

St. Clair Shores Players



50 Years of Theater

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50th Anniversary

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Welcome back to our 50th season with the St. Clair Shores Players. That's right — Our **50th ANNIVERSARY!** It's been fifty years since the founding members Jackie Duemling, Don Moenart, and Ken Revoie got together to form this very talented theater group. Throughout the years the St. Clair Shores Players have produced a variety of plays, from serious to comedy, realistic to fantasy, all with the intention of entertaining the public and giving them a glimpse into another life or world for a little while.

We're planning a memorable season to celebrate our

fifty years of involvement in the theatrical arts.

Upcoming Events:

**February Social Event: Valentines' Gathering
Gilbert's Lodge
Friday, February 12th
6:00 pm**

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.
- 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 2009—2010 season. Do you have a fun activity in mind? If so, please speak to our Social Chairwoman Sharon Tasti at 586-777-2619.
- If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer please give Scott Smith a call at 586-779-3122
- Many backstage positions are available for our upcoming show, "GUILTY CONSCIENCE."

General Membership Meeting

REMINDER:

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Jefferson Middle School

7:30 - 8:30 pm

MEMORIES FROM THE PAST

I remember doing musicals in the St. Clair Shores Civic Center, the old Blossom Heath, with lighting cables running all over the ballroom, and the problems we had getting orchestras. Hugh got us volunteers from the Community Orchestra to play for several of them, *Pajama Game*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, and *Charley's Aunt* to name a few.

As the lighting person, I remember the *Rainmaker*. We had real liquid "rain" falling from troughs in the fly space and being collected by plastic sheets and troughs on the stage. Also with electric cables pretty well covering the

backstage right area where the dinner board was. Bob Rousseau was in charge of setting all that up. It was pretty darn spectacular!

We used to do children's shows too. They would be taken to elementary schools at times, or done on our home stage at Chippewa Junior High School. My favorite was *The Red Shoes*. I got to play a clown who was mute...No lines to learn, though I still had to know everyone else's, just to make sure we stayed on the right page.

As a totally unasked for opinion, I think what the group needs is good direction. If the plays are not done well, anyone who does come, is extremely

unlikely to do so again. There are books on the subject and folks should take the time to learn what needs doing, like blocking and motivation and character development. Each show has it's special challenges, but one of my pet peeves has been (I say my line, then you say your line and then I say mine) lines in a play are nothing more than conversations that the audiences pay to hear! I do realize this is gratuitous, since I am not involved any longer, but I hate to see things go badly.

-Jackie Duemling

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**



Upcoming Social Event

Valentine's Gathering

**Friday, February 12th
6:00 pm**

**Gilbert's Lodge
Harper Ave. between
Vernier and 9 Mile**

Road (closer to 9 Mile Road)

Come and join us for an evening of relaxing conversation with you friends celebrating Valentine's Day. Bring

a Valentine's card to share with a fellow member. DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR RED!



A Few Words from the President



Hi Guys,

Santa has come and gone, and at the time of this writing, I'm contemplating what activities to do with my kids and nephews on New Year's Eve...I'm sure that the Wii System Ole St. Nick dropped off will get a work out.....

Anyway,

I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you at our next General Membership Meeting!

Scott Smith

President
S.C.S. Players

Please visit our website:
<http://www.scsplayers.org>

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



Memories from the Past

I remember going to see my daughter, Michelle Neuwirth, in her very first play, *Deadwood Dick*. She had a small part as a saloon girl with a few lines and we were very proud of her. My husband and I continued to attend the plays until I was recruited to be the props person for a play Les Wilson was directing. Since then I've worked as the props person on many of the as props person on many of the plays over the years and have enjoyed it immensely. I never knew all the hard work and dedication it takes to get a play ready to

be performed. I had a lot of fun and met many wonderful people, from the cast, backstage help, directors, sound and lighting people, Set dressers, set designers, and anyone else who is associated with a play. I will continue to do props, and be a part of this wonderful group of people.

- Linda Neuwirth

From The Director's Chair by Matthew Sheehy



Its been far too long since we've had an article FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR in the SCS Players newsletter (wouldn't you

agree?). Well, I am glad that I can be the one to end the drought! But, before I go any further, I'd like to shout for just a moment, "YES, WE ARE HAVING A SHOW THIS YEAR!!!!" Whew... that felt good. I hope you are excited.

OK... quick re-cap... we last rehearsed **GUILTY CONSCIENE** in November of 2008... we were literally about 6 rehearsals from being ready

to perform this show when it became painfully obvious to all involved that we would not resolve our "missing stage" issues in time to perform the show before the end of the year. We were all very sad, but we all agreed that it was for the best to pull the plug.

It took a lot of hard work and effort by a dedicated team of members, but we were finally able to track down a new stage on which to perform at the Eastpointe Community Center (many thanks to everyone involved and especially Sharon Kusch!).

