



## October 2020 Asides



### From the Board of Directors:

Board of Directors discussions and decisions from September and October:

#### 1. Regarding the September 8 Board of Directors meeting.

Announcement of MJ Clement as the Board member to succeed Howard for the rest of his term. She will become active as of the end of this meeting.

Cindi presented an updated budget reflecting the changes forced by the COVID situation.

Motion to accept by Jim and seconded by Sandy. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to accept the April-August treasurer's statements was made by Jim and seconded by Sandy. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Bill and Cindi also discussed the Arizona Commission on the Arts (ACA) grant. We were not eligible this year. However, there is a special new grant, **The AZ Organizational Relief Grant (AZ ORG) Program**, available to organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic for which we are eligible. Bill and Cindi will work together to apply for this grant.

Sandy Pallett presented details of her upcoming show "Laughter is the Best Medicine". The show will be performed October 29, 30, 31 & Nov. 1,2,3 outside at Oakwood CC on the wedding venue lawn. There will be a maximum of 40 tickets at \$15 each available per performance and the cast will be a good distance from the audience. The cast will be wearing masks that allow their mouths to be visible and the audience will be required to wear masks and bring their own lawn chairs. A motion to approve the plan was made by Jack and seconded by Jo. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussed a plan to send a mass email (or SurveyMonkey) to membership asking who intends to attend live performances such as this one. There will be questions about the upcoming show and about a possible indoor show next spring and next summer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Sandy Bocynesky has indicated that, due to the uncertain COVID situation in the Chandler schools and that our Senior actors are in the highest-risk group, **“Horton” will be cancelled for spring of 2021**, and the show can be reconsidered possibly for the spring of 2022. A motion to approve the cancellation was made by Jo and seconded by Jim. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

## **2. Regarding the October 6 Board of Directors’ meeting.**

Budget Update – Cindi

Reviewed the September 2020 budget items.

Indicated that we will be in the red on the 2021 budget and will present her findings at the General Membership Meeting on October 8.

A new AZ Organizational Relief Grant (AZ ORG COVID RELIEF) Program application has been sent in; the results are expected the week of Oct. 26.

Discussion about a grant we made to Hamilton High School that the check we sent has not yet been cashed. A decision was made to have Cindi call Roger, who is the liaison to the high schools, to call the Drama Director at Hamilton and ask her to follow up. Maybe the pandemic slowed their progress.

The new fiscal year for SLCT dues is February of 2021. Some members haven’t paid this year’s 2020 dues and we need to find out whether or not they want to remain members. Both Cindi and Sandy said they have sent emails to them, but with no response at this point.

Recommendation made to have Jim Nielsen follow up by separating the list into an active and an inactive list. Also, a suggestion was made to include a reminder about unpaid dues in a brief article in the next *Asides*.

Sandy agreed to take Howard’s vacant Vice President position. A motion to approve Sandy as Vice President was made by MJ and seconded by Mary. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jack Mitchell will chair the Fund-raising Committee, formerly co-chaired by Howard and Jack, and he will also take on the responsibility for GRANTS as part of that committee.

MJ Clement will become the Tech Team Coordinator/liaison.

Sandy, Mary, Jim N. and Greg gave an update about the upcoming show “Laughter is the Best Medicine”, to be presented October 29, 30, 31 and November 1, 2 & 3 outdoors at Oakwood CC. They gave positive reviews about using ZOOM for rehearsals and they are eager to put on a great show.

MJ talked about the tech challenges for this show. Lights and sound must be taken down after each performance and set up again before each next performance. Her team is ready and she plans to work with as few people as are necessary due to COVID-19.

Jim Nielsen talked about ticket sales. NO online sales or accepting credit cards this time, so tickets must be purchased with **cash or check only**.

Ticket sales dates and times are:

At Cottonwood on Tuesdays October 13, 20, & 27 in Room A4 (next to the library) from 10 am-Noon.

At Oakwood on Wednesdays, October 14, 21, & 28 in the clubhouse main lobby from 10 am-Noon.

At Sun Lakes Country Club on Thursdays October 15 & 22 in the clubhouse lobby from 10 am-Noon.

