Some Fun To End A Rather Dismal Week

Tonight was the annual banquet/awards for the Village Players. Someone once thought that the awards were known as the Hickies. Personally, I would change the name right away ("I got a Hickie…where's yours?"). Presently, they are known as the Villies. I must say that I believe my table of family of 8 thoroughly enjoyed the entire event. It was very relaxed, informal, and just plain fun. Kudos to Mary and her helpers. Poor thing was frantic because of little things, but it came off nicely.

I really wanted a table large enough to sit my group of originally 7. Late last night, while not being able to sleep after the events of the past week, I really wanted my oldest brother there so I sent him a message on his facebook wall.. He was instrumental in my getting the role of Grandpa Prophater in *Meet in in St. Louis* last January. By a happy occurrence, the table was right by the food so we got to go first.

The evening began with a recap of last year's shows… 3 of which I was pleased to be a part of and the fourth show I thought was great. Then came a preview of the upcoming shows: *The Curious Savage*, *Miracles*, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, and an, as of yet, undetermined holiday show… but the ones being looked into sound GREAT. Director's Awards were also presented. I am pleased to say that Chris was recognized for his contribution to the theatre's website (and this would not be the end of the table's night).

Later, came the excitement of the award presentations. First up… Best Cameo by an Actor presented to…. **ME!** for his role as Harnell Chesterton in *You Have the Right to Remain Dead*. Later, the award for Best Supporting Male Actor presented

to…. **ME!** for his role as Henry F. Potter in *It's a Wonderful Life*. I swear I only voted for myself once. I don't know if it is fortunate or not but I guess we were not expected to give a speech; however, I did come prepared. I should have taken the initiative and gave it anyway (but, I will save them for my next post).

Honestly, I don't know who was prouder of my night: me or my "wingman." Chris was absolutely ecstatic. His motivation, compliments, and just plain being there are just so great.

The rest of the awards from what I can remember are

- Zuzu Bailey (Best Cameo by an Actress, *It's a Wonderful Life)*
- Katie, the maid (Best Supporting Actress, *Meet Me in St. Louis*)
- Esther Smith (Best Lead Actress, *Meet Me in St. Louis*)
- George Bailey (Best Lead Actor, *It's a Wonderful Life)*
- Travis (Best Director, *It's a Wonderful Life*)
- Mary (Best Producer, *It's a Wonderful Life*)
- Best Set (*Meet Me in St. Louis*)
- Best Costumes (*Meet Me in St. Louis*)
- Best Tech (*It's a Wonderful Life*)
- Best Show (*It's a Wonderful Life*)

Ok… next post: my speeches. A fabulous time organized by Mary and her help.