With a stage secured (yes, we've already put a down payment on our April dates) I needed to see if all my actors were still available and interested in

performing this show. Thankfully we have some really super great folks in this group and all four actors agreed to return to the show. Many thanks to Mark Sulewski, Karen Drum, Scott Smith and Jenny Miller (I don't care what anyone says... You guys ROCK!!!!).

Once I had my actors back it was time to look at the backstage crew and yet again I found that most of these fine folks were willing to return to the show (my thanks to Kathy Smith, Linda Neuwirth, Pat & Carol Sheehy). We still need some jobs backstage filled, however... Stage Manager, Lights, Sound, Costumes, Make-up. Interested in helping? *Let me know!*

Fundraiser

As many of you know our recent bowling fundraiser was a pretty good success — we raised enough funds to pay off some essential bills, but it wasn't enough. We need to get more cash in the bank so we can keep this 50 year tradition of community theater in St. Clair Shores going!

To that end we are looking a couple of additional fundraisers for 2010.

Our next fundraiser was suggested by **Randa Angelo**. This one is so simple it can't fail. We are going to get a per-

centage of the profits of the **Friendly Family Restaurant** in Eastpointe on Saturday, January 23, 2010. All we need you to do is get lots of people to eat breakfast and lunch there between 9:00am and 3:00pm and make sure they mention the SCS Players when ordering... that its! They mark "SCSP" on their bill and we get a percentage of that. So simple! We just need to get people to go and have a great meal at a reasonable price! Can you do that? YES YOU CAN! Bring your friends, family, co-workers, etc.

Here are the details as they stand now...

Date:

Saturday, January 23, 2010

Time:

9:00am—3:00pm

Location:

**Friendly Family Restaurant
19116 E 10 Mile Rd
Eastpointe, MI 48021**

Call Randa for more info:
586-777-7830

December Social Event

Our Christmas gathering at the Shores Inn on Friday, December 11th was a big success! We had a great turn out of members and their families. Many thanks to everyone who attended and especially to Sharon Tasti (our social chair) for

making the arrangements. We all shared the Christmas spirits, told some old "war stories" from past shows, ate great food and exchanged gifts. Check out the photos in the PHOTO PLAY section of this newsletter to see the many happy faces of our

membership at this event.



PHOTO PLAY

Christmas Gathering — December 11, 2009

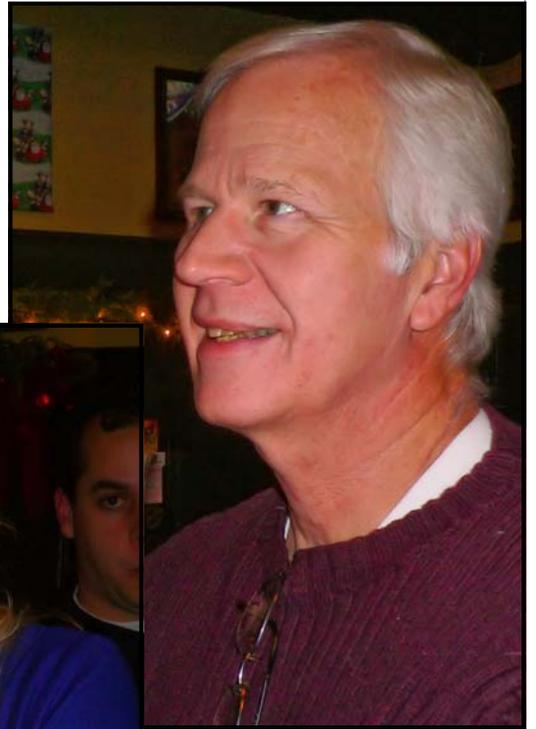


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Mission Statement

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

01/05/10	Board of Directors Meeting Randa's House - 7:30 pm		Gilbert's Lodge - 6:00 pm	
01/12/10	General Membership Meeting - Jefferson Middle School - 7:30 pm		Note: Wear RED (the More the better!) and bring A card to share with a Fellow member	04/24/10
01/23/10	Fundraiser Friendly Family Restaurant 10 Mile Road Eastpointe, MI 9:00am—3:00pm	03/02/10	General Membership Meeting - Jefferson Middle School - 7:30 pm	05/04/10
01/25/10	Rehearsals for Guilty Conscience resume The Actor's Studio 7:30 pm	03/09/10	Board of Directors Meeting Randa's House - 7:30 pm	05/11/10
02/02/10	Board of Directors Meeting Randa's House - 7:30 pm	04/05/10	Board of Directors Meeting Randa's House - 7:30 pm	06/01/10
02/12/10	SCS Players Social Event Valentines Gathering	04/10/10	Set Construction - Eastpointe Community Center - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	06/08/10
		04/16/10	Performance Guilty Conscience - Eastpointe Community Center -	06/13/10
		04/17/10	Doors: 7:30 pm	
		04/23/10	Curtin: 8:00 pm	