

# CHANDLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

# STARBURST

## NEWSLETTER FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

MAY 2019

Dear Friends,

March and April were a whirlwind! If you worked any of the 32 events over the past 6 weeks, you know what I am talking about! The rest of Spring is looking to be quite busy too, as we close out our Foundation events and roll into summer rentals and concerts. We could not do this without you! Whether you have been with us 2 months, 2 years...or 20+ years, you are a valuable part of Chandler Center for the Arts.

Thank you!

Sharon LaRue  
*House Manager*

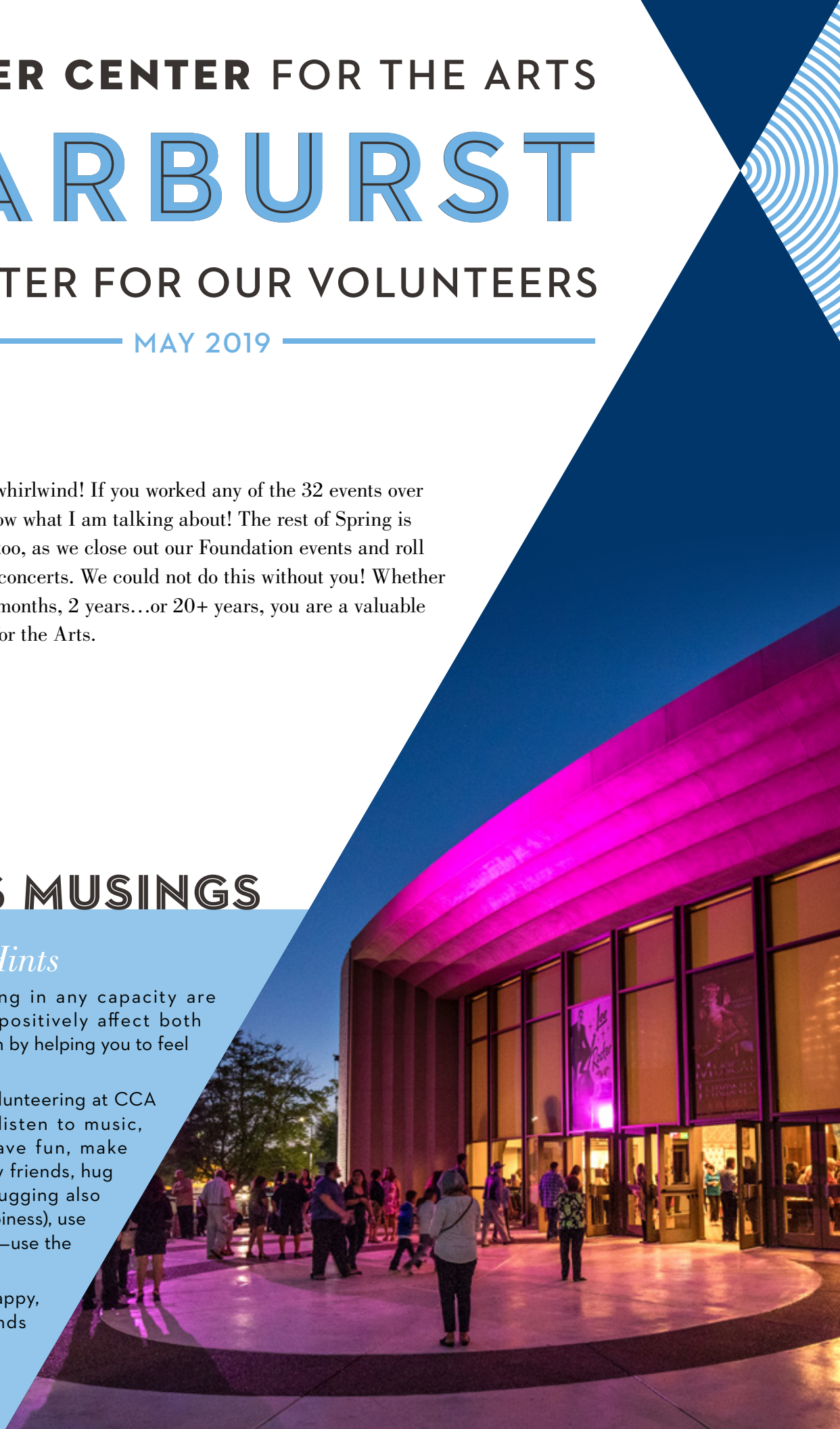
## MOLLY'S MUSINGS

### *Usher Tips & Hints*

Benefits of volunteering in any capacity are considerable and can positively affect both mental and physical health by helping you to feel happier and live longer.

Additional benefits of volunteering at CCA include being able to listen to music, watch the concerts, have fun, make patrons happy, make new friends, hug our fellow volunteers (hugging also increases health and happiness), use the opportunity to stay fit—use the stairs and walk the aisles.

Volunteer at CCA—be happy, healthy, make new friends and live longer!



# Happy Birthday!

## APRIL

Janet McNaught 4/3  
Ruth Lim 4/6  
Keith Frankel 4/7  
Carol Neri 4/12  
Allen Ford 4/17  
Daniel Murphy 4/19  
Linda Batte 4/27

## MAY

Vee Flemmer 5/1  
Ellen Peck 5/3  
Ruth Andersen 5/3  
Mary Lou Kearns 5/5  
Denise Ingel 5/9  
Maureen Kartchner 5/12  
Sylvia Winborn 5/20  
Nancy Nuss 5/20  
Dian Sand 5/24  
Selena Stevenson 5/26  
Linda Ems 5/27  
Cecilia White 5/28  
Bruce Bouldin 5/29

## JUNE

Margaret Newton 6/3  
Nancy Phail 6/7  
Tish Herman 6/11  
Beverly Bolton 6/14  
Lauria Bascom 6/17  
Esther Spear 6/19  
Vangie Song 6/25  
Judy McMullen 6/26

*Thank you!  
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this without you!*

## FRIENDS' FOCUS



### Jeanette Bassett

Long time usher  
Jeanette Bassett has been volunteering at the CCA since 2003. A friend told her about the

Center's volunteer program and since she always enjoyed meeting people, Jeanette decided to join! She is very happy she did, as she has made many friends ushering at the Center over the past 16 years. Jeanette was born and raised in Iowa, where she met and married her childhood sweetheart Larry. They had one daughter, Denise, who now lives in Colorado. After Larry graduated from college, they lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where Jeanette was a member of Sweet Adelines, an international organization of women singers. Her group attended and won the very first competition held by Sweet Adelines!

