

# ON CUE

The Dallas Theater Center Guild has launched a new year of member benefit events and service to DTC. Let's take a look at the people, plans and events that we will enjoy.



## Upcoming Events

October 28	Halloween Costume Party: home of April & Michael Bosworth
November 1	Meet & Greet: A Christmas Carol
November 9	Meet & Greet: Gloria
November 20	Tech Dinner: A Christmas Carol
December 4	Tech Dinner: Gloria
December 23	Holiday dinner for A Christmas Carol cast

Watch for Evites with details.

## What's Inside

The curtain has gone up on the Guild's new season, and there is much action on our stage! Here is what you'll find in this issue of *On Cue*.

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Note: In the photo above, Diane Brierley and Sarah Warnecke are enjoying the September General Meeting.

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Please sign up for the Upcoming Events when you receive evites.

Please bring friends and turn them into members!



<< Co-Presidents  
Mickie Bragalone and  
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VP-Technology  
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## Guild Board Members

The Board is in place and is getting to work. Please see pages 11 – 12 of the new Yearbook for details.

- Co-Presidents: **Mickie Bragalone & Kristie Konstans**
  - Insider initiative: **Craig Haynes**
  - Public Works initiative: **TBD**
  - Intra-Arts Liaison: **Marilyn Halla**
- President-Elect: **Lance Hancock**
- VP – Theater Services: **Jean Stoner**; team: Pat Hastings, Charlene Kalinsky, Margaret LaRocca, Kathy Parker & Ginger Snider, Andrea & Keith Redmon, Sarah Warnecke
- VP – Meetings and Events: **Judy Mathis**; team: Diane Brierley & Karen & Urie, Suzanne Caruso & Eleanor Casey, Mary Lee Cox, Dorothy Davis, Marilyn Halla, Lance Hancock, Vicki Newsom & Sarah Warnecke
- VP – Membership: **Jerry & Karen Zvonecek**; team: Sam McKenney
- VP – Member Development: **Kathleen Lohr**; team: April Bosworth, Joan Collins
- VP – Technology: **Deborah McMurray**; team: Deborah Brown, Don Warnecke
- Treasurer: **Don Warnecke**; team: Nan-Elizabeth Byorum, Martin Rubin
- Recording Secretary: **Gwendolyn Lawe**
- Corresponding Secretary: **Pat Pace**
- Historian: **Karol Omlor**
- Parliamentarian (and Bylaws): **John Howell**
- At Large: **Claire Cunningham, Rocky Ford, Hamilton Sneed, Jeff Woodward**

## Halloween Party!

Here's your chance to be all that you always wanted to be! On October 28, April Bosworth's home will be in full Halloween mode with dramatic decorations, theme-appropriate goodies, and unique 'Ween activities. Costumes are optional, but just imagine where your creativity can take you! Scary, comic, weird, thematic, or even dignified, everyone will enjoy the new you.

Be there!



## Meet & Greets and Tech Dinners

As you can see in the Upcoming Events, there are two Meet & Greet events and two Tech Dinners ahead. A Meet & Greet is a very special event exclusively for Guild members and DTC Board of Trustees members, and is held on the very first day of rehearsals for the next play in the season. The cast, designers, and DTC staff attend and mingle with Guild and DTC Board members. Kevin Moriarty and the guest director and artistic team always give fascinating insights into the context, content, characters and consequences of the play. Jeff Woodward and other DTC staff members provide an update on DTC initiatives and community activities. Guild members provide finger foods.

A Meet & Greet is an excellent way to get connected with theater people and to deepen your understanding and appreciation of what it takes to develop a play and put it on stage. **You really need to see one!** **Jean Stoner** and **Charlene Kalinsky** keep this program rolling.

A new Guild publication, *Theater Insights*, summarizes the information and perspective given at each Meet & Greet. It is distributed by email to all Guild members within two days of the event – except when its ever-slippery editor skips town!

At a Tech Dinner, the cast and crew of a play about to open take a break from a grueling Tech rehearsal to wolf down a Guild-provided dinner (actually, most are rather dainty about it). Guild members get to chat with these really interesting people before they get back to work – usually until midnight!

