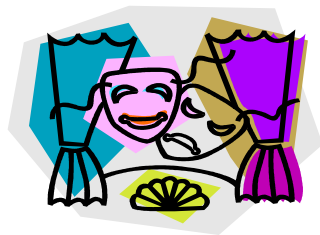




# January 2019 Asides



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

## SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE WELCOMES CASTEEL HIGH SCHOOL, THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

We are proud to welcome Chandler's newest high school in the district, Casteel, to our general meeting this month. They will be providing the entertainment for our meeting.

The performers will be the advanced drama students from Casteel. For their performance, the students will be doing pieces that they will be performing in the State competition.

Please come out and support these young people. This is a chance to see our young people perform who share our love of the theatre and will carry their talents forward.

The meeting will be held in the San Tan Ballroom at Cottonwood  
Cocktails will be available at 6 pm, meeting at 6:30.

It will be great to greet the brand new year with a toast to all of our SLCT friends who make our organization possible! Come celebrate with us!

Mary Vandergriff

## Notes From The Board

**Happy New Year to one and all. SLCT has an exciting schedule of events lined up for 2019, but before I get to that I want to comment on our final event of 2018.**

**Our 2018 Holiday Party at Poolside was great fun. The room was a Winter Wonderland beautifully decorated by our Program Committee. After photos with Santa (Chris Mank) the near capacity crowd enjoyed a lively social hour before sitting down to a delicious plated dinner. After dinner we were treated to a program of music and comedy by entertainer T.A. Burrows. What an entertainer he is. All in all it was a fun evening that I think everyone enjoyed.**



**Now, 2019 promises to be a busy year for SLCT members. The cast and crew of “Eat, Drink, and be Murdered”, directed by Sandy Pallett, are busy preparing to put on another fun dinner theatre in the Oakwood ballroom. Linda Caton will soon be announcing the audition date for “Red Velvet Cake Wars” which she will direct in the Cottonwood ballroom in July. And we eagerly await the production of “Plaza Suite” which will also be in the Cottonwood ballroom in November and directed by Merrie Crawford. And of course our Horton and Improv groups will be very active.**

**The Board is encouraging all SLCT members, old and new alike, to become involved in these productions. Of course you can audition, but we also need people for set design and construction, prop managing, stage managing, make up, house managing, lights, sound, ticket sales, and of course ushering. If you don’t know what some of these jobs entail, this would be a good year to learn. Without volunteers SLCT would not exist.**

**In addition to our plays and monthly meetings we also have our 3 annual social gatherings. The End of the Season Party will be at Palo Verde in April. The Summer Cool Down Party will be at Poolside in August. And the Holiday Party will be at Palo Verde in December. Please note that the March membership meeting date and location have been changed to March 7 in the Saguaro Room.**

**All these activities do not just happen. Your Board and many SLCT members volunteer their time to make sure that we all can enjoy what SLCT has to offer. Three of our Board members will be term limited out of office at the March SLCT meeting and will have to be replaced. I am asking for nominations for these 3 positions. Most people nominate themselves so don’t wait for someone else to nominate you. It doesn’t happen that way. Just get the word to me and you are nominated. It would be good to have a mixture of**

**older and newer members on the ballot. If you have any questions you can ask me at the January meeting.**

**Lets all work together to make 2019 the best SLCT year yet.**

**Jim Janowski  
Vice President**



### Some Thoughts for the New Year

As we embark on this new year I would like to take a few minutes to reflect on the stellar achievement of "Twelve Angry Jurors". It was truly an outstanding production as well as a significant moment in our SLCT history.

Creating this type of "spectacle event" is the ultimate goal of mounting up any show. The quality and caliber of every aspect of the production has to be spot on polished in order to reach this elusive mark. This kind of achievement requires tremendous work, effort and energy on the part of every member of the ensemble from the most noticeable to the most obscure. **Nice work on a job Well Done!!! -----**

Now we could pat ourselves on the back for the "Atta boy!",... as you have so dilligently earned, and in doing so, simply maintain the status quo,... - **OR** -, we could choose this opportunity to take another step towards building a more respected community Theatre program in our area.

As we move forward throughout this year, I would encourage each of us to ponder that choice and what direction we would like to see our program move towards.

