

# CHANDLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

# STARBURST

## NEWSLETTER FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

SUMMER 2019



Dear Friends,

*For time and the world do not stand still. Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.*

- John F. Kennedy

Let's face it – change can be uncomfortable. Even for people like me who dislike routine and thrive on variety in everything! We

enjoy the safety and security of the known.

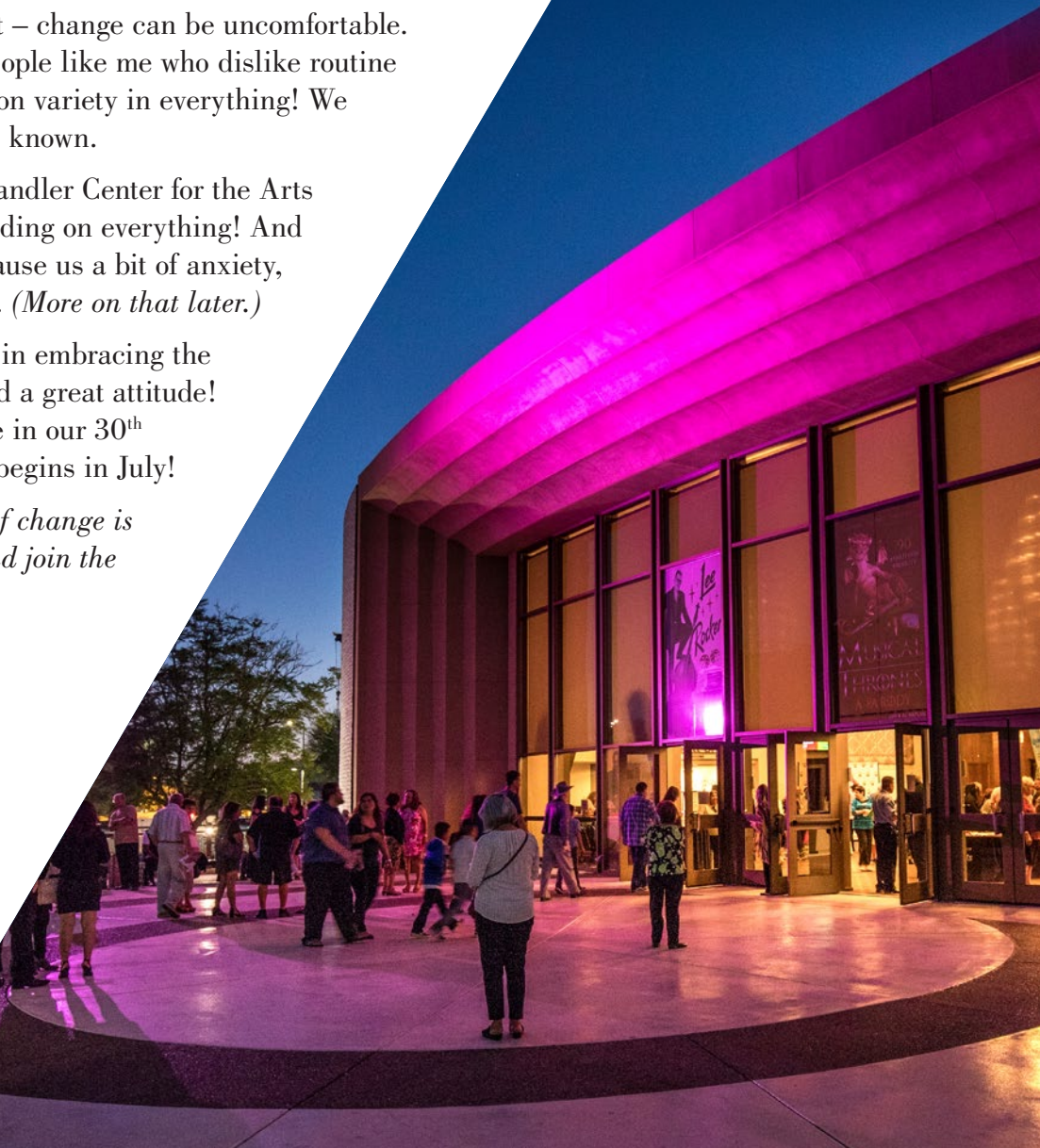
But in case you hadn't noticed, Chandler Center for the Arts is transforming! We have new branding on everything! And while it may feel unpleasant and cause us a bit of anxiety, changes in staff are happening too. (*More on that later.*)