**Andrea and Keith Redmon** bring their catering expertise and energy as this year's leaders. **You really need to participate in one of these as well!**

The Guild has provided direct financial support to the DTC. Last year's donation of \$10,000 underwrote the lead character of "Effie" in *Dreamgirls*, and another \$10,000 supported DTC's "The Way Forward Campaign." Guild members also honor and remember relatives and other Guild members by contributing to the DTC Guild Endowment Fund.

## Meet Our Leaders – Suzanne Caruso & Eleanor Casey

Suzanne and Eleanor are the Guild's party magicians! As you can see in the photo, they are equipped to call up some goblins and spiders to help conjure fantastic events for Guild members! Working with the always amazing **April Bosworth**, they energized last year with a series of events, starting with a Halloween Party. Last year's was astounding, astrological and anatomical, and this year's Halloween Party (on October 28) is likely to make October absolutely oscillate!

This Dynamic Duo then rolled into the 2015 holiday season, sprouted a forest of decorated trees in Suzanne's home, arranged a singer, and charmed a Yuletide crowd. Their crowning achievement was the Salon Series event at the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Museum, coordinated with the DTC performance of *All the Way*. That sold-out Guild event was multifaceted, informative, and enjoyable for all.

Their secret sauce for making all this magic happen is: 1) years of experience with many types of events, and 2) just the right blend of Eleanor's creativity and Suzanne's managerial skills. They like to do large fundraising events, where the large rewards justify the huge investment in effort.

How did the Dynamic Duo get so dynamic? Let your mind drift back to when you were a kid. Oh, hold it, not quite that far back!



These Midwestern girls fondly remember times when they played outside all day in Nebraska (Suzanne) and Ohio (Eleanor). Well, not entirely outside; Suzanne's father had the only automobile in Omaha with air conditioning! Eleanor went on to a degree from Ohio State University, and Suzanne was a math major at University of Missouri (which later morphed into studying accounting).

Eleanor practiced and taught nursing before a 31 year career with Ebby Halliday. Now her retirement career includes volunteering and making really interesting jewelry (check it out when you see her). Suzanne came to Dallas and managed a pediatrics practice. She then returned to Omaha to manage the family business, and ultimately returned to Dallas in 2005. She can tell funny stories about the challenges of her first arrival in Dallas in 1967 as a Catholic and a Republican – a bit of culture clash!

They are heavily involved! Both are active members of Northwood Woman's Club and the DMA. Eleanor participates in the DSO League, the Dallas Arboretum and the Bush Library. Suzanne lends her support to the Dallas Summer Musicals Guild and Cristo Rey School.

These ladies are travelers, particularly during summers. Suzanne joins the Great Texas Summer Migration to the cool of Colorado, and Eleanor hops all over the country. They also have long travel bucket lists. For Eleanor, it's the Far East, Tibet and Bhutan, Antarctica, the Falkland Islands, and a return to India. Suzanne's list includes Beirut (her father was Lebanese), the Taj Mahal, China, South America, Kenya and South Africa.

Their favorite DTC plays were *All the Way* and *Colossal*. Suzanne's guest at a dream dinner party is JFK, and Eleanor's are Humphrey Bogart and Ted Turner. What interesting choices! I hope I get invited, as a



## General Meeting - September

The Guild will hold three General Meetings. The September meeting was our kick-off of the year.

OMG! Italian food “molto buon” (that’s “very good” for you with palates trained at BBQ joints)! And in mass quantities!! Nearly 70 people kicked off the Guild year with a September General Meeting at Maggiano’s NorthPark.

It certainly was good to spend time catching up with Guild friends and to meet a few new members.

Co-Presidents **Mickie Bragalone** and **Kristie Konstans** led a program that was all about the year ahead. The distinguished team of Guild officers for this fiscal year was introduced. **Suzanne Caruso** and **Eleanor Casey** gave a preview of this year’s Halloween Party, which will be held at **April Bosworth’s** home on October 28. Last year’s Halloween was really a hoot, and creative costumery was on display. The event featured wonderful food and drink that played out the Halloween theme. See the article on Suzanne and Eleanor elsewhere in this issue of *On Cue*.

