



April 2019 Asides

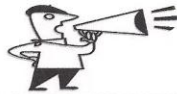
NOTES FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT...

I want to write a few heartfelt words of thanks to SLCT for helping to make these last few years that I have been on the Board of Directors an exciting and rewarding experience. I have been a part of a lot of change and growth and I can see that our organization is only going to grow even more in every way.

I thank my colleagues on the past Board for working with me and I wish the "new" Board well. Your task is to maintain all of the accomplishments of the past few years and continue to evolve. I see that there is even more excitement and promise for the future of our theatre.

I challenge our membership to participate fully in the many aspects of our group. Take advantage of all that SLCT offers and give back to our theatre in terms of your effort, time, and talent.

Phyllis Novy



REMINDER TO ALL SUN LAKE THEATRE MEMBERS!!

**We are all busy this time of year, that's why I am reminding everyone
our end of year party is coming up soon**

APRIL 9 AT PALO VERDE RESTAURANT

5:30pm cocktails, 6pm dinner 7pm show

DINNER AND SHOW \$25PP

**The food will be scrumptious and the entertainment top notch!
SoSco, an award winning duo, will present broadway song interpretations. They
will also take us behind the scenes with very interesting historical information about
shows and composers. Come celebrate another successful year with your friends!**

OUR MENU

RSVP BY APRIL 2

Salad: Tossed w/ranch or balsamic

Choice Entrée:*

Chicken Cordon Bleu

OR

Slow Roasted Beef Brisket

Served w/Roasted Red Potatoes

And Green Beans w/almonds

Warm rolls and butter

Iced Tea, water and Coffee

Dessert

Your check will be your

Reservation. You may

mail your check to Cindi

Decker, 8921 E. Olive Ln

Sun Lakes, Az 85248

Make checks payable to:

Sun Lakes Community

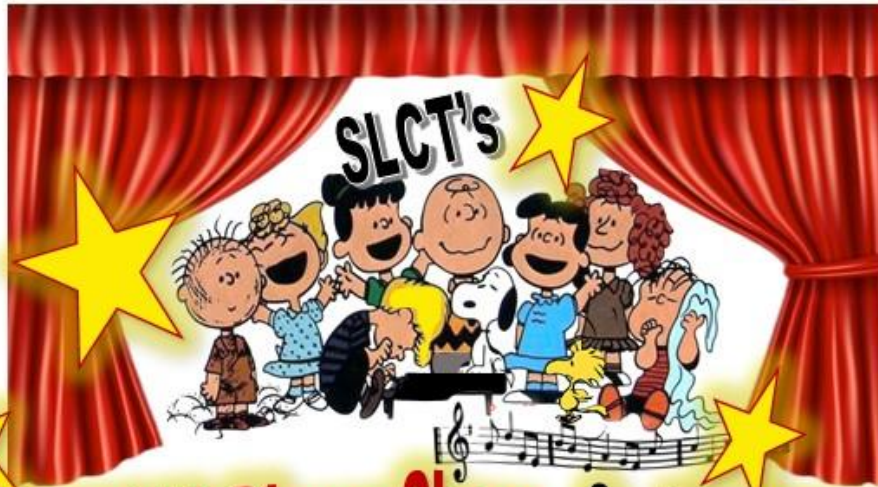
Theatre.

***Be sure to designate Entrée choice on your
check in the memo section.**

Hope to see you at the party! Mary Vandergrift - Program Chairman



Announcing **AUDITIONS** for



MUSICAL Dinner Show - Spring, 2020

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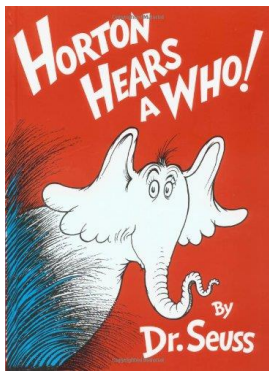
Even though the DINNER SHOW is not until **March of 2020**, auditions will be held early in order to provide cast members with music CD's to use for practice at their convenience over the summer! All information, including audition scripts and musical scores, will be available at SLCT's General Meeting on **Thursday, March 7th** or contact **Carol Horowitz, Director, at 480-895-0236**.

Come to the AUDITION! APRIL 13, 2019 at 2:00pm in the Oakwood Ballroom.



2019 Board of Directors

(Left to Right) Rick Whitney, Jack Mitchell, Mary Vandergriff, Sandy Pallett, Cindi Decker, Carol Horowitz, Howard Hummel and Bill Becker



A big elephant thanks!

Thanks so much to my cast and crew for their dedication and hard work. This year was even more successful number-wise than ever before as we stretched ourselves to adding an additional two schools. We performed at all but 6 of the 32 elementary schools in Chandler and frankly I don't know where I could have fit them in...certainly not all.

