



March 2012 ASIDES

President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Communication	Programs/ Education	Scheduling/ Production Liaison
Merrie Crawford	Bud Jenssen	Michael Carter	Jeanne Schwan	Sue Youngblood	Sandy Pallett	Linda Caton
					Phyllis Novy	

HAPPY HALF HOUR CONTINUES!!

We will continue to have our popular Happy Half Hour for the February meeting! **Come at 6:30 pm, on February 9th to the Saguaro Room in Cottonwood.** Meet and greet your SLCT friends!

2012 SCHEDULE OF SLCT MEETINGS AND SHOWS:



March 8, 2012

Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

April 18 -22, 2012

Play On

April 24, 2012

Spring Party at Palo Verde

President's Message

As you know, our March meeting is our annual "general meeting" as outlined in our Bylaws, so I hope you will all be there! Not only will we have our elections for our two new board members, but we will also present drama scholarships to the four Chandler High School drama departments. The cast of *PLAY ON*, under the direction of Howard Hummel, will present a snippet from the upcoming production, as well. I'll see you Thurs., March 8 at 7pm in the Saguaro room!



**Sun Lakes Community Theatre
ABSENTEE BALLOT**

Vote for no more than two (2) candidates:

Grace Geisinger _____

Howard Hummel _____

Jim Nielsen _____

Place marked ballot in an envelope, seal.

Your Name Must be on the Outside of the Envelope to be counted. Mail to:

MaryAnn Stevens

**SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 9TH 2012
COTTONWOOD COUNTRY CLUB**

CALL TO ORDER: 7PM and recognition of a thank you note from a Mrs. Patterson, Assistant Principal of Special Events at Perry High School sent through Carole and Bob Hollar thanking SLCT for the \$1000 gift to their drama department. In return “comp” tickets to their performance of “Grease” will be offered for their March 1st – 3rd performance.

MINUTES OF LAST MONTH: Secretary Michael of SLCT read the minutes of January’s General membership meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jim Nielson and seconded by Kathy Markham. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Jeanne reported that SLCT has \$6935.03 in our checking account and \$25,515.27 in our saving’s account. Jeanne also reported that \$1000 donation to each of the four area high schools will be presented to the high school drama coaches who are expected to be present at the March membership meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Merrie reported that we have a new member Beverly from Minnesota as a former musical director and Joyce and Rodni as guests.

UPCOMING PLAYS: Howard introduced the spring play “Play On” that will run April 10th-14th. Howard indicated that meals would be served at each of the performances to those patrons who so choose to have a meal. There will be a raffle for tickets to either the spring or summer play. “Clues” will be at each table with the raffle going to the patron with the correct answer. Answer sheets can be deposited at designated areas at Cottonwood. Drawing will be after the last performance.

Linda is directing Woody Allen’s “Don’t Drink The Water” that will be running July 18th – 22nd. Auditions were held February 4th. Linda also introduced the cast she selected. Carole Hollar will be Linda’s assistant. Sandy introduced the fall mystery dinner theatre “Murder at the Café Noir” that she is directing to be held at Oakwood during Halloween week; October 28th, 29th 30th, 31st, November 1st, and 2nd. Auditions for the play will be announced in the “Asides”.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Bud Jenssen reported that there are four candidates for two opening on the SLCT Board with Merrie Crawford and Phyllis Novy leaving. The candidates presented are Grace Geisinger, Jim Nielson, Bob Rouleau, and Howard Hummel. Grace, Jim, and Howard presented their bio with Bob withdrawing his name from the nomination. Nominations were solicited from the floor with no takers.

Bud also introduced the voting process and will be assisted by MaryAnn Stevens. Each paid member will receive a ballot at the March membership meeting. There will also be a provision to vote by mail provided the member has their name on the envelope.

Andrea Hummel spoke about the ordering of t-shirts/polo shirts.

Phyllis Novy introduces the evening’s entertainment performed by our own SLCT “Improvables”.



SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD ACTIONS OF THE 2011/2012-YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

