

THE REHEARSAL CLUB Founded 1913

Alumnae Newsletter

“To tell the story of The Rehearsal Club, to preserve its legacy and inspire the future generations of aspiring artists.”



The Rehearsal Club GOES GLOBAL!

As of March 1, 2008 The Rehearsal Club launched its fledgling website. One short year after the first official meeting in April, 2007, members of the New York Chapter gathered to collaborate their creative efforts. Homestead.com supplied ready-made templates for this initial launch which we hope will one day be much, much more creative – reflecting the mercurial talents inherent to each of us as members of this unique society. Thank you: **Terry Baughan** for her beautiful original drawing of the club for our logo; **Judith Curcio and Jean Preece’s husband, John** for technical & creative assistance; **Penny Ashton** for all her preliminary work; **Maria Mallman** and all the other members who contributed photos & memorabilia for the fun of it! Special Thank You to **Paulette Attie** for releasing the original rehearsalclub.com domain name, however as you can see, by the time we were ready to purchase, it had already been taken by a rehearsal space for rental company! Soooo, we’ve opted for the following site. Enjoy!

www.rehearsalclubnyc.com

Next General Meeting: Friday, April 25, 2008

STUDIOS 353, 353 West 48th Street, 2nd floor

5:30 Social Hour; 6:30 Meeting

\$1 Suggested Donation



1ST OFFICIAL FUNDRAISER!

Seeking: *YOUR* favorite recipe, pic & Club (or lifetime) anecdote – include any creative kick

Rehearsal Club COOKBOOK!

We plan to compile all recipes into a homemade booklet, sell on our web & at a local street fair in New York this summer (see pg.4, Lora Mitchell, Chair). Our goal: Raise funds for our eventual Rehearsal Club Reunion! Send (or bring to the general meeting) by April 21

Jean Preece, 455 West 43rd Street, NYC, 10036
or via e-mail to: Judith Curcio: Judith.curcio@espn.com



REFERENDUM

On December 15, 2007, Kathy Conry presented a motion to “use the efforts of the girls of the RC to . . . align ourselves with other women’s arts organizations to secure a space . . . or even just a plaque . . . on our former residence location” currently under development and dedicated in memory of the women of The Rehearsal Club. There were several seconds to the motion and now what? YOU are welcome to help us figure a way to achieve this substantial goal!

New York Steering Committee

Steering Committee members are available for any questions or concerns from the General Membership.

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2007 Caroling

Kathy Conry, Musical Director



Kathleen Vestuto, Rise Clemmer, Sunny Keyse, Nancy Wight, Judith Curcio, Kathy Conry, Denise Pence, Terry Baughan, Michele Mason & Barbara Murphy

FREE FRIDAY December, 2008

left to rt: Denise Pence, Penny Ashton, Rise Clemmer, Kathy Conry, Judy Jensen, Michele Mason

Letter to the Editor: "wish I could be there,,, I remember it well.... so many good times..... but I live in Los Angeles....and I cannot be there right now! thanks for keeping me posted... maybe one day, I will be able to go to a reunion and see you gals.... have a blessed Christmas, and a beautiful 2008 filled with good health and happiness." **Jodi Taylor**

HOT HAPPENINGS NOW!

"Agnes of God," directed by Kathy Conry
Sunday, March 9, 2008 11:00am
Metro Baptist Church, NYC

Invite friends to this very special combination Service and Theatre event! Call 212-594-4464 for more info

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Gaughin/Savage Light

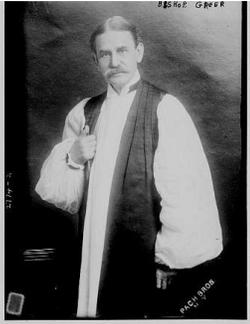
By George Fishoff

This is an ongoing exhibit at our own Jean Blevin's Studio, Studio 353, 353 W. 48th St., NYC – Call George for more info 718-271-7260

Adversity is the first path to truth. – Lord Byron

BISHOP GREER

*RC President ex-officio
Opening until he died in 1919*



PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single Oy"

We continue to support the historical value inherent in the collective efforts of all of us. Kathy Vestuto is continuing her detailed and in-depth research and plans to incorporate personal anecdotes and quotes from all of you into a project entitled, *The House on 53rd Street*. For more info contact Kathy: katves@aol.com

If, on the other hand, you have always wanted to write your own personal memoirs and can incorporate how the Rehearsal Club might have impacted your life, influenced your career and given you a foundation for independence, we hope you're writing.

