

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Through an amazing turn of events and the financial support of key benefactors, Judy Grunberg and Lael Locke, The Chatham Film Club is very pleased to announce that we are the new, proud owners of the Crandell Theatre.

First and foremost we want to thank you – all of you – the hundreds of you – who wrote checks big and small, dropped your tens and twenties into collection boxes and fishbowls, and gave us moral support.

We kicked off our capital campaign at our eighth FilmColumbia festival in October 2008 with the approval and encouragement of Tony Quirino. In those days we envisioned a short-term partnership with Tony that would ensure a comfortable transition for us and a relaxed shift to retirement for Tony and his wife, Sandy. Regretfully, Tony is not here to celebrate with us, and we will certainly miss his guidance and knowledge.

Now the real work begins. Opening for business is our immediate goal, but there is so much more we have planned for the future. Raising capital funds has been a challenge during these uncertain economic times. With the theater now in our possession and the promise of re-opening after several months of darkness, it is our hope that new donors who have been waiting for this moment and past donors who have the capacity to give again will come forward to carry us to our \$1.5 million goal. While roof repairs will be addressed immediately, updated restrooms, digital projection equipment and a host of other unfunded projects remain on our wish list.

We've set our sights to re-open the Crandell over the July 4th weekend, details to be announced. We will keep you informed of our progress and will reach out to you when we have a clearer picture of our needs.

Congratulations to all of us. We look forward seeing you soon ... at the movies!

Sandi Knakal  
President, The Chatham Film Club