- **April 2011 meeting new officers were selected. Merrie Crawford as President; Bud Jenssen as Vice President; Michael Carter as Secretary; Sandy Pallett and Phyllis Novy as Program/Education Coordinator; Sue Youngblood as Communications Coordinator; and Linda Caton as Production Liaison.**
- **Bylaw changes became available on SLCT website.**
- **Approval of “Children’s Theatre” under the directorship of Roger Edmonds.**
- **A schedule of 2011/2012 shows was provided (Murder in McCobb’s – Directed by Harlie Youngblood; Fools – Directed by Linda Caton; 100 Lunches – Directed by John Crawford; Play On – Directed by Howard Hummel – SLCT new director.**
- **June 2011 meeting future assets such as lights, sound, makeup, and fixtures will come from the general fund not the director’s budget. Directors may request cash advances for expenses.**
- **Improv workshop was approved with 12 people signed up for the June 18th begin date that would morph into an ongoing improv group called the “Improvables” coordinated by Phyllis Novy and Sandy Pallett.**
- **A cocktail party was held at Oakwood that was a huge success.**
- **September 2011 meeting Phyllis Novy proposed a “happy half hour cocktail” prior to each general meeting.**
- **Sandy Pallett introduced “Chef Series” held at Oakwood.**
- **New theatre lighting equipment was discussed.**
- **Merrie led a discussion of who will maintain email lists and should there be a “patron” email list separate from a member/donor list with the purpose to inform the general public of upcoming plays.**
- **Board approved new software that would generate show tickets and eliminate hand numbering of each ticket – introduced by John Crawford.**

- **October 2011 meeting** Jeanne Schwan presented a handout “Notes for Directors” highlighting the various costs associated with a director’s \$5000 budget.
- **Linda Caton** was approved to direct the summer play by Woody Allen “Don’t Drink The Water”
- **Sandy Pallett** was approved to direct a “Mystery Dinner Theatre”
- The purchase new lighting equipment and a DMX board from Clearwing were approved.
- **November 2011 meeting** John Dobson donated over \$8,600 to SLCT for the new and improved lighting for the San Tan stage.
- **Linda Shanahan** and **Jo Birkin** contributed a “mixer” to SLCT.
- “Angels” clarification: All names of donors living as well as deceased that appear on the plaque will also appear on each play’s program.
- **January 2012 meeting** brought to light the need for new wiring at San Tan that was left out of the quote from Clearwing.
- **Perry High School** (new school to Chandler area) was added to the existing three high schools (Hamilton, Chandler, and Basha) to receive a \$1000 donation from SLCT
- Donations must agree with SLCT mission statement.
- “Asides” will highlight SLCT accomplishments that would promote positive publicity and public relations.
- **Bud Jenson** reported the need for a nominating committee for the upcoming SLCT elections.
- SLCT will not lend out any of our equipment due to time and expense of doing so.
- **February 2012 meeting** reported that representatives from the four area high schools would be present at the March annual meeting to accept the \$1000 donations.
- Future “Asides” publications would have a monthly message from the SLCT president and profile of a current board member.
- The Theatre season is spring, summer, and fall. SLCT presented “Fools” directed by Linda Caton, “100 Lunches” directed by John Crawford, and “Play On’ (spring 2012) directed by Howard Hummel.
- The fall play “Murder at the Café Noir” is to be directed by Sandy Pallett at Oakwood as a mystery dinner theatre.
- **Jon McCoy** is to be recognized for his time and talents that he contributed to SLCT. John is moving out of Sun Lakes.

A note of **INTEREST**

What some of our members are doing outside of the theatre group

Little Women at Chandler Gilbert Community College

PAULA GRAY PLAYS AUNT MARCH

Friday March 2 - Matinee

Saturday March 3 - Matinee

Friday March 9 - Matinee

ELAINE PILROW CASH PLAYS MRS. KIRK at all performances March 2, 3, 8th and 9th.

SLCT Bids Farewell to Longtime Member, Jon McCoy

Members joined the last two familiar with Jon a valuable theatre time. Now, Jon and to California after on 99th Dr. Lake.



of SLCT who have years, may not be McCoy, but he's been participant for a long Beverley are moving 16 years in Sun Lakes overlooking the North

As an actor, Jon played Charlie in "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown," and a leading role in his favorite, "Over the River and Through the Woods," as well as minor roles in five other productions. He was the Producer of Penny Petersen's play, "Reunited" (later re-named "Reunion") and was in charge of all backstage personnel, finances, props, etc. etc.

Jon served on the SLCT Board and was the club treasurer for 10 years. That's a lot of bucks to keep track of for that long. In addition, he contributed his time as a techie doing props, painting sets and crawling under the risers to fasten them together until hip problems prevented it. He and Beverley also ushered.

In addition to his many involvements in SLCT activities, Jon was in Rotary and served as President of that organization in 2004. He and Beverley were members of the Sun Lakes Chorale for four years, Jon a tenor and Beverley a soprano. They participated in bowling, and he was a member of Rock and Gem Club for a few years. Golf provided much pleasure for the couple and until a few years ago, Jon played three times a week. Now he's restricted to playing with Tanner, his three year old rescue dog.

Every week for many years, Jon and Beverley participated in and helped with the Monday night Horse Races at Cottonwood. And, if you've ever seen SANTA CLAUS at Palo Verde Clubhouse or somewhere else during the holidays, it was Jon, complete with real beard and jolly "ho, ho, hos."

