

Paul Green Foundation

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Friends of the Robeson County Public Library

On April 23 Paul Green director, Marsha Warren travelled to Lumberton in Robeson County to be the keynote speaker for the annual meeting of the Friends of the Robeson County Public Library.

The meeting was held at the Pine Crest Country Club and attended by over 70 members. The social hour was hosted by the Lumbee Guaranty Bank.

President Barbara Walters presided, new officers and members were duly elected and following the invocation and dinner Trish Terrell, director of the very successful “Book ‘Em” (that the Foundation participated in in February), introduced the speaker. The talk was very well received and everyone was appreciative to learn more about Harnett County’s native son – an adjacent county to Robeson.

The Friends group showed a great deal of interest in having a “County Read” with Paul Green’s *This Body the Earth* (as Harnett County did in 2012). We’ll meet to make plans to see if that can happen in the fall or next spring.



Pictured with Marsha (and a larger-than-life model wearing a costume replica from *The Lost Colony*), are organizers of the meeting: **Martha Averitt**, **Mary Bruce Grantham** and **Mary Lou Herring**



The ReGroup Ensemble is hosting a gala with the showing of Clifford Odets, *The Silent Partner* – a play that has never been performed. *The Silent Partner* was originally written for production by the Group Theatre but the company sadly closed its doors before the play was ever mounted. Often referred to as a long-form version of *Waiting for Lefty* as it deals with striking workers, it is an entirely original and “savagely poetic” three-Act tale that only Odets could tell.

The Silent Partner will be presented on Monday, **July 15th**, 2013 at the Players Club, 16 Gramercy Park South, NYC. The evening will begin with an open bar reception from 7pm - 8, followed by the 8 p.m. staged reading of this rare play.



Photo:
21st Anniversary of the Carolina Playmakers, April 1940 on the porch of the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill: Dubose Heywood (*Porgy and Bess*) Clifford Odets (*Waiting for Lefty*), Paul Green, Proff Koch, Barrett Clark (Samuel French editor).

This fundraiser event will provide support for a fall performance of Paul Green’s *The House of Connolly*, and production costs for *The “Lost” Group Theatre Plays Vol. III*. Paul Green’s *The House of Connolly* as well as *Johnny Johnson* will be reprinted in Vol. III.

For copies of Vols. I, II and III, contact Brian Stites at ReGroup Theatre: brian.stites@nyu.edu

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