

# The NEW THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP GUILD

April 2025

## Thirty-Fifth Annual Meeting, 2025

On the evening of March 10, the New Theatre Scholarship Guild held its thirty-fifth annual meeting, continuing the legacy founded by Dodie Brown in support of students pursuing studies in the performing arts. What began with a single \$1,000 scholarship has grown remarkably. This year, 17 students from four universities—UMKC, KU, K-State, and UCM—each received a \$3,500 scholarship. Richard “Buzz” Herman, scholarship chair, addressed the audience, emphasizing that this achievement was made possible through the generosity and dedication of the Guild’s members and others.

### John Rensenhous Shares Message to Students

John Rensenhous, an actor and Kansas City native, was the keynote speaker at the Guild’s Annual Meeting and Scholarship Celebration. He captivated attendees with his vivid account of life in the theatre. A recurring theme in his talk to students was, ‘Don’t burn your bridges.’ John further stated that as a young child, his theatrical journey began with his first appearance in an elementary school production. He recounted his college training, his time as a performer in New York, and his extensive experience on Broadway, in movies, and on national tours. He ended his talk with, ‘You never do things alone; it’s with the help of individuals you meet along the way’.



Richard “Buzz” Herman, scholarship chair



John Rensenhous, Guest Speaker

## More photos from the Annual Meeting!



**Kansas University:** Markek Skuba, Markus Potter, Associate Professor, Department Theatre & Dance, Katelyn Arnold



**UMKC:** Nathan Brushwood, Cy Conaway, Roslynn Richards, and Dr. Collin Vorbeck, Chair of Theatre Department



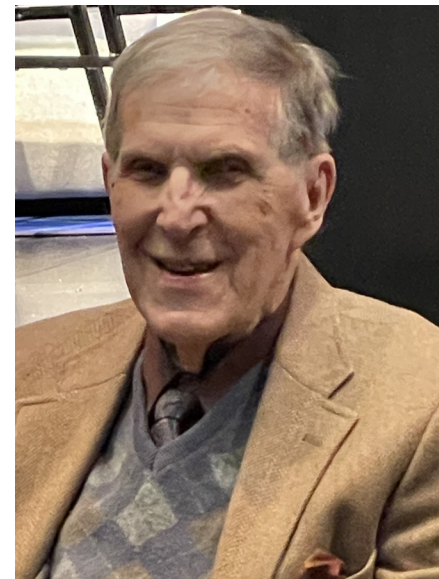
**University Central Missouri:** Alyana Mathews, Cassie Kay Hoppas, Rosalyn Schuster, Ashley Miller- Scully (Chair of Theatre & Dance Department), Alannah Trigg, and Dr. Aaron Scully (Professor Theatre Department)



Sue Forbes, Patty Bibler, Linda Hartman, Caryn Hastings, Jackie Stokes, Seth McClintock, President



In Memory of Dodie Brown, Chicken Gizzards, Dodie's favorite dish to bring to the Annual Meeting



Seth McClintock, President



Marcus Potter, Professor, KU

## The New Theatre Scholarship Guild 2025-2026 Board of Directors

The Annual Celebration and business meeting is also the time when officers for the New Theatre Scholarship Guild Board are elected. The officers are: President, Seth McClintock; Vice-President, Marilyn Thompson; Second Vice President, Jackie Stokes; Recording Secretary, Kelly Wilcox; Treasurer, Kat Klosterman; Corresponding Secretary, Linda Seiner; Member-at-Large, Don Watkins; Past President, Nancy Greenlee.



### Front Row

Kat Klostermann, Caryn Hastings, Marilyn Thompson

### Row 2

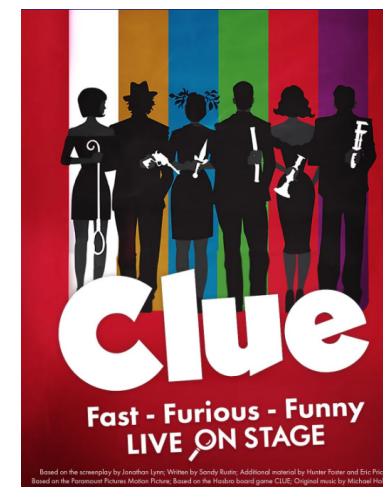
Jim Holzmark, Margo Miller, Nancy Greenlee, Patty Bibler, Jackie Stokes, Lora Smith, Kelly Wilcox, Hank Rector

### Row 3

Ed See, Linda Seiner, Don Watkins, John Wittenborn, Seth McClintock, Jerry Ogden, Richard "Buzz" Herman

## Upcoming Dress Rehearsal - CLUE!

**Thursday, June 26, 2025 - All dress rehearsals begin at 1:30 P.M.**



The Comedy Smash Hit, adapted from one of the most popular board games in America! A bizarre group of strangers are invited to the ominous Boddy Manor. Their evening together turns into a real mystery of whodunit!

Who could the murderer be? Professor Plum with the lead pipe, Mrs. Peacock with the candlestick, or Colonel Mustard with the revolver? Murder, blackmail, and hilarious twists & turns will draw the audience into a murder case filled with non-stop laughs!

And, several New Theatre favorites will be acting in this show, including Cathy Barnett, Craig Benton, John Rensenhause, Mandy Morris, Greg Butell, Ross Hellwig, and Kimberly Horner! So much talent!!

### CLUE

Directed by Jerry Jay Cranford  
Thursday June 26, 2025

Doors open at 1 p.m. Reserve your tickets online at [www.tntguild.org](http://www.tntguild.org)!

## 2025-26

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Miller

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