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**President's Message**

You're probably starting to notice some Giants, Cubs, Diamondback and a variety of other caps and tee shirts around town. The Valley comes alive in March with the Cactus League's Spring Training games. Do you know that we have 15 baseball teams who hold their spring training in our Valley of the Sun?

We don't have any Spring Training games on our calendar but there are plenty of other events to entice you out to bask in March's pleasant weather. The calendar starts with the ever-popular socials--three of them this month. On March 2 we will be at Remington's Lounge at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort. I'll be hosting it with one of our newer members, Paula Dow.

We're excited about the March 4<sup>th</sup> event on our calendar, a performance by Arizona Opera of "Riders of the Purple Sage", based on the book of the same title by Zane Grey. The opera was composed by Craig Bohmler who got the idea for it after he stumbled upon Grey's historic cabin and museum while hiking in Northern Arizona. Arizona Opera commissioned its creation and we will be seeing the world premiere of the finished work. With stage backgrounds designed by world-renowned Arizona artist, Ed Mell, known for his dramatic western landscapes, it is sure to be a unique Southwestern experience. There are 15 of us going--a terrific turnout.

I'll leave you to explore the rest of the calendar and the newsletter on your own. I hope you'll find events to keep you interested and participating in Society for the Arts. Perhaps you have an idea for an activity or event? We'd like to hear from you. Contact me or any Board member or better yet, come to a Board meeting and share your idea with us in person.

I am happy to announce that we have gained three new members in the past few months. We extend a warm welcome to Jim Kroening, Eric Sandmeyer, and Linda Ashley. Be sure to reach out to greet them at our events. Jim and Linda were referred by two of our members and Eric found us through our Meetup listing.

*President's Message—continued*

In closing, I want to say a special thank you to Susan O'Neal, another of our newer members, for hosting the February 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and Social at her home. Susan was a very hospitable and gracious host. We all enjoyed the ambiance of her lovely and comfortable home and the opportunity to get to know one another better.

Happy Spring! Hope to see you around town!

Joanne Handlong, President

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ENDS ON MARCH 31,  
2017 \*\*\*\***

Our year-long Membership Drive is coming to an end on March 31<sup>st</sup>. We'll be announcing the results in the April newsletter.

We're giving a 10% discount for one new member, 25% discount for two, and 50% discount for three. The drive started on April 1, 2016 and referrals were to take place within one year from your renewal date or, for new members, the date you joined. You still have time to earn this discount if your renewal date occurs this month and the new member joins by March 31, 2017.

To be eligible to get credit for the contest, the new member must list your name on their membership application and submit the application along with their \$75.00 Membership Fee.



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Michael Jennings  
Jerry Crow  
Bob Prestridge  
Karen Grant  
Doris Green  
Eric Sandmeyer

Belated Happy February Birthday to  
Wendy Chisholm

Did we omit listing your birthday this month? Please let our newsletter editor know so that we can update our records and recognize you in the future. Just send an email to:

[dorisgreen@cox.net](mailto:dorisgreen@cox.net).

WELCOME

We'd like to welcome these new members to SFA:

	<u>Date Joined</u>
James Kroening	1/8/2017
Linda Ashley	2/2/2017
Eric Sandmeyer	2/13/2017

Please seek them out at events and chat with them. They'll appreciate your taking the time to get to know them and making them feel welcome.



## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### SOCIAL

**March 2, Thursday, 5-7 pm**

**Remington's Lounge**, Scottsdale Plaza Resort, 7200 N. Scottsdale Rd., (SW corner of Scottsdale Rd. & Indian Bend) (480) 851-5101

Reserved seating on their lovely patio. The Happy Hour menu is being revamped. Look for better wines for just a dollar more; food will stay in the same price range. There will be musical entertainment on the patio, a duo playing adult contemporary. A great way to spend an early evening in March! Please remember to tip our friendly wait staff. Hosted by Joanne Handlong and Paula Dow. **Contact:** Joanne at (480) 491-3326, [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com).

### THEATER EVENT

**Saturday, March 4, 7:30 pm**

**Riders of the Purple Sage (Opera)** -Presented by Arizona Opera at Phoenix Symphony Hall, 75 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. (2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Adams), Phoenix. Based on the bestselling novel of the same name by Zane Grey, *Riders of the Purple Sage*, composed by Craig Bolmer, will be the first world premiere produced by Arizona Opera. **Tickets: \$37.00** Seats are on Orchestra level, center section, Rows 30-31. **Pre-show Dinner at 5:00 pm**, District American Kitchen & Wine Bar, 320 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Phoenix (3<sup>rd</sup> St. & Van Buren, inside the Sheraton Hotel) **SFA deadline is past.** **Contact** Joanne Handlong, (480) 491-3326, [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com) for information. [districtrestaurant.com](http://www.azopera.org/performances/riders-purple-sage/) <http://www.azopera.org/performances/riders-purple-sage/>

### CULINARY LUNCH

**RSVP by 3/8**

**March 10, Friday, 1 pm**

**The Living Room**, 8977 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale (Corner of Scottsdale Road & Via Ventura), Members and guests are invited for a delightful lunch at this newly

opened café and lounge. This innovative restaurant is a welcoming neighborhood hangout with great food. RSVP to A. Mori (602) 667-8170 or [amori@cox.net](mailto:amori@cox.net)

### BOARD MEETING

**March 14, 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 5:00 pm to order your own food and drink. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Contact Joanne Handlong, [president@societyforthearts.org](mailto:president@societyforthearts.org), (480) 491-3326, for information.

