



Society for the Arts
Active Singles 50+
NEWSLETTER



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Check out our website www.societyforthearts.org



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President's Message

Dear SFA Members,

Here we are at the end of 2021, still hanging in there as an organization, still dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic which feels more and more like the “new normal”. To those of you who have continued to support us during the past two years, I say “thank you”. To our activity chairs and hosts who have planned safe and fun social activities for our members, I say “thank you”. To our Board of Directors who have “zoomed” each month and administered all aspects of SFA, I say “thank you”. It is the dedication of all of you that has kept SFA viable during the past two years.

In appreciation of that, we’re going to have a holiday get-together on December 7th at Maggiano’s Italian Restaurant where those of you who have renewed your membership by December 1st will be treated to a complimentary four-course Italian dinner plus dessert. You don’t want to miss out on this!

Following dinner, we will conduct some important business—election of directors to our Board. We have a slate of candidates to present but we will also take nominations from the floor at the meeting.

It should be a festive and fun evening, a chance to socialize with members you may not have seen in a while. You might even take home one of the many door prizes. If you haven’t yet returned the renewal form we emailed to you and paid the membership dues of \$75.00, you still have time. December 1st is the deadline for getting those to us.

We are planning to increase our activities in 2022, banking on more people in the community being vaccinated which will make it safer for all of us. I hope all of you will renew your membership so that we can continue our mission of supporting the arts in the community.

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Has your Address, Email or Phone Changed?

Email the new info to justjo34@gmail.com, and to Bob Hurni, bhurni@aol.com. If you do not have email access, send the information to our P.O. Box.

President's Message - continued

You'll find more information on the Annual Meeting/Holiday Dinner in this newsletter, as well as information on the activities planned for December. Come out and join in the fun!

Happy holidays to all of you!

Joanne Handlong



Happy birthday to these members
born in **December**

Nadeen Berger

Marietta Huston

Jim Kroening



Did we miss your birthday? Send an email to justjo34@gmail.com and we'll correct our records.

SFA Guest Policy

Guest attendance at our events is normally limited to three events before the guest must join in order to continue attending. These restrictions have been waived for 2021. We welcome guests at all our events in 2021 as long as they are fully vaccinated for Covid-19

SFA Membership Fee

Membership fees are normally \$75.00 per year but are being waived for 2021.



Society for the Arts
Annual Meeting and Holiday Dinner
December 7, 2021
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Maggiano's Little Italy

Located in The Promenade
16405 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

SFA members will be treated to a complimentary four-course Italian dinner plus dessert. The dinner will be served family style. Courses will include choices of two salads, two appetizers, two pastas, two entrees and two desserts. There will be a no-host bar (cash bar) but waiters will take your drink orders at the table and present you with an individual bill at the end of the dinner.

The no-host cocktail hour (cash bar) will begin at 5:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM and the Annual Meeting and Board elections will begin at approximately 7:30 PM.

Membership Renewal forms were emailed to all members on November 13th, asking you to return them along with membership dues of \$75.00 **no later than December 1** to reserve your seat at the Holiday Dinner.

**CAN YOU FIND YOUR
SFA NAME BADGE?**

**PLEASE WEAR IT TO THE
ANNUAL MEETING/
HOLIDAY DINNER**

December Activities

NOTE: All members and guests must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 in order to attend Society for the Arts in-person activities.

THEATER EVENT

Saturday, December 4, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 11/27

The Million Dollar Quartet Christmas - Presented by Phoenix Theatre Company, 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. **The boys are back to celebrate the**

most wonderful time of the year! Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley come together again to celebrate the holidays! Sun Records, now festively decorated with a Christmas tree, garland, and mistletoe, rings with sounds of the



season and the chart toppers that made the “Million Dollar Quartet” famous. The gang is up to their usual antics as we journey through stories of Christmas past, present, and future. It’s a jam-packed evening of holiday hits. **Tickets: \$55.00**

After Show Dinner at Fez, 105 W Portland St, Phoenix, (602) 287-8700. Free parking available in the garage directly behind Fez. **Hosted by Judith Brooks.** **RSVP** jabrooks49@yahoo.com, or call (623) 810-5790 by November 27. <https://www.phoenixtheatre.com/tickets>, fezoncentral.com

COVID-19 Protocols: Phoenix Theatre recommends patrons be vaccinated and wear masks inside the theater and lobby. Temps will be taken at the door.

ANNUAL MEETING/HOLIDAY DINNER

Tuesday, December 7th

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Maggiano’s Little Italy, 16405 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, located in The Promenade.



BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

Monday, December 13, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 12/12

The newly elected SFA Board will meet via Zoom. This is primarily an organizational meeting for the new board. They will choose their officers for 2022 and discuss areas of responsibility for individual Board members. All members with

access to Zoom are invited to attend the meeting. **RSVP** to Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com by **December 12** if you are planning to attend in order to receive the Zoom link.

SOCIAL

Thursday, December 16, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

RSVP BY 12/14

MACAYO’S - 8608 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale,



An old favorite has reopened in a new location serving the same delicious food in a fun atmosphere. \$4 well cocktails, draft beers; \$7-9 margaritas, \$6 Tiito's or Jack Daniels cocktails. Great selection of

\$6 or 2 for \$10 appetizers as well as \$9 choices such as Nachos Supreme. **RSVP by 12/14** to Julie Taylor at azjutay@aol.com or 480-451-4146. <https://www.macayo.com/>

CULINARY LUNCH

Wally’s American Gastropub

November 12, 2021



Left to Right: Doug Crandall, Deborah McNeill (Host), Bill Boring, Bill Plank, Carmen Wootten, Julie Taylor, Gerry Lewis, Sue Ruttenberg, Marcia Weinroth, Jerry Crow, Nancy Salisbury

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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.



DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 Theater
5	6 <i>Hannukah Ends</i>	7 Annual Meeting/ Holiday Dinner	8	9	10	11
12	13 Board Meeting	14	15	16 Social	17	18
19	20	21 <i>Winter Solstice</i>	22	23	24	25  Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1