



CURTAIN CALL

YCT COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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YCT makes a donation of \$600 to the Yuma Community Food Bank for the generous use of their facilities that we use for meetings.

YCT is proud to assist the Food Bank in their quest for the ‘Step Up To The Plate’ campaign.

YCT would like to put the challenge out to other organizations to meet or beat our donation!

Photo is YCT Secretary Mary Ellen Finch, Yuma Community Food Bank CEO Mike Ivers and YCT Treasurer Joanne Kidd.



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DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING SHOW PROPOSALS

The YCT Board of Directors has set a deadline to receive completed show proposals for the each upcoming season including the 2014–2015 season. All show proposals need to be submitted to the Board by January 31st of each year. For the 2014-2015 Season that will be Friday 31 January 2014. YCT is looking for anyone

who would like to direct, produce and stage manage a play for next season. This gives YCT and everyone involved ample time to crunch numbers and for YCT to announce the plays for the 2014–2015 season while the last show of THIS season: “Whose Wives Are They

Anyway” is performing; a chance to promote next season’s lineup of shows! Sounds like a good way of doing business and keeping our patrons informed as early as we can to announce next season’s shows!

'HARVEY' NEWS

Harvey by Mary Chase

Recently the upcoming production of 'Harvey' held auditions.

Harvey is YCT's first show of this season.

There was a good turnout for auditions!

Harvey Director Joanne Kidd says "I had more people show up for auditions than I thought I would! I was very pleased and cannot wait until we are in full rehearsals!"



Four 'Harvey' hopefuls at a recent audition.

SUMMER VACATIONS!

YCT members who are either getting ready to take their summer vacations or already have!

Bob & Lisa Rammelt spent a fun-filled week back home in Wisconsin.

Mike & Mary Ellen Finch stayed a weekend at the Quechan Casino Resort on a STAY-cation and went to a Arizona Diamondbacks baseball game.

Debbie Wendt and her family also went to see our Diamondbacks and had family come to Yuma for a visit.

Terri Grant spent time preparing for her school duties and giving her brother's home a good spring cleaning.

Pat Quinn was busy with the City of Yuma productions of 'Fox On The Fairway' and "Cooking with Gus"

Chip Straley is driving a car to Maine and bringing his father back down to Yuma with him. FUN!!!

Shara Johnston and her family went to Michigan to visit family.



THE SEARCH CONTINUES!



The Building Committee for YCT are busy as usual looking for either buildings or land that we could research for permanent rehearsal spaces or for a permanent home for our future theater. YCT is asking for your continued assistance in this area. If you see any property that YOU would think suit our needs, PLEASE contact any board member immediately or contact YCT at 928-919-4876 or email this editor at:

YCTEditor@gmail.com or

Info@yumacommunitytheater.com

We have received a lot of feedback from many members on this subject and YCT thanks everyone for looking out for our great organization!

HAPPY BODY SLOW BRAIN!

Ever hear the phrase: "Hey! We're with the band?" Well...my family is...sort of! On July 30th 2013, the rock band, Happy Body Slow Brain (HBSB) performed in Yuma. The Finch Family has been a huge fan of this progressive R&B and GrooveRock' band since their inception back in 2010. The Finch's have been 'groupies' of this band and have traveled as far as Tuscan, AZ to San Bernadino, CA. HBSB members Isaac Bolivar and Matt Fazzi were past members

of another progressive rock band, Taking Back Sunday before forming HBSB. Strummer's Village in Yuma was packed with both people who just love to attend concerts and those who follow the band. Before taking the stage 'the Guys' came to our home to enjoy a home cooked meal and catch up on each other's life's. It was a really nice time spent together!



Jason Holthouser, Isaac Bolivar, Mike Finch, Javier Torres and Matt Fazzi (From Left to Right)



ONWARD TO A NEW ENDEAVOR!

Former YCT member and local News Channel Fox 9 Newsman and Anchor Mauricio Marin is headed for another job and another major step in his career. Mauricio will now be working at the Tucson CBS affiliate KOLD. Mauricio portrayed Policeman Slater in YCT's production of 'Funny Money' back in 2011. Mauricio did an awesome job in the play. YCT wishes Mauricio nothing but the best in his continued and upward career! Remember us when you hit the big time doing national news, Mauricio!

*****THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE TO ...ANY YCT MEMBER!*****

Got a new job! Got a new addition to the family? Traveled to see a great play or movie? Have a room for rent?

WHATEVER you would like to share with other YCT members,

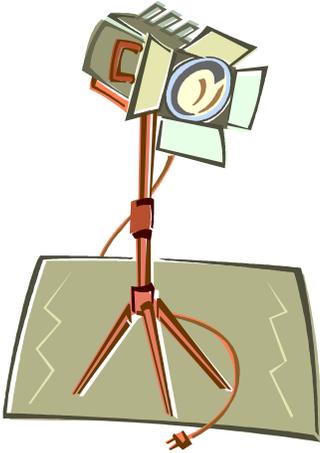
this space is for you!

Simply email Mike at: ycteditor@gmail.com with any information or news.



MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

MARY PLANTE



When you need a quick pick-me-up or need someone to boost your positive energy, when you see and speak with Mary Plante, her alarming personality will give you both! You can't talk with Mary and not feel great about yourself!

Mary is the Drama teacher at a local high school.

So how does the electrifying woman, who portrayed Mary Bailey in *It's A Wonderful Life* and M'Lynn in *Steel Magnolias*, spend her off time?! Reading and writing....alot! Mary answered a few questions for me:

1. Of all the YCT shows performed that you have actually seen, not being a part of, which one was your favorite and why?

Oklahoma! was world-class. Costumes, sets, choreography, singing... A professional production! Couldn't have impressed me more. It was 100% perfect!

2. Of all the roles that you have ever performed anywhere, which role was your favorite and why and where was it?

When I was sixteen, I got to play Helen Keller in *The Miracle Worker* at AWC. Helen is a huge, challenging role, even she has no lines. It was an honor to be cast, and an honor to play a real person who was so influential. The production was fantastic, my Annie Sullivan was unbelievably talented, and Chip taught me a ton about theatre and stage combat. It was an incredibly rewarding experience for a young person.

3. All-time favorite movie and book?

My favorite movie is *The Avengers*, which finally beat out Disney's *Tarzan*, mostly because of my massive crush on Loki. Favorite book: *Jane Eyre*. A classic story with an amazing, admirable, three-dimensional heroine and a dark, brooding hero.

