I should have sent out a reminder.

John

October 28, 2006

We met at the Center just before Halloween on the 28th for our monthly meeting. During the past month, several of us went to Jack London Square where we enjoyed the Farmer's Market and had a nice lunch before returning home. Many of us saw the production of *Belles* at the Onstage Theater and thought it was one of the best we'd seen there. Five of us took the train to Sacramento and had a great day riding the river taxi and trying a new restaurant for lunch. Some of us attended the annual Bachelor Auction that benefited the RCC. Following our meeting, we had a fabulous dinner at the Claim Jumper in Concord with more food than we could eat.

Upcoming Planned Events

Thursday, October 5 at 8 PM Onstage Theater in Pleasant Hill has returned with its new season. The first play *Belles* was very good. Tickets for Thursdays are \$7 (cheap). Our group has really enjoyed attending these reasonably priced shows for the past few years. Helen Means runs the theater and always serves cookies, juice, coffee or wine at intermissions. You can't go wrong for the price. The remaining plays are as follows:

- Thanksmisgivings Nov. 16
- The Lucky O'Learys Feb. 8
- The Gingerbread Lady Mar. 22
- An unnamed final show May 31
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ONSTAGE THEATER, 2050 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

Sunday, November 5 at 2 PM Convenience, the third play of the season at the New Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. Those riding BART usually meet in the 3rd car from the front. If the train is a short one, we meet in the 2nd car. The schedule is as follows: Bay Pt 11:57, N Con 12:03, Concd 12:07, PHill 12:12, W Crk 12:15, Lafay 12:19. We arrive at Civic Center Station about 12:55. That gives us time to have a cup of coffee and a donut before the play begins. The season schedule is as follows:

- Kiss of the Spider Woman Aug 13 boring! or OK (depending)
- The War at Home Sep 24 EXCELLENT!
- Convenience Nov 5
- Farm Boys Jan 14
- The Dying Gaul Jan 28
- Terre Haute Apr 1

- Take Me Out May 13
- Legends Jun 3
- Extra: A Queer Carol Dec 9, Saturday 8 PM

(In this show, Scrooge is portrayed as a high-society interior designer. Bob Cratchit is his assistant who needs to buy AIDS meds for his lover, Tiny Tim.) If you want to reach the NCT for information call 415-861-8972 (Wed - Sun afternoons) or www.nctcsf.org.

Sunday, December 3 from 5 PM on. Vince is again organizing the yearly Brian Rooney Toy Drive at Club 1220, 1220 Pine Street, Walnut Creek. Those who have attended in the past know that Vince can't put out enough food. There will be live entertainment, door prizes and the buffet dinner. The cover charge is \$10 and everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped toy for either a boy or girl. (No stuffed animals, please) This has been a very well attended event for the past few years and lots of fun.

RCC Senior Programs Many of us have attended the Senior Teas, held on the 2nd Friday of each month from 2 to 4 PM. There are always good things to eat and a very social atmosphere. There is also a monthly luncheon for Seniors held on the 4th Thursday of the month from 1 PM on. These are free and we are lucky enough to have Shirley Wilson doing the cooking for the past 3 months. Shirley is a great cook and everyone enjoys getting together. In November, because Thanksgiving comes on the 4th Thursday, the luncheon will be held on the 3rd Thursday, the 16th. All seniors are welcome.

Other Events in the Planning:

- A return to Sausalito
- A day trip to Half Moon Bay for lunch and window shopping
- Ghirardelli Square
- A ferry trip from Vallejo
- A ferry trip from Jack London Square to SF
- A casino trip
- A day trip to the Russian River
- A visit to the newly remodeled Cliff House

Our next meeting at the Center will be on Saturday, November 25 at 4 PM (just after Thanksgiving). Following our next meeting, we plan to have dinner at the Korean restaurant on Salvio Street. We ate there before and everyone thought it was great. I can't remember the name.

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