



February 2021 Asides



From the Board of Directors:

By Bill Becker

Update of Board information and actions:

- Update on the AZ ORG Covid Relief Grant (extra \$ released by Governor Ducey specifically for the Arts in Arizona): Cindi Decker wrote and submitted the application and Greg Posniack reported that \$6,000 has been received and has been deposited into our SLCT bank account. This additional \$ will help balance our budget for 2021. Many thanks to Cindi (Treasurer) and Greg (Assistant Treasurer) for the work they are doing in the area of finance.
- Update on 2021 memberships renewals: As of January 29, 2021, 68 members have renewed their 2021 membership dues. We are hoping the rest of our approximately 90 active members will renew by early February to continue to support SLCT and be eligible to vote at the March 11 Annual Meeting.
- Update on spring ZOOM "Activity Sessions": Mary Vandergriff, coordinator. The first set of ZOOM activities is being organized now: in February, Pat Wolfe will do "Play script readings", and in March, Phyllis Novy will do "Storytelling". More events to come in subsequent months...

- Future SLCT stage shows:
 - A. The Board voted to officially **cancel the Spring show** in the San Tan Ballroom (April 25-May 2) due to the uncertainty about the amount and extent of COVID vaccine coverage during the spring.
 - B. The Board voted to **table until the April 2021 Board meeting** whether to commit to the Summer show in the San Tan Ballroom (July 13-17). Based on vaccine coverage at that time, there would be 2 ½ months to prepare the show, and the Board would also have to consider the extent of vaccinations of the cast and crew, plus the anticipated size of the audience for an indoor show in mid-July.
- Yearly gifts to the Chandler High Schools:
 - A. The Board voted to approve individual \$300.00 gifts to each of the five Chandler High Schools Drama Departments to continue our long-standing tradition of supporting local high school drama students. This is less than the previous \$750 per year per school, but the Board felt this amount can fit within our 2021 budget.
 - B. No action was taken yet on the \$1,000 yearly scholarship to a top drama student.
- The Board approved an updated version of the document: “ SLCT DUTIES OF BOARD OFFICERS and other important SLCT positions”. This will be placed on the SLCT website.

Upcoming meetings:

February Board of Directors ZOOM Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 9 am.

March Board of Directors ZOOM meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 9 am.

Annual General Membership ZOOM meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6 pm.

AGENDA:

1. Call to order - establish a quorum (Section 3.3: “At all meetings of the members of the Corporation, 20% of members entitled to vote present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum”.)
2. Elect new members to the Board of Directors – VP Sandy Pallett
3. Recognize outgoing Board members.
4. Entertainment is being planned.





2021 Dues reminder

Based on the COVID vaccine delivery and implementation, we are still hoping to present live theater to the Sun Lakes community later in 2021. We need the continued support of you, our currently committed members, and we are reminding you that our low, low membership dues are 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 where we can renew memberships, the Board has had to implement an old process for payment: Snail Mail. Members must be in good standing (dues paid) to vote at the required annual meeting March 11, 2021 (on ZOOM this year), when two new Board directors will be selected. Also, members must be in good standing to be able to attend our new fun ZOOM SLCT activities such as play script readings, storytelling, etc. starting this spring.

As of January 29, 2021, 68 out of approximately 90 members have submitted their 2021 dues. If you have not yet done so, **please remit your check made out to SLCT** (\$20 per member) in a stamped envelope and mail it to: Greg Posniack, Assistant Treasurer, 9047 E. Cedar Waxwing Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Sincerely,

Your SLCT Board of Directors



Just a reminder!

By Sandy Pallett

We are electing SLCT Board members at our annual meeting on March 11. We have two positions open on the board for the next three years. Bill Becker and Mary Vandergriff have served their three yearsnow it is somebody else's turn. If you are thinking about running, you need to let me know. So far, two members have volunteered to run.

