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President's Message

I hope you are all enjoying the Spring weather we've been having lately. I like the colder months but Spring brings near-perfect weather to our valley for outdoor activities, whether it's Spring training baseball games or having dinner on the patio.

Perhaps the pleasant weather was the impetus for the high turnout for our February 20 Happy Hour at Fogo de Chao. A total of 24 SFA members attended plus a few guests. The nice weather allowed for outdoor seating, always a pleasant way to socialize. Thanks to Julie Taylor and Gene Bonnett for putting it together and hosting and to Howard Calvert for taking many pictures—too many to fit inside this edition of the newsletter. We'll find another way to display them, Howard.

Another very successful February activity was the Valentine's Day dance at the American Legion. Howard Calvert hosted and reports that a total of 14 members attended plus two guests. He said that the food was delicious, the music spectacular—no exaggeration—and that it was probably the best American Legion Dance event we've had so far. You'll find a few pictures inside. Nice to see so many of our lovely ladies dressed in red for this special occasion. Thank you, Howard, for hosting.

One of the highlights of our March line-up of events is an opportunity to learn more about the versatile 3D Printer. Carole Sobel has set up a visit to the studio of a sculptor who uses one for his art. Mark your calendar for March 27 and join me and others for what promises to be an enlightening and interesting event.

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.

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President's Message - continued

Of course, we have a variety of other activities planned for you this month. I'm intrigued by the March 29 theater event which promises to give us the inside scoop on some Hollywood gossip. iTheatre Collaborative is a small theater that puts on unique and high-quality productions. If you haven't attended a performance there, I encourage you to join us for this "gossipy" one.

In closing, I want to acknowledge the work that Victoria Heil did on this newsletter. Both of us worked on it as we are trying to find the best way to transition from a Mac-based software to a PC-based software system.

Joanne Handlong

THEATER

Sunday, March 1, 2:00 PM

Street Scene (American Opera) - Presented by ASU Lyric Opera, Music Building, Evelyn Smith Music Theater, 50 Gammage Parkway, Tempe. Based on the play by Elmer Rice, Kurt Weill's and Langston Hughes' "Broadway opera," with a score that blends operatic arias and ensembles; show tunes and dance numbers; jazz and blues; and dramatic dialogue, is a passionate, emotionally charged portrait of family and communal life among the multi-ethnic working-class and immigrant inhabitants of a crowded New York City tenement. Centered on the life-changing events of one oppressively hot summer day, Street Scene illuminates the tensions, despair, hopes and dreams of this meltingpot community. Contains mature themes including domestic violence and gunshots. Parental discretion advised. Music by Kurt Weill; book by Elmer Rice, based on his play by the same name, lyrics by Langston Hughes and Elmer Rice; co-production with McGill University; stage direction by Patrick Hansen; music direction by Brian DeMaris. **Tickets: \$12.00. After-show Dinner** at Four Peaks Brewing Company, 1340 E. Eighth Street, Tempe, (480) 303- 9967. Hosted by Bernie Soricone, bernicone@yahoo.com, (480) 396-9299. Reservation deadline was Feb. 12. <https://www.fourpeaks.com/locations/8th-street-pub/>, <https://herbergerinstitute.asu.edu/events>

SOCIAL

Thursday, March 5, 4 PM - 6 PM

Bobby-Q BBQ

3154 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix (bobbyqbbq.com) (602) 626-8856. Situated in the Biltmore Plaza, this casual restaurant serves great barbecue and other specialties.



Besides their HH menu, with numerous beers, wine & handcrafted cocktails, they also feature an Early Bird menu until 5:30pm, with some entree choices less than a sawbuck (\$10). And their ThankQ bag of little donuts is a nice parting touch! Hosted by Bill Boring and Nancy Bradley. Text him at (602) 327-1522 for information.

Let's Recognize these members

Happy Birthday to these members born in March

Happy Birthday



Jerry Crow
Doris Green
Michael Jennings
Marilyn Rawlinson
Dorothy Sydnor
Somers White

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

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.



March Activities

BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 9, 1:30 PM

RSVP BY 3/6

The Terraces, 7550 N. 16th

Street, Phoenix,

800-836-4281 - All members are

invited. 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 invited 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, **by Fri, 3/6** if you choose

the lunch option. For information re the meeting,

contact Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com, (480)

491-3326.



