



April 2011 ASIDES

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Bylaws Updates

At the annual meeting of the membership on March 31, the membership approved changes in wording for some of our bylaws to make them clearer. Our fearless webmaster, Jim Nielsen will put the updated version on our website so members can access them easily. Thank you Jim!

The theatre will be donating \$500 to each of the three Chandler High School's drama department....Chandler High, Hamilton High and Basha High School.



MEMBERSHIP

The 2011 directories are available.
You can pick up your copy of the directory at the next SLCT General meeting.



Our 2011 season is a fun-filled one full of parties, meetings, entertainment and shows. Mark these dates down on your personal calendar now and plan on attending everything!!

Please note the time change for general meetings: 7:00 pm

2011 SCHEDULE OF SLCT MEETINGS AND SHOWS:

**** April 19, 2011 San Tan Ballroom**
Annual End-of-the-Year Dinner Party

“Murder in McCobb’s Museum of the Macabre” May 10 – 14, 2011

“FOOLS”

Many, many years ago in a ballroom long gone, Director Linda Caton tried to produce a play by Neil Simon called “Fools”. Well, **finally**, the new (third) date has been set for **July 19 – 23**. Luckily and thankfully, the entire cast has stayed on, and are anxiously awaiting May 18th, their first scheduled practice. A call for volunteers, will go out after the completion of Harlie’s Mystery Dinner Theatre production.

“100 LUNCHES”

Director, John Crawford will be holding auditions for the Fall, 2011 production of, “100 Lunches” by Jack Sharkey & Leo W. Sears on **Saturday, September 10th**. The audition will start at **1:00 pm** in the San Tan Ballroom. Copies of the play will be ready prior to audition. If you have any questions, contact John.



Final Notice for our (ALMOST BUT NOT QUITE) END OF THE YEAR PARTY!



If you have not gotten your reservation in (and check, when applicable), please mail it to Jeanne Schwan **BEFORE** April 14 Don’t miss out on this fun event! *It will be a fun-filled get-together with our theatre members and friends!*

WHEN: Tuesday, April 19, 2011

WHERE: San Tan Ballroom
TIME: 5:30 pm cocktails
6:00 pm dinner

ENTERTAINMENT: Jan Sandwich (singer, comedienne, impersonator) is back by popular demand with a brand-new show that will be just as much fun as last year!

PLEASE NOTE: *Our end of the year dinner is gratis IF you have been, or will be, a cast or crew member of "The Mousetrap", "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" or the upcoming show, "Murder in McCobb's Museum of the Macabre". You are also eligible for the gratis dinner if you have ushered and/or sold tickets 3 times this year.*

Otherwise, the dinner is \$25 per person. Please mail your reservations(s) with a check if applicable to:

Jeanne Schwan

Make check payable to: Sun Lakes Community Theatre

Print out the reservation form found in this copy of the ASIDES or send in your reservation on a separate sheet of paper. **We must have your reservation (and check, if applicable) by April 14.**

MENU: chicken parmesan w/ penne pasta
green beans almondine
pear and candied walnut salad
garlic bread
peach cobbler

Questions? Call Phyllis or Sandy

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RESERVATION FORM

_____ will attend SLCT's Almost
Name(s) But Not Quite End of the
Year Party!

I acted or worked backstage on:

_____ "The Mousetrap"

_____ "A Bad Year for Tomatoes"

_____ "Murder in McCobb's Museum for the Macabre"

_____ I ushered and/or sold tickets 3 times this year

_____ Enclosed is my/our check for \$_____ (\$25 per person)



Murder in McCobb's Museum of the Macabre

A Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre Production.

Written and Directed by Harlie Youngblood.

You can have it all, a delicious meal, a hilarious mystery/comedy and a chance to test your sleuthing skills, when Sun Lakes Community Theatre presents “Murder in McCobb’s Museum of the Macabre” May 10–14. No-host bar starts at 5:30PM and dinner and show begin at 6:00 in the San Tan Ballroom in Cottonwood.

Professor Frances McCobb (Kathy Markham) is hosting a gala dinner for the benefactors of her museum and you will be among her guests. Professor Roberta Beckwith (Annette Berger), just returned from the mysterious jungles of South America, displays the sarcophagus of the Aztec priest Mictlanticutli engraved with a frightening inscription. McCobb’s eccentric staff; the sweet docent (Phyllis Novy), hot-tempered librarian (Paula Gray), clairvoyant chef (Sandy Pallett), frantic custodian (Bob Rossow), mysterious security guard (Gerry Pieters) as well as the Beckwith relations (Jim Nielsen, Laura Eisenhart) swirl about the museum owner as trouble explodes around them. A creepy millionaire guest (Phil Vasile) and his ‘assistants’ i.e. keepers (Bob Beck, Sharon Guzman) slip in and out of the scenes, ratcheting up the tension.

When people start dying, the question arises- is it a CURSE or is it MURDER? Can you solve the mystery before it’s too late?

Tickets for dinner and the show will be \$35, cash or checks only. Sales begin Wednesday April 20 through May 5 from 10:00 to 1:00 daily Mondays through Saturdays. Tickets will be available outside the Cottonwood Bar and Grill. Get your tickets early!!! There will be no tickets sold after May 5 or at the door. Ticket and menu information: on the website.



Roll Out the Red Carpet For
All The Behind The Scene
Workers!



Our officers, our treasurer, painters, ticket sells, set decorators, props, costumes, set construction, lights, sound, makeup, stage hands, house management, ushers, videographer, publicity. Many more! And let us remember the audience.



Paint Crew for A Bad Year For Tomatoes.



Ticket Sellers for A Bad Year For Tomatoes



Chef Impersonator Opportunity

Recently, Sandy Pallett and Merrie Crawford met with Iron Oaks GM, Randy, who proposed an interesting idea. He'd like to have a series of dinners around a "Dinner with....." theme. Each dinner would feature a different famous Food Network chef, such as Paula Dean, Martha Stewart, Guy Fieri, Anthony Bourdain, Bobby Flay, Rachel Ray....you get the idea. His idea was that each dinner would have an actor impersonating the featured chef, who would interact with the audience, and generally "play the role" as the audience is served a several course meal of that chef's specialties. And....that's where you come in. Randy asked if there were SLCT members who would be interested in playing the roles of the chefs. It would be a bit of improv, and a lot of "schtick", and also great fun. If you're interested in hearing more, please contact Sandy Pallett.

Ralph Ilsen

On March 1st, due to complications following esophageal cancer surgery, SLCT lost one of our devoted members, Ralph Ilsen. Ralph was raised in Philadelphia, PA and moved to Arizona with his wife Sandy in 1979. They moved to Sun Lakes in 1997 and both became very involved in our Theatre. Ralph and his beautiful bride were married for 57 years. We will all remember Ralph, as one of the mimes, in Penny Peterson's play, "A Few Good Years". Only Ralph could walk on stage, do nothing but point at a card, and achieve so much audience participation and laughter. He also served on the Computer Booters Board as, Special Interest Group Class Coordinator. We'll all miss Ralph and his sweet non-smile, smile.