If your passion for Theatre encourages you to lean towards building... then I would ask you to consider, "What can I do to give back to Theatre in exchange for what it has given to me?" If your response to that question is willingness to give back,... then I encourage you to push yourself towards taking active steps to accomplish that end.

Those that have a bonifide passion for the work that we do recognize that "Theatrics" is a never ending growing process and will willingly embrace the unique challenges presented by each and every production. It is only through the entire ensemble's collective efforts to overcome each of those obstacles that the quality and caliber of Theatre's magic be recreated for each mounted production.

Each of our members has the capacity to contribute towards achieving this worthy goal. It simply requires making a personal choice to join in the effort. Together, we can make 2019 a stellar year for SLCT.

From the desk of the Technical Chair  
Rick Whitney



**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**

The Sun Lakes Community Board of Directors wishes all its members and their friends and families a very joyous, healthy, and all around spectacular New Year!

**WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR! HERE'S TO A PRODUCTIVE AND FUN-FILLED 2019 FOR SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE!**

**SLCT ended the year Dinner Party at Approximately 60 people evening. We must thank committee: Diana Mary Vandergriff, They outdid themselves!**



**with a wonderful Holiday Oakwood/Poolside. attended the spectacular our exceptional Program Nelinson, Pat Wolfe, and Program Chairman.**

**The Winter Wonderland theme was perfect, the decorations were beautiful and elegant, and the ambiance was graceful and fun at the same time. The food was delicious; served graciously and timed well. Santa came (thanks, Chris Mank for bringing him), and holiday pictures were taken (thanks, Barry Berger).**



**The entertainer, T.A. Burrows, was back by popular demand and entertained us with a delightful program of memorable songs and banter. T. A. is an outstanding showman and a true professional.**



**Looking forward to 2019, this year promises to be an exciting one. There are opportunities for everyone to join together to make SLCT vital and viable. Join in - take a class, come to meetings, volunteer to work backstage, audition for plays - have fun!**

**See you at our first meeting of 2019 - Thursday, January 10!**

**Phyllis Novy  
President**

Bill Becker, Publicity

Eat, Drink and be Murdered publicity plan.

1. Articles submitted to *The Splash* and *The Sunbird News* for January and February.

a. January article and picture were submitted the first week in December.

b. February article will be submitted the first week of January, plus picture from the first

rehearsal on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>.

2. Road signs:

a. M.J. will order the vinyl signs this week.

b. Bill and M.J. will attach vinyl to road signs; appx. January 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.

c. Road signs go up – **Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m.** (8 days before tickets go on sale.)

3. Posters and 4x4s (M.J.) will be ready: **Middle to end of third week of January (16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>)**

a. Posters and 4x4s distributed to Cottonwood, Palo Verde, Ironwood and Oakwood

clubhouses: January 16-18 – Michael Carter.

b. Kathy Meyer at *The Renaissance*:

1. Right after the holidays, I'll send her an email about the show, so she will have advanced

notice. I will suggest the possibility of her buying a block of tickets and arranging their

bus for their residents' transportation.

2. I'll go see her and deliver posters and 4x4s to her.

c. Posters and 4x4s delivered to Lane Varney at *Sunbird* - Bill: Week of January 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>.

d. At Ace Hardware and Beall's - Bill: Week of January 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>.

e. Other venues like *The Villages* (Alma School Road) - Michael: End of January.

f. Solara IMPROV. performance – *Sandy already took care of this.*

g. **Team Trivia** – Distribute 4x4s:

1. Palo Verde (Jim Nielsen) – January 21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

2. Sun Lakes 1 (Bill) – January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

4. **Tickets:** Box office (walk-up) ticket sales (Jim Nielsen) will start on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> in the Oakwood Lobby from 10 am-1 pm and on Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup> at Cottonwood in the Card Room A3 next to the Cottonwood Library from 10 am-1 pm. Tickets will also be sold at these same two locations and same times on subsequent weeks: February 4<sup>th</sup> (Oakwood) and 6<sup>th</sup> (Cottonwood) **and** February

11<sup>th</sup> (Oakwood) and 13<sup>th</sup> (Cottonwood).

