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THE PELICAN PLAYBILL

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE PELICAN PLAYERS COMMUNITY THEATER

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PRESIDENT'S SPOTLIGHT



LAST QUARTER COOL DOWN

Can you believe it's Fall already? Where has 2026 gone? Well, I'm glad you asked:

In February and March we performed two pop-up shows. We have recorded six Radio Plays so far this year. Three Main Stage plays were cast and two have been performed. We took a pop-up show on the road to the United Methodist Church in Sun City Center. In addition to the actors, directors and their staffs, many of you helped design and build sets, handled props, fine tuned sound equipment, promoted all our shows and helped others in our community find a home with Pelican Players.

We have also donated \$2,000 to two worthy local non-profits. We have plans to donate another \$1,000 on opening night of our Fall Main Stage Show along with plans to donate \$8,000 to four scholarship recipients through Community Foundation Tampa Bay. The Literacy Alliance is gearing up for the new school year. An email appeared in your inboxes last week seeking volunteer readers.

And we are not done yet! Three more shows are set to perform in the Veterans Theater. On October 14, Cabaret Singers will perform "Road Trip - USA" to celebrate our country's 250th birthday. The final Main Stage show, "Who's in Bed with the Butler", will take place November 13-15. And, finally, on November 24, the Readers Theater will present "The 32nd of December" and "My Favorite Husband: The Wills".

We have some exciting things coming in January. On January 12, 2027, Julie Ramsey will present a Readers Theater workshop. Also, our Pelican Players Gala will take place January 18, 2027. Watch for additional details in your email.

December brings a month for everyone to rest, be with family and enjoy some Holiday Cheer.

Thank you all for everything you have done for Pelican Players so far in 2026 and for all that is still to come.

Guy Bailey, President
Board of Directors

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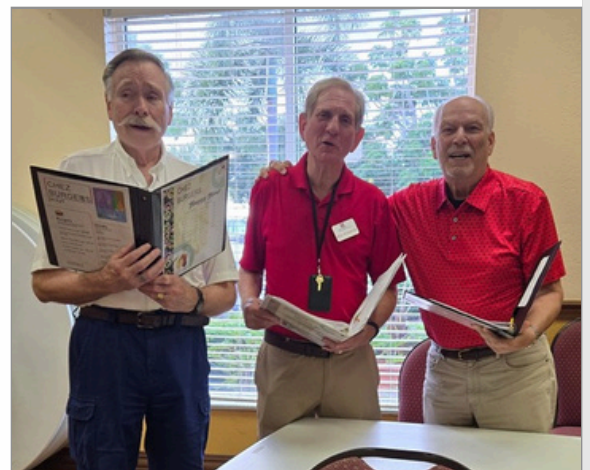
Pelican Players celebrates America's 250th Birthday through song! Presenting "Road Trip USA"

In recognition of America's 250th Birthday, the Pelican Players Cabaret Singers present "*Road Trip USA*", directed by Ron Deitch and Mary Anne Moseley-Sapia. The show is a musical journey through our country, featuring well known hits celebrating our many cities and states. Hits such as *Kansas City*, *New York, New York*, *Oklahoma*, and *California Dreamin*. Well, you get the idea. Feel free to sing along down *Country Roads* or *On Broadway*. This musical celebration takes place on **Wednesday, October 14 @ 6:30pm** and **Thursday, October 15 @ 1:30pm** in the **Veteran's Theater at Kings Point**, 1900 Clubhouse Dr, Sun City Center. Doors open one half hour prior to each show. Tickets are on sale for **\$15.00 at the Kings Point box office**. Tickets will also be sold at the door before each performance. BYOB. Cabaret and bleacher seating available. Join some of your favorite Cabaret Singers for an evening of fun and memories. All Pelican Players shows are open to the public!

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ROAD TRIP USA REHEARSAL PHOTOS

Thank you Mary Anne for the rehearsal photos.



"A picture is a poem without words." — Confucius

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WHOSE IN BED WITH THE BUTLER REHEARSALS ARE UNDERWAY

We had a fabulous group of talented actors who showed up for auditions for ***“Who’s in Bed with the Butler”***. Thank you to every single one of you very talented people who attended the audition. We’d like to announce our fabulous cast for this fall’s upcoming production:

Jack Parry as Clifton
Susie Potratz as Agnes
Diane Keyes as Susie Legere
Alesia Bischoff as Constance Olden
Steve Preuss as Attorney Roy Vance
Wayne Keyes as William Davis Junior
Carol MacAlister as Renee LaFleur
Lucy Malacos as Josephine Sykes
Michele Horvath as Marjorie Merivale



Rehearsals for this fast-paced farce are underway. This entertaining production is being directed by Julie Ramsey, with Ruth Lake serving as Assistant Director and Kevin Steinke as Stage Manager.

"Great theatre is about challenging how we think and encouraging us to fantasize about a world we aspire to."

Willem Dafoe

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BUTLER REHEARSAL PHOTOS

Photos from an early rehearsal of our new fall show
Who's in Bed with the Butler.



"A photograph is a pause button of life." — Anonymous

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Another Hilarious show coming
November 13-15, 2026

**Tickets
on Sale
Now!**

who's in
BED
with the
BUTLER
by Michael Parker

Julie Ramsey, Director and Ruth Lake, Assistant Director



Friday, November 13 @ 6:30 PM
Saturday, November 14 @ 1:30 PM
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Sunday, November 15 @ 1:30 PM

Doors Open 30 minutes prior

Tickets: \$18 /\$15 Matinee

Tickets are also available at the door.

Correct change is appreciated.

Kings Point Veterans Theater
1900 Clubhouse Drive
Sun City Center, FL
Kings Point Box Office Hours
Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm



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DECLARE NO MORE RECEIVES DONATION



On opening night of “Let’s Murder Marsha”, Pelican Players donated **\$1,000** to the Declare No More Foundation as part of our donations to community programs. Listed below from left to right are: Guy Bailey, Pelican Players President; Wes Clay the Representative from Declare No More Foundation; Kevin Steinke, Treasurer; Connor Bailey; Sue Bernagozzi, Director and Barbara Boyle, Director,



The Pelican Players Scholarship Fund

Total year-to-date donations: **\$2,354.00**

NEW YOUTUBE RELEASE

We are pleased to announce the release of *Farce of Nature*. Here is the link to view it on YouTube:



You