



JUNE PLAY READING WILL CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY

Please join the Spirit Players' First Friday Play Reading on June 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bloom Room to celebrate Father's Day by reading an old "chestnut" of American theatre. Of course, it is "Life With Father", adapted from the book of the same name written by Clarence Day in 1936. Semi-autobiographical, the play a picture of New York upper-middle-class family life in the 1880's with several crises, including young love misunderstood and enterprising sons who peddle snake oil for summer spending money. However, the biggest point of conflict is that Father seems not to have been baptized and refuses to do so.

Although this play was extremely popular when it was written and has been produced many times throughout the 20th century, the family structure - rigidly patriarchal - and statements about women opined by male characters are not palatable to most people today. This script is being offered for reading as a part of theatre history, reflecting the subject matter, cultural approval, and viewpoints of American playwrights in the growth of theatre through the 20th century.

Attendees may read if they wish or participate as "audience"; scripts are provided. Sharon McKenzie and Nanalee Raphael are the facilitators, both long-time theatre aficionados. This script is suitable for people of all ages.

There is no admission charge, however a donation of canned food such as hearty soup, ravioli, chili or tuna for the Joseph's Food Pantry at Grace St. Paul's would be greatly appreciated.