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# Sun Lakes Community Theatre



***If You Read To The End Of The Asides, You Will Be Among The First to Know  
All The Important Dates And Events Of SLCT!***

## *Message From Our President*



*Diana Nelinson's "Catch Me If You Can" for next spring has finally gotten the dates for the show: April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope to see you all there.*

Sandy Bocynesky will be directing our summer show, "Last Round-up of the Guacamole Queens" to open on 7/8/22.

Our "Warm Holiday Wishes" holiday party on Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! We had 67 members and their spouses attending. The food and drink at the Palo Verde Country Club was excellent and the entertainment was delightful. We all had a great time!

We have been notified that we have won a grant from the Arizona Organizational Relief Fund which we should receive by April 30<sup>th</sup>. It is to be used for operational expenses.

Our "Improvables" will be performing at Phase One on February 5<sup>th</sup>, dinner and the show will be \$25.00. This is the first time they will be performing in about 2 years, so let's come out and support them.

We now have a publicity committee chaired by Kate King-Turner that consists of Bill Becker, Barry Berger, Irma Bray, Roger Edmonds, Sharon Gerdik, Robin Murray, Jim Nielsen and Pat Wolfe. They will be coordinating all publicity for our activities. Please contact Kate if you'd like to help.

Our next meeting will be on January 13<sup>th</sup> in the Saguaro room with cocktails at 6:00 and the meeting at 6:30. We ask that everyone who attends has been vaccinated.

We are also still planning some classes and some additional sessions of play reading and storytelling.

I hope everyone had a joyous, happy and healthy holiday season!

Greg Posniack - President



## Up-Coming General Membership Meetings

### ***JANUARY 13, 2022 – SAGUARO ROOM,***

Cottonwood CC

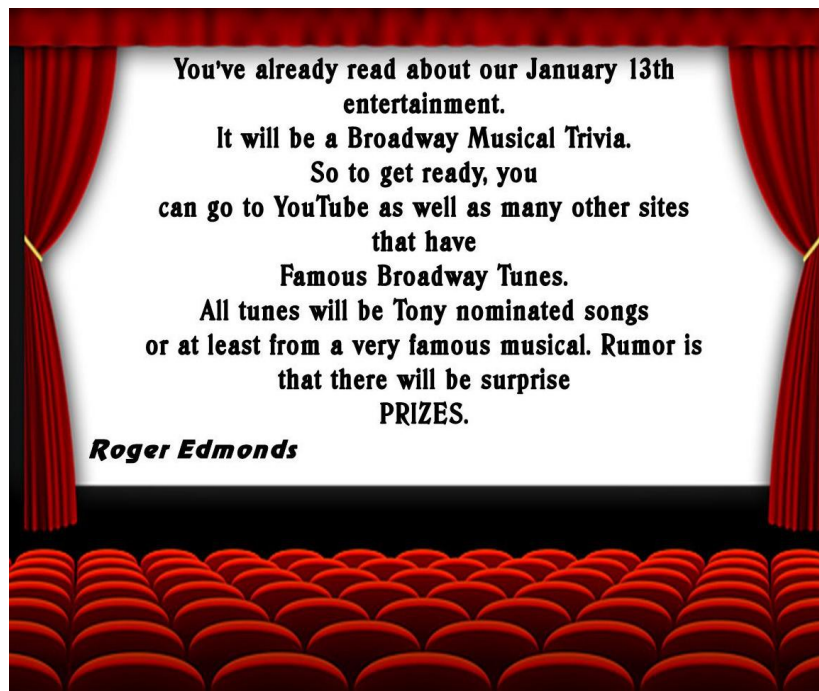
6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting

Study up on your Broadway fun facts as *Old Time Radio* director Roger Edmonds leads us through a **TRIVIA NIGHT** about the Great White Way!

