

The Pelican Players are inviting all to attend their Pot Luck.

Social that is scheduled for May 10 th at 4:30 pm in the Banquet Room at the Kings Point Clubhouse at 1900 Clubhouse Drive Sun City Center. Bring a dish to serve 8 and BYOB. You have seen the Pelican Players at work by attending our performances but now come to see us at play. We are a fun group and if you wish to become a member the dues are \$5. The Membership Chairman is Eva Hooley at [813] 634-1322. The socials are the brain child of Walter and Grace Weismantel and has become one of our best attended function. Open Mike. Paul Hunt in now the Host for the Socials. So come and bring a friend and share the fun, entertainment, and the real live theater experience.

The Pelican Players are no longer a 3 show theater group. Our Yearly Events/ Activities are Membership Pot-Lucks with Open Mikes. Training, Programs, Community Services Activities, Open Community Programs, Entertainment Groups, Mystery Dinner Theaters Improvisational Groups, and Special Events Programs.

The Entertainers are under the leadership of Rose Ostrander and Chuck Wirick and according to Rose, "Just Like Fireworks, The Entertainers have exploded. They have come upon the scene like gangbusters. The most requested show has been the Mystery Dinner Theaters which has increased our treasury substantially. The shows are fun not only for the audience but also for the cast. But our other shows are doing well. We have done some wonderful variety shows, the Improv group has entertained, and Reader's Theater has found a life of its own. We are adding to the scripts of the Mystery Theater through the talents of Judy Michael and Diane Turcotte. We are going to ride this wave as long as it lasts. Thank you for your support." Call Rose at {813} 633-1753, if you need entertainment for a special event.

So you can see why we need new members and we realize not everyone wants to be a star or producer or director but if you would like to try we have mentors who would guide you. Expand your horizons. It takes many volunteers to work backstage [our unsung heroes] and the show could not go on without our volunteers. WE will find a spot for you!! The Reader's Theater is just that. You read the script and don't have to memorize the lines. It is fun and the audience enjoys the program.

When the Pelican Players was founded by Shirley Jones in 1980 she and the Pioneers had 3 main goals which are still intact today. #1 was to provide theater at an affordable price. #2 was to provide a venue for those wanting to take part in theater life. #3 The Pelican Players Scholarship fund for area high school students from East Bay, Riverview, and Lennard. Over \$300,000 have been given in scholarships. According to Dick Yarger the scholarship Chairman, ". We currently have 12 students on scholarship. The committee has set in motion the process for selecting a new student class for 2010. The selections will be finalized by early May. The committee this year is composed of John Foster, Gloria Morrow, Tom Ostrander, Marge Yarger, and Dick Yarger. Put the May social on your calendar to come out and meet the new group. I continue to be impressed with the talent and dedication of these young people. Without your help some would not be able to continue in school. I often receive heart-warming notes of thanks which I wish I could share with you in detail. But know that your aid is important and appreciated." Each student will receive \$1,000 per semester for 4 years at the college of their choice with a major in The Arts. All monies after expenses from our performances go to the scholarship fund.

Faye Bradford Patron Chairman states "Imagine this: When you arrive for a performance of the Pelican Players Plays or The Follies and you receive a program and you look at the back and there is your name! How great is that? You must be a Patron! Being a member of this prestigious club makes you feel your donation is out there making this a better world by aiding deserving students and promoting enjoyment and fellowship. Come join us!! For information on becoming a Pelican Players Patron call [Faye@\[813\]634-5174](mailto:Faye@[813]634-5174)

Pelican Players announces the birth of their new Website If you have not had a chance to see what has been put together by Dick Yarger and Carlyn Postle all you have to do is to go to your web browser[most people have Google] and type in <http://www.pelicanplayers.org/> enjoy the information and the 'blast from the past' pictures'. Dick's plan is to keep it current with what the Pelican Players are doing.

A Message from our President, Bill Turcotte. Thank you, thank you!! Thank you to the membership for electing me to the Board of Directors, and thank you to the Board for electing me President. Now my work begins. It is an enormous challenge. It's very exciting. The Pelican Players are expanding into new and different entertainment presentations. Our presence is felt from Tampa to Ellenton. This extension of activities has necessitated a critical look at the Board of Director's roles and duties, our committee system and the need for help. This is OUR organization. Please join with me and the Board in giving of your time and energy of your time and energy for the success of The Pelican Players. I toast our future. Bill

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