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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I thought it would be nice if the SFA membership had a picture of your newly elected SFA Board of Directors and Chairs for 2015. Here it is. We have listed all the names for you, but unfortunately, not all are present in the picture. The "flu bug" has attacked us! I have asked each board member to write a very short biography that will appear along with a picture so you, the membership, can identify each of us and our role in SFA. The biographies and pictures will appear in the next two or three months of the SFA Newsletter. I want to make it as easy as possible for you, the membership, to approach any and all of the board members with your ideas, comments, suggestions, and criticisms and, of course, we love compliments! Please let us know when we have done a good job on an activity or event. We will REPEAT it in the future. Your officers and chairpersons work very hard to schedule successful, interesting events and activities. Let us know what you like and don't like. The newsletter has the contact information for board members.

*(President's Message continued inside.....)*

## SFA Officers and Board Members



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480/432-6900

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## CALENDAR of ACTIVITIES

**February 1, Sunday beginning 3:00 pm**



### **SUPER BOWL PARTY**

(no-host social event)  
BUFFALO WILD WINGS

8870 E. Indian Bend Road,

Scottsdale (480) 278-8791



We will meet EARLY for NO RESERVATION SEATING to eat and drink delicious food and

beverages, meet friends and have fun! The restaurant has 1 BIG screen TV with an additional 13 smaller screen TV's surrounding the room. You won't MISS a play! An adjacent bar has surrounding TV's with a small seating area. There is an extensive menu to meet every palette. Wings- all kinds, Chicken Tenders and Popcorn Shrimp, Salads, Taco's, Tortillas, Chips, Wraps, Burgers, Sandwiches and Flat Breads. Beers and drinks. Menu at [www.buffalowildwings.com](http://www.buffalowildwings.com) Separate checks. Ample parking surrounding the restaurant . GOOD NEWS- ARRIVE EARLY to get the seat of your choice and socialize. In the past, the restaurant filled by 4:00 p.m. for an approximate game time of 6:00 p.m. Your host Cheryl Slobodnik at [c\\_slobodnik@msn.com](mailto:c_slobodnik@msn.com) or 480-580-3103

**February 5, Thursday 5-7 pm**

### **SOCIAL**

CITIZEN PUBLIC HOUSE, 7111 E. Fifth Ave. Scottsdale (480) 398-4208 . This Old Town pub boasts a soft atmosphere, with a rectangular bar acting as its centerpiece. The food features some favorites like crab cakes and short ribs, but the real crown jewel is pork. Please remember to tip our friendly wait staff. Contact Information: Howard Calvert (520) 975-2802

**February 7, Saturday, 6-8 pm SINGLES FAIR social Ball beginning at 8:00**

Pointe Hilton, Tapatio Cliffs, 11111 N. 7th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020 Arrive early: Save money! Arrive between 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm, admission is \$13. Arrive between 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm, admission is \$15. Arrive after 8:00pm, admission is still \$15 but you'll have missed meeting everyone before the dance starts! Check the website at [www.azsinglesfair.com](http://www.azsinglesfair.com) SFA will have members at an information table beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come talk with us, socialize and then begin to dance at 8:00 p.m. This is a "dress to impress" event.

**February 8, Sunday**

### **MOVIE & DINNER**

Join Bill Plank and other SFA members for a movie. We will go to dinner after the movie. Contact Bill at (602) 942-3151 for movie location and time.

**February 10, 6:30 SFA Board of Directors MEETING**

All members are welcome at the SFA Board of Directors meeting! From 5:30-6:30 BRAINSTORMING and Open Forum. The board encourages all members to get involved in SFA. Prior to the meeting, come meet with us to share thoughts, ideas and concerns. We welcome and encourage your participation. For February ONLY, the food and location have changed. We are "brown bagging it"—if you want to eat and drink, please bring your own food and drink. Water will be provided. For February ONLY, the location of the meeting will change to the club house located at 4850 E. Desert Cove, Scottsdale, AZ 85254. The regular board of directors meeting begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Cheryl Slobodnik, SFA President, at [c\\_slobodnik@msn.com](mailto:c_slobodnik@msn.com) or call 480-580-3103 for further information.