### ***FEBRUARY 10, 2022 – SAGUARO***

***ROOM,*** Cottonwood CC

6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting SLCT proudly supports the drama/musical theatre programs at the five nearby Chandler high schools. Those students will be visiting to show off their talents in pieces of their choosing!



## COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE FESTIVITIES AIDED BY SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE

On December 3, 2021 lots of activities for Cottonwood Palo Verde Country Club were planned by the newly hired Recreation Manager Jean Jones. Many members from the Sun Lakes Community Theatre (SLCT) helped her bring it all together! "I don't know what I would have done without them," said Jones.

From the golf cart parade to their community Christmas function, SLCT members dressed up, came out in full force and lent several helping hands to make each event special for attendees.

The SLCT members that graciously helped with the events were: John and Merrie Crawford as Mr. & Mrs Santa Claus (*photo 1*), Irma Bray as Rudolph, Sonya White as The Snowman and Diana Nelinson as the Grinch. Santa's Elves were: Joyce Recupido, Mary Vandergriff and Kathy Tomaszewski. Santa's Helpers: Pat Wolfe, Nancy Patterson and Robin Murray (*photo 2*) guided the children in the audience when children were asked to be an active part of the some of the Christmas songs too!

SLCT member Jeanette Cline volunteered her keyboard class to entertain the audience with Jeanette as the MC. Our own Cindi Decker played one of the keyboards, Sally Holberg and Gene Cline entertained by performing holiday songs throughout the program. SLCT technical supports was given by Dave & MaryAnn Stevens, Dennis and Susan Conzatti & MJ Clement.

"Sun Lakes Community Theatre and Cottonwood Palo Verde Country Club have had a long standing relationship and work very well together." said SLCT board member MJ Clement. In addition to all of the help SLCT provided for her Dec. 3rd event, Recreation Manager, Jean Jones, wanted to let others know that homeowners are family and part of each others lives. She developed The 12 Days of Christmas Gifts program to help show that Cottonwood/Palo Verde community homeowners care about each other.

Twelve Cottonwood/ Palo Verde residents were chosen as recipients of what will now be an annual event. Sally Holberg and several past SLCT members donated their time to help wrap the Christmas presents for the program. Two of Santa's Elves, (Irma Bray from SLCT and Jean ones, Recreation Manager – *photo 3*) helped deliver the gift bags in Irma's Mustang convertible as SLCT member, MJ Clement, led the way in her Honda van! Team work and cooperation made this holiday season a treat for both the Cottonwood/Palo Verde community and Sun Lakes Community Theatre. We can hardly wait to see what 2022 brings.





The spring show is ready, set, a GO! Director Diana Nelinson is pleased to announce her upcoming mystery/thriller/comedy “Catch Me If You Can” to be performed Wednesday, April 27 through Sunday, May 1, 2022. The shows will be in the San Tan Ballroom in Cottonwood. Show times are 7pm Wednesday through Saturday and Sunday’s matinee will be at 1pm.

Cast changes have occurred due to timing of the performances with Kate Turner playing the lead role of Elizabeth Corbin and Maria Blanding assuming the role of Mrs. Parker. Other cast members remain the same with Lorin Hicks ably acting as Daniel Corbin; Mario Carranza religiously playing Father Kelleher; Rich Paladino slyly being Detective Levine; Michael Carter portraying Sidney, the delicious deli owner and Dennis Dannehl owning the part of Mr. Parker, a rich car dealer and owner of the chalet in which the mystery unfolds.

This play, based on a couple on their honeymoon, starts off with the husband attempting to get the local authorities to look for his missing wife. When the town’s clergyman shows up with a woman claiming to be the missing wife, things get interesting. Is Mr. Corbin losing his marbles? Is Mrs. Corbin, in fact, planning the demise of her new husband? Can the Detective get to the bottom of this mystery? It’s a fast moving, spine- tingling story that you won’t want to miss. Tickets will be available closer to show time, on-line and in person sales to be announced in March. But mark those days now so you don’t miss out!



