



one will be my last," Campbell admitted. "Rehearsals were five nights of the week for seven weeks, and I would tell myself that I couldn't do it," she smiles. "But then I would have so much fun, I'd finish on the last night and think 'I can't wait to do this again next year.'"

Even the downsides to the theater are beneficial. The competition for roles in the musicals is fierce, with talented individuals only building on their experience as the years go by. "But there's a change-up year-to-year," Norquist adds.

"And competing against your friends builds character," continues Campbell. "The closeness you achieve makes it unique. We help each other."

The closeness is not limited to League members. As the play requires both genders, husbands and children get into the act annually. This year, there is even a casting call for a dog. Campbell, who recently finally decided to reduce her role to be only administrative, has watched her young daughter begin to find interest in the play. Would she come back once again if it became a family affair?

She cocks her head to think for a moment, and grins again. "Maybe I would."

With Norquist in the rotating position of director, she wants to increase awareness of the League in the time she has. "No one else does this - not as a philanthropic endeavor. We're a different kind of group. Very lively."

Lively, but respectful. "Everybody has a voice," Norquist clarifies.

"And an opinion," Campbell quickly chimes in. †

"Annie" will take place from March 24 - 26, with two matinees and two evening events. For ticket information, please call (626) 281-6053. Membership information is available at www.shakespeareclub.org.



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