### SOCIAL

**March 16, Thursday, 4:30-6 pm**

**Wally's Pub n' Grill**, 7704 E. Doubletree Ranch Road, Scottsdale

A fan favorite for many years, Wally's happy hour menu includes sweet tacos \$6.00, Tri-tip sliders \$7.00, the Company Burger \$8.00, and \$7.00 for a glass of wine. Reserved seating on patio for SFA. Come join the fun! SFA host: Barbara Rosen. Contact Barbara (480)816-0041, [babeandkit@aol.com](mailto:babeandkit@aol.com)

### MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

**March 19, Sunday**

Come see a movie. On March 16 you will receive an email containing the title, time and name of the movie theater.

We'll go out for dinner after the film and enjoy good conversation and food. If you would like to automatically receive an email each month please send your email address to [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com)



## DINNER WITH FRIENDS

Thursday, March 23, 6:30 pm

Mekong Palace Restaurant, 66 S. Dobson Road, Mesa (in the Mekong Plaza located on the SW corner of Dobson Road and Main Street)

**RSVP by 3/20**

Janet Hom will be our host this month at one of her favorite spots for Chinese food. The Mekong Palace serves traditional Chinese food, specializing in dim sum, BBQ, hot pots and other Hong Kong-style favorites. The restaurant is **inside** the Mekong Plaza. It is actually a blocked off portion of the Food Court towards the north end of the Plaza and has no permanent walls. Enter the Plaza at its northernmost entrance facing Dobson Road, and walk straight back. The Food Court will be on the right. *Howard or Janet will be at the plaza entrance to guide you.* **RSVP** to Janet, 520-440-1516, [momhom88@aol.com](mailto:momhom88@aol.com), **by 3/20/17**.

## THEATER EVENT

Saturday, March 25, 7:30 pm

**RSVP by 3/8/17**

**Stormy Weather: The Story of Lena Horne (Mixed Media)** - Presented by Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Avenue, Chandler (NW corner of Chandler Blvd & Arizona Ave), (480) 782-2680. Stormy Weather, starring Mary Wilson of the Supremes, is a defining portrait of an American icon. It combines song, narration, and video to celebrate a triumphant but embattled star that changed history. **Tickets: \$40.00** (Group rate for 10 or more; \$44.00 if less than 10) **Pre-show Dinner at 5:00 pm**, La Stalla Cucina Rustica, 68 W. Buffalo St., Chandler (on San Marcos Square), (480) 855-9990. **Contact:** Joanne Handlong, (480) 491-3326, [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com), for tickets and dinner reservations **by 3/8/17**. Joanne can also help with carpool arrangements for those unfamiliar with the Chandler area. <http://www.lastallacr.com/>, <http://www.chandlercenter.org/>

## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

March 29, Wednesday,

5pm Dinner, 6:30-9 pm Event

We are going to the Phoenix Art Museum for dinner in the Palette Restaurant and then into the museum to hear the Arizona Storytellers Project, whose theme is Stylish Stories. From high-end glossies to high school outfit-of-the-day, Instagram looks, fashion and beauty, all help us define

ourselves as cultures and individuals. Join SFA members for a night of stylish stories. Receive a complimentary, gourmet brownie at check-in. Tickets available are limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. These nights typically sell out. Event check-in starts at 6 p.m. Stories begin promptly at 7 p.m. Seating at the event is on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets may be purchased for \$12.77 (taxes and fees included) at <https://az.ticketsauce.com/e/stylish-stories/tickets>. Please RSVP to Carole at [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com) and a seat will be saved for you.

## SOCIAL

March 30, Thursday 5-7 pm

Paul Martin's American Grill, 6186 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, 480-991-9342

Happy Hours 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. SFA hosts: Carol Hasher and Linda Dorethy. Contact Linda Dorethy, (480)773-0988, [lindorethy1@gmail.com](mailto:lindorethy1@gmail.com).

