

MUSICAL THEATRE WEST NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER FOR PATRONS OF
MUSICAL THEATRE WEST

SUMMER 2004 EDITION 4350 E. 7th STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90804-5546

ALWAYS... PATSY CLINE A HIT!

ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE was a favorite of country music fans and Musical Theatre West subscribers alike. With many sold-out performances, **PATSY CLINE** became the highest grossing show in our 52 year history. Sally Struthers and Christa Jackson captured the hearts of audiences nightly with their delightful interpretations of the country legend and her devoted fan.

The Honorary Producer for the show was Universal Care. Howard and Elaine Davis hosted a country western barbecue in the patio behind the theatre for their guests and MTW Footlighters Opening Nighters. The cast party after the show co-ordinated by Linda Knohl and Nina Rattner also followed the country theme and both were catered by Galley Catering at the Grand.



"You don't have to be a fan of country music to enjoy Musical Theatre West's **ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE**

...this production knocked the socks off the opening night audience as each performer strutted her stuff and commanded the stage for two solid hours.

...The high energy created onstage explodes into the audience and becomes interactive.

...people were singing as they left the Carpenter Center."

Shirle Gottlieb

- LONG BEACH PRESS TELEGRAM



Photos: L to R Top to Bottom: 1:Christa Jackson,Zelda Rubenstein & Sally Struthers
2: Charlotte Roush, Judy McNulty Black, Sally Struthers, Shari Nemirov. 3: Howard & Elaine Davis, Gary & Judy Cooper. 4: Marylou Dunn, Marlene Madsen.
5: Back Row Janef Foley, Larry Rice, Larry Forrester, Sande Rice, Front Row Tim Foley, Richard & Elaine Paradzick 6: Christa Jackson, Pat & Mo Mohler

DONOR RECOGNITION

Don and Marlene Temple opened their lovely home on June 6th to host a reception honoring Musical Theatre West major donors. The delightful afternoon was chaired by Sande Rice with Jim Choura of Galley Catering proudly serving the delicious sandwiches (and personally serving them). David Engel (**LA CAGE** and **KISS ME, KATE**) and Christa Jackson (**ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE**) entertained around the pool and MTW Board Members presented attendees with a thank you gift for their tremendous support during the past year.



Don & Marlene Temple, Paul Garman, Dottie & Ken Reiner



Jim Choura, Galley Catering



MTW donors enjoy the festivities



MUSIC IN THE MORNING

The final Music in the Morning for the 2003 - 2004 season was held on Saturday, June 19th at The Grand at Willow Street Center. Over 150 Footlighters and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch and entertainment from **KISS ME, KATE** by leading man David Engel joined by Tami Tappan Damiano and Lucy Daggett. Outgoing President Shari

Nemirow thanked her Board for their tremendous support during her two year term and a new Board was elected with Mary Lu Hauser as incoming President. Founding President Judy McNulty Black presented Shari with a plaque and lovely gifts from the Footlighters. Twelve new members joined that day bringing the membership to 272 members!



Outgoing Board of the Footlighters



Judy McNulty Black and Shari Nemirow



Barbara Rathbun, Marylou Dunn and Jerry Wulk



Gary & Judy Cooper, Jean & Thomas Stewart



Judy Edson, Bill Johnson and Nancy Conover

LONDON/SCOTLAND THEATRE TOUR



Forty-three Musical Theatre West supporters joined Executive Director/Producer, Paul Garman on a 10-day theatre tour, May 12 – 21. Arriving in London the group spent 5 days enjoying the sights of the city including tours of the Royal Opera House and Drury Lane Theatre. Outside London we visited the historic Leeds Castle and Rousham House and Gardens as well as Blenheim, the stately ancestral home of Sir Winston Churchill. We dined in the English countryside at the Bear Hotel in the quaint village of Woodstock where we thrilled to an exhibition by the Life Guards with all their pomp and circumstance. Back in London we enjoyed three nights of West End theatre including **WHEN HARRY MET**

SALLY, BLOOD BROTHERS and **ANYTHING GOES**. Departing London on the sixth day we traveled to the historic cathedral city of York where we visited the magnificent York Minister and even got to hear the choir boys rehearsing for evensong. Leaving York the next day we visited Castle Howard, the opulent setting for the "Brideshead Revisited" PBS series. We then spent the final two days in Edinburgh touring the castle, exploring the city and enjoying the hospitality of the Scots. Our final evening was a Scottish dinner and show at Prestonfield House where we were met by a piper at the



The London Travel group posing in front of Edinburgh Castle included: Johnny Arceri, Dorothy Black, Craig Chidester, Sharon Chidester, Connie Cullen, Judith Edson, Mary Emlen, Woodruff Emlen, Sara Forster, Sheri Frasier, Charlene Gamm, Paul Garman, Allegra Gordon, Patti Grisham, Elizabeth Handley, Mary Lu Hauser, Mary Hess, Sandra Janich, Fran Jutzi, Sara Kaplan, Irena Kohn, Eileen Lafferty, Marlene Madsen, Judith Mason, George Meylor, Sunny Meylor, Keith Otsuka, Sandra Paskus, Kate Reno, Helene Rose, Diana Scott, Janet Simonian, Ralph Simonian, Pauline Strong, Jeraldine Struthers, Jeanne Tripaldi, Stella Ungar, Elsie Weil, Frances Wells, Bernice Wenkle, Jann Whisenan, Wynne Wilson



entrance and surprised when our dauntless leader, Paul, donned a kilt for the evening.

The next Travel Club tour will be to New York, October 5 –11, 2004. There is limited space available. Call the MTW office at **562-856-1999** to reserve your space now.