



# S.C.S. Players Newsletter

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## THE ST. CLAIR SHORES PLAYERS 59th SEASON

### Hello and welcome to our 59th Season!

The St. Clair Shores Players will OFFICIALLY be 60 years old in April of 2019, but our 60th season doesn't formally begin until September of 2019. But that's OK! We still have a great show for you this Spring: **THE BUTLER DID IT!** written by Todd Wallinger and directed by longtime SCSP Member Scott Smith. Auditions are just around the corner and we hope you plan to try out for a part.

Also regarding our 60th Season, we are currently looking for both scripts and directors. If you would like to be a part of

the SCSP's history and direct one of our two shows in 2019 – 2020 we definitely want to hear from you! Please contact Karen Drum or Matt Sheehy. *Thanks!*

### Quick News Items

- Auditions will be held for **THE BUTLER DID IT!** Tuesday, March 12th and Wednesday, March 13th from 7-9pm at Trinity United Methodist Church. We hope to see you there!
- The SCPS Green Party will be held Sunday, March 17th. Please see the additional information below.

## Quotables!



**"We're actors!  
We're the  
opposite of  
people!"**  
- Tom Stoppard

### Special points of interest:

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## SCSP Green Party Social Event

**You are cordially invited to an SCPS Social Event!**

**When: Sunday, March 17th**

**Where: Gim Ling Restaurant**

**31402 Harper Ave, St Clair Shores, MI 48082**

**Mark your calendars! And be sure to wear your green!**

## From the President's Desk by Matthew Sheehy

Hello All,

Auditions for our Spring 2019 show - THE BUTLER DID IT! - are nearly upon us (March 12th & 13th) and I hope you all intend to try out (and don't forget to invite your friends and family... everyone is welcome to give it a go). We have longtime member Scott Smith in the Director's chair and we have his wife Kathy in the Producer's seat so it looks like this production will be a family affair.

We on the Board of Directors are already looking forward to next season. As always we encourage every one of our members to become more involved in the group's activities. If you aren't satisfied with the direction the group is taking, the best way to right the course is to get involved! Don't be shy, the group is only as good as its

members push for it to be.

Speaking of getting involved, we really need to grow our group and the best way to do that is for our members to invite their friends, family, co-workers and associates who are interested in theater to come out and join us. It won't hurt to ask and if you bring in a new member or two that is a benefit to you and the entire group. Make sure you are always putting in a good word for the SCSP.

On a related note, another area of the group that really needs to be cultivated and grown is our "stable" of directors. Directing a show is a tough job, but it is also very rewarding because you get to see your vision of a show take shape and to see how an audience reacts to your ideas and inventions. If you are interested in becoming a director, I would recommend you first find a short scene (maybe 10 minutes) you'd like to direct, gather some actors, rehearse and we can schedule a date

and time were you can show off your work. Once you have directed your short scene successfully, you are ready to move up to the big time and direct a full show.

The last topic I'd like to touch on before I go is the community nature of this group. The groups lives and dies by how well we function as a community of likeminded individuals. To that end, we have regular social events to keep the group knitted together and on the same page. I am always pleased to see the members who come again and again to these events, but I would really like if some of the folks who haven't been for a while or have never been would attend. So with that in mind, I will invite you to our Second Annual Green Party on Sunday, March 17th at the Golden Chopsticks restaurant. Please plan to attend this fun event and reconnect with your community theater group. Thanks!

## 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!

I just wanted to take a moment and remind you of the upcoming auditions for **THE BUTLER DID IT!** We're down to just a matter of weeks!

For those who want to try for a part, I thought I would touch on a few things so you know what you might expect.

Auditions are pretty straightforward and easy (usually).

Bring a pencil. I'll have some, but my experience is they will disappear...

There will be a form to fill out. I'll need your contact information, a little background on any previous theater experience you may have and I put in a bit about my expectations of being in the show.

I'll be providing some audition pieces for actors to read. Don't worry about if you can do an accent or if you can act or any of that stuff. I'm mostly just trying to place people in my head to see if they are a good match with the parts that need to be filled.

That is pretty much it. I'll see you March 12th and 13th!