We are hoping we have a lot of members on our Annual meeting ZOOM call....we have a FUN evening planned. A few of our members who have been around (the theatre that is) for many years and have a lot of knowledge about SLCT and some funny stories about experiences during shows, etc. will share their memories.

So mark your calendar for March 11, 6:00 pm drinks (at your house of course), then our Annual meeting starts at 6:30.

Jim Nielsen will send out information on how to get into the ZOOM meeting beginning of March.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE!!



JOIN OUR VIRTUAL ZOOM SCRIPT READING CLASS!



Mark your calendars for the week of February 15!

Pat Wolfe will be hosting a Zoom Session in Script Reading! She has previously held sessions in her home and they were fun times for all who attended! She will have scripts available for you. Comedy will be the theme of the play she has chosen. I know everyone needs a little comedy these days! She is planning on the sessions to be held in the afternoon at 1pm and may need to hold more than one session if the interest is there. We don't want to leave anyone out!

Pat will enlist Jim Nielsen to send an E-Blast when she has all details finalized but for anyone who may want to get their name on that list now, or for more information, you are welcome to contact Pat by email at: pbwolfe4@aol.com.

Script reading done virtually is a new concept for us but we have learned a lot these past few months, having "get togethers" and rehearsals by Zoom. We think this will be a fun activity for our theatre and is another way for us to stay connected. We hope to see you in February on Zoom.

Mary Vandergriff and Sandy Pallet - Programs, Education directors

Live theater

By Marsha Mason, award-winning actress of stage, film and television.

(This Valentine to live theater was discovered by Phyllis Novy.)



I miss the discipline of working on Broadway. On any stage, for that matter.

Getting ready for a performance by reciting, out loud, all my lines before leaving for the theater. Eating early and warming up my voice and body before going to the theater at least an hour and a half before half-hour is called backstage.

Arriving at the Stage Door and signing in.

Saying hello to everyone and asking how they're doing.

I miss walking on the stage and having a private moment looking out at the space and the empty seats and taking a deep breath and exhaling a sound, throwing it all the way to the balcony and beyond.

I miss beginning that connection with the theater. It focuses my mind on the work ahead and I get excited about the possibility of making magic. As I undress, I leave my daily world behind and begin the process of becoming the character. Exchanging my everyday clothes for my costume, the body of the character begins to become me. And just before “places” is called, I go down to the stage and stand quietly to hear the murmurs and the sounds of the audience. Feeling and hearing their buzz, their excitement. Hooking myself into the energy in this shared space...

I say a prayer of gratitude and celebration for this wonderful experience that is about to begin. Making a commitment to do the very best I can for them, hopefully transporting them to another world of living and feeling. Helping them make the trip by experiencing the truth of all the moments on the stage in that particular performance. Every performance is truly special. No two are exactly the same. How amazing!

I miss going to the theater! Several years ago, I had the great good fortune of being a Tony nominator and it required seeing every single show eligible for the award that year. It was an amazing and somewhat intimidating experience, but I realized that no matter the show, every performance is an event. It is a special event every single time for the people responsible for its creation and the people in the audience.

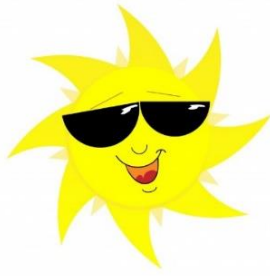
I miss being part of that visceral exchange of energy! The possibility of experiencing something new: a surprise, an idea that grabs at my throat and heart, a moment of illumination, a moment of magic.

I miss the creation of memories that occurs when you see and hear something extraordinary on a stage. When you surprise yourself with an eruptive, "AH!" or "Ha-ha!" or an "OH!" When the set or the actors or the director and the lighting or the playwright and the composer and lyricist reveals a truth that is universal and recognizable to us all. I miss the palpable exchange of real, visceral, creative energy and emotions, and there is always the possibility of witnessing greatness. Greatness shared.

I deeply miss the experience of live theater.

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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

