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Community Players' President's Message

Welcome to Dirty Rotten Scoundrels and the fifth show of our 81st season. Since 1937 Community Players of Salisbury, Inc., one of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in Maryland, has been a part of the Salisbury community. The mission of Community Players is to encourage education, interest, and participation in live theater, and to provide quality theatrical productions for local audiences. We are working hard to continue with our mission.

Thank you for your attendance and support. The cast and crew have been working diligently to bring this production to life. We are especially proud to welcome back Director Ken Johnson.....Oh wait, that's me! Never mind.

We hope you have as much fun watching as we have had producing this show. So, sit back and enjoy your evening.

Ken Johnson

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Director's Message

Written by David Yazbek and Jeffrey Lane, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* is based on the 1988 film of the same name which starred Michael Cane and Steve Martin. It is set in the colorful world of the French Riviera. Master con-artist Lawrence Jameson makes a living tricking old, rich ladies into giving him their money. When Freddy arrives on the French coast, he challenges the status quo, and Lawrence's position as chief con-artist is threatened. As they decide the town just isn't big enough for the two of them, they challenge each other to a bet. The first one to swindle \$50,000 wins. As they both take on the bet, they fall for the same woman, but quickly realize that they may have bitten off more than they can chew...

The original Broadway production starred John Lithgow as Lawrence along with Norbert Leo Butz as Freddy. Sherie Rene Scott starred as Christine Colgate, alongside Joanna Gleason as Muriel Eubanks. It was nominated for 11 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Book and Best Score, as well as creative nominations for Best Direction, Choreography, Lighting Design and Orchestrations.

I had the pleasure of seeing a production of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* a few years ago and instantly fell in love with all of the little plot twists along the way. My favorite one is when..... Oh wait, you'll find out soon enough.

The cast is made up of some familiar faces as well as a few new ones. I am pleased that we were able to include quite a few aspiring high school students (and a few recent graduates) in the cast and crew as well.

So, sit back, relax, and allow us to transport you to somewhere else for just a little while. P.S. Watch your purses and wallets, I hear there are some shady characters lurking about.

Ken Johnson

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Cast

Lawrence Jameson.....	Pete Evans
Freddy Benson	Jacob Brittingham
Christine Colgate	Heather McHenry
Andre Thibault	Mark Decker
Muriel.....	Toni Daniel
Jolene.....	Alana Troxell
Ensemble	Sammy Barnes, Reece Chang, Spencer Cormier, Peter Cuesta, Britni Ilczuk, Nichole Martin, Alexa Nastasi, Chris Pali, Cheryl Phillips, Sarah Jane Runge

Production Staff

Director.....	Ken Johnson
Music Director.....	Jeffery Baer
Choreographer	John Wixed
Assistant Director.....	Antoinette Purnell
Stage Manager	Mikayla “Mike” Somers
Stage Crew....	Kate Adkins, Hunter Adkins, Ra Fitz-Coy, Dahyun Son
Costumes	Carol Alex, Lynne Bratten, Jennifer Tusing, Mary Tusing
Make Up.....	Bella Nastasi
Lighting Designer.....	Sharon Benchoff
Lighting Crew.....	Abby Cuesta, Cassandra Dasher, Matt Hatfield
Sound Team	Alanna Phillips, Tom Robinson
House Manager	Carol Alex
Set Design	Ken Johnson
Set Construction	Kate Adkins (The Styrofoam Queen), David Allen, Sammy Barnes, Sharon Benchoff, Pete Cuesta, Britni Ilczuk, Ken Johnson, Jean King, Jim King, Nichole Martin, Chris Pali, Mikayla “Mike” Somers, Bill Zlakowski
Program Advertising/Layout.....	Tom Robinson

Musical Numbers

Act I

Overture.....	Orchestra
Give Them What They Want	Lawrence, Andre, Ensemble
What Was a Woman to Do	Muriel, Women
Great Big Stuff	Freddy, Ensemble
Chimp in a Suit	Andre
Oklahoma	Jolene, Lawrence, Ensemble
All About Ruprecht.....	Lawrence, Freddy, Jolene
What Was a Woman to Do (Reprise)	Muriel
Here I Am.....	Christine, Ensemble
Nothing Is Too Wonderful to Be True	Christine, Freddy
Finale	Company

