

DEAR FRIENDS,

*I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the treetops glisten and children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow...*

Really? I grew up in Arizona, so my Christmases were never white! But if you have fond memories of snowy holidays as a child, then perhaps you are wishing for something more than 80° and constant sunshine. Well here's your chance! We have snow at Chandler Center! Come work *The Nutcracker* on its final weekend or the *Spirit of Christmas* shows, and you will get to see it snowing on stage! That will help get you in the mood for the season, making your days merry and bright, so that you are ready for the *Zoppé Circus!*

Here's to a White Christmas...or at least temperatures closer to 70°!

Sharon LaRue, House Manager

SPICED HOT CIDER

- 4 Quarts unsweetened Apple Juice (or pear)
- 4 large Oranges
- Whole Cloves
- Cinnamon Sticks

Optional: alcohol of your choice (apple or cinnamon whiskey, rum, brandy, etc.)

Pour juice into a large crock pot or stock pot. Poke whole cloves into the oranges, using 8-12 cloves per orange. Drop whole oranges into pot; they will break down as cider cooks. Break 12-15 cinnamon sticks into halves (or smaller, if very large) and drop into pot. Cook on high heat just until cider starts to boil, then reduce heat to very low. Let it simmer for at least 2 hours before serving, so flavors have time to emerge. (If adding alcohol, do so after cider has simmered 2 hours.) I like to leave it simmering all day so the oranges break down more - plus, it makes the house smell delightful!



IMPORTANT FRIENDS' DATES

Quarterly Meeting & Potluck:

Tuesday, March 13th 5:00-7:00pm

Orientation Trainings:

- Saturday, January 13th 9:00-11:30am
- Saturday, February 17th 9:00-11:30am (TBD)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



JANUARY

Kausie Ganesan	1/1
Carol Butler	1/1
Fern Kutok	1/1
Karlene Garn	1/6
Jay Gorham	1/12
Jenny Salzman	1/14
Zeyna Kirdar	1/19
GarWen Jackson	1/21
Kiana Blader	1/27
Marisa Dixon	1/28
Madeline Shirley	1/30

FEBRUARY

Victor Jimenez	2/6
Robert W Stagger	2/7
Sandra Hudgens	2/9
Mary Kaye Allen	2/13
Connie Duncan	2/15
Julie Santamaria	2/21

MARCH

Dianna Weida	3/7
Marie McCadden	3/10
Emily Hughes	3/14
Sohum Bhatt	3/15
Molly Solares	3/21
Patti Painter	3/26



BE A PATRON FOR A NIGHT!

If you are a Volunteer Usher who received vouchers for your service hours last year, below is a list of exciting events from this season for you to choose from! You may redeem them at the Box Office M-F 10am to 5pm or Sat 12pm-5pm, but please not during events.

- Zoppe Italian Circus January 6 or 7, 1pm show
- Jarabe Mexicano January 19, 7:30pm
- Moscow Festival Ballet's Sleeping BeautyFebruary 2, 7:30pm
- Classic Albums Live: The Beatles Sgt. Peppers. March 16, 7:30pm
- Musical Thrones A Parody March 18, 7:00pm
- Lee Rocker April 7, 7:30pm



IN REMEMBRANCE

Edna Joss was one of our newer volunteers, having joined the Center in February 2016. She was always a bright, friendly face to our patrons! She eagerly worked wherever she was assigned and enjoyed chatting with patrons, staff and fellow volunteers. She even recruited other volunteers from Sun Lakes! Originally from Oregon, Edna loved to golf and bicycle in her Sun Lakes neighborhood. A cancer survivor, Edna became ill in early October and passed away unexpectedly on October 21, 2017. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Reuben, and by 4 adult children, 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Edna will be greatly missed at Chandler Center! Here is a link to one of the memorial articles, where you can view many photographs of Edna's life:



<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Edna-Joss&lc=4044&pid=187043124&mid=7611926#>

As we close out 2017, we also want to remember two long-time volunteers, **Geri Zimmerman** and **Don Henegar**, who we lost this year. Combined, they gave more than 30 years of service to the Center! We honored both of these dedicated individuals earlier in the year in our Friends news.

MEET THE AMAZING LOIS ZOZBRADO!

Lois Zozbrado is a girl with ambition! Not only does she want to work in the music industry, she has a great desire to help people. During her junior year she started volunteering for Chandler Center for the Arts. Because she loved it so much, she was inspired to help students get involved in the community. Now a senior, Lois is currently Perry High School's National Honor Society President and Perry DECA Outreach Officer. So far, both organizations have been more present in the community working with organizations such as ICAN, Team Emery, Feed My Starving Children, and CCA. "My marketing teacher told me that one person can change the world. That person will be me," she says.

Chandler Center for the Arts thanks Lois for all her efforts in obtaining volunteers for our marketing research intercept surveys. She communicated and coordinated with NHS and DECA students to staff most of our foundation events in September and October. **She is amazing!**



USHER TIPS & HINTS – MOLLY'S TIPS

LONGEVITY

One third of the Greek Island Ikaria's population lives past the age of 90 - and they spend every day doing what they love.

"Do something in your life that stirs your passion. Do not want more than what you really need. If you envy others, that can only give you stress," says a 105-year-old female who works every day on her weaving loom, making clothes for a local store.

Experts note the importance of a healthy diet, an active lifestyle, close family ties and involvement in faith-based communities.

"There's always something to do with your time," a 95-year-old male resident said, "But when you do things that make you happy or others happy, how can you not feel healthy, feel better or feel good?"

Motto - Volunteer at CCA: have fun, make patrons happy, feel good, make friends and live longer!

SCANNING TICKETS

Do not lick your fingers to separate tickets when scanning. Use a damp paper towel or ask the patron to hand each ticket to you. Wash your hands frequently!

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS!

We are so grateful to YOU, all our faithful volunteers, for your many hours of service! During 2017, we trained 40 new volunteers! Two of our new teen volunteers have already recruited several of their friends for the next Orientation in January! A big shout out to our "seasoned volunteers" for welcoming them, helping them learn more about the Center and encouraging them to have fun.

We are always looking for opportunities to share about the Center and recruit new volunteers. We were able to visit two different groups at Sun Lakes and participate in a volunteer fair at Chandler High this year. If you know of schools, community groups or other organizations where we could give a brief presentation please let Sharon or Susan know.



FOOD & BEVERAGE COORDINATOR

Congratulations to **Rob Devine**, our new Food & Beverage Coordinator! Be sure to say hello when you get your soda and popcorn at concessions. He has a new title, but the same charming personality. We think he is just divine!