



October 2011 ASIDES

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FIRST MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE SEASON TO BEGIN WITH A HAPPY HALF HOUR!!!

SLCT's first meeting of the year is **Thursday, October 13** and will start at **6:30 pm with a Happy Half Hour**, due to popular demand! This way we can have cocktails or soft drinks and socialize with our theater friends *before the start of our regular meeting at 7:00 pm.*

Come early for our Happy Half Hour - at 6:30 pm on Thursday, Oct. 13 - and get caught up on everyone's doings over the summer.



*Please note the time change for general meetings:
6:30 pm Happy Half Hour
7:00 pm Meeting*



2011 SCHEDULE OF SLCT MEETINGS AND SHOWS:
October 8, 2011 Sun Lakes Country Club's (Phase

One) Open House

October 13, 2011	First general membership meeting for fall
October 15, 2011	Cottonwood Open House
October 17, 2011	Start Selling Tickets for 100 Lunches
	SLCT's Improvisation Workshop
October 22, 2011	IronOaks Open House
October 28, 2011	First dinner and show of The Celebrity Chef Series at Oakwood First dinner and show
October 31, 2011	SLCT's Improvisation Workshop
November 1-5, 2011	100 LUNCHES
November 7, 2011	SLCT's Improvisation Workshop
November 17, 2011	Meeting
November 21, 2011	SLCT's Improvisation Workshop
November 29, 2011	The Celebrity Chef Series Luncheon
December 6, 2011	Holiday Party at Palo Verde
January 12, 2011	Meeting
February 9, 2011	Meeting
March 8, 2011	Meeting
April 24 th , 2011	Spring Party at Palo Verde

SLCT's IMPROVISATION WORKSHOP will begin on Monday, October 17, and run on the first and third Mondays of each month. The times are 10:00 am until noon, unless or until we feel the need to begin at 9:00 am. The workshops will be held at Cottonwood, in room A9.

Please wear comfortable clothes and bring water.

The first workshop will include a meeting to discuss how the group will operate. Our ultimate goal is to create a performing troupe that will be available as entertainment for clubs, organizations, etc., in and around Sun Lakes. Members should be highly motivated to learn and perform the art of improvisation.



Update on the Celebrity Chef Series...Our first dinner and show will be October 28 in the Oakwood Ballroom. Head chef and emcee is Emeril Lagasse (Roger Edmonds), Sous Chef (Phil Vasile) and surprise celebrity chefs portrayed by Phyllis Novy, Grace Geisinger and Sandy Pallett... plus an appearance by Gerry Pieters.

The show is a spoof on the Food Network cooking shows...and most of the acting will be improvisation.

Tickets are \$25 for dinner and show and can be purchased at the Oakwood Clubhouse. Dinner is New Orleans style food. Only 120 guests will be seated and tickets are selling fast. You won't want to miss this evening of good food and hopefully, lots of laughs.

The next show in the series will be a luncheon on November 29....more information on this show at a later time.

Sun Lakes annual Open Houses are coming up soon!!! Sun Lakes Country Club's (Phase One) Open House will be on Sat., Oct 8. Cottonwood's Open House will be on Sat., Oct. 15, and IronOaks' Open House will be on Sat., Oct. 22.



SLCT will host a table at all three Open Houses. Be sure to stop by to show your support and to say hi!!!

Questions? Call Phyllis.

100 LUNCHES COMING SOON

November 1-5, 2011

NOTE: Play dates have been moved up to November 1-5, 2011

The cast will consist of the following characters:

- CHUCK Wes Davis
- TERRY Bill Munn
- GLINDA Barb Hazlett
- YOLANDA Jo Birlin
- CHARITY Joyce Recupido
- WAITER Bud Jensen

The production run for 100 LUNCHES will begin with a matinee opening on Tuesday November 1 at 1:00pm. Evening performances will follow at 7pm on Wednesday with dinner opportunities added to the festivities for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Sunday the 6th we will strike the set and have a party. Join us for this hilarious comedy set in the New York City restaurant scene... don't miss this one.

We will start selling ticket on Oct 17 at 10am to 1pm in the foyer of the Saguaro Room. We will be selling Monday through Friday and also the Week of the Play and be at the Door selling while the play is going on at 6pm.

