

# 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," chimed in Michele Kennedy. "We meet every three or four months and go from home to home," added her husband, 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. One-liners 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 group, York Durham Academy for the Performing Arts, they agreed readily. "They're doing *Oliver* in May and needed to raise money for props," explained

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 Sword, Scott Drew, 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 he travelled," said

Stephen. "We each take parts, so it's more like a play reading," added Catherine. Jen Pogue, an SDSS graduate who 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.

True or False:

# You will not drink and drive this holiday season.

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