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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 Fall play will be *A Christmas Carol*, directed by Rachel Robinson. There are many parts and jobs available to bring this play to the stage. If you are interested please contact Rachel Robinson, at Rachel Robin-

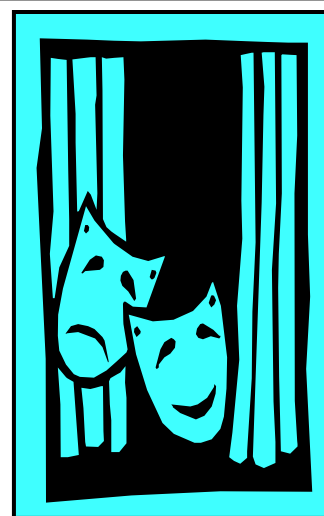
son@quickenloans.com

BIG NEWS: The SCS Players not only have a Facebook page, but we also have a Twitter Account. Follow us at @SCSPlayers

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 scsplayer-sorg@yahoo.com.

Just a few of the options to consider:

- **Volunteering to become a member of the Board of Directors.**
- Any of the many jobs to help bring our current play to the stage.



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

- Oscar Wilde

CALLING ALL ACTORS AND ACTRESSES



OPEN AUDITIONS A Christmas Carol

Directed by Rachel Robinson

**Where: Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
31601 Harper Avenue, SCS 48082**

**When: Wednesday, September 21st, 7:30 - 9:00 pm
Thursday, September 22nd, 7:30 - 9:00 pm**

>> ALL ARE WELCOME - LARGE CAST <<



From the Director - Rachel Robinson



I am very excited to announce the Fall Show for 2011. **A**

Christmas Carol adapted from the Charles Dickens original work. I am sure you all know the story...Scrooge, Jacob Marley, Bob Cratchet and the Three Ghosts to name a few. Auditions this year will be held on

Wednesday, Sept. 21 and Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7:00 pm at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. The cast has room for over 40 members with very small to very large parts if we are so lucky to get that many interested, so if you have been thinking about auditioning and waiting for the right show, come

give it a shot. Tell your friends and family who might be interested as well! I am very honored to be directing the show this year and hope to make it a spectacular performance with lots of fun, camaraderie and of course talent! So, dust off your knickers and come on out to the Auditions for **A Christmas Carol!**

Renew Your Membership

**MEMBERSHIPS
DUES FOR THE
2011 - 2012
SEASON SHOULD
BE PAID IN FULL
BY THE SEPTEMBER
GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

\$20.00 and families are \$30.00. Make your checks payable to "SCS Players" and mail it the to Matthew

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

Sheehy our Membership Committee chairman (*see 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 boy-

friends/girlfriends.

Mail your 2011 - 2012 dues check to:

Matthew Sheehy
22521 Doremus

St. Clair Shores, MI 48080



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

You are invited to attend the
September General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2011
7:30 - 9:00 pm
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
31601 Harper Avenue, SCS 48082

A Few Words from the President

Hello Everyone!



I wanted to take this opportunity to announce that I have chosen not to continue this season as a member of the S.C.S. Players

Board of Directors.

I want to thank the group for the opportunity for me to serve as your president for almost five years. This has truly been a rewarding and worthwhile experi-

ence. During my tenure, the group has had some interesting high and low moments, including one season where no plays had been performed at all! This past year has been among the best. We've found a great home at Good Shepherd, put on two fantastic shows, had group outings, general membership meetings and workshops!

This is already shaping up to be another great season and I look forward to participating as an

active member of our group!

In parting, I would like to thank the board for all their hard work they do each year. I was fortunate to be surrounded by such bright and intelligent people! This group could not have been successful these past years without their tireless efforts.

-Scott Smith

Former President of
SCS Players

AUGUST SOCIAL EVENT – RACHEL ROBINSON

Friday, August 12 the group headed to see the Fraser Community Theatre's production of ***Willy Wonks and the Chocolate Factory*** at Fraser High School. Although the seating didn't work out quite as planned I think all who attended enjoyed the performance. It was interesting to see the available resources and the

sheer volume of the cast for a community theatre program, as well as their improvisation on props, backdrops, and costuming. The show was entertaining as well as educational in providing an opportunity to see how other community theatre groups run their shows. It was also great to see some newer faces at the event, Julie,

Kyle, and Kim, we were so happy to have you there! Unfortunately we were not able to grab any snap shots of the group, but I can assure you everyone had smiling faces at the of the show. Looking forward to October's Social Event which will probably be spooky. **Stay tuned for details!**

June's Social Event - End of the Year Picnic - Rachel Robinson

I am happy to say that our end of the year picnic was a great success. We had fun grilling hamburgers and hot dogs (see photos) and everyone brought something to share. Even though it was windy and chilly we still had a lot of fun

talking and visiting with each other, and of course eating the good food. We had many different kinds of food from fruit and lettuce salads, eggs, chips, baked goodies, and some tasty treats from as far away as Hawaii.

All in all we had a wonderful time together. Don't forget we will be having a social event every other month, and I hope to see everyone at our upcoming events.



