

LITTLE SHOP CAST MEMBERS

Mark Kirschenbaum (Seymour) is a 30-year veteran of the stage. He has performed all over the world including 5 years with Norwegian and Renaissance Cruise Lines. Mark received critical acclaim from the New York Times for his portrayal as The Padre in *Man of La Mancha*. Recent credits include: Major Davis (*Unto These Hills*), Cladwell (*Urinetown: The Musical*), Sancho (*Man of La Mancha*) and Sam Bick (*Assassins*). Mark appeared in 2023 as the Father in *La Cage aux Folles* at the Studio Theater. This is Mark's second show with SMASH after singing in *Broadway Heroes and Villains* last fall. Mark is so thrilled to be performing on stage and singing with his father for the first time. He would like to thank Mom, Dad, Brian, Gigi, Kayli, Chase and God for their continuous support.

Pinky Bigley (Audrey) is excited to be working with SMASH Productions again after playing Maria in *The Sound of Music* and appearing in SMASH's *Broadway's Heroes and Villains*. Pinky was in the Broadway National Tour of *Les Misérables* (Eponine/Cosette) and toured Europe in *Evita* (Eva Peron). Other leading roles include Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* (Village Musical Theatre), *42nd Street* (Peggy Sawyer) and *Annie* (Annie). She sang with the New York City USO Troupe and continues to sing for local charities including a benefit at Temple Shalom of her one-woman *Divas Through the Decades Show*. Get to know Pinky by visiting www.pinkysings.com. Thanks to everyone for your continued support and encouragement and especially to my husband Ollie.

Bill Krone (Mushnik) is a former high school principal from a suburb of Buffalo, NY. He appeared as Ed Norton in *The Honeymooners* in 2022 at SMASH. Bill has appeared in eighteen Broadway musicals in The Villages since 2008. Featured roles have included Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Billy Flynn in *Chicago*, Jigger in *Carousel*, Julian Marsh in *42nd Street*, and Lank Hawkins in *Crazy for You* in 2023. He is thrilled to be in his ninth SMASH production in the company of so many talented performers, starting with the first SMASH USO Tribute Show. As always, he thanks his wife, Martie, for her constant support of him in his theatrical adventures.

Gary Chubeck (Orin Scrivello) the Dentist is pleased to return to the stage as Orin. This is Gary's fourth appearance with SMASH Productions. He played Ralph Cramden in *The Honeymooners* in 2022. In Previous SMASH Productions, Gary appeared as Flip Wilson's "Geraldine Jones" in the first SMASH *USO Tribute Show* in 2016 and as Gaston in *When You Wish Upon A Mouse*, Gary has also performed with Villages Musical Theater, KC Productions, Questar Productions, Showcase of Talent, Starlight Players, and several Christmas and Variety shows throughout the last ten years in The Villages. Gary appeared as Carmen Ghia in *The Producers*, King Herod in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Victor Frankenstein and Ziggy in *Young Frankenstein* and as Colonel Thomas McKean in *1776*. Gary is most grateful to his wife, Sheilah for supporting him in his theatrical endeavors.

DJ Hiner (Voice of Audrey II) spent most of his life in Ohio where he earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music Education and taught choral music for 31 years. He also was Musical Director for over 25 Musicals. DJ's professional experiences also include being a radio and television commercial Jingle singer, voiceover artist and audio book narrator. He was a member of "The Ritz", International Barbershop Quartet Champion which has performed in 46 states and 6 countries as well as recording 7 albums. DJ's onstage theater experiences include *Godspell* (Jesus), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Caiaphas), and *Rocky Horror Live* (Dr. Scott). He is very excited to be part of SMASH Productions for the first time. He has also been playing bass and singing for over 40 years and has played onstage with several well-known artists. He resides in The Villages with his wife, Barbara.