Especially those of you clocking over age 80! Agency interest continues on this project so all we can say for now is – stay tuned! Until such time as a publisher chooses to include your story among those of *The Rehearsal Club: The Untold Stories of the Real Stage Door*, copyright and register your story at <http://www.copyright.gov/> before sending so you will maintain ownership. Submit copyrighted story for consideration to Lee Kelley at msleekelley@msn.com.

CREATING . . . WHAT?

- *It aided entry to our sanctuary*
 - *It is a present-day symbol of belonging*
- What is it?**

(answer at the General Meeting)



SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Our own Jean Blevins rents vocal and dance studio space in the heart of the Apple! THANK YOU for allowing the Steering Committee to use your gorgeous space for our January, 2008 meeting.

STUDIOS 353,
353 West 48th Street, 2nd floor
212-757-2539



TREASURE CHEST (of memorabilia)

In exchange for your release and \$1, we are archiving our history! Pictures (then and now), film clips, whatever you think might lend itself to preserving what your life was like "back then," please send to our Historian, Maria Mallman (rehearsalclub@hotmail.com).

DID YOU KNOW?

Equity's 100th Anniversary is the SAME YEAR as The Rehearsal Club! 2013! Hummm, is YOUR branch planning a gig in which The Rehearsal Club gals might participate? Think about it!

If you succeed at every single thing you do, you probably haven't set the bar very high.

THE SHOW GOES ON!
(Former Residents Still Thriving)

Sandy Duncan stars in NO NO NANETTE, May 8 – 12, NY City Center Encore Series, 130 West 55th Street, directed by Walter Bobbie, Call 212-581-1212 for tickets.

Mary Jane Houdina is actively teaching dance and is Pilates certified. She is especially proud to have been recently nominated for the Barrymore Award as Choreographer of a production of 42nd Street.

Annie O'Donnell just keeps doing it! She aired again in November, 2007 on the Cartoon Network – her “husband” was the same actor from her American Gothic Commercial a few years ago, E.J. Callahan. Watch for her M&M commercial to start airing soon.

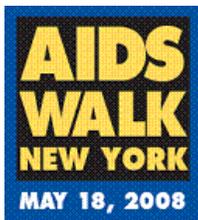
Melinda Tanner did A WONDERFUL LIFE, at the new John Engeman Theatre in Long Island for the holidays. “Great space in a picture postcard town. Yes, I'm playing the mother, Milly Bailey.”

Kathy Vestuto is working for a major nonprofit organization, however, also writing in her spare time – pop into the following site and read her latest online in The Subway Chronicles – “The Silver Man.”
<http://www.thesubwaychronicles.com/standclear.htm>

Terry Baughan has been rehabilitating from foot surgery – perfect timing for us because she devoted the time to creating and colorizing our RC website. Thank you, Terry!

Stay tuned & send YOUR news to our field reporters:

Judy Jenson jajenson@verizon.net, or *Melinda Tanner* tannermel@rcn.com!



The Rehearsal Club gals have formed a NY Team! Sponsor us/Join us
www.aidswalkny.net

The walk in Central Park is long (6miles), but usually studded with entertainment throughout, the cause is good and the margaritas afterward are a blessing! Throughout your NY fundraising efforts, GMHC offers perks such as: "For every \$500 you raise online between today and March 4, you will be entered into a drawing to win a gift certificate to the Film Center Café and a one-year membership to the IFC Center!"

If you're not based in NY, we encourage you to sponsor our Rehearsal Club Team. Curious just how much we might be able to accomplish as a national group!

Those in NY: Hope to see you there!
Questions? E-mail deboocks@aol.com

BLOCK PARTY!

June, 2008

Lora Mitchell, Chair

*The Rehearsal Club gals plan to buy a booth to sell our newly-designed cookbooks, along with other “donations,” at the 44th Street Block Association. **THANK YOU, LORA** for volunteering to Chair this event! We'll have more details on this at the next meeting. If you're based in NY, we hope you'll volunteer to man the booth and/or donate your secondhand treasures!*

See you there! Questions contact:
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*People who are continually saying it can't be done,
should not interrupt the person doing it. Chinese proverb*