PHOTO PLAY

End Of Season Picnic

Sunday, June 12, 2011

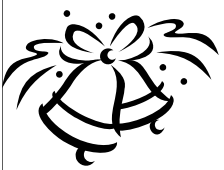
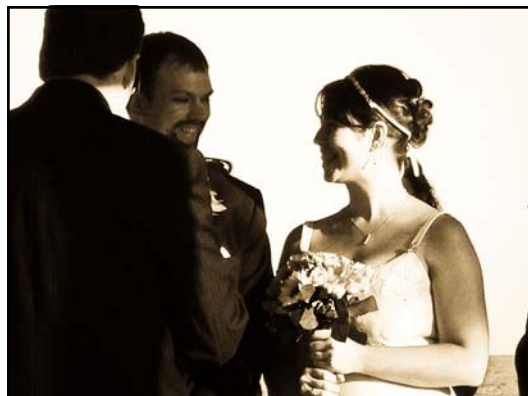


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PHOTO PLAY

SCSP Member Wedding

Friday, August 26, 2011



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Acting President - Matthew Sheehy

Hello Everyone,

As you have probably read by now in Scott Smith's "A Few Words From the President" article on page 3 of this newsletter, Scott has resigned as the President of the St. Clair Shores Players as of August 4, 2011. According to the By-Laws of the of the group, "***The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in their absence and automatically succeed to the office of President should that office become vacant.***" (ARTICLE IV,

Section 5).

I have been acting President of the St. Clair Shores Players since August 4th. Notice I "acting President." I've not been elected to this office and we haven't had election for the 2011—2012 Season as yet, so I only hold the position until another president is elected by the membership of this group or until confirmed as president in a similar election.

Speaking of elections we haven't had a proper elec-

tion of Board members in a number of years and we really need to do this as most of the elector board is current in their third, fourth and even fifth years in their current position. Please contact me if you are interested in taking a place on the Board. Elections will be a the next General Meeting. Thank you.

mattsheehy@yahoo.com

Please see my article below which outlines the duties of the Elected members of the Board of Directors.

The Board & Elections - Matthew Sheehy

There are four elected positions on the Board of Directors: **President, Vice President, Secretary** and **Treasurer**. Now before you get too excited and say, "Oh, I'm too busy" or "I don't know how to do that," let me assure you that none of these positions are too difficult or too time consuming. I, personally, have been on the Board of Directors now for 11 years (in 3 of the 4 elected positions and in the appointed position of newsletter editor) and I find for a month I spend a grand total of about three hours on Players' business (1 hour of preparation time and 2 hours on meetings). Three hours of your time in a month isn't too much... trust me when I say this is very doable.

So, you are probably thinking, "What are the duties of the elected board members?" Well, I'm glad you asked and here's your answer.

President – As chief executive officer, the President, shall direct the functions of the Players and ensure that all orders and resolutions of the membership and the Board of Directors are being carried out. The President shall preside over all meetings,

selected appointed officers (subject to the approval of the other elected officers – see ARTICLE IV, Section 3), appoint or approve all committee chairmen not otherwise provided for in these by-laws and be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Vice President—The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in their absence and automatically succeed to the office of President should that office become vacant. The Vice President is the membership Chairman and as such collects dues money and maintains a roster of the current membership. The Vice President also is the Script Reading Committee Chair and helps the group to select the plays to be performed in the upcoming season.

Secretary— The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all Board of Directors and General Membership Meetings.

Treasurer— The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Players and will keep books of the Players full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements, deposit

funds and other valuable affects of the Players in depositories agreed to by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will collect dues form the Membership Chairman. The Treasurer will disburse funds as directed by the Players and make proper vouchers for cash disbursements. The Treasurer will make a report of his/her transactions and the financial condition of the Players at all meetings. The Treasurer shall, at the end of the season, make out a financial statement chronicling how the Players made out financially for the entire season.

We also have a number of appointed positions on the Board of Directors, including: **Newsletter Editor, Ticket Chair, Workshop Chair, Social Chair, Executive Producer, House Chair and Publicity Chair**. These positions are appointed by the President with the confirmation of the elected Board of Directors. As you can see, there is much work to be done in this group and the same small people can not be expected to do it year-after-year. Please consider stepping forward and helping the group. *Thank you.*

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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!

9/13/11	General membership Mtg. Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm	12/02/11	Fall Show Performance		
9/21/11	Open Auditions - A	12/03/11	<i>A Christmas Carol</i>		
9/22/11	A Christmas Carol Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm	12/09/11	Good Shepherd	3/13/12	General Mbrshp. Meeting Good Shepherd Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm
10/06/11	Board of Director's Mtg. Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm	12/10/11	Methodist Church Doors: 7:30 pm Show: 8:00 pm	4/05/12	Board of Directors Mtg. Good Shepherd Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm
10/28/11	"Ladies Take the Lead" Dinner Theatre Good Shepherd Methodist Church 6:00 pm	12/15/11	Board of Directors Mtg. Good Shepherd Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm		
11/03/11	Board of Directors Mtg. Good Shepherd Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm	1/05/12	Board of Directors Mtg. Good Shepherd Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm		
11/08/11	General Mbr. Meeting Good Shepherd Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm	1/10/12	Gen. Mbrshp. Meeting Good Shepherd Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm		
		2/02/12	Board of Directors Mtg. Good Shepherd Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm		
		2/08/12	Open Auditions: <i>A Little Murder Never Hurt Anyone</i>		
		2/09/12	Good Shepherd Methodist Church 7:30 - 9:00 pm		
		3/01/12	Board of Directors Mtg.		

