



The Sunshine Boys
by Neil Simon
Fall Dinner Theater 2006

The Sunshine Boys, by Neil Simon, is the play I have chosen for the 2006 Dinner Theater. Some of you may be familiar with the play as it is a very old movie starring Walter Matthau and George Burns. The setting for the play is a rather depressing two-room apartment in an old hotel on upper Broadway, in the mid-Eighties. In the play seniors, Willie Clark and Al Lewis have had a falling out and not spoken to each other in 11 years. That is not since their last performance of The Sunshine Boy's comedy act, when Al suddenly 'retired' from the business with out Willie's permission or approval. Willie's niece, Bev, talks them into doing one show for a CBS special and the comedy begins as they go from not speaking, to almost communicating, to not speaking again and more! It is a great comedy and sure to be a hit.

The lead roles are being played by Emery Ens as Willie Clark, Tom Wall as Al Lewis and Joleen Ross as Bev Silverman. Tom Wall is new to the club while Emery Ens is best remembered for his roles as Norman Thayer in 'On Golden Pond' and Mr. Pozenby in 'Off The Track' and Joleen Ross for her role as Judy Kimball in 'Send Me No Flowers'.

Judging by the number of people who attended the performance, and by the large amount of compliments we received, we consider the November 2006 Dinner Theater to be a huge success. For this we sincerely thank the 1,227 guests who attended the performance of 'The Sunshine Boys'.

We would also like to thank the Biggar & District Arts Council who invited us to perform in Biggar, Sk on November 25th. The Sunshine Boys cast and crew had a great time and truly appreciated the hospitality we received. We would also like to extend a special 'thank-you' to Marilyn Craig, Marianne Nostbakken, and Trish Nichols.