



January 2021 Asides



From the Board of Directors:

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Recent updates and decisions:

Report from our Treasurer, Cindi Decker, that she applied for a new ACA-ORG state grant, and she received an email that SLCT has been awarded one in the amount of \$6,000 to be paid sometime in December. This ORG grant will balance our budget for this fiscal year. Big thanks to Cindi for all the work she does for SLCT.

Voted to send the yearly membership email to all current members asking that everyone remit payment for 2021 by February 1, 2021, so we can determine an accounting of eligible members before the mandatory March General Membership Meeting, where only paid-up member can participate and vote.

Discussion and praise for Mary Vandergriff and Sandy Pallett for their ZOOM “holiday party” on December 8. Thank you both for adding much-needed holiday cheer, plus a visit by Santa Greg, with the enthusiastic participation by many of our SLCT members.

The Vice-President of SLCT is in charge of recruiting candidates for the Board of Directors. Two new Directors will be voted in by the membership at the General Meeting in March of 2021, so if you are interested in running for one of the two positions, please inform Sandy Pallett by email at palletts32@aol.com.

Opinion by Bill Becker: SLCT and the COVID vaccine

The following has not been acted upon by the Board of Directors, but it is my opinion about what will probably happen this spring and summer of 2021.

Information from the AZ Department of Health concerning the COVID vaccines schedule. With the first doses of the coronavirus vaccine expected to be available in Arizona this month, state health officials on Friday laid out a plan for distribution and the priority list for those wanting to receive the treatment. The plan is a more solidified — but not final — version of a [draft](#) the Arizona Department of Health Services posted in October in preparation for vaccine distribution. Dr. Cara Christ, ADHS director, revealed that the state is projected to receive more than 380,000 doses by the end of December. The initial doses will be reserved for individuals in the **top priority group (1A), which is estimated to include about 400,000 eligible Arizonans, which includes health care workers, long-term care high-risk residents and staff at those residential facilities.**

The vaccine is expected to be available for those in that group within 48 hours after they are received, according to Christ. “It’s a lot of people with limited vaccine coming in,” Christ said during a press briefing. “We are going to provide those high-risk groups with that opportunity by the start of the year.” More than 1,000 provider locations in the state have started the onboarding process for vaccine distribution and about 350 locations have been approved for it. Most sites will directly receive vaccine shipments, according to Christ. She also wants as many mass vaccinations sites as possible. She hopes they are similar to the large, drive-in sites that are currently being used to test for COVID-19.

Quicker distribution would likely result in those in the **secondary priority group (1B) — notably educators** — getting access to the vaccine in a more-timely manner. Those in secondary priority group also include **essential workers such as law enforcement and fire personnel and food service employees.** “We anticipate getting the vaccine to some of our highly prioritized groups probably around the beginning of January,” Christ said. The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are the two that will be initially available to Arizonans. Both vaccines require two doses that will need to be administered either 21 or 28 days apart to ensure full vaccination.

Group Level 1C: TBD by jurisdiction. People at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease.

1C Adults with underlying medical conditions (obesity, COPD, heart disease, diabetes, chronic kidney disease)

1C Adults 65+ years and older.

1C Adults living in congregate settings TBD by jurisdiction.

Christ expects “hundreds of millions” of vaccinations to be available to the third priority group **“by March or April when they will be administered to the general population”**.

As to SLCT and our Sun Lakes communities, it appears that the majority of our local senior citizens will not be fully vaccinated until late April or May 2021 (shots 21- 28 days apart). So, it is evident that we cannot produce our tentatively-scheduled spring play, "Catch Me If You Can", with a cast and crew and a live audience inside in the San Tan Ballroom from April 25-May 2.

However, it may still be possible to do the summer play, "The Red Velvet Cake War", as it is scheduled for July 13-17 in the San Tan Ballroom; we will have to wait and see about that one, and the Board of Directors would have to make the decision in late April to give the director, the cast, the technical crew, publicity and ticket sales enough time to prepare for the show.

A fall play or show has not yet been selected by the Board.

