



January 2014 Asides

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Thursday, Feb 13, 2014 | Board Meeting | 5:00 |
| | Half Hour Happy Hour | 6:30 |
| | General Meeting | 7:00 |
| Thursday, March 13, 2014 | | |
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| | Half Hour Happy Hour | 6:30 |
| | General Meeting | 7:00 |
| Tuesday, Apr. 8, 2014 | Annual End-Of-Year Dinner – Palo Verde | |

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another year is upon us with many exciting SLCT events and productions ahead. We finished 2013 with a wonderful performance at our holiday gathering by the Chandler Children's Choir. Thank you to Jo Birlin and Linda Shanahan for arranging this event. Thank you to the performers in the "ImproVables," directed by Phyllis Novy and Howard Hummel, who had us all laughing and enjoying the evening of fun and games. Thank you to Roger Edmonds for his superb Santa Claus impersonation. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to show our support of our fellow thespians and demonstrate appreciation for all the time and hard work that goes into our craft. We **all** realize the importance of this and should do so with open hearts and hearty applause!

We have several performances to look forward to this year with Penny Peterson leading off by directing the March play "Straight from the Horses Mouth," followed by a July performance of "What the Bellhop Saw," directed by Linda Caton. Fall performances will be announced at a later date.

Elections to fill two Board vacancies are coming up at our March 13th meeting. Howard Hummel is heading up the nominating committee which will be seeking out qualified members interested in being part of a [working] team, willing to share their time and expertise in service to SLCT.

In closing, I cannot stress too strongly the importance of seeing ourselves as a community; a community theatre that is here to entertain **ALL** Sun Lakers and to support our theatre regardless of the venue's location. As performers we shall continue to support each other to meet these goals and keep our efforts focused on sharing the fun and our love of theatre.

Thank you,

Michael

Sun Lakes Community Theatre
General Membership Meeting
Held at the Saguaro Room - Cottonwood
January 9, 2014
Unapproved Minutes

Call to Order: Michael Carter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Welcome New Members: New member Sandy Gardner introduced herself.

50/50 Raffle Sale: Kathy Jones announced a 50/50 raffle will be held at each SLCT General Meeting to help offset the \$300 bar minimum in the Saguaro room. Cost of tickets: \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

Chandler High School: Members from Chandler High School Drama Club performed for the meeting.

Donation of \$750: Roger Edmonds presented a \$750 donation to Chandler High School in partial fulfillment of our mission statement.

Approval of November Minutes: Motion to accept minutes, as submitted, of Nov.14 meeting was made, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report submitted and presented by Kathy Jones was made, seconded and approved.

Children's Theater Group: Roger reported that this morning the first of many scheduled performances of *Horton Hatches the Egg* was held and was very well received.

Election/Nominating Committee: Howard Hummel announced three members, Jo Birlin, Paula Gray, and Bud Jenssen will run for Michael Carter's and Sue Youngblood's expired terms. He asked for nominations or volunteers from the floor. There were none. Elections will be held at the Mar.13 meeting.

March Show Update: Penny Petersen reported *Straight From the Horse's Mouth* which will run Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., and Sun. matinee on March 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Cast and crew have been selected and publicity is out. Ticket sales will begin Feb.17. Bud and Kathy Jenssen will ask for volunteers to usher.

Improvables Update: Phyllis Novy reported the Improv group has a number of gigs scheduled. Group will audition for a show to be held at a Chandler senior center in March..

Class Update: Sandy Ilsen reported Merrie Crawford will instruct an Intro. to Acting class Jan. 13, 20 and 27 at 1:00pm in the Phoenix Room (A-9). A Set Design and Construction class will be led by John Crawford at 10:00 am Jan. 11. They will meet at the handicapped entrance to San Tan Ballroom. Jim Nielsen reported he will conduct a class in SLCT Computer Tech. at 10:00am Jan.18 in Room A-8..

Raffle Drawing: Five \$10.00 prizes awarded to members; \$30.00 to SLCT.

New Business:

- MJ announced Sun Lakes Country Club allowed the cast of the Children's Theatre to rehearse there numerous times and is willing to go out of its way to help us.
- Sonja White reported she lost a diamond and pearl ring at the holiday party.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting: Feb. 13.

SLCT Elections By Howard Hummel

SLCT elections are around the corner and three candidates have stepped up to fill two positions. Thank you to Paula Grey, Bud Jenssen, and Jo Berlin for answering the call to run for the Board.

