



September 2019 Asides

Notes from the Board President, Sandy Pallett

Sun Lakes Community Theatre is for all of us, so working together, we can support the mission of SLCT: “To provide live theatre that is produced and performed by the Sun Lakes communities, provide specialized productions for targeted audiences, create educational opportunities for residents to develop and enhance relevant skills and support the development of live theatre in the surrounding communities.”

As a Board, we want to encourage more community participation, so that includes our need to constantly recruit new members for the many areas of acting, technical, backstage, etc. One way to do this is to encourage our friends and neighbors who are not currently members of SLCT to attend our functions. One good upcoming event is the *Welcome Back/Cool Down* social on Wednesday, August 28 at Poolside. I talked to a few of my friends in the past few days, and four of them said they would attend; let’s all talk it up and try to get many new non-members to show up to meet us, greet us, and see what we’re all about! Another time is the October 10 SLCT general meeting at Cottonwood, where we can invite and recruit more new members. Let’s help SLCT grow. Thank you.

Publicity by Bill Becker

1. The upcoming show is Plaza Suite at the Cottonwood Ballroom – Director: Merrie Crawford. Shows from 10/23 Wednesday through 10/26 Saturday each evening at 7 p.m. + 10/27 Sunday Matinee at 1p.m.



Road signs go up: 9/23 Mon. 8 a.m. (SLCT volunteers welcome but will also need to hire outside help for this chore.)

Ticket sales begin **online** at www.slctinfo.com at 10 am on 9/30 Mon. Also, Jim Nielsen will sell tickets at Cottonwood CC (Room A3) 10am-Noon on Wednesdays, October 9, 16 & 23, and at Oakwood (in the Main Lobby) 10am-Noon on Thursdays, October 10, 17, & 24.

Load-in will be 10/21 Tues. 9 a.m. (Will need SLCT volunteers plus hire outside help for this.) The risers will be set up: 10/22

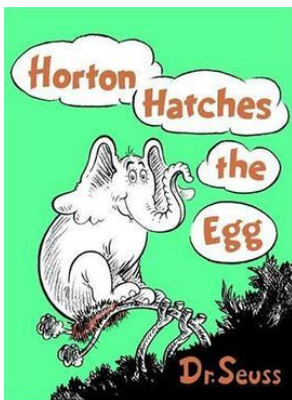
Wed.: a.m. + Tech./dress rehearsal: Wed. 10/22: 4-7 p.m.

Strike set & load-out: 10/26 at appx. 4:30 pm. (Will need SLCT volunteers, plus hire outside help.)

John Crawford and Kathy Miller in Act 3 of Plaza Suite

Articles with pictures are prepared for the September and October issues of *The Splash* and other area newspapers. Posters and flyers will be posted in clubhouses and will also be available for SLCT presentations at the **Fall “Open Houses”** at **Cottonwood on Saturday, October 12**, at **Sun Lakes Country Club on Saturday, October 19**, and at **Oakwood on Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to Noon, the day the show closes**, so we will have a presence at that Oakwood open house to advertise SLCT.

2. Howard and Andrea Hummel are presenting a course in **BEGINNING IMPROV. COMEDY. Dates are Mondays: September 16, 23, 30 and October 7 in Room A9 at Cottonwood. FREE for SLCT members and \$20 for non-members (goes toward an SLCT year’s membership). To enroll or for questions, call Howard at 541-514-0000.**



The word is out!

“Horton Hatches The Egg” notices have gone to the schools in the greater Chandler Unified District and schools are already booking dates. I will be looking for actors to perform this play. Rehearsals will begin after Thanksgiving and we will start to perform live shows on January 14, 2020. Please consider being a part of our cast and crew. The more hands, the easier it is on everyone. Don’t hesitate to sign up. There are both

speaking and non-speaking parts. Scripts will be available in the fall. Come be a part of this very successful and fun community outreach program! It is a major contributor for us to be eligible for our 501c3 status too.

Questions? Speak to me at any of our meetings or email me at basil4sandy@gmail.com.

Thanks so much.

Sandy Bocynesky

Improv classes to be offered in September



If you love being on stage in front of an audience, have we got a class for you! Or, if you're a little uncomfortable in front of a group and would like to feel more relaxed, have we got a class for you! Seriously. And it's the same class.

Howard and Andrea Hummel will be teaching a four-week class in Improvisational theater this fall. The class will meet 10 to 12 am September 16 through October 7 in Room A-9, the Phoenix Room, in Cottonwood. The class is free for SLCT members. For non-members the cost is \$20, which will pay for an SLCT membership.

For those not familiar with Improv, think "Whose Line is it, Anyway?" Of course that's edited, but that's the general idea. Players are given a situation, a character or a prop and asked to create a short scene, usually comic.

The class is only for beginners. It will cover basic improv rules and games and progress through some creative twists on old, familiar games. Participants will need to wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

Class size is limited to, so register soon to be guaranteed a spot. Register for the class by calling Howard Hummel at 541-514-0000.