## THEATER EVENT

Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 pm

**RSVP by 3/31/17**

**The Magic Flute (Grand Opera Cinema in HD)** - The Scottsdale Center for the Arts' Virginia Piper Theater is the venue for the HD screening of this Mozart opera, performed by the San Francisco Opera. Filled with ritual and symbolism, Mozart's final masterpiece is a playful but profound look at man's search for love and his struggle to attain wisdom and virtue. From the virtuosic arias of the Queen of the Night to the folksong-like melodies of the bird catcher Papageno, the full range of Mozart's miraculous talent is on display in this magical fairy-tale opera. **Tickets: \$13.00, General Admission seating.** Purchase your own ticket by phone, on-line, or in person at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts Box Office, 7380 E. Second St., Scottsdale, 480-499- 8587, <https://www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org/event/grand-opera-cinema-series/> **Pre-show Dinner at 5:00 pm**, The Blue Moose, 7373 Scottsdale Mall, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 (480) 949-7959. **RSVP by 3/31/17** to Howard Shapiro, (480) 962-9321, [howardmesa2@gmail.com](mailto:howardmesa2@gmail.com), for dinner reservations. <http://www.thebluemoosescottsdale.com/>



## THEATER EVENT

Saturday, April 15, 8:00 pm

**RSVP by 4/5/17**

**Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash** - Presented by Arizona Theatre Company, Herberger Theater Center (Main Stage), 222 E. Monroe, Phoenix, (602) 252-8497. From the iconic songbook of Johnny Cash comes this unique musical about love and faith, struggle and success, rowdiness and redemption, home and family. The show features 38 classic hits – including “I Walk The Line,” “A Boy Named Sue,” “Folsom Prison Blues,” and the title tune – performed by a multi-talented cast of ten, and paints a musical portrait of The Man in Black that is a foot-stompin’, crowd-pleasin’ salute to a uniquely American legend! Johnny Cash’s remarkable life story is told through his music, climaxing in a concert that will both move and exhilarate! **Tickets: \$55.00** (Group rate for 10 or more; \$73.00 regular rate). **Pre-show Dinner at 5:30 pm**, at 1130 The Restaurant in the Arizona Center, 455 N 3rd St #1130, Phoenix, (602) 368-3046. **Contact Bill Plank**, (602) 942-3151, [bill.408@hotmail.com](mailto:bill.408@hotmail.com), for tickets and dinner reservations **by 4/5/17**.  
<http://1130therestaurant.com/>, <http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>

**Upcoming Theater Events - Mark your calendar. Details in future newsletters.**

Saturday, April 29, Wittenberg, Southwest Shakespeare Co, Taliesin West, Scottsdale

Saturday, May 13, Hir, Stray Cat Theatre, Tempe Center for the Arts

Friday, May 26, Topia, Ballet Arizona at the Desert Botanical Garden

**Mail your event payments to:**

**Society for the Arts**

**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.

**Have you joined our Meetup?**



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Our Meetup group is called: **Active Singles 50+ Enjoying the Arts**

If you are already a member of Meetup, we encourage you to join our SFA Meetup and RSVP via Meetup if you plan to attend one of our events listed on Meetup. (You would also need to RSVP to the SFA host if required.) This will give other non-SFA Meetup members a better idea of who’s going to the event.

It will cost you a one-time joining fee of about \$10.00 to join Meetup.com and set up a profile. It won’t cost you anything to join our **Active Singles 50+ Enjoying the Arts** Meetup.

We’ve had guests attend some of our events through Meetup and gained one new member so far. It’s working!

Not familiar with Meetup? Meetup.com explains it this way: “**Meetup** is an online social networking portal that facilitates offline group meetings in various localities around the world. **Meetup** allows members to find and join groups unified by a common interest, such as politics, books, games, movies, health, pets, careers or hobbies.”

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## Angry Crab

The crab was delicious at the Angry Crab in Mesa on January 17th. Six SFA members enjoyed "hands on" dining at is Dinner With Friends event.



**CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA**



Janet Hom bags up the leftover crab while Rita Muller looks on



## Tempe Arts Evening 2/9/17

Eight SFA members enjoyed an amazing show of illusion at the Tempe Center for the Arts on February 9, put on by Carnival of Illusion. Howard Calvert actually did get to be part of the show for a segment.



L to R: Paula Dow, Linda Dorethy, Joanne Handlong, Bernie Soricone, Carole Sobel, Sandy Ryan, and Janet Hom, kneeling, Howard Calvert.

## Super Bowl Party

SFA members gathered at Hooters in Scottsdale for the Super Bowl on February 5th. Julie Taylor hosted the event. The game really started after halftime and then "what a game it was!"



L to R: Gary Weber, Bernie Soricone, Julie Taylor, Gerry Lewis, Carmen Wootten, Bob Hurni, Linda Ashley, Linda Dorethy, Howard Calvert, and Janet Hom.

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# March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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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 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.

### SFA Membership Fee

\$75.00 per year

Contact [Membership@societyforthearts.org](mailto:Membership@societyforthearts.org)

The Membership Application can be downloaded and printed from our website [www.societyforthearts.org](http://www.societyforthearts.org)