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President's Message

First, I want to announce that Mariann Winter is now a member of our Board of Directors. Mariann had been attending our Board meetings regularly as a guest and readily said "yes" when we asked her to join the Board. Her appointment was approved at the May Board meeting. Mariann brings a wealth of leadership experience to the Board. Welcome and thank you, Mariann!

I'm guessing that all of you, like me, are enjoying our unbelievably cool Spring weather here in the Valley. I'm hoping, wistfully, that we have a wonderfully cool Summer as well! I'm heading out of town for a few short trips this summer and hope you too will enjoy some respite from the summer heat. I also hope you'll come out and enjoy the activities we have planned this summer—all in air conditioned comfort! Bring a guest too. Guests can attend up to three of our events, at which point they must join to continue attending. Events open to the public are not counted towards the three maximum. Guests fill out a registration form which asks for their email address; they then receive a complimentary copy of our newsletter for the next three months. Hint! Guests often turn into members!

That's all for now. I'm keeping this message short this month as the newsletter is a bit late getting to you. I hope to see you soon at an event!

Joanne Handlong

Has your Address, Email or Phone Changed?

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



Calling All Book Lovers!

Would you be interested in joining an SFA book club? One of our members has offered her house in the McCormick Ranch area for a meeting place. Our first meeting would be an organizational one when we would discuss meeting day, time, genre's, etc. Contact Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com, (480) 491-3326, if you are interested. So far, five people have expressed an interest—we would like to have at least eight participants. Join now and have input into the organization of the club.



to these members born in June.

Nancy Bradley
Judith Brooks

Did we omit listing your birthday this month?
Send an email to justjo34@gmail.com so that
we can update our records.

Mail your event payments to:

**SFA Treasurer
P.O. Box 807
Mesa, AZ 85211**

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, and click on the
PayPal link on the Calendar page. You can use
your credit card here.

CULINARY LUNCH

Wednesday, June 12, 1:00 PM

RSVP BY 6/10

Charleston's, 17001 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
(480) 563-7666. Charleston's serves modestly
priced, traditional American classics prepared from
scratch daily in a casual, relaxed atmosphere. Please
RSVP to Andria, a.mori@cox.net or call (602)
820-5347 **before Mon., June 10.** [https://
charlestons.com/locations/charlestons-scottsdale/](https://charlestons.com/locations/charlestons-scottsdale/)



THEATER

Saturday, June 8, 2:00 PM

*****A few tickets may still be available*****

Once (Musical) – Presented by Phoenix Theatre
Company, 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
(McDowell and Central). This emotionally
captivating musical is the only show to have music
that won an Academy Award, a Grammy Award, an
Olivier Award and a Tony Award. On the streets of
Dublin, an Irish musician and a Czech immigrant
are drawn together by their shared love of music.
Over the course of one fateful week, an unexpected
friendship and collaboration quickly evolves into a
powerful but complicated love story, underscored
by emotionally charged music. The cast also serves
as the orchestra. The set includes a bar in center
stage with chairs lining stage left and right. Exiting
cast members simply step to the side of the stage
and sit down where they serve as the orchestra.
Presumably, as in other productions, the bar will be
used before the show and at intermission as a
working bar for theater patrons. **Tickets: \$46.00.**
**A few tickets may still be available as of this
printing. After-show Dinner** at Alexi's Grill,
3550 N. Central Ave., #120, Phoenix, (602)
279-0982. Hosted by Joanne Handlong. **Contact**
Joanne at justjo34@gmail.com, or (480) 491-3326
for tickets. www.phoenixtheatre.com/

June Activities

MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

Sunday, June 9

See a film in the afternoon and then go to dinner. You will receive an SFA Express email on Friday, June 7 with the name of the film, location and time. Join us for an interesting movie and discussion. Hosted by Bill Plank, (602) 942-31151, and Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com.



SOCIAL

Thursday, June 13, 4:00PM to 6:00PM

The MacIntosh, in the Town and Country Shopping Center, 2119 E Camelback Rd, in Phoenix, (602) 368-8766. Come check out this relatively new restaurant (just opened October 2018) serving quality, modern American fare in a neighborhood hangout atmosphere. Their Happy Hour features half price off their very special whiskey list, if that's your thing. Appetizers start at \$6.00 and wine at \$7.00. Hosted by Deborah McNEILL, (786) 537-4618. As always, please remember to tip your server. Website: www.themacintoshaz.com

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

Friday, June 21, 12:30PM -3:30PM

RSVP BY 6/16

Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, (602) 257-1880 - We will meet at 12:30PM at the Palette Restaurant inside the Phoenix Art Museum for lunch. At 2:00PM we will have a private docent tour of the fashion exhibit, *Flora*. We will discover how flowers have inspired fashions through the ages. It showcases ensembles and accessories by Marc Jacobs, Comme des Garçons, Charles James, Slava Zaitsev and more. The exhibition explores the evolution of botanical-inspired designs from the 18th century through the present. Historical garments with embroidered and realistic floral motifs are shown alongside modern pieces featuring flower-inspired silhouettes and bold, abstract floral prints. Hosted by Carole Sobel. Please email cesobel@gmail.com for reservations **by June 16.**