Alan Rosichan (Audrey II Puppet Master) Alan hails from Ohio and has been a Villager since 2010. He started performing comedy routines with the Starlight Players and his performances as the Honeymooner's Ralph Kramden, along with his portrayal of Lou Costello in a few of Abbott and Costello's most famous skits are audience favorites. Alan's interest in technology has landed him a spot as the lead technician for the VTC. That same interest brought him to SMASH productions where he is making his debut as the Puppeteer for Audrey II .

Deb Barkelar (Mrs. Luce/ Dream Dancer/ Fancy Lady) was recently seen as a nun in SMASH Productions, *The Sound of Music*. She remembers singing with her family when she was a very little girl and has been singing ever since. She's thrilled to be working for SMASH Productions again. She is part of Villages Pops Chorus and Music in Motion.

Howard Kirschenbaum (Mr. Bernstein, Police. First Customer) moved to the Villages in 2006, with Susan, his wife, having worked with several theater groups in both onstage and offstage positions. Most recently he was seen as Eugene in *Grease* with KC Productions, Abe in *Beau Jest* with Step-on-a-Stage, and in the ensemble in *Beauty and the Beast* with VMTC. Howard appeared in the SMASH Disney Show *When You Wish Upon A Mouse*.

Gary Kress (Radio Announcer/Customer) has previously appeared in SMASH productions *The Sound of Music* and *The Honeymooners*. Gary has also appeared in *Chicago*, *Promises Promises*, *South Pacific*, *The Producers*, *Judgement at Nuremberg*, *Tickets Please* and *Speakeasy the Musical*. Outside the villages, Gary has also appeared in *The Odd Couple*, *Sylvia* and *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

Bobby Petrucelli (Skip Snip/Wino) has performed with many theater groups in The Villages including: Broadway Bound Players, B & B Productions, M&M Productions, KC Productions, Lake Miona Theater, Players Theater of Southern Oaks, The Village Theater Company, Shaka Crew Dance Company, The Village Musical Theater, and SMASH Productions. He played the Lodge Leader in SMASH *The Honeymooner Show*. He is a board member of the Village Theater Company. He is excited to be involved in *Little Shop of Horrors* as Skip Snip. Also, he wants to thank his wife, Mary, for her love and support and for putting up with his antics.

Louie Vassmer (Patrick Martin Botanical Enterprises/Dental Patient) is excited to again be a part of SMASH Productions in The Villages. As child actor in Chicago, he appeared in numerous Goodman Children's Theater and Chicago Park District Children's Theater productions spanning 15 years. Credits include television ads for Ritz Crackers and Jiffy. He worked in media advertising before his career as a psychologist. He was in several local theater productions in the NW Chicago suburbs as an ensemble member before retiring and moving to The Villages with his dear wife, Sylvia who is always ready to lend a hand.

Maximus Alexander Feinberg (Captain Skid Row Police) is an 11-year-old English Bulldog who just earned his 10-year Therapy Dog Patch. He is wearing his police uniform with handcuffs at the ready to protect Skid Row! He may look cute—but don't even try to steal his treats!!! He has appeared in several SMASH Productions. Maximus is riding in style in his new police car. He plays multiple roles in the Dynamic Dog Club Traveling Doggie Circus and is a 10-year veteran of the Dynamic Dog Drill Team. He is the elected mascot of The Villages Vettes Corvette Club. and was recently voted the 2023 Number 3 YOUR Humane Society SPCA Sweetheart of Sumter County

STREET URCHINS aka THE RONNETTES

Marlene Caplis (Crystal) Since moving to The Villages in 2004, she has provided backstage support and performed in variety shows, murder mysteries and dinner shows, including many in restaurants around and in The Villages. Marlene performed in *Hello Dolly*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *They're Playing Our Song* and *Cabaret* at Savannah and *Gypsy* at the Athens Theatre in Deland. She's also sung with many choirs, including Villages Pops and the Stetson University Community Chorus. This is her first show with SMASH.