**February 11, Wed. 1:30 pm PUEBLO GRANDE Close Encounters With The Arts**

We are going to the Pueblo Grande Museum & Archaeological Park, located at 4619 E Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85034. At 2:00 we will join the Curator of Collections, Holly Young, for a "behind the scenes" tour of the museum. This is an opportunity to learn about the artifacts that are not on display in the museum and see how museums care for their collections. This is a first come, first serve tour and space is limited. It is suggested you are a half hour in advance. When you arrive at the museum please sign up at the front desk to reserve your spot. After the tour we will be given maps and have a self-guided tour of the archaeological dig. We will go to dinner after the event. For reservations please email Holly Antosz at [kittikare@gmail.com](mailto:kittikare@gmail.com)

**February 13, Friday 1:00 pm CULINARY LUNCH**

The elegant Persian Room restaurant is February 13th's location for our 1:00 p.m. culinary lunch. Located a block North of Bell Road, on Scottsdale Rd., this exotic dining establishment offers a treat to the senses. RSVP to Andria Mori by FEB. 10 if you plan to attend.

**February 14, Sat., Feb 14, 8:00 pm THEATRE**

Napoli (Ballet) – Presented by Ballet Arizona with the Phoenix Symphony at Symphony Hall, 2nd St & Adams, Phoenix. A US premiere of one of the most renowned ballets by legendary ballet choreographer August Bournonville, staged by Ib Anderson. Napoli is a festive and uplifting story of Gennaro, a poor fisherman, and his beloved Teresina. Teresina is washed away in a great storm only to be rescued by sea nymphs ruled by an evil sea spirit. The couple's love must overcome trials and temptations so that light prevails over darkness in the best tradition of Romanticism. Tickets: \$37.00 group rate for 10 or more; \$50.00 if less than 10. Contact Bill Plank, 602.942.3151, [bill.408@hotmail.com](mailto:bill.408@hotmail.com) for tickets and dinner reservations by 1/21/14.

**February 15, Sunday FOREIGN FILMS**

February's foreign film will be on Sunday, Feb. 15th, and, the title will be determined closer to the date. We will meet at the theater and those interested can join us for dinner afterwards at a nearby restaurant. E-mail to amori@cox.net

**February 16, Monday 7:00 pm SFA BOOK CLUB**

The book club will meet at Jane Frost's home in Equestrian Manor. The gate house is located at 6201 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale. The selection for February is " Secret Knowledge of Water" by Craig Childs. Sandy Ryan will lead the discussion. Light refreshments will be served. Please note: the book club is now meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month . Please adjust your calendars accordingly. We always welcome new members. To attend, please contact Jane Frost at 480-686-8629 or at jfrostorg@gmail.co

**February 17, Tues, 7:00 pm BUNCO Game Nite**

This event will be held at Jane Frost's home. If you are interested in a fun night of bunco please plan on attending! We are still organizing the monthly game and need both regular players and those willing to substitute. The gatehouse to Equestrian Manor is located at 6201 E Cactus Road, Scottsdale. Please give the guard your name and you will be given directions to Jane's house. We are requiring RSVP's to ensure a full three tables of players. Please contact Jane Frost before Monday February 16th to ensure a place,. Call her at 480/686-8629 or email her at jfrostorg@gmail.com



**There's more!**

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**SFA Board Meetings**

**You are invited to attend!**

**February 10, 6:30**

**March 10, 6:30**

**April 14, 6:30**

**May 12, 6:30**



***(President's Message, continued from page 1)***

We have now completed the first board of director's meeting for 2015. We had a very productive meeting and your board of directors has planned some EXCITING, INFORMATIVE, and FUN activities and events for you in the coming months. I hope you, the membership and GUESTS, feel as enthusiastic as I do about participating in the fun. Remember, we welcome guests... so bring your visitors from the "cold country" and your local non-member friends with you. We promise to show everyone a good time meeting new friends and acquaintances and renewing old friendships. GET UP, GET OUT AND GO!!

