

**Fort Smith Little Theatre  
Presents**

*The  
Dixie Swim Club*



By  
**Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, & Jamie Wooten**

February 13–23, 2014

**DIRECTED BY ANGELA COVEY**

*By special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.*

**The characters in this play  
will be portrayed at ages 44, 49, 54, and 77.**

*Act 1, Scene 1 ~ 22 years after the characters' college graduation*

*Act 1, Scene 2 ~ 5 years later*

*Act 2, Scene 1 ~ 5 years later*

*Act 2, Scene 2 ~ 23 years later*

Place: *The living room of a beach cottage*

**CAST OF CHARACTERS**

*(in the order of their appearance on stage)*

SHEREE ~~~~~ Susan Sudar  
 LEXIE ~~~~~ Debbie Carney  
 DINAH ~~~~~ Nikki McDaniel  
 VERNADETTE ~~~~~ Mary Beth Koprovic  
 JERI NEAL ~~~~~ Melissa Vitale

**PRODUCTION CREW**

DIRECTOR ~~~~~ Angela Covey  
 PRODUCERS ~~~~~ Charlie Dye & Cecilia Woods-McDonald  
 STAGE MANAGER ~~~~~ Carole Rogers  
 SET CREW ~~~~~ Blake Young, Ron Rouse, & Duff Taylor  
 PROPS. ~~~~~ Neal Goodwin, Duff Taylor,  
 ~~~~~ Joe Graham, & Chuck Howard  
 WARDROBE ~~~~~ Kaye Birkhead, Clara Jane Rubarth, Jan Nelson,  
 ~~~~~ Carmen Taylor, Anna Schodowski, & Janet LaForce  
 LIGHTS ~~~~~ Michael Tickler  
 SOUND ~~~~~ Rham Cunningham  
 PROMPTER ~~~~~ Martha Gooden  
 LOBBY FLORAL ARRANGEMENT ~~~~~ Bruce Birkhead

**SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Deborah Bowers             | Rick Gray                |
| Jim & Susan Horton         | Bradley & Kim Kidder     |
| Mary Beth Koprovic         | Wayne Maples             |
| Nikki & Barbara McDaniel   | Connor & Rodney McDonald |
| Randy Pace                 | Vickie Phelan            |
| Suzie Smith (Beland Manor) |                          |

## **\* Letter from the Director \***

*What a joy this show has been to direct. These five ladies have given me all I have asked for and more. They have bonded extremely well, something that is so important in a show like this, where their friendship has to be felt for the play to be a success.*

*No show can succeed without a dependable crew and again I lucked out. Everyone worked hard to help me create onstage, the vision I had of our beach cottage – and at this time I must mention Blake Young, who has put in countless hours and gone the extra mile to help me achieve this.*

*On a personal note, thank you to my husband who traipsed with me around our area – helping me beg, borrow, and find bargains to fit into our set.*

*I sincerely hope, you, our audience, will enjoy ‘The Dixie Swim Club’ as much as we enjoy bringing it to you.*

**~ ANGELA J. COVEY**



# Notes from the Cast about FRIENDSHIP...

\* **Susan Sudar** ..... SHEREE

When I do my best, it's my best friend I hear cheering for me and telling others how I must have learned that from her. When I fall, my best friend falls too – from laughing so hard. When I am happy, I don't have to say a word, my best friend gives me a wink and a nod. When I am sad, I don't have to say a word, my best friend is already sharing my tears. And when all is right with the world, it's probably because my best friend and I are pool side, pina-colada in hand, watching the pool boy.

\* **Debbie Carney** ..... LEXIE

For me, friendship is a major component to a happy life. For me, family is everything, and friends are everything else and more! The five women in the play have become like family through their many shared life events, standing by each other through everything, and overlooking some things along the way! And between friends, that just goes without saying! I think we will all see a little of our own friendships, and of our own shared trials and happy times in 'The Dixie Swim Club'. They say, "to have a friend, be a friend" – and these women have taken that to heart, and beyond heart to action.

\* **Nikki McDaniel** ..... DINAH

My very best friend is currently living in Europe, but we still manage to maintain a freakishly close connection. We'll often contact each other by phone or email at the same time, even with a 7-hour time difference and thousands of miles between us. I hope everyone has at least one friend like that – someone you may not see for weeks, months, or even years, and then reconnect as if no time had passed at all. I hope you enjoy seeing a bit of yourself in each of these lovely friends!

\* **Mary Beth Koprovic** ..... VERNADETTE

We will be friends until we are old and senile, and then we will be new friends!

\* **Melissa Vitale** ..... JERI NEAL

Not sure what to write on friendship without writing a novel – so here are my 3 favorite sayings/quotes on friendship:

1. A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart, and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words.
2. A friend sees the first tear, catches the second, and stops the third.
3. Behind every successful woman is a best friend giving her crazy ideas.

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