

March 2016 Asides

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New Meeting Location

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| Note | | |
| Meeting March 10, 2016 | Cocktails 6:00 Meeting 6:30 p.m. | SanTan Ballroom |
| ImproVables Show | March 26, 2016 5:00 pm cocktails, 5:30 dinner, 6:30 pm show | Sun Lakes Community Club (Phase 1) |
| ImproVables Show | In conjunction with Off the Cuff Comedy Troupe, April 8, 2016, 7:00 p.m. | Chandler Gilbert Community College |
| April 8-9, 2016 | Murder on the Oriental Rug | SanTan Ballroom |
| To Be Announced | End of Year Party | TBD |
| Meeting October 13, 2016 | Cocktails 6:00 Meeting 6:30 | The front part of the room closest to the stage at the Oakwood Club House |
| Dearly Departed Play | November 8-13, 2016 | SanTan Ballroom |
| Meeting November 17, 2016 | Cocktails 6:00 Meeting 6:30 | The front part of the room closest to the stage at the Oakwood Club House |



President's Message

It's hard to believe another year has passed! Horton Hatches an Egg costumes will shortly be stored for another season and the Improv team will get to relax.

Meanwhile, Sandy Pallett and cast and crew are gearing up for the spring two night rerun of Murder on the Oriental Rug. This is such a funny production and if you missed it the first time then you have just got to see it now! And if any of your friends weren't in town last time please let them know it will air April 8-9th at Cottonwood in the SanTan Ballroom. This is a murder mystery so dinner and ticket go hand and hand.

Elections will be held at the March meeting, which is on March 10 in the San Tan Ballroom. Dues need to be paid in order to exercise your voting privilege. Remember 6-6:30 is cocktails and the meeting will start promptly at 6:30. Our five candidates spoke at the February meeting. For those in attendance it was great to hear their willingness to serve. Leaving the Board are three members: Sandy Bocynesky, Grace Geisinger and Sandy Ilsen. Please give careful consideration to the candidates you'd like to represent you on the Board and then vote. Roxy Banta has a committee working on what our "new" Year End Celebration will look like. I am sure you will be as anxious to hear what wonderful ideas they have come up with. I wish to thank you for allowing me to serve the theatre in a capacity on the Board. These past two years have not been without their challenges. Health issues posed a great deal of the challenges as members of the Board and some of our technical crew had to take a step back. Through it all we managed to complete all the scheduled productions and keep moving forward as a Board. So my wish for this new Board and for the full membership is good health. I think one of the highlights of this year is all the classes that were offered and the wonderful feedback from those in attendance.

Sun Lakes Community Theatre General Membership Meeting Held at San Tan Ballroom - Cottonwood February 11, 2016

Call to Order: Sandy Bocynesky called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed new members and guests.

Basha High School: A group of students from Basha High School entertained. It was announced that a Sherlock Holmes play will be performed at Basha High on April 7, 8 and 9.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report by Kathy Jones was approved and filed for audit.

Approval of January 14, 2016 General Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept minutes, as submitted, of January 14, 2016 General meeting was made, seconded, approved, and carried.

Budget Changes: Grace Geisenger announced SLCT's budget will not allow donations to the High Schools this year. A scholarship of \$500 will be provided for a student and \$300 will be

paid to Basha High for tonight's performance. Hopefully, next year will show a profit to allow donations to local high schools.

Elections: Sandy Pallett. introduced the candidates running for the three Board positions that will expire this spring. Nominees are: Jim Janowski, Phyllis Novy, Dennis Dannehl, Cindy Decker, and Howard Hummel. Each gave a short bio about themselves. Elections will take place at the March General Meeting, by absentee ballot, and on-line. Current dues of \$20 must be paid in order to vote.

Year End Party: Roxanne Banta is heading the committee which is working on the party. She will provide a report next month, as she is absent from tonight's meeting.

