



# S.C.S. Players' Newsletter

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## WELCOME TO THE SCS PLAYERS 55th SEASON

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Hello and welcome to our 55th Season. We are planning two memorable plays for our 55th 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.

The St. Clair Shores Players have a Facebook and Twitter account. We are gaining more followers wanting updates on play productions.

Some of the positions available are:

- Volunteer to be a member of the play reading committee. If you are interested contact Mario Razo at [malikite9@gmail.com](mailto:malikite9@gmail.com) for more information.
- Have you ever thought, "Acting is great, but what I really want to do is direct!" If so, please consider directing a short skit for the General Membership meeting. Its fun and it will qualify you as a director for a full SCSP production!

### Quotable...



"Acting is not about being someone different. It's finding the similarity in what is apparently different, then finding myself in there."

— [Meryl Streep](#)

## You Are Invited...

**The March General Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2015**  
**Good Shepherd Methodist Church**  
**Harper Avenue between 13 Mile and Masonic**  
**St. Clair Shores**  
**7:30 - 8:30 pm**

**We're looking forward to you attending the meeting and giving us your input on activities you would like the Players to be involved in, and the upcoming season.**

## Spring Social Event By Matthew Sheehy

We have our annual **Red Party** all planned for Sunday, February 15th at 5:00pm at Gilbert's Lodge and I really do hope that all of you are planning to attend this fun event. (*Don't forget to wear something red!*).

Since our February event is just days away, I am now looking to plan for April. One option I am considering is going to see the play **The 39 Steps** as performed by the students of Wayne State at the Hillberry Theater.

First, let's take a look at the show. The 39 Steps is a hilarious spoof of the 1935 Hitchcock thriller that will have you laughing from start to finish, blending

frenzied performances and wildly inventive stagecraft with spies, murder, and some good old-fashioned romance! A two-time Tony and Drama Desk award winner, the serious spy story turned madcap comedy is full of biting wit and hilarious character changes, as well as allusions to (and puns of) other Hitchcock classics. *Sound fun right?*

Next, the Theater. The Hillberry is in Detroit on Cass Ave (4743 Cass Avenue, at the corner of Hancock). It's a pretty nice place to see a show. Its big, but not huge. I've seen a few shows there myself and I've been pleased with the quality of work they do there.

What date? I am suggesting we go on Saturday, April 25 for the 2:00pm matinee.

How about the ticket price I hear many of you saying? For the Saturday matinee the ticket price is \$28.50 (\$23.00 for seniors over the age of 62). I know... a bit on the pricy side, but remember it is going to support the Wayne State School of Theater and Dance, so we are doing a good deed and helping to support the theater and other actors.

What do you think? Wanna go see a show? Email me with your thoughts.

[scsplayersorg@yahoo.com](mailto:scsplayersorg@yahoo.com)

## Renew Your Membership

Now is the time to show your continued support for the SCS Players and renew your membership for the 2014 - 2015 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 Mario Razo, 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. Thanks for taking the time to support your community theater group!

### Mail your 2014 - 2015 membership dues check to:

Mario Razo  
St. Clair Shores Players  
P.O. Box 141  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080-0141

*Thanks!*



## You are Invited to Our Annual Red Party

What: St. Clair Shores Players Annual Red Party

When: Sunday, February 15th

Time: 5:00 pm

Where: Gilbert's Lodge



22335 Harper Ave.

St. Clair Shores, (on Harper south of 9 Mile Road)



**FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME. AS PART OF THE FESTIVITIES, PLEASE WEAR RED AND BRING A VALENTINES CARD IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CARD EXCHANGE. EVERYONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING THEIR OWN FOOD AND BEVERAGE. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## From the President - Matthew Sheehy

*When!* The last half of December 2014 and first half of January 2015 were some super tough days for yours truly and the rest of the SCSP Board.

