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**NEWSLETTER**



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**President's Message**

December is a busy time for a lot of us and that includes SFA. Our Annual Meeting of the membership will once again be combined with a complimentary Holiday Dinner on December 10. We received many positive comments regarding last year's event, so we're repeating it! Hope to see many of you there to participate in electing Directors to the Board and hearing reports on our "state of the union". It's a merry event where we can don our holiday attire (optional), enjoy one another's company and get to meet both older and newer members.

The two-year terms of many of our current Board members expire this December, but luckily most of them will be on the ballot for re-election. I am grateful to these dedicated Directors, many of whom have served three or more two-year terms on the Board. In addition, we are seeking candidates for two vacancies and four Alternate Director positions.

Alternate Director positions are new, established recently in a revision to our Bylaws. Alternate Directors can be called on to fill in for a regular Director who is unable to attend a Board meeting. Our Bylaws require that we have a quorum present to vote on items (i.e., a majority of Directors, less the President who does not vote). We lacked a quorum at three of our meetings this past year and thus had to delay voting on agenda items. Having Alternate Directors should prevent a recurrence of this problem.

Some other changes to the Bylaws include a requirement that Directors be reachable by email and be available for the scheduled Board meetings throughout the year. Copies of the revised Bylaws

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will be available at the Annual Meeting and will also be posted on our website in the near future.

Putting administrative issues aside, you'll find good news and fun events in this newsletter. Good news includes a steady increase in our membership. We are welcoming four new members in this newsletter. Other good news is that we focused our donations on two youth-related arts organizations this year and our donations were quickly acknowledged and appreciated.

In preparation for the new year, we're looking to expand our cadre of happy hour hosts. You'll find a list of proposed locations through May 2020 herein along with info on host responsibilities. This is one of our most popular activities and a great way to volunteer without a big time commitment.

In closing, I wish you all a very happy holiday season, however you celebrate it!

Joanne Handlong

## SOCIAL

**Thursday, December 5, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**  
**Tap House Kitchen**, 6137 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale (in the Hilton Village), (480) 656-0012. Popular casual, fun meeting place for locals as well as visitors. Patio seating depending on the weather. Bar bites from \$6 to \$12 + an awesome Signature Hamburger for \$15. Beers, wines, cocktails--\$1 to \$2 off regular price. Beer lovers choose from 23 different draft & craft Beers, including six AZ beers. Hosted by Howard Calvert, [hwcalvert@me.com](mailto:hwcalvert@me.com), (520) 975-2802. <https://www.taphousekitchen.com/scottsdale-menus#menu=happy-hour>

### Holiday Dinner and Annual Meeting (Members only)

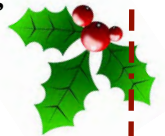
**December 10th, Tuesday, 5:00 PM**

**The Bluewater Grill**,

1720 E. Camelback, Phoenix (602) 277-3474

By now, all SFA members should have received an invitation to this event via regular USPS mail. Contact Doris Green, [dorisgreen@cox.net](mailto:dorisgreen@cox.net), (602) 943-6501 immediately, if you have not received your invitation, as your response is due back to her by **11/27**. The event will be held in a private room at the restaurant. We will enjoy a cocktail party from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Cash bar with wine and beer will be available at happy hour prices until 8:00 pm. A complimentary pre-fixe dinner will be served at 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. The annual meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. The annual meeting will include a report on the financial status of SFA, a President's report on the state of SFA, and culminate with Board elections. (A slate of candidates for the Board will be presented; nominations can also be made from the floor.)

Contact Joanne Handlong, [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com), (480) 491-3326, for more information.



### Let's Recognize these members

# Welcome

#### New Members

Louise Gallo-Crouzet

Leslie Fine

(Dr.) Albert Scozzari

Tammy Stover

We are delighted to welcome these four new members. Tammy is a former member who has rejoined. Please be sure to introduce yourself and help make them comfortable as they get to know us and we them!

