



# November 2011 ASIDES

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## **HAPPY HALF HOUR CONTINUES!!**

SLCT's Meeting is **Thursday, November 17** 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, November 17 - 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: a

November 7, 2011	SLCT's Improvisation Workshop
November 17, 2011	Happy Half Hour 6:30 Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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 at 7:00 p.m.
February 9, 2011	Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
March 8, 2011	Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
April 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	Spring Party at Palo Verde

**SLCT's IMPROVISATION WORKSHOP** will 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....

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

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

## Our Angels



We here at SLCT truly love our Angels, those wonderful folks who support our efforts with special financial giving. Through them we can make permanent improvements that last from show to show and far into the future. Want to be an Angel too? Well, here's a very special opportunity. We are about to move into the new millennium (finally) and update our light system. No more dark corners, funky colors and glaring spots on the stage! Of course there is a financial cost and our very special Archangel, John Dobson, is giving generously to make it happen. But you can help too by donating to this special project. You can be an Angel of Light! Just send a check for any amount you wish with 'Angel of Light' on the memo line to Jeanne Schwan, our treasurer and become a part of this important move forward.

### MEMBERSHIP

The 2012 membership year is soon to be upon us. Membership in SLCT runs Jan 1st through Dec 31st each year. Enclosed you will find an application requesting information that will be included in our annual directory. We will expand the directory next year to include cell phone numbers. IF YOU WANT YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY, PLEASE PROVIDE IT IN THE SPACE PROVIDED. If you do not want your cell phone listed. leave that space blank.



Please double check the current directory to ensure that the information that we provide about you is correct.

Annual dues continue at \$15 per person.

Please submit your renewal application and dues to:

Dave Stevens

**SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**\$15.00 / Person**

**(DIRECTORY INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/PARTNER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ *(If you want this in the directory)*

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT PAID: \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL: \_\_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Note; SLCT's membership year runs Jan. 1 through Dec 31. each year.

**Make checks payable to SLCT**

Mail to:

**Dave Stevens**

**9429 E. Champagne Dr.**

**Sun Lakes, AZ 85248**

**OPTIONAL FOR EXISTING MEMBERS**

Theater is a lot more than performing. Many of our personnel needs are in areas of support. Please indicate your areas of interest to support our program.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Acting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Technical; Sound, lights, set & prop construction, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Artistic: Set design, makeup, costumes, programs, music, videographer, photography, advertising, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Directing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Support; House or stage manager, ushers, stage crew, theater setup, ticket sales, web page design/management, computers, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please list)

Auditions for the comedy, **Play On!** will be held on Saturday, November 12, at 1pm in the Saguaro Room in Cottonwood. Call back will be Sunday, November 13th at 6pm. There are 10 characters some of whom can be male or female. The play opens April 17th. For more information call Howard Hummel.

The actors are squabbling, the tech goes awry, the author keeps rewriting the script! A recipe for a hit? Definitely not, but it is a recipe for sidesplitting belly laughs! Rick Abbott's hilarious comedy about the trials and tribulations of an amateur drama group rehearsing and performing a murder mystery. The play illustrates perfectly the old theatrical adage – if it can go wrong, it does!

Join us at auditions!!

Howard

### OUR SPECIAL SLCT ANGEL



For those of you who were not able to attend the SLCT production of “**100 Lunches,**” the following paragraph was included in the program:

*“We are proud to recognize **John Dobson** as a special supporter of the SLCT mission. His generous gifts have allowed us to purchase the risers, some of our sound equipment and many of the black draperies used in our productions. Most recently he gave a gift that will allow us to upgrade our lighting thereby enabling us to improve the professionalism of our productions. We owe him a deep debt of gratitude.”*

Here is a bit more information on John and his interesting life: John was born on a farm near Amarillo, Texas, on September 13, 1925. His 4-H advisor was an ex-Marine and, with his influence, he enlisted in the Marine Corp in 1941. (He lied about his age!) Completing Boot Camp in September 1941, his first tour of duty was (where else) Pearl Harbor. He was asleep at 6 a.m. when the attack came and the only weapons available were old 1903 Springfield bolt action rifles. Having survived that horrific episode in our history, his military life really went from bad to worse! He

was shuttled to other exciting WWII places throughout his career – Bougainville, Guadalcanal, and the first Marine landing on Guam. Finally, some bouts with malaria, and shrapnel in his back put an end to his military duty in 1946.

He then tried out with the Philadelphia Athletics, attended some college, worked for Remington Rand and finally in 1951 landed a job with United Artists Studio. Being present at several movie shoots, he met many famous movie stars, Sidney Portier, Clint Eastwood, Sylvester Stallone, and became a good friend of John Wayne. Dobson can be seen as the Indian Agent in “**McClintock**” and also was an extra in “**The Alamo.**”

John met his wife, Ruthe, at the United Artists Studios in New York, were married in 1977, lived in Denver and moved to Sun Lakes in 1996. They enjoyed golfing here and had an active social life. Sadly, Ruthe was stricken with cancer and passed away in 2000.

John has been extremely generous to SLCT. We are so grateful to our “**Special Angel.**” Thank you, John, for all you do!