



S.C.S. Players' Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THE SCS PLAYERS 53rd SEASON

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Hello and welcome to our 53rd Season. We are planning a memorable season for our 53rd year providing community theater to the public. The St. Clair Shores Players will continue the tradition of producing a variety of plays, from serious to comedy, realistic life to fantasy, with the intention of entertaining the public and giving them a glimpse of another life for a little while.

Our Spring play "Glorious!" is an "uproariously funny" comedy written by Peter Quilter. Doug Ralston will be directing the show. Besides acting in the play,

there are many other areas where we need help to bring this play to life, backstage, props, etc. If you are interested in being a part of this play behind the scenes please contact Doug Ralston at dougralston@gmail.com for information.

In case you haven't had a chance to check it out The SCS Players have a Facebook and Twitter account. We are gaining more followers following our activities on Twitter.

There are many jobs and tasks that keep the St. Clair Shores Players community theater group running smoothly, so if you would like to volunteer to help

email us at: scsplayersorg@yahoo.com. One position to consider is to:

- Volunteer to be a member of the play reading committee. If you are interested contact Rachel Robinson at rachelrobinson@quickenloans.com for more information



Calling All Actors And Actresses

Auditions for the play "Glorious!"
Written by Peter Quilter
Director Doug Ralston
Monday, January 28th
and
Tuesday, January 29th
7:00 pm

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
Harper Avenue between 13 Mile and Masonic Blvd.
Auditions will be to fill the 4 women and 2 men cast



From the Director - Doug Ralston

The St. Clair Shores Players' 2013 Spring production will be "Glorious!" "Glorious!" is an uproariously funny comedy written by Peter Quilter. It was nominated for the 2006 Laurence Olivier Award as Best New Comedy.

I've appeared in several Players' productions in the recent past and directed a workshop. My theatrical training came primarily during my collegiate career at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois under the tutelage of Dr. Donald "Doc" Shanower. During my years at NCC I worked on the main stage, the experimental theatre, at

Summerplace (a summer community theatre), appeared in over 40 productions and directed 12 productions. During my undergraduate career I was offered a number of acting and teaching fellowships, settling on Eastern Michigan University to continue my studies. Currently, I serve as pastor of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, home of the St. Clair Shores Players.

"Glorious!" is based on the life of Florence Jenkins, the legendary New York heiress and socialite who wanted to be a great operatic diva despite having one of the worst singing voices in

recorded history. The voice she hears in her head is magnificent, but it never quite connects with her that the voice actually issuing from her mouth is horrendous!

The play opens in the 1940's with Ms. Jenkins auditioning for a new pianist in a New York apartment that she shares with an English actor. Add in a Mexican maid who speaks no English (while Florence knows no Spanish) along with a ditzy companion and a dedicated detractor we can follow their exploits until the crowning moment of a sold-out concert in Carnegie Hall! Performances are scheduled for April 19th - 20th and 26th - 27th.

Membership 2012—2013

Now is the time to show your continued support for the SCS Players and renew your membership for the 2012 - 2013 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 **Rachel Robinson, 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 belong 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 2012 - 2013 membership dues check to:

**Rachel Robinson
22514 Benjamin
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081**

January General Membership Meeting

Our first General Membership of the New Year

Will be

January 15, 2013

7:30 - 9:00 pm

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

Harper Avenue between 13 Mile Road and Masonic Blvd.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

A Few Words from the President

Happy New Year Everyone!

Glad we were able to prove the Mayan calendar wrong and arrive here in 2013 together. But before I get to 2013, let me do a little 2012 wrap-up. First, congratulations to cast and crew of *Dearly Departed*. We had a fantastic run (with 2 sold out shows) and some of the best audiences we've seen in years! If you missed opening night, you missed a real treat!

Next many thanks to Laura Shunk, our new Social Chair (see article below for more details) for putting together the Christmas get together on Sunday, December 16th at Clover Pizza. I was a great event will a large membership turnout (see **PHOTO PLAY** to see who was there).

Now let's talk about 2013... on Tuesday Jan. 15th we have a General Membership meeting,. (Hope to see you there!) Jan. 28 &

29 is auditions for GLORIOUS!... we need 4 men and 2 women. And our next Social event is Valentine, so mark your calendar and plan to attend. We've got a GLORIOUS! 2013 ahead of us! Please be sure to attend all events and encourage your friends and family to come out to see our spring show.

Thanks!

Matthew Sheehy

President of the SCS Players

IN MEMORY OF LES WILSON BY MATT SHEEHY

On December 1, 2012 the SCS Players lost one of their legendary members, Les Wilson. I knew Les Wilson my entire life (my parents joined the group shortly after I was born) so for me, it is very strange to think to the SCSP without Les. Here are a few of my thoughts and memories of Les. Favorite quote: "I was almost a founding member." I think that was Les Wilson's greatest regret in his long history with the SCSP; he didn't join the group until their second production in December 1959. Other than that, Les Wilson's 53 years with the SCSP were a joy to him. Les held every position on the Board of Directors (including President and he was Newsletter Editor for over 20 years!). Les acted, directed, designed sets and did pretty much all back stage jobs with the group. In addition to these activities, Les, was also the groups historian keeping detailed record of all the groups activities, cutting newspaper articles and keeping nearly every single playbill since the first show (way back in August 1959!). Les will be missed by me and his entire SCSP Family. *Please see the PHOTO PLAY section of this newsletter for a tribute to Les thru the years.*

Welcome Laura Shunk, Social Chairperson

The St. Clair Shores Players would like to welcome **Laura Shunk** as our new Social Chairperson (Rachel Robinson, our previous Social Chairperson, is now Vice President). Laura has three children whose ages range from 10 to 14. Laura has been a St. Clair Shores resident for 13 years and currently works as a hair stylist and make-up artist. Laura's first play with the St. Clair Shores Players was the Fall production of *Dearly Departed*, as Marguerite. She really enjoyed playing the part. As a youngster, she was a cultural reporter for a cable show called Kids Summer News. She took Acting 1 and 2 in high school and then at MCC. Laura lives to entertain, as her friends and family will agree to that. She looks forward to being the Social Chairperson for the Players and welcomes any suggestions or ideas for future social outings that you may have. You can reach Laura by phone at **(586) 942-7318** or email her at laurashunk89@gmail.com.

