

# Society for the Arts

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# Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SFA Members,

In her January 2016 *President's Message*, Cheryl Slobodnik spoke of her vision for an especially promising year for SFA under the leadership of newly-elected Board officers and directors. Sadly, Cheryl has had to resign as President due to personal health issues, and that puts the reins of the Presidency into my hands. Cheryl will remain on the Board as Past President and plans to return to active participation when her health improves. In the meantime, she will be the voice at the other end of the SFA Information Line, happy to answer any questions about SFA activities. I know you will all want to join me in sending healing thoughts her way. She is very devoted to SFA and did a great job as President, bringing stability to the Board after a period of uncertainty. We are all cheering for you, Cheryl. Get well soon!

By way of introduction, I've been an SFA member for many years and have served on prior Boards and as chair of several committees, most recently Theater and Donation Committees. Then, in December 2015, I became Vice President, never thinking it would be such a quick jump to the Presidency. My initial interest in SFA was sparked by my interest in the arts and the desire to meet people who shared those interests. I have not been disappointed, and cherish the rewarding times and good friends that SFA has brought into my life. I hope that all of you are having similar experiences.

Like Cheryl, I too see 2016 as a promising year for SFA and I am committed to working towards fulfilling that shared vision, alongside a very dedicated Board of Directors. We got a good start towards this at our Board meeting in January

when we set some goals and brainstormed ideas to reach them. Those goals include increasing our membership, which has been static at about 72, and fundraising projects to increase the monies in our treasury, which currently total about \$9,200.00. With more money in our Treasury, we could get back to donating monies to arts organizations, which is a big part of our mission. We are also looking into options for another SFA trip this summer. During the past two summers, small groups of members have gone to Santa Fe for the Opera and to Oregon for the Shakespeare Festival. We'd like more of you to travel with us in 2016. Notice that I've prefaced most of these goals with the word "increase". Well, we also want to increase and broaden your participation in our activities, both from an enjoyment and a planning aspect. You are a very important part of SFA and we will be INVITING you to help make SFA an even better organization. Stay tuned for more details as we flesh out these goals and LET US KNOW if you have any ideas to help achieve them!

In the meantime, I encourage you to come out and enjoy the wonderful array of activities planned for this month, including a Super Bowl party on the 7th, a Valentine's Day brunch on the 14th, and a Lunch and Game Day on the 27<sup>th</sup>. In addition, there are socials, theater events, book club, close encounters, movies, and foreign films--quite an array of activities to pique your interest. I will be attending many of these events and hope to see you there!

Lastly, some regrets and thanks: I am sorry to report that Nancy Patterson, newly-elected to the Board, has resigned from that position to pursue other interests. On a positive note, my thanks to Doris Green who has now taken over the editorship of the newsletter. Thank you for lending your talents to SFA, Doris, and for getting involved!

---Joanne Handlong, President

**!!!!!! NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS !!!!!!**



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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### SOCIAL

**February 4, Thursday 4-7 pm**

**Remington's Lounge, Scottsdale Plaza**

**Resort, 7200 N. Scottsdale Rd.,** (SW corner of Scottsdale Rd. & Indian Bend) (480) 851-5101  
Happy Hour Bar Menu 10% off bar appetizers, well drinks and domestic beers. Music in the lounge with a lovely patio area has a new dance floor ... come give it a whirl. Please remember to tip our friendly wait staff. Contact Information: Howard Calvert 520-975-2802

### THEATRE EVENT

**February 6, Saturday, 7:30 pm**

**Calendar Girls** - Presented by Phoenix Theatre, 100 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix. Steeped in sentimentality and full of heart comes the oh-so-British story of the indomitable women of *Calendar Girls*. Determined to raise money for a cause, Chris and Annie conclude that the best way is to give the public what they want - a nude calendar. However, instead of the models of the day gracing the pages, it will feature themselves and the other real women of their small English village. This play is a hilarious look at the true events that resulted in a charitable windfall and the reminder that all women are strong and beautiful - inside and out. Tickets: \$37.00 (Group rate). Pre-show Dinner - 5:00 pm at Alexi's Grill, 3550 N. Central Ave., Suite 120, Phoenix, 85012. SFA reservation deadline has passed. Contact Carole Sobel, (602) 595-4400, [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com), for information. [www.phoenixtheatre.com](http://www.phoenixtheatre.com); [www.alexisgrillphx.com/](http://www.alexisgrillphx.com/)

### SUPER BOWL PARTY

**February 7, Sunday, beginning**

**2:00 pm**

**Buffalo Wild Wings, 8870 E.**

**Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale, (480) 278-**

8791. We are going back to Buffalo Wild Wings again this year for our Super Bowl Party. We had a great party experience there last year. We



will meet EARLY for NO RESERVATION SEATING to eat and drink delicious food and beverages, meet friends, and have fun! The restaurant has one 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 tortilla's, chips, wraps, burgers, sandwiches and flat breads. Beers and drinks. This is a no-host social event. Separate checks. Menu at [www.buffalowildwings.com](http://www.buffalowildwings.com). Ample parking surrounding the restaurant. ARRIVE EARLY to get tables together and socialize. In the past, the restaurant filled 2 hours before the game start time. This year's game is scheduled to start at 4:30 pm. Your hosts: Linda Dorethy, [lindorethy1@gmail.com](mailto:lindorethy1@gmail.com), (480) 773-0988, and Carol Hasher, [carolinphx2000@gmail.com](mailto:carolinphx2000@gmail.com), (480) 466-1350.

