



S.C.S. Players' Newsletter

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A Stage, a stage, my kingdom for a stage...

Special points of interest:

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"So, where's the Fall Play, *scratch that*, Winter Play going to be at?" Oh, boy! If I only had a dollar for every time someone asked me that question over the last four or five months... well, I'd have a pretty big pile of dollar bills!

If you haven't heard, we don't currently have a stage to perform on and we are desperately searching for one. Here's a little history of what's been going on since the spring of 2008:

1) In May, South Lake High School told us they don't have a drama coach and, therefore, they wouldn't let us book the auditorium until they get one.

2) Five months later, it is

October and South Lake finally hires a drama coach, but we can't use their stage in November or December. (Ugh!)

- 3) We request January 2009 dates. South Lake approves our January 2009 dates, but asks for more money than we can afford and refuses to make any concessions.
- 4) So we contact a variety of other locations (Lake Shore, First English, SCS Senior Center, etc.) with no success.
- 5) Jim Fitzpatrick contacts the Eastpointe Community Center. They are

interested and willing to talk to us, but are concerned with their long-time and ongoing relationship with the Eastpointe Players. At the time of this writing (12/03/2008), we are still negotiating with the Eastpointe Community Center, hopefully we will have a final answer from them very soon.

- 6) In the meantime, Kathy Smith has also talked to the Roger's Elementary School and they also seem interested in having us use their stage. We are currently in the early stages of negotiations with them.
- 7) OK... that's where we stand. Sorry the news isn't better, but we are getting there. We've now got **two** possible locations... *keep your fingers crossed.*

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General Membership Meeting Summary

The November General Membership Meeting took place on Tuesday, November 11, 2008.

Following is a brief summary:

- Currently there are twenty-five members and a total of eighteen memberships, which is down almost 1/2 from last year.

- Scott and Kathy Smith volunteered to join the Script Reading Committee.

- We still do not have a venue for the Winter show **Guilty Conscience**. If you know of any other possibilities please check them out and contact Scott Smith at 586-779-3122.

- The December Social Event will replace the December General Membership Meeting. (*Please check page 2 for further information*).

- The website (scsplayers.org) has been extensively updated by our web master, Matt Sheehy.

From the Director's Chair: Matthew Sheehy

At this moment, the single biggest obstacle facing our production of **GUILTY CON-SCIENCE** is a lack of place to perform it. Once you get past that "little" issue, things begin to brighten considerably. For example, I've got actors to beat the band and they are doing a great job in preparing this play. They are learning their lines... remember I've only got 4 actors and an 86 page play, so there are oodles of lines for everyone to learn. In addition to lines, they are also learning their

blocking. Here's an important fact to know about this script and blocking -- this script contains virtually no information about where the actors should be located on stage at any particular moment. Sure, it gives you the entrances and exits, but once you are on stage, then what? Just stand there? No way! Because of this lack of information in the script, the actors and director have worked together very intensely over the past two and a half months to map out the action of

the play. Believe me when I say, "There is a LOT of blocking in this play." I thank all of the actors for their patience with the blocking process and for their thoughtful comments and suggestions. I also thank my Stage Manager, Alice "Bombshell" Carr, for helping to keep an accurate record of all the blocking so we can refer back to it a time of need. So, when you come right down to it, we have got the syrup... we just need some place to pour it!

Renew Your Membership

**MEMBERSHIPS
DUES FOR THE
2008—2009
SEASON
SHOULD NOW
BE PAID IN
FULL**

your checks payable to "SCS Players" and mail it the to Matthew Sheehy our

Now is the time to show your continued support for the SCS Players and renew your membership for the 2008—2009 season. Single memberships are only \$20.00 and families are \$30.00. Make

Membership Committee chairman (see *address at the end of this article*).

Here are a few things to remember about memberships. Single members are for anyone 18 years of age and up. Family Memberships include you, your spouse (husband or wife) and your children. Family memberships **DO NOT** include grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and/or boyfriends/ girlfriends. Rollover membership are only available to **NEW** members (those who have never belong to the group in the past) who join after the Winter show has ended. Rollover member-

ships are not available to current or returning SCS Players.

Mail your 2008—2009 dues check to:

**Matthew Sheehy
22521 Doremus
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080**

If you know someone who hasn't renewed, let them know there's still time!