I hope many of this cast and crew will return again next year and that many more of you will join us. With more folks it keeps the number of times an individual has to perform down to a minimum. I believe that most performed somewhere between 12-15 performances on average. There are a few who exceeded it, i.e., the sound crew and M J Clement. They are an invaluable resource to our performances for children.

So from the tip of his toes to the tip of his trunk, Horton says, thank you! And in the words of Arnold, "I'll be back."

THE RACE IS ON!
Help SLCT Win Up To \$100,000!
NOW IS THE TIME TO DONATE!



For over 30 years, we have not had space of our own to rehearse, store our equipment and props, build stage sets, hold classes, or do small size performances! Thanks to the CrowdRise GRANT CHALLENGE, “A Community Thrives”, sponsored by Gannett Publishing Company, publishers of USA Today and the Arizona Republic, we can make dreams come true!

Here’s what **YOU** can do to help:

- ✓ **DONATE!** Only credit card donations (starting as low as \$10 and up to \$10,000) are acceptable and must be made from our ACT webpage.
- ✓ **TO DONATE**, go to our SLCT website at www.slctinfo.com and click on the **DONATE** button on SLCT’s main page. This will link to our webpage on the “A Community Thrives” CrowdRise website. Please click on their **DONATE** button!
- ✓ **SPREAD THE WORD! SHARE** on FACEBOOK, TWITTER, and with everyone you know! The MORE people who donate or help publicize, the better chances we will have to win!

Help us grow our audiences, expand our services, and extend community outreach!

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!
SLCT KEEPS FUNDS RAISED!



Reminder: *Plaza Suite* Auditions

Auditions for the fall show, Neil Simon's *Plaza Suite* will be held next Saturday March 30, at 2:00 in Room A-9, in Cottonwood. The cast includes 3 men, 3 women in major roles, as well as 2 men, 1 woman in minor roles. The show dates are October 23-27, and rehearsals will begin September 10. To get a copy of the script for perusal, contact Merrie Crawford (480) 802-7643, or her cell (480)250-4297.

An Evening of Old Time Radio

Reserve the week of June 16 – 21 when SLCT will be again performing an Evening of Old Time Radio, and which will be directed by Roger Edmonds. The format will be two half hour radio shows, intermission, followed by another 30 minute radio show.



Tryouts will be announced later for April. All parts are read except for the warm up person's whose job it is to get the audience excited before the show actually starts. We will also need non speaking people to help out on the sound table on stage.

As usual we will need all sorts of help with house manager, props, etc.

MINUTES OF SLCT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING March 7th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm in the Saguaro Room at Cottonwood Country Club. Members commented that it was a wonderful room to hold general membership meetings due to having a smaller, more intimate size, better acoustics, and greater opportunity for socializing and camaraderie.

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTIONS:

- Jim Janowski organized the efficient elections process. Candidates were introduced: Howard Hummel, Jack Mitchell, Sandy Pallett, and Ray Texiera.
- After verifying that dues were paid, qualified members were given ballots to cast votes prior to the start of the business meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Phyllis Novy, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- Guests and new members were welcomed and introduced.
- The minutes of the February, 2019 General Meeting, as included in the Asides, were approved.
- The February, 2019 Financial Report was also approved. Dues are due!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Carol Horowitz was called on to provide an update of grant submissions. However, before she could start her presentation, members of the newly formed ad hoc committee for grants surprised the audience by taking turns shouting out from all sides of the room: *"I have a dream for SLCT!"* as they also walked toward the front of the room, to join Carol.

The dream turned out to be an incredible grant opportunity to **WIN UP TO \$100,000 through the "A COMMUNITY THRIVES GRANT", a CHALLENGE GRANT, sponsored by Gannett Company, publishers of "USA Today" and the "AZ Republic"**. Prior to Carol presenting the details of the grant, Howard Hummel, Rick Whitney, Sandy Pallett, and Greg Posniack took turns urging the membership to think about what a grant award of \$100,000 could do for SLCT!

Carol explained what a challenge grant was and that as a "Tier One" non-profit SLCT would have to raise \$3,000 in order to be eligible to compete for the top award of \$100,000. Additional awards would also be offered in the amounts of \$75,000, \$50,000, \$25,000, plus weekly bonus challenges awarded to organizations that raised the highest amount of donations during Weeks #1 and #3 and that had the greatest number of people donating during Weeks #2 and #4. Plus, SLCT would become eligible for local grant awards of organizational operating costs. Donations can only be made online at the ACT website and by credit card. Since ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE, starting at \$10, and since SLCT gets to keep ALL funds raised, we can't lose!

