

December 2019 Asides



Why SLCT is not leasing space at the Robson/Ace Plaza site

After ten months of face-to-face meetings and many emails between SLCT and the ACE Plaza ownership seeking an actual lease document for our consideration, Mike Robson informed Howard Hummel, who in turn informed the Board, that the abutter to the site we have been seeking to lease has vetoed our presence due to possible noise and other uses of the property that he objects to. Also, you should know that there are no other empty storefronts in the Ace Plaza available from Mr. Robson anywhere close to the reasonable price he offered us for this particular space in the ACE Plaza. So the SLCT Board voted unanimously at our November 11 meeting to authorize the President to send Mr. Robson a registered letter terminating the negotiations, which was done.

The Board is aware that significant funds were donated to SLCT during the Gannett *A Community Thrives Grant Challenge* back in March so that we could try to win a large competitive grant to fund a comprehensive space to house all of the following: building and painting sets, rehearsal space for our shows, storage of risers and all equipment,

etc. Winning such a large grant would have been used to totally fund a comprehensive leased space, but we did not win any of the grants. However, those monies donated by SLCT members and friends are still ours; it would have been used to help subsidize the Robson lease, but with the decision by the abutter and Mr. Robson, that space is no longer available.

Those available funds will be used to further SLCT's goals. For example, some of the funds have already been used to rent additional space on Price Road to be used for the upcoming production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" and other rentals will be added as needed. At the present time, there is no "Plan B" for another comprehensive leased space; however, the Board will consider all options for additional storage, construction and rehearsal spaces that may arise in the future.

That is where we stand at this time. Sandy Pallett

Thinking about running for the Board?

Members who are interested in running for the Board, or who plan on running, please contact Howard Hummel. I would like a letter of interest from potential candidates with the following information:

- 1. Why would you like to be on the Board of SLCT?
- 2. How do you see yourself contributing?
- 3. What skills do you possess that will help the Board in leading SLCT? Please mention communication skills, fact-based decision making, and problem solving.
- 4. The Board is a working Board: what are your interests? Potential Board candidates should start attending Board meetings and read the Bylaws and Policies. SLCT is a nonprofit charity, but it is also a business.

Howard

Publicity by Bill Becker

Publicity is gearing up for the next SLCT production of **You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown**, coming March 4,5,6 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday evenings at 7 pm) and March 7,8,9 (Saturday, Sunday, Monday matinees at 1 pm) in the Oakwood Ballroom. Articles and pictures will be done by Bill Becker and Andrea Hummel. We will plan two articles for each publication of <u>The Splash</u> and <u>Sunbird News</u> in the January, February and March issues before the play, and a follow-up "success" article with pictures from the production for the April editions.

Road signs will go up on Sunday, February 2, 2020, and flyers and 4x4 will be distributed throughout Sun Lakes the week of February 3-7.

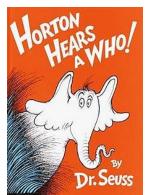
Tickets will go on sale electronically at www.slctinfo.com on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 10 am.

Box Office (face-to-face) ticket sales will be available on Wednesdays (Feb.12, 19, 26) from 10 am-Noon in Room A-3 at Cottonwood and on Thursdays (Feb.14, 20, 27) from 10 am-Noon at Oakwood in the main lobby.

The cost of the dinner shows will be \$38.00 (\$22 for food + \$16 for the show) and the cost for the matinee shows will be \$30.00 (\$14 for food + \$16 for the show).

Dinner: Mixed green salad, cheese on the side, ranch, champagne vin, warm rolls and butter, Chicken Marsala, buttered noodles with different sauces, seasonal veggies, bite size cheesecakes, beverages lemonade, iced tea, water, coffee.

Lunch: Mixed green salad, fruit salad, sub sandwiches cut in thirds, macaroni salad, assorted cookies (lemonade, iced tea, water, coffee).



We have an audience!!! That is so exciting since this is our first adventure at doing a children's show for folks in all of Sun Lakes during the holidays. I am proud of all those working on this for December 27 and say thanks to Sandy Pallett for the idea and a big thanks to Linda Caton and Steve Nolan for adding their ideas and dollars to making this a success! Having said that, I also wish to thank everyone who has now signed up to be a part of Horton for the upcoming year. I have sent out rehearsal schedules and am anxious to get started. So a

big thanks to all of you who are returning and those willing to try this out this year. Sandy Bocynesky



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

It's hard to believe we are in the month of December, heading for a new year right around the corner! We are starting into the holiday season with many new members to our theatre and we are thrilled to welcome them all! I hope everyone had a chance to sign up for our Holiday party on December 10 at Palo Verde. Along with a delicious dinner, we will be entertained by a topnotch comedian who brings his hilarious show to us from well-known comedy clubs from the area and beyond. This holiday event will assuredly be one to remember!

I also want to remind everyone who signed up of the Advanced Acting class starting on January 9. The class was full, but because one person had to drop out, I have an open spot! Anyone wanting to be in this class please contact Mary Vandergriff at 812-607-0412 or text at this number. I will be contacting all 11 who have signed up for this class soon with cost information for each participant.

Enjoy the holidays and I hope to see everyone on December 10! Mary Vandergriff - Programs/Education



I am so excited to announce something different in the way of plays. I will be directing three short plays - all very appropriate and very funny for our audiences. The venue will be at SLCC and will have only 50-60 people in attendance. It is what we are calling "Laughter is the Best Medicine."

Dates: May 6-10

Time: 4:00 Happy funny hour (cocktails and

heavy appetizers)

5:00 show

Price: Appetizers and show...\$25.00 **AUDITIONS: Jan 3, 2020....1-4pm, Sun Lakes**

Country Club

Call me for a script....480-326-2709

Sandy Pallett



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.

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





Sun Lakes Community Theatre Calendar		
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
Auditions for "Laugher is The Best Medicine"	January 3 ,2020 1-4 pm	SLCC
"You're A Good Man Charlie Brown"	Dinner Show, 7 pm March 4-6, 2020 Luncheon Show, Noon March 7-9, 2020	Oakwood Ballroom
"Laugher is The Best Medicine"	May 6-10, 2020 4:00 pm Happy Hour 5:00 pm Show	SLCC
"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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