If theatre be the food of love... try this pot luck

By Kate Gilderdale Stouffville This Month

The Pot Luck Players love word play, theatre and food, not necessarily in that order.

"Our motto is 'Read, meet and eat,' said Catherine Sword. "Some of us come for the food," Michele in chimed Kennedy. "We meet every three or four months and go from home to home," husband. added her Michael. "It's like baseball, through home to home, it's a hit every time," countered Stephen Sword.

Trying to conduct an interview with this talented group about their upcoming performance, a reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, is a bit like trying to get through Stouffville without stopping at a red light, albeit a lot more fun. Oneliners abound and people keep finishing each other's sentences.

Their eclectic reper-

toire has encompassed Shakespeare, Neil Simon, Euripides and Tom Stoppard and their enthusiasm and bonhomie is hard to resist. When they were approached by Wayne Hill to do a fundraiser for his fledgling young people's theatre Durham group, York the Academy for Performing Arts, they agreed readily. "They're doing Oliver in May and needed to raise money for explained props,"

Stephen, "and Wayne made the mistake of thinking people would pay to see us."

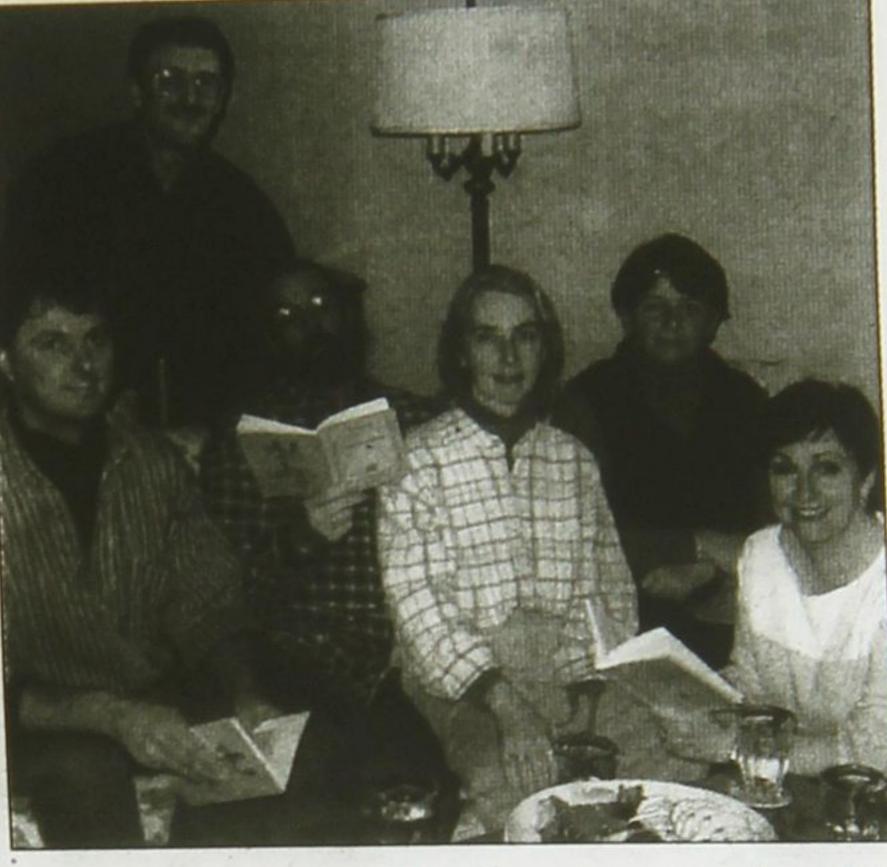
Founded a couple of years ago, the Pot Luck Players consist of Michael and Michele Kennedy, Catherine and Stephen Drew, Scott Sword, Maureen O'Halloran, Ruth LeBlanc and Dorie Billich. Sheila McLeod, who died in January, was one of the group's leading lights and was always trying to persuade her fellow thespians to lend their voices to the Scottish play, having committed much of it to memory herself.

The reading of A Christmas Carol takes place at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at St. James Presbyterian Church on Main St. "We're doing the version that Dickens used for his readings when travelled," said

Stephen. "We each take parts, so it's more like a play reading," added Catherine. Jen Pogue, an who SDSS graduate recently appeared in Herongate Barn Theatre's production of An Evening on Broadway, will join the group for this special performance.



The Pot Luck Players will present a reading of A Christmas Carol Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Presbyterian Church on Main St. with proceeds to assist the fledgling York Durham Academy of the Performing Arts. Hamming it up at a rehearsal, from left to right, are: Scott Drew, Michael Kennedy, Stephen Sword, Catherine Sword, Maureen O'Halloran and Michele Kennedy.





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