



May 2019 Asides

Notes From the Board

HOW LUCKY WE ARE.....LUCKY BECAUSE WE BELONG TO SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE....WHERE SO MANY GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING...ONE IS , WE HAVE A SEASON...A SEASON OF GREAT SHOWS SCHEDULED!








BUT THE REALLY GREAT NEWS IS, TOGETHER, THE MEMBERS RAISED OVER \$15,000. SOMETHING THAT, AS FAR AS I KNOW, HAS NEVER BEEN DONE.

THE BOARD THANKS EVERYONE FOR THE TIME AND ENERGY PUT INTO THE FUNDRAISING EFFORT BY RAISING ENOUGH MONEY TO KEEP US IN THE RUNNING FOR THE CHALLENGE GRANT.....LET'S KEEP OUR FINGERS CROSSED!

CAROL HOROWITZ WAS THE LEADER IN ORGANIZING AND KEEPING US ON TRACK....GREAT JOB CAROL!

Sandy Pallett,
President

**Honoring the CAST of SLCT's collaborative effort:
"The Amazing Challenge Grant Race!"**

<p>SLCT proudly presents a true ENSEMBLE PRODUCTION, with A CAST of MANY! (including the whole SLCT membership, plus our friends, relatives, and neighbors!)</p>	 <p>Andrea Discovered the grant opportunity only two days before its deadline! Also helped edit the text!</p>
 <p>Carol Informed SLCT about the grant opportunity! Wrote the grant application, created the graphics, made sure deadlines and goals were met, and became chief cheerleader!</p>	<p>Howard Potter Howard Performed wizardry! Used magic to create a website video in one afternoon with his grandson, Brandon,, helped with everything needed to make the grant a success!</p> 
 <p>Super Jim Responsible for all technical aspects of the grant, from adapting and linking the SLCT and ACT websites, to enabling and tracking online fundraising efforts! Was the first donor, creating his own \$1,000 challenge!</p>	 <p>Bill Investigated ways to get others involved in the fundraising efforts, especially local businesses and firms. Spread the word, publicizing the grant and distributing tons of flyers!</p>
 <p>Steve Used his experience and expertise on grants and contracts to guide the entire grant process! Put up with Carol's 24/7 total concentration on the grant challenge!</p>	 <p>Cindi Provided essential financial information whenever needed for the grant as well as for donors and gifting foundations, businesses and organizations!</p>

Grants Committee & Team!



Wanda



Jim



Pat



SLCT Cheerleaders!

Greg



Sandy



Roxy



Congratulations to ALL SLCT Members!

What an amazing TEAM we became!

From the inception of the “A Community Thrives” (ACT) \$100,000 Grant Challenge, when we first discovered this unique grant opportunity and realized that we had only TWO days before the deadline to submit a grant application, to its completion only three weeks later, SLCT performed MIRACLES! The best part is that we accomplished this **TOGETHER!!!!**

TALK ABOUT DRAMA!

It was a true miracle and incredible **TEAMWORK** that enabled this to meet each deadline and surpass our goal!

Within **TWO days** after finding the grant, it was completed, required financial information added, and was tweaked, edited, and ready for submission. (The “SUBMIT” button was actually selected on the grant website only 10 minutes before its deadline!)

Within the **FIRST WEEK**, ALL of SLCT had been notified about our grant opportunity and A CAST of MANY sprung into action to support the grant! Within moments of hearing about it at the March SLCT General Meeting, the campaign was on!

An ad hoc committee was formed and people scurried to seek donations from other SLCT members, relatives, local businesses, foundations, and other organizations! (To name a few: generous donations were obtained from the Cottonwood-Palo Verde Foundation, Blue Mountain Golf Resort Management (IronOaks HOA Management), FunLakers, as well as from our own SLCT members!)

Also, within the **FIRST WEEK**, a webpage was created on the “ACT” website. SLCT’s own website was updated to attract donors and to link a “donations button” directly to the ACT webpage! A group met to find video clips and also select from graphics and photos. The next afternoon, a striking video appeared on the webpage that provided an outstanding showcase featuring SLCT’s varied activities and shows!