THEATER

Friday, March 13, 7:30 PM



This comedy by Neil Simon is presented by Desert Stages Theater, Scottsdale Fashion Square Food Court (behind the escalator), 7014 E Camelback Road, Scottsdale, (480)

483-1664, www.desertstages.org.

Jake, a novelist who is more successful with fiction than with life, faces a marital crisis by daydreaming about the women in his life. His moving flashbacks are interrupted by visitations from actual females including a revered deceased first wife, his daughter recalled as a child but now a woman, his bossy sister and his current wife (who is leaving him for another man) and a prospective third wife.

Ticket Price: \$22.00.

Pre-Show Dinner at 5:00 PM, at The Roaring Fork, 4800 N Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, (480) 947-0795.

Hosted by Marcia Weinroth. Contact her at thenewme3210@aol.com or call her at (480) 415-7729 for tickets and dinner reservations

by March 1st.

MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

Sunday, March 15

Join us for a movie and dinner on a Sunday afternoon. The film will be

one of the top Oscar selections for 2020. Last year we saw four of the

five contenders ("Joker" is the one we missed). No need to RSVP, just wake up on March 15 and

decide a good movie is better than working on your taxes. An email with the title, venue and time will

be sent on Thursday, March 12. We usually go to the Harkins Shea 14 or Harkins Camelview. Hope

to see you there. Hosted by Carole,

cesobel@gmail.com, and Bill, (602) 942-3151.



SOCIAL

Thursday, March 19, 4-6 PM

Taphouse Kitchen, 6137 N. Scottsdale Road (in The Shops at Hilton Village), Scottsdale, (480)

656-0012, <https://www.taphousekitchen.com/>



Taphouse Kitchen Scottsdale offers a menu centered around modern American cuisine. \$2 off all draft beer and spirits, \$2 off all wine and Margaritas, rocks or frozen.

Taphouse Sliders \$6, THK Wings

\$6, Roasted Harissa Hummus \$6 to name a few specials. Hosted by Barbara Rosen (480) 816-0041 or email babeandkit@aol.com.

CULINARY LUNCH

Friday, March 20, 12:00 PM*

RSVP BY 3/18

Pubblico Italian Eatery on Indian Bend Road in Scottsdale is a charming, small family-run affair.

Located at 7001 N Scottsdale Rd in the Seville Shopping Center, it's on the ground floor, below

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse. (480-597-6394). The menu boasts classic Italian dishes, a nice variety of

seafood, as well as pizzas and salads. Try the fresh strawberry salad with gorgonzola cheese and

caramelized walnuts. Please **RSVP** to Deborah - deborahmneill@icloud.com or call her at (786)

537-4618 **by March 18th.**

www.pubblicoitalianeatery.com

**Note that we start at noon.*

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

Friday, March 27, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 3/23

Artist's Studio Tour

5831 N. 46th Place Phoenix, (602) 952-8767.

This is a private tour for members and their guests. We will meet at the home/studio/gallery of the sculptor, Kevin Caron, at 2:00 PM. Kevin will demonstrate his 8-foot-tall 3D printer, and we will see a gallery of his sculpture. From there, we will drive a short distance to his metal-working studio and discover how his steel and aluminum works are constructed. To see some of his work go to <http://kevincaron.com/> Afterward, we will go to dinner at *Seasons 52*, located in the east end of the Biltmore shopping mall, 2502 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix, (602) 840-5252. . Please **RSVP** to cesobel@gmail.com **by March 23**.

THEATER

Sunday, March 29, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 3/14

I'll Eat You Last: A Chat With Sue Mengers (by John Logan) -

Presented by iTheatre

Collaborative, at the Herberger

Theater Center's Kax Theater, 222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix. (The entrance to the Kax Theater is from Van Buren Street.) Would you like to take a brain break from the serious world to the eloquently silly and maybe nostalgic world of Hollywood gossip? Join us as we indulge in iTheatre Collaborative's production of "*I'll Eat You Last: A Chat With Sue Mengers*". Sue Mengers was an agent to many of the Hollywood Royalty: Barbara Streisand, Burt Reynolds, Candice Bergen, Gore Vidal and Bob Fosse, to name a few. Her glamorous dinner parties were the toast of the town. The play invites us into her luxurious Beverly Hills home to hear about her inside showbiz secrets. We will learn who will be or was "eaten' last" **After the play**, we will have an early dinner at the Canyon Café in the Arizona Center, 455 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, (602) 252-3545.

