



# S.C.S. Players' Newsletter

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## New Season. New Adventures!

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### Welcome to the St. Clair Shores Players 52nd Season.

We are planning a memorable season for our 52nd 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, *A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody*, is directed by Kathy Smith. There a variety of back stage jobs available. If you are interested, please contact **Kathy Smith** at [kat081969@gmail.com](mailto:kat081969@gmail.com).

### Social Media:

The SCS Players have a Facebook page, a Twitter feed and a YouTube channel.

*Check them out!*

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). Just a few of the positions to consider:

- Help backstage on our Spring Show, contact Kathy Smith: [kat081969@gmail.com](mailto:kat081969@gmail.com)
- Volunteering to become a member of the Board of Directors.

- If you are interested in helping with fundraisers contact Julie Bradley at [jbrad86@gmail.com](mailto:jbrad86@gmail.com)



The stage is not merely the meeting place of all the arts, but is also the return of art to life.

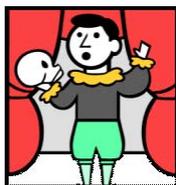
## FUNDRAISER: EVERYONE LOVES A SHOPPING PARTY!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SHOPPING PARTY FUNDRAISER JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHER'S DAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 13TH AT 7:00 PM  
 GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 31601 HARPER AVENUE  
 ST. CLAIR SHORES

YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO THIS EXCITING SHOPPING EVENT! SOME OF THE VENDORS INCLUDE PREMIER DESIGNS JEWELRY, GOLD CANYON CANDLES, 31 BAGS AND PURSES, RANDA'S HAND-MADE GIFTS AND TASTEFULLY SIMPLE FOODS. WE ASK THAT YOU COULD BRING A FOOD ITEM TO SHARE WITH THE GUESTS. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

## From the Director - Kathy Smith



Hi Everyone,

Rehearsals for Act I of our spring show, ***A Little Murder never Hurt Anybody***, went great and we are currently working hard to perfect Act II.

Everyone is working hard on blocking, lines and comedy high jinks. I think

that many of the ad-libbed one-liners are just as good as the scripted ones!

We have a major need for volunteers to help with the show. In particular: backstage work, sound and set construction. Please, don't count on other people to step up to fill these crucial roles. *We need you!*



**WE NEED YOU**

None of these positions are difficult and I have no doubt that you'll have great fun doing them.

Please contact me, Kathy Smith, or the President, Matt Sheehy, and ask how you can help out!

kat081969@gmail.com

mattsheehy@yahoo.com

— Kathy Smith  
Director

## Renew Your Membership

Now is the time to show your continued support for the SCS Players and renew your membership for the 2011 - 2012 season. Single memberships are only \$20.00 and families are \$30.00. Make your checks payable to "SCS Players" and mail it to our new Vice President and Membership Committee chairman Julie Bradley (see mailing address at the end of this article). **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.

Remember, your 2010—2011 SCS Players membership has expired as of November 1, 2011.

Mail your 2011 - 2012 dues check to:

**Julie Bradley**

**P.O. Box 141**

**St. Clair Shores, MI 48080**

## APRIL SOCIAL EVENT: DAVE & BUSTERS!



Join us for our April Social Event

Friday, April 20th, 7:00 pm

**Dave & Busters**

45511 Park Avenue, Utica, MI



(turn off M-59 or Hall Road onto Park Ave, near the Van Dyke Freeway)

Join us for some food and fun. Family, friends and new members are welcome.

Food, drinks and games are each individuals responsibility. **Ask for SCS Players.**

## A Few Words from the President

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Hello Everyone!

Just a few quick words and I'll let you get back to your Easter weekend...

During our March General Membership meeting I challenged the members present to look into their hearts and decide to make a donation toward our purchase of a portable stage in June of this year. Well, the members who were present took up the challenge and delivered! In less than 5 minutes time we had raised over \$300.00! That's GREAT! Now here's the thing... we currently have about 70 members (or about 45 memberships). Of these members, only about 15 or 20 were actually present at

the March meeting. Imagine if everyone had been there! Well, I did imagine and because everyone didn't get a chance to participate in my challenge, I am extending it to the entire membership via my newsletter article. We've got a great **BIG** project here.... literally the largest the group has tackled in the past 30 years. We need everyone's help to raise the necessary funds so we can purchase this stage with the least impact on our current treasury. If 15 or 20 people can raise \$300 in five minutes... the members who weren't in attendance should be able to at least match that. Please consider making a donation! You choose the amount you are comfortable with and

send your checks (payable to **SCS Players**) to:

**SCS Players**  
**P.O. Box 141**  
**St. Clair Shores, MI, 48080-1941**  
**Attn: Stage Fundraiser**

To all the members who donated back in March... **thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!**

To those who haven't donated yet, please give this careful thought and donate what you can to help us achieve this very important goal! *Thanks!*

*Matthew Sheehy — President SCS*

## MY EXPERIENCE AS A DIRECTOR – RACHEL ROBINSON

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Although *A Christmas Carol* was not the first big production I have directed, it was my first directing experience with the St. Clair Shores Players. I wanted to just share with everyone my experiences as a director in the event any of our members are graciously considering giving it a go.

First and foremost, directing the show was one of the most rewarding experiences. It was amazing to see everyone grow as actors and really transform into the parts they played. We had a lot of new comers, first time actors and children in this cast which, although challenging, is just wonderful to see what comes from start to finish. Having the opportunity to bring my ideas to life through the creativity of others is something that really can't be explained with words and I am so incredibly grateful for everyone's hard work, contributions and interpretations.