The audience response was overwhelmingly supportive, and the room was overflowed with excitement! Questions were asked and answered. Before the presentation ended, Jim Nielsen started the donations campaign by making a \$1,000 challenge! Within moments, Judie Janowski, met his challenge and also pledged to donate \$1,000! Before the evening's end, thanks to additional pledges, we felt confident that by the start date of the grant, March 18th, we would have raised the initial \$3,000 requirement and would be eligible to compete for the top grant award!

Since the focus of the grant is "community building", SLCT can be very competitive! Our strength is that we are a COMMUNITY Theater that builds community by spanning the generation gap between seniors and younger generations. When SLCT performs Childrens' Theater for elementary schools, supports our high schools, does multi-generational improv performances, has multi-general audiences in our audiences of all main stage performances, and invites members and non-members to participate in our educational programs, we strongly demonstrate "building community".

The grant application provided an opportunity to fully describe our programs and our needs. Our request was to "help us find a home" and pointed out the challenges of seniors not having our own venue to rehearse, perform, store equipment, props and set items, or to build stage sets.

A strong plea was made asking the entire membership to donate their time and effort as well as to make donations. Everyone was asked to spread the word via social media. The donations window is from March 18th until April 12th. It is very important to obtain as many donations from different individuals as possible! To win, we need to show that SLCT has strong community support and that our community values what we do!

- Bill Becker reminded members of the fundraising initiatives that will result in SLCT receiving a percentage of each purchase back when members shop at Fry's Food Market and Amazon Smile! Jeanne Becker brought a laptop to help members register for both fundraising efforts!
- Since Merrie Crawford was not present, Phyllis Novy announced that auditions for "Plaza Suite", the Fall 2019 play, will be held on March 30th.
- Roger Edmonds announced that the Summer 2019 production of "Old Time Radio Show" will be held June 18th-22nd. The show will include scripts from three old radio shows. Auditions will be held during the end of April.
- Carol Horowitz announced that auditions for "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown (Revival)", the Spring 2020 production, will be held on April 13th.
- Sandy Bocynesky announced that "Red Velvet Cake Wars" will be the Summer 2020 production.



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.



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

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 on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 9:00 am, at the home of Carol Horowitz.

<i>Sun Lakes Community Theatre Calendar</i>		
Improvables Improv Show	March 27, 2019	Oakwood
Auditions for "Plaza Suite"	Saturday, March 30, 2019, 2:00 p.m.	A-9 (Phoenix Room) Cottonwood
Improvables Improv Show	April 6, 2019	Central Arizona College, Maricopa
Auditions for You're A Good Man Charlie Brown	April 13, 2019, 2:00 p.m.	Oakwood Ballroom
End of Year Party	Tues., Apr. 9, 2019	PaloVerde
Old Time Radio Show	June 2019	San Tan Ballroom
Summer Cool Down	August 28, 2019, 4:00 p.m.	Poolside, Oakwood
Plaza Suite	October 23-27, 2019	San Tan Ballroom
You're A Good Man Charlie Brown	March 2020	
Red Velvet Cake War	July 2020	San Tan Ballroom

<i>Sun Lakes Community Theatre Board</i>		
<i>President Phyllis Novy</i>	<i>Vice President Jim Janowski</i>	<i>Publicity Chairman Bill Becker</i>
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<i>Program Chairman Mary Vandergriff</i>	<i>Treasurer Cindi Decker (non-voting member)</i>	<i>Past President Sandy Pallett (non-voting member)</i>
<i>812-607-0412</i>	<i>515-770-7974</i>	<i>480-926-6954</i>

Other Important Roles

<i>Hospitality Committee Chairman Diana Nelinson 480-883-1995</i>	<i>Play Reading Chairman Michael Carter 480-895-1026</i>	<i>School Liaison Roger Edmonds 480-261-9957</i>
<i>Archives Barry and Joan Berger</i>	<i>Education Chairman Sandy Pallett 480-926-6954</i>	<i>Children's Theatre Sandy Bocynsky 480-283-1145</i>
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1. Our giant fundraising “CHALLENGE” is underway



What is being done:

1. Contacting all SLCT members with an appeal for their donations to support this cause.
2. Contacting and appearing at many local social and athletic groups (with flyers in hand) in Sun Lakes to “pitch” our fundraising efforts.
3. Appearing at events such as “Arts & Crafts”, “Team Trivia”, “Ladies Coffee at Cottonwood”, etc. to make presentations and hand out flyers.
4. Article submitted to April’s *The Splash*; separate article sent to *The Chandler Republic*.

Other Publicity:

2. Article with graphic submitted to *The Splash* for “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” tryouts on April 13th at 10 am in the Oakwood ballroom.

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