



# StageLights



VINCE CARNEY COMMUNITY THEATRE NEWSLETTER

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## VCCT Veteran Portrays President Roosevelt

The Rochelle Woman's Club, in conjunction with Vince Carney Community Theatre, will present "Rough and Ready Teddy" on Thursday, February 11, 2016, in Paddock Hall, located in the Hickory Grove Civic Center in Rochelle. This Reader's Theatre production is based on a play by Steve Moutan and will feature Terry Dickow as Theodore Roosevelt, our 26th President, in his retirement years. Dickow is a

veteran of the stage and a long-time VCCT member. Tickets are \$20 and include lunch, which will be served at 12 noon. "Rough and Ready Teddy" will follow at 1pm. Tickets can be reserved by calling 815-975-1643, or can be purchased online through the VCCT website ([www.vcctrochelle.org](http://www.vcctrochelle.org)). The last day to reserve your seat is February 8, 2016.

### Rough and Ready Teddy

Thursday

February 11

Lunch at Noon

Show at 1PM

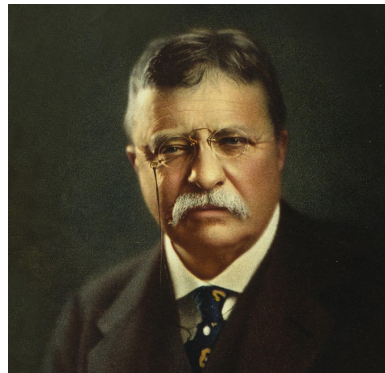
Tickets

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Terry Dickow



Theodore Roosevelt



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## VCCT Caroling Group Entertains Rochelle

The VCCT Caroling group was formed in November and began rehearsals right away. The group consisted of four members, Debby Katzman as soprano, Carol Weidmann singing alto, Ken Manning singing tenor and rounding the group off was Arlyn Van Dyke singing bass. The group decided to perform the carols dressed in Victorian attire. Within a very short time their "dance card" was filling up! The group performed at the Masonic Christmas party, The Women's Club of Rochelle, Lincoln Manor, San Gabriel, Rochelle Hospital's Auxiliary Christmas Tea, and the Compassionate Healing Group Christmas event. There were many requests that the group could not fulfill this year. If they decide to continue the group next year, Katzman says, "We would love to



From Left: Ken Manning, Debby Katzman, Arlyn Van Dyke, and Carol Weidmann performing at the Masonic Temple in Rochelle

have a fuller group and ask those who would like to participate to consider doing so next year!"

## Volunteers from VCCT Help Feed Hungry Children

A group of volunteers from VCCT helped pack lunches in November for *Feed My Starving Children*, a "Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit." The group met early at the home of Sally Sawicki, who coordinated the effort, to enjoy a pork chop dinner. The meal was purchased from the Rochelle Community Action Network fundraiser, which means the group was able to support two charities that night. After dinner, they caravanned to DeKalb to work with scores of other area

volunteers in a lunch-packing assembly line. During the two hours they worked, the group of 15 VCCT volunteers packed enough lunches to feed 250 children for a whole year. While the work was tiring, Sawicki summed up the group's attitude saying, "It was fun!"



## IceHogs Raise Money for Breast Cancer

On January 16, 2016, at 7pm, the Rockford IceHogs will take on the Stockton Heat for their annual "Pink in the Rink Game" to support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Vince Carney Community Theatre is supporting this effort and invites all members and sup-



porters to join in by attending the game. Tickets are \$15 each, and \$5 of each ticket goes to the fundraising endeavor. You can reserve your seat by turning in your \$15 to Carrie Johnson by December 31, 2015. For more information, email [vcctrochelle@gmail.com](mailto:vcctrochelle@gmail.com)

# Cast Announced for Spring Production of “The Legend of Robin Hood...Sort of”

The cast for the Spring 2016 VCCT production, “The Legend of Robin Hood...Sort of” has been announced. The show is directed by Kimberly Ekes and Ken Manning will serve as Assistant Director. The cast includes Kyle Arreguin as Robin, Todd Burghardt as Prince John, Tom Houghton as the Sheriff, Ken Manning as Little John,



Amy Frank as Marian, and Dave Jokers as Friar Tuck. Additional cast members include Kris Ekes as Witch Waye, Ivan Zwinlis as the Prince’s Guard, and Debby Katzman, Emily Montelonge, Kathy Cook and Tori Carter as Merry Maids.

In this classic legend turned farce, Robin Hood is fighting for justice and the heart of the lovely Maid Marian. He faces tyranny

and oppression from King John and the Sheriff of Nottingham. So with his band of merry women, he vows to keep the land of Sherwood safe until the return of King Richard.

The show opens on March 11, 2016, and tickets are \$12 at the door. Receive a \$1 discount by purchasing tickets through the VCCT website. More information available at:

[www.vcctrochelle.org](http://www.vcctrochelle.org)

## 2015 Butter Braid Fundraiser a Success!

Nearly \$650 was raised this year by VCCT members and supporters in the annual Butter Braids sale. Once again, Amy Frank and Carol Wiedmann were the top sellers. The fund raising effort was led by Carrie Johnson.



## VCCT Still Needs YOU to Get Involved!

VCCT is always looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways. Even if you would never dream of getting up on stage to act, there are still a number of ways you can get involved. Carpenters, painters, make-up artists, hair stylists, seamstresses and tailors are just a few of the

“behind the scenes” people needed to make each show a success. If you would like to get more involved with community theatre, go to our website and fill out the volunteer form. Or send an email to:  
[vcctrochelle@gmail.com](mailto:vcctrochelle@gmail.com).

As a not-for-profit organization, we also accept financial donations. Remember that your donations are tax deductible. You can donate on our website, or you can send a check to the address listed on the back page of this newsletter.



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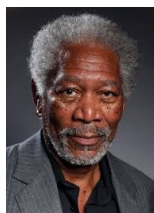
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## Have you Visited the VCCT Website Lately?

What can you do on our website?

- Get information about upcoming shows
- See pictures and details from past shows
- Purchase tickets
- Get information about auditions and special events
- Pay your membership dues
- Find directions to the theater
- Get information on how YOU can get involved!
- Find out who is currently serving on the Board of Directors



When I was a teenager, I began to settle into school because I'd discovered the extracurricular activities that interested me: music and theater.

- Morgan Freeman