15 minute Intermission

Refreshments are available for sale in the lobby

Act II

Entr'acte.....	Orchestra
Ruffhousin' Mit Shüffhausen.....	Lawrence, Freddy, Christine
Like Zis/Like Zat.....	Andre, Muriel
The More We Dance.....	Lawrence, Christine, Ensemble
Love is My Legs.....	Freddy, Christine, Ensemble
Love Sneaks In	Lawrence
Like Zis/Like Zat (Reprise).....	Muriel
Son of Great Big Stuff.....	Freddy, Christine
The Reckoning.....	Lawrence, Freddy, Andre
Dirty Rotten.....	Lawrence, Freddy
Finale	Company

Orchestra

Musical Director - Jeffery Baer

Reed I.....	Caitlin Hetland
Reed II.....	Joseph Coco
Reed III.....	Frank Mahoney
Trumpet.....	Ron Davis, Bill Williams
Horn	Allyson Morris
Trombone.....	Laura LeBlanc
Violin	Courtney Bennett
Cello	Ashley Palmer, Alexzander Baer
Bass	Buck Burton
Guitar	Paul Vinroot
Keyboard.....	Aimee Faulkner, Susan Robinson
Percussion	Tom Clark, Jane Mahoney

Who's Who in the Cast

Sammy Barnes (Ensemble) is glad to be back on stage showing off all his dancing and singing skills in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. He has appeared in *Players All Shook Up*, *Death Trap*, *Fiddler on The Roof*, and most recently in *Death of a Salesman*, as Stanley the waiter. When he's not on stage he is assisting backstage with the hard-working stage crew. He thanks everyone for their patience. Enjoy the show!

Jacob Brittingham (Freddy Benson) is very excited to be making his first appearance with *Players* and to be performing alongside this talented cast and crew. Jacob has recently returned to the area. He has previously played Jack in *Into the Woods*, a Chef in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, and various ensemble roles. He is returning to the stage after graduating with his Master's in Molecular Biology. He currently works with his family at Long and Foster. He would like to give a major shout out to all his family and friends for supporting him as well as the amazing cast and crew. Enjoy the show!

Reece Chang (Ensemble) is a Senior at Wicomico High School and is in his first *Players* production. You may have already seen him in the county's production of *Mamma Mia!* Reece also keeps himself busy as the President of the Class of 2020 at WiHi, JROTC Battalion Commander, Brass Captain in WiHi's Symphonic Band, proud member of D.I. of the Tiger, and a member of NHS, SNHS, and NSHS. While Reece is proud of his accomplishments, he doesn't do it alone. He'd like to give a special thank you to his family for always supporting him no matter what, his friends for keeping him grounded, the cast of *Clue: On Stage!* for inspiring and motivating him to try theatre, the absolutely wonderful cast of *Mamma Mia!*, and any and all adults involved in the production that somehow managed to put up with his nonsense. But above all else Reece would like to thank his arms for always being by his side, his fingers as he can always count on them, and last but certainly not least: Joe.

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Spencer Cormier (Ensemble) is a recent graduate of Parkside High school and is thrilled to be part of the cast of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. Spencer has played the role of Horton the Elephant in the All-County production of *Seussical* and the role of Colonel Mustard in WiHi's production of *Clue: On Stage!* Recently he played Sam Carmichael in the All-County Production of *Mamma Mia!* Spencer also played Lieutenant Joseph Cable in the Players production of *South Pacific*. Though Spencer is proud of his performance being on stage and off stage, he couldn't have accomplished it without the endless support from his friends, family, and directors. When Spencer isn't singing or acting you can probably find him nowhere because he never answers his phone. Enjoy the show!

