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YCT COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Recently Yuma Community Theater reached out to our community and donated a check of \$500 to the Yuma Community Food Bank.

Jody Hasty, Yuma Community Food Bank Resource & Development Supervisor, accepted the check. Jody Hasty was quoted telling Bob McCain, YCT President and Michael Finch, YCT Vice President, "I wanted you to know the impact your donation has on our Food Bank. Your generous gift of \$500 provides 4,500 meals to needy individuals and families in the Yuma, LaPaz and Imperial counties areas. With your support we are working towards "Building a Hunger Free Community" and we feel inspired & honored that you have chosen to play a significant role in eliminating hunger related issues."



Pictured from left to right: Michael Finch, Jody Hasty and Bob McCain.

YCT Presents: "Funny Money"

Gary Gleason, the Producer of Funny Money says this about the show: "Funny Money was a very good show! I was proud to serve as producer of a show that was filled with the who's who of community theater and also introduced

some great newcomers to the stage. The play was well received and the audience grew from performance to performance. I took a call from one lady who wanted to purchase tickets because a friend of hers told her it was a must

see. Those comments only come along when you have a dedicated cast and a flexible director. I thank them all for their hard work! "

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YCT MEMBER ANNIE SNYDER SHARES CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS FROM HER HOMELAND!

Many people in the Northern hemisphere are surprised when they realize that Christmas in the Southern hemisphere happens during the summer months. The Christmas traditions in Peru, South America, vary depending on the location within the country.

Mountainous cities celebrations would include Andean-Spanish traditions, like the display of the “Manuelitos”, handcrafted images of the Child Jesus done in exquisite detail, or the traditional dishes of barbecued

guinea pigs. There would be processions of images of the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and of Jesus as a child. People would exchange presents, burn fireworks and party through the night, since the main celebratory hours are late Christmas Eve and early Christmas Day.

My memories of Christmas in the coastal city of Lima are a mixture of northern traditions together with traditions imported from Spain and Italy. We would decorate a Christmas tree (always fake, no pine woods nearby to choose a live one from), await the

arrival of Santa Claus (Papa Noel), and drink hot chocolate (90 degrees temperature forecast notwithstanding). We would also like to eat sweet bread from Italy called “Panettone” and would sing Spanish Christmas carols called “Villancicos”.

Our extended family would get together on Christmas Eve to await the arrival of Papa Noel and the “Nino Dios”, the God Child, Jesus. After a dinner of turkey, applesauce and rice, the children would go to bed early

of the birth of Jesus and the arrival of presents brought by Papa Noel. An image of a newborn Jesus would be taken in procession by the children to occupy His place on a Nativity scene that had boasted an empty manger most of the month of December. After prayers and singing, we would stay up until the wee hours of the night, opening presents and playing with our new toys. The days after Christmas were usually very busy in preparations for our move to the beach to spend there the rest of our warm Holidays and our summer vacation. *“I’m dreaming of a warm Christmas, just like the ones I used to see...!”*

Ana Maria Arevalo Snyder



NO MATTER HOW YOU SAY IT, THE MEANING IS THE SAME: “HAPPY HOLIDAYS”

Felices Fiestas!

Merry Ho!id!

Boas Festas!

Prettige feestdagen!

Tanoshii kurisumasu wo!

Hau'oli Lanu!



YCT's NEXT SHOW: "THE KING and I"

Frederic Brown, the Director and Producer of our next play of this timeless classic writes: "The King and I" had over 80 folks audition in Sept. and Oct. and now the cast is well into rehearsals 3 times a week preparing for its opening performance on January 13, 2012.

Our King (Bob Brown) has his real life family on stage with him as some of his many wives and our Anna is a lady Marine officer (Semper Fi). The cast includes dozens of wives and children (the "March of the Siamese Children" promises to be a

crowd pleaser) as well as dancers.

The backdrop for the Palace set is coming from upstate New York just in time to be hung at Gila Ridge HS for tech. week starting January 7th.

Plan now to come see a true Rodgers and Hammerstein classic musical including the ballet "The Little House of Uncle Thomas" choreographed by DanceMakers own Cindy Turentine.