Candidate speeches will be held at the February meeting followed by the election in March. A big thanks goes out to Carole Hollar and Phyllis Novy for serving with me on the Nominating Committee.

SLCT Members Set to Offer Classes

Three classes will be offered this year for SLCT members and other interested people. Classes are free to SLCT members and cost \$15 (the amount of dues) for non-members. The classes are:

Intro. To Acting: Merrie Crawford will instruct classes Jan. 13, 20 and 27 at 1:00 pm in the Phoenix Room (A-9).

Set Design and Construction: John Crawford will instruct class at 10:00 am Jan. 11. Participants will meet at the handicapped entrance to the San Tan Ballroom.

SLCT Computer Tech. Jim Nielsen will instruct class at 10:00am Jan.18 in Room A-8.

At the conclusion of the classes, participants will be given an opportunity to evaluate the class and to suggest other classes.

Sun Lakes Community Theatre's spring play will be ***Straight from the Horse's Mouth***, a comedy by Pat Cook. It takes place in the office of Sun Lakes Dreamhouse Realty, Inc. where owner Katy Biddlemeyer handles off beat employees, a father who think she works to hard, a boyfriend who loves baseball, a mobster, a neighboring psychiatrist who wants her out, a reluctant buyer who'd rather play golf, and more.

The production, directed by Penny Petersen, will open Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 pm and play Wed, Thurs., Fri., and Sat. evenings with a matinee performance at 1:00 pm on Sunday. Dinners will be available Th, Fri, Sat and lunch on Sunday. Put the dates on your calendars now.

The plot thickens when Sun Lakes Dreamhouse Realty Inc. buys an estate at a foreclosure sale and find it comes with a racehorse and its trainer. What to do with the horse? Spike, the local representative for the mob, wants the horse. The solution is both hilarious and crazy.

CAST: Jo Birlin (Katy), Phyllis Novy (Flo), Andrea Hummel (Jody), Phyllis Schurz (Dena), Sandy Ilsen (Mrs. Lowenstein), Sharon Guzman (Rocky), Paula Gray (Penelope), Janine Schnick (Marie), Howard Hummel (Clement), Bob Rouleau (Ollie), Jack Rubinoff (Spike), Bill Munn (Chaz) Ron Petersen (Pop), Jim Janowski (Jeff) and Chris Mank (Mel).

Diana Nelinson is Associate Director and Harley Youngblood will be stage manager. The group still needed are stage hands and some help with props. If you'd like to volunteer, for further information contact Penny Petersen or Diana Nelinson.



Front L to R: Sharon Guzman (Rocky), Andrea Hummel (Jody), Phyllis Novy (Flo), Sandy Ilsen (Mrs. Lowenstein), Jo Birlin (Katy), Phyllis Schurz (Dena), Paula Gray (Penelope)

Back L to R: Jack Rubinoff (Spike), Bill Munn (Chaz), Jim Janowski (Jeff), Ron Petersen (Pop), Chris Mank (Mel), Howard Hummel (Clement). Not pictured: Janine Schneck (Marie), Bob Rouleau (Ollie)

SLCT currently sends out periodic email blasts to provide general information about SLCT activities and would also like to send notifications about any theatre related events in the area. As an example, since we have been donors to the drama departments of the Chandler high schools, it is important that we support them with our attendance at their productions. Similarly, we have SLCT members who are occasionally involved in productions outside of Sun Lakes and it would be encouraging to support them with our attendance as well. Please keep us informed of any of these productions by sending an email to webmaster at webmaster@slctinfo.com.

AUDITION
SUMMER PLAY
“WHAT THE BELLHOP SAW”

By
Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore

Thursday, March 20th
CW A6 Dance Room
5:30 pm
Call Linda Caton, Director for copies!
12 characters
8 Men
4 Women

PLAY
Sunday – July 20TH (Matinee)
Wednesday – Saturday
July 23rd – July 26th



The Improvables

If any of you have not seen one of our shows, we encourage you to get tickets and support your fellow theatre members!! We are working hard; helping to get SLCT's name out there in our community and spreading laughter and goodwill.

We have upcoming shows in Cottonwood and Oakwood and another one later in the year at Phase One. In addition, we will be performing for a JCC senior group in Chandler in February.

Do you belong to any organization or group that needs entertainment? Let us know!

Phyllis Novy

SLCT is a Well-Wired Organization

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.

A slide show from Polter-Heist has been loaded onto the SLCT website. Click on the Photos tab.