Like many Sun Lakes residents, Jon and Beverley came from Minnesota (the Minneapolis area). They were junior high sweethearts who married in 1954 and eventually migrated to Detroit (6 yrs), Ames, Iowa (17yrs), New Jersey (3 yrs) and Chandler, Arizona prior to moving to Sun Lakes in 1996.

When asked about living in Sun Lakes on a lake, Jon said, "We've loved Sun Lakes. The crowds of people, some walking dogs, bikers, even the ones in golf carts, they're all fantastic, friendly and we'll miss them."

The McCoys will be at Laguna Woods, a community much like Sun Lakes, but closer to their youngest son, Peter, and his family. It's near I-5 and 405, 8 miles from Laguna Beach.



Submitted by: Penny Petersen 2-17-12

A side note from Sonja – As snowman observing Santa Jon I can tell you he is a gentle, fun loving, compassionate Santa complete with authentic "ho ho hos" and careful not to promise something the parents would not want. I understand he played Santa at many different places during the season. He will be missed but Santa is in California also so our loss is their gain!



Check out the new website for our very own Improvable Group at <http://www.slctinfo.com/improvables>

The Improvables -- SLCT's Own Improvisational Group



An Improvisational Troupe in Sun Lakes, Arizona.

We have seventeen talented and committed actors in our troupe (several of whom probably SHOULD be committed). We provide entertainment for our community using improvisational scenes and games.

Working without a script we create these fast-paced games and scenes based on audience participation and suggestion. Every show is different because we never know what you will throw at us!

If you want The ImproVables to perform for your club or event during the year, please contact us at improv@slctinfo.com.

**The SLCT shirts are here...
bring money to the March 8 meeting and pick up your shirt!**



This is no joke - Auditions are really April 1st!

DON'T BE A FOOL.....On April 1 come out and audition for the SLCT fall show.....MURDER AT CAFE NOIR....a wonderful, funny and interactive mystery dinner show.

Auditions start at 5 pm in the Oakwood Ballroom. The show runs from October 29 thru November 2 in the Oakwood Ballroom.

I have some scripts if you want to see what the show is all about.....don't be put off by the singing parts...YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SING if that isn't your thing...

I will be directing with the assistance of Grace Geisinger and we plan on having a lot of fun with this one...it's a different form of theatre.

If you want more info call Grace or myself...

Sandy



SLCT's END OF THE YEAR PARTY!!!!

Make your reservations *NOW* for SLCT's party! *It will be a chance to celebrate our successful season with our theatre members and friends!*

WHEN: Tuesday, April 24, 2012

WHERE: Palo Verde restaurant

TIME: 5:30 pm cocktails
6:00 pm dinner

ENTERTAINMENT: Time and Time Again – the sensational Doo Wop and Rock and Roll group. **Be sure to wear your dancin' shoes!!**

PLEASE NOTE: *Our end of the year dinner is gratis IF you have been, or will be, a cast or crew member of "Fools", "100 Lunches", "The Fisherman and His Wife", or the upcoming show, "Play On!" 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 6.**

MENU: Chicken Cordon Bleu
Poached pear salad with feta cheese
Baked potato with butter and sour cream
Green beans Almondine
Strawberry Shortcake

Questions? Call Phyllis or Sandy

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RESERVATION FORM

_____ will attend SLCT's
Name(s) End of the
Year Party!

I acted or worked backstage on:

_____ "Fools"

_____ "100 Lunches"

_____ "The Fisherman and His Wife"

_____ "Play On!"

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

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





SUMMER 2012
“DON’T DRINK THE WATER”
By Woody Allen

DIRECTOR/ PRODUCER
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Linda Caton
Carole Hollar

- 1. FATHER DROBNEY**
- 2. AMBASSADOR MAGEE**
- 3. KILROY**
- 4. AXEL MAGEE**
- 5. MARION HOLLANDER**
- 6. WALTER HOLLANDER**
- 7. SUSAN HOLLANDER**
- 8. KROJACK**
- 9. MS BURNS**
- 10. CHEF**
- 11. SULTAN OF BASHIR**
- 12. SULTAN’S 1st WIFE**
- 13. SULTAN’S 2nd Wife**
- 14. KASNAR**
- 15. COUNTESS BORDONI**
- 16. GUARD**

Harlie Youngblood
John Crawford
Bill Munn
Jim Nielsen
Merrie Crawford
Bud Jensen
Debbie Claseman
Mike Carter
Grace Geisinger
Gerad Claseman
Bob Rossow
Sandy Bocynesky
Sharon Guzman
Gerry Pieters
Roxanne Banta
Steve Schenck