In the 80's Larry was transferred to Chicago for his job, and later the couple also lived in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Kentucky. When her husband retired in 1992, they moved to Sun Lakes. Traveling had always been something they enjoyed. So they bought an RV and visited all 50 states in the U.S. and all the provinces in Canada. They also traveled internationally visiting Asia, Europe,

Egypt, Panama, and Costa Rica. After losing her husband in 1998, Jeanette joined the 60+plus club in Sun Lakes and served on their Board, planning trips and events for the organization. She has always enjoyed playing golf and loves card games, attending social events, and staying in touch with friends and relatives on Facebook.

Jeanette recently moved from Sun Lakes to Copper Springs in Gilbert, where she is now making new friends in the senior community. With her positive attitude and belief in "wearing a smile," she is one of the many welcoming volunteers at the Center.



### Sharon Mann

Sharon was born and raised in Maine, then moved to California at age 15 where she finished high school, started her career in aerospace and began

attending college. She transferred to Arizona over 30 years ago, completing her education by graduating from the University of Phoenix. She is currently retired after a successful career in Aerospace working for several major companies including Honeywell, Boeing and Northrop Grumman. Her hobbies include traveling, reading, gardening, crafting and people watching. She has been a volunteer at

# Friends' Steering Committee

*Welcome & Thank You's!*

At our Friends Quarterly Meeting in March, **Sharon Mann** and **Janice Rubocki** were voted in as the two new members of the Steering Committee. Please congratulate them next time you see them, as they begin their service in May. We would also like to give a big THANKS to **Jim Gould** and **Sandra Hudgens** who go off the committee in May, having served you well for two years. Be sure to express your gratitude to them! We welcome **Diane Parkins** as the new committee chair.