With that said, watch the SFA Newsletter, Calendar of Activities and Website for some of the upcoming events. We have scheduled a SUPER BOWL GATHERING on February 1. Check the Calendar of Activities for the time and place. SFA will be represented at the annual SINGLES FAIR & DANCE February 7th. Look for us at the SFA Table. Come talk and socialize with us. Last year I heard wonderful remarks about the friendly "beautiful women" and "handsome men", who were looking at the beautiful women, gathered around our SFA table! On February 11th we have scheduled a very interesting "Close Encounters" experience to the Pueblo Grande Museum. I am excited about seeing this interesting place! Theater & Ballet Activities, Films, Foreign Films, Culinary Lunches, Book Club, Game Nights, Dinner with Friends, Close Encounters and the always popular Happy Hour Socials are all in place for the future months. Also, in the coming months watch for additional activities and events ranging from sporting events, a NEW MEMBERS TEA, Saint Patrick's Day Experience, and Cinco de Mayo Celebration to an exciting KENTUCKY DERBY event.

My sincere thanks go out to you, the membership, for your participation in SFA activities that are being scheduled for you. Also, my admiration and thanks go out to this newly formed SFA Board of Directors that I have the privilege of working alongside. You are the BEST!!

**Cheryl Slobodnik, SFA President**

## **SFA CALENDAR continued...**

**February 19, Thursday 5-7 pm SOCIAL**  
ROARING FORK 4800 N. Scottsdale Rd.  
(480) 947-0795 . Contemporary American, Comfortable restaurant caters to urban cowboys and gals, featuring hearty but sophisticated dishes inspired by American West. Please remember to tip our friendly wait staff.  
Contact Information: Howard Calvert (520) 975-2802

**February 22, Sunday, 2:00 pm THEATRE**  
Sylvia (Comedy) - Presented by Class 6 Theatre at the Mesa Arts Center (Farnsworth Studio Theater), 1 E. Main St., Mesa. Sylvia is a modern romantic comedy about a marriage and a dog (played by a human). Empty nesters Greg and Kate have moved back to Manhattan after twenty-two years in the suburbs. As Kate tells Greg: "The dog phase of my life is definitely over." But life has a way of giving you what you think you don't want. Greg finds Sylvia, a street-smart lab/poodle mix, and brings her home. She promptly becomes a bone of contention between Greg and Kate, testing their marriage to hilarious and touching effect. Tickets: \$16.00 (Group rate for 8 or more; \$20.00 if less than 8). Post-show Dinner: Il Vinaio Restaurant, 270 W. Main St., Mesa. Contact Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com or 602.595.4400, for tickets and dinner reservations by 2/7/15. www.class6theatre.org. Class 6 Theatre is a recipient of SFA donation monies.

### **Mail all event payments to:**

SFA Treasurer  
PO Box 55495  
Phoenix, AZ 85078-5495



Make check payable to "Society for the Arts" and write the name of the event in the Memo section.

### **Or use PayPal:**

Go to [www.societyforthearts.org](http://www.societyforthearts.org) then click on the PayPal link. You can use your credit card there. Follow instructions. It's simple and safe.

**February 25, Wed. 5:30 pm DINNER WITH FRIENDS**  
Humble Pie, 6149 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250  
Nothing humble about this delicious food, and you can choose from much more than their fabulous pizza pie including pasta, salads, soups and more. No RSVP needed, just come on over and join other SFA friends for a casual dinner together. Get there by 5:15 so we can get a table together. Your Host: Mary Jane Baetz at mjwriter@aol.com or 480/319-2024

## **PLAN AHEAD for these events!**

**March 7, Saturday, 7:30 pm THEATRE**  
Carousel (Musical) - Presented by Mesa Encore Theatre at the Mesa Arts Center (Nesbitt/Elliott Playhouse), 1 E. Main Street, Mesa. Celebrating its 70th anniversary, Carousel, with music by Richard Rodgers and book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, revolves around the tragic romance between carousel barker Billy Bigelow and mill worker Julie Jordan. The musical includes such timeless songs as "If I Loved You," "June Is Bustin' Out All Over," and "You'll Never Walk Alone." This beloved classic has been universally hailed by critics for decades, including Time Magazine naming it "the best musical of the 20th Century." Tickets: \$24.00 (Special SFA Rate). Pre-show Dinner: 5:00 pm, The Landmark Restaurant, 809 W. Main Street, Mesa (SW corner of Main and Extension) www.landmarkrestaurant.com. Contact Howard Shapiro, howardmesa2@yahoo.com 480.962.9321 for tickets and dinner reservations by 2/18/15. Mesa Encore Theatre is a recipient of SFA donation monies. www.mesaencoretheatre.com

