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Dear Friends of the Pewter Plough,

On behalf of everyone at the PPP, we thank you for your support of the Pewter Plough Playhouse, **your community theatre!**

During 2009, we presented some wonderful plays, including the Pulitzer prize winning *Doubt*, our own playwriting contest winner *Love Town*, the enchanting romantic comedy *Same Time, Next Year* and Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*. However, it has also been a most challenging time, as we continue to be faced with very costly compliance demands by the County and Fire Department. We have made many building improvements, except for fire sprinklers, which are particularly expensive and will require special fund raising to comply. Until sprinklers are installed, our audience capacity is reduced down to 45 (from 61), unfortunately resulting in a corresponding loss of income.

For 2010, we are planning another exciting and stimulating season, beginning with *Finishing Touches*, one of Jean Kerr's most witty and provocative comedies, opening on January 15! (see flyer enclosed) The rest of the year will be chosen from Thornton Wilder's classic and profound Pulitzer Prize comedy *The Skin of Our Teeth*, another Pulitzer winner in *Crimes of the Heart* by Beth Henley, James Goldman's famous comic drama *The Lion In Winter* and our **Holiday Musical** or a fifth play to be announced (selections always depend upon our being able to cast a play properly).

We are resuming our **Readers' Theatre** program as a 'proving ground' for worthy plays, among which we have selected *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea* by John Patrick Shanley, *Fuddy Meers* by David Lindsay-Abaire, *Bosoms and Neglect* by John Guare, *Orson's Shadow* by Austin Pendleton, plus many others. We are also continuing our **Scholarship Program**, benefiting talented students at Coast Union High School.

But we need your help! Your **Membership** and/or **Chair Sponsorship** is now more vital than ever to meet our challenges and continue to produce quality productions (ticket sales cover less than 60% of our expenses). Our membership tiers are described in the folio enclosed and we acknowledge contributions of \$25 or more in all our play programs throughout the year. Our Chair Sponsorships offer the opportunity to sponsor one of our personalized chairs named for a famous Broadway or Hollywood actor. We have several stars' names still available and for \$1000 you can have your nameplate appear along with the name of the actor of your choice for ten years (see annotated seating chart enclosed).

We just celebrated our 33d anniversary on December 9th! Please help us sustain our tradition of quality theatre by renewing your membership, becoming a new member or becoming a Chair Sponsor. Our casts and staff are all volunteer and as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, your contributions are fully tax deductible. Your generosity is especially appreciated in this uncertain economy and with County compliance work still to be satisfied. We thank you for being part of our Pewter Plough family!

Sincerely,

Jim Buckley  
Artistic Director and Founder

Viv Goff  
Business Manager and Treasurer