



S.C.S. Players' Newsletter

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New Season. New Adventures!

Hello and welcome to the St. Clair Shores Players 49th season!

We are still working on a venue for our first play of the season: *Guilty Conscience*, directed by Matthew Sheehy.

We are looking at the East-pointe Community center as a possible stage for *Guilty Conscience*. We hope to have a final location locked down very soon.

PLEASE NOTE: Until a venue can be secured, the play *Guilty Conscience* is officially **ON HOLD**. No performance dates, times or locations currently exist for this production.

There are still openings for many jobs and tasks that keep the St. Clair Shores Players community theater group running smoothly. Just a few of the positions to consider:

- Suggestions for fund raisers, or work as the Advertising agent for our Playbill.
- Help us locate and secure a stage for this seasons and our coming seasons. Talk with Scott Smith for more information at 586-779-3122.
- Think about becoming a Board member for next season.

- Volunteer to work concessions for the upcoming show. If you are interested, please see Executive Producer, Mark Sulewski, or Producer, Kathy Smith.

- We need ideas for social events for the 2008—2009 season. Have you got a fun activity in mind? If so, please speak to our Social Chair Sharon Tasti at 586-777-2619 or email her: sharon-sherry@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 3rd

7:30 pm

Jefferson Middle School

Meeting to be followed by a social hour at Pat O'Brien's Pub.

Chili Wars II

Thursday, March 5th

6:00pm

VFW Bruce Post on Jefferson

PLEASE NOTE: This fun event has been **CANCELLED** by the Bruce Post. No reason for this cancellation was given.

A New Web Presence: Facebook

Did you know that the SCS Players have a new presence on the world wide web? Yes, its true. Since June of 2008 the SCS Player have had group page on Facebook. Facebook? Wait a minute isn't that just for the kids? No! Facebook has over 100 million users worldwide and is the fastest growing social network site on the internet (Facebook surpassed MySpace in 2008). Speaking of fast growing, the fastest growing segment of Facebook users is over 35 years of age, so this is a tool that's definitely no "just for the kids."

To access the SCS Players page on Facebook you can go to the **contacts** page on the regular SCS Players web site. Once there, you will find a link (*below our email address*) that will take you SCS Players Facebook page. Alternately, you can enter the following URL in the address line of your preferred web browser: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=26121767246>. Either way will take you to the SCS Players Group Page. Once there, if you are already a Facebook user, you can join the SCS Players group. If you aren't a Facebook user, you might

consider joining the fun — it's a great way to keep in touch with your current friends, both near and far, and to re-connect with long lost friends from your past. On the SCS Players page, you can view photos, view our Board of Directors and view or join in a discussion. Speaking of discussions, I've started a "Remembering Jim Fitzpatrick" discussion there and I think it would be great if everyone who knew Jim went there and added a fond memory of their own to the discussion.

See you on FACEBOOK!

Membership

**MEMBERSHIPS
FOR THE
2008—2009
SEASON.**

I just like to take a quick moment to thank all of our members who have renewed their memberships for the 2008—2009 season.

This is a very difficult year for the Players —

possibly the toughest in the groups 49 year history — and your continued support and membership means a lot

children. Family memberships UU

to us.

Hope to see you all at the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. And remember... after the meeting we will adjourn to Pat O'Brien's Tavern for a quick bit of refreshment — hope to see you there.

Matthew Sheehy

Membership Chairman



Social Event News from Sharon Tasti

The Valentine's Day Event was a huge success. Fifteen to twenty people arrived at Gilbert's Lounge around 6:00 pm with Valentine's Cards in hand. We all ordered dinner, exchanged cards, and continued to talk and have fun until 10:00 pm.

A good time was had by all.

Thanks to all for coming.

Love,

Sharon

See photos from this event in the PHOTOPLAY section of the newsletter.

If you have an idea for a social event, please contact Sharon at:

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In Memory—James Fitzpatrick

Long time member of the St. Clair Shores Players, Jim Fitzpatrick passed away February 12, 2009 at the age of seventy-six.

Beloved husband of Mary Jo, and father of Geralyn (Robert) Buscar, James (Jenny) and Paul (Erica). Grandfather to eleven grandchildren.

Jim acted in many plays and also directed a few shows. Some of the many roles that Jim acted in are Deadwood Dick in *Deadwood*

Dick, the Doctor in *Black Coffee*, the Judge in *Anatomy of a Murder*, and the King of Hearts in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

The last play Jim performed in was for the Eastpointe Players' production of *Rehearsal for Murder*. Jim directed a few shows such as

Waiting for Mr. Jordan. He helped with set construction, and ticket sales. Jim had also volunteered to direct *The Night of January 11th* for the our 2009 –2010 season.