Sponsored by Gannett, publishers of USA Today and newspapers worldwide, bonus award challenges were offered weekly to alternate our fundraising focus between trying to raise the greatest amount of donations to trying to obtain the greatest number of donors! E-Mail blasts updated and reminded SLCT members about the challenge!

While there are too many people to list and thank for their efforts, we received wonderful publicity about our Challenge effort! SLCT members distributed flyers at many community events. Foundations and businesses were contacted, and members were requested to send emails requesting donations to everyone we knew!

An **Open Forum** meeting was held during the **SECOND WEEK** that was well-attended to answer questions and address concerns about how the grant funds raised would be used!

To provide further clarification:

- SLCT met its first challenge by raising **\$3,000** to be eligible to complete in the challenge grant!
- SLCT met its second challenge by meeting our goal of raising **\$10,000!** In fact, we raised 150% of our goal!
- **FUNDS RAISED FROM THIS GRANT CHALLENGE WILL BE GIVEN BACK TO SLCT!**
- **WE RAISED \$15,216!** THESE FUNDS ARE OURS TO KEEP!
SLCT will be notified around June 3, 2019 if we have been selected to win up to \$100,000!
- We competed against about 1,000 other non-profit organizations in this challenge grant and did very well! In fact, we accomplished more in three weeks than most of our competitors did having many months (or even a full year) of preparation
- Beyond our wonderful fundraising efforts, something even more amazing was the obvious outcome of SLCT's participation in this challenge grant! ...
- After administrative charges, the actual amount received will be \$14,952.31.

WE UNITED TOGETHER, WORKED TOGETHER, AND SUPPORTED EACH OTHER!

The enthusiasm was contagious!

Congratulations, TEAM!

Stay tuned for grant results in early June!

Many thanks to all!

Carol Horowitz



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.



All Good Things Must Come to an End

It all started in October of 2011 as part of SLCT's commitment to offer theater classes. Three retired drama teachers, Howard Hummel, Andrea Hummel and Phyllis Novy, offered to teach a class in improvisational theater. No one had an inkling of how far this class would take them!

The 17 students in the class gave reasons for being there: improv is helpful in emergencies on stage, to build theater skills, to improve thinking skills and to help with group bonding. The group's long-term goal was to perform as an improv group. The Feb. 9 theater meeting was targeted as the group's first gig.

And this week's Monday workshop was the group's last get together.

After 8 1/2 years, it was time for the ImproVables to say good-bye.

The class was initially planned for 6 weeks and started with basic improv games: Park Bench, Slow Motion Tag, Hitch Hiker. We talked about Accepting and Maintaining Focus. And when the class was over, nobody wanted to leave. A note on the lesson plan for the second class suggested, "For next week, think of a name for the group." Bob Petrucelli's suggestion for a name was the winner: The ImproVables.

For the next 8 1/2 years the Improvables put on their matching black T-shirts and dark pants and performed. They went to the Elk's Club, the Jewish Community Center, Oakwood, Sun Lakes Country Club, Chandler Gilbert Community College, and outlying community colleges in Maricopa and Coolidge. They did Christmas parties for AAUW, Solera and Ocotillo Women's League. They performed at churches and community centers.

A few dropped out, a few new members came aboard. The group stabilized at 14. Even when not all of them could make it, there were enough people to perform. And even when there were just a few of them to perform, they loved it.

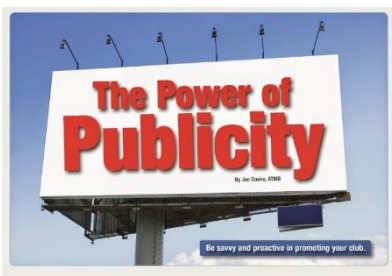
But this week, April 21, the chairs in the Phoenix Room, Cottonwood, weren't placed in audience position. There were no warm-ups. There were snacks and laughter and shared stories. There were hugs.

But there was no more ImproVables.

Andrea Hummel



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.



1. Three articles with pictures sent to *The Splash* for the May edition: “An Evening of Old Time Radio” preview, “Natalie Mayor wins SLCT student actor scholarship for 2019”, and “SLCT Elects New 2019-20 Board”.