I want to encourage you to join me in embracing the future of CCA with anticipation and a great attitude! Exciting things are happening here in our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, which officially begins in July!

*The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance.* - Alan Watts

So, let's dance!

**Sharon LaRue**  
House Manager



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# HER FINAL BOW

## Stage Notes



As the curtain rises for the final scene of the show, multiple voices can be heard saying: "Susan, you're needed in the house." There is no response. We see our lead character, Susan, rushing around calling out: "Has anyone seen my radio and keys?!" Lori responds: "Really? Again?" The Front Of House team joins in the search, crisscrossing the lobby at a quick pace.

At last the missing items are located... right where Susan left them, on Sharon's desk. Marta is then heard saying: "You were sitting at our computer trying to do our job. That's why you left your keys and radio there!"

Composing herself again, Susan resumes checking the house to be sure everyone is happy and to confirm there are no hazardous activities occurring, because: "Safety is our primary concern!" She then says over the radio: "Robyn, can you please go to channel 5?" That can't be good.

Susan makes her rounds to each portal, chatting with the volunteers to make sure they are doing what they are supposed to. She doesn't tell them that, however. Instead she says: "How's it going? Do you need any help or are you doing okay?" This takes a long time, as Susan gets distracted along the way. We find her in the Box Office chatting with Sam, then at Concessions giving Rob a hard time. With the patrons and clients she is warm and enthusiastic. She enjoys mingling with the audience, desiring all who come to have a good time and feel welcome.

Meanwhile backstage, the entire cast is preparing for Susan's last curtain call of the show. What Susan doesn't realize is, they all consider her a real star! She is hardworking, kind, genuine and respectful of all. When she takes her final bow on this stage, she will be missed more than she will ever know!

Directors Michelle and Terri will soon begin auditions for a new lead cast member. The cast and crew are anticipating a different kind of show - for they all know that our star Susan can never be replaced!

As Susan finishes her critically acclaimed run here, she eagerly awaits her next role on the stage of Retirement & Relaxation. She has definitely earned the promotion!

The last scene plays out and our star takes center stage. Her many fans rise for a standing ovation, as Susan takes her final bow. Bravo!

*Editor's Note: CCA's star FOH Coordinator Susan Patterson is retiring September 5, 2019. She already has plans to travel, spend time with her husband Dennis and enjoy playing with her dogs.*

### We love you, Susan!

From top left to bottom right: Susan Patterson, Front of House Team, Susan & Michelle



# FRIENDS' FOCUS

# Happy Birthday!

*Thank you!  
We could not do this  
without you!*



## Ruth Andersen

Ruth was raised in Michigan, where she was married at age 25. She has three daughters and one son. Her varied career included 10 years in attorney offices, 10 years with an ear, nose and throat surgeon and 5 years in real estate. Ruth retired in January, 1993. She moved to Arizona where one of her daughters lived, so they could be with family. Ruth also has two sisters who moved to Arizona. Her children live in

Arizona, Idaho, Michigan and California so she has a chance to travel when she visits them. She has 4 granddaughters and 6 great grandchildren, some of whom live in Arizona and some in Michigan.

Ruth keeps very busy! She is in two weekly bowling leagues and also plays golf every week. Ruth lives day by day and enjoys good times. She likes going out to lunch with family and friends. She also enjoys watching children's sports and watching her great granddaughter play softball.

