

Community Focus

Entertainment

MLT new executive elected

Markham Little Theatre's 33rd season got under way this month with the launching of its subscription campaign and the election of its 1988/89 board of directors.

At its annual general meeting last Monday, five new board members were elected to two-year terms. They will join sitting members Lillian Sievanen, president, and Fred Green, treasurer.

Other officers of the club are Michele Browne, 1st vice-president; Bill Jay, 2nd vice-president; and Lyn Jones, secretary. Gloria Thomas and Elizabeth Wyatt, publicity director, will serve as members at large.

Focusing on family relationships in all their vagary, individuality and complexity, the new season offers a little mystery, a little history and a great deal of comedy.

It opens on Nov. 2 with the classic Ladies in Retirement, now in rehearsal under director John Storey. Written in 1940 by Edward Percy and Reginald Denham, it is a warm and gentle drama of intrigue and suspense.

Michele Browne, a memorable Lenny in last season's Crimes of the Heart, heads up the cast. Her doty sisters are played by Anne Robinson and Elaine Hall. And Buntly Webb has the role of her flamboyant employer and friend.

Ladies in Retirement runs from Nov. 2 to 5 at the Markham Theatre. Curtain time is 8 p.m. A complimentary wine and cheese reception follows the opening night performance.

Subscriptions are \$24, single tickets \$10 (half price for seniors and students on Wednesdays and Thursdays only), plus 75 cents handling charge per ticket. They are available at the theatre box office, 479-0201. Major credit cards accepted.

Saggy Aggy at Markham Fair

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Fall fairs and fun are synonymous, especially if you are a clown. This year the Markham Fair is proud to announce the addition of Saggy Aggy, the fair's first female

clown who will entertain children, of all ages, at this year's event, along with Bob Hall their resident clown.

While the make-up and costume disguise her looks, Saggy Aggy is not only a mother

of three, but a grandmother of four.

While still a college counsellor this multi-talented woman decided that retirement wasn't what she wanted to look forward to and decided to attend Seneca College, enrolling in a course in make-up, costumes, ethics and balloon sculpture. This certificate was added to her several diplomas, Bachelor's and Master's degree.

The course at Seneca opened the door to a whole new world for Saggy Aggy, along with the classmates she had met from every stage and walk of life and at various ages.

Practice, experience and continued acquisition of new tricks and skills provide motivation and challenge. Above all, the laughter and fascinated faces of children from three months to 93 years of age is the greatest of rewards.

As a member of Toronto Clown Alley, a volunteer group of more than 100 clowns, Saggy Aggy had the honor of being chosen by them as 1988-89, Queen of the Alley.

During the past year, as fulfillment of another part of her retirement planning, Saggy Aggy has travelled over 15,000 miles

alone in a van — from Toronto to Vancouver Island, down the Oregon Coast to San Diego, across the mountains and desert to San Antonio and on down into the Florida Everglades.

Last spring she attended the World Clown Association Convention, a week of competitions, presentations and workshops held in Jacksonville, Florida.

Back in Toronto she has taken part in many charity events, including events for the Diabetic Association, Arthritic Association, United Way, Leukemia Drive, Terry Fox and Rick Hansen programs and the Jerry Lewis Telethon. During this past summer she attended a week-long workshop-conference in New York.

Balloons are a joyful means of introduction to people all over the world, — people of all ages, colors and creeds. The exchange of a smile is the language of the

heart. This clown always has a balloon in her pocket.

So, if you see Saggy Aggy the Balloon Lady at Markham Fair, come up and exchange a handshake and a smile with her.



Saggy Aggy is a clown to be reckoned with. She'll be making people laugh at this year's Markham Fair.

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