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Active Singles 50+  
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**President's Message**

It's officially the season of Fall and that means our snowbirds should either be back with us or arriving soon. We've missed all of you and look forward to seeing you at our functions this month. Welcome back!

We're starting the month by feting our new members who joined in 2015-2016 at a special New Member Luncheon hosted by our gracious Membership Chair, Carol Hasher. Invitations have been sent to both new members and the members who referred them to SFA. Governing Board members and committee chairs will also be attending to answer questions and talk about the history and social opportunities that SFA offers.

Is there someone YOU could introduce to SFA? Don't forget about our Membership Drive. Refer a new member and receive a discount on your next membership renewal fee. Spread the word! We have a lot to offer singles and our focus on supporting the arts makes us a unique singles group.

December is not far away and with it comes our Annual Meeting and election of Board members. In preparation for that, a Nominating Committee has been formed to identify candidates for the Governing Board elections. There are several director positions to be filled. If a member of the Nominating Committee contacts you, please consider saying yes. Being a Board member can actually expand your enjoyment of SFA as you use your talents to contribute to the group's activities and meet new people in the process. Come to a Board meeting and check it out. We have a segment for guest comments at the end of the meeting and we listen!

Be sure to check out our October calendar. Our affable host, Howard Calvert, continues to offer a variety of locations for our happy hour socials. The October 27<sup>th</sup> social at the Brat Haus will have a Halloween theme. Howard is also offering a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance for you to catch his docent tour of the Museum of the West.

*President's Message—continued*

Andria Mori will host the Culinary Lunch at the White Chocolate Grill--sounds yummy! Carole Sobel will be hosting a free symphony event at the lovely Tempe Center for the Arts. It's worth going just to enjoy the setting on Tempe Town Lake. Are you fascinated by the British royal family; perhaps wondering if Prince Charles will ever be King? Then you'll want to join us for the October 22 theater event, "King Charles III", a drama which explores that scenario with a comic subplot. These are just some of the events on the calendar.

The days are shorter and the nights are cooler. Come on out and join the fun!

*Joanne Handlong, President*

## **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS STILL UNDERWAY**

Great news for all SFA members! We know how much fun being a member can be. SFA offers over 100 events a year and a variety of activities to choose from each month. Now you can share the fun with your friends and be rewarded for your effort.

Refer new members and you'll receive a discount on your next membership renewal fee: 10% discount for one new member, 25% discount for two, and 50% discount for three. The drive started on April 1, 2016 and referrals need to take place within one year from your renewal date or, for new members, the date you joined.

How? Invite someone to attend an SFA event as your guest. They can come with you to the event, or, when they arrive, they can tell the host they are there at your invitation. They can attend up to three events as a guest before making a decision of whether to join SFA.

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.

This is a great way to introduce your friends to our group and to get involved in helping grow our membership.

For more information, contact Carol Hasher at [membership@societyforthearts.org](mailto:membership@societyforthearts.org).



## **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

### **NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON**

**October 2, Sunday, 1:00 pm**

Our Membership Chair, Carol Hasher, and the SFA board members will be hosting a luncheon for new members on Sunday, October 2nd. New members received an invitation with full details and we hope that they will invite the member responsible for them joining our great organization. We look forward to this opportunity to get to know our new members better in a casual social setting. We will also chat with them about what SFA has to offer them.

### **BOARD MEETING**

**October 4, 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.

### **THEATER EVENT**

**October 9, Sunday, 3:00 pm**

**RSVP BY 9/28**

***Rasheeda Speaking*** - Presented by Black Theatre Troupe, Helen K. Mason Performing Arts Center, 1333 E. Washington St., Phoenix, (602) 258-8129. This tense workplace thriller examines the realities of a so-called "post-racial" society when two co-workers—one black, the other white—are driven apart by the actions of an insensitive

employer. The racially charged atmosphere thickens fast and spins wildly out of control as they both examine race, power and friendship. *Rasheeda Speaking* is an incisive and shocking dark comedy that blends painfully awkward workplace humor with intense racial tension. **Tickets: \$28.00** (Special SFA Group Rate for 10 or more; \$36.00 if less than 10). **After-show Dinner** at Pita Jungle, 1001 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, #4, Phoenix (602) 58-7482. **Contact** Nancy Crimmings, (602) 910-9490, [nlcrimmings@gmail.com](mailto:nlcrimmings@gmail.com), for tickets and dinner reservations by 9/28/16.

