

# ED FLETCHER'S EARLY BIRD DINNER THEATRE

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### ***NOW OPEN: Last of the Red Hot Lovers***

#### **Special Interest:**

- **Now Playing!!!**
- **Webmaster Spotlight**
- **2011-2012 Season**

Our Summer Intermission is over and Ed Fletcher's new production of Neil Simon's *Lovers and Other Strangers* is up and running strong.

This classic comedy was dubbed "delightfully hilarious and witty" by the New York Post and will not disappoint you!

Barney Cashman, played by Toby Manion, is facing a severe mid-life crisis. Barney's a self-described nice guy living a nice life with a nice wife, but Barney feels he needs something to help him escape his humdrum uneventful life.

While Barney has been faithful to his wife for 33 years, romantic fantasies have begun to play in his mind. He decides to plan one memorable romantic event before his life is over. Using his mother's apartment as a prospective love-nest, Barney manages to lure three different women to the apartment.

Enter Elaine Navasio, played by Robin New.



*Cast: Robin New, Toby Manion, Tracy Borgatti, and Barbara Anthony.*

Elaine is a sexpot, who likes cigarettes, whiskey and other women's husbands, but Barney manages to strike out.

Next, enters Bobbi Michele, played by Tracy Borgatti. Bobbi is an actress, who turns out to be more than slightly crazy. Strike two for Barney.

Finally, Jeannette Fisher, played by Barbara Anthony, enters the scene. Jeannette is Barney's wife's best friend with a strong moralistic streak. Strike three.

Each of these attempted liaisons ends in hysterical

failure for Barney, and you will laugh your way through the highly witty antics portrayed by these four Early Bird veteran actors.

***Last of the Red Hot Lovers*** runs through September 4, 2011.

Call now and make a reservation. You'll be glad you did!

***For Reservations  
Call  
727-446-5898***

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## Spotlight on Our Webmaster: Rick Jagers



*Rick Jagers*

We thought it was time for you to meet Rick Jagers, our Webmaster and one of our favorite “behind the scenes” people. Rick developed the Early Bird Dinner Theatre website and maintains it by regularly updating the site, sending announcements to patrons and all the innumerable other site maintenance-related tasks.

It’s a lot of work and we applaud Rick’s dedication to Early Bird!

Rick claims Shreveport, Louisiana as his home. His father was in the Air Force, so there was some traveling in his early years. Rick was born in Oklahoma City, went to elementary school in South Dakota, attended Junior High in North Dakota, and spent his High School years in Louisiana!

Rick attended two Universities in Louisiana, before finding himself in the Army for two years. After his own military service, Rick settled in Atlanta, Georgia in 1988.

After a brief stint in Key West in 2002, Rick and Bobbie moved to Clearwater in 2003.

Rick says, “The Tampa Bay area has the ‘big city’ feel and activities of Atlanta with the palm trees and salt water of Key West!”

Rick has been working with computers since 1979. He even managed a computer center for a while, and has worked as a computer programmer/analyst.

Currently, Rick is a computer systems engineer working on a government contract in Tampa.

It was in the early 1990’s when Rick first got involved with the “world wide web,” after helping a friend build a PC from scratch. He quickly found himself with an Internet account and within two years, he was hosting web pages and emails from computers in his basement. Nowadays, he finds it easier and more reliable to rent web space from a provider.

In 2004, Rick and Bobbie were looking for activities in Clearwater when they found the Early Bird announcement in the local newspaper. The first show they saw was “Sex Please, We’re British,” and Rick was hooked! When he discovered that the theatre didn’t have a website, he created one and has been pleased to run that site ever since!

“It’s a thrill to know the talented people at the Early Bird Dinner Theatre. Doing the website is a

tribute and a salute to what they give the theatre community, says Rick, adding, “I like that my ‘audience’ becomes *their* audience.”

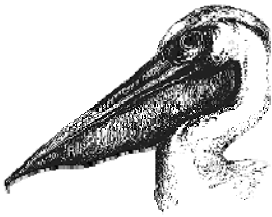
Rick’s work on the Early Bird website is a real boon for the theatre and for patrons.

Another special gift that Rick offers happens when he attends a show. The actors can always tell when Rick is there by his infectious and distinctive laughter, which only accelerates our zeal for the performance! Rick’s cheerful presence encourages audiences and actors alike to enjoy themselves even more than they already are! The rapport between Rick and Ed Fletcher and the actors is one of mutual appreciation.

Rick manages the Early Bird website through his Internet services company, [A Better Computer, Inc.](#)

In addition to his full-time job and running the website, Rick helped his mother publish her autobiography through a self-publishing company on Amazon. He is happy to plug his mother’s wonderful story by offering the website where you can order a copy at [Gloria.Jagers.com](#).

A hearty thank you goes out to Rick Jagers for all you do for Early Bird! You are much appreciated.



## **“Leading Ladies” Opens September 8, 2011**

*Leading Ladies* by Ken Ludwig is set in the 1950's and introduces us to Jack and Leo, two English actors, who find their careers are in a rut.

Jack and Leo are currently performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania when they hear that an elderly lady in York, PA, is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews. Jack and Leo resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash.

Hilarity ensues when it turns out the relatives are actually nieces and not nephews. Things get even more complicated when Leo falls in love with the elderly lady's vivacious niece.

*Leading Ladies  
opens September 8<sup>th</sup>  
and runs until October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

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## ***Get Your Ducks in a Row for Our 2011-2012 Season***

**Now Playing:** *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*: July 14 - September 2, 2011

**Next up:** *Leading Ladies*: September 8 – October 30, 2011

*The Sensuous Senator*: November 3 – December 23, 2011

*Lie, Cheat and Genuflect*: January 5 – February 26, 2012

*What is Susan's Secret?* March 1 – April 22, 2012

*Separate Beds*: April 26 – June 3, 2012

*For further information and a brief synopsis of each show, please visit our website at: [EarlyBirdDinnerTheatre.com](http://EarlyBirdDinnerTheatre.com)*

**Make sure you check our website often for upcoming news.**

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## ***Patron Corner:***

*Remember that we love hearing from each of you, and we welcome emails about shows you've seen and special experiences you've had at the theatre. You can email us at the address listed below. We look forward to hearing from you!*

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