Peter J. Cuesta (Ensemble) is thrilled to be given this opportunity to be in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. Past performances include: *South Pacific* (Cade. Harbison), *Drowsy Chaperone* (Gangster 1), *Into the Woods* (Steward), *Deathtrap* (Director), *Mary Poppins* (Bank President), *Beauty and the Beast* (bookseller), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Avram), *Les Misérables* (Chorus), *They're Playing Our Song* (Chorus) and The Salisbury Chamber Singers (Tenor2). A podiatrist by day, he has enjoyed the theatre for most of his life. Look for his second directorial effort in February of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. His favorite role, however, is husband to Kim and father to Maddi and Abby — I love you guys!



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Antoinette "Toni" Daniel (Muriel Eubanks) is thrilled to be a part of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. Toni found her love of music at a very young age. With her family, by her side to support her, she was involved in singing, dancing and theater throughout her educational career. Wanting to share her passion with others, Toni decided to pursue a career in Music Education at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. While at UMES, Toni performed in *The Makado* (Pitti-Sing), *Welcome to Bedside Manor* (Nurse Barton), and *Motown Revue* (singer/co-music director). After graduation, she started her teaching career at Salisbury Middle (11 years). It is there that she developed a musical production relationship with fellow teacher, friend, and director Ken Johnson. Currently she is the Choral Director at Parkside High School. She would like to thank her husband, family and friends for the tremendous support with her debut appearance in a Community Players production.

Mark Decker (Andre Thibault) performed his first role with Community Players as Emile de Becque in *South Pacific*. He earned a B.A. in Music from Goucher College, where he performed in both opera workshop and theatrical productions. While living in New York, Mark sang with the Regina Opera Company of Brooklyn in productions of *La Boheme*, *The Merry Widow*, *I Pagliacci*, *Rigoletto*, *Tosca*, and *La Traviata*. Locally, he has performed with the Salisbury Chorale in performances of *Ein Deutsches Requiem* by Brahms and *Carmina Burana* by Carl Orff. Much love to all his family and friends for their support!

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Pete Evans (Lawrence Jameson) is thrilled to be returning to the stage for *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. Last seen in *The Dining Room*, he has also had featured roles in *Blithe Spirit*, *Moon Over Buffalo*, *The Addams Family*, and several other Players shows over the past six years. He looks forward to helping Community Players continue to “give the people what they want”.

Britni Ilczuk (Ensemble) has been seen onstage in many Players’ productions, served as Choreographer for two and now assistant choreographer for three. She is an instructor at Salisbury Dance Academy, the Ballet Mistress for the Eastern Shore Ballet Theater, and the music and dance teacher at Stepping Stones Learning Academy. In her spare time, she enjoys homeschooling her children, playing the piano at her church, and studying as she works towards her Bachelor’s in Worship Music Studies. She also has a small obsession for coffee, dark chocolate, corny jokes, and adult coloring books. She would like to thank her family for their love and support through the late nights and busy weekends and her wonderful directors and cast mates for an amazing show! It has been a joy! To God be the glory.

Nichole Martin (Ensemble) loves stealing hearts so why not have a part in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*? She is a Physician Assistant by day and a theater person and gym rat by night. When not in those places she can be found reading at a coffee-house, spending time with her friends, and her two cats. She has played parts in the productions of *Not God* and *Calendar Girls*. She has been active with the set and stage in *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *South Pacific*. She is ready to take on more performances!

Heather McHenry (Christine Colgate) is thrilled to be in her fifth Players’ production! Heather most recently played the Drowsy Chaperone in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, Cinderella’s Stepmother in *Into the Woods*, Elaine Harper in *Arsenic and Old Lace* and Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast*. Other acting credits include *Murder on the Nile*, *1776*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Murder at the Mansion* & *Murder Under the Marquee*, and *The Sound of Music*. Heather is Vice President of the Lower Shore Performing Arts Company and when not on stage, she is the Director of Bands and Musical Theater Education at Crisfield Academy & High School. She would like to thank her family for their constant support in allowing her to live her dream.



