Ahhh, the Kiwanis Follies. We’ve been doing it for 30 years and still have a hard time describing it. It is locally written, produced, directed and “acted” on a live hand-built stage. Basically we lampoon, skewer, roast, embarrass and poke fun at local politicians, colorful celebrities, boards, institutions and any other “public” target that might get a laugh. We write all of the dialogue, gather all of our costumes and props, rehearse Monday through Thursday and put on the show Friday and Saturday. We sell tickets at $20 a head, have a raffle, silent auction and live auction (with only a few choice items).

The club usually nets around $10,000 to 13,000. It is a lot of work, a lot of fun (on performance nights) and our only fundraiser we do all year. Our club is very small (about 10 active members). It took a while to take hold, but we are definitely the only organization that puts on a show like this.

You need writers, artists, actors and a venue. Our follies is a bring-your-own affair, and people make an entire evening out of it by bringing in lots of food and drink.