



# S.C.S. Players Newsletter

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## THE ST. CLAIR SHORES PLAYERS 59th SEASON

Hello and welcome,

January 2019 marks the beginning of our 60th year as a community theater group. We are both pleased and excited to be starting a new adventure in theater. Our 59th season will include a production of **THE BUTLER DID IT!** directed by Scott Smith. We are enthused to have Scott back in the director's chair and we look forward to his production of this amusing murder mystery.

### Quick News Items

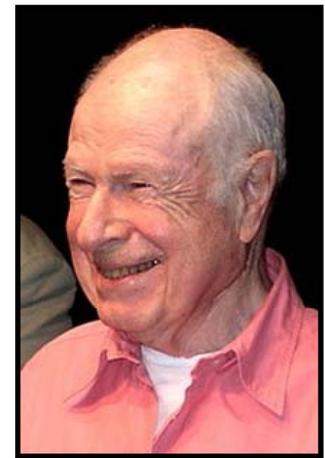
- Scott Smith is still looking for an assistant director for the Spring 2019 production of **THE**

### **BUTLER DID IT!**

Show dates will be the 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th of June. Auditions will be March 12th and 13th. Please contact President Matt Sheehy ([scsplayersorg@yahoo.com](mailto:scsplayersorg@yahoo.com)) as soon as possible if you are interested!

- The SCS Players celebrated Halloween at Green Lantern Pizzeria at the end of October. The pictures are available in this issue.
- The SCSP will kick off 2019 with a 60th Anniversary celebration on January 6th.

### Theatre Quotable



"A stage space has two rules: (1) Anything can happen and (2) Something must happen."

- **Peter Brook**  
Director

### Special points of interest:

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## SCSP 60th Anniversary Event

Mark your calendars and dust off your fancy clothes as we look forward to the next SCSP Social Event. We will be celebrating our 60th anniversary on Sunday, January 6th at 5PM.

Location : Ms. Mary's and Pete Too (34000 S Gratiot Ave)

>> An evite will be sent soon to confirm your attendance <<

## *From the President's Desk by Matthew Sheehy*

Greetings!

Well, it's nearly the end of 2018 and start of 2019 and that's actually kind of a big deal in the history of the St. Clair Shores Players. Why, do you ask? Well, let me tell you the Origin Story of the SCSP... in the spring of 1959, **Jackie Duemling**, a young mother of four, started a discussion about Community Theater with **Don Moenart** and **Kenny Revoir**, two citizens of the city of St. Clair Shores. Each of these three were members of the Warren Theater Guild, then the nearest community theater group to the city of St. Clair Shores. This discussion lead each of these three to ask the question, "Why doesn't St. Clair Shores have its own community theater group?" Seeing no real reason not to form a group, the three decided to do just that. They

advertised the formation of the new group in the local newspaper and at the first meeting of the group, 51 enthusiastic citizens turned out and paid their dues to become charter member of the St. Clair Shores Community Players (*this name was later changed to the St. Clair Shores Players*). Since membership dues were only \$1.00, the new group found itself with \$51.00 in the bank. This same \$51.00 would need to be used to cover all the expenses for their first production. With funding at a minimum, the group's first show would need to be a low budget affair with little in the way of costumes, scenery, or, for that matter, stage and theater. The play that was selected was a courtroom drama: "The Night Of January 16th" by Ayn Rand. Seeing the possibility of a low budget theater, the group approached the St. Clair Shores city council and requested to use the newly completed Council Chambers as their stage and theater for this first production. After some consideration, the Council granted its permission.

The final piece of the puzzle fell into place when Tom Welch, then the Mayor of St. Clair Shores, agreed to play the part of the Judge in the production. In the end, the play was performed on two nights to capacity crowds. The audiences were delighted. Better still, once the bills had been paid, it was discovered that the original \$51.00 in the bank had blossomed to over \$400.00! The group was well on its way.

So, here we are 60 years later and still producing plays and having a great time doing it. Our 60th Season starts in September, but our 60th year starts in January! We intend to celebrate the anniversary with a Social Gathering on Sunday January 6th at "Ms. Mary's and Pete Too."

**I will see you all there!**

## **Renew Your Membership**

Now is the time to show your continued support for the SCS Players and renew your membership for the 2018 - 2019 season. Single memberships are only \$20.00 and families are \$30.00. Make your checks payable to "**SCS Players**" and mail it in care of Karen Drum, Membership Committee Chairperson. You can also pay your dues at any General Membership Meeting.

