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PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Savoy member

Our production of "The Mikado" is coming along nicely. Already it is almost Christmas and staging rehearsals begin in just a few weeks. Before then however we have a complete sing through on MONDAY, DECEMBER 12th at Kitchissippi United. It will start at 7:30 and all members of Savoy are invited. Cast members please note: this rehearsal is NOT at Notre Dame Music Room as usual. The facility that Notre Dame allowed us to use was and is excellent. We are so grateful to the Ottawa Catholic School board for allowing us to use it without cost.

Our grateful thanks are also extended to our generous donors and sponsors. We are closing in on \$8,000 of donations this year: this will go a long way towards ensuring the continued financial stability of Savoy.

The target now is to fill the theatre in April. Ticket sales by members are going really well. Thanks are due to everyone for their efforts. Glen Carroll has worked hard as our ticket coordinator. The Board joins me in thanking everyone for their efforts. Every ticket sold by direct sales and spreading the word about our show reduces the amount we will need to spend on publicity and will be well worth it. Thanks also are due to Richard Langlois who is spearheading the sale of advertisements in our show program assisted by cast members who have sold many of them. Well done everyone.

Our Production Committee deserves a sincere and LOUD vote of thanks. Kirsten Gelevan and her dedicated group are working hard on our behalf to create a show worthy of our excellent reputation. They are doing so with a lower than usual budget and planning for a different venue than in the past. This is not easy but their hard work is going to pay off and is much appreciated.

We had a wonderful reception at the English Speaking Union last week when 6 of us presented highlights of The Mikado. This group has always made the Savoy show a special evening out for their members. They plan to do so again. We have now been asked to do the same thing for the Canada Japan Society where many members of the Japanese community are hoping to attend. In addition they and the Ottawa Chapter of CARP (Canadian Association for Retired Persons - membership 7500) have offered to promote our show on their websites.

Thanks you all for your hard work so far. Keep it up and we will have a highly successful year.

The Board joins me in wishing everyone a wonderful festive season and a happy and fulfilling New Year

Sincerely

President