THEATER

Sunday, June 23, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 6/19

Summer Shorts – Presented by Theatre Artists



Studio at the Studio, 12406 N. Paradise Village Parkway East, Scottsdale, (602) 765-0120. Theatre Artists Studio presents its 2019 version of its wildly

popular annual festival of short plays. Running the gamut from the dramatic to the comical to the absurd, these eight plays from The Studio's member playwrights offer amazing variety, thought-provoking entertainment, and *90 minutes of pure fun!* **Tickets: \$21.99 (Senior Rate and Group Rate). After-show Dinner: Olive Garden**, 4868 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale, (602) 494-4327. Hosted by Carole Sobel. **Contact** Carole at cesobel@gmail.com, or (602) 595-4400, for tickets and dinner reservations **by Wed, June 19.** <https://www.thestudiophx.org/>

SOCIAL

Thursday, June 27, 4:30PM to 6:30PM

BRIO Tuscan Grill, 15301 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, (480) 607-1100.

BRIO is a popular Italian restaurant located in the lovely Scottsdale Quarter. It's a fun place for happy hour. After all, BRIO means "full of life". Bar plates range from \$4.00 to \$6.00 and showcase their genuine Northern Italian cuisine from Spicy Shrimp & Eggplant to Beef Carpaccio to Calamari. The atmosphere has been described as "polished casual". Hosted by Deborah McNEILL, (786) 537-4618. Please remember to tip your server. www.brioitalian.com.



NOTE: BRIO Tuscan Grille is located on the S.E. corner of Scottsdale Road and Greenway Loop, next to West Elm.

Upcoming July Theater Event

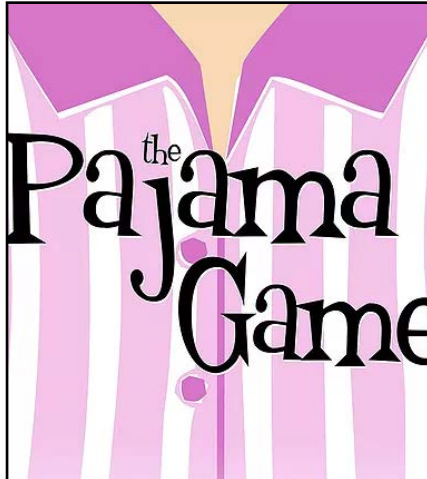
June 27 RSVP deadline

Saturday, July 13

7:30 PM

Tempe Center for the Arts
700 W. Rio Salado Parkway
Tempe

Presented by
Scottsdale Musical Theater



Featuring Cory McCloskey
(Valley TV Newsanchor and
Weatherman) as Sid Sorokin



TICKETS: \$45.00

PRE-SHOW DINNER: 5:00 PM - The Thirsty Lion Gastropub & Grill, at Tempe Marketplace , 2000 E. Rio Salado Parkway, #1041, Tempe - <https://www.thirstyliongastropub.com/arizona>

HOSTED BY: Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com, (480) 491-3326

DEADLINE: June 27 - Contact Joanne by 6/27 for tickets & dinner reservations.

SYNOPSIS: Romance is blossoming at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Handsome new Superintendent Sid Sorokin falls hard for feisty Union rep “Babe” Williams, and, despite her dismissal of all things love-related, it seems she’s falling right back. That is, until Sleep-Tite employees are refused a seven-and-a-half cent raise, and the pair find themselves on either side of the union protest that results. Based on Richard Bissel’s novel, 7 ½ cents, Adler and Ross’ Pajama Game portrays the ups and downs of romance, with the added heat of politics making the temperature extra hot. Babe and Sid must figure out how to love when the principles they value most are tearing them apart. First staged in 1954, The Pajama Game won three Tony awards, including best musical, and won another Tony for Best Revival in 2006, a testament to the fact that love, music, and politics are as hot as they ever were. The Pajama Game features hit songs including “Hey There,” “Hernando’s Hideaway” and “Steam Heat” which have also become pop standards that climbed as high as number one in the US charts.

JOANNE’S NOTE: Doris Day played Union Rep “Babe” Williams in the 1957 movie version of this award-winning musical. This production is a timely tribute following her recent passing. We have excellent seats, orchestra center, rows E and F, at a special rate of \$45.00. Reserve your spot and join us for what promises to be another excellent musical production by the Scottsdale Musical Theater Company.



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Society for the Arts is on



Find us at www.meetup.com as
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.

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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

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