



THE PLAYBILL

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President's Message

Congratulations to director Ann Davis, the cast, and the crew of ***Farce of Nature*** for presenting such a funny and highly successful production, which was enjoyed by over 1100 patrons. Next up is ***Collective Dating*** which opens on January 16, 2026. Auditions and casting have already been completed, and rehearsals began on November 24, 2025. A full listing of the cast appears in another section of this newsletter.

The November 17th Monday Night Gathering, which served as our “members only” annual business meeting, was attended by 57 of our current membership of 190, which was more than enough needed for a quorum. The results of the gathering were as follows:

- The revised Rules and Regs were approved with the caveat that recommended language changes be incorporated by the February 2026 Monday Night Gathering, with another vote to be taken then to approve these changes
- Jean Balk, outgoing treasurer, presented the 2025-26 budget, along with a report on the financial results of the 2024-25 season. She also offered a list of capital purchases made by the club during this fiscal year. The new budget was passed by a unanimous voice vote.
- Ann Davis and Lesley Watson were elected in a landslide for the two vacant executive board positions. Thanks to both for coming forward to serve us in these important roles.

We owe a special thank you to Jean Balk, who has looked over the club finances for many years. We are certainly appreciative of all her efforts.

The 2026/27 season will be our last at the current Mountain View auditorium location, as demolition and reconstruction of a new Performing Arts Center (PAC) is slated to begin sometime between January 1 to April 1, 2027. Although there is much to be excited about the prospect of a beautiful,

new PAC, questions such as where we will meet, where the stage will be and where all our props and supplies will be stored are a concern to all of us. Our PAC transition committee, chaired by Tom Swenson, is diligently exploring all possibilities. At a productive meeting with Mike Dirmyer, RCSC Facilities Manager, we were encouraged by the corporation's acknowledgement and interest that we will need their help in finding a temporary facility.

As we move into December, I am so proud to be involved with our Players club. It is an honor to work with so many talented, caring and dedicated people. I wish you all a happy and prosperous holiday season. Looking forward to seeing you at the holiday party on December 7, 2025.

Greg Engstrom, President

Membership

Thanks to all who renewed their membership at the November gathering. However, we are only about halfway there. We will not be taking any renewals at the Holiday party on December 7th. You can renew now online with a credit card at suncityplayers.org. At the January gathering on the 19th, we will be prepared to process renewals. New nametags will be available then to all those who renewed in November.

2025-26 Mainstage Shows Information

Special Purchase for Holiday Giving!

Do some early shopping for the Holidays! Each purchase of tickets to the next two shows will come with a beautiful **holiday card**, when you visit our Players booth at the Sun City Farmers Market, located at the Bell Recreation Center parking lot along 99th Ave on Thursdays, Dec 4, 11 and 18, 9 am to 12:30 pm. **What a great stocking stuffer for family and friends!**

Winter Production



January 16 and 23, 2026

7:00 pm

January 17, 18, 24, 25, 2026

2:00 pm

Collective Dating is a [wacky collection](#) of 11 one-act comedy plays based on the world of adult dating. However, we will only be presenting the following five: “Creative Dating”, “Blind Dating”, “Internet Dating”, “Speed Dating” and “Dating Service”. Please get your seat now, so you, too, can come along on this wild ride of fun. Reserved seats are \$15, \$20 at the door.

Cast and Crew

Director	Greg Engstrom
Asst. Director	Pat Cook
Stage Manager	Norman Krinsky

“Creative Dating”

Crystal	Ann Davis
Megan	Michelle
Jordan	Steve Krueger
Woman/Man on Floor	Carol Rupprecht
Policeman	Douglas Anderson

“Blind Dating”

Joe	Brian Walsh
Ted	Steve Krueger
Ashley	Sandy Ryan
Lauren	Laurie Walsh

“Internet Dating”

Steve	Mike Graham
Julie	Jan Murphy
Jeff	Doug Anderson
Janie	Carol Rupprecht
George	James Balk
Harrison	Bill Loslo

“Speed Dating”

Woman “A”	Cathy Corbin
Man “B”	Mike Graham
Woman “C”	Nancy Dearborn
Man “D”	Steve Krueger
Woman “E”	Sandy Ryan
Man “F”	Eric Emerson

“Dating Service”

Miss Right	Elizabeth Reaves
Charlotte	Cathy Corbin
Danny	Eric Emerson

Spring Production



March 20 and 27, 2026

2:00 pm

March 21, 22, 28, and 29, 2026

7:00 pm

Once Upon a Mattress is a [musical comedy](#) based on the fairy tale, ***The Princess and the Pea***, where an overbearing Queen Aggravain has placed a marriage bam on her son, Prince Dauntless, until she finds a suitable bride for him.

