



# 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 is directing the show. Besides acting in the play,

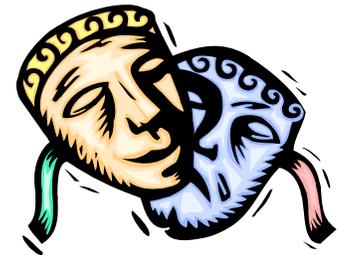
there are many other areas where we need help to bring this play to life, backstage, props, etc. If you are interested in being a part of this play behind the scenes please contact Doug Ralston at [dougralston@gmail.com](mailto:dougralston@gmail.com) for information.

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](mailto: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](mailto:rachelrobinson@quickenloans.com) for more information



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## General Membership Meeting

**March General Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2013**

**7:30 - 9:00 pm**

**Good Shepherd United Methodist Church**  
**Harper Avenue between 13 Mile and Masonic**  
**>> Everyone is encouraged to attend <<**

## From the Director - Doug Ralston



“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.**

## Renew Your Membership

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**

## February Social Event

**We had a wonderful time eating, relaxing and enjoying talking with each other despite the poor turn out at our 5th Annual Red Party. The event took place Sunday, February 17th at Fishbones Restaurant in St. Clair Shores. The dinner selections were wonderful, the wearing of red clothing was fun and the exchanging of Valentines' cards made for a nice evening. The three people who attended had a wonderful time. (See Photo Play section of this newsletter.)**

## A Few Words from the President

Hello Everyone,

I hate to be a dark cloud in the newsletter, but I need to bring an alarming trend to your attention. In the past month we've had three significant events in this group: 1) a General Membership meeting, 2) Auditions for a play and 3) a fun Social Event. For the General Membership meeting we had 2 non-Board members

attend. For the auditions, we had 3 people try-out for 6 parts. For the fun Social Event, we had a total of 3 members attend. I think you can see the trend and my reason for alarm. First, let me say, I get it... the SCSP is a fun thing to do when you have time. And it is February - its cold, its snowing and "Let's stay home," sounds like a good idea to me too! My concern is that if this trend continues this group,

which has been a great source of community theater and fun in St. Clair Shores for over 50 years, will disappear in a puff of smoke. I don't want that to happen and I suspect you don't want it either. So, let me and the entire Board of Directors know what it is we can do to enhance your SCSP experience. Thanks and see you at the General Membership meeting Wednesday, March 13th at 7:30pm.

## FOOD & DRINK BY MATT SHEEHY



Hello Everyone,

Just a quick word about food and drink in the Church. Let me be very clear about this... **the rule is absolutely no food or drink (except for water) in the church.** At the February Board of Directors meeting we were informed that Church had to clean the carpet in the choir area to the tune of \$650.00. We may not have been the cause of this clean up, but from this point forward we must be even more vigilant about food and drink in the church facilities. If you need to eat, do it in the fellowship area. If you need to drink, only water in the church (preferably in a container that cannot be spilled). If you need to drink anything other than water... drink it in the fellowship hall. *Thank you.*

## Welcome Brian Duchnicki—New Member



Hello, my name is Brian Duchnicki, and I'm one of the newest members of The St. Claire Shores Players. I was just recently a cast member of our fall seasons performance of the comedy "Dearly Departed," playing the role of Royce, for those familiar with the play. I learned about The St. Clair Shores Players from the website while looking for a nice community theater play to take part in. Acting has always been a passion of mine that has grown over the years since I was a high school sophomore. I had never been a part of any theater group outside of extracurricular activities, and wasn't quite sure what to expect.

I was happily surprised: I found a group of people with a passion to perform and talent to spare, but were light-hearted and understanding enough to accept an amateur like myself into the fold. I learned a great deal about performance etiquette and conveying emotion, thanks to my peers and my ever patient director, Pat Sheehy. This experience has doubled my interest in acting and my excitement for further productions. I would like to thank all of The Players of "Dearly Departed" and I look forward to performing with all of you again in the near future.

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



## Cast

Rachel Robinson – Florence Foster Jenkins  
 Mark Salewski – Cosme McMoon  
 Phil Potter – St Clair  
 Laura Shunk – Dorothy  
 Karen Ferreri Drum – Maria  
 Alice Carr – Mrs. Verrinder-Gedge

### Rehearsal and Performance Schedule:

Rehearsals on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7 PM; Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February		11, 18, 25	12, 19, 26		7, 14, 21, 28		
March		4, 11, 18, 25	12, 19, 26		7, 14, 21, 28		
April		1, 8, 15	2, 9, 16		4, 11, 18	19, 26	20, 27

The cast for the spring production of "Glorious" has been set. Thank you and congratulations! I do appreciate your patience in this laborious process of gathering the ensemble. We have a great script to work with and an even better group of people. This could be one of the most memorable shows ever for the St Clair Shores Players. I look forward to working with you all beginning on Thursday, February 7, 7:30 PM at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

