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The Official Castle Wall Productions Newsletter

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New Members

Tracy Wood

Current Clack

As you all know we performed at the OPUS Fantasy Con last month and a dozen of us braved the cold and put on two shows at Colorado Tartan Day, and I just wanted to say to the members of CWP who showed up to those events: Great Job! Two months before our season actually is supposed to start, we came, we saw, and we conquered in a most fitting way. We will not be resting on our laurels though, and have street scenes and a Burgundy show to put together. So we will be right back to the grindstone getting ready for CMF, and the season to come.

Alas some sad news as Debra Colao is stepping down as CWP VP as other obligations need to take priority (see her article for more), she is still with us as a FT member but not in the role of CWP VP. Badger will be moving up as VP and Krona "Ky" Siebert will be stepping in as VPO. Ky is not new to CWP she was a member in 2004 - 2006 and has been a reservist two years since.

-----Eric Medved

Calls from the Turret

Hey guys! It is hard for me to believe that I am writing this right now, but I need to tell everyone that I am stepping down as Vice President of Castle Wall Productions. I have had increasing demands of outside life on my time and resources, and have not been

able to devote the time that Castle Wall deserves. It has been a phenomenal 18 months as V.P., and I appreciate everyone's patience with my mistakes and confidence in my ability to lead. I could not have done it without the love and support of the group behind me. Badger will be stepping in, and all of the senior officers will be throwing in extra effort in the interim. Being Vice President of this group has been the real learning experience, teaching me things about how to lead, and who I am. Thank you for the opportunities!

-----Debra Colao

From the new VP: I really appreciate everybody's help in the last performances. It takes the help of everyone to make sure we are set up and ready to go at these performances. For I m only one person as each of us, and without your help we would not have these performances. So again much thanks from me. We ALL have to do more though, for we are only as strong as our weakest link. I would like to get our weakest link as strong as the rest. For if that it obtainable then Castle Wall will always meet up to EVERY challenge that comes to us. We have a short time until CMF. And we still have a lot of work to do. So let us get everybody on the same page. Let us make the sacrifices now, so when negativity rears its ugly head we are ready. I know as a unit Castle Wall can overcome any obstacles. SO LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST YEAR EVER!!!!

-----Badger

From the Field

As you may have heard I am now the VPO for CWP. I look forward to the challenges it will provide and a kick ass season that will come of it.

-----Ky Seibert

Reports from the List

Here we are in April, less that two months from CMF and we have already done two events and several versions of the Black Show. Good Job! But we are not ready yet for a full show. The next two months will be essential for getting our fights up to snuff and we still have a LOT of work to do to be ready. We need to buckle down and use every bit of time we have available to us for practice, to practice. We need to keep at it and knock them dead with out fights, acting and stunts, rather than a randomly disarmed weapon.

-----Kerry Major

From the Anvil

This team is continuing to work on the staffs and have increased our count to 22. We now have two, two handed swords. We are currently working with three potential welders/blacksmiths to get all the swords repaired at minimum and to increase or numbers at the max. We had or have currently repaired(ing) the sword handles.

-----Dale VanCamp

Tailors Bench

As many of you noticed at Opus we are repairing and updating the CWP costumes. We are still looking for people to help get this team with

sewing. There will be some changes made to costumes this year. We will be working hard on getting the costumes up as quick as possible. Currently we are working on a Colorado Tartan for each of you to wear. We have several pattern Ideas coming together for the ladies gowns and we will get the men pants. If you have not been measured this year please see Marci or Gerry. If you did not speak with Marci at Opus about your costume please do so ASAP. If you need boots for your costume we would love to have you join the Armor team for boot making at Tandy leather on May 23rd. Mark your calendars now.

Currently we need you to make sure your shoes that are not tennis shoes (Eric would prefer no combat boots also). Wal-Mart has black slippers for the ladies and moccasins for the men for less than \$10. We could still use fabric donations or money for fabric. Hope to see more of you on this team (you can be on more than one team-hint-hint). Thanks.

-----Marci Rowitz-VanCamp

King Time

With OPUS out of the way we still need people to help with sewing on leather painting shields (right before shows), helmets and any repairs needed to the chain mail. Also as a reminder of the class in May to be taught to make your own boots....I only have two people signed up so far. This is a great opportunity to learn how to make your own boots, maintain them and also a way to make sure they will last more than a season and even make it through a season. If they don't...you have only yourself to blame. This is going to be fun and because they are willing to do this for us after hours and on their own time....come on people; I need more than two people! You can let any of the Senior Officers know, call me or even e-mail me. You all asked for it and Eric managed to get this class for us so lets not let him down.

Some of you know that Kenny has acquired a new (but used) machine

that he has given me permission for Castle Wall to use as long as we are mindful in that it is not ours and clean up after ourselves (unless I say otherwise) and that we do not break anything. At least a days notice would be nice, but otherwise we can use it whenever. Thanks

-----Judy Boren

Castle Custodians Closet

Props team has beefed up a lot, with new personnel, a shout out to all the weapons team members for their help in the meantime. But we still have tons to do. We will be helping the Motor Pool Team work on the inside of the truck too. Look at the calendar and note when we have out team meetings here is a list of those on the props team: Bethany, Ken, Rod, Jenn, Pamela, Spenser, Stephanie, and Charles, and at least one SO.

-----Bethany Medved

Village Posts

IDs are moving along nicely and we will have them by CMF. We are looking at ways to cover costs of hotels for the event(s) out of state (see merchandise booth).

-----Veronica Medved

Calendar for April

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04, Sunday; McIlvoy Park, Arvada Colorado Tartan Day 9:30AM – 3:30PM						
10, Friday; Boren House, Armor Meet 7:00PM-9:00PM						
11, Saturday; Medved House, Props / MotorPool Meet 1:00PM – 5:00PM						
12, Sunday; Mission Viejo Park, Practice 10:45AM – 3:15PM						
12, Sunday; Mission Viejo Park, Medical Meet 3:00PM – 3:30PM						
17, Friday; Badgers Den, Team Lead Meet 6:00PM – 7:00PM						
18, Saturday; Medved House, Weapons Meet 1:00PM – 5:00PM						
18, Saturday; Medved House, Wardrobe Meet 1:00PM – 5:00PM						
19, Sunday; Mission Viejo Park, Practice 10:45AM - 3:15PM						
24, Friday; Boren House, Armor Meet 7:00PM-9:00PM						
25, Saturday; Medved House, Props Meet 1:00PM – 5:00PM						
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Merchandise Booth

I will be sitting in as the merchandise lead until Keith gets back. We are still going forward for Merchandise. By the next show everything will be priced out and we should be ready to bring in money for Castle Wall. We are looking at bake sales and a t-Shirt contest. As always I am open for suggestions.

-----Lisa Engle

Behind the Scenes

I want to thank everyone for their hard work at Opus and Tartan Day. At both events support did a great job, especially at Tartan Day with the cold. I will be holding a meeting soon, hopefully everyone will be able to attend. Keep pushing for membership for Castle Wall. Thank you all.

-----Lisa Engle

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