Jim served on the Board of Directors as President and Vice President. During these past few months Jim initiated contact with the Eastpointe Community Center to find a venue to perform our plays. Jim will be greatly missed by everyone.

Memories are a gift to those left behind. They bring comfort, joy, and laughter. They enable one to live on forever in the hearts of those they loved.

- anonymous

A Few Words From the President by Scott Smith



Hi Guys,

It was great to see so many members at Gilbert's Lounge for our February Valentine's Day Social. Wonderful food and good friends made this it a memorable time.

On a sad note, it is with great sadness that long time member Jim Fitzpatrick has passed away. Jim acted in many plays, attended many of the General Membership meetings and was

an active member of our group. Jim initiated contact with the Eastpointe Community Center for a place to perform our plays. He will be missed by everyone.

Don't forget the **General Membership meeting is on Tuesday, March 3rd, 7:30pm at Jefferson Middle School (with a social hour at Pat O'Brien's afterward)**. Hope to see everyone there!

-Scott Smith

In Memory—Don Moenart

Don Moenart, who was one of the charter members of the St. Clair Shores Players, passed away at the beginning of February at the age of seventy-five. Don, Jackie Duemling and Ken Revoir organized and started the St. Clair Shores Players in

the Summer of 1959. In the early years of the theater group, Don not only acted, but directed many of the early shows. Memorably, he and Ken Revoir were sumo wrestlers in *Teahouse of the August Moon*, which Jackie directed.

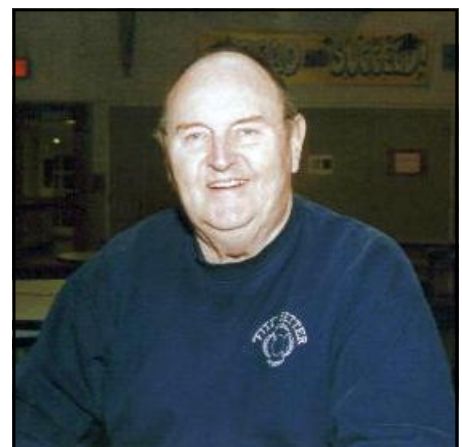
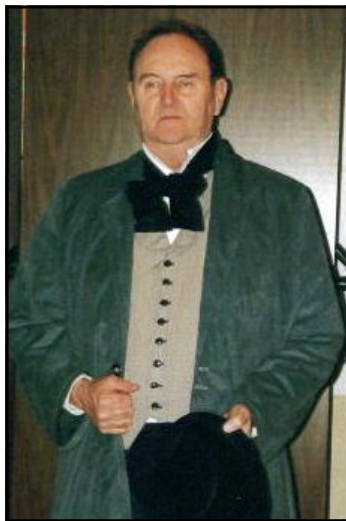
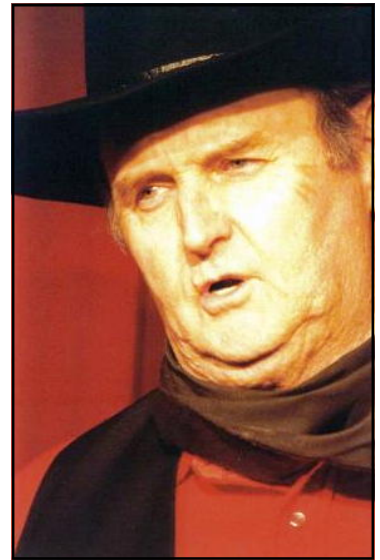
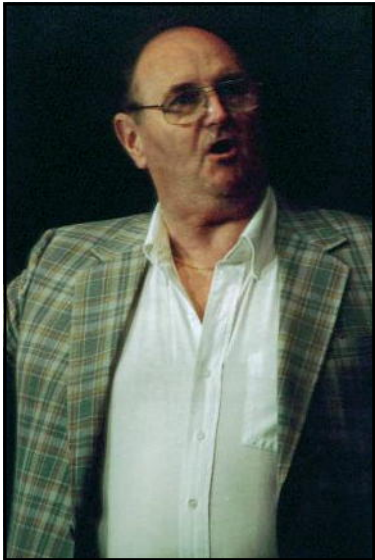
He was also in *Grammercy Park* and *Land of the Dragon*, just to name just a few of the plays in which he performed.

