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MAC Ice House Theater Project goes to the beach with a hilarious comedy

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV— *The Dixie Swim Club* is a comedy in three acts by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wootenon. It runs Friday and Saturday, May 31 -June 1, Thursday, June 6 and Saturday, June 8, at 7:30 pm, as well as Sunday June 2 and June 9 at 2 pm. Margi Griffiths is the director.

The play focuses on five southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team. The women set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships, free from husbands, kids and jobs. They meet at the same beach cottage on North Carolina's outer banks to catch up, laugh and meddle in each other's lives. *The Dixie Swim Club* is centered on four of those weekends that span a period of thirty-three years. As their lives unfold and the years pass, these women increasingly rely on one another through advice and raucous repartee, to get through the challenges (men, sex, marriage, parenting, divorce, and aging) that life flings at them. And when fate throws a wrench into one of their lives, these friends prove the enduring power of "teamwork" by rallying around their own with the strength and love that takes this comedy in a poignant and surprising direction. *The Dixie Swim Club* is the story of these five unforgettable women – a hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever...

The cast of five women who grace the stage are ages 27-63 and have found a commonality that brings the play to life. Lauren Proffit, Sarah Brown, and Donna Meyer were last seen in *A Theatrical Smorgasbord* at the Ice House, while Pat McElroy and Jane Doyle are relative newcomers to the stage.

"This is a wonderful play, and we are really enjoying our time together at rehearsals. What an excellent vehicle to learn about theater and building community," says Griffiths.

The play is sponsored by Travel Berkeley Springs as part of its annual Hey. Girlfriend weekend celebrated on June 7-9. This program is presented with additional financial assistance from the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History, and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts, and local hotel/motel taxes.

The Ice House is at the corner of Independence and Mercer in downtown Berkeley Springs, WV. For more information on this and other MAC activities, call 304-258-2300 or visit [www.macicehouse.org](http://www.macicehouse.org).