Social Event News from Sharon Tasti

A Social Event will replace of the December General Membership Meeting which was scheduled for Tuesday, December 2nd.

Please note that the Social Event date has been moved from Tuesday, December 2nd to **Friday, December 12th**.

This event will be held at:

The Shores Inn

23410 Greater Mack Ave.
St. Clair Shores, MI
(586) 773-8940

Arrive between 6:00 & 6:30 pm
Please join us for dinner, drinks and a \$5.00 grab bag gift ex-

change (*please be sure to bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift to share*).

If you have any questions, please contact our Social Chair, **Sharon Tasti**

Phone: 586-777-2619
Email: sharonsherry@hotmail.com

Christmas Wishes from the SCS Players Board of Directors

We just wanted to wish the membership a Merry Christmas! **Scott Smith, President**

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you and yours! **Matt Sheehy, SCS Players Vice Pres.**

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas—Hope—Health—and Happiness. **Randa Angelo, Secretary**

Merry Christmas to all the SCS Players and their families. May you enjoy your celebration laughing, eating and just being together; for me, this is what I enjoy the most. My family and I will be heading to Austin, TX for Christmas and bringing in the New Year with my two sisters and their families. I could not ask for a better gift. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! **Sharon Kusch, SCS Players Treasurer**

Have Fun and Be Safe! **Matt Sheehy, SCS Players Membership Committee Chairman**

I hope this Christmas Season brings Peace and Joy to you, your families, and ultimately our world. **Mark Sulewski, Executive Producer**

Happy Holidays! **Matt Sheehy, SCS Players Web Master**

A Few Words From the President by Scott Smith



Hi Guys,

I just wanted to take a second and wish the membership a Merry Christmas! Thanks for all your hard work and dedication that you've provided. Especially in these hard economic times! I'm confident that this is going to be one of our most memorable seasons ever!

- **Scott**



Christmas Wishes from the Board of Directors (continued)

I would like to wish you a HO-HO-HO Holiday Season and many New Years to come. **Sharon Tasti, Social Chairwoman**

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas Holiday with family and friends. I hope the coming year is a good year for everyone. Take care. **Linda Neuwirth, Newsletter Editor**

Happy holidays everybody! Here's hoping for a fantastic new year!! Merry Christmas! **Kathy Smith, Publicity Chair**

Happy Holidays! **Matt Sheehy, SCS Players Web Master**

Think Globally and ACT locally! **Matt Sheehy, Script Reading Committee Chairman**

Peace and Goodwill to all in the New Year! **Matt Sheehy, Director GUILTY CONSCIENCE**

This is YOUR newsletter! Please send your comments, questions and story ideas to scsplayersorg@yahoo.com

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Mission Statement

The St. Clair Shores Players is a non-profit community theater group serving the city of St. Clair Shores and the surrounding environs. The SCS Players seek to provide a quality live theater experience to the community and also to provide an outlet for local talent in the production of these plays.

Membership to this group is open to anyone interested in furthering the purpose of the group (you do not need to be a citizen of the city of St. Clair Shores).

The SCS Players have, since the group formed in 1959, always held open casting calls for its productions. If you would like to try out for a play, or work behind the scenes assisting with props, set design and construction, costumes, etc. we would be pleased to have you as a member of our group (absolutely no previous theatre experience, or special talent, is required to join our group).

Upcoming Events—MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

12/09/08 Board of Directors Meeting-7:30-9:00pm	01/24/09 Performance: GUILTY CONSCIENCE -To be announced	3/03/09 General Membership Meeting-JMS-7:30pm
12/12/08 SCS Players Social Event-Shores Inn-6:30 pm	01/30/09 Performance: GUILTY CONSCIENCE -To be announced	3/10/09 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm
1/06/09 General Membership Meeting-JMS-7:30pm	01/31/09 Performance: GUILTY CONSCIENCE -To be announced	
1/13/09 Board of Directors Meeting-7:30-9:00 pm	2/03/09 General Membership Meeting/Social Event-To be announced	
01/17/09 Set Construction-To be announced	2/10/09 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm	
01/23/09 Performance: GUILTY CONSCIENCE -To be announced		