Auditions were held for the Fisherman and His Wife. The following have been cast



Narrator: Natalie Keeker, Jim Nielsen, Judi Edmonds
Fish: Harlie Youngblood, Jim Nielsen Bob Rossow
Fisherman: Jim Nielsen, Harlie Youngblood
Wife: Sandy Ilsen, Veda Baack, Joyce Recupido
Clown: Roger Edmonds
Sound: Bob Rossow

We can still use some more cast members. Please consider taking part in this really fun production. Contact Roger Edmonds for more information

Longtime Member Barbara Hazlett Acting Again!

This year is Barb Hazlett's 20th anniversary of involvement with theatre in Sun Lakes. Born in Panama (her father was military – Air Force), Barbara was used to making new friends. When she and husband Doug moved to Phoenix in 1979, "I used theatre as a place to meet people," she said, "And it always worked."



After settling in Phoenix, Barb worked with Stagebrush Players in Scottsdale, TheatreWorks in Glendale and Phoenix Little Theatre on Central Ave. She acted, directed and taught theatre and TV classes.

Represented by the Plaza Three Talent Agency, she did professional acting, modeling, commercials and print work. She even landed a part in a made-for-TV movie shown on ABC. The title was ***A Mother's Revenge*** and starred Leslie Anne Warren. One of the better perks of her career at Plaza Three, where she also taught classes, was being hired for travel brochure work. She and Doug were both hired and got a free cruise to Hawaii. Barb also went to Alaska and Doug went to the Panama Canal for work through Plaza Three.

And all of that was prior to 1991 when the Hazletts moved to Sun Lakes. Shortly thereafter, Barb joined the small group interested in theatre. What was then called Sun Lakes Players had been in existence since fall of 1988 when they produced ***Lost At Sea***, but they had no home theatre and were a loosely knit group. Early productions were at the old café at Cottonwood, prior to the construction of the San Tan Ballroom. Then, some were done at Sunbird and Oakwood.

Both Barbara and Doug appeared in the fall 1991 production of ***Man with the Plastic Sandwich***. Barb played a hooker. But during rehearsals, she hurt her back and could hardly stand up. She came onstage with a cane and said, "My John just beat me up!" Everybody thought it was part of the script. The couple appeared together again in 1992 in ***Plaza Suite*** where they played the Hollywood producer and his old girlfriend.

By 1992, the little group had grown and Barb remembers Rita Arrow, Patti Landers, Don Westin, Ennie Smart, Jim Dunn, Veda Baack, Bob Morris, Gwen Baily, Jim Percival, and Shirley Fulcher as some of the regulars on the stage and behind the scenes.

From an actor's standpoint, Barb has taken on some of the best roles written. In ***Arsenic & Old Lace*** (about ten years ago which was put on at Sunbird), she played one of the sisters; in ***The Curious Savage***, she was Mrs. Savage, in ***Sylvia***, she was the scene-stealing drunk friend; and ***In Bench in the Sun*** she portrayed Adrienne Bliss, the only

female. In the production of *The Night of January 16th*, which she directed, she ended up playing the leading lawyer role when Jim Dunn became too ill to perform.

Barb's talent as a director was quickly recognized and she directed, *You Can't Take It With You* (at Sunbird), *The Night of January 16th* (at Oakwood), *Because Her Heart Was Pure*, (Sun Lakes CC --she had a small role and ended up directing when Patti Landers got sick), and *Over the River and Thru the Woods* (Cottonwood), her favorite because it was so much fun.

In addition to acting Barb and Doug were each elected president of the organization, and Barb served several times on the Board.

A prolonged break was forced on Barb due to five back surgeries. A second break came when Doug was diagnosed with cancer (Mesothelioma). He passed away in May of 2011.

But now Barb's back! She will appear as Glinda in the fall production of *100 Lunches*. "I've performed with and directed some wonderful actors including Grace Norris, Noel Rayburn, Veda Baack and Wes Davis. I'm glad to be back on stage. I've missed my theatre friends."

By Penny Petersen, Sept. 28, 2011