

CAVORT 2016

Nuts-&-Bolts Volunteer Roundtables Session Saturday, March 19, 2016, The Galt House Hotel

Compiled by Meg Matheny, Session Organizer & Host, from notes submitted by table recorders

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Roundtable 8: Activities for Volunteers (Social, Rewards, Theatre Events, etc.)

Facilitator: Judy Dery, Meadow Brook Theatre (Michigan)

Recorder: Deb Riall, Actors Theatre of Louisville

- Volunteer ushers get to see the show for free.
- Annual volunteer recognition parties or dinners; activity could be based on the number of hours a volunteer has put in.
- Invitations to apprentice/intern dinners.
- Outings to other area theatres.
- 5-year and 10-year service recognition pins (Shakespeare Tavern).
- Paul Newman Award – one special volunteer gets to keep it for one year (Alliance).
- Five-Star Awards – for work above and beyond the call (Alliance).
- Comp tickets for volunteers (Pasadena).
- VIP tickets for volunteers who work special events (Shakespeare Tavern).
- Keep track of volunteer hours for grant-writing purposes and to let the theatre and patrons know the financial value of the work that volunteers do.
- All agreed that the rewards for volunteering come in the form of personal satisfaction in helping the theatre. Someone noted that “Volunteering is good medicine!”