



August 2016 Asides

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

We Need Butts In Seats

Huge Congratulations to director Linda Caton and her magnificent cast and crew on the very successful run of "Fox on the Fairway". All of the cast including first-time actors Susan Schlesinger and Bill Jablonski did a great job of making a funny play even funnier. The audiences turned out in good numbers and were not disappointed.

Over the last several years it seems to me that we have had a significant decline in our audience numbers for all of our productions. Feel free to correct me because I do not have any statistics on it but as I recall, 12 or 13 years ago when Judie and I first started attending SLCT productions there were twice as many seats as there are now and most of them were filled with happy patrons. At that time we had a fairly captive audience because there was not much else to do in this area. Times have changed and if we expect to regain audience numbers we may need to reach out beyond the Sun Lakes community to bring in new customers. With this in mind, we have about 200,000 prospects within easy driving distance of Sun Lakes and most of them do not even know that SLCT exists.

SLCT recently joined the Chandler Chamber of Commerce and after attending a few breakfast "meet and greet" events I was almost shocked to learn how little the business people of Chandler know about Sun Lakes, let alone SLCT. When some of them heard about us they were very interested in what we do and the Elks Club has even hired our Improvables to do a show on August 27 as well as having us do an Old Time Radio Holiday Show in December. This type of thing not only will generate income but it will give us credibility and advertising that we couldn't buy. Hopefully this type of thing will put some more butts in the seats when we do "Dearly Departed" at Cottonwood in November.

Also, we are bringing our sound system into the digital age by replacing some of the old analog equipment with new digital equipment that will have far more capability and because it is smaller and lighter it will be much more manageable for our sound specialists. This will be a big improvement at Cottonwood where all of our stage productions will take place as well as other venues when we do mystery dinner shows.

It won't happen overnight, but hopefully some of this activity will result in more butts in the seats.

Jim Janowski

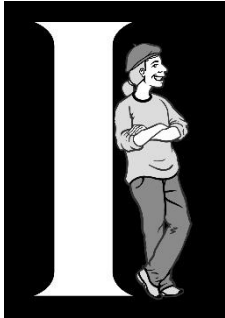
Date	Event	Location
August 16, 2016	Happy Hour Get Together 4:00 p.m.	Sun Lakes Country Club, Navajo Room
Meeting October 13, 2016, 2016	Cocktails 6:00 Meeting 6:30	Cottonwood
November 8-13, 2016	Dearly Departed Play	San Tan Ballroom
Meeting November 17, 2016	Cocktails 6:00 Meeting 6:30	Cottonwood
Meeting December 13, 2016	Cocktails 6:00 Meeting 6:30	Cottonwood
Meeting January 12, 2017	Cocktails 6:00 Meeting 6:30	Cottonwood
Meeting February 9, 2017	Cocktails 6:00 Meeting 6:30	Cottonwood
March 9, 2017	Cocktails 6:00 Meeting 6:30	Cottonwood
April 13, 2017	Talent Show	TBA

SLCT'S ANNUAL "COOL OFF" HAPPY HOUR is August 16, 2016 at 4:00 pm at Sun Lakes Country Club in the Navajo Room!! Be sure to attend and please bring a friend or a neighbor. We want to have a great attendance.

The Happy Hour will be a great way to see all of your theatre friends and to get caught up with everyone's summer doings. It will also be a fun way to start off the new season of the theatre and to find out what is in store for the coming year.

It will be such an enjoyable afternoon! A bar will be available (of course!) and there will be snacks. There will be a running slide show featuring past SLCT shows. And, finally, we will be entertained by pianist and singer and Sun Lakes resident - Diana Perez!!

What a perfect way to spend the hot August afternoon - drinking, snacking and chatting with theatre friends. DON'T MISS IT!!



THE IMPROVABLES improv troupe is excited to be performing for the Chandler Elks club on Sat. evening, August 27, 2016! This will be a terrific show!

Our regular Monday morning sessions will begin again on August 15.

Look for our upcoming Monday Funday open sessions. Plan on attending one or more open sessions and have fun playing games with us. These sessions will be open to anyone who just wants to laugh!!

As the Sunshine person on the board, I look forward to keeping you informed of different events. If you have any life-cycle information for our fellow Theatre Group members, births, deaths, illness, graduations, please contact me at lumenprobb@yahoo.com or (480)883-2071.

Barry Berger

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.

Jim Nielsen

SAVE THE DATE!!! SLCT's ANNUAL "COOL OFF" HAPPY HOUR

WHEN: Tuesday, August 16

WHERE: Sun Lakes Country Club, Navajo Room

TIME: 4:00 pm

WHO: Any SLCT member, any friends of SLCT members, anyone who wants to become an SLCT member, anyone who wants to come in out of the heat!

WHY: Pick your reasons:

1. SLCT's Happy Hour is a good way to relieve the summer doldrums and get together with SLCT friends and friends of friends.
2. It is a good way to escape from the heat for a little while.
3. It is a good excuse to drink.
4. All of the above.

ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY DIANA PEREZ!

Be sure to attend and bring a friend! It will be a wonderful afternoon!

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