Pictured from L—R: Andrew Blatchford, Angela Peters and Jason Irr.



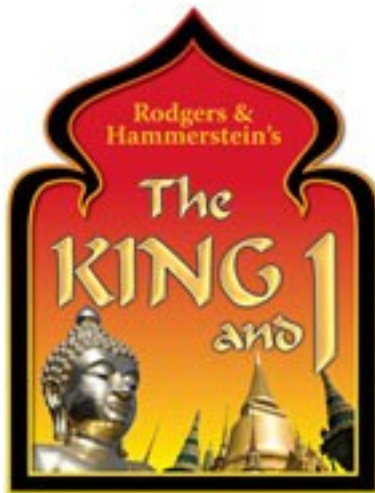
DON'T FORGET TO SEE OUR 2 REMAINING SHOWS!

SHOW DATES:

January 13, 14, 15 2012

January 20, 21, 22 2012

January 27, 28, 29 2012



SHOW DATES:

March 23, 24, 25 2012

March 30, 31 2012

April 1, 2012



TICKET BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers to help us operate our box office and will call located at Gila Ridge High School.

You don't need to be a computer genius, just a basic knowledge of computers and a willingness to volunteer and be polite to other people.

If you can volunteer a couple of hours for each show during our season, please contact any of the YCT board members or email the YCT Editor:

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YCT Membership Spotlight

JOANNE KIDD!

...or as 'WE' know her: Joanne 'Yes...Of Course' Kidd

I'm sure we all know someone whom we can count on when asked if they could help out or volunteer at a moment's notice. Some always say 'Yes...of course'! YCT is very fortunate to have this type of person working for, well, continually volunteering, for us. Ms. Joanne Kidd. Joanne is also the YCT Treasurer. Now that is a job that Joanne takes very, very seriously. Joanne consistently and very professionally assists YCT in keeping our non profit company in the 'black'. The YCT Board meets on the 1st Monday of each month and nothing more get's my attention than the critical information concerning our organization's finances really make other board members sit up straight and pay attention! And speaking of attention... Joanne's treasurer reports and the way she explains her actions and explains why "this penny was transferred to this account...". Unbelievable! Not only that but Joanne is also one of YCT's costumers, works with Annie Snyder on the Ticketing Committee, and is our Webmaster! What a professional attitude! I feel YCT is most fortunate to have this kind of financial talent or wizard working for us!

I sat down with Joanne for a minute and asked her some 'Q & A':

Q: You literally came out of nowhere and began volunteering for YCT some years ago, Where did you come from and what made you choose YCT as the organization to volunteer for?

A: I was an empty nester living in Yuma. I was online looking for an outside the home activity and found YCT. I went to a board meeting in 2007, got to know the organization better and liked what I saw. I ran for a board member position and while I was out of town I was elected to the board AND was elected as the Treasurer!

Q: Can you remember the last time you said "NO" when asked by a YCT member to help out in some way?

A: Um-m-m-m...(long thought).....No! (Mike here...I KNEW THAT ANSWER)!!

Q: Thinking back to the plays that YCT has performed that you have assisted with in some manner, which play stands out as being your favorite to have worked with?

A: It would have to be 'The Full Monty'. The cast and crew worked so well together and there was so much energy.

Q: I know for a fact that you don't have a lot of personal time but when you do have time to unwind and breath, what is it you enjoy doing?

A: I very much enjoy reading. Whatever is laying around that I haven't read, I will pick it up and read it. I pretty much read anything.

Joanne is currently the Assistant Director the upcoming play, "Noises Off" which just held auditions. Show dates are in March & April 2012.

Letter To The YCT Membership: YCT Needs You! by Michael Finch, YCT Vice President

As a board member and a current and active member for Yuma Community Theater, I feel our members should understand what being a member is and that volunteering is THE most crucial part of being a member of YCT.

Merriam - Webster defines the word Volunteer as: *a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service.* What a plain, clear and simple definition to understand! Yuma Community Theater relies entirely on just that definition.