Mickie introduced a new DTC

initiative called “Public Works Dallas” that is aimed at bringing theater to various communities in the Dallas area. This community inclusion approach began in New York City, and has involved hundreds of people there. A similar effort is underway by Seattle Repertory Theatre. DTC will collaborate with Meadows School of the Arts, Ignite/Arts Dallas and AT&T Performing Arts Center. Five community organizations are participating in workshops that will provide 200 actors and crew for a musical theater rendition of *The Tempest*. Kevin Moriarty will direct performances at the Wyly.

DTC staff member Dayron Miles is leading this initiative for DTC, and joined the dinner to provide the Theater’s perspective on it. The Guild will participate in this program, in roles currently being defined. The January 24, 2017 General Meeting is reserved for Guild

activity relating to the Public Works initiative.

The next article – Co-Presidents’ Perspective –



Hal Schneider, Karol Omlor



Jane & Jeff Goodell



Barbara Goldfarb, Karin Cole

## Co-Presidents' Perspective

Welcome to the 2016-17 Dallas Theater Center Guild year! The year ahead is full of exciting programming including encores of two popular events that debuted last year: The **Halloween Party** on October 28 chaired by **Suzanne Caruso and Eleanor Casey** and a performance by **David Geist and Friends at The Harlan Crow Library** on May 7 chaired by **Marilyn Halla**.

In keeping with this precedent to introduce new opportunities for Guild involvement with DTC, we are excited to announce new programming this year including:

- an initiative to deepen member involvement headed up by Kathleen Lohr, VP of New Member Development;
- the Insider Committee focused on grass roots promotion of DTC productions chaired by new Guild member Craig Haynes;
- a look into changing technology and its application to the Guild, chaired by VP of Technology Deborah McMurry; and
- our partnership with DTC's exciting new program **Public Works!**

**Dayron Miles**, Director, Public Works Dallas spoke to the Guild at our first general meeting about this exciting new community engagement and participatory theater project undertaken by DTC in collaboration with **SMU's Meadows School of the Arts** and **Ignite/Arts**, and in affiliation with **The Public Theater** in New York City. Public Works is an ongoing community initiative founded on the idea that theater should be "of the people, for the people and by the people."

The five Dallas community organizations include **Jubilee Park and Community Center**, **Vickery Meadow Learning Center**, **Literacy Instruction for Texas**, **Bachman Lake Together** and **City of Dallas Parks and Recreation**. Dayron, along with **Public Works Manager Leah Harris**,

joined the Guild meeting directly from a class at partner organization **Bachman Lake Together**. Dayron shared stories of the impact DTC's Public Works outreach effort has already had during the workshop phase and spoke about opportunities for Guild involvement.

Following the Guild tradition of hosting the cast of each new DTC production, the Guild will host a **Meet and Greet** for the cast of *The Tempest* on January 24 at the Wyly. This will be an early evening event (time tbd) so mark your calendars now and plan to bring a treat to greet the first ever Public Works cast!

Public Works also presents a unique opportunity for the Guild to be a part of DTC's ongoing community engagement efforts to ensure that theater reaches all segments of our city. Stay tuned for more volunteer opportunities to participate with Public Works community partner groups, promote the Public Works production in March and be a part of this exciting new initiative.

Learn more about Public Works Dallas, the community partner organizations and the workshop instructors at <https://www.dallastheatercenter.org/subpage2.php?sid=229>

Check out these exciting videos of Public Works productions to see the excitement that is ahead:

<https://youtu.be/uwZM0mvFZtk> *Twelfth Night*

<https://youtu.be/KvNmWjKqAs> *The Odyssey*

[https://youtu.be/nAVRyM\\_I3s0](https://youtu.be/nAVRyM_I3s0) *The Winter's Tale*

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Again, welcome to the new Guild year.