Members' SurveyMonkey results: The primary conclusion from the survey was that only 30% said they would not attend a live performance by SLCT before a COVID vaccine was available; however, 70% said they would. For 2021, 55% said they would attend an indoor show next spring and 67.5% said they would attend an outdoors show. Results based on a sample of 40 members' responses.

#### NOTICES:

Bill - Possible SLCT productions for Spring, Summer and Fall of 2021. If we are able to do shows inside in the Cottonwood ballroom, we are tentatively planning a spring show on April 25 to May 2; then, Linda Caton will present her show postponed from last summer on July 11-18; then, the fall of 2021 is still open (perhaps another dinner-theatre production?)

November ZOOM **Board of Directors** meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10 at 9 am.

Mary is planning a ZOOM "Happy Hour" in December; when details are finalized, they will be emailed to the membership.

After this Thursday's **General Membership Meeting**, the next one will be in January 2021 when we will have a better picture about the 2021 season.

## Club dues.

Some members haven't paid this year's 2020 dues. We attempted to determine whether or not they want to pay their dues to remain active members, so both Cindi and Sandy have sent emails to them, but with little response at this point.

A recommendation has been made to have Jim Nielsen separate the membership list into active and inactive. Active members will retain access

to the club emails, *the Asides*, and voting at the General Membership Elections Meeting each March.

If you haven't paid your 2020 dues yet, please send a check for \$20.00 for each membership to Assistant Treasurer, Greg Posniack, 9047 E. Cedar Waxwing Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

The new fiscal year for SLCT dues is February 1 of 2021. The dues remain the same=\$20.00 per person.

Several new members joined this year, so let's keep our vibrant organization strong and growing. Thank you.

### **Laughter is the Best Medicine – outdoor theater is coming to Oakwood.**

#### ***SLCT is giving you what we all need – a big dose of laughter!***

Sun Lakes Community Theatre will be presenting **Laughter is the Best Medicine** (three hilarious one-act plays about people in a sunny southwest senior community: *Naked Man on the Couch*, *Hot Pursuit*, and *Mother's Day*) behind Oakwood Country Club, **outside on the grass at the wedding venue**. Precautions will be taken: theater-goers will be sitting in a safe environment with chairs spaced 6 feet apart (please bring your own comfortable lawn chairs); face masks will be required for all our patrons, actors and technical staff.

For everyone's safety, only 40 tickets will be sold each night. **ADMISSION IS \$15.00 PER PERSON**. There are no reserved seats: first come, first seated. The show starts at 5:30 pm and runs about an hour and half. Food and drinks will be available before the show at the *Stone & Barrel* restaurant but separate from the ticket price.



THE SHOW RUNS OCTOBER 29, 30, 31, NOVEMBER 1, 2, 3 (Thursday through Tuesday). TICKETS that are color-coded by performance dates will be sold by SLCT members at Cottonwood CC, Oakwood CC, and at Sun Lakes Country Club; here is the lineup for ticket sales:

At Cottonwood on Tuesdays October 13, 20, & 27 in Room A3 (next to the library) from 10 am-Noon.

At Oakwood on Wednesdays, October 14, 21, & 28 in the clubhouse main lobby from 10 am-Noon.

At Sun Lakes Country Club on Thursdays October 15 & 22 in the clubhouse main lobby from 10 am-Noon.

Since we are not using the automated on-line sales for this show, please purchase with cash or checks only (checks preferred).

There will be singing, three short comic plays and a laugh-out-loud intermission. This is a show our members won't want to miss for many reasons, but most of all, the show is hilarious... For November, this is just what the doctor ordered - to get out of your house and enjoy "live" fun theater in an outdoor environment!

<i>Sun Lakes Community Theatre Calendar</i>		
“Laughter is The Best Medicine”	October 29, 30, 31 and November 1, 2, 3. 5:30 p.m.	Outside at Oakwood Country Club on the wedding venue lawn
If possible based on Pandemic situation and San Tan construction schedule. “Catch Me If You Can”	April 24 – May 2, 2021 7: p.m.	<b>San Tan Ballroom</b>
If possible based on Pandemic situation and San Tan construction schedule. “Red Velvet Cake War”	July 12, 2020 Matinee, 1:00 p.m. July 15 – 18 Evening, 7:00 p.m.	<b>San Tan Ballroom</b>

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:lumenprobb@yahoo.com) with meeting, performance and any other dates you might feel are pertinent.

*Barry Berger*