## ***THE SUMMER SHOW HAS BEEN CHOSEN!***

**THE SUMMER 2022 PLAY IS THE LAST ROUND-UP OF THE GUACAMOLE QUEENS BY JESSIE JONES, NICHOLAS HOPE, AND JAMIE WOOTEN. THE GUACAMOLE QUEENS IS ACTUALLY THE THIRD COMEDY IN THE VERDEEN COUSINS TEXAS TRILOGY.**

**THE VERDEEN COUSINS ARE ATTEMPTING TO HOLD THE BEST EVER, LAST HIGH SCHOOL REUNION BEFORE THE BUILDING IS TORN DOWN. THEY ALSO WANT VERY MUCH TO IMPRESS A GOVERNOR'S AIDE WITH THEIR PARTY-PLANNING CAPABILITIES SO THAT THEY CAN NAB THE JOB OF THROWING THE GOVERNOR'S BIRTHDAY BASH WHICH IS VERY NEEDED TO KEEP THEIR BUSINESS GOING. AMID ALL THIS IS UNCLE AUBREY WHO IS ROMANCING TWO OCTOGENARIAN SISTERS AT ONCE. AND AUNT LAMERLE, WHO IS DETERMINED TO BE CROWNED THE FINAL AND FOREVER GUACAMOLE QUEEN OF SWEETGUM HIGH. BUT TONS OF NONSENSE ENSUES AS MORE DELIGHTFUL AND NUTTY CHARACTERS ADD TO THE CHAOS THAT IS ENSUING SUCH AS DEWEY DAVENPORT AND HIS FRIEND. MOST OF THE ACTION IS IN AND AROUND WIDE BRIDE, A BRIDAL BOUTIQUE ON MAIN STREET IN SWEETGUM TEXAS. THAT SHOP TITLE ALONE BRINGS A SMILE TO THE LIPS. THE PLAY OPENS AS CEE CEE WINDHAM WELCOMES ALL TO THE HOSPITALITY HOUSE. ALTHOUGH NOT A PART OF THE PLAY, I CAN FORESEE A SILENT CHARACTER FOR THE SCENE SHOULD SOMEONE WISH TO BE A PART OF THE PLAY WITHOUT SPEAKING BUT DOING ALL ACTIONS TO ENHANCE THE HOSPITALITY HOUSE SCENE.**

**CASTING TRY-OUTS WILL BE THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL AND COPIES OF THE PLAY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE JANUARY MEETING FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN READING FOR A PART OR YOU MAY CONTACT ME DIRECTLY AFTER THE HOLIDAYS TO PICK UP A COPY. AGAIN THERE ARE 9 WOMEN AND 4 MALE ACTORS NEEDED. PLEASE CONSIDER TRYING OUT FOR THIS ONE. I WILL ALSO BE LOOKING FOR FOLKS TO HELP OUT. THEY ARE BACKSTAGE AND FRONT OF THE HOUSE WORKERS AND MORE.**

***Rehearsals will begin in May starting the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> as of now. The specific days and times will be provided to the cast selected.***

***SANDY BOCYNESKY, DIRECTOR***





## ***THE IMPROVABLES ARE BACK!!!***

**The ImproVables, Sun Lakes Community Theatre's comedy improv troupe, will perform at Sun Lakes Country Club on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Tickets for the show and a buffet dinner are \$25 and will be available for purchase at the Administrative Office of Sun Lakes Country Club in early January.**

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**The ImproVables provide an evening's worth of non-stop laughter. Improvisational comedy relies on suggestions and ideas from the audience. The performers then create scenes and sketches based on these suggestions and all off the top of their heads. There are no scripts and no rehearsal!**

**The ImproVables had a two year hiatus due to the pandemic. Now they are back and ready to entertain! The newly re-organized troupe of 20 performers is comprised of former members and members who are new to the art of improv. "We meet and practice every Monday morning," states Phyllis Novy, one of the troupe's founders. "It is a joy to begin each week with laughter."**



**ImproVables Gang**





# The ImproVables

Sun Lakes  
Community Theatre's  
**COMEDY**  
improv troupe!