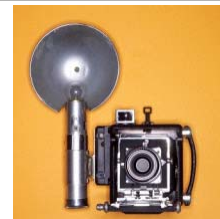
Thanks!



Photo Play

Tribute to Les Wilson

April 10, 1923—December 1, 2012



In Loving Memory of

Les Wilson

April 10, 1923 December 1, 2012



*Do not stand at my grave and weep;
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond's glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there, I did not die.*

Kaul Funeral Home





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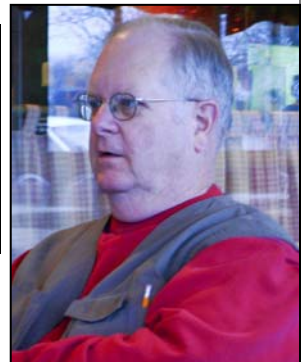
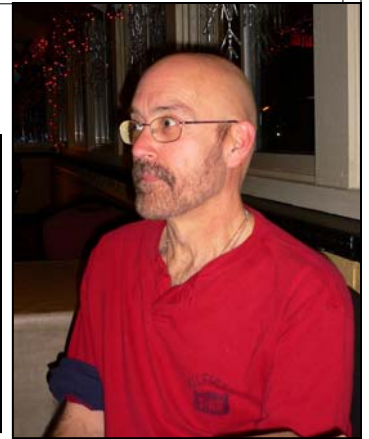
Go to our YouTube channel to see an interview with Les Wilson on the History of the St. Clair Shore Players.



Photo Play

December Social Event—Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 16, 2012



This is YOUR newsletter! Please send your comments, questions and story ideas to scsplayersorg@yahoo.com

Coming in the Spring of 2013...



Glorious!

By Peter Quilter

Directed By Doug Ralston

The joyful Florence Foster Jenkins had a passion for singing, but a voice of disastrous proportions which left audiences crying with laughter. Spinning from her bizarre recording sessions, unbelievable recitals and an ultimate triumph at New York's Carnegie Hall - this is a true, heart-warming story about a group of eccentric friends who lived their dreams.

Performance Dates:

April 19, 20, 26, & 27, 2013

Directed by Doug Ralston

Audition Dates:

January 28 & 29, 2013

Glorious!

Audition / Rehearsal / Performance Information

Spring 2013 - Glorious! - Auditions are Monday, January 28 & Tuesday, January 29, 2013 from 7:00 to 9:00pm at:

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

31601 Harper Avenue
St Clair Shores, MI 48082-1403

Characters in *Glorious!*:

FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS, an eccentric American lady, 60s/70s

COSME MC MOON, a pianist, early 30s

ST CLAIR, Florence's English boyfriend, 60s

DOROTHY, Florence's friend, 60s

MARIA, Florence and St Clair's Spanish speaking cook and housemaid

MRS. VERRINDER-GEDGE, an American lady, late middle age

Synopsis of Scenes:

The action of the play takes place in New York, 1944

Act I

Scene 1 Florence's apartment at the Hotel Seymour

Scene 2 The Melotone recording studio, 54th Street

Act II

Scene 1 Ballroom of the Ritz Carlton Hotel

Scene 2 Funerary gardens outside a church

Scene 3 The stage of Carnegie Hall

Scene 4 The stage of Carnegie Hall

Auditions:

Monday, January 28, 7-9 pm

Tuesday, January 29, 7-9 pm

Rehearsals:

January 31 - 7:30 pm (Read Thru)

February 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26, 28

March 4, 7, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26

April 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11

(Mondays & Tuesdays - 7 pm, Thursdays - 7:30 pm)

Tech Week:

April 15 (Tech - 7 pm), 16 (Tech - 7 pm), 18 (Dress - 8 pm)

Performances:

April 19 & 20 (Performance - 8 pm)

April 25 (Line Rehearsal - 7:30 pm)

April 26 & 27 (Performance - 8 pm)

Contact Director **Doug Ralston** at dougralston@gmail.com for additional information on **Glorious!**

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The St. Clair Shores Players

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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'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!

01/08/13	Board of Directors Meeting - Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm	03/06/13	Board of Directors Meeting - Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm	05/14/13	General Membership Meeting - Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm
01/15/13	General Membership Meeting - Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm	03/06/13	General Membership Meeting - Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm	06/04/13	Board of Directors Meeting - Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm
01/28/13	OPEN AUDITIONS:	04/03/13	Board of Directors Meeting - Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm	06/09/13	End of Season Picnic Spindler Park 3:00 pm - ????????
01/29/13	<i>Glorious!</i> - Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:00 - 9:00 pm	April 2013	Social Event to be Announced		
02/06/13	Board of Directors Meeting - Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm	04/19/13	Performance: <i>Glorious!</i>		
02/12/13	MEMBERSHIP DUES For cast and crew of <i>Glorious!</i> MUST be paid In full	04/20/13	Good Shepherd United Methodist Church Doors open at 7:30 pm Curtain at 8:00 pm		
02/15/13	Social Event - SCS Players RED PARTY watch for Details	04/26/13	Performance: <i>Glorious!</i>		
		04/24/13	Doors open at 7:30 pm Curtain at 8:00 pm		
		05/08/13	Board of Directors Meeting - Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm		

