

2018 November Asides



REMINDER: SLCT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, <u>NOVEMBER 14</u>!!

The general membership meeting is on a Wed. evening this month due to a conflict with events in the San Tan Ballroom. You don't want to miss this exciting and very special meeting, so be sure to mark you calendars!



Notes From The Board



November is Thanksgiving month, of course. We here at Sun Lakes Community Theatre have so much to be thankful for!! Here are just a few things that I am thankful for:

- *The wonderful turnout at the October General Membership meeting.
- *Mary Vandergriff and her Program committee, Diana Nelinson and Pat Wolfe, for all of their work on the October program and the wonderful programs coming up.
- *All of the volunteers who showed up to help with the set props and the painting party.
- *Howard Hummel, director extraordinaire, for the exciting and challenging rehearsals for "12 Angry Jurors".
- *The Lighting crew and Sound crew for their hard work.
- *All those who have bought tickets to "12 Angry Jurors" so far. (You are in for an amazing theatre experience.)
- *Diana Nelinson and her hardworking hospitality committee.
- *Jim Nielsen for the hours and hours he has put in working on the website and ticket sales.
- *The Storytelling class, taught by Karen Burns, which was fun, moving, challenging, and powerful.
- *Sandy Pallett for all of her work on our Education program.
- *Sandy Bocynesky for gearing up and getting ready to produce our Children's Theatre.
- *Andrea Hummel, who is working hard on securing grants.
- *Sherry Milliron for being in charge of our tables at the Sun Lakes Open Houses.
- *MJ Clement for everything she does!!
- *My incredible board for all of the work they do to make our theatre the very best: Rick Whitney, Bill Becker, Cindi Decker, Mary Vandergriff, Carol Horowitz, and Jim Janowski!

...and many more! Thank you.

Phyllis Novy, President

Twelve Angry Jurors wrap-up by Howard Hummel

Last chance to help with *Twelve Angry Jurors*! Your help is needed and will be appreciated. We will be setting up for the fall show Monday, November 5, in the San Tan Ballroom at 9 am. We need help putting up the curtains and setting up the chairs on the risers. This task will not take long if people come and help. Please pitch in and support the theater.

We still have some seats left for the fall play. If you haven't purchased your tickets, this week might be your last chance. We expect a sellout!



If you're not going to be in town for the fall play, please come to the dress rehearsal Tuesday, November 6, at 6:45. If you have purchased tickets and want to come to the dress rehearsal, feel welcome to do so. Call Howard, 541-514.0000. for a dress rehearsal ticket. A small audience at dress rehearsal will help the actors become familiar with an audience in close proximity.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with this production.

Sun Lakes Community Theatre is a proud 2018-2019 recipient of an Arizona Commission on the Arts grant.



I am so happy to welcome Bev Garrett, Joyce Recupido and Marcia Green to the Hospitality Committee. A huge thank you to Pat Wolfe, Chris Roen, Carol Oakley, Jacque Texeira, and Sandy Ilsen for their continuing committee support. Our Hospitality team will continue to make phone calls each month to remind the SLCT members of the general membership meetings and parties. As always we welcome everyone at the door. A special emphasis is being made to welcome visitors and new members. Diana Nelinson

As the Sunshine person, 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, Barry Berger, at lumenprobb@yahoo.com or (480)883-2071.



FINANCIAL PICTURE

Just a reminder that the SLCT membership can review the Financial Information on the SLCT Web Site. Type in www.slctinfo.com/generalarchives# to view the information.

Sun Lakes Community Theater General Membership Meeting Wednesday, November 14



"TELL ME A STORY"

SLCT members who have recently taken a class in "Story Telling" will share their stories at our November 14 membership meeting. The class was offered by the wonderfully talented Karen Suzanne Burns who has instructed many of our SLCT acting classes. You will want to hear these inspiring, sometimes comical and personally meaningful stories.

Cocktails at 6:00pm, meeting at 6:30. The stories will be shared following the meeting.

The public is always welcome to come to our meetings to see what our organization has to offer. We are always looking for new talent in all areas of theatre production; acting, set design and building, directing or other contributions.

A SWEET TREAT WILL

ALSO BE SERVED

You will not want to miss this meeting!



IT'S FINALLY HERE! I'M SO EXCITED, I JUST CAN'T HIDE IT!