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Alexa Nastasi (Ensemble) feels bittersweet to be in her last Community Players production — in the Fall she will be a freshman at Elmhurst College in Illinois studying Musical Theatre & Theatre Education. When she isn't at rehearsal she can be seen binge watching *The Office*. She was last seen as Sophie in the All County Musical, *Mamma Mia!* and Mrs. White in *Clue: On Stage!* She would like to give a huge thanks to the cast and crew of the show, especially Mr. Kenny who is her favorite DIR!! She is forever grateful for the experiences! She would also like to thank her parents and her lovely sister, Bella, for putting up with her and believing in her huge dreams! And, some tiny thank yous to her bestest friend, Leila, who has been to every single show she's been in! and to her pretty cool boyfriend, Brady, for constantly supporting her and just being awesome. And finally, a huge thank you to Community Players for inspiring her to pursue the performing arts and to take her passions into the real world.

Chris Pali (Ensemble) is thrilled to perform in this, his fourth Players production. He also helped build sets for *Calendar Girls*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *South Pacific*, and periodically directs Rockawalkin UM Church's live plays and short video productions dealing with modern spiritual themes. He thanks Ken and cast for this opportunity, and gives a loving thanks to his wife, Nancy, and family for their patience.

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Cheryl Phillips (Ensemble) is passionate about being in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. Her last job was costume coordinator for *The Dining Room*. She was on stage in *The Drowsy Chaperone* and as Marie in *Calendar Girls*. Her love of theatre developed in high school with roles like Mrs. Sowerberry in *Oliver* and Ghost of Christmas Future in *A Christmas Carol*. She is elated with the many roles she gets to perform in this production and hopes it opens more opportunities for future plays and musicals with Players.

Sarah Jane Runge (Ensemble) is so excited to be in her first Community Players show! She previously played Gertrude in *Seussical the Musical*, Donna in *Mamma Mia!* and Miss Scarlet in *Clue: On Stage!* She has just graduated from Parkside High School and will be going to University of Maryland in the fall. She loves the new family she has made and is so thankful she got to work with such wonderful people! Special thanks to Mr. Kenny for dealing with all her shenanigans. "Mr. Kennyyyyyyyyy!"

Alana Troxell (Jolene Oakes) is excited to be in her 4th Players' show. Other roles include, Lynne in *Breathing Under Dirt*, Chava in Ocean Pines Children's Theater's *Fiddler on the Roof*, and The Leading Player in LSPAC's production of *Pippin*. She studies under Susan Upton and plans to pursue a degree in performing arts after graduating from Pocomoke High School next year. Alana would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support. Enjoy the show!

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Who's Who Behind the Scenes

Jeffrey Baer (Musical Director and Conductor) currently serves as the Supervisor of Fine Arts for the Wicomico County Public Schools. He has taught choral music for 28 years in Wicomico and Somerset Counties and most recently taught choir, music history, and voice lessons at Wicomico High School. He appeared on stage in the title roles for the Community Players of Salisbury's productions of *Beauty and the Beast*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, and *Godspell*. He was the music director or conductor for many Community Players and local high school productions such as *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Into the Woods*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Wizard of Oz*, and *Oliver!* Jeff is the Music Director and Organist at Bethesda United Methodist Church in Salisbury, MD. He lives in Salisbury with his wife, Trish, who is a Disney fanatic (HDNMKY) and Geometry teacher. They have four children and two grandchildren.

Sharon Benchoff (Lighting Designer) is delighted to be working as Lighting Designer for Ken once again. Sharon has worked for over thirty-five years with Community Players. She has designed lighting for numerous productions including *Jekyll & Hyde*, *Chicago*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Into the Woods* and *The Dining Room*. Directing credits include *Wait Until Dark*, *Laughing Stock*, *Tom, Dick & Harry*, *Moon Over Buffalo*, *Les Misérables*, and *Calendar Girls*. Sharon is Players newly elected Vice President. She will be directing *Jesus Christ Superstar* for Players in June 2020.

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Who's Who Behind the Scenes (Continued)

Lynne Bratten (Costume Coordinator) has created and coordinated costumes for players since 1984. Her most recent productions include *South Pacific*, *Into the Woods*, *Calendar Girls*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Mary Poppins*, *Moon over Buffalo*, *Addams Family*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Blithe Spirit*, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, and *Death Trap*. She is thrilled to be collaborating with her daughter on historically accurate costume creations and to be able to manage the ever-expanding costume collection for Community Players.

