

Derry Playhouse Writers

Keep on Writing!
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Pub Quiz: This was a most successful evening – so much so that we intend to make it an annual event. We raised £415 which will help our cash flow considerably. We heartily thank **Hugh McDaid** who provided a room at **Badgers Bar and Restaurant** as well as sandwiches at half-time.

Local businesses that contributed prizes are: **Fitzroy's Restaurant – SuperDrug – Austin's – Dan Carlin – Cooley Jewelers – Office Furniture Company – Café Olé – Collette Ballard – Multiplex Cinema – Ladies SK2.** Please give them your custom whenever possible.

Also, a special thanks go to: **Eugene McGinty** and **Martin O'Brien** for managing the event. And last, but certainly not least – a grateful thanks to our magnificent Quiz-Master Dixie Doherty!

December Showcase and First Collection of Writings:

Regretfully we have had to postpone this event. This project has been a major learning experience for all involved! We had no idea of how labour intensive this type of project is but we are in the final stages of completing the cover artwork and are obtaining bids from printers. We will notify you as soon as we are ready to re-schedule the showcase and First Collection launch.

Gothard & Yablonsky Master Classes Pilot Project for 2004:

We are in the final throes of bringing this long anticipated pilot project to fruition. Enclosed is a description of the project. Placements will be limited so please contact Margie Bernard. We have yet to formalize the dates for Gothard's Creative Writing classes but the first session of the Yablonsky Play Writing and Acting/Directing classes will run March, April, May 2004.

There will be a fee of £20 for each class. These fees help to partially cover the in-kind funding to satisfy the Arts Council Grant requirement that

Pilot Project (Cont.):

Derry Playhouse Writers raise 10% of the total project funding (the Arts Council is providing 90% of the costs). We have satisfied this requirement by obtaining a grant from the Derry City Council and by agreeing to provide in-kind funding.

DPW Management Committee:

Officers:

Chair: Madeline McCully
Vice-Chair: Joe Duggan
Secretary: Rosemary Quinn
Treasurer: Margie Bernard

General Members:

Ann Keys Colton Tom Finnigan
Ann Crilly Eugene McGinty
Ellen Factor Del Prince

Mentors: Brian Foster, David Gothard, Gloria Goldsmith, Shirl Hendryx & Yabo Yablonsky

Membership Fee:

At our AGM we voted to request a membership fee of £10 or 12 Euro. This will help us pay for the cost of sending this newsletter. Please send a cheque or postal order to DPW, Attn: Margie Bernard, c/o The Playhouse 5-7 Artillery Street, Derry BT48 6RG.

DPW Weekly Meeting:

We continue to meet weekly on Wednesday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm – check at The Playhouse Office for the room. However, **We will not meet on Wednesday 24 or 31 December these being Christmas and New Years Eve.**

Have a Merry Christmas
a Happy Hanukkah and a
Productive & Marvelous
New Year!

