



St. Clair Shores Players

# S.C.S. Players' Newsletter

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## 50th Anniversary

### Special points of interest:

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As each year goes by and new members arrive, it becomes imperative that some record be made of what your organization has gone through so that you may have a better understanding of how we arrived at this point.

- Les Wilson

**The History of the St. Clair Shores Players** as told by Les Wilson.

### On The Road (con't)

The Italian Cultural Center began improving the facilities, they found they needed the rooms that we were occupying. First the little Café expanded into the metal working room. We were moved entirely into the woodworking shop. A year or so later they decided to improve the woodworking shop by making it an all purpose

meeting room with a carpeted floor. This necessitated us being moved once more, this time to what had been the boys locker room. We were first allowed a small section of the area, but as time moved on we began taking over more and more of the space. At one point we occupied over half of the area sharing it with the Country Dancing group and the Custodial repair shop. We had two rooms with locks where we stored our lights, tools, props and our ever increasing supply of costumes. The rest, unfortunately, was stored out in the open where anyone could help themselves if they so desired.

We had succeeded in having good relations with the Center from 1979 on. Maybe, at times we may have felt that we were discriminated against,

but for the most part, most of the rulings against us were truly justified on their part. No other organization in Warren or St. Clair Shores would be as accommodating as the Italian Cultural Center had been to us.

In June of 2004 the Italian Cultural Center sold their building and we were once again forced to pack up and move. This time we received a tip on a new location from a non-member who had read of our plight in the Macomb Daily Newspaper. She sent an email to our website encouraging us to contact her church which was in the process of completing a new multi-purpose center. Contact was made and soon we had a new home at the Luther Center of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. We did several shows there before we moved once again. (con't page 3)

## Upcoming Events

GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING

WHEN: June 1, 2010  
WHERE: Jefferson Middle School  
11 Mile and Little Mack  
TIME: 7:30 - 8:30 pm

## Highlights from the May General Membership Meeting

**Treasurer's Report** - Sharon Kusch reported that the total amount in the checking account is \$3,689.52.

**Vice President's Report** - Matt Sheehy reported that there are currently 24 members. Shawn, Pat, Scott, and Matt returned all the flats to the storage trailer on Sunday, April 25th.

**Script Reading Committee** - Matt reported that there are two possible plays for next season; ***A Bench in the Sun*** and ***Our Town***.

**Publicity Report** - Scott reported for Cathy Smith that the ads went to all the newspapers to advertise the current play. Flyers were posted at the Friendly Family Restaurant and on the East Pointe Community Center's marquee.

**Old Business** - Doug Ralston has selected scenes from the play ***Cave Dwellers*** for the fall workshop and needs two men and two women.

Friendly Family Restaurant fundraiser was Saturday, May 15th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

**New Business** - Pat Sheehy bought a new transformer for the camera that cost \$26.00. Matt motioned to pay Pat and all members present agreed.

Shawn suggested that we perform one Sunday matinee show next season.

Scott had information if anyone was interested in participating in the Memorial Day Parade.

## Membership

**MEMBERSHIP DUES  
FOR THE 2009 -  
2010 SEASON  
SHOULD BE PAID IN  
FULL BY THE  
SEPTEMBER  
GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

Now is the time to show your continued support for the SCS Players and renew your membership for the 2009—2010 season. Single memberships are only \$20.00 and families are \$30.00. Make your check payable to "**SCS Players**" and mail it to Matthew Sheehy our

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

Here are a few things to remember about memberships:

Single memberships 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.

Mail your 2009 - 2010 Membership dues check to:

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



## JUNE'S SOCIAL EVENT

**END  
OF THE  
SEASON  
PICNIC**

**WHERE: SPINDLER PARK  
Stephens Road  
Eastpointe**

**WHEN: JUNE 13, 2010**

**TIME: 3:00 pm - ??**

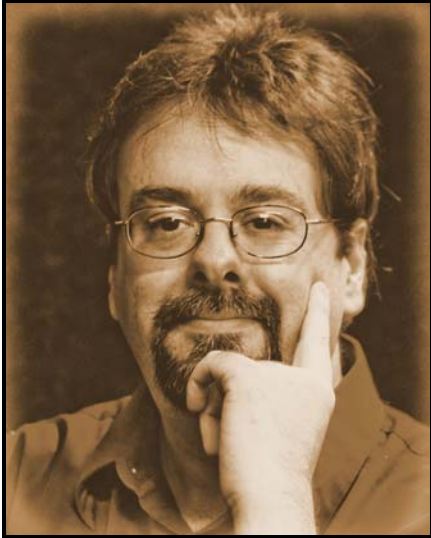
**Everyone is welcome to come!**

**Bring your lawn chairs, your own meat dish and drinks, and a dish to share.**

**Hope to see everyone there!**

## A Few Words from the President

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Hi Guys,

I just wanted to thank everyone for an awesome season!

I especially want to give the Board of Directors a very large "Thank You" for giving their time and effort this past year. Without you, we would not be continuing on to our 51st Season!

I am extremely grateful to the entire membership for their continued support. I was very proud of our group for putting on an outstanding show with "**Guilty Conscience**".

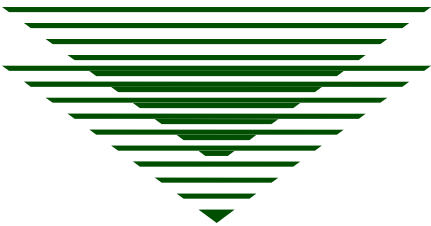
We'll be setting the bar a bit higher next season, and I'm really looking forward to the Players putting on two shows!

I hope to see everyone at our End of the Season Picnic for fun, food, and conversation!

Scott Smith,  
President

Visit our website:

<http://www.scsplayers.org>




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## History of the St. Clair Shores Players (con't)

### Bringing People Together

The St. Clair Shores Players has been a wonderful means of bringing people together, to enjoy not only bringing live theater to the community, but forming life long friendships with like minded people who we would never have met otherwise. It had become apparent that once you have been involved in a play with complete strangers, it feels like you have known them for years when the play is finally over.

The St. Clair Shores Players have been an exciting group, attracting over the years nearly 2,000 people as members. Many joined with the idea of acting in a play, but not all. Many of the members who had no interest whatsoever in acting, relished the idea of being part of the backstage fun.

We are one of the few organizations where there is no age discrimination. Everyone connected with the show from five

Years old to eighty-five, joined together to promote the interest of the production.

Theater itself is a word with a magic ring. It calls up a bright and exciting picture. It may be people streaming down the aisle of the auditorium. It may be the wonder hidden behind the folds of the front curtain. Or it may portray the hushed and eager audience, waiting for the house lights to dim. But, that magic also works its spell on the other side of the curtain, behind the footlights. Anyone who has ever been a part of this world knows the thrill of life backstage. No one can forget the excitement that mounts steadily until the moment when the stage manager finally signals, "**Curtain Time!**"

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The St. Clair Shores Players

*A Celebration of Community  
 Theater Since 1959*

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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**

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- 06/01/10 General Membership Meeting - Jefferson Middle School - 7:30 pm
- 06/08/10 Board of Director's Meeting Randa's House - 7:30 pm
- 06/13/10 End of Season Picnic - Spindler Park, Eastpointe 3:00 pm - ??