

# MUSICAL THEATRE WEST NOTES

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## “MUSIC IN THE MORNING” celebrates opening of 52nd season

The Musical Theatre West Footlighters celebrated the upcoming opening of the MTW 52nd Season with the “Music in the Morning” luncheon on Saturday, October 23. More than 150 Footlighters and guests arrived at the Old Ranch Country Club for a lovely lunch with special entertainment by cast members of MTW’s upcoming produc-

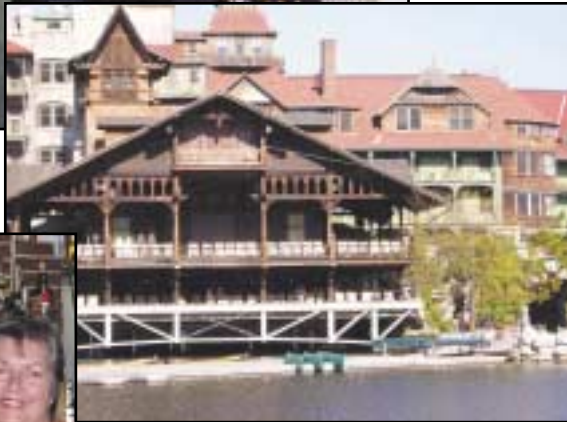
tion of **SHE LOVES ME**. It was especially gratifying to have 21 new members join the Footlighters that day. This is an event that the Footlighters host prior to the opening of every production. Footlighters and guests are treated to a preview of each show. The next Footlighters “Music in the Morning” will be at the Greek Cultural Center on February 5 and will consist of a Boutique as well as a sneak preview of **RAGTIME**. To become a member of the Footlighters pick up a brochure in the lobby or call the Vice President – Membership, Diana Scott at 562-425-3644. ■



# NEW YORK TRIP FUN FOR ALL!

Our 6th annual New York Travel Club adventure was October 5 - 11. Exploring the sights and sounds of the Big Apple as well as the Hudson Valley, 105 MTW sup-

porters had a great time together. We saw three Broadway hits and dined in some great restaurants. Everyone agreed we'd go on diets the minute we touched down in



California. Mohonk Mountain Resort, West Point, Boscobel Mansion, the United Nations, Grand Central Station and the Metropolitan Museum of Art were just some of the highlights of the trip. The most fun was meeting new friends and sharing this fantastic city with them.

Future Travel Club plans call for a trip to Europe this May (London/Paris or Vienna/Prague) and Chicago next fall. If you're not on the Travel Club Mailing List call the office at 562-856-1999. These trips sell out before we even print the brochure! ■



# OPEN HOUSE A HUGE SUCCESS!



Jon & Amanda Hall, Mayor Beverly O'Neill, Ken & Dottie Reiner and Joe Moore



Paul Garman, Judy McNulty Black, Patrick O'Connell and Dan Baker

Sunday, October 17, saw the rain clouds rolling in but they kept their distance until the Open House dedicating the New MTW Building could be held. As a part of Long Beach's celebration of October is Arts Month, MTW held their Open House to dedicate their New Home at 4350 E 7th Street.

The day started off with a private reception for the New Home Campaign Major Donors and City Officials. Helping with the building dedication were Paul Garman, Executive Director/Producer; Judy McNulty Black, President - MTW Board of Directors and the Honorable Mayor Beverly O'Neill of Long Beach. Also in attendance representing the City of Long Beach were Councilmembers, Dan Baker and Patrick O'Donnell. Rousing entertainment was provided by Carol Dennis who has been seen in MTW's **HOT MIKADO** and **KISS ME, KATE**.

After this the crowd of 150 stepped outside to the Caribbean sounds of the Stephens Middle School Steel Drum Band, Pandrumonium, led by Paula Pelton. Joining in the festivities were another 200 - 400 guests from the local community, many new to MTW. All feasted on a meal provided by the Long Beach Police Officers Association who spent the afternoon keeping up with the revelers bar-b-queing chicken and carne asada.

Tours of the building as well as entertainment continued throughout the afternoon. Some of MTW's favorite performers could be heard thrilling the audience with their performances. Performers included Elna Binckes (**KISS ME, KATE**), Jennifer Shelton (**THE WORLD GOES 'ROUND** and **HOT**



**MIKADO**), David Burnham (**LA CAGE AUX FOLLES**) and Elizabeth Ward Land (**KISS ME, KATE**). Children could also be seen running around the property, coloring special pictures created by MTW as well as being entertained by magician, Abbit the Average, who juggled, did balloon sculptures and in general entertained the entire assemblage.

At the end of the day the crowd was taken back inside the rehearsal hall where Paul Garman introduced the Musical Theatre

Guild. They performed **THE HISTORY OF MUSICAL THEATRE IN 42 MINUTES AND 28 SECONDS** which is the production that Musical Theatre West has sponsored in the Long Beach Unified School District over the past two years.

At the end of the day comments were heard on what a wonderful day it had been. Even the weather held off to make this one of the most memorable days MTW has put together in celebration of our new building as well as October is Arts Month. ■