5. Since the show is at Oakwood, we will ask Michele Renahan, Communications Director, to place the flyer/info. in The Pulse and on Oakwood's closed circuit t.v. system.

In addition, Barry Berger already posted a notice with our poster on the Next-Door community website and our Facebook page. He will keep posting through January and early February.

There are no OPEN HOUSES this time of year, but if you have other suggestions, please email me: [billbeckeraz@gmail.com](mailto:billbeckeraz@gmail.com)

**CHARITY MAGIC SHOW - JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**  
***THE MAGIC OF RAYMOND "JUST ONE MORE TIME AGAIN"***

Many of you know Raymond Texeira from his volunteer work on sets and miscellaneous other things for SLCT productions. small gatherings and now you fun 90-minute show on the stage Phase 1.

Check out the article in the purchase your reserved seating It's just \$14.50 plus handling fee. Magic of Raymond". Then select It promises to be an entertaining audience participation with Matthews Crossing, food bank, service. Come join us and have some fun with your friends.



Some of you have seen him perform at will have a chance to see him do really at Sun Lakes

December issue of the Splash and tickets on-line at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). Click on "Events" and type in "the your seat at a table with your friends. night of magical illusions, comedy and profits going to two charities: and Rover's Rest Stop, animal rescue

Doors will open at 5:15 PM. No-host bar available. The show will start at 6:00 PM. Seating is limited so get your tickets today.

**BREAKING NEWS!!!**

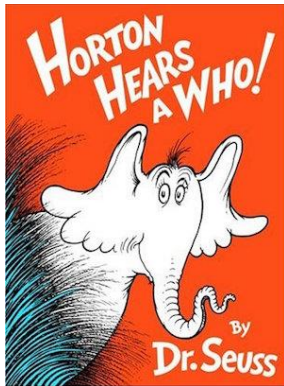
**Merrie Crawford will direct the fall, 2019 play - "Plaza Suite" by Neil Simon. Auditions will be held in late spring.**

**SLCT Beginning Acting Class**  
**Instructor: Merrie Crawford**

**Time involvement: 3 sessions**  
**Prerequisites: none**  
**Dates: Saturdays: January 12, 19,**  
**February 2**  
**12-3 pm**  
**Location: Cottonwood, room A3**  
**Materials cost: \$10**



**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. SLCT Beginning Acting Class**  
**Instructor: Merrie Crawford**



The Horton cast has been very busy rehearsing. With our first school performance coming up on January 15, we are very excited! We have now got more bookings than I can remember from my years of doing this since a couple more schools have come in since the last article.

The following are the members who are going to be a part of Horton: Jim Nielsen, Susan Schlesinger, Cindi Decker, M J Clement, Dennis Dannehl, Jim Janowski, Jacque Texeira, Greg Posniak, Kathy Kuglitsch, Donna Quinn, Roger Edmonds, Kathy Miller, Kathy Tomasewski, Mario Carranzo, Ginger Henry, Marcia Greene, Jack Mitchell, Sonja White, Tony Palermini and myself. With such a good amount of actors, both new and experienced, we will be able to give folks a day off occasionally from performing. However, all actors will be acting every week and believe it or not, we may be short by one on occasion. And, of course, our most able sound crew of Norm Harris and Ron Folmeister.

I thank all these fine people for their willingness to be a part of this important project that our theatre takes on each year. Please take the time to thank them too. Without Children's Theatre there wouldn't be the opportunity for SLCT to help keep our 501c3 designation. They are Valued!!!!

Sandy Bocynesky, Director



THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER, AND I AM REALLY  
EXCITED TO GET REHEARSALS UNDERWAY  
FOR *EAT, DRINK AND BE MURDERED!*

THIS SHOW IS GOING TO BE FUN FOR  
EVERYONE. IT TAKES PLACE AT ROSE'S 90<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY PARTY...ROSE IS A CROTCHITY  
OLD WOMAN WHO HAS A SECRET.....THE  
SECRET INGREDIENT FOR MAKING WILD  
IRISH ROSE WHISKEY...EVERYONE WANTS  
HER DEAD BUT THEY ALSO HAVE TO KEEP  
HER ALIVE UNTIL THEY GET THE  
INGREDIENT. MAKES FOR INTERESTING  
FAMILY DYNAMICS,

SHOW DATES: FEB 17-21...DINNER AND SHOW  
\$39

SO HOPEFULLY, YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT  
GETTING A GROUP TOGETHER AND  
ATTENDING...