Its going to be ***GLORIOUS!***

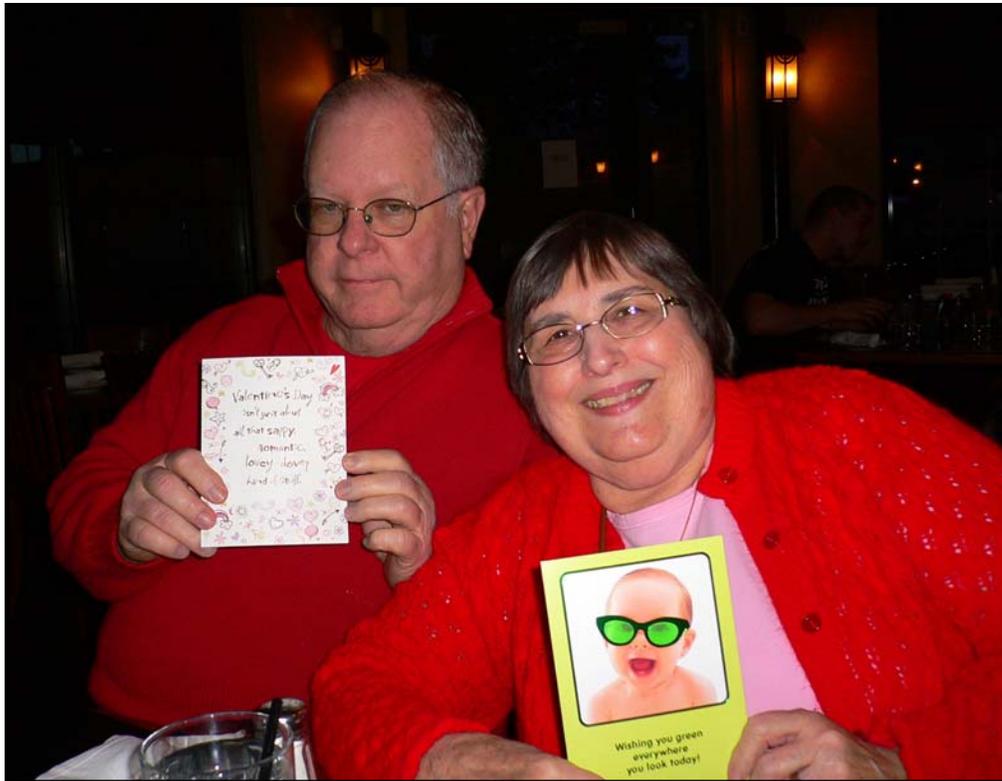
**Doug Ralston (Director)**



# Photo Play

## February Social Event—Red Party

Sunday, February 17, 2013

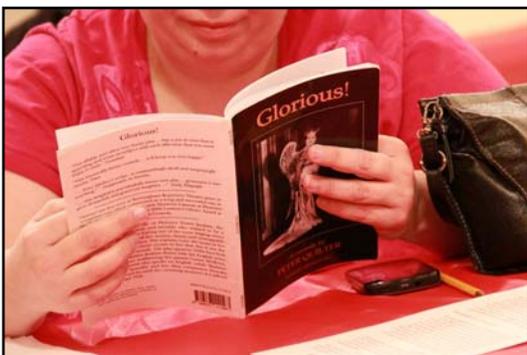
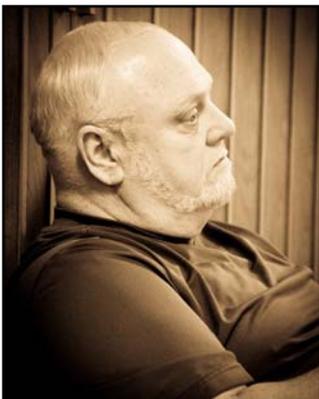
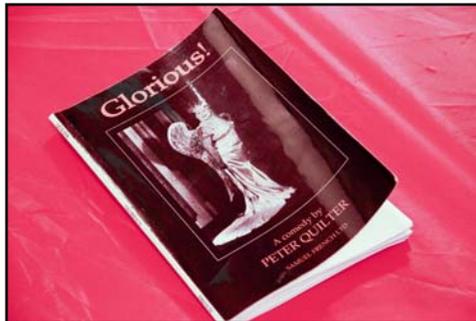
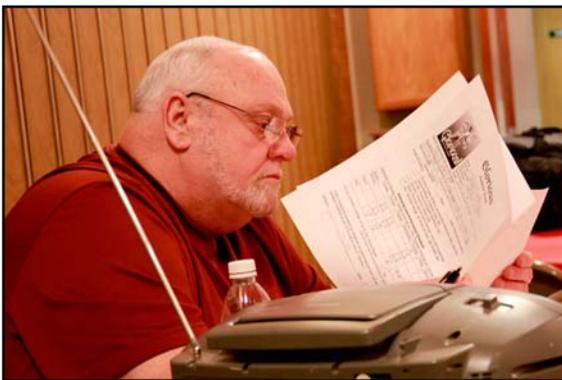
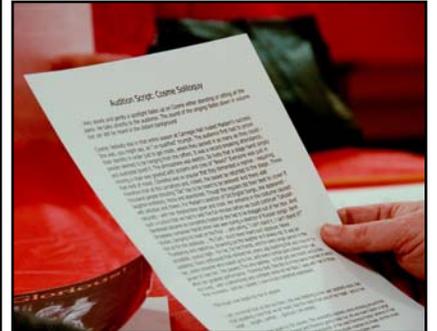




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## Auditions—GLORIOUS!

Tuesday, January 29, 2013



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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!**

03/06/13	Board of Directors Meeting - Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm	05/14/13	7:30 - 9:00 pm General Membership Meeting - Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm
03/13/13	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
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 - ????????
April 2013	Social Event to be Announced		
04/19/13	Performance: <i>Glorious!</i>		
04/20/13	Good Shepherd United Methodist Church Doors open at 7:30 pm Curtain at 8:00 pm		
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		