2. Big thanks to Carol Horowitz and her team of tireless helpers (Roxie Banta, Barbie Bergerson, Dennis Dannehl, Cindi Decker, Steve Horowitz, Howard Hummel, Wanda

Johnson, Jim Nielsen, Sandy Pallett, Greg Posniack, and Pat Wolfe) for their terrific efforts on behalf of publicizing and fundraising for the *USA Today* \$100,000 Challenge.

3. A new article being prepared for the June *Splash* and the *Sunbird News* about the summer show: “An Evening of Old Time Radio”, June 19-22 at Cottonwood.

Bill Becker, Publicity

An Evening of Old Time Radio

SLCT’s summer show will be an Evening of Old Time Radio. The three radio shows we will be doing are Fibber McGee and Molly, The Bickersons and will finish with The Fred Allen Show with special guest, Jack Benny.



The show runs with 7:00 pm performances June 18 – 21 and ends with a 2:00 pm matinee on June 22nd.

Please reserve Saturday June 15 to help with load in and setting up the set and Saturday June 22nd for take down and putting everything away. We will also be contacting members to help out with ushering.

Roger Edmonds



A Note from the Program/Education Director

As many of us head out in different directions for our summer break, I just want to remind everyone that our Program/Education Committee is still working behind the scenes to provide upcoming entertainment and informative programs for the coming year. We have plans underway and will be meeting this summer to discuss some very exciting programs for our SLCT meetings and parties. We are putting together some exciting new classes for our membership as well. I am extremely excited to have such a dedicated and talented committee working with me on these projects. We are looking forward to providing our theatre group with lots of fun and entertainment!

A special thanks to the people who form this important committee. They are Pat Wolfe and Diana Nelinson. Marcia Green has stepped up to lead the Hospitality Committee this year and has been a big help to our committee this past year. Thank you so much, Marcia.

Have a safe and fun summer and hope to see many of you at our August 28th Cool Down Social! More information will be provided as the event gets closer.

Mary Vandergriff - Program/Education Director



*Announcing the CAST of
You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown (Revised)!*

Congratulations to the CAST of SLCT's Spring, 2020 show!

We are delighted to announce the cast of our first musical in almost two decades!

Cast of Characters: Charlie Brown – (Chris Mank), Lucy Van Pelt – (Sally Holberg), Snoopy – (Susan Schlesinger), Linus Van Pelt – (Joyce Recupido), Schroeder – (Jim Brown), Sally Brown – (Ginger Henry).

Chorus and Other Characters: Will consist of “named Peanuts characters” and appear in costume. * *In alphabetical order:*

Chorus: Tenni Annen, Joan Berger, Mario Carranza , Cindi Decker, Sharon Guzman, Marilyn Holt, Andrea Hummel, Greg Posniack, Chris Roen.

Other Characters: Woodstock - (Phyllis Novy)

(*Other singers or dancers may be added.)

Music Directing Team: Francine Alexander (also Pianist), Tenni Annen, Jim Brown, Chris Roen

Directing Team: Director - Carol Horowitz, Assistant Producer - Howard Hummel

The production will be held in the Oakwood Ballroom and will include the following MARCH, 2020 performances:

Dinner Show dates: Wednesday - 4th, Thursday - 5th, and Friday - 6th

Luncheon Show dates: Saturday - 7th, Sunday - 8th, and Monday - 9th

Attention All Committee Chairs:

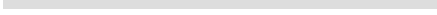
I will be maintaining the on-line calendar on our website, www.slctinfo.com so we can have a central and accurate place to be able check on up-coming events and dates. Please email me, Barry Berger, at lumenprobb@yahoo.com with meeting, performance and any other dates you might feel are pertinent.

Barry Berger



<i>Sun Lakes Community Theatre Calendar</i>		
Old Time Radio Show	June 18-21, 2019, 7.00 p.m., June 22, Matinee, 2:00	San Tan Ballroom
Summer Cool Down Social	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	Dinner Show March 4-6, 2020 Luncheon Show March 7-9, 2020	Oakwood Ballroom
Red Velvet Cake War	July 2020	San Tan Ballroom

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