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WE DID IT! WE MADE IT TO THE 100th WEEK! The Meadowbrook has become only the 3rd theatre in RI History to show the RHPS for 100 weeks. Rocky has outlasted 2 ownership changes & extream cast & audience turn-over (after all, everyone is growing up).

Much has indeed changed since week 1. Only 5 cast members remain on a regular basis. 3 others remain on an irregular basis. Luke & Sherry were the owners back then. God knows how many audience members are still here from the begining, or from the last theatre. But Russell was there in the begining, as he was & will be without end. Russell. (More on the Russell enigma in future issues of RIR).

But we know that despite the support of owners & the dedication of cast members, we would be nothing, N-O-T-H-I-N-G, if not for the support of the audience. Yes YOU, the audience. Whether it be the person who just tries this show out once to see what it's all about & leaves with re-gretable memories, the one-a-monther who can't quite forget this "thing" (as the King once duped it a few years ago), or the regular, at least once-a-weekers who look at this place as a sub-society they belong to and that is not duplicatable anywhere else. And this is a society that spreads across 3 states and dips into other RHPS casts too. It is the audience and their participation that keeps this thing going, and HAS keep this thing going for 14 years, and the past 10 in Rhode Island. As far back as 1980, the word "saturation" was described as the reason Rocky would be dying out. But the audiences just keep on coming and this "thing" keeps on going because of it. RR

Recognition

In addition to the audience, I'd like to cite a few others who, in my opinion, have made this "thing" work for 100 weeks by doing more than just being here. They have risen above & beyond by doing something extra for the WHOLE show. Let this NOT be a slight to those who have served by simply being here and giving their time AND investing their money in costumes. All are past, some are still present.

Let us please give special thanks to the lightman Mike McGinity, Mike "King" Kobar, Jay Brooks, Sheilarae Carpentier, Mike Frongillo, and Marie Reardon. RR

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The LAST count that need be taken of the number of chairs in the Meadowbrook was taken was week - it's 312, PERIOD. How was it arrived at? Simple. The 2 side sections have 15 rows, 2 seats to a row. That's 2 x 15 x 2 = 60. The middle section is 18 rows x 14 seats/row = 252. The total is 60 + 252 = 312 seats. No more arguing, wondering, or guessing. By the way, I thought of figuring this out all by myself. Rr

LAST WEEK at MBC

| ATTENDANCE | DOOR PRIZE | ***** |
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| FRI 68 | John C. Russo | From the outpost they looked as far as |
| SAT 62 | Dottie Gill | they could see, and on & on it went. |