**\$25**  
Dinner  
and  
Show



Saturday,  
**February 5**

Doors open 5pm  
5:30 pm Dinner - Show 6:30 pm

## Menu

Pasta Bar  
Salad  
Dessert

 **CASH BAR**



Sun Lakes  
Country  
Club  
Arizona  
Room

Ticket sales begin Monday, Jan. 3 thru Friday Jan. 28, 2022  
at Sun Lakes Country Club Administrative Services

## Warm Holiday Wishes

*It was "Warm Wishes" for 67 SLCT members and guests at the December 14th Holiday event celebrating great friendships, delicious food and fun entertainment. We ate and danced the night away. And all the more meaningful to be gathered together again.*

*Special thanks to the members who gave of their time and talents to make the evening memorable for all: Robin Murray, Sandy Pallett, Greg Posniack, Judie Janowski, Kate Turner, Barry Berger, Marcia Greene, Maria Blanding and Mary Vandergriff. We are grateful to all who joined us for the merry and bright festivities!*



Keven Moen  
Our Entertainer



Our Santa



The Dancers

# FUN FACTS



## What Your Mom Never Told You About Stage Lighting!

by MJ Clement

We are very fortunate to have the technology and equipment available to make stage lighting such an effective way to enhance a production!



But **it wasn't** always that easy to light a stage! The earliest known form of **stage lighting** was **sunlight**. As a matter of fact, the sun played such an **extremely important role**, that in order to establish a **specific mood**, actors **paused** plays and **took an intermission** until the **sun's angle** suited the need for the scene!

The **early Grecian theaters** were built **facing east to west**, so that in the **afternoon** plays were performed to **take advantage of the natural sunlight** hitting the actors. Even then **early Greek plays featured lighting cues!** Because the plays



took place outside, stage companies had little control over lighting. Even still, the **innovative Greeks**, used **large mirrors** to alter or reflect the **sun's rays** and **black curtains** were used to represent **night!**

This is the beginning series of "What Your Mom Never Told You About Stage Lighting." Stay tuned.....MJ



## **Sun Lakes Community Theatre Board**

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## Calendar for 2022

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
January 13 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	General Membership Meeting	Saguaro Room
February 5 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Improvables at SLCC1	<u>SLCC1</u>
February 10 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	General Membership Meeting	Saguaro Room
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	General Membership Meeting	Saguaro Room

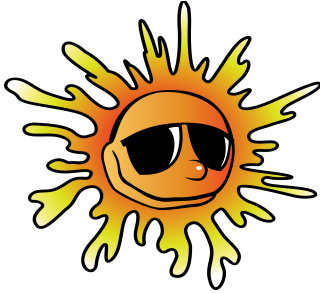


### Our Benefactors

**SLCT has been awarded an \$8,000 AZ Organizational Relief Grant through Arizona Commission on the Arts. This money is to be used to offset expenses we incurred during the pandemic when we did not have any revenue coming in. We will receive the check sometime between 1/17 and 4/30.**

**Cindi Decker, Treasurer**

## *Sunshine & Calendar*

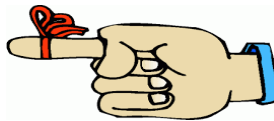


As the Sunshine and Calendar guy, I look forward to keeping you informed of different events. If you have any life-cycle information for our fellow Theatre Group members, births, deaths, illness, graduations, as well as calendar events, please contact me.

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*Barry Berger*



**THE NEXT LIVE AND IN-PERSON GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE ON 1/13/2022 IN COTTONWOOD'S SAGUARO ROOM. COCKTAILS AT 6PM, WITH THE MEETING AT 6:30PM.**