Fall Show: Howard Hummel reported auditions for the Fall show, entitled *Dearly Departed* will be held March 19. The show is a comedy and will open November 8 at San Tan.

Announcements from the Floor:

<u>Spring Show:</u> Sandy Pallett announced she is directing a repeat performance of last Fall's show, *Murder on the Oriental Rug* on April 8 and 9. Barbie Bergerson will be assisting but more help back stage will be needed. Sandy will write articles for publication, and a publicity person is needed to send them to the paper and to make sure word gets around. Michael Carter added that we should help pull off this venture, as it is something that has never been attempted by SLCT before.

<u>Donations to High Schools</u>: Michael Carter announced that the SLCT membership and Board should rethink the issue of donations to the high schools. He believes this is our purpose and that SLCT must contribute even if it is only \$300 or \$400 to each school.

<u>Horton Shows at Elementary Schools</u>: Sandy Bocynesky commented about the children's shows that Roger Edmonds directs each year. She said there is a shortage of cast members this year and some have had to fill in for double or triple roles. There are still 15 or 20 more shows to be performed.

<u>The Improvables</u>: Phyllis Novy announced there will be an Improv show at Oakwood, including dinner, for only \$20 per ticket. Menu is yankee pot roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables, and pie. She asked that SLCT members support their fellow members and buy tickets. There are 14 members in the Improv group. Phyllis stated that each show is different.

March Meeting: Board elections and sample of what students learned in Merrie Crawford's acting class.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.



THE IMPROVABLES performed their acclaimed comedy improv show at Oakwood Country Club on Feb. 22. The audience enjoyed an evening that included a buffet dinner and participation comedy. A laugh-filled evening was had by all.

THE IMPROVABLES SHOW!! March 26 at Sun

Lakes Country Club (Phase One) in the Arizona Room.

Tickets only \$12 for dinner and the show!!

5:00 pm Cocktails 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Show Menu: Potato and Salad Bar will all the fixings! Featured dessert!

Buy your tickets at the Administrative Services desk at Sun Lakes Country Club.

The ImproVables will also be performing a "multi-generational" show in conjunction with Off The Cuff and Off The Cuff Junior comedy troupes. This show, something unique in the Valley, will be on April 8, at Chandler Gilbert Community College, at 7 pm. The admission is FREE!



Reminder....our spring show is Murder on the Oriental Rug....or Better Yet ...Hot Flashes....AGAIN!

The dates are April 8 and 9 in Cottonwood...we will have seating for 90 each night.. Hopefully, we will fill the room. We have never done a show twice ...so who knows what the attendance will be.

Part of getting the room filled depends on all of us talking it up and promoting whenever you can.

If you have any ideas on how to get the word out, please let me know. Tickets are \$36 for dinner and show and can be purchased online starting March 2 and can also be bought in the Saguaro Room lobby and Oakwood every Friday from March 4 thru April

1....11=12 Cottonwood and 12-1, Oakwood.

Same great cast and crew!

Please for our budget's sake, talk the show up...plus, it is just a really funny show that everyone should see. It is one of those things that's good for you!



Auditions for Dearly Departed postponed until April and more information will follow in the next Asides.

I, Sandy Ilsen, am Sunshine Chair for the Sun Lakes Community Theatre. If anyone hears of any SLCT member who is ill, in the hospital, or has had a recent family tragedy, please let me know by email or phone. It is important for me to be informed so that I can send a get well or condolence card on behalf of SLCT. You can email me at: silsen@wbhsi.net or you may call me at: 480-895-1166. Thank you.

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Please visit the SLCT website at http://www.slctinfo.com/. It has information on upcoming productions, club history, past productions, photo slideshows, and much more. It even has a Resources page full of links to job descriptions of all SLCT roles, our bylaws, and other important information. It also has a button on the home page to connect you to our Facebook account and a button that points to an up-to-date calendar of scheduled SLCT events. If you have ever had a question about anything in SLCT, this is the place to go. See you there.

Jim Nielsen