

February 2020 Asides



Notes From The Board

At the last General Meeting, I announced SLCT signed 14 new members since July 2019. We should celebrate that number and those new members who are David Patterson, Nancy Patterson, Jack Hahn, Janet Lewis, Gene Cline, Jeanette Cline, Kathy Hahn, Lee Murray, Louise Koontz and Mary Jencsok.

Last night I was eating in one of the clubs and started talking to people who were seated next to me. By the time they left, they were interested in joining the theatre. It dawned on me, that most of us have many opportunities to invite people to check us out...our meetings, eating in our clubs, church, neighbors, etc. Hopefully, if we all do a little recruiting, we can add fourteen new members by this coming July.

I think we all feel strongly about being a member of SLCT....so let's share the fun!

Sandy Pallett, President



Happy February!

This is a reminder to everyone that our February general membership meeting is Thursday, February 13.

The Chandler High School drama club will be visiting and entertaining us with their always delightful and talented performances.

There will also be a sneak preview of "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown'! The cast will perform a "snippet" for us. It will be a chance to see what this much anticipated show, directed by Howard Hummel and Penny Peterson, is all about. You won't want to miss this!

Because the next day is Valentine's Day, you can also expect some sweet treats!

Hope to see everyone there. Cocktail half hour is 6:00pm, followed by the meeting at 6:30pm. Meeting will be held in the Saguaro Room at Cottonwood.

Mary Vandergriff - Programs/Education

Preparations are underway for SLCT's spring musical, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, coming to the Oakwood Ballroom on March 4, 5, 6 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday evenings at 7 pm) and March 7, 8, 9 (Saturday, Sunday, Monday matinees at 1 pm). Andrea has written two articles for the February Splash: one about the show and another about Jeanette Cline and her combo, who will provide live music to accompany the vocalists/dancers. Road signs will go up February 2, and during that week, the colorful flyers and 4x4s will be distributed throughout Sun Lakes, such as at Team Trivia and at the Women's Tea at Cottonwood on Wednesday, February 4. The Tech Team is planning its part of the show involving construction of the stage sets and arranging for placements of the lighting and sound equipment, where they will provide excellent lighting and sound for this lively show. Jack Mitchell has built several dramatic props: a big colorful, cartoon-like doghouse large enough to sit on for Snoopy, a bright yellow mock piano for Schroeder, a "psychiatry booth" for Lucy, and a yellow school bus. 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. SLCT members should order their tickets early for this fun show.

Another item that Roger Edmonds and I mentioned at the last general meeting on January 9: you can designate your 2019 Arizona tax credit to any one of the five Chandler High Schools' Drama Departments.

BACKGROUND: Arizona has imbedded a unique system into our AZ state taxes. Each year, an <u>individual can contribute up to \$200</u> and a <u>couple can contribute up to \$400</u>, to an AZ educational institution and receive **all of that tax contribution back as a tax deduction**, **dollar-for dollar!** This tax write-off applies every year.

Example: Let's say that YOU, as an Arizona resident owe \$200 or \$400 per couple or more in Arizona State Tax for 2019. You can either pay the money to the Revenue Department of the State of Arizona OR instead, pay the \$200 or \$400 to an Arizona School. You need to designate a specific high school and the department or club within the school, such as the Drama Department, that will receive your \$200 or \$400 contribution. If you decide to do this, please contact Roger Edmonds (480-261-9957 or rogeredmonds5@gmail.com) who is coordinating to be sure that the contributions are spread out evenly across the five high schools. You need to **choose a specific high school**, and then fill out a blue form you can get from Roger; however, if you want to donate on-line, tell Roger which high school, and then you can go directly to the Chandler School Department's website (CUSD80) and use your credit card for this purpose; you have until the April 2020 tax deadline to include the tax credit on your 2019 tax forms.

If you snooze you lose!

February 10 at 10 am.

Remember that date because that's the earliest you can buy tickets for SLCT's spring play, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!"

You'll hear familiar songs, see familiar faces and leave feeling better than you have in weeks! You'll glow, you'll bounce, you'll smile! But only if you get your tickets early! You won't want to miss out on this, SLCT's first musical with a live orchestra!

It's a ground-breaking event, and you will want to be there!

There are three dinner shows, March 4, 5 and 6. The dinners are at 6 pm, followed by the 7 pm show. The three lunch shows will be March 7, 8 and 9 with lunch served at noon and the play at 1 pm. All shows will be buffet service and held in the Oakwood Ballroom.

If you need more info, call 480-382-6290 or check out the web page at slctinfo.com.



Of Note

The Board passed a new lighting policy that establishes the minimum guidelines for lighting in the San Tan and other venues. This policy will enhance the quality of our lighting using our existing equipment.

Another policy that was passed contained guidelines for SLCT instructors teaching classes.

Both policies can be found in the Policy Handbook found online. Howard Hummel

Election Report

Jo Berlin and Jim Brown have stepped up as candidates for the two vacant positions on the Board. They will talk about themselves and their qualifications at the February general meeting. There is still time for others to throw their hats in. Voting will take place in March. Howard Hummel



The Red Velvet Cake War Auditions are scheduled for Tuesday 3/31 at 3 PM in A-6 in Cottonwood. Many have picked up scripts by now. If you think you want to try out for this summer play, then please contact Linda Caton to get a script. Looking forward to see you at the auditions! Sandy Bocynesky



There are still a lot of people who haven't paid their dues! Please give to me or mail to:
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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 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			
General Meeting	February 13, 2020 6:00 pm social 6:30 Meeting	Saguaro Room, Cottonwood	
"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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