Ken Johnson (Director) is currently teaching Musical Theatre for the newly created VPA program for Wicomico County Schools and can't think of a better way to spend his days than with the multi-talented students in his classes. He began his "career" almost 40 years ago, running a follow spot for *Don't Drink the Water*. He is currently President of Community Players. Ken has directed several productions for Players, most recently *Addams Family* and *Into the Woods* and will be directing *Matilda* in November. He has appeared on stage often, most recently as Bert in *Mary Poppins*, Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast* and as Aldolpho in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Ken is also very active backstage having designed and built the sets and/or the lighting for over 50 Players' productions. He'd like to thank Yoshi, his friends in Players for allowing him to continue this "hobby", Antoinette, Toni, and JW for making his vision a reality, and especially Dr. Jeffrey Baer and Dr. Donna Hanlin for allowing him to fulfill his dream of doing Theatre as a profession.



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Alanna Phillips (Sound) has been part of the Sound Team for fourteen Players' shows and nine Salisbury School's shows. She is a member of Christ UM Church's Tech Team. She skates on the Salisbury Roller Derby team as "Big Booty Judy".

Antoinette Purnell (Assistant Director) is currently teaching Computer Science at Salisbury Middle School. In her spare time, she likes to assist with Wicomico County's Musical Theatre VPA program. She wishes to thank Bobby for being an amazing husband and supporting her in every way possible, her family for their constant support, Ken Johnson and John Wixted for being such wonderful friends and allowing her to tag along on her first Community Players adventure. She would also like to thank Dr. Jeffrey Baer for putting up with her although she knows it couldn't have been easy. To the talented cast and crew of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels!* Break a Leg! You all inspire me daily, and I am so very blessed to get to work with you!

Tom Robinson (Sound) has been part of Players Sound Team for 27 shows and is on Players Board of Directors. He has also been the Technical Director of all 17 musicals at The Salisbury School. He is the Director of Technical Ministries at Christ UM Church.



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Mikayla "Mike" Somers (Stage Manager) is currently a Wicomico High School junior. *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* is her third show and second, she's stage managed for. She was last involved with *Mamma Mia!* at Wicomico High School as the stage manager. She is an officer for both Science Honor Society and Spanish honor society. She's excited to work on her first Community Players show with Mr. Kenny and she would like to clarify that she indeed knows what day it is. She would also like to thank her dog Grace.

Jennifer Tusing (Costume Designer) Though a longtime member of Players, Jenny only recently began designing costumes. It has been a whirlwind ever since with involvement in eleven productions since 2014. Select credits include *The Addams Family*, *Blythe Spirit*, and *Into the Woods*. She has also shared her time costuming for The Salisbury School (*Wizard of Oz & Grease*) and the All-Wicomico County Musical (*Mamma Mia! & Seussical*). Costuming allows Jenny the flexibility to participate in theater while raising a young family. Jenny's performance credits include *Little Women*, *Harvey*, *Charley's Aunt*, and various musicals.

John Wixted (Choreographer) is thrilled to be choreographing his first show with Community Players. Graduating from Salisbury University in 2017, Wixted holds a dual certificate in Music Education and Vocal Performance. Wixted now teaches Y3-5th grade General Music and Choir at Pemberton Elementary and loves every second with his *Tiny Humans!* Wixted has choreographed the All-County High School Musical for the last two years and is no stranger to the stage as he has performed in over 30 musicals/operas since the age of four! A huge shout out and thank you to the rest of our incredible Creative Team and a huge Break A Leg to our hysterical cast of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels!* Sing, Dance, and Always Smile!