There were some challenges. To say that it is easy to manage a cast and crew of over thirty people is a complete understatement. Schedule coordination, making sure everyone is in the right place at the right time, costumes, lines... it's a lot to manage. I don't know that I would recommend such a large production and cast for a first time director, but certainly for someone who had some experience under their belts, it is a challenge that has amazing rewards. There were times I was scared to death that things wouldn't come together, and wouldn't you know, this amazing group of folks was able to step up and pull it off in the end.

I would be happy to look into directing again, once I am at a point where the time commitment fits into my schedule, as it is definitely a demanding schedule when you are attending every rehearsal, set construction, show and clean up event. For anyone who is considering taking on the challenge, just know you are surrounded by a wonderful group and don't let fear hold you back. The rewards are so worth it!

## ST. CLAIR SHORES PLAYERS ARE IN NEED OF A STAGE

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Fundraising is underway for perhaps one of the biggest purchases in the St. Clair Shores Players history... **OUR VERY OWN PORTABLE PLATFORM STAGE**. Currently, our shows are performed on a borrowed stage from a local school. As you can imagine, we cannot rely on the use of a borrowed stage forever. We are, therefore, working toward raising funds for the purchase of our own stage. Our goal is to raise as much as we can going forward until June of this year, then move forward with the stage purchase. The approximate cost is between \$3,000 - \$4,000. To date, we have raised approximately \$1,300.

We have a Shopping Party Fundraiser planned for Friday, April 13th which will benefit the stage fund. After that, the profits made from the Spring production of *A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody* will go toward the stage. We are also accepting donations at any time in any amount to add to our goal. Your support in this effort is greatly appreciated, and it will translate into a great resource for the SCS Players for many years to come.

If you have questions or would like to make a donation, please contact me at [jbrad86@gmail.com](mailto:jbrad86@gmail.com) or 586-362-0631.

Warmest Regards,

**Julie Bradley, Vice President, SCS Players**

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

# SCS Players Shopping Party Fundraiser

**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
7:00-9:00 PM**

**Located at Good Shepherd UMC  
31601 Harper, St Clair Shores, 48082**

*Featuring:*

**Premier Designs Jewelry**

**Gold Canyon Candles**

**31 Bags and Purses**

**Randa's Handmade Gifts**

**Tastefully Simple Foods**



*It's the perfect time  
to shop for Mother's  
Day gifts!*

**Snacks and beverages  
will be provided and  
several prizes will be  
drawn!**

**Questions? Call Julie at:  
586-362-0631**



**A portion of the proceeds will  
be donated to the SCS Players  
stage fund. Currently, the  
players are performing on a  
stage borrowed from a local  
school. The cost for our own  
stage is \$3,000-\$4,000. Your  
support will help us reach our  
goal to have a stage of our own!**

**We appreciate your  
support!**

# SCS Players

## April Social Event



**Please join us on Friday, April 20, 2012,  
7:00PM at 45511 Park Avenue Utica, MI  
48315---Dave and Busters!!!**



**For some food, fun and friends! Family and friends, and new members looking to join are all welcome. Food drinks and any games will all be each individual's responsibility. Upon entering please ask for the SCS Players. Hope to see you all there!**



# St Clair Shores Players Present

## A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody

A Comedy by Ron Bernas  
By special arrangement  
with Samuel French



It's New Year's Eve at the Perry Mansion. Julia and Matthew Perry seem to have it all, but Matthew wants something more—to be rid of his wife Julia so he can have some real fun. He resolves to murder Julia and tells her so. She vows to stay alive and tells him so. And so the games begin—a hilarious match of wits.

**When:** April 27th and 28th 2012 and May 4th and 5th 2012

**Where:** Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

31601 Harper Ave, St Clair Shores, MI, 48082

**Tickets at the door:** \$10 adult and \$9 senior and students with ID

**Doors open at 7:30pm Curtain at 8:00pm**

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**The St. Clair Shores Players**

*A Celebration of Community Theater  
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!**

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| 4/11/12 | <b>Board of Directors Mtg.</b><br>Good Shepherd Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm   | Anyone<br>Good Shepherd United Methodist Church<br>Doors open 7:30 pm<br>Show 8:00 pm                                 |
| 4/13/12 | <b>Shopping Party Fundraiser</b><br>Good Shepherd United Methodist Church<br>Doors open 7:00 pm<br>Raise funds to buy portable Stage. | 5/8/12 <b>General Membership Mtg</b><br>Good Shepherd United Methodist Church<br>7:30 - 9:00 pm                       |
| 4/20/12 | <b>April Social Event</b><br>Dave & Busters<br>7:00pm<br>45511 Park Avenue<br>Utica, MI 48315   | 6/7/12 <b>Board of Directors Mtg</b><br>Good Shepherd United Methodist Church   |
| 4/27/12 | <b>Spring Show - A Little</b>   | 6/10/12 <b>Social Event</b><br>End of Season Picnic<br>Spindler Park 3:00 pm - ??<br>19400 Stephens Dr.<br>Eastpointe |
| 4/28/12 | <b>Murder Never Hurt</b><br>Anyone<br>Good Shepherd United Methodist Church<br>Doors open 7:30 pm<br>Show 8:00 pm                     |   |
| 5/4/12  | <b>Spring Show - A Little</b>   |   |
| 5/5/12  | <b>Murder Never Hurt</b>  |   |

