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There's a Burglar in My Bed opens January 7, 2010

We're beginning the year with a fabulous farce *There's a Burglar in my Bed*, by the popular Michael Parker.

William Worthington III and his wife, Ashley, are going on separate weekend vacations to get away from their huge estate. At least that's what they want each other to think!

Instead, they are each planning romantic trysts with their respective lovers at the estate's beach cottage.

Of course, their paths cross and divorce is in the air. Since neither of them is willing to give up the world famous Worthington necklace, they each devise a plan to steal it.

Hilarious pandemonium ensues, as their plans are repeatedly foiled by the likes of one bumbling private detective, one very determined nymphomaniac, a couple of scantily clad sisters,



Cast: (L to R) Jonelle Meyer, Brent Ballard, Jonathan Cho, Robin New, Toby Manion, Tracy Borgatti, and Barbara Anthony.

and some unexpected romantic entanglements!

And who exactly has the real and coveted Worthington necklace?

This talented cast includes our Artistic Director, Robin New, as Marianne Van Kleef, along with Barbara Anthony, as Ashley Worthington; Toby Manion, as William Worthington; Tracy Borgatti, as Lorraine DuVal; Jonelle Meyer, as

Deborah DuVal; Brent Ballard, as Edward Brookstone; and Jonathan Cho, as William Davis.

There's a Burglar in my Bed runs until February 28, 2010.

**For Reservations
Call
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Don't forget to check our website for more information on our 2010 Season!

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Patron Spotlight: Stanley and Norma Parola



Stanley and Norma Parola

Regular patrons, Stanley and Norma Parola hail from Philadelphia, PA. Now living in Palm Harbor, the Parola's have been coming to the Early Bird Dinner Theatre for 22 years!

"Ed Fletcher couldn't be more wonderful," said Norma, "He always makes sure we get seats for every show! The food is excellent, the servers

are friendly and Mark Atcher always picks just the right songs!"

Mr. and Mrs. Parola are serious theatergoers and say they have never seen a bad show at Early Bird. In fact, they love coming here, because the plays don't follow the usual trend of shows at other theatres in the area.

"Robin New and Ed

Fletcher do a great job together," they added.

Over the years, the Parola's have brought many of their friends to Early Bird to share the fun!

We thank them for their loyal patronage and for the opportunity to share their experience at Early Bird with you!

Patron Spotlight: Joe and Rachel Wallace

Joe and Rachel Wallace are two more very familiar faces at Early Bird.

In fact, they make their reservations for shows a year in advance! They began attending shows more than 10 years ago when Joe was the Social Director for the Westwood Community.

"Coming to Early Bird is better than going to theatre in New York," said Joe Wallace.

"We love meeting the cast members and getting to know them. Everyone is so friendly," Joe added.

The Wallace's have brought many friends to Early Bird, and say that they have made

new friends at the dinner theatre.

Joe and Rachel, who hail from Massachusetts, come to all the shows, because they know they're always going to have a good time!

We're always happy to see loyal patrons like Joe and Rachel Wallace when they arrive at the door!



Joe and Rachel Wallace

Patron Spotlight: Dave and Janet Meling



Dave and Janet Meling

Dave and Janet Meling, who live in Seminole, have been attending shows at Early Bird for about 10 years now.

While they liked the old location, Dave said, "This new facility is great and the food and service is friendly and better than ever!"

After they were introduced to the

dinner theatre, the Meling's made a point of coming to see many of the shows.

They also enjoy meeting and getting to know the actors, and appreciate Mark Atcher's great pre-show music.

Mr. and Mrs. Meling often bring friends and family with

them to the theatre.

In fact, the night we interviewed them, their table was full of friends and family members!

Again, we are so grateful for patrons like Dave and Janet, who add to the whole theatre experience of excitement and fun!

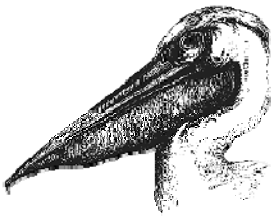
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU!

*All of us at Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theatre would like to extend a warm
Holiday Greeting to each of you!*

*We hope you are able to spend time with your loved ones this Season. We extend a gracious
thank you for the time you have spent with your Early Bird family this year and best wishes for
a healthy, prosperous and happy New Year to all!!!*



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



Next up: DEATH BY CHOCOLATE

Rehearsals will soon be underway for Paul Freed's *Death by Chocolate*, a farce that parodies, among other things, our favorite food . . . chocolate!

On the evening of the grand re-opening of the Meadowbrook Health Resort, members are Dropping like flies, including famed chef Edith Chiles.

John Stone, the manager with a delightfully sarcastic manner, is out to find the cause of the deaths and the identity of the murderer. He teams up with Ed Parlor, a mystery writer and amateur detective, in a wild and whacky race against time. All clues point to a sinister box of chocolates. The suspects include all the outlandish characters, who work at the resort, including Lady Riverdale, the owner with dark secrets, Ralph Deadwood, the gym instructor and all around cad, Dick Simmering, the aerobics instructor, Anne, the panic stricken nurse, and Sweet Pea Meadowbrook, the overweight and grieving daughter of the recently deceased founder of the resort.

Artistic Director, Robin New, will be announcing the cast shortly. *Death by Chocolate* opens March 4, 2010 and runs through April 25, 2010.

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opens on
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**Artistic Director
Robin New**

Get Your Ducks in a Row for Our 2010 Season

After *Death by Chocolate*, the Early Bird Dinner Theatre is proud to present *Funny Money*, a classic farce by Ray Cooney, from April 29 – June 10, 2010.

Then after a brief Summer Intermission, our summer show *Kitchen Witches*, by Caroline Smith, runs from July 15 to September 5, 2010.

Keep an eye on the website to see what's coming up for the rest of 2010!

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Patron Corner: Send Us Your Thoughts

As always, we'd love to hear from you.

If you'd like to tell us about some special memories you've had at the theatre or just tell us about one of your favorite shows, just send us an email at newsletter@earlybirddinnertheatre.com

Your feedback is always welcome.

Have a favorite show or actor? Let us know. Would you like to share an experience you've had at Early Bird? Let us know and we're happy to spread the word in our next newsletter.

Hope to hear from you soon!