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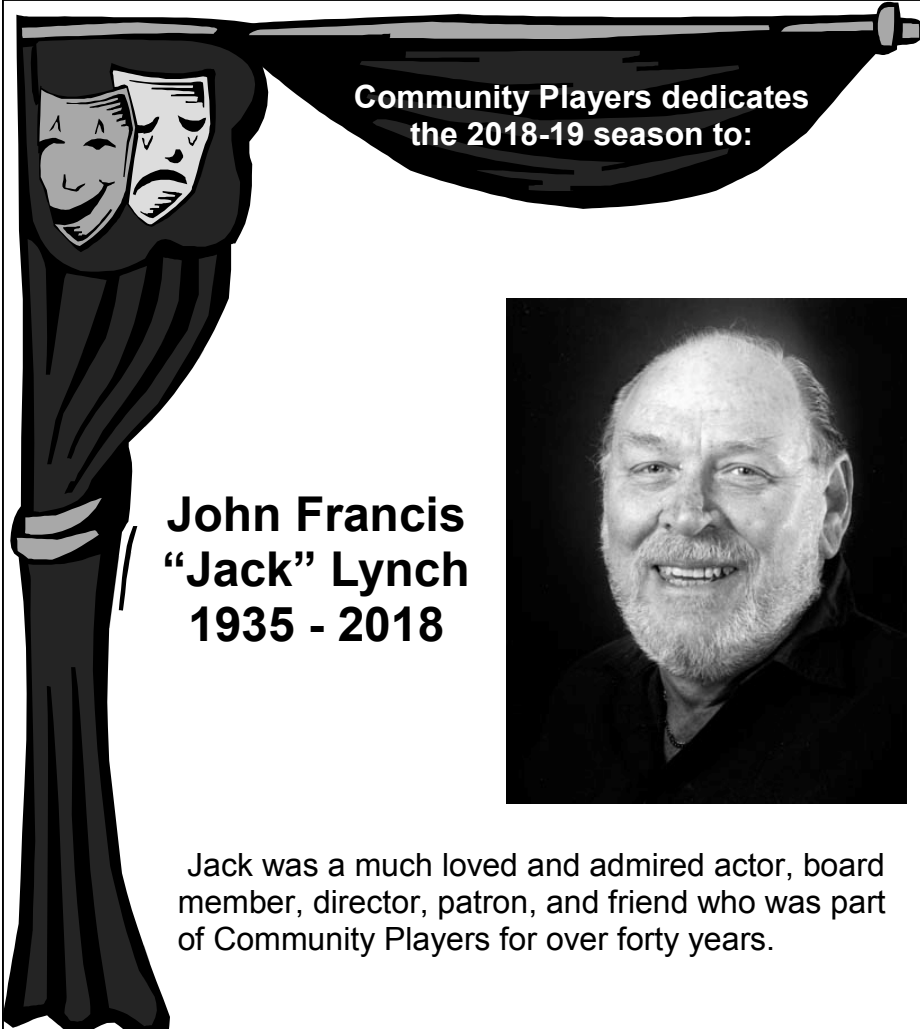
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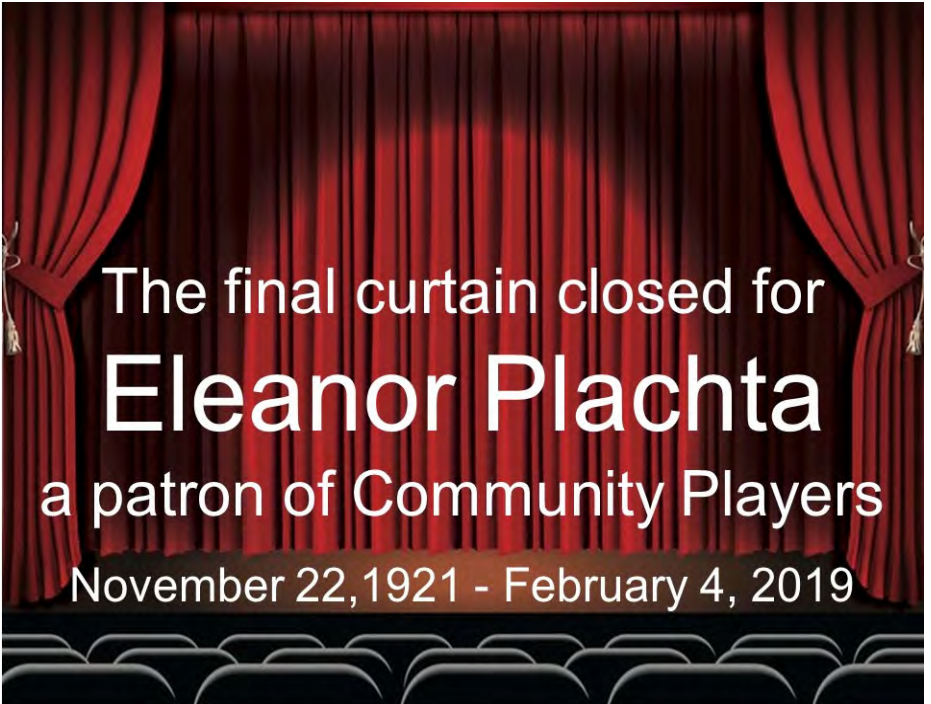
