



ANNOUNCING YCT's SEASON OF SHOWS FOR 2013-2014!

And....we're off and running!

Harvey by Mary Chase

Harvey is being Directed by Joanne Kidd and Produced by Mary Ellen Finch. Audition dates: August 13th & 15th at 6:30PM and 17th at 9:00AM.



Sound Of Music is being Directed by Annie Snyder and Michael Finch and Producer is Mary Ellen Finch. Audition dates: Sept 17th, 19th & 24th from 6-9PM and Sept 21st from 9AM-Noon.

Whose Wives Are They Anyway ? A Farce by Michael Parker

Whose Wives Are They Anyway is being Directed by Pat Quinn and Produced by Michael Finch. Audition dates: Check our website for upcoming information.

Further information can be found on our website at:

www.yumacommunitytheater.org

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YCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- President: Michael Finch
- Vice President: Ralph Gray
- Treasurer: Joanne Kidd
- Secretary: Mary Ellen Finch
- Board Member: Pat Quinn
- Board Member: Chip Straley
- Board Member: Yara Nash
- Board Member: Terri Grant
- Board Member: Daniela Ayala

INSIDE THE 2013 YCT ANNUAL MEETING

Eat, drink and be merry! Why not! Our annual meeting is open to get anyone who loves live theatre to come to our meeting to find out who is YCT and what kinds of opportunities can be found within our great organization! What a better way to do so than to offer food and drinks?! Well, drinks like water and soda, that is! The annual meeting is a time to greet old friends, meet new friends and listen to what is being said about YCT. More people attended this years annual meeting than before. Listening around the room I hear people talking about how they want to assist YCT and the arts in Yuma. This year we presented the membership a chance to view some of the properties that YCT is considering for

either rental or to buy for rehearsal space and/or convert into a small theater. Lifetime members John Paul Plante and Fredrick Brown spoke to the membership and the newly elected Board Of Directors on their concerns about moving ahead with properties and to consider a very systematic approach in the finances of YCT. I want to express a huge thank you to these two very important lifetime members in expressing their thoughts and opinions to everyone. Our lifetime members are YCT's backbone. All are filled full of a lot of knowledge both about theatre and the combined working ethics with our own board and the City of Yuma and on the business aspect of running an organization.



MEET YOUR YCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS!



Here they are!

Your new YCT Board of Directors!

Front Row L-R: Mary Ellen Finch, Ralph Gray, Terri Grant, Yara Nash & Joanne Kidd.

Back Row L-R: Chip Straley, Pat Quinn, Daniela Ayala & Michael Finch

YCT MEMBER GRADUATES ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE

This just in! Mrs. Hatch *FINALLY* graduates from college!! Rachel Roman portrayed Mrs. Hatch in our 2012 production of *It's A Wonderful Life*.

In May 2013, YCT member Rachel Roman graduated from AWC with her Associates Degree in English.

Rachel's path to graduation was put on hold about 7 years as she took time away from school to raise her three beautiful children.

Congratulations, Rachel, on a major accomplishment in your life! YCT loves you and wishes you all the best!

Photo is Rachel's mom, Emmie and her father, Norman.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



YCT President Michael Finch

Hello YCT Members and Friends!

I could not be any happier knowing I have earned the trust of the YCT Board members to be elected your President for 2013 – 2014!

Being a part of the YCT Board of Directors the past three years was and continues to be hard work for every board member. I look forward to continue to work with people I consider 'dear friends' within our board and the membership as a whole.

I want to thank outgoing YCT President Ralph Gray and good personal friend for his undying dedication to our organization this past year! Ralph, you inspire me and have given me direction on many topics concerning YCT and I thank you for your insight. Ralph and I will be working together this year bringing to the stage 'The Sound Of Music' with Annie Snyder as our Director.

All the members of the board work together as a unity of management for the future of YCT. Anyone at anytime may voice their thoughts and opinion to any board member and I also highly encourage everyone to attend our monthly board meetings to do the same.

Our new incoming board's first priority is to find YCT locations to rehearse in for this year's shows and to ultimately find a permanent building for our great organization as a home. Our own future theatre!

I trust that everyone involved with YCT which includes all board members and the members of the YCT Building Committee to continue to work diligently to accomplish this great tasking. As I have always stated, YCT's continued and ultimate goal is "to provide live theater entertainment in Yuma and have fun doing it.". Your Board of Directors has worked extra hours on weekends and holidays, along with our Realtor at large, Mr. Jon Matheus, researching and visiting land and buildings for sale that we think will suffice in our needs as both rehearsal space and/or an operational theater.

Let's have a spectacular season together!

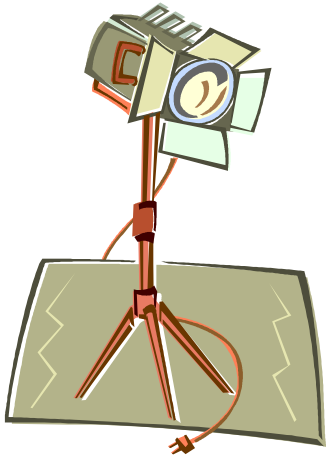
YCT CELEBRATES **30** YEARS OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!!

This 2013-2014 season, YCT will be celebrating 30 years of entertaining Yuma with live local theatre. YCT was incorporated in December 1983. A lot of things have changed for YCT but one thing has always been consistent with our organization, our goal, which is "To provide live theater entertainment in Yuma and have fun doing it!" Our current Directors, Producers, Stage Managers, Choreographers have already had numerous production meetings to prepare for each individual show. Already! Putting on a show takes a lot of planning and coordination! But all the time invested by everyone involved pays off when the curtain raises for their own respective shows!



MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

JON MATHEUS



Mr. Jonathan Matheus is not only a valued member of YCT but Jon is also YCT's realtor! Jon has worked with our organization very hard at finding us buildings and locations that we (and he) think may serve our purposes in building and/or renovating a structure that YCT could finally call 'home'.

Jon has been married to Lynn for 25 years and have two children, Huston, who is in the Air Force Academy and Morgan who recently graduated high school.

A graduate of the University of Arizona, Jon is a diehard Wildcat. Jon is an Arizona native and has never left Arizona. The desert is his home.

When not working Jon can be seen playing basketball on Monday/Wednesday/Fridays in the early morning steadily for the past 14 years!

Jon and his daughter Morgan were cast members in last year's production of 'My Fair Lady' and both did an outstanding job!

Thank you Jon for everything you do for YCT and for your patience with us!