### **May 2, Saturday**

### **KENTUCKY DERBY Turf Paradise**

Join your SFA friends for a fun day at Turf Paradise, 1501 W. Bell Road, Phoenix. First live post is 11:30 A.M. and the Kentucky Derby race will run approximately at 3:24 P.M. We will have reservations at the Clubhouse Buffet room which is air conditioned, glass enclosed and has access to the paddock and horses. Price is \$45 which includes 2 all you can eat buffets, admission, seating, tax, gratuity and a souvenir Kentucky Derby glass. Gates open at 7:15. Breakfast Buffet is 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Lunch Buffet is 11:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. Come early, have breakfast and go look at the horses. Take time to look at your program to see what horses you may want to bet on. There are \$2 bets and up. It's fun to just watch the horses run, but more fun to bet and win. Ladies, this is your chance to dress up and wear a great hat. There is a prize for the best hat. I think the prize is money. Men, you may want to dress to match the ladies. There is no dress code, but many people like to dress like they are at the real Kentucky Derby. It would be fun if our group did too. Your reservation reserves your seat at the table all day long and you can come and go as you please. Come join us.

**VERY IMPORTANT!** You must send your money for your reservation to the SFA Treasurer by Tuesday MARCH 24. PayPal payments also accepted. **Your payment is your reservation.** For more information contact Linda at 480/773-0988 or lindorethy1@gmail.com



## ***Farewell to Charlie Filler***

I was lucky enough to have met Charlie Filler when I attended my very first SFA event. If you missed meeting this gentleman, you are at a loss. We all are now that he is gone from us.

He left those of us who met him with a memory of dapper man whose smile was genuine and his warmth sincere. Charlie was a delightful conversationalist with a gracious virility, charisma and a sparkle in his eyes that recalls freshly poured champagne with the impact of his favorite aged Scotch. He could spin a tale and kept his audience wanting more.

In a crowded, noisy setting Charlie seemed to be followed by recessed spotlights and a microphone aimed at whomever he was near. He would quip a remark to see if he'd gotten the listener to smile.

It was my delight to get to know this classic, real man. Charlie Filler seems to have been a poster example for The Society for the Arts. In his memory I will make every effort to greet, speak, laugh and listen to members and guests during activities. I will look for that sparkle in the eyes of others, When I don't see it, I'll try to offer a light.

Thanks, Charlie.

Peace be with you!

## ***How to reach your SFA Board of Directors***

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*Join the Fun!*

## February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Super Bowl Party (no host)</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>Social - Citizen Public House</i>	6	7 <i>Singles Fair</i>
8 <i>Movie &amp; Dinner</i>	9	10 <i>SFA Board Meeting</i>	11 <i>Close Encounters</i>	12	13 <i>Culinary Lunch</i>	14 <i>Theatre - Ballet</i>
15 <i>Foreign Films</i>	16 <i>Book Club</i>	17 <i>Bunco Game Night</i>	18	19 <i>Social - Roaring Fork</i>	20	21
22 <i>Theatre - "Sylvia"</i>	23	24	25 <i>Dinner With Friends</i>	26	27	28

### SFA Guest Policy

SFA welcomes guests to attend up to three events but after the third visit they must join SFA before attending any more events. This includes Socials, Theatre, Lunches, and all other events (unless the event is open to the public.) We hope you will join SFA and "Join the Fun!"

### SFA Membership

Only \$65 per year

\$40 goes to the SFA Operating Fund

\$25 goes to the Donation Fund to support the arts.

Contact SFA Membership Chair

Carol Hasher

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The Mission of Society for the Arts is to raise money through social events and fundraising to benefit the arts in the greater Phoenix area. Founded in 1986, SFA is a 501(c)(3) organization.