The purpose of the Steering Committee is to attend monthly meetings of the Chandler Cultural Foundation, preside over Friends' meetings and serve as a liaison between the Friends and Front of House staff. Committee members serve for two years. If you have a recommendation for next year's opening, please speak to one of the committee members or FOH staff.

the Center for the past year and states: "The Center's great shows are an added bonus." Sharon enjoys interfacing with the other volunteers, staff and patrons.

For the past 15 years, Sharon has volunteered for the U.S. First High School Robotics Arizona Regional Competitions ([www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org)) by managing the field repair/reset team and since inception, the Steve Sanghi Foundation High School Robotics Arizona State Championship. For the robotic events, she enjoys working with the high schoolers, team mentors and her fellow volunteers from all over the world. Sharon also volunteered for Pat's Run this past year and plans to continue being involved in the future in pre-race prep.



## **Victoria Poe**

Victoria was born in the Philippines and has lived her adult life in the USA. She is a Registered Nurse with an MBA in Health Care

Management. Her career is a blessing that allowed her personal and financial growth. Some major decisions that affected Victoria's life were her career choice and having two wonderful children. Both her children were married last year and she is very excited and looking forward to a bigger family!

Victoria loves to travel and does so extensively at every opportunity. She also loves dancing, gardening, arts, learning new things and community works. Victoria decided to volunteer at the Center when her friend Emma suggested it, because she was looking for a community place to serve. She started volunteering at the Center in October 2018, where she enjoys working with the awesome people here and meeting beautiful friends. Giving her time to the community gives her a sense of belonging and accountability, so she hopes to give more time as available.

Victoria is presently seeking information to start a non-profit foundation, helping abused children or helping educate to minimize poverty. Victoria loves people and believes it is the best artistic talent we can possess.



## **Cecilia White**

Cecilia was raised in Los Angeles and moved all over Southern California until moving to Arizona in 1985. She was an inspector for

a circuit board shop and when they moved to Arizona her husband opened up a circuit board plant. She worked on making circuit boards and then was a device programmer, putting in devices on computers to see if

the device worked. Cecilia also worked as a security officer at Lone Butte Casino.

Cecilia enjoys walking with her husband, and sometimes they just go to a place with a lunch to walk and enjoy the outdoors. They especially enjoy the Superstition Mountains. Once a year she goes to California to visit family.

Cecilia has one son who lives here and he is not married, so she has no grandchildren. But she has lots of nieces and nephews that she enjoys spending time with in California. Cecilia has an 80-year old brother, and two aunts—aged 95 and 100! Her mother was 92 when she passed away, so Cecilia has longevity in her family genes!

She has volunteered for five years at the Center and likes working with all the volunteers because everyone has a story that is so interesting. Cecilia was raised to not be prejudiced, so her wish is that there would be more kindness in the world.



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## IMPORTANT FRIENDS' DATES

*Spring & Summer 2019*

### **Orientation Training**

*Saturday, May 18th, 9:00-11:30am*

### **Quarterly Meeting & Potluck**

*Tuesday, June 11th, 5:00-7:00pm*

### **Fire Evacuation Training**

*Tuesday, June 18th, 4:00-6:00pm*

**NEW** *CCA Branding!*



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Our CCA Marketing team has been working diligently with management on rebranding in time for the Center's 30th Anniversary this year! The website has a contemporary, bold new look. Be sure to take a look around it! The new logo allows for more varied purposes through multiple color variations. Stop by the Box Office to choose a button with the new logo! Please be patient with us as we work to replace the logo on everything we use throughout the Center. If you see something we missed, please let one of the staff know.