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NAU STUDENTS/CLASS CONDUCTS BUSINESS CASE STUDY FOR YCT

Back in February 2015, YCT Board members Mike Finch, Mary Ellen Finch, John Paul Plante and Joanne Kidd met with NAU students on campus at Arizona Western College in an effort to both enhance the YCT Board's ability to gain a business review of YCT's progress and path forward, and to provide an opportunity for the NAU students to participate in a real-world opportunity to shape their last semester of a business major into a major project.

Students at the NAU Yuma Campus are enrolled in what the University calls a

"capstone" course. The semester's goal is for the class is to integrate the prerequisites they have taken during their undergraduate careers into a project that closely resembles a work force objective which they will encounter once hired by a prospective employer.

Dr. Frank Kidd, instructor of this semester's course, has set as an academic goal, that students will take an introspective look at the Strategic Management focus and plan of YCT. As a non-profit organization, the parameters of business management are somewhat

different than other corporate cultures. The students will take their knowledge of such topics as financial planning, business planning, sales, marketing, and communications and deliver to the YCT Board a comprehensive assessment of YCT's role as a viable non-profit and offer suggestions as to future business considerations. Mike, Joanne and Mary Ellen presented the case study during the 2015 annual meeting. The membership was very pleased with the hard work that these students put forth in their business project!



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## YCT ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR 'THE MOUSE TRAP'!

Mark your calendar! YCT will soon be holding auditions for our performance of Agatha Christie's 'Mouse Trap'. Director Phillip Eggers is SO excited to begin his play that he says he can't sleep at night! The Mouse-trap is celebrating the 63rd year of a record breaking run during which over 25,000 performances have been given. It is the longest running show (of any type) of the modern era. The play is also known for its twist ending, which the audience are traditionally asked not to reveal after leaving the theatre.



Audition dates & times are: September 8, 10, 12, 17, 18 and 19 2015. All auditions are located at the First Presbyterian Church, 598 So. 7th Ave. Audition times are TBA so check out our website and Facebook pages for further information.

## SUMMER YOUTH THEATER CAMP



YCT and the Yuma County Library District does it again! Season 2 of the combined Summer Youth Theater Camp! This year's attendance was better than last year's! "The Problem With Problems" by Ken Preuss was this year's performance. This one act play was a half hour of laugh out loud funny! Many of the youth from last year returned for this year. Thank you to Lauren Regenhardt, Eva Cervantes, Madeline Myers and Dannie Ayala!

## RECAPPING OUR SUMMER SHOW: 'THE SUNSHINE BOYS'!

The duo of Andy Gould and Ed Robinson came back this year along with other very talented actors & actresses to present Neil Simon's 'The Sunshine Boys'. If you missed this show, you missed out! Loads of laughs and the old 'slap stick' vaudeville comedy made this show a huge success! Thank you Bob Rammelt, the Director, for pushing all of us a little harder and taking the comedy 'right to the furthest edge', while keeping it clean! Rumor has it that YCT will return for another play next summer 2016!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my honor to have been asked by the other YCT board members to return as your President for a 3rd straight year! I love this organization! Last year was a very busy year for your Board of Directors. This year the Board will be 'just' as busy! We will be performing again this year at Woodard Jr. High School and YCT very much appreciates our special relationship with Woodard Jr. High! This season we have 2 new directors giving it 'a go' and showing all of us their artistic talent. Mr. Philip Eggers will direct 'The Mouse Trap' and Ms. Madeline Myers will direct 'Lend Me A Tenor'. Both Philip and Madeline have been associated with YCT for many years but have decided to try their hands at Directing!

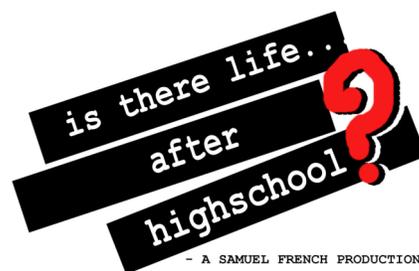


YCT, in collaboration with the City of Yuma's Summer Extravaganza, recently performed the Neil Simon classic 'The Sunshine Boys'. YCT has now performed for 4 consecutive years during the summertime here in Yuma. This coming year I envision big things for YCT and there are only 2 directions this organization is headed:

upward and forward! Also, YCT is as close as ever in these past years of purchasing a building for our organization's use. This building would be for rehearsals, storage, set construction, etc. Sadly, most of the buildings we have looked at would not support any YCT performances in the near future. But again, your Board of Directors continues the search for a building that we could utilize immediately to perform in. I believe in what our Board of Directors is doing. Please continue to support them as well and let's have a season that won't soon be forgotten!

## 'IS THERE LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL' AUDITIONS

YCT's first show of our upcoming season just finished its auditions and have begun rehearsals. 'Is There Life After High School' is our musical this year and it seems like everyone who had graduated from high school 10 years or more auditioned for this play! Photo L-R: Leesa Baker—musical Director, Joanne Kidd—show Director and Kayla Walden—Assistant show Director.



- A SAMUEL FRENCH PRODUCTION

## YCT's HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS



Once a year our Honorary Lifetime Members get a chance to get together and see old friends and make new friends. These select few members have a lot of blood, sweat and tears invested in our organization and we cannot thank them enough for continuing to support our organization! Photo sitting: Lynn Herrera and Louise Guy. Standing L-R: Ralph Gray, John Paul Plante, John Herrera and Clay Guy. Missing from the photo is Fred Brown.

# YCT MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**DR. FRANK KIDD**



Yuma Community Theater would like to give member Dr. Frank Kidd a well deserved **STANDING OVATION!** for taking thousands of photos, free of charge, for our organization! When asked to take photos, Frank never says no. Frank drops everything from his life in order to accommodate our needs. Frank enjoys cooking (and this editor enjoys eating his cooking)! Although Frank loves photography, he does not like to be in front of the camera. So, if you ever see a gentleman at one of YCT functions or shows taking photos, please say Thank You! More than likely it will be Frank Kidd and I'm sure he would appreciate your comments and taking the time to thank him. Frank has a Doctorial degree from Colorado State in plant physiology and is currently teaching at Northern Arizona University (NAU) here in Yuma. Frank is married to YCT's Treasurer, Joanne Kidd.