As your board members, we are constantly looking for members who can be volunteers and who are willing to do just about everything to assist our theater company. Whether you can hammer a nail, drill in a screw, be an usher at one of our season's performances or paint flats (and if you really want to have some fun, paint on the person next to you!) YCT needs you. Believe me, if you get dirty with whatever it is, it can usually be washed away in the laundry...or mother's spit! THAT will clean anything! Trust me when I say that for a while I could not measure a piece of wood to exact dimensions if my life depended upon it. Really! But no matter what, you could find me at most set constructions because I tried and tried again to learn something new and now I feel I am very capable of measuring anything. I most certainly want to help out with YCT's upcoming shows. I now have a NEW talent, if you will! Someone taught me how do something new and now I can pay it forward to teach someone else!

Being an active member and volunteering my time for YCT makes me feel good. You meet all kinds of new people and it makes me feel part of a family. Sometimes I consider my volunteer time as a 'home away from home'.

Take time to think about this: What is your talent? What are you good at? What do you want to learn? Consider taking this idea, put it in action and come show your other talents off to us, not just acting or being onstage, to YOUR community theater. There's a saying which I really believe in: 'Do what you love and love what you do'. YCT needs you to volunteer whatever it is you feel you can offer to YCT. Not only during our show season but all year long. YCT is getting to a point where we will have things going on all year long and we would like our members to volunteer to assist us. YCT is here for you! YCT is growing and trying to accomplish more than ever before and in order to do so we need more help. One of our key words in our name is COMMUNITY and we are trying to reach out more to the Yuma community to get more involved in that realm and also to get our name out there even more so than ever.

If you would like to become a member or a volunteer for our awesome theater company, please contact any of the YCT board members (contact info on our website). Or if you know a member of YCT, contact your friend or stop by at any time during the season while shows are auditioning or rehearsing and ask how you can volunteer for us.

When I think about how I feel about volunteering my time for YCT I always think about a verse from one of YCT's past performance of 'OLIVER':

"Consider yourself at home.

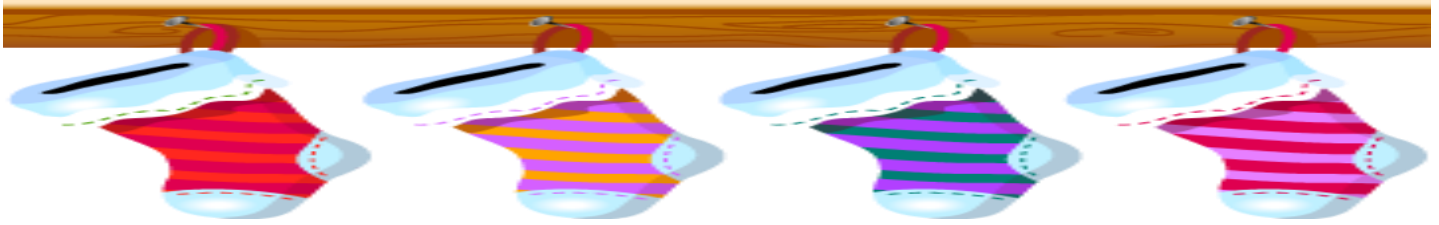
Consider yourself part of the family.

We've taken to you so strong.

It's clear we're going to get along.

Consider yourself....one of us".





HAVE YOURSELFS A VERY BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON! YUMA COMMUNITY THEATER THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND THE ARTS HERE IN YUMA! THOUGH THIS IS OUR BUSY TIME OF OUR SEASON, BE SURE TO MAKE THE TIME AND SPEND MUCH NEEDED TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



YCT Membership News

Congratulations to new Grandparents Kent & Shara Johnston! They have a new grandson named Gavin Lousch, weighting: 7lbs. 9oz. Born on September 13th 2011. Shara is currently part of the cast for the upcoming YCT show, 'Noise's Off'.

Also our YCT President Bob McCain and his wife Tish are new grandparents! They have a granddaughter

named Vivienne, weighting: 7lbs. 9 ozs. Born on August 28th 2011. Bob and Tish were the Director and Assistant Director for 'Funny Money'.

If you have any news to share, no matter what it is,

Email Mike at: ycteditor@gmail.com with your news.