# Happy Birthday

### to these members born in December!

Marietta Huston

Jean Roberts

Jim Kroening



# December Activities

## CULINARY LUNCH

Friday, December 13, 1:00 PM

**RSVP BY 12/11**

We will dine in the restaurant of the **Scottsdale House**, located at 4800 N. 68<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsdale. A hidden gem in downtown Scottsdale, Scottsdale House has a cozy residential clubhouse with a restaurant and lovely dining room that are decorated beautifully for the holidays. Two of our members, Marilyn and Linda, have social memberships at the Scottsdale House which give them access to some of the community's facilities. They have invited us to be their guests for our December Culinary Lunch. The lunch menu offers a variety of items that should please everyone's palette. Please RSVP to Deborah - [deborahmcneill@icloud.com](mailto:deborahmcneill@icloud.com) or call (786) 537-4618 **by December 11.**

## MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

Sunday, December 15

Treat yourself to an interesting movie once a month. Join us for a film and dinner. You will receive an SFA Express email on December 12 with the name of the film, venue and time. We usually go to the Harkins Shea 14 or Harkins Camelview. Hope to see you there. Hosted by Carole, [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com), and Bill, (602) 942-3151.

## BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 16, 2:00 PM

**RSVP BY 12/13**

**The Terraces**, 7550 N. 16th Street, Phoenix, 800-836-4281 - All members are invited. This will primarily be an organizational meeting for the new Board. The Board will elect its officers for 2020 and chair assignments will be made. A portion of the meeting is reserved for guest comments. We meet and have lunch in a private dining room, the Bordeaux Room. You are welcome to come at 12:30 PM and have lunch at The Terraces at a very reasonable cost. You must **RSVP** to Carole Sobel, [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com), **by Fri, 12/13** if you choose the lunch option. For information, contact Joanne Handlong, [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com), (480) 491-3326.



## SOCIAL

Thursday, December 19, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**Bar Six40 at the Scottsdale Resort & Conference Center**, 7700 E. McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale, (480) 991-9000. Beautiful golf course setting in the heart of Scottsdale. Great selection of draft beers offered at \$4 during Happy Hour as well as \$6 wines and cocktails. Bar menu has such interesting items as Mole meatballs, Flame Kissed Shishito Pepper, Mesquite Honey Cheese Curds as well more traditional burgers and salads--all at reduced Happy Hour prices. Music after 6:30 PM. Hosted by Howard Calvert, [hwcalvert@me.com](mailto:hwcalvert@me.com), (520) 975-2802.

## THEATER

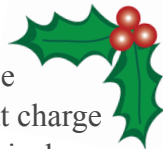
**\*\*\*Limited number of discounted tickets\*\*\***

Saturday, December 21, 2:00 PM

**The Ultimate Christmas Show**

**(Abridged)** – The Southwest Shakespeare Company presents an irreverent yet heartwarming romp through tradition performed by the internationally famous Reduced Shakespeare Company (RSC) whose motto is “brevity is the soul of wit”. The RSC has been featured on television, radio, and more \*. You don't want to miss this merry holiday show that bursts with festive, slapstick fun as the cheerfully ridiculous performers (aka clowns) celebrate all of our favorite holiday traditions—at once! **Tickets:** We have purchased a limited number of tickets at a discounted price of \$38.00 (vs. \$58.00-\$68.00 regular price). These will go to the first ten people who respond. Additional tickets may be purchased but may be at a higher price. The venue for this show is the new Madison Center for the Arts, 5601 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street (NE corner of 16<sup>th</sup> St. and Missouri), Phoenix 85016, (602) 664-7777. Free parking structure behind the Center. [whttps://www.themadison.org/](https://www.themadison.org/). **After-show Dinner** at George Yang's Chinese Cuisine, 6048 N. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix, (602) 368-2688. Hosted by: Joanne Handlong. **Contact** Joanne at (480) 491-3326, [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com), for tickets and reservations. \*Go to <http://www.reducedshakespeare.com/> to learn more about The Reduced Shakespeare Co.





## SFA DONATIONS SUPPORT YOUTH

Again this year, the SFA Board approved monies to be donated to arts organizations in the Phoenix metropolitan area. An amount of \$1,120.00 was approved and a decision was made to direct these funds to youth-oriented arts organizations. The **Phoenix Girls Chorus** and the **Scottsdale Philharmonic Youth Orchestra** were selected as recipients. Each of these groups received \$500.00. In addition, a donation of \$120.00 was made to Ballet Arizona to sponsor a family of four for *The Nutcracker Angel Night*. *Angel Night* helps families in need celebrate the holidays by attending a full-length production of *The Nutcracker* free of charge. *Angel Night* helps over 2,000 children and families each year experience an evening of magic and hope. SFA has donated for this event for many years.