In 2004, she began volunteering at Chandler Center with her sister, after her husband passed. Ruth has never been in jail, but her husband was once! It was a charity fundraiser and they had to collect donations in order to get him "released." As you can tell, Ruth has a great sense of humor! You will always find her with a bright smile when she is ushering at the Center!



## Kathy Raab

Kathy was born in Queens, New York and spent most of her life in New York and New Jersey. In February 2003, Kathy and her husband moved to Arizona for his job. Kathy has done a variety of jobs with her degree in health working for hospitals, non-profit organizations, corporate wellness programs and insurance companies. Her first job was working on an ambulance for 2 ½ years, with no prior experience, in the South Bronx. She also has taught health education classes for corporate sites; provided health screenings; worked as an Onsite Health and Wellness Professional; and is a licensed real estate agent.

In January 2018, Kathy was invited as a patron to be a participant in a focus group for the Performing Arts Center. After the focus group, she asked how to become a volunteer at the Center and has now volunteered for over a year. She enjoys the patron interaction and seeing a variety of shows she might not normally go to see.

For the past 8 years, Kathy has volunteered at a pet rescue where she adopted her cat. Her cat acts like a dog, following her around. She has an older dog that likes to pretend he is a cat! Kathy is also a sports buff. When she and her husband travel, they try to go to a game in that city if they can see the NY Mets or Rangers. Kathy and her husband have friends in Sydney, Australia and that trip is somewhere on the horizon.

Kathy's husband is looking for a new job, so they may be moving back to the East Coast. If they do stay in Arizona, they may downsize their house as she is ready to have a smaller house with less maintenance. We hope they stay in Arizona, because we like having her on our Friends team!

## JULY

Jan Rathke 7/2  
Victoria Poe 7/7  
Lori Rasmussen 7/8  
Barbara Troia 7/10  
Laura Alexander 7/11  
Barry Schulman 7/13  
Neil Uden 7/13  
Jim Gould 7/24  
Samantha Owusu-Antwi 7/26  
Norman 'Rick' Mitchell 7/27  
Sharon Mann 7/29  
Elizabeth 'Liz' Smith 7/30

## AUGUST

Margaret Tam 8/3  
Judy Fink 8/7  
Jeff Spear 8/9  
Vida Mae Lori 8/12  
Jon-Luc Bryan 8/15  
Brileen Donahoo 8/19  
Cindy Gannon 8/21  
Jean Rosenthal 8/29  
Millicent  
Owusu-Antwi 8/30  
Sandra Neb 8/30

## SEPTEMBER

Kathryn Frankel 9/7  
Nancy Landeryou 9/8  
John Painter 9/11  
Audrey Dolezal 9/14  
Larry Sebben 9/15  
Pat Hartley 9/20  
James Fink 9/21  
Kirsten Hoyt 9/22  
Blake Su 9/26  
Kathy Barnes 9/27  
Joe Kearns 9/27  
Linda Vaday 9/28

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## IMPORTANT FRIENDS' DATES

*Fall 2019*

### Quarterly Meeting & Potluck

*Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>*

*5:00-7:00 p.m.*

### Orientation Training

*Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>*

*9:00-11:30 a.m.*

### Fire Evacuation Training

*Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>*

*4:00-6:00 p.m.*

## MOLLY'S MUSINGS

### *Usher Tips & Hints*

#### ARE YOU DEHYDRATED?

Mild dehydration can cause headache, affect mood and focus, and makes you feel tired and just 'not right.' As we age, the thirst sensor can be slow to activate so by the time you feel thirsty, you may already be a little dehydrated.

It is difficult for the body to distinguish between hunger and thirst, so try drinking a glass of water instead of grabbing a snack. Water 30 minutes before a meal curbs your appetite and drinking during a meal can help you to eat less. Keep a glass of water by your bed as many of us wake up dehydrated in the morning. Enough water helps keep your brain and concentration sharp.

Drink water before arriving at CCA, bring a bottle of water to drink during the performance and be sure to enjoy a complementary beverage after intermission. Working at CCA affords us to walk, exercise, talk, watch a show, live longer, drink and have fun!