TICKETS GO ON SALE JANUARY 28, ON-  
LINE 7/24

OAKWOOD ... JANUARY 28

FEBRUARY 4, 11

COTTONWOOD. JANUARY 30

FEBRUARY 6, 13

(FROM 10:00 to 1pm)

I KNOW THAT ROSE WOULD LOVE TO SEE  
EVERYONE AT HER BIRTHDAY PARTY. PUT  
THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR..

Sandy Pallett, Director

# Dues are Due!

SLCT dues are still only \$20 per person. You may mail a check to: Cindi Decker, 8921 E Olive Lane N, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. or give it to me at the January general membership meeting. Any new members who have already paid their dues this year do not have to pay again.

Cindi Decker  
Treasurer



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](mailto:lumenprobb@yahoo.com) or (480)883-2071.



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

## **MINUTES OF SLCT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING November 14, 2018**

Phyllis Novy, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.  
Four new members as well as guests were welcomed and introduced.

The minutes of the October 2018 General Meeting, as included in the Asides, were approved.

Cindi Decker, Treasurer, presented the October 2018 Financial Report which was also approved. Since Cindi is a part-time resident of Sun Lakes, she expressed a need to find an "Assistant Treasurer" to help during the months that Cindi is out-of-town. Greg Posniack volunteered to serve in that capacity.

### Announcements:

- Howard Hummel provided a summary of his recent production of the play, "Twelve Angry Jurors". He received overwhelming applause and a standing ovation for directing an outstanding performance.
- Phyllis announced that Merrie Crawford will conduct a "Beginning Acting Class" in 2019.
- Sandy Bocynsky announced that the Children's Theatre will be performing at 24 schools for this coming school year.
- Sandy Pallett announced that the Spring dinner show, "Eat, Drink, and Be Murdered" will be performed on Feb. 17-21.
- It was announced that Merrie Crawford will direct the play, "Plaza Suite" in the Fall, 2019.
- The holiday party, chaired by Mary Vandergriff and Pat Wolfe, will be held at the Poolside Restaurant on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The festive evening will pair a delicious sit-down dinner with great entertainment. The deadline for reservations is November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Rick Whitney provided an additional tribute to the success of the play, "Twelve Angry Jurors".

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

### Program:

Sandy Pallett served as MC for the evening's entertainment. We were treated to presentations from members who participated in the storytelling class. Demonstrating their newly learned storytelling skills, their stories ranged from sweet and tender to intriguing and suspenseful.

- Roger and Judy Edmonds presented a true story about their lasting love, each relating the same story from their own perspective.
- Andrea Hummel relayed a very captivating story about a burglary!
- Ginger Henry told a story about her mother's premonition to not go to Rapid City.
- Mary Vandergriff told a touching story about her grandson's stuffed animal.
- Greg Posniack related a story about his underage drinking adventures and a stripper!

The "icing on the cake" was literally a delicious cake served to all participating at the conclusion of the evening's program.

**Attention All Committee Chairs:**

I will be maintaining the on-line calendar on our website, [www.slctinfo.com](http://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](mailto:lumenprobb@yahoo.com) with meeting, performance and any other dates you might feel are pertinent.

*Barry Berger*



**SLCT Board Meeting: Wed., January 9, 2019, 9:00 am, at Phyllis Novy's home. 25121 S. Lakeway Drive, Oakwood. Call Phyllis if you are planning on attending: 480-895-5961. Anyone is welcome to attend the board meetings.**

<i>Sun Lakes Community Theatre Calendar</i>		
SLCT Meeting	Thurs., Jan., 10, 2019	San Tan Ballroom
Improvables Improv Show	January 19, 2019	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
<u>SLCT Meeting</u>	<u>March 7, 2019</u>	<u>Saguaro Room</u>
Improvables Improv Show	March 28, 2019	Oakwood
Improvables Improv Show	April 6, 2019	Central Arizona College, Maricopa
End of Year Party	Tues., Apr. 9, 2019	PaloVerde

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