Mickie Bragalone Kristie Konstans

## Fascinating People in the Guild

Meet two fascinating people! Native Dallasites **Claire and Dale Cunningham** met at a high school football game. Claire outpaced a whole backfield of other girls, and now the game clock shows over 60 years of marriage. That's decisiveness and staying power! Those years have been filled with adventure, bold decisions, enjoyment of the arts, and service to arts and civic organizations.

Claire and Dale have been enjoying theater productions since the early 1960s, at DTC, Theatre Three, and others. Dale prefers comedies and Claire enjoys a wide variety of plays. Claire was president of the Guild's predecessor, the Women's Committee, in 1976 - 1978, and has been active in Guild leadership and activities ever since. She was chair of the Theatre Three board for three years, and is active in the Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum.

The Cunninghams are travelers extraordinaire! Dale's work with Texas Instruments took them around the world, and their zest for exploration added to the itineraries that total over 100 countries on six continents! A train trip from Beijing to Moscow brought them through some territory that looked to them like the Wild West. "Bella" encountered a zoo-full of colorful characters on the DTC stage, but the people of the Russian Steppe are real and probably just as colorful!



Favorite countries have included Ethiopia, Jordan and France - two places where human civilization evolved, and one where dining became art form! Dale was in Berlin when The Wall fell, and has a few pieces of that grey and grim structure to preserve its history and to mark a triumph of democracy. And yes, they still have a bucket list: Cuba, Lebanon and a return to Poland, where World War II history abounds.

Claire has been promoting education for all her working and retirement years. She was a teacher at Hillcrest High School, where she started a debate program that produced nine state champions! (Hint to all - don't argue with her!) Her career also included 13 years as Director of Special Events at SMU. Claire was president of the Dallas City Council PTA when the Council had to respond to a Federal court order on desegregation. The Federal Court adopted the tri-ethnic committee's plan! She went on to be program chair of the Texas PTA.

Dale was drafted into the Army in 1946 and was sent to the Philippines, which is a good base for exploring Asia. Next he joined Texas Instruments, and during 40 years he held many leadership positions. He set up the first tech company in India, and now Bangalore is India's Silicon Valley! Dale was there during 9/11. Back in Dallas, Dale has long been a prolific woodworker, making furniture, cabinets and decorative items from a variety of American and tropical woods. Having just celebrated his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday, he can look back on a highly productive, exciting career with one of America's premier technology companies!

## New Members!

Great news! These 23 people have joined the Guild recently:

- Carolyn & Ken Barth
- Yvonne Cone
- Mary & Roger Cunningham
- Claudia & Scott Davis
- Catharina & Craig Haynes
- Marla & Howard Janco
- Melinda & Jim Johnson
- Dr. Marsha Lilly
- True Mann
- JB & Todd Nehlich
- Suzanne & David Palmlund
- Kersten Rettig & Clark Knippers
- Annette & Bob Weir

Welcome to all!

## Guild Member News

### New DTC Life Trustees!

The DTC Board of Trustees has designated three Guild members as Life Trustees! **John Howell, Sarah Warnecke and Donna Wilhelm** join 7 other Life Trustees in the 69 member Board. The Life Trustee is a very honored position that recognizes many years of valued service to DTC as a Board member. John has been a Board member for 21 years; Sarah for 25 years; Donna for 12 years. Life Trustees continue to be active members of the Board.

### In Loving Memory

Guild members, families and friends were saddened by the recent loss of these people:

- Marian Tobin

Please consider making a memorial contribution to the DTC Guild Endowment Fund.

## ••• GUILD OPPORTUNITIES – ENDOWMENT FUND •••

Preserve milestones and cherished memories with a contribution to the Guild Endowment Fund! The Endowment Fund is an easy and meaningful way to celebrate, or to memorialize Guild members who have been important to you.

Think of a special event or person and write your check today!

Please see page 61 of your Guild Yearbook for details. Contact Nan-Elizabeth Byorum at [nelizabeth@ebby.com](mailto:nelizabeth@ebby.com).

