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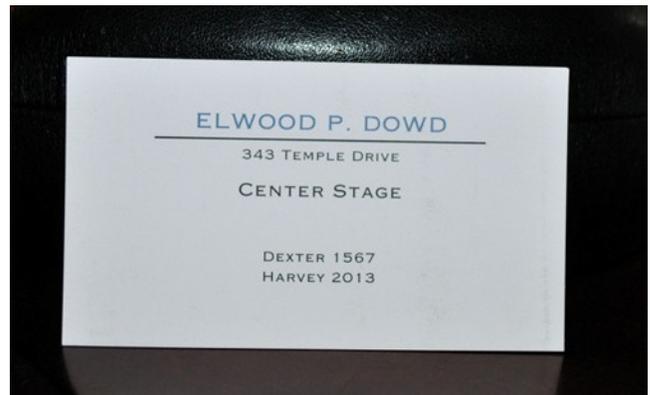
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Ladies and Gentlemen, YCT would like to introduce to you our very first ever Pooka! What's that you say? You've never heard or seen a Pooka?! Well, sounds like you need to head to YCT's first show of the season, Harvey. The cast and crew of Harvey have been hard at work to create this charming play about Elwood P. Dowd and his buddy, a 6 ft. 3 1/2 in. white rabbit. This show is a must see. As Elwood P. Dowd says "I always have a wonderful time, wherever I am, whomever I'm with", Assistant Director Sergio

Munoz says "I am very proud of our cast and crew! We have come a long way and I just can't wait for everybody to see this wonderful production!" Shara Johnston, who portrays Miss Ruth Kelly, R.N. says "It's been a pleasure working with a group of such talented people. I've had fun watching everyone blossom into their roles until it seemed like their roles were written especially for them!"

Before you leave, take a look around you. Make sure Harvey isn't sitting right next to you!

The infamous Elwood P. Dowd Business Card



TRIBUTE TO THE MUSES 2013



On an October night at the Yuma Historic Theatre and the Yuma Arts Center, the annual 'Tribute To The Muses' awards were held. Yuma Community Theater was pleased once again to have 2 of our members nominated for these local prestigious awards. Bob McCain was nominated for the Muses Award for his undying lifetime commitment to Yuma Community Theater. Mary Plante won the 'Helios' award which is given to a junior individual for their commitment and leadership to assisting younger people to the arts. Congratulations to the Yuma Arts Foundation 'Tribute To The Muses' Helios Award winner Ms. Mary Plante and Muses Nominee Robert 'Bob' McCain!

Photo front: Mary Ellen Finch and Fredrick Brown. Back row L-R: Michael Finch, Misty McCain, Maria Plante, Mary Plante, Bob McCain, Tish McCain, Terri Grant and Joanne Kidd.

IMPORTANT TICKETING INFORMATION!

Our newest ticketing outlet, The Book Nook, is no longer a ticket outlet for Yuma Community Theater. Unforeseen circumstances have occurred with The Book Nook and they cannot sell tickets for YCT. A huge Thank You goes out the owner, Carol Bridgestock for volunteering her business as a ticket outlet and YCT wishes continued best of luck to her!

YCT RECIEVES A GRANT !

In October, YCT received a grant from the Arizona Community Foundation/Yuma Community Foundation. The grant money is being used to rent backdrops for 'The Sound Of Music'. The grants awards were given out at the annual 'Heart Of Yuma' awards ceremony. An amount of \$2,160 was given to YCT.

A huge THANK YOU to the Arizona Community Foundation Committee and the Yuma Community Foundation for this great honor!



"And.....ACTION!"



Back in early September, two YCT members, Deb Wendt and Mary Ellen Finch, got the chance to make a commercial for a local Yuma business from Time Warner Cable Company,

The two ladies each had 3 lines of dialog but the end result was a very nice commercial and some added experience for these two actresses. YCT Board member Yara Nash and past YCT member Mark Siemens, also just finished shooting a commercial for a local event coming to Yuma! Once one has been bitten by the theater bug, you're always looking to do more!

INTRODUCING YCT'S 'THE SOUND OF MUSIC' - MARIA!

YCT's production of 'The Sound Of Music' is in full rehearsals and the cast awaits their opening night anxiously! You know the story! Maria Rainer takes a job as a Governess to 7 children! Maria teaches those children to sing, dance and to play, as children do! Well, Ashley Skolrod who plays Maria in our production this year, works with children everyday and they sit around her while

she teaches and reads to them...just like the Von Trapp children do! Ashley is a teacher at Mesquite School and loves her job! Her class was very attentive and all hands were raised when Ashley asked a question! Thank you for what you do for all the children, Ashley, with both your children at school and OUR children in 'The Sound Of Music'. 'The Sound Of Music's' opening night is January 18th 2014.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Holidays YCT Family and Friends!

It is that time again, that wonderful time when we get to do what we love to do. In just a couple of weeks the first show of the season 'Harvey' will take center stage at Gila Ridge Performing Arts Center. It is a wonderful show and it will set the tone for the holiday season we all cherish so. Even though we have done this in the past it still re-sounds with the spirit of Christmas and the message that each and every one of us makes a difference as we live our lives out every day. Each year we celebrate Jesus Christ's birth, for it has changed the world. We are living in Christ. He is with us when we're happy and when we're sad. He enhances our inner forces and directs us on the path of salvation.

Loved ones, family and friends are just a small portion of the big picture. As President I would like to thank each of you for being part of our YCT family. If it were not for the fabulous supporters of Yuma Community Theater we would be no more. Two things upon this changing earth can neither change nor end; the splendor of Christ's humble birth and the love of friend for friend.

Hope your Christmas day is full of happy surprises and wonderful moments with your loved ones all around you. Merry Christmas!

YCT President—Michael Finch



CHRISTMAS FACTS & TRIVIA



Did you know:

"Jingle Bells" Even though it is now associated with the Christmas and holiday season, it was actually originally written to be sung for American Thanksgiving.

An angel or star may be placed at the top of the tree, to represent the host of angels or the Star of Bethlehem from the Nativity.

Thomas Edison, the inventor of the first successful practical light bulb, created the very first strand of electric lights during the Christmas season of 1880.

More than 1.8 billion candy canes will be made for the holiday season.

Xmas is a common abbreviation of the word Christmas. It is sometimes pronounced /'ɛksməs/, but it, and variants such as Xtemass, originated as hand-writing abbreviations for the typical pronunciation /'krɪsməs/. The "-mas" part is from the Latin-derived Old English word for Mass,[1] while the "X" comes from the Greek letter Chi, which is the first letter of the Greek word Χριστός which comes into English as "Christ".

The most popular Christmas song ever is White Christmas (duh).

In 1962, the first Christmas postage stamp was issued in the United States.

All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts.

Charles Dickens' initial choice for Scrooge's statement "Bah Humbug" was "Bah Christmas."

Christmas trees are edible. Many parts of pines, spruces, and firs can be eaten. The needles are a good source of vitamin C. Pine nuts, or pine cones, are also a good source of nutrition.

Approximately 30-35 million real (living) Christmas trees are sold each year in the U.S.