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MAD Annual Membership Meeting and Elections

All Voting MAD members are encouraged to come to the MAD Board and open membership meeting on Tuesday December 13, in order to vote on the 2017 MAD Executive Council. The Board meeting will begin at 5:30 PM with the election projected to begin at 6:00 PM. The location will be Building 28, room E210. Note that we are holding this meeting in the same location as Holiday Chorus rehearsal.

The MAD membership votes on the Executive Council (see the election slate in the next item below). The new Executive Council votes on the Advisors and Coordinators.

Voting members of MAD are:

- Active or retired GSFC Civil Service employees,
- Employee of another government agency who is stationed at GSFC,
- NASA headquarters Civil Service employees,
- Contract employees who currently possess a valid contractor badge issued by the GSFC Security Office,
- The spouses and dependent children of the above, and
- The spouses and dependent children of deceased GSFC Civil Service employees or retirees.

Although we have a full slate of officers, any member can put their name forward to run (members of the EC must be a GSFC employee or Civil Servant retiree), even if there is already a candidate for that post, at any time up until the election. If you are interested in helping MAD, please consider serving on the Board.

Slate of Officers for 2017

2017 MAD Board Nominees	
Executive Council	
Office	Candidate
President	Kim Weaver
Vice President	Eliot Malumuth
Treasurer	David Buckingham
Secretary	Christine Smit
Property Manager	Linda Pattison
Advisory Coordinators	
Dance	Trisha Randazzo
Drama	Christine Nolan Essig
Music	Marie Nearing
Tech	Kevin Buter
Immediate Past President	Kathy Fontaine
Functional Managers	
Historian	Rachel Pino-Elliott
Publicity Coordinator	Katrina Jackson
Offsite Coordinator	Bill Struthers
MADirectory Coordinator	Randy Barth
MADogram Editor	Cathy Barth
MAD Web Curator	Randy Barth

MAD Holiday Chorus

The Music and Drama (MAD) Holiday Chorus will be directed by Susan Breon and produced by Kathy Nieman. No auditions are required to join! You can come to lunchtime or evening rehearsals as you are able. Rehearsals begin on Monday November 21 and continue through December 14. See the MAD website www.madtheater.org for detailed schedule to be posted soon. Auditions for solo or small groups will be held on Tuesday, November 29 after rehearsal or by appointment. Soloists are expected to sing in the chorus as well. We will sing at two senior centers and perform our GSFC concert on Monday, December 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Building 8 auditorium. Call Producer Kathy Nieman (240-684-0815) for further information. Non-GSFC members should check your temporary badge status to ensure that it does not expire. Call Scott Ritz (301-614-5126) if you require a badge.

MAD About Town

On December 2 through 18, Greenbelt Arts Center presents, "Seussical," a fantastical, magical, musical circus! All your favorite Dr. Seuss characters come to life, including Horton the

Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, and Mayzie LaBird. The colorful characters transport you from the jungle of Nool to the invisible world of the Whos, while the Circus McGurkus fills the stage with unicycles, juggling, acrobatics and more! MAD members include **Steve Yednock** (The Cat in the Hat), **Jim Pasquale** (Mayor of Whoville), **Marie Nearing** (Mrs. Mayor), **Rachel Pino-Elliott** (Bird Girl), **Kathleen Moors** (Wickersham Monkey), **Findley Clara Holland** (Thing 1), **Sophie Cooper** (Thing 2), **Elizabeth Gardner & Bela Martins** (Circus Performers), **Carlin Wells** (Elephant Bird), **Jon Gardner** (Director), **Malca Giblin** (Producer), **Mac Fancher** (Music Director), **Anne Gardner** (Stage Manager), **Susan Neff** (Costume Designer), **Jen Retterer** (Set Designer), **Alex Adams** (Set Painter), and **Rebecca Gardner** (Lights Crew).

Andy Negri will be producing and **Randy Barth** will be directing the suspense thriller "Night Watch" for Bowie Community Theater with performances March 10–26. They are holding auditions on Tuesday, December 6th, and Wednesday, December 7th, from 7:30PM to 9:30PM. Callbacks, if needed, will be Saturday, December 10th, from 1:00PM to 3:00PM. Auditions will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6600 Laurel–Bowie Road, Route 197, Bowie, MD 20715. There are five men and four women in the play; auditions will be cold readings from the script. See <http://www.bctheatre.com> for more details.

MAD Update

Marty Davis has been home for about 6 weeks and we're both slowly getting acclimated to our new normal. The doors, walls, and furniture are also getting used to encountering the student driver of the power wheelchair. Marty has full time caregivers and we are all incredibly busy – trying to fit some of our former, usual activities into the routine of therapies and doctors' appointments. We have not yet bought a wheelchair van but, with a rental, we made it to see *Oklahoma!* at the last Sunday matinee, which was Marty's first social outing since July. Congratulations, all – great show! Phone calls are now welcome – 301–657–4220. If you're inclined to visit, just call in advance and be flexible. Thanks for all your positive thoughts and good wishes! **Belle Davis**

Dave Buckingham is scheduled for an Anterior Cervical Discectomy and Fusion on November 28th at the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center. We are hopeful the surgery will be successful and allows Dave to return to work and activities soon. Your cards, emails, and notes of encouragement have lifted his spirits and for that, we are grateful. A very special thanks to Don Mitchell, Nina Harris, and Rex Elliott! We are blessed to be part of the MAD family and appreciate you all so very much! Love, **Sara**