[www.pitajungle.com/locations/downtown-phoenix/](http://www.pitajungle.com/locations/downtown-phoenix/),  
[www.new-wp.blacktheatretroupe.org/](http://www.new-wp.blacktheatretroupe.org/)

## SOCIAL

**October 13, Thursday 4-7 pm**

**Fleming Steak House** located in the Hilton Hotel, 6333 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale (corner of Scottsdale Rd & Lincoln) (480) 596-8265

Happy hour menu featuring prime burgers, small plates and a variety of appetizers. "Skinny" cocktails (only 99 calories), wine, craft beers and specialty martinis. Please remember to tip your server. Contact Information: Howard Calvert 520-975-2802



## MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

**October 16, Sunday**

We will be going to see a film and then discuss it at dinner (Carole will bring some discussion points - no pressure, just fun). It may be a comedy or a foreign film or a documentary or a drama. But we promise it will not be a horror film. If you are on the email list, you will receive notification of the title, place and time on Wednesday, October 12. To join this group just send your information to [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com).

## SCOTTSDALE MUSEUM OF THE WEST: WESTERN SPIRITS

**October 19, Wednesday, 10am**  
**3830 N Marshall Way, Scottsdale**

**RSVP by 10/16**

Have you been to the new museum in Old Town Scottsdale yet? This is your chance! The museum is filled with eye-popping art worth \$100 million, and the building is worth another \$10 million. It was recently named, "Best Western Art Museum in the Nation". This is truly a dia-

mond in the rough.

Our own Howard Calvert, who has been a docent there for one year, will give us a private tour of the Lewis & Clark exhibit.

Please do not miss this opportunity for only \$11. We will view a short video and the tour will last 45 minutes. If the group is willing and hungry... we will do lunch nearby. Contact Howard Calvert 520-975-2802

## THEATRE EVENT

**October 22, Saturday, 8 pm**

**RSVP BY 10/12**

*King Charles III* - Presented by Arizona Theatre Company, Herberger Theater Center (Mainstage), 222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix. The Queen is dead. After a lifetime of waiting, Prince Charles ascends the throne with Camilla by his side. As William, Kate, and Harry look on, Charles prepares for the future of power that lies before him... but how will he rule? The play draws on the style and structure of a Shakespearean history play, but with modern verve, a comic subplot, and even the occasional appearance of a significant ghost. An exciting and provocative new drama of political intrigue by Mike Bartlett, *King Charles III* explores the people underneath the crowns, the unwritten rules of democracy, and the conscience of its most famous family. *Winner of the 2015 Olivier Award for Best Play*. **Tickets: \$50.00** (group rate for 10 or more; \$68.00 if less than 10). **Pre-show Dinner at 5:30 pm**, 1130 The Restaurant, in the Arizona Center, 455 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Suite 1130, Phoenix, (602) 368-3046, [www.1130therestaurant.com](http://www.1130therestaurant.com). **Contact** Howard Shapiro, (480) 962-9321, [howardmesa2@yahoo.com](mailto:howardmesa2@yahoo.com), for tickets and dinner reservations by 10/12/16



**Future Theater Events - Mark Your Calendars (Details in future newsletters)**

November 19, Sat., 8:00 pm - An Act of God (Comedy), Arizona Theatre Company

December 3, Sat., 7:30 pm - Billy Elliott (Musical), Phoenix Theatre

## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

**October 24, Monday, 5 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Concert**

We will meet at the Asian Fusion Cafe 725 S. Rural Rd. Ste. 103 Tempe (480)-939-2555 at 5pm for dinner. The restaurant has a private parking lot.