Cast and Crew

Director

Dolly Sokol

Musical Director

Andrea Dixon

Principal Characters

Minstrel

James Borgman

Princess Winnifred

Debra Kruep

Prince Dauntless

Rickie Toland

Queen Aggravain

Mish Serries

King Sextimus

Steve Krueger

Wizard

James Balk

Jester
Lady Larken
Sir Henry

Mike Shepherd
Cathy Corbin
Eric Emerson

Supporting Characters

Princess #12
Sir Studley
Lady Rowena
Lady Lucille
Lady Merrill
Lady Mabelle and Nightingale
Sir Luce

Sharon Nichols
Norman Krinsky
Carol Rupprecht
Gail Beaudin
Anna Thompson
Suzie Mueller
Bill Cherry

Chorus and Dancers

Sally Alef
Douglas Anderson
Sherry Cantrell
Kathleen Emerson
Cheryl Jackson
Cindy Kress
Chrys Main
Tammy Ruocco

In addition to our online outlet:

- In-person tickets for the winter and spring plays will continue to be sold at Fairway Recreation Center lobby on Monday-Thursday from 10 am-1 pm the week between each of the weekend performances.
- In-person tickets will also be available at Mountain View Theater from 6:15-7:00 pm at Monday Night Gatherings on January 19, February 16 and March 16, 2026.
- In-person tickets can also be purchased at the Sun City Farmers Market on Thursday mornings from December 2025-March 2026 (excluding holidays and weather permitting)

Some Candid Scenes from Farce of Nature



“I Hate Nature”



“Listen Son”



“I am Roxanne Thorpe”



“Da Bears”



“Shut Up and Fish”



“It Is Not a Costume”

Readers Theater Ensemble

Here is the RTE session schedule through December 20, 2025:

- December 6 –Final Rehearsal session - 10 am-noon – Fairway Rec Center
- December 6 – Performance for Lakeview Holiday Celebration: ***Christmas Every Day*** and ***Twas The Night Before Christmas*** — 5:00 pm - Lakeview Rec Center
- December 7- Sun City Players Holiday Party – Performance same as at Lakeview - Mountain View Rec Center – 4:30 pm
- December 20 – Class Session – 10 am-noon – Fairway Recreation Center



Hospitality

Thanks to our group for the Cast and Crew party for ***Farce of Nature***: Beth Miller, Penny Altenburg, Ray Schiel and Sharlene McPhee. Beth and Penny have agreed to co-chair the Cast and Crew parties for our next two productions. Please contact them if you would be interested in helping them on Jan 25 and March 29, 2026.

If you are not a snowbird and are here all year round, how about organizing our summer pot lucks for 2026? You can pick the dates and work around your own summer escapes. We will recruit a crew to support you.

Volunteers Needed

1. USHERING

Karon Pigg is looking for members to help with ushering for the six performances of ***Collective Dating***, Jan 16-18 and 23-25, 2026. There are two Friday evening shows at 7:00 pm and four matinee shows at 2:00 pm. Please report for the evening show at 5:45 pm and for the matinee at 12:45 pm. You will need to wear a white top with black pants. We will provide you with a vest. It is a great way to meet a lot of your fellow members, and you also get to watch the performance for free. Please call or text Karon at 559-799-1842 or email her at ckpigg@gmail.com to advise her of your name, phone number and preference for which show you can lend a hand.

2. SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sun City Players would like to provide comforting greetings or visits to members who may be ill or have lost a loved one. If you know of a member who could benefit from this service, please contact Sunshine Committee Chair, Sandi Mischo, at 262-598-6033. If you are interested in joining this much needed committee, please contact Board Member Nancy Dearborn at 319-573-5877 by leaving a text or voice message.

3. BUDDY PROGRAM

If you are new to Sun City Players and want to be connected to someone who can “show you the ropes”, this program is for you! Buddies can sit with new members at Players events, exchange phone numbers and answer questions about the club. If you would like to be assigned a buddy, be a buddy or even chair this committee, please contact Board Member Nancy Dearborn at 319-573-5877 by leaving a text or voice message.

“To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world”

In Memoriam

Former member, Frederick (Fred) Selinsky passed away on October 6, 2025. He joined Sun City Players Community Theater in 2011 and served as a photographer. He is survived by his wife, Chery, also a former member, who joined Players in 2004.

Calendar

Dec 1-31: 4:00-6:00/7:00 pm – Rehearsals: ***Collective Dating*** - Mountain View Theater

Dec 2: 9:00-11:00 am – Executive Board Meeting – Fairway Recreation Center – 1st Floor Room 103

Dec 4: 9:00-1:00 pm - In Person Ticket Sales – Farmers Market – Bell Rec Center Pkg Lot

Dec 6: 10:00-noon – Readers Theater – Final Rehearsal for Lakeview Show - Fairway Recreation Center, AZ rooms 1&2

Dec 6: 4:00-6:00 pm – Readers Theater – ***Christmas Every Day*** and ***Twas the Night Before Christmas*** Performance – Lakeview Recreation Center, SH 1-3

Dec 7: 4:30-7:00 pm – Holiday Party – Fairway Recreation Center, AZ Rms 1&2

Dec 11: 9:00-1:00 pm - In Person Ticket Sales – Farmers Market – Bell Rec Center Pkg Lot

Dec 14-22: [Chanukah!](#)

Dec 18: 9:00-1:00 pm - In Person Ticket Sales – Farmers Market – Bell Rec Center Pkg Lot

Dec 20: 10:00-noon – Readers Theater – Fairway Recreation Center, AZ rooms 1&2

Dec 25: [Merry Christmas!](#)

Executive Board

{Until Dec 31, 2025}

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Ann Davis and **Lesley Watson** will be starting their terms on the board on January 1, 2026. A great thank you to **Jean Balk**, whose term on the board will be ending on December 31, 2025.

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