#### **BOARD MEETING**

**February 9, Tuesday, 6:30 pm**

**Mimi's Cafe, 8980 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale.**

All members welcome at the SFA Board of Directors' meeting. We meet in a private room. Come to share thoughts, ideas and concerns. We welcome your participation. Come at 5:30 pm to order your own food and drink. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Contact Joanne Handlong, President, [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com), (480) 491-3326, for information.

#### **CULINARY LUNCH**

**February 12, Friday 1pm**

**Christo's, 6327 N. 7th Street, Phoenix**

**RSVP by 2/10**

S.F.A. members are invited to a culinary experience at Christo's, an upscale Italian restaurant. Christo's has an extensive menu, great food and reasonable prices. RSVP to [amori@cox.net](mailto:amori@cox.net) or call (602) 667-8170.

**VALENTINE'S DAY BRUNCH**  
**February 14, Sunday, 11:30 am**  
**Olive & Ivy, 7135 E. Scottsdale Rd.**



**RSVP by 2/12**

Enjoy a special Valentine's Day brunch with SFA members at Olive & Ivy on the Scottsdale Waterfront. Order from a menu which includes award winning eggs benedict, brioche French toast, omelets, breakfast burros, and cinnamon rolls. RSVP to [amori@cox.net](mailto:amori@cox.net) or call (602) 667-8170.

#### **BOOK CLUB**

**February 15, Monday, 7:15 pm**

**The Wildflower Bread Company, 7001 N**

**Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale (Indian Bend and Scottsdale Roads) -** We will be discussing the

novel *We Are All Completely Besides*

*Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler. A private room

is reserved. Arrive at 6:30 pm to order a bite to eat and socialize before the meeting which starts at 7:15 pm. All members and guests who have read the book are welcome. The book for the March 21 meeting is *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. For further information contact Irene Rubens at [irene.g@cox.net](mailto:irene.g@cox.net).

#### **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS**

**February 16, Tuesday, 3:30pm**

**The Terraces, 7550 N. 16 St. Phoenix, 85020**

**RSVP by 2/12**

We will meet to hear Tonya Plank, the author of *Fever: A Ballroom Romance*, discuss her book series. Tonya grew up in Phoenix, Arizona, but spent most of her adult life in New York, working as a criminal appeals attorney. She currently lives in Southern California and writes contemporary romance and women's fiction. While working as a lawyer, Tonya developed a passion for ballroom dancing, and became an amateur competitor. The trilogy follows Rory,

whose once promising ballet career was destroyed by family tragedy and illness. She turned her life around and became a lawyer. But at the start of her law career, she finds herself anxious and unfulfilled. Then she meets gorgeous, mysterious Russian ballroom dancer, Sasha, and her passions for life and dance are rekindled. Sasha must not only overcome his own demons but convince Rory to leave her demanding law career, to train with him full-time in order to compete in Blackpool, the largest ballroom dancing competition in the world. Copies of the book can be purchased on Amazon and will also be available on February 16. Please RSVP to [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com). Those interested may stay for dinner (\$10) and meet with the author.

#### **SOCIAL**

**February 18, Thursday 4-7 pm**

**Paul Martin's American Grill, 6186 N.**

**Scottsdale, 480-991-9342, Happy Hour special food and drinks, Reduced prices on stylish, eco-minded seasonal fare, crafted beers and yummy cocktails. Please remember to tip our friendly wait staff. Contact Information: Howard Calvert 520-975-2802.**

#### **THEATRE EVENT**

**February 20, Saturday, 2:00 pm**

***NOTE: Short deadline - 2/10/16***

***Looking Over the President's Shoulder -***

Presented by the Black Theatre Troupe, Helen K. Mason Performing Arts Center, 1333 E. Washington St., Phoenix - Based on the real-life story of Alonzo Fields, who is forced to give up his dreams of becoming an opera singer and accept a job at the White House where he quickly was appointed Chief Butler. The play is a tour-de-force for one actor to recount history from the unique perspective of Alonzo Fields, who served four U.S. presidents and their families as well as their famous guests through the years, which included Winston Churchill, Marian Anderson, Errol Flynn and the king and queen of England. Tickets: \$27.00. After-show

Dinner at Switch Restaurant and Wine Bar, 2603 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, (602) 264-2295. Contact Ellen DuBiel, (602) 526-7652, [ellndub@aol.com](mailto:ellndub@aol.com), for tickets and dinner reservations by **2/10/16**.

