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### November 2018

#### MAD Annual Membership Meeting

All MAD members are encouraged to come to the MAD open membership meeting on Tuesday, December 18 in Building 3, room 137. The Board meeting will begin at 5:30 pm with the election and tally of the 2019 Executive Council at 6:00 pm. A short meeting of the 2019 Executive Council will be held immediately afterwards to appoint the 2019 Advisory Coordinators and Functional Managers, and to discuss some transitional issues moving into 2019.

Only currently active (within the last five years) voting members are eligible to vote to elect the members of the Executive Council.

Voting members of MAD are defined as:

- 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.

#### MAD Elections and Voting

This year we are offering the option of electronic voting in lieu of casting a paper ballot at the December 18th meeting. All active voting members will receive an email invitation to vote on Friday, December 1st. Then follow the links provided and vote online by the deadline of 4:00 pm on Wednesday, December 18th. There is a space for write-ins on the electronic ballot. If you feel that you should have received an e-mail invitation to vote on December 1st and did not, please contact Randy Barth at [Randy.Barth@comcast.net](mailto:Randy.Barth@comcast.net)

The ballot for 2019 is as follows:

2018 MAD Board Nominees	
Office	Candidate
President	Tiffany Hoerbelt
Vice President	vacant
Treasurer	Randy Barth
Secretary	Suzanne Smith
Property Manager	Linda Pattison

## **MAD Holiday Chorus Concert**

The Music and Drama (MAD) Club presents a Holiday Concert on Monday, December 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Building 3 auditorium. Admission is \$3 payable at the door with free cookies! Our director is Christine Wells and our accompanists are Susan Breon and James Olsen. Come to support our chorus and soloists and hear beautiful music to get you in the holiday mood! GSFC's Child Development Center children will also perform. MAD will donate to Children's Hospital based on proceeds from the concert. Call Producer Kathy Nieman 240-684-0815 for further information.

## **MAD Winter/Spring Show Announcement**

MAD announces the selection of its 2019 Winter/Spring show: *Leave it to Psmith* by Ian Hay and P. G. Wodehouse, directed by Jon Gardner. Auditions will be January 14 & 15, with callbacks on January 17. Rehearsals start with read-through on February 3, and there will be 8 performances from March 22 through April 6. In this comedy, set in the 1920s, Lady Middlewick has returned to Blandings Castle in triumph, having inherited the Dulworthy diamonds. She organizes a house party featuring poets Ralston McTodd and Aileen Peavey, to show off the diamonds. With the help of Psmith, Freddie hatches an elaborate scheme to gain his own share of the inheritance so that he can marry Phyllis. The local crooks catch wind of the diamonds and descend on Blandings Castle in this hilarious comedy. If you are interested in joining the artistic or production staff, or if you have questions about the auditions, please contact Jon Gardner ([jongreenbelt@yahoo.com](mailto:jongreenbelt@yahoo.com)). Watch the MAD website for more information! (Show selection is contingent on finalizing the rights with Samuel French.)

## **MAD Board Meeting**

The next MAD Board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM, Building 3, Room 137. All club members are welcome to attend.

## MAD About Town

Auditions for Bowie Community Theater's production of "The Women of Lockerbie" will be held Dec 3–4 beginning at 7 pm at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD 20715. Show dates are March 1–17, 2019. The Director is Estelle Miller and the Producer is **Andy Negri**. Five women and two men comprise the cast. More information may be found at <http://www.bctheatre.com/shows.html>

**David Murray Solomon** has now appeared in every season of Netflix's "House of Cards". In this, the 6th and final (cue applause) season, Dave adds 6 new levels to the Where's Dave game, ranging widely in difficulty, from essentially impossible (in Chapter 67 from 3:56 [3 minutes and 56 seconds in] to 4:02, look for his almost completely washed out face in the short line of "victims" outside the window), to get out your magnifying glass to find him in crowds, once among the victims in a gymnasium (Chapter 67 at 11:33–11:36) and later among the well-dressed mourners in a magnificent cathedral (Chapter 69 at 0:55–1:01, and for a bonus, find the back of his head at the edge of the screen, very close to star Robin Wright, at 0:39–0:43), to actually pretty easy (Chapter 69 at 0:29–0:33 and 46:48–46:55). And in another show, due for release next year, Dave joined another crowd of background artists as followers of a "Messiah," in a scene at the Lincoln Memorial, expected to be in a 10-part series of that name, "Messiah," on Netflix in 2019. Dave says "Bonjour!" to all of his MAD "Beauty and the Beast" friends and hopes to see many of you at the MAD Holiday Chorus concert, and wishes you all much happiness for the holidays.

## MAD Condolences

We are sad to report that **Jennifer Robinson** has passed away on November 20 after a nearly 2-decade-long battle with cancer. Jennifer was in the chorus of *Showboat* in 2011, and her daughter, **Julia Sharapi**, was part of the children's ensemble in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* in 2008. Jennifer joined MAD as a way to exercise her brain after recovering from brain surgery. At her request, her body has been donated for research into the type of brain cancer that she had. There will be a celebration of her life scheduled sometime in the spring. We ask that you please keep Julia and Jennifer's husband, Mark Cornick, in your thoughts.