WHAT YOU ASK? THE AUDITIONS FOR EAT, DRINK AND BE MURDERED!

WHEN: NOVEMBER 17

TIME: 10:00 - 1:00

WHERE: OAKWOOD BALLROOM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET A SCRIPT, CONTACT SANDY AT

480-326-2709 OR palletts32@aol.com.

SLCT Beginning Acting Class Instructor: Merrie Crawford

Time involvement: 3 sessions

Prerequisites: none

Dates: Saturdays: January 12, 19, February2,

12-3pm

Location: Cottonwood, room A3

Materials cost: \$10

Acting
is believing
in Yourself
and in your
Become a Craft.
believer.

This class is intended for those with little, or no recent acting experience, as well as those who may not desire to act, but want to learn the basics. The areas covered will include: stage directions, blocking, blocking notation, character analysis, auditions, and implementing critiques. Assignments will include a character analysis, and a prepared scene including blocking. Lengthy memorization will not be required.

Help Wanted

WANTED Actors for speaking And non-speaking parts For Horton Hears a Who

Ever thought about getting before an audience but the idea is frightening? Well not in this arena. Performing for Chandler's kindergarten and 1st grade students is a "safe" way to try your hand at acting. Unfortunately, we do not as yet have enough folks signed for Horton Hears a Who and we have approx. 20 schools booked already anxiously awaiting us! Please, do not think oh someone else can do it, because someone else may not offer. We could definitely use you. Contact Sandy Bocynesky @basil4sandy@gmail.com right now and let her know you are willing to help. Here are some concrete reasons for giving this a try.

- 1) Doing Horton is important for keeping our 501C3 designation which is ultimately important for us to get grants
- 2) We go out early (about 8 a.m.) and are generally back by, if not before, 10 a.m. Not a huge interruption in your day. There is only one exception in March for one afternoon show.
- 3) I try not to have everyone act every performance unless they so desire. You are always welcomed, but I do schedule in breaks so going out on every performance doesn't usually happen. With enough people, you can enjoy even more time-off.
- 4) We generally play Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays at the schools with only 1 or 2 exceptions at the most. Generally no Monday or Friday shows.
- 5) Rehearsal time isn't over-bearing. This is not an adult play with lots and lots of lines. It is a children's play and because the words are rhyming, they're easily learned. Blocking isn't difficult. Rehearsals last 1 ½ hrs. at the most.
- 6) We rehearse after Thanksgiving with the week between Christmas and New Year's off.
- 7) We begin entertaining students Jan. 15th.

So please, offer to help. Questions? Feel free to e-mail me at the email address above. Thank you.

Bill Becker, Publicity

- **1. 12 Angry Jurors** Andrea submitted her article with pictures for the November *Splash*. Also, the information about our show was submitted to three other local newspapers: *San Tan Sun News*, the *Chandler Republic*, and *Lovin'Life after 50*. The 15 new larger, more visible roadside signs went up all around Sun Lakes; also, the posters and the 4x4 cards, etc. were distributed at the three October open houses and throughout Sun Lakes communities at club meetings and to Sunbird CC.
- **2. Open Houses -** Open Houses were held at Cottonwood on Saturday, October 13th, at SLCC on Saturday, Oct. 20th, and at Oakwood on Saturday, Oct. 27th, where information tables were set up to inform people about the play and recruit new members for SLCT. "Thank you" to **Sherry Milliron** who did a great job on the open houses. Several board members and other SLCT members assisted her.
- **3. Tickets sales** Per Jim Nielsen, ticket sales commenced on October 17th and are being sold through the end of the play's run on-line at our website: www.slctinfo.com Also, tickets were sold directly to the public at Cottonwood (Room A3) Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, and at Oakwood (Lobby) Thursdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on 10/18, 10/25, and 11/1. Starting opening night, November 7th, any remaining tickets will available at the door for each night's performance.