Then we'll drive to the Tempe Center for the Arts to hear a free concert given by the Tempe Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra is made up of volunteer performers, many of whom are retired musicians and former music teachers. The program features Vaughan Williams' *Overture to the Wasps*, Beethoven's *Symphony #7 in A, Op. 92*, and Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite #1, Op. 46*. Please email Carole Sobel [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com) for dinner reservations and/or for a seat to be held for you with the group. There are no tickets required and seating is on a first come basis.

## SOCIAL

**October 27, Thursday 4-7 pm**  
**Brat Haus, 3622 N Scottsdale Rd.,**  
**Scottsdale**  
**480-947-4006**



Oktoberfest will fill the open air beer garden with an abundance of traditional food and festivities. Look forward to brat eating, stein holding and music throughout the evening. Please join us with your festive mood. Please remember to tip our friendly wait staff. Contact information: Howard Calvert 520-975-2802

## CULINARY LUNCH

**October 28, Friday, 1 pm**  
**White Chocolate Grill, 7000 E. Mayo Blvd., Scottsdale.**  
**RSVP BY 10/26**

Members and guests are invited to a culinary lunch at White Chocolate Grill, a contemporary American restaurant. White Chocolate Grill features a diverse menu in a fun atmosphere. RSVP to A. Mori (602) 667-8170 or e-mail [amori@cox.net](mailto:amori@cox.net)

## Good Food, Good Show, Good Company for Theater Event

Eight members and two guests attended the "Velocity of Autumn" theater event at the Herberger Theater Center in Phoenix on September 17, 2016. Former member, Jane Frost and her husband, Jim Woodle, visiting from California, attended as house guests of Joanne Handlong. The group welcomed them warmly. The play was produced by iTheatre Collaborative and performed in the KAX Theatre

at the Herberger Theater Center. Everyone agreed it was excellent and very apropos to our age group. The pre-show dinner was held at The District American Kitchen in the Sheraton Hotel. The food was delicious and the price was right too as it happened to be Restaurant Week. (See related picture on next page.)

## New Location for Future Board Meetings

Denny's, 3315 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale  
(Just south of Osborn)

**Next Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, November 15, 2016 - 6:15 pm**

We are moving our Board meetings from Mimi's to Denny's, starting with the November meeting. Denny's has a more private and larger room. They provided great service at our September meeting. Another plus is that they give AARP members an 18% discount if you present your AARP membership card--the one with a bar code on the back. WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US but, as a courtesy to Denny's, we would appreciate an RSVP to Joanne Handlong, [president@societyforthearts.org](mailto:president@societyforthearts.org), so that we can have a place set for you.

## 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.

### Dinner Before the Herberger Show



L to R: Jim Woodle, Jane Frost, Janet Hom, Howard Calvert, Andria Mori, Nancy Crimmings, Sandy Ryan, Paula Dow  
(Picture taken by Joanne Handlong)

### Attendees at SFA Dinner With Friends



L to R: Julie Taylor, Linda Dorethy, Paula Dow, Wendy Chisholm, Carol Hasher, Joanne Handlong, Bernie Soricone, Andria Mori, and Cheryl Slobodnik.

### Dinner With Friends in Old Town Scottsdale

Malee's on Main was the location for Dinner With Friends on Thursday, September 22, 2016. Nine SFA members enjoyed good Thai food and lively conversation. The afternoon had started out with a downpour but by the time we stepped outside to take in the Thursday night art walk, the sun was shining through the clouds and the only rain left were sparkling drops hither and thither. Malee's is one of those wonderful old restaurants that exude comfortableness like a pair of well-worn slippers. We encourage you to come to Dinner With Friends if you haven't yet done so. You'll find it really is a friendly dinner with good conversation!



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Howard Calvert  
Nancy Crimmings  
Fran Riggs  
Victoria Heil

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).

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9 Theatre	10	11	12	13 Social	14	15
16 Movie	17	18	19 Museum of the West	20	21	22 Theatre
23	24 Close Encounters	25	26	27 Social	28 Culinary Lunch	29
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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 SFA Membership Chair:  
Carol Hasher, membership@societyforthearts.org

The Membership Application can be downloaded and printed from our website  
www.societyforthearts.org