**Barbara Perry - Chanticleers Theater**

Barbara Perry has been involved with the Chanticleers Theater for about 50 years and has served in many roles including president, director, and actor in many plays.

Chanticleers Theater is a local volunteer community theater group that presents plays and musicals at their theater on Quail Lane in Castro Valley. The theater was founded in 1948. Early on, they chose the name “Chanticleers,” which is from the French word “chantecler,” which means to sing clearly as well as being the name of a rooster in a Chaucer play. At that time, Castro Valley was an important center for poultry.

While the theater is almost an entirely volunteer organization, it has real expenses. For example, royalties for a play or musical can be $10-20K. A dedicated group of about a dozen volunteers ensures that the theater continues to exist, but many others are involved in all aspects of putting a show on. Their latest production, “Cabaret,” opens next week. More information about Chanticleers Theater is available [here](https://chanticleers.org/).