NOTE: In addition to the mass publicity, we have also been following a more person-to-person approach with our friends/acquaintances. Request to all SLCT members: Please consider two or three of your friends/relatives/neighbors whom you think have not yet purchased tickets for the show and individually email them the following information (copy and paste with their and your names in the salutation and signature, or phrase the information in your own words):

Dear

Sun Lakes Community Theater is performing **12 Angry Jurors** at the Cottonwood CC (25630 Brentwood Drive) San Tan Ballroom from November 7th (evenings) through November 10th, plus a Sunday matinee on 11/11 at 1pm. A young man is accused of murder, so the 12 jurors enter the jury room to consider the evidence and decide his fate. **12 Angry Jurors** will be performed in an intimate three-quarter round format, which means that the audience surrounds the actors on three sides and each audience member sits close to the action. It's a great drama with an updated male/female cast that you might like to attend. On-line tickets are \$17 each and are being sold 24/7 at our website: www.slctinfo.com .

Hope to see you "at the theater". Signed

This is one more way to try to sell-out the show. Thanks,
Bill

SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE HOLIDAY PARTY TUESDAY DECEMBER 4 AT POOLSIDE CAFÉ IN OAKWOOD

presents

Cocktails: 5:30pm



Dinner: 6:00pm

"ROCKIN' THE CLASSICS"

Entertainment provided by Award winning singer and entertainer, T.A. Burrows who will take us down memory lane as he sings the classics of the 50', 60's and 70's. You just might find yourself tapping your toes and singing along to your favorite tunes! Come join in the fun!

RSVP: Designate Entrée choice on your reservation cards provided at Nov meeting or note on check memo

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 26

Your check will be your reservation.

You may give your check to Cindi Decker at the November 14 general membership meeting or you may mail your check to:

> Cindi Decker 8921 E. Olive Ln. Sun Lakes, Az 85248 Make checks payable to Sun Lakes Community Theatre

*November 14 meeting will be held on Wed due to scheduling conflicts

NOTE FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: OCTOBER 11 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND CELEBRATION!

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR MAKING THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JIM McElenney and Harlie Youngblood a wonderful time for the McElenney family. I hope it brought back some great memories of these two gentlemen for our SLCT members.

EVERYONE ENJOYED THE SPEAKERS WHO HAD SOME LOVELY AND SOMETIMES COMICAL THINGS TO SHARE WITH US ABOUT JIM AND HARLIE. I'M SURE THEY WERE WARM MEMORIES THAT WILL FOREVER BE A PART OF SLCT MEMBERS. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL THE SPEAKERS: MERRIE CRAWFORD, HOWARD AND ANDREA HUMMEL, JIM JANOWSKI, JOYCE RECUPIDO, SANDY PALLETT, JANINE SCHNECK AND ROGER EDMONDS. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JIM NIELSEN FOR HIS BEAUTIFUL SONG.

THE PHOTO PRESENTATION WAS GREAT! THANKS TO STEVE AND CAROL HOROWITZ AND MJ CLEMENT FOR THE POWER POINT PRESENTATION. A JOB WELL DONE! GREAT JOB ON THE POSTER, BARRY BERGER!

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MCELENNEY FAMILY WHO ATTENDED. I HOPE THE CELEBRATION BROUGHT A FEW SMILES AND WARM FEELINGS TO YOU ALL.

WARM WISHES,

MARY VANDERGRIFF

MINUTES OF SLCT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2018

Phyllis Novy, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Approximately 65 people were in attendance.

Two new members were introduced,

Guests in attendance were introduced.

The March 2018 minutes were approved.

The March 2018 Financial Report was approved.

Announcements:

Phyllis Novy announced the date change for the November meeting. It will be held on Wed., November 14. The theme for the meeting will be storytelling and personal stories will be told by members of the Storytelling class. Phyllis announced the need for directors. July's show is the last on the books. In order to be viable, SLCT must have directors for next year's shows.

Rick Whitney, Technical Chairman, called for volunteers to work behind the scenes. He announced the set painting event that is continuing this Friday and Saturday at the shed.

Susan Carter sent around a sign up sheet for ushers for "12 Angry Jurors" as well as for those who are needed to help with cookies.

Sandy Bocynesky called for volunteers for this year's Children's Theatre production, "Horton Hears a Who". She needs volunteers to fill speaking and non-speaking parts as well as crew members. 16 schools have already requested the show.

Sandy Pallett is the director of the spring murder mystery dinner show, "Eat, Drink, and Be Murdered!" She gave a brief description of the show. It is a comedy and a fun-filled murder mystery. She announced that auditions will be held on Nov. 17, in Oakwood, at 10:00 am.