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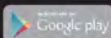
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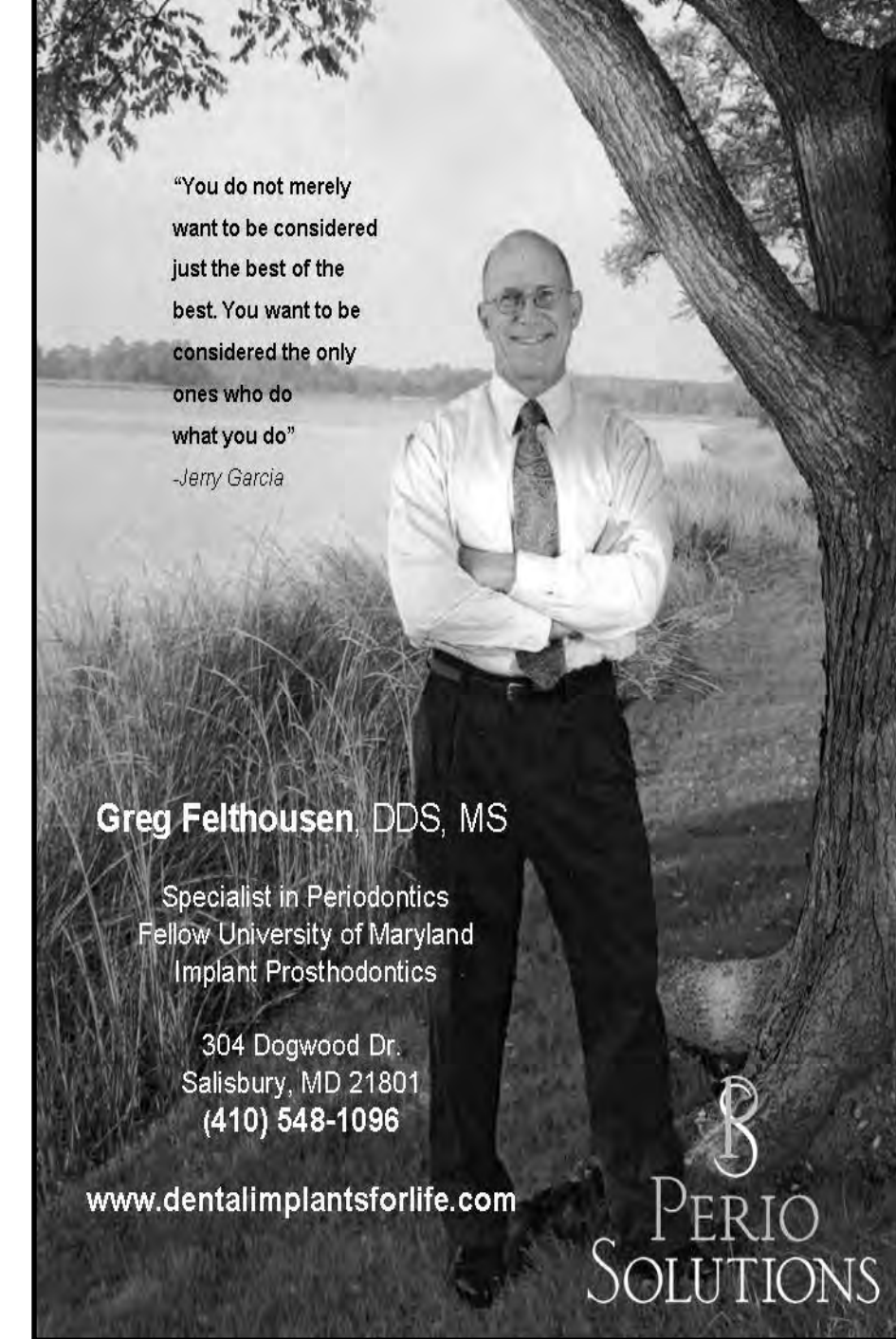
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