

## August 2014 Asides



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
Please Note New Start Time For Our
Regular 2014 Meetings

August 6, 2014 **SLCT Happy Hour at** Oakwood, 4:00 p.m. October 9, 2014 Our First Fall Meeting at Cottonwood in the Ballroom 6 – 6:30 Cocktails 6:30 Meeting **October 17 - 21** Trouble At The Tropicabana at **Oakwood October 24 - 25** Trouble At The Tropicabana at **Sun Lakes Country Club November 13, 2014 6-6:30 Cocktails** 6:30 Meeting November 19 - 23, Murder at the Howard Johnson's **December 9, 2014** Holiday Party at Palo Verde

Don't forget August 6<sup>th</sup>
Happy Hour at Oakwood
Bar......4pm......
And bring anyone you think
might be interested in joining
this interesting group of
thespians.

Sandy Pallett

# President's Message

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Hard to believe summer is flying by so fast! What the Bellhop Saw is now a thing of the past. But what a huge success! Some comments relayed to me about the show were, "funniest show ever... loved the set....actors did a great job, I laughed from the time the show started." Thank you to Linda Caton who directed this hilarious production and to everyone who worked on it in any capacity as actors or part of the crew. It takes a village, and we sure had one!

As our focus shifts from the summer show to our next two productions in October and November, I wish to remind everyone of the power of spreading the word. Yes, it is still one of the best ways we have of publicizing our productions. As SLCT members, we all have a role in helping to make each production's sales better and better. We don't wish to be a well kept secret when it comes to our shows. Spread the news. Tell your friends and neighbor's about upcoming shows. Remind them when it's time for tickets to go on sale. All this information is given to you both through the Asides and the SLCT website, not counting the endless articles in the Splash and other media. It usually takes just one production for an audience member to want to attend future productions.

Thanks to Jim Nielsen for all of his work on polling our audience to see what types of things they wish to see by preparing and having available surveys at each night of the show. Results will be shared shortly.

We are seeking volunteers to help with tickets sales. This all important job needs many hands. You each received an e-mail recently asking for help from a few folks to chair one or more of the ticket sales for upcoming shows, recruit ticket sellers, and tally the daily results. Some members are still away and not even thinking Sun Lakes yet, but please, whether away or here, don't hesitate to let Grace Geisinger know if you can help. Thank you.

Hope to see you all in August at our get together.

"Who didn't love the I LOVE LUCY shows and eating at Howard Johnson's?!? Come stroll down memory lane with us this Fall in two great productions...A comedy/mystery dinner show, **Trouble at the Tropicabana** (a tribute to the I Love Lucy shows), October 17-21 at Oakwood and again October 24-25 at SunLakes Country Club....then, November 19-23, we visit **Murder at the Howard Johnson's** (orange roof and all) in Cottonwood for a classic farce you will love....mark your calendars and see you there....."

Marcia Stevic, Publicity







# THE IMPROVABLES PERFORM AT THE ASSOCIATION FOR THEATRE IN HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE



SLCT's own improvemoup, The ImproVables, performed at The Association for Theatre in Higher Education's national conference on July 24. The conference was held in Scottsdale at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess Hotel.

Our session was part of the senior theatre program of this association. Penny Petersen, SLCT director and former ImproVables member, brought this conference to our attention many months ago and encouraged us to be presenters at it. Penny is a member of this association and she thought we would be a good fit. How right she was!

Our session included a demonstration of games that we do in our shows, followed by a Q and A session. The session was attended by theater educators, acting teachers and improv specialists. And...THEY LOVED US!! We are still on a high due to the praise that we were given. "Fabulous!" "Wonderful!" "One of the best improv groups I've ever seen!" These were some of the comments made by audience members after our show.

The Q and A session was also enlightening - on both sides of the "table". Here were theater professionals asking us questions about what we do; wanting our opinions and advice. We were the experts! And, in turn, it encouraged us to be introspective and evaluate ourselves.

Performing and presenting at the conference was an incredible experience. It helped confirm who we are and what it is that we are trying to accomplish as an improv group. It validated our skills and our talent and made us very proud.





### 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.

### **Upcoming Shows**

AAUW Holiday Show, Saturday, December 6, 2014, in Oakwood at 12:30 Oakwood Ladies 99ers, Tuesday, December 9, 2014, in Oakwood at 1:00 Oakwood Show, Thursday, January 22, 2015, in Oakwood time, TBA

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. If you know of any of these, please let us know by emailing the information to info@slctinfo.com

### 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.