On December 18th, I got a call from Godspell Director, Mario Razo, telling me that for a variety of reasons we would not be able to proceed with the musical at this time. I was shocked and deeply saddened by this news as I, and the entire group, had been so looking forward to staging our first musical in over 15 years. But more than shocked and saddened, I was actually extremely glad it happened on that day and not a few days later as I had, that very same day, instructed our Treasurer, Sharon Kusch, to send Theatre Maximus a check for nearly \$1000.00 to secure the rights to produce the play on our stage. Let me tell

you that was a *WHEW!* moment. We dodged the bullet and saved our precious cash. So, the bad news... we don't have Godspell for Spring 2015, the good news... we saved our money. How about some more good news? Well, we do still intend on producing this show! We are now looking at the Fall of 2015 or the Spring of 2016 as our new target dates. *Hooray!*

Mario announce to his cast on January 12th (we decided to hold off on the announcement in hopes that we might be able to sort out some of the issues and save the show, but this was not feasible) that we would not be able to produce the show at this time and he invited all of the cast members to return when we made out next attempt.

On Jan 21st, the SCSP Board of Directors met and selected a new

script (see **The Kitchen Witches** below) to replace Godspell. Mario Razo immediately volunteered to direct this replacement show, so all looked bright in the SCSP kingdom, until 3 days later when Mario withdrew his bid to direct due to his commitment to another theater group and to another show.

So, within the span of a single month we lost not one, but two productions. Talk about TOUGH! *WHEW!*

We on the Board have not lost hope, however. We have a good script (*please read the synopsis below*) and, if we can locate a director, we should still be able to put on a production by the late Spring of 2015. So, give it some thought... dig deep... we can rise above these issues and we can pull this out! Thank you.

## SCRIPT IN SEARCH OF A DIRECTOR

Hello Everyone,

We have a script titled "The Kitchen Witches" by a Canadian playwright, Caroline Smith. This is a relatively new script having had its premiere in 2005. It's a comedy with just 4 characters (2 F and 2 M).

**Synopsis:** Isobel Lomax and Dolly Biddle are two "mature" cable-access cooking show hostesses who have hated each other for 30 years, ever since Larry Biddle dated one and married the other. When circumstances put them together on a TV show called "The Kitchen Witches," the insults are flung harder than the food! Dolly's long-suffering TV-producer & son Stephen tries to keep them on track, but as long as Dolly's dressing room is one inch closer to the set than Isobel's, it's a losing battle, and the show becomes a rating smash as Dolly and Isobel top both Martha Stewart and Jerry Springer!

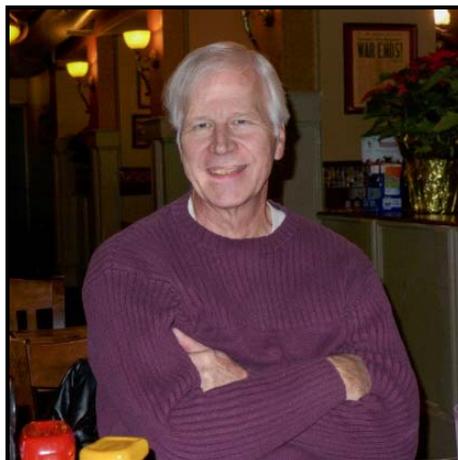
What we need is a director for this script. If you are a qualified director (i.e., you've been an assistant director on an SCSP production, or have directed a skit for the SCSP) and you'd like to read this script, please contact me ASAP at [scsplayersorg@yahoo.com](mailto:scsplayersorg@yahoo.com) and we can talk about this production. *Thank you!*



# Photo Play

## December Social Event—Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 14, 2014 at the Shores Inn





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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!

2/10/15 SCSP - Board of Director's Meeting 7:30 pm @ Church

2/15/15 SCSP - Red Party Social Event — Date, Place, and Time to be announced

3/03/15 SCSP -- Board of Director's Meeting 7:30 pm @ Church

3/10/15 SCSP - General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm @ Church

4/07/15 SCSP - Board of Director's Meeting 7:30 pm @ Church

4/25/15 SCSP—Social Event? The 39 Steps. See article on page 2 of this newsletter for more details.

5/5/15 SCSP - Board of Director's Meeting 7:30 pm @ Church

6/14/15 SCSP - End of Season Picnic Spindler Park @ 3:00 pm