Tickets: \$22.00. Hosted by Nancy Crimmings.

Contact Nancy at (602) 910-9490 or

nccrimmings@gmail.com for tickets and dinner reservations **by March 14**. <https://itheatreaz.org/productions/2019-2020/eat-you-last>



BOOK CLUB

Monday, March 30, 1:00 PM

RSVP REQUIRED

The Book Club meets at Barbara Rosen's house. The novel chosen for March is



"Good Omens" by Terry Pratchett & Neil Gaiman. Victoria Heil will be the facilitator. "Good Omens: The Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch" is a World Fantasy Award-nominated novel written as a collaboration between the English authors Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman. The book is a comedy about the birth of the son of Satan and the coming of the End Times. It is a both hilarious and thought-provoking commentary on good vs. evil, predestination vs. free will, and the Book of Revelations. If interested, please RSVP to Barbara Rosen, babeandkit@aol.com or (480) 816-0041. Barbara will provide directions to her house.



Our Happy Hours are one of our most popular activities. We're seeking members to help in two ways:

— **Hosting** — This is an opportunity to get involved with SFA without a big time commitment. A friendly manner and willingness to do a little upfront work are all that's required! It's a great opportunity for new members to get involved.

— **A second person** to work with Julie Taylor, our Happy Hour Coordinator. Julie makes arrangements with the venues. She'd like someone to help line up hosts.

Contact Julie, azjutay@aol.com, (480) 451-4146 for more information.

**THIS APRIL EVENT HAS A
MARCH 19 DEADLINE TO RSVP**

THEATER

Saturday, April 4, 7:30 PM

RSVP BY 3/19

Ariadne and Auf Naxos (Opera) by Richard Strauss – Presented by Arizona Opera at Symphony Hall, 75 N. Second Street (Second Street and Adams), Phoenix, (602) 266-7464, az.opera.org.

THIS OPERA IS FULL OF DELIGHT AND COMEDIC MISADVENTURES.

A wealthy patron has commissioned two pieces of entertainment for a private dinner party: an opera based on the myth of Ariadne in exile, and a capering troupe of clowns for comic relief. The catch: the two acts must perform simultaneously! The result is a delightful comedy of errors, as Ariadne auf Naxos delivers a deliciously theatrical mix of humor and exceptionally beautiful music, bringing surprise and delight at every possible turn. **Tickets: \$31.00** (group rate for 10 or more; \$39.00 if less than 10), orchestra seating. **Pre-show Dinner at 5:00 PM**, Mancuso's at the Collier Center, 201 E. Washington St., Ste. 201, Phoenix, www.mancusosrestaurant.com, (480) 556-0770. Hosted by Joanne Handlong. **Contact Joanne** for tickets and dinner reservations **by March 19**: e: justjo34@gmail.com or phone (480) 491-3326.

Options for Parking for the Opera: The restaurant is one block south of Symphony Hall, within easy walking distance. Here are three parking options: 1) in the garage underneath the Collier Center (enter from Washington St.)—the restaurant will validate two hours of parking in the Collier Center garage. 2) in the Symphony Hall garage which is underneath the adjacent convention center. You must buy a parking pass (\$12.00) well in advance so that it can be mailed to you before the performance. Call AZ Opera at (602) 266-7464 **by March 19** if you choose this option. 3) in the Hyatt multi-story garage directly across from Symphony Hall--enter from Second Street just south of Adams.

Photo Gallery



Ladies in Red at the Valentine's Day Dance:
LtoR: Deb Foderaro, Marietta Huston, Paula Dow, Carol Terracciano, Leslie Fine, Janet Hom



Our gents wore red too. Lto R Jim Kroening, Linda Dorethy, Michael Jennings, Barbara Rosen.



Howard Calvert, our host, and Janet Hom, both dressed in festive Valentine's Day attire. (Love the bowtie, Howard!)

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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.

MARCH 2020

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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