The **Phoenix Girls Chorus** is a non-profit organization founded in 1981. It offers exemplary choral music education to girls between the ages of 7 and 18 in Phoenix and the surrounding areas. Its mission is to cultivate, inspire, and empower young women to find their voice through world-class music education and performance. Ultimately, that voice extends to leadership and community service as well as music. Within the chorus are five distinct choirs, providing a progressive music education for girls from the initial Melodia choir where they work on ear training, performance practice, and producing a beautiful unified sound as a choir to the top Cantabile choir, made up of high school-age young women who have exceptional abilities in the areas of sight singing, performing, and leadership. This choir performs in 5-6 regular season concerts each year, as well as multiple privately booked performances, and they tour each summer. Go to [www.girlschorus.org](http://www.girlschorus.org) to learn more about this recipient including their concert schedule.

The **Scottsdale Philharmonic Youth Orchestra** is a full symphony orchestra sponsored by the Scottsdale Philharmonic and is under the direction of Dr. Daniel Atwood. The Philharmonic is dedicated to bringing classical music to young people through performance opportunities and scholarships. The youth orchestra rehearses weekly and performs three concerts a year. Our \$500.00 donation was made during a fundraiser when an anonymous donor

matched our donation 3-to-1. The Scottsdale Philharmonic Orchestra concerts are without charge to the public. Their mission is to make classical music available to audiences of all ages. They have been a recipient of our donations in the past and you will sometimes see a performance on our calendar. See concert schedule at: <https://www.scottsdalephilharmonic.com/>

## WANTED! MORE HAPPY HOUR HOSTS

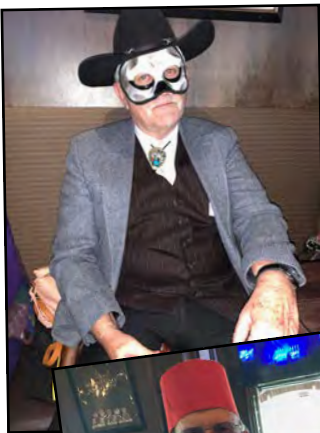
Hosting one of our happy hours is a fun and easy way to meet new people and get more involved in SFA without making a big time commitment. We have an excellent core group of hosts but would like to expand that group.

Here is a list of happy hour venues suggested for the first half of 2020 by Julie Taylor, our Happy Hour Coordinator. Take a look at this list and let Julie know if you could host any of them. Hosts have the option to change the venue in coordination with Julie.

- January 9 - Malee's Thai Bistro, Scottsdale
- January 23 - Bar 640 at Scottsdale Resort and Conference Center, Scottsdale
- February 6 - L'Amore Italian Restau, Phx
- February 20 - Fogo de Chao, Scottsdale
- March 5 - Bobby Q's BBQ, Phoenix
- March 19 - Taphouse Kitchen, Scottsdale
- April 2 - Lon's at the Hermosa, P.V.
- April 16 - Evo, Scottsdale
- April 30 - Pizzeria Bianco, N. Central, Phx
- May 14- Manuel's, Scottsdale
- May 30 - Prado Lounge at Montelucia Omni Resort, Paradise Valley

We have printed HH Host guidelines to help you. Briefly, HH Hosts confirm arrangements with the venue, prepare a writeup for the newsletter, and act as a host at the happy hour; i.e., greet members and guests, make introductions, and ensure people feel welcome. You'll be given a packet of materials such as name labels, and registration forms, SFA brochures and current newsletters for guests—but your main task is to circulate and be a welcoming host. Contact Julie at [azjutay@aol.com](mailto:azjutay@aol.com), (480) 451-4146.

Collage from Social at The Thirsty Lion, October 31st. Great costumes & turnout. Thanks to Marge Metz for putting it together! Thanks to Howard Calvert for taking these photos!



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**Active Singles 50+ Enjoying the Arts**

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 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Social	6	7
8	9	10 Annual Mtg/ Holiday Dinner	11	12	13 Culinary Lunch	14
15 Movies	16 Board Meeting	17	18	19 Social	20	21 Theater
22  Hannukkah Begins	23	24	25  Christmas Day	26	27	28
29  Hannukkah Ends	30	31	1	2	3	4

### SFA Guest Policy

We welcome guests to attend up to three SFA events, but after the 3rd visit they must join SFA 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)