



# S.C.S. Players' Newsletter

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## Season Winding Down...

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

We are still working on a venue for our productions. Sharon Kusch will hopefully have good news to report at the May 12th General Membership Meeting.

We are still looking at the Eastpointe Community Center as a possible stage for next season. We hope to have a location locked down 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 Producer Mark Sulewski.
- 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

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

7:30 pm

Jefferson Middle School

### **REMINDER:**

## Social Event: *HELLO DOLLY!* By Matthew Sheehy

Well, let me start off by saying the Social Event on May 1st was very good! I really enjoyed it. Now, if you skipped the event thinking, "Its just some High School production of Hello Dolly! Yuck! I don't want to see that." You missed a good one. I admit I had the same thought as you, I've seen too many really bad High School productions, but this one... well, it was different... it was better by far. First, there was clearly something up on that stage that you don't normally see in these school productions. What was that, you say? Simple... MONEY! And lots of it. They had some beautiful set pieces and the costumes were... spectacular. Not only spectacular, but

there were so many of them! The cast was composed of 15 named characters and a chorus of 19 more, so that's a total of 34 costumes to start with. Now, I couldn't swear to it, but I do believe that every single one of those 34 actors had at least one costume change. OK,... that 34 times two... 68 costumes! Holy cow! But wait... it gets better... the actress playing Dolly had no less than 6 costume changes! Wait... there's more... she wore a different costume just for the curtain call! Imagine that... a costume just for the curtain call... now that's the way to spend money. Whew!

OK... Mr. Sheehy, costumes and sets

are nice, but what about the acting, the singing, the dancing? Well, again these kids managed to deliver the goods. The young lady playing Dolly could do it all. The others were also excellent. Now, this isn't to say there weren't mistakes, but they covered them well and overall the show ran smoothly. Patrick Sheehy was sitting next to the brother of someone who was involved in the production; this guy told Pat that they rehearsed from the time school ended until 11:00pm every night. You know what? I believe him... the work showed on the stage. After the show, we went to Gilbert's Lodge for a meal and to discuss how much everyone enjoyed the show.

## 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 to us.

Hope to see you all at the General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, May 12, 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

Well, our HELLO DOLLY! social event on Friday, May 1st was a success (*see above article for a review of the event*). Now we need another idea for June or July or August (or all three). *By the way...* that's your cue! We need your brilliant ideas. You may not know it, but our Social Chair, Sharon Tasti, recently

had some surgery so she's out of commission for the moment (you know Sharon, however, nothing keeps her down for long). So, if you've got some great ideas for Social Gatherings for this summer please bring them to the Tuesday, May 12th General Membership Meeting. No reasonable ideas

will be turned down!

If your ideas for a social event are so great you can't wait, please contact Scott Smith now at:

**scott102668@yahoo.com**

*Thank you!*

## CALLING ALL CANDIDATES!

It's that time of the year to think about running for one of the positions on the SCS Players Board of Directors.

All positions are open to anyone. Positions that will be open due to term limits (2 terms only) are: President, Vice President, & Treasurer.

The **President's** job is to conduct the meetings and work with

the Board of Directors and general membership for the well being of the Players.

The **Vice President** is responsible for memberships and for the Script reading committee

The **Treasurer** keeps accurate financial records of all our money.

Next year is an exciting year as it is the St. Clair Shores Players **50th Anniversary**. What a wonderful way to help us celebrate 50 years of existence than to become a member of the Board of Directors.

Make the decision to become an active part of running the St. Clair Shores Players. Email Scott at **scott102668@yahoo.com**.

## A Few Words From the President by Scott Smith



Hi Guys,

May! Spring is coming along nicely...birds singing, bees buzzing...my oldest child is counting the remaining weeks until summer vacation.

I'm sad to say I haven't been receiving very many inquiries as to how to join up as a Board Member for next year. But, if you could send an e-mail letting us know you're interested that would be great! Makes the whole democratic process go more smoothly. Heck, you can even send it right to me at **scott102668@yahoo.com**.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Tuesday, May 12th General Membership Meeting, at our next social outing and our end of season picnic in June!

**-Scott Smith—SCS Players President**

## What Our Members are Doing: Karen Drum

Although I enjoy my job teaching preschool very much, several years ago I decided to return to school to complete my Elementary Education degree. I began my education at Wayne State University almost (ahem) twenty years ago, and after over six years at several colleges, I got caught up working full time and put school aside. I realize now that wasn't the best decision, but I have decided to remedy that. When I first returned to Wayne State, my intention was to get a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Edu-

cation. I took a foundation course called "Inclusive Teaching" about three years ago, and during the course of this class decided to switch my major to Special Education, specifically, cognitively impaired. It has been a bit of a struggle keeping up with working full time, taking two classes a semester, family obligations, and the necessary duties of our everyday lives. That has been a great source of support and encouragement to me.

He's patiently helped me out in a few moments of frustration, and I couldn't do this without him by my side. It is a little funny to me that I am probably closer to the teacher's age than I am to most of my classmates, but no one has said, "What's an old lady like you doing here?" so far. Stay tuned for my graduation date, you're all invited, granted it happened before global warming destroys the Earth! **-Karen Drum**

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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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- 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
- 6/28/09 End of Season Picnic-  
Spindler Park-3:00 pm -???