The Red Velvet Cake Wars

The three Verdeen cousins—Gaynelle, Peaches, and Jimmie Wyvette—could not have picked a worse time to throw their family reunion. It's the hottest day in Texas during the middle of tornado season and a lot of turmoil is going on with the antics of this dysfunctional family. Should Peaches, a mortuarial cosmetologist, have her long absent husband declared dead? And what of Gaynelle's frazzled nerves after "accidentally" driving her minivan through the bedroom wall of her husband's girlfriend's doublewide. Jimmie is trying to outmaneuver a neighbor for the affections of Sweetgum's newest widower.

Well, the reunion is on and Peaches and Jimmie Wyvette have decided that it's success if the best way to prove Gaynelle's sanity to an extremely skeptical court-appointed psychologist. And an over-the-top wager has been made as to who can bake the best Red Velvet cake. And did I mention that the neighbor's pet devours the cakes and a one-eyed suitor shows up on scene? One thing is for certain, this play is fast-paced and riotous!

Linda Caton will be directing and I will be assistant directing this uproarious play. There are 8 female and 4 male parts and we are thinking of adding two non-speaking characters to the play and their roles can be either male or female.

Auditions will take place on Tuesday, March 31st at 3 PM in Room A-6. Anyone needing a script may contact Linda Caton.

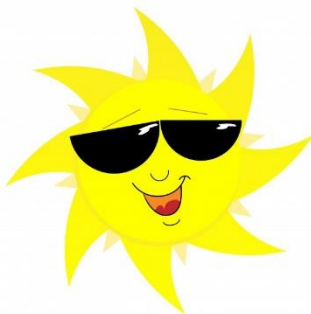
Please note the change of performance dates:

Sunday, July 12th will be a matinee

Wednesday 15 - Saturday 18 will be evening performances.

Hope to see you at auditions.

Sandy Bocynsky



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.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE!!!

As most of you are aware, we have a dedicated group of ladies who help remind and inform members of monthly meetings and special events. What a lot of members don't know is who they are! I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank each of our hospitality committee for their time and thoughtfulness for that monthly phone call to keep us all fully informed of all SLCT functions and for making everyone feel welcome!
Thanks to all!!!

Marcia Green - Chairman
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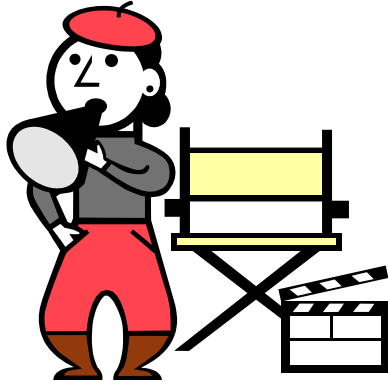
Mary Vandergrift - Program/Education Director

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





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS
WELCOME BACK SOCIAL 2019
AUGUST 28 4-7PM POOLSIDE CAFÉ IN OAKWOOD

Sandwiches and snacks provided

Cash bar

The long, hot summer will soon be winding down, but Sun Lakes Community Theatre is just ramping up, starting with our Welcome Back Social.

Our education team is dedicated to bringing new classes to our membership and will have a sign up sheet at the social for Advanced Acting classes which will be held starting in January on Thursday mornings and we will start off with a favorite, Story Telling in October on Saturday mornings taught by Karen Burns.

We are also hoping to offer classes in Comedy, Dialect, Role Preparation and Voice projection, taught by Verve Acting Studio of Scottsdale. These will be determined by number of people signing up and availability. More information will be available at the Social.

You will not want to miss this event! Come mingle with your friends and hope to meet some new ones! I'm sure everyone has a lot of vacation stories to share!

Mary Vandergriff - Education/Programming Director

Sun Lakes Community Theatre Calendar

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| Summer Cool Down Social | August 28, 2019, 4:00 p.m. | Poolside, Oakwood |
| Board Meeting (new format) | September 10, 2019 | Oakwood Bradford Room A. 10am. All Members Welcome |
| Board Meeting (new format) | October 8, 2019 | Oakwood Bradford Room A. 10am. All Members Welcome |
| Fall Open House | Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019 9-Noon | Cottonwood |
| Fall Open House | Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 9-Noon | Sun Lakes CC |
| Fall Open House | Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 9-Noon | Oakwood |
| Plaza Suite | October 23-27, 2019 October 23-26, 2019, Evening Performance, 7pm October 27, 2019, Matinee Performance, 1 pm | San Tan Ballroom |
| Board Meeting (new format) | November 12, 2019 | Oakwood Bradford Room A. 10am. All Members Welcome |
| Christmas Party | December 10, 2019 Cocktails 5:30 pm Dinner, 6:00 pm | Palo Verde |
| Children's Christmas Show | December 27, 2019, 2 pm | San Tan Ballroom |
| You're A Good Man Charlie Brown | Dinner Show, 7 pm March 4-6, 2020 Luncheon Show, Noon March 7-9, 2020 | Oakwood Ballroom |
| Red Velvet Cake War | July 12, 2020 Matinee, 1:00 p.m. July 15 – 18 Evening, 7:00 p.m. | San Tan Ballroom |

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