[new-wp.blacktheatretroupe.org/](http://new-wp.blacktheatretroupe.org/),  
[www.switchofarizona.com/](http://www.switchofarizona.com/)

#### **MOVIES & DINNER**

**February 21, Sunday**

Join Bill Plank and other SFA members and guests for a movie, followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant. Contact Bill at [\(602\) 942-3151](tel:6029423151) for the movie title, location and time.

#### **DINNER WITH FRIENDS**

**February 23, Tuesday 6:30 pm**

**Bonefish Grill, 12811 N. Tatum Blvd., Phoenix**

***No RSVP needed, just show up***

Join us for a casual dinner with friends at the Bonefish Grill (across from Paradise Valley Mall) They have a terrific menu and terrific prices. For \$14.95, one chooses a salad, an entrée with sides, and a



dessert. Meet and socialize with SFA friends while enjoying a great dinner. Contact Andria Mori at [amori@cox.net](mailto:amori@cox.net) or call (602) 667-8170.

#### **LUNCH AND GAMES**

**February 27, Saturday, 12:30–4:00 pm**

**The Terraces, 7550 N. 16th St., Phoenix**

***RSVP by 2/22***

Did you miss this fun event in January? So many members enjoyed it, we are doing it again. We will meet for lunch at 12:30 pm in The Terraces dining room, No buffet this month--we'll order from a menu which includes entrees, sides and wine for \$10.00 (tax and tip included). Games and socializing will follow in a private room. Water, ice, napkins and plastic cups will



be provided. Bring your favorite game. You MUST RSVP to Carole Sobel, [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com), if you want to attend. Walk-in's **cannot** be accommodated.

### **FOREIGN/DOCUMENTARY/INDEPENDENT FILMS**

**February 28, Sunday**

SFA members are invited to see a Foreign/Documentary/Independent Film with this group. Dinner will follow at a nearby restaurant. The time, location and title will be emailed by Carole Sobel on Feb. 25. Contact Carole Sobel [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com) if you wish to receive information about this activity.

### ***EARLY MARCH ACTIVITIES***

#### **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS**

**March 2, Wednesday 7-9 pm**

**Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix** - We will meet at 6:00 PM at the Art Museum. The AZ Storytellers Project will take over the Cummings Great Hall with



the Valley's most stylish citizens. This night is in partnership with the Arizona Costume Institute Nouveau Chapter. We will hear stories from fashionistas, models and retailers as fashion, beauty and self-expression are celebrated.

Purchase your own ticket at <https://tickets.azcentral.com/> for \$10 (plus \$2 service fee) and then email Carole Sobel at [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com) to make an SFA reservation. Tickets include appetizers. There will be complimentary gourmet brownies from [Fairytale Brownies](#) at check-in.

#### **THEATRE EVENT**

**March 5, Saturday, 7:30 pm**

***This event has a February 11 deadline***

***Evita*** - Presented by Phoenix Theatre, 100 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix. Book and Lyrics by Tim Rice; Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber - The bravery, beauty and passion that made Eva Peron an inspiration throughout Argentina combines with the genius of musical theatre giants, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, resulting in a sublime blockbuster certain to sweep you away. Filled with soaring ballads, seductive paso dobles and elegant melodies, this Tony® Award Winner for Best Musical will draw you into a tale of a woman driven by ambition, love and power while masking a fragility few ever saw. Prepare to have your breath taken away when this iconic and unforgettable story fills the theatre floor to ceiling, front to back. **Tickets: \$39.00** (Group rate for 10 or more; \$56.00 if less than 10) **Pre-show Dinner** at 5:00 pm at Fez, 105 W. Portland St., Phoenix, (602) 287-8700. **Contact** Bill Plank, (602) 942-3151, [bill.408@hotmail.com](mailto:bill.408@hotmail.com), for tickets and dinner reservations **by 2/11/16**. [www.fezoncentral.com](http://www.fezoncentral.com)



#### **Mail your event payments to:**



**SFA Treasurer  
P.O. Box 5566  
Scottsdale, AZ 85261**

Make checks 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) and click on the paypal link. You can use your credit card here.

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# February 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Social	5	6 Theatre
7 Super Bowl Party	8	9 Board Meeting	10	11	12 Culinary Lunch	13
14 Valentine's Day Brunch	15 Book Club	16 Close Encounters	17	18 Social	19	20 Theatre
21 Movie	22	23 Casual Dinner	24	25	26	27 Lunch & Games
28 Foreign Film	29					

The mission of the 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, Society for the Arts is a 501c(3) organization.

### **SFA Membership Fee**

\$65.00 per year

Contact SFA Membership Chair:

Carol Hasher, *carolinphx2000@gmail.com*

The Membership Application can be downloaded and printed from our website

[www.societyforthearts.org](http://www.societyforthearts.org)

### **SFA Guest Policy**

We welcome guests to attend up to three SFA events but after the 3<sup>rd</sup> visit, they must join before attending any more events. This includes theater, culinary lunches, happy hours and all other events except those which are open to the public,