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## COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

**Bruce St. Reunion:** There are still tickets available for the Bruce Street School reunion Saturday, May 9. The tribute to Edgar Foster, otherwise known as "Mr. Education" starts with reminiscing from 1-5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and presentations at 6 p.m. A dance will conclude the evening at Lions Club Hall, Memorial Arena. Tickets at \$20 per person can be purchased from Donna Coulter at North End Nissan, 878-2471.

**Wild Hiking:** Spring wildflower hikes continue Saturday at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre. The event starts with a slide show at 1 p.m. after which hikers take to the woods with an interpreter who helps identify some of the wild blooms. Picnic areas are available as well as attractions including the wildlife walkway, historic Cameron barn and horse-drawn wagon rides.

**Young Moms Survey:** Young mothers, service providers and interested citizens of Halton Region are invited to attend a public forum Wednesday, May 20 from 1-3 p.m. The focus of the meeting will be a year-long survey of health, housing and income needs of 150 young mothers in Halton. The survey was designed and implemented by young mothers from each regional municipality. Child care can be arranged by calling Tracey Robilliard, 336-7741. The forum will be held at Lockhart Education Centre, 1226 Lockhart Rd., north of Lakeshore, off Maple Street in Burlington.

**Lung Association Meet:** The annual general meeting of the Lung Association, Halton Region is set for May 20, 8 p.m. at Boehringer Ingelheim Canada Ltd., 5180 South Service Rd. Burlington (between Burloak and Appleby Line). Guest speaker Dr. Sue Kober will discuss her experiences as a physician in Africa. Annual reports will also be available and the public is welcome. For more details call 847-1033.

**Gosling Retiring:** Milton residents who were among the students taught by Ross "Goose" Gosling during his 35 years of high school coaching are invited to a tribute Friday, May 29. Former athletes, coaches and friends may pick up tickets at Nelson High School, 4181 New St. Burlington. Tickets cost \$25 each and include food, door prizes and a retirement gift. The event runs from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Burlington Senior Citizens' Centre, 2285 New St. Burlington.

**Children in Crisis:** The Halton Family Enrichment Project presents Children in Crisis presented by Dr. David Elkind, the author of *The Hurried Child, All Grown Up and No Place to Go and Miseducation*. Registration for the May 29 event is from 9-9:30 a.m. with the presentation and networking session running from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Halton Region auditorium (rear entrance) 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville. The fee is \$35 and deadline is May 15. Call Anne Day at 338-1771 for information.

## Design for Murder

# Local theatre stages baffling murder mystery

A FUN EVENING of entertaining theatre is available by taking a short drive down Highway 25. The St. Clair Masonic Hall is once again a haven for local theatre. This time around, the Milton Players Theatre Group has staged baffling "who dun it" mystery, *Design for Murder*.

Len LaFond's performance in the murder mystery deserves some extra applause. You wouldn't know he was returning to the stage after a five-year absence. I, as well as the audience, enjoyed him in his role as playboy David Granger.

It was also nice to see Lynette Austin and Gabriele Richter back on stage. The actresses have had significant roles in two Players' productions earlier this season, but unfortunately because of their young age are only suited for minor roles in *Design for Murder*.

### Humorous actor

Ron Ashton, who well carries-out the play's humour, returns with the Players as the Granger family's driver.

The Players' leader Penny Carlos has an active role as Celia, an overprotective mother still mourning the loss of her husband. A founding member of the theatre group, Ms Carlos, in her role, achieves success in confusing the audience regarding her capability to murder.

I would have liked to have seen more of Paulette Tae who has a minor role as a maid. The same goes for actresses Margaret Brady and Sharon Beddoes.

Making his first appearance with the Milton Players, Malcolm Smith's talents



Detective Dan Carlin, played by Mal Smith (right), questions David Granger (Len LaFond) in the Milton Players Theatre Group's latest production, *Design for Murder*.

## BACK STAGE

with KAREN SMITH

shine through at the exciting end of the production, but I can't tell you what happens.

Last but not least, someone who usually manages to appear all over town, didn't miss a chance to get his feet wet in live

theatre.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz makes a "cameo appearance" at the end of the play, as Brent. Others expected to perform in the role are Fred Bakes, Pat Felice, Ron Furik, Bruce Hood, and Lamont Leone.

A reflection of the 1940s, the set, as usual, was handsome. Hard work once again paid off.

Unfortunately, there was one thing missing from the opening night production — a full house.

A small crowd turned out for the play, but I've heard the Players' were competing with several other presentations being staged in local schools.

### Director

Directed by Wilf Brookes, *Design for Murder* is the Players' last production of the season — one the amateur theatre group should be proud of. I've been lucky enough to take in several performances this season. *Steel Magnolias* was my favourite.

Coming up, apparently, next season are plays *The Mark of Cain*, *Don't Misunderstand Me*, and *The Last Real Summer*.

There's still time to catch *Design for Murder*. Tickets are available for performances tonight (Wednesday), Friday and Saturday. The cost is \$8 for tonight's showing, and \$10 for Friday and Saturday performances.

To reserve your seats, drop by the Paper Factory on Main Street or call 875-0629. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

You'll be glad you did.



It's a question of "who dun it" in the Players' murder mystery which also stars Penny Carlos (left), Ron Ashton, and Paulette Tae.



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