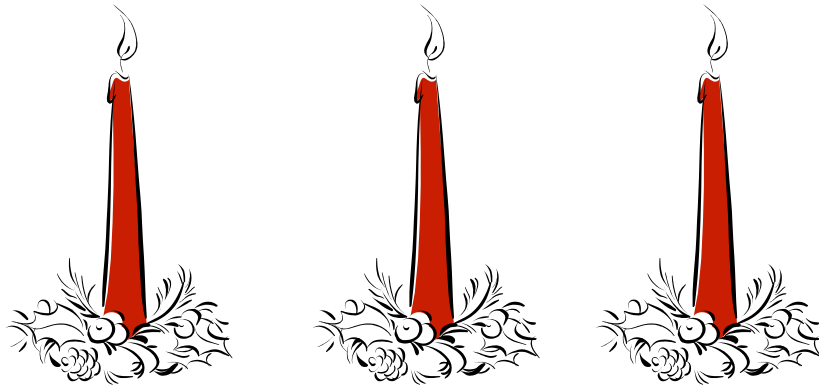
"Curiouser and curiouser", said Alice. In Wonderland Sometime in 2021, a show must go on....



Adopt a Family at Christmas project

I want to thank all of the SLCT members that donated gift cards to the Hamilton High School's "Adopt a Family at Christmas" project. I was so proud to hand over \$600 worth of gift cards for their students and families that need a helping hand this time of year. The school was very appreciative of our generous contribution. Now, let's wash our hands of this past year and look forward to a wonderful 2021!
Sandy Pallett





ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ZOOM PARTY WAS ENJOYED BY THOSE WHO ATTENDED!

By Mary Vandergriff and Sandy Pallett

On December 8, SLCT members took part in one of two sessions to celebrate the holidays and spread a little holiday cheer! Our members gave Santa Greg their wishes for the holiday season and the New Year ahead. Most of the wishes had the same theme: to put this unusual year behind us, to hope for peace on earth and to keep our families and friends safe.

For those of you who missed the Holiday Cheer Party, I hope you will join us in the future for more ZOOM “get togethers”. We will be organizing some different theatre activities to keep us connected through the remainder of this health crisis. Several members have volunteered to lend their “expertise” in areas such as Improv, script reading, one-act plays and performances of songs and monologues by our talented members. All will be done through ZOOM and will be a way for us to interact through video.

Look for more information coming up in the near future as we organize this project. We will our membership survey for interest and give instructions on how to be a part of these ZOOM activities.

In the meantime, stay safe and have a wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year!



ZOOM ACTIVITY SESSIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR!!

We are still in the planning stages of our Zoom activity sessions for the next few months, but several members have volunteered to lead these with their expertise! They will organize them as to subject matter and date then will send E-Blasts for those interested to “come” to these sessions. You are encouraged to attend whether you want to participate or just enjoy observing. We will try to do one or possibly two a month for the next three months (or beyond?) on days of the host’s choosing depending on their availability.

We will start off with a session on script reading led by Pat Wolfe. Up next will be Story Telling led by Phyllis Novy. We are also working on a possible Improv performance and a talent “show” consisting of singing, monologues and other talents our members would like to share. These will be led by members who have volunteered but not yet coordinated with.

Jim Nielsen will help us with the technical parts, sending the E-Blasts for interest and setting up the instructions for people to attend the meeting.

If there are any other ideas any member would like to add, please let us know. We welcome all ideas and members to lead and organize. We want to give a big thank you for all who have volunteered to participate and keep our theatre going strong!

We hope everyone had a safe and Merry Christmas and want to wish all our members a healthy and Happy New Year!

Mary Vandergriff and Sandy Pallett



Dear SLCT Member,

As we move beyond the bizarre 2020, we are looking forward to a much better and healthier 2021 for all of us and for SLCT. Based on the COVID vaccine delivery and implementation, we are still hoping to present live theater to the Sun Lakes community some time in 2021.

We need the support of you, our currently committed members, and our new members added recently. Thus, we are sending this email to you reminding you of our low, low membership dues: still only \$20 per member per year!

Due to the pandemic and there being no face-to-face membership meetings or large group social gatherings, the Board has had to implement an old process for payment: Snail Mail. Please place your check (\$20 per person) in a stamped envelope and send it to our Assistant Treasurer:

Greg Posniack 9047 E. Cedar Waxwing Drive Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Based on the Bylaws, each member should remit his/her membership payment once per year. **Please remit your check made out to SLCT by February 1, 2021**, so that we can compile an up-to-date roster of paid members in early 2021. Checks dated December 2020 will be counted toward your 2021 dues.

Reminder: Members must be in good standing (dues paid) to vote at the required annual meeting in March of 2021, when new Board members are selected.

Exception voted by the Board: Anyone who is new to SLCT and has paid his/her \$20 dues after October 1, 2020 will receive full credit toward his/her 2021 membership dues. Currently, there are three new people in this category.

Thank you for your past support and together we can look forward to a bright SLCT future.

Sincerely,
Your SLCT Board of Directors

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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 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

