



February 2015 Asides



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please Note New Start Time For Our
Regular 2015 Meetings

February 19, 2015	General Meeting at SanTan 6:00 PM Cocktails, 6:30 PM Meeting
March 10 -14, 2015	Southern Hospitality
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April 7, 2015	End of Year Party



President's Message



Can you believe it is February already? Elections are upon us and the spring show and children's theatre are in full gear. In February we talk elections, hear from the candidates who will be willing to serve on the Board in the two positions that are opening up, be entertained by the students from Chandler High School, view a snippet from Southern Hospitality, and much more. Please be sure to put Feb. 19th on your calendar as it is an important meeting and join us for socializing from 6-6:30 in the San Tan Ballroom prior to the 6:30 meeting. What a busy and committed group!

And none of this could be done without the support of our members. Once again we are looking for help to continue our mission. Two positions are opening up which are not Board positions, but which will require someone to step forward and help out.

The first is that of Historian. Kathy Jones has been doing the work of historian as well as treasurer and so much more for us. Kathy would like to get some relief and therefore we are looking for someone to take over as our historian. It's not a difficult task. She would be willing to explain what the position entails to anyone who may be considering the job. Please let Kathy know if you are interested, or you may let me know at the February meeting or e-mail me.

The second is a new position. Again it is not a Board position so it doesn't require attendance at the Board meetings. We are looking for someone to be a volunteer coordinator. Often times someone approaches an individual member and is interested in learning more about the theatre or what you do to become a member. This would be the go to person who can provide them with direction and answer questions, as well as provide them with a new member application and introduce them at a meeting. In addition, this position would maintain a list of volunteers willing to serve in different capacities within the theatre. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity please let me know at the February meeting or e-mail me.

Please take a moment to consider helping out with either of these positions. Thank you.

**Sun Lakes Community Theatre
General Membership Meeting
Held in the San Tan Ballroom- Cottonwood
January 15, 2015**

Call to Order: Sandy Bocynsky called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Welcome: Sandy B. welcomed new members and guests and explained attendance tonight is low because some SLCT members are in the Doo Op show which opened tonight. Three new members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes of the November 2014 General Meeting: Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to postpone acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded and approved, since Treasurer Kathy Jones was absent from meeting.

Basha High School: A group of students from Basha High School performed. Roger Edmonds presented SLCT's check for \$1,000 to their Drama Dept.

Membership Drive: President Sandy B. recognized new members who joined as of July 2014 and members joining tonight. She also recognized members who brought new members to SLCT. They were all presented with chocolate candy kisses.

Board Elections: Vice President Jim Nielsen, as Chair of the Nominating Committee announced that the terms of two present Board members, who have served a three-year term, will expire. The election of officers to replace them will take place at our March general meeting. All paid up SLCT members are eligible to vote. Please submit your ideas for candidates to Jim, Phyllis Novy or Janine Schneck who comprise the Nomination Committee.

Show Publicity Chair: Sandy Pallett announced Marcia Stevic has been SLCT's show Publicity Chair for three years, has done an excellent job and a new Chair is needed. Sandy P. will help for the upcoming March show. If interested contact Sandy P. and can work with her during the March show to get acquainted with what is involved. Another way to publicize shows is to buy a T-shirt with the title and dates of performances printed on it. Shirts for the March show are yellow and will cost \$12 to \$14. Please let Sandy P. know if you are interested.

Also, our theatre and shows can be promoted at any club or activity you take part in. Howard Hummel, Director of the March show, will do a snippet at any club meeting. He added that Andrea Hummel does a great job writing articles for the theatre and for shows. Theatre publicity is different from show publicity.

Howard also announced to the new members who joined tonight that help is needed in the March show. Irene Blakely needs help sewing and altering costumes; John Blakely needs help with stage set.

Ticket Change Announcement: Jim Nielsen announced he is the new Ticket Manager and has arranged to reduce the usual paperwork by going electronic. He is working with a company so that when we sell tickets each sale will go on line, starting with the March show. On opening

day of ticket sales we will continue to have five people selling, but now they will use laptops. After the first day of sales, anyone can go to SLCT's website and buy tickets on-line. This will also make it easier for people outside of Sun Lakes to purchase tickets. Five members will need to be trained on how to sell tickets on line. Jim will hold training classes either the last week in January or the first week in February. Anyone interested, please let him know. A sign-up sheet will be passed around tonight.

Children's Theatre: The play *Horton Hears a Who* is being presented at local elementary schools, directed by Roger Edmunds. There are openings for anyone interested in playing the non-speaking part of an animal.

Comedy Class Opportunity: Sandy P. announced she knows of an instructor of stand-up comedy offered to hold a workshop at Sun Lakes free of charge. Then, for those interested, he will teach classes on five consecutive Saturdays for a charge, at the conclusion of which he would like the participants to perform a comedy show. A sign-up sheet will be passed around tonight for anyone who is interested.

Announcements:

Linda Caton announced that the HOA Board is interested in revamping and improving Cottonwood's sound system in the San Tan Ballroom, the Saguaro Room and Palo Verde. At present the Board is looking into getting bids from various companies. Anyone who has ideas for improvements for SLCT, please see Linda.

Carole Hollar asked if we will have printed directories available. Jim Nielsen said printed directories will be available after more members pay their dues.

Summer Play: Roger Edmunds is looking into directing an Old Time Radio Show.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Sandy Ilsen

Saturday we got a preview of the stand-up comedy class that Tony Vivich will be teaching for SLCT...everyone was very impressed and some very interested in taking the class. Hopefully, we can get others to take the classes.

The class will run 5 weeks, starting after the spring show. The cost is \$150 for the classes, plus a possibility of doing a show at the end.

Some comments from the overview was "I can't do stand-up comedy"...please keep in mind that everything you learn in the classes, pertain to acting in general. So this is the next step for anyone that wants to be a better actor...!

ALSO, it will be so much fun learning together...!

Please contact Sandy Pallett if you are interested...



Southern Hospitality Update

The spring SLCT show, *Southern Hospitality*, runs March 10-March 14. Tickets are \$16. There will be a down-home country dinner available before the show Tuesday through Friday for an additional \$20.

Tickets go on sale February 16 and ticket sellers will be working at Cottonwood's Saguaro Room Monday-Wednesday, Oakwood Thursday and Sun Lakes Country Club on Friday, 11 to 2 at all locations. The on-line ticket sales will also be available at

slctinfo.com.

"It's so important for SLCT members to support each other," commented Howard Hummel, director of this show. "There are more than 30 SLCT members working on this show, so come out and support your friends and your club."

This is a funny, fast-paced show suitable for all ages.



This summer's show will be an Evening of Old Time Radio, directed by Roger Edmonds. When our patrons walk into the theater they will think they are in a radio auditorium in the 1940's

The evening program will consist of 3 shows The Bickerson's, A Suspense Thriller: On a Country Road and will finish with The Classic Jack Benny program: Your Money or Your life.

Casting will take place after Our Spring Production is finished.

The most exciting thing about the show will be life sound effects. Dave Stevens has already begun working on the sound effects. We can use some help in building, designing and creating some sound effect props. So if you are an artistic person or handy with tools, let Roger Edmonds or Dave Steven know.

Another good news is that we have no set to build. Also, Roger is looking for some people to join his production team.

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.