Patti Card (Charity) had performed in several musical productions in Heidelberg, Germany while living overseas in the 1980's with her military husband. Moving to The Villages in 2010 presented the opportunity to revive her performance skills and she is excited to have been a part of The Villages Musical Company's *Brigadoon*, *Crazy for You*, *Sweet Charity* and *The Producers*., Broadway Bound's *Sensational Sixties* and "Promises, Promises", KC Productions' *Cabaret* and *Les Miserable*. She was in SMASH Production's *When You Wish Upon a Mouse 2* and *Nunset Boulevard* and just recently as a nun and contest winner in the *Sound of Music*. Patti currently sings in The Villages POPS Chorus and dances with the Orlando Magic Classic 407 and Music in Motion. She is truly living the good life!

Liz Dorsett (Chiffon) last appeared as a nun in "The Sound of Music". Her first musical came in 1968 when she played Bloody Mary in *South Pacific* at age 11. Hailing from New England, Liz received a minor in music at Salem State College in Massachusetts in 1999. In college she sang with the jazz chorus, learned to read music, and took piano lessons, and played with bands and community choirs. While in the choir, she was fortunate to be cast as a housewife in the musical *Damn Yankees*. Since moving to The Villages in May 2021, Liz has joined The Villages Pops Chorus and is enjoying getting back into singing again. Liz has also been helping SMASH with her graphics and market skills in *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Marilyn Duncan (Angel) is thrilled to be returning to SMASH PRODUCTIONS as Angel. Her initial appearance with SMASH was in *Rhapsody in Rhythm* and more recently as Sister Sofia in *Sound of Music*. She has performed as a soloist in the Villages with the New Horizons band, the Christian Chorus, Christian Chorale, various churches, and many women's retreats. She is also a member of the Villages Pops Chorus. Her singing and acting date back to high school where she was featured in numerous Musical Reviews. A native of Illinois, she had the honor of competing in the Miss Illinois pageant.

Holly Jeske (Stella) was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey. She performed on stage dancing, singing and acting from the age of 4 through 17 and studied classical voice as well as tap, ballet, and drama. She moved to The Villages in 2012 and has sung and danced in several shows with The Villages Musical Theater, KC Productions, She has performed in almost every SMASH Productions performing as Sister Amnesia in Nunsense three times and as Sister Margaretta in *Sound of Music*. She is also a member of The Villages Pops Chorus and MIMO.

Penny Kintz (Lolita) This is Penny's second musical with SMASH Productions, having appeared as a nun in *The Sound of Music*. Since retiring to The Villages from Iowa, she has performed in Off Broadway productions, sings in Joyful Sound, in Loving God Mixed Quartet, God's Echo Mixed Ensemble, and the Chancel Choir at Community United Methodist Church. At Drake University, she played viola in the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra and danced and sang in *Oklahoma* at The Des Moines Community Playhouse and in the melodrama *Fireman's Flame*. She works part-time in the golf shop at Bonifay Country Club...

Sherry Mistler (Twilight) has been a resident of The Villages for two years since moving from New Jersey. Past credits in theater include *Susan-Company*, *Ensemble-Les Miserables*, *Godspell*. You can see Sherry playing tenor drum in The City of Mt Dora Pipe Band and The Villages bagpipe band, The Sounds of Scotland. In addition, Sherry also sings in and around The Villages as part of the duo, Pat and Sherry. She recently played Sister Bertha in *The Sound of Music* and is thrilled to be working for SMASH Productions again.

Linda Payne (Sugar) attended the Youth Performing Arts school in Louisville, Ky where she was voted top soprano in the State and performed with the Kentucky all State chorus. She played Rosie in *Mamma Mia* in 2021 and is currently performing with her siblings in the trio "Tight Genes" This is Linda's first show with SMASH.

Sue Schuler (Ronette) *Little Shop of Horrors* has been on the list of shows that Sue has wanted to perform for many years! Sue has been performing in both professional and community theaters for over 40 years. She has many credits to her name since moving to The Villages 13 years ago, including directing *Beauty and the Beast* last spring. This is Sue's first show with SMASH Productions.