

MCP's Spring 2020 Potluck & A Play Synopses and Character Lists

***The Foreigner*, by Larry Shue (February 20)**

Two British soldiers find themselves on leave at a bed and breakfast in rural Georgia. When shy Charlie Baker opts to pretend he doesn't speak the language, hijinks ensue as he finds himself the confidant of everyone around him. But not everyone finds this new foreigner charming and Charlie ends up being the target of the local boys when he attracts the attention of the pretty Catherine Simms.

S/Sgt. "Froggy" LeSueur -- Stereotypical cockney Englishman who has visited this area before. He is cheerful and "right at home" at Betty Meeks' Fishing Lodge Resort.

Charlie Baker -- Froggy's friend. Shy, withdrawn and self-conscious.

Betty Meeks -- The owner of the resort; "wise about some things and naïve about others."

Rev. David Marshall Lee -- Seemingly good natured young man; fiancé to Catherine.

Catherine Simms -- Fianceé to David; a "formidable" and sassy southern belle.

Owen Musser -- Local good ol' boy; friend of David.

Ellard Simms -- Catherine's brother, an "overgrown youth" with a sweet disposition. What he lacks in booksmarts he makes up in heart.

Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* (March 19)

Jack and Algernon are two bachelors splitting their time between London and the countryside. While in the countryside, both men exhibit impeccable manners; the city of London, however, is for play. The two struggle to keep their London and countryside personas separate as they each pursue two women -- Cecily and Gwendolyn -- who are set on marrying a man named "Ernest."

Jack Worthing -- An orphan who was adopted by a rich gentleman. He goes by his given name, "Ernest," while in the country and "Jack" while in the countryside. Interested in marrying Gwendolyn, who is Algernon's cousin.

Algernon Moncrieff -- Jack's friend; incorrigible and opportunistic. He discovers that Jack has a ward, Cecily, and quickly becomes interested in her.

Rev. Canon Chasuble -- The local country rector.

Merriman -- Jack's sassy butler.

Lane -- Algernon's sassy butler.

Lady Bracknell -- Algernon's aristocratic aunt; mother to Gwendolyn.

Gwendolyn Fairfax -- Algernon's cousin and object of Jack's affection. She is intent on marrying a man named "Ernest."

Cecily Cardew -- Jack's ward who lives in the country. She is also intent on marrying a man named "Ernest."

Miss Prism -- Elderly absent-minded governess to Cecily. She once had dreams of being a writer.

***Mary Poppins*, by Julian Fellows, with book and lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman and additional music and lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe (April 16)**

You know this one. It's going to be Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

***Private Lives*, by Noël Coward (May 21)**

Elyot and Amanda are a divorced couple who happen to be honeymooning with their younger new spouses at the same resort. The spark of their old romance flares up when they run into each other and soon they are scheming to drop their new spouses, Sibyl and Victor. The two jilted spouses discover they are well-matched and find solace in each other. Chaos ensues, however, when Elyot and Amanda are reminded of why they split in the first place and Sibyl and Victor don't appear to be as compatible as they thought.

Elyot -- Amanda's ex-husband and new husband to Sibyl. Sharp-tongued and witty.

Amanda -- Elyot's ex-wife and new wife to Victor. Also sharp-tongued and witty.

Sibyl -- Innocent new wife to Elyot. Somewhat naïve.

Victor -- New husband to Amanda.

Louise -- Amanda's French-speaking maid.