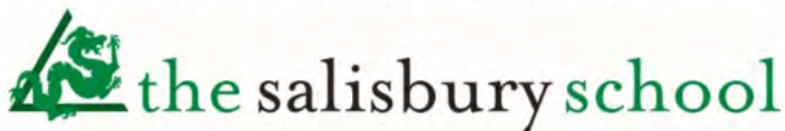
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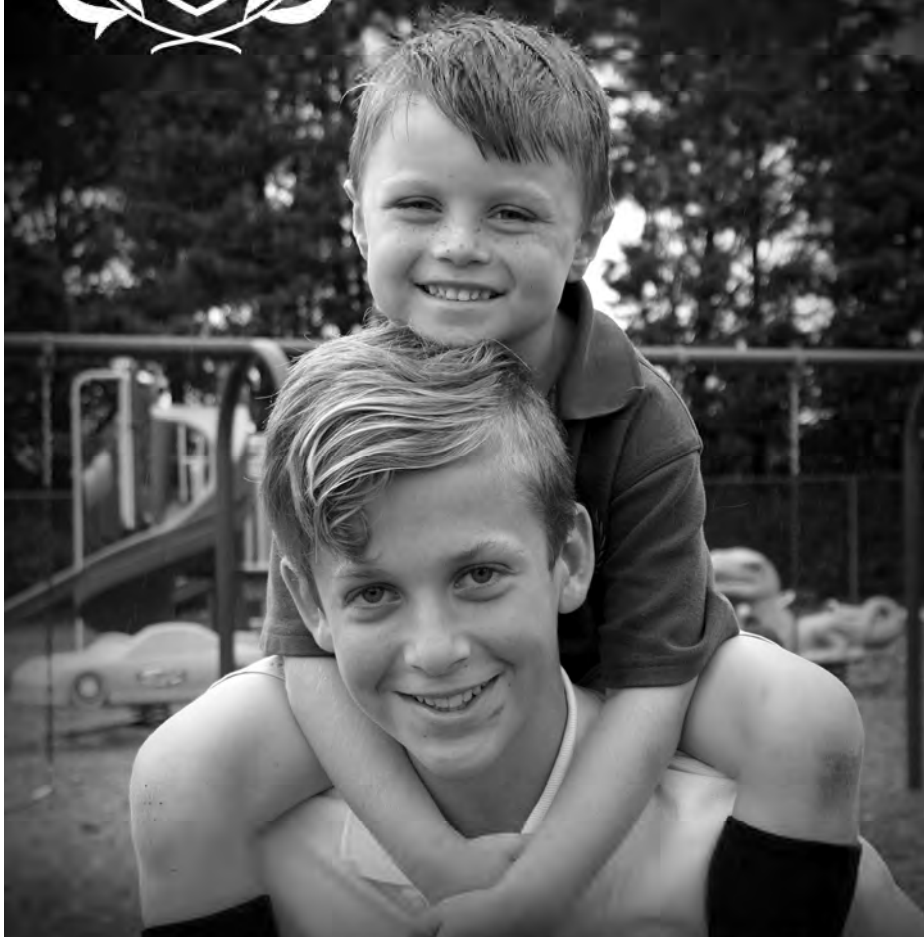
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