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To: Bonenfant, Janice
Subject: Audi News: Thanks for Pitching In

Janice, here is the first of two news items from the Audi that I hope can be included in the electronic packet for the City Council's November monthly meeting.....the second will follow shortly. Thanks. Betty

NEWS from THE FRIENDS OF THE AUDI PITCH IN held recently

Concord City Auditorium is shining, thanks to the amazing 2016 PITCH IN when 73 people from 57 families, ages 12 to 80s, showed up to get the theatre set for the busy 2016-2017 season. The 26th annual community service project stretched out into four September "Days of Caring", as the historic chandeliers were lowered, dressing rooms painted, and the first restored seats set to demonstrate the season's big upgrade.

The PITCH IN volunteers worked a total of 375 hours -- and at US Department of Labor rates, they contributed \$8,344 in preservation services to the City of Concord and its municipal stage. The worth of their work doubles, for it also helps to hold down the cost of Audi productions and show tickets, keeping the theatre affordable and accessible to everyone in our community.

The Friends are grateful to Joye Olson, serving as PITCH IN Crew Chief for the 25th season, to Vincent Bonjorno, the "Postmaster of the Audi" leading the annual cooperative mailing projects, and to the professional painters and contractors whose skills guided the willing crews. Thanks go to the Public Properties Division staff for guidance and supplies, to Panera Bread for providing the delicious breakfast and supper treats, and to everyone who came in to help out.

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Janice, here is the second and last page for the November monthly meeting. As always, thank you. If this did not come through in satisfactory form, please let me know. Betty

At this Season of Thanks...here is the thankful GALA NEWS from THE FRIENDS OF the AUDI

"Go-pher the Shows" headlined the Audi's Season-Opening GALA on September 18, and with all reports in, it's time -- and the season -- to "Go-pher Thanks" to the arts groups and leaders who presented the 26th annual community celebration.

Thanks to Jim Webber and David Murdo, the director/writer and producer, to all the performing groups, and to stage managers Sharon Sweet and Barbara Woodman, who wrangled a cast of 116 performers through an 18-act variety show which ran like clockwork without having had a full rehearsal. Thanks to the 34 crew members, the volunteer grips and techs and artists working back- and off-stage.

For Main Street support we thank Rich Woodfin and Charter Trust, David Sangiorgio and the Concord Monitor, Concord Hospital, The UPS Store and Gibson's, CarePlus Facility Maintenance, and Tom and Tootie Arnold of Arnie's Place who scooped over 500 Ice Cream Social treats. Plus, Angelina's, CC Tomatoes, Common Man, Hermanos, The Barley House, The Newell Post, Szechuan Gardens, and Veano's Italian Kitchen 2 who joined area arts groups to support the raffle, run by David Murdo, Celeste Andrews, and Chris Pappas.

Thanks to Kristi Badjie for creating our gopher, Betty Hoadley for writing the gopher story, Tess Hodges for bringing Gordie to animated life - a first for the Audi - and the little gopher for leading the Audi's Seat Restoration Project toward the \$100,000 goal of safety, accessibility, and comfort.

And here's more good news: The annual GALA is a friend-raiser, but it turned into a fund raiser as well, adding \$1,000 -- 10 seats! Now the project is well underway, and it does indeed "take a village".

This is some "village", our Concord, New Hampshire, and your Audi thanks you all.

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