In Memory

James Fitzpatrick

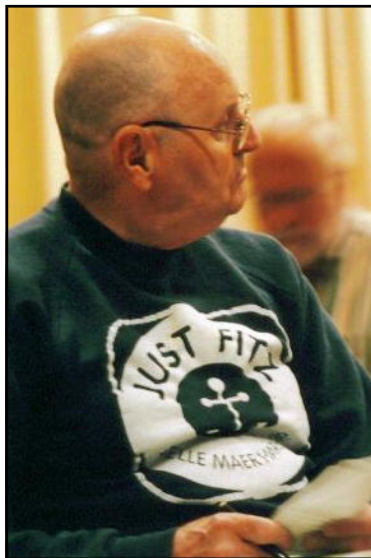
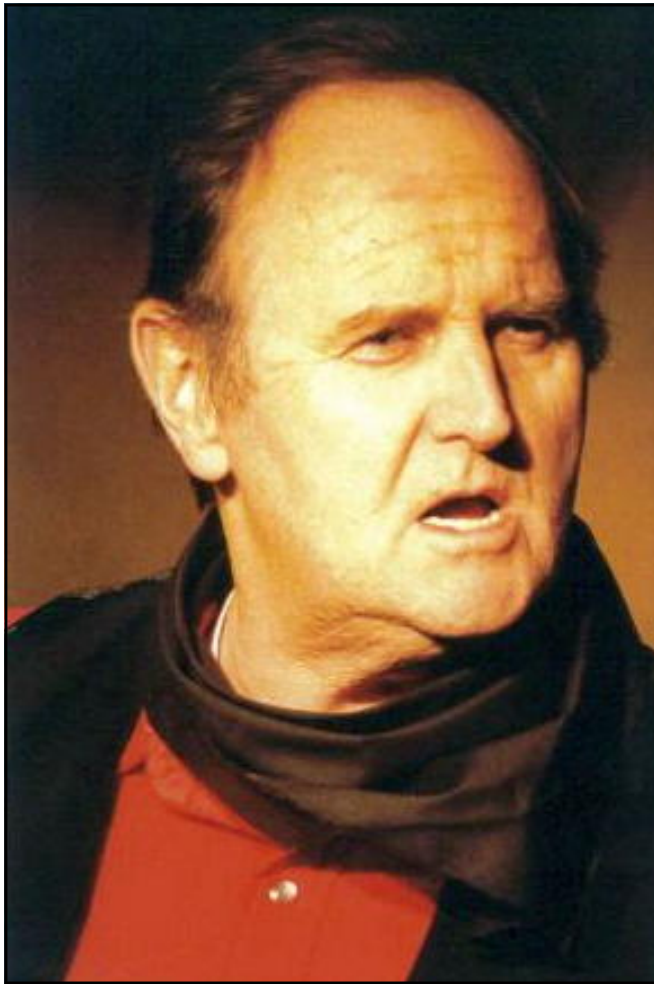
June 19, 1932 - February 12, 2009

Member of the SCS Players for 33 years.



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In Memory
James Fitzpatrick



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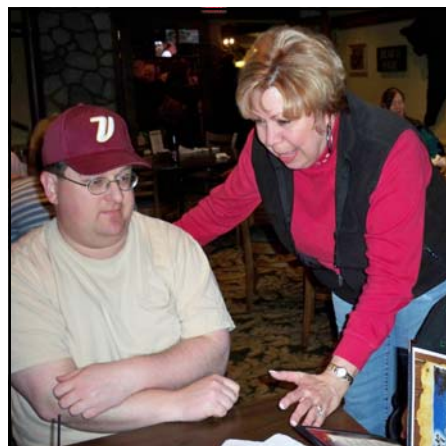
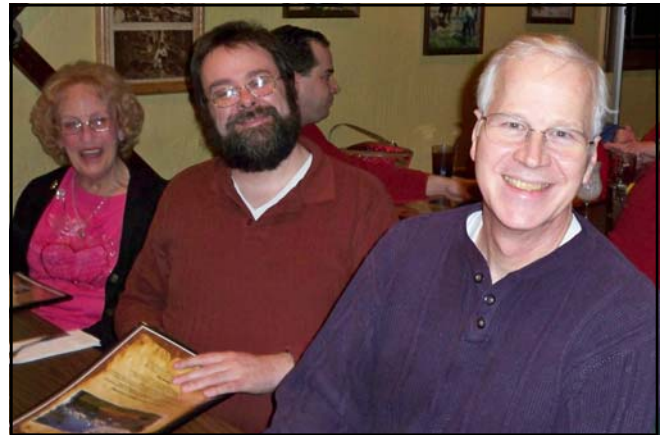
Photo Play!



SCS Players Social Event: Valentines Day!

Friday, February 13, 2009 at Gilbert's Lodge

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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.

Upcoming Events—MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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| 3/03/09 | General Membership Meeting-JMS-7:30pm | 6/28/09 | End of Season Picnic- Spindler Park-3:00 pm -??? |
| 3/10/09 | Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm | | |
| 4/07/09 | General Membership Meeting-Social Event | | |
| 4/14/09 | Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm | | |
| 5/12/09 | General Membership Meeting-JMS-7:30pm | | |
| 5/19/09 | Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm | | |
| 6/02/09 | General Membership Meeting-Social Event | | |
| 6/16/09 | Board of Directors Meeting- 7:30 pm | | |