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** belonged to the group in the past) who join after the Winter show has ended. Rollover memberships are not available to current or returning SCS Players.

**Mail your 2018 - 2019 membership dues check to:**

Karen Drum  
St. Clair Shores Players  
P.O. Box 141  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

**PLEASE PAY YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP DUES  
FOR THE 2018 -  
2019 SEASON AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

## From the Director's Chair by Scott Smith



**Scott Smith**—*Director*

Hello All!

Christmas is right around the corner and I want to take a moment to wish a happy holiday! I was gifted at our last Board of Directors meeting with the scripts for our upcoming show **The Butler Did It!** and it's really put me in the mood to do some theater!

Auditions are coming up in March and that is coming up quicker than you might think! Please consider coming out to audition for a part, but also give some thought into how you might participate with behind the

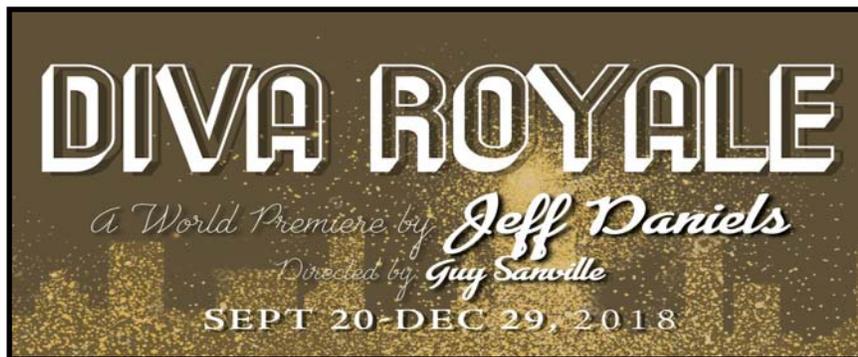
scenes stuff like lighting, sound, makeup, stage construction, and a bunch of other open positions. There's really a lot to do!

So, have yourself a Merry Christmas, think about theater for a bit and how you might want to get involved... did I mention that there's a cast party?

Peace,

**Scott Smith**— *Director*

## Theatre Review by Matthew Sheehy



**DIVA ROYALE** is a spectacular farce brought to us by Jeff Daniels the author of such comedies as *Escanaba in da Moonlight*, *The Tropical Pickle* and *Norma & Wanda*. The play follows the exploits of three Midwestern stay-at-home moms who plan a last minute trip to NYC to see their favorite star Celine Dion perform and maybe experience a bit of the romance that is lacking in their lives. As soon as they get on the plane things go very wrong, resulting in an evening of side-splitting hilarity.

I went to see this very funny show back at the end of September back when it first opened and I all I could think at the time was "Wow! This is going to be a huge hit!" A hit not only at the Purple Rose theater,

where it was premiered, but at community theaters for years to come. The play is very funny following these three women on a wacky adventure (think the movie *Bridesmaids*, but much better!). The play was preformed on a single bare stage with multiple locations brought to life by the actors (everything from a line of cars waiting to pick up the kids after school to the deck of the Titanic was brought to life!). Speaking of the actors, it consisted of three very talented women and one man (the man played ALL the male roles of which there were many... his quick change work was really amazing). The ladies sang, danced, preformed slow motion fight scenes and were just generally wonderful. If you get a chance, I highly recommend you see this great show!



# Photo Play

## SCSP Halloween Social



This is YOUR newsletter! Please send your comments, questions and story ideas to [scsplayersorg@yahoo.com](mailto: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've got talent and the desire to be in a play or helping in some other capacity we are interested in having you as a member of our group.

## Upcoming Events—MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- 1/6/19 60th Anniversary Party @ 5PM
- 2/5/19 Board Mtg, 7:30PM
- 3/5/19 Board Mtg, 7:30PM
- 3/12/19 Auditions for
- 3/13/19 The Butler Did It!
- 3/17/19 Green Party
- 4/2/19 Board Mtg, 7:30PM
- 4/16/19 General Mtg, 7:30PM
- 5/7/19 Board Mtg, 7:30PM
- 6/7/19 Performance:
- 6/8/19 The Butler Did It!
- 6/14/19 Performance:
- 6/15/19 The Butler Did It!
- 7/30/19 Board Mtg, 7:30PM
- 8/4/19 60th Season Picnic

