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Oregon Straw Hat Players  
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**NOW IS THE TIME** to start considering show ideas for 2006. What might be a great project for next winter or summer? ALSO, **NOW IS THE TIME** to think about running for a spot on the Board of Directors and helping to lead our organization for the next two years.

#### **THE HOBBIT PLAYS TO BIG HOUSES!**

Our April production of *The Hobbit* played to sold-out houses every performance. Hopefully you were one of the lucky ones to get a seat at the show. The cast and crew did a fine job of recreating J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy world of Middle Earth. A special welcome to all of the new people who joined the OSHP family for the first time. Special thanks to Christopher Phistry, director; Kate Nipko, stage manager; Jeanne O'Malley, producer; and Robin Talley, assistant producer; for all of their hard work in this production.

#### **“QUICK CHANGES”**

\*OSHP is working cooperatively with Dee Baldock, director of the Performing Arts Center, to determine possible remedies for the sound problems in the theatre.

\*The board has been actively developing a mentoring program this year to help new members become more active leaders in the group's activities.

\*The OSHP Caroling group was well-received during its performances on a rainy December Friday evening in downtown Oregon.

#### **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

Thanks to a number of donors and helpers, we are making good progress on our fundraising goal for the year. We have received over \$2000 in Individual Shining Stars donations since December and we thank all of you who have contributed this year. In addition, Dan Subach raised over \$300 on our "Best Seat in the House" fundraiser. Thanks to Dan for his hard work, to American for donating the great recliner, and to the other businesses who gave prizes.

We will again be running the concession stand at KKK Stables on Memorial Day. This will be your ONE AND ONLY CHANCE to purchase a meatball sandwich this year. Even if you don't ride horses, you are welcome to stop by and support our stand. KKK is located just north of Oregon on Schneider Road. If you'd like to help, contact Jen Kapusta at 835-0123.

We will soon be making our big push for summer Individual and Business Shining Stars donations. If you'd like to contribute, please contact us at OSHP; PO Box 292; Oregon, WI 53575