## Theatre Review: The Play That Goes Wrong by Matthew Sheehy



On Thursday, February 21st, I went to the Fisher Theater to see **THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG**. I was not familiar with this play and it had been suggested to me by my Brother-In-Law and I was going purely on his very positive recommendation. Well, I am extremely pleased to report that this show is truly amazing and extremely hilarious. The premise of the show is that a community theater group will be performing a murder mystery play. The show starts before the curtain even goes up as the cast members circulate in the audience asking if you happen to see a missing dog who has a key role in the second act. In addition to that, the stage crew pulls an audience member to help with some last minute set issues. All very funny and gets the audience engaged and ready for the fun that is to follow. And

speaking of the fun that follows, this play is a relentless juggernaut of jokes, gags and stunts. The play "goes wrong" almost from the word go. This show has every single possible theater issue happen: missed entrances, missed lines, lines from other scenes, characters saying nothing, characters repeating themselves. It all sounds a muddle when I write this way, but it totally works! Very funny. One of the really great things about the show is how the cast, despite endless problems, continues to drive on. They recover constantly, they adapt to the changes, they listen to their scene partners and incorporate their errors into the play and keep going forward. I cannot recommend this play highly enough, if you get a chance to see it, do not pass it up. It will leave you in stitches!



# Photo Play

## SCSP 60th Anniversary Social



This is YOUR newsletter! Please send your comments, questions and story ideas to [scsplayersorg@yahoo.com](mailto:scsplayersorg@yahoo.com)

# The Butler Did It!

## Spring 2019 Production

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### St. Clair Shores Players Auditions

The S.C.S. Players will hold auditions at Trinity United Methodist Church. Check our Calendar of Events for dates. All auditions are open to the general public (you do not need to be a member of the SCS Players to audition, however, you must join the group and pay your dues if you take a part in one of our productions).

Tryouts begin at 7:00pm and run approximately 2 hours.

Spring 2019 - March 12 & 13 - 7:00pm to 9:00pm

#### The Butler Did It!

- 5 Female
- 4 Male

#### Synopsis:

When it comes to solving murder mysteries, it's always the one you least suspect! The very proper butler Jenkins and the fiery Cockney maid Sarah Jane are preparing the Covington household for a visit from Edwina Corry, the world's greatest mystery author and friend to Lady Miranda and Colonel Covington. Other guests arriving include Lady Covington's feisty old mother, their high-flying daughter Kat, their chatty priest who doesn't know when to quit and the caddish, eavesdropping neighbor boy Trevor. Things are soon thrown into confusion, however, when Trevor is found stabbed to death in the kitchen. On her arrival, Edwina eagerly launches an investigation into the murder. Unfortunately, the evidence is stacked against poor Jenkins from the start, and when the bloody knife is found in his pocket, the other members of the household tie him to a chair and call the police. The only problem? Jenkins didn't do it. And now he's got just half an hour to figure out who the real murderer is — while still tied to the chair.

**Director:** Scott Smith

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are cast in a play, you must join the SCS Players. You must join the group before you can perform on our stage - no exceptions!

Rehearsals are normally 3 days a week for 2 to 2.5 hours each day. Each Director sets his or her own rehearsal schedule, but it is typically Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30pm to 10:00pm.

You must be available to attend all Tech Week rehearsal. Typically these are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the week the show opens, from 6:30pm to 10:00pm.

You must be available to attend all Performances of the show. Typically these are Friday and Saturday over the course of two consecutive weekends, from 6:30pm to 11:00pm.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please email the Director of the show at [scott102668@gmail.com](mailto:scott102668@gmail.com) or [scsplayersorg@yahoo.com](mailto:scsplayersorg@yahoo.com).

Thank you!

**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
**18303 Common Rd,**  
**Roseville, MI 48066**

# The Butler Did It!

## Spring 2019 Production

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### CAST OF CHARACTERS (In Order of Appearance)

		<u># of lines</u>
JENKINS .....	butler; unusually clever though he would be the last to admit it	331
SARAH JANE .....	Cockney maid; uneducated; always seems about to unravel	98
TREVOR BARSTOW .....	heir to the adjacent estate; arrogant chap and all-around cad	56
GRAM.....	feisty and quite possibly deranged mother of Lady Miranda; rarely seen without her rifle	15
COLONEL NIGEL COVINGTON .....	retired British Army colonel and master of Bournsley Manor; vain but harmless blowhard	219
LADY MIRANDA COVINGTON .....	wife of the colonel; rather sickly; class-conscious to the extreme	75
KAT COVINGTON.....	aspiring aviatrix and only child of the Covingtons; quite prickly	144
FATHER TIMOTHY.....	vicar of the local parish and Edwina's biggest fan; never knows when to shut up	161
EDWINA CORRY.....	world's greatest mystery author and old school chum of Lady Miranda; brusque, assertive and intimidating	141

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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!

- 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
- 5/31/19 Performance:
- 6/1/19 The Butler Did It!
- 6/7/19 Performance:
- 6/8/19 The Butler Did It!
- 7/30/19 Board Mtg, 7:30PM
- 8/4/19 60th Season Picnic