Merrie Crawford announced the Beginning Acting class will be held on 3 separate Saturdays starting in January. She wants inexperienced acting students. People have already signed up.

Sherry Milliron was introduced. Sherry will be in charge of the SLCT tables at the 3 upcoming Open Houses. The first Open House is Saturday, Oct. 13, at Cottonwood. The next is Oct. 20, at Phase One, and the last is Oct. 27, at Oakwood.

Bill Becker, Publicity Chairman, discussed the new t-shirts. Many members have purchased the shirts already and others are planning to purchase them. He will be able to order more, but must have a minimum of 12 for a new order. He discussed the publicity that has been done as well as what is still in the works for "12 Angry Jurors". He praised Jim Nielsen for all the work that he has done on the website and with ticket sales.

Diana Nelinson, Hospitality Chairman, announced her committee. She explained the necessity for the reminder phone calls.

Jim Janowski, Vice President, discussed the search for board members. 3 current board members will be leaving this year due to term limitations.

Howard Hummel, director of "12 Angry Jurors", gave a brief summary of the show. He announced that ticket sales begin in person and on line on October 17. He encouraged people to buy their tickets early and stated that he believed the show will sell out. He introduced his cast and crew.

Phyllis thanked the Program Committee chairman, Mary Vandergriff, for all of her work on the program. She pointed out that each of the table centerpieces were individual works of art. Mary introduced and thanked her committee members, Diana Nelinson and Pat Wolfe.

Phyllis gave a special thank you to Carol Horowitz, Steve Horowitz, and MJ Clement for all of their hard work on the slide show honoring Jim McElenney and Harlie Youngblood.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Program:

The program consisted of the slide show honoring Jim McElenney and Harlie Youngblood. Speakers honoring the memory of Jim and Harlie included:

For Jim: Andrea Hummel, Jim Janowski, Janine Schneck, and Sandy Pallett.

For Harlie: Howard Hummel, Joyce Recupido, Roger Edmonds, and Merrie Crawford.

Phyllis read a message from Sue Youngblood. She introduced Patty McElenney, who in turn, introduced her family members.

The program concluded with Jim Nielsen singing "Hallelujah!" and the audience joining in on the chorus.



Attention All Committee Chairs:

I will be maintaining the on-line calendar on our website, www.slctinfo.com so we can have a central and accurate place to be able check on up-coming events and dates. Please email me, Barry Berger, at lumenprobb@yahoo.com with meeting, performance and any other dates you might feel are pertinent.

Barry Berger

The Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13 at 9:00 am at Phyllis Novy's house. If you are interested in observing a board meeting, contact Phyllis.

| Sun Lakes Community Theatre Calendar | | |
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| 12 Angry Jurors | Wed., Nov. 7-11, 2018 | San Tan Ballroom |
| SLCT Meeting | November 14, 2018 | San Tan Ballroom |
| Holiday Party | Tues., Dec., 4, 2018 | Poolside at IronOaks |
| ImproVables Improv Show | December 19, 2018 | Solera Ballroom |
| SLCT Meeting | Thurs., Jan., 10, 2019 | San Tan Ballroom |
| ImproVables Improv Show | January 12, 2019 | Oakwood |
| ImproVables Improv Show | January 19, | Central Arizona College, |
| | | Coolidge |
| ImproVables Improv Show | February 2, 2019 | Sun Lakes Country Club |
| SLCT Meeting | Thurs., Feb., 7, 2019 | San Tan Ballroom |
| Spring Play | February 17-21, 2019 | Oakwood Ballroom |
| SLCT Meeting | March 14, 2019 | San Tan Ballroom |
| ImproVables Improv Show | April 6, 2019 | Central Arizona College, |
| | | Maricopa |
| End of Year Party | Tues., Apr. 9, 2019 | PaloVerde |

| Sun La | nkes Community The | atre Board |
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| Mary Vandergriff | Kathy Jones | Sandy Pallett |
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| 812-607-0412 | 480-883-7471 | 480-926-6954 |
| | Other Important Ro | les |
| Hospitality Committee | Play Reading Chairman | School Liaison |
| Chairman | Michael Carter | Roger Edmonds |
| Diana Nelinson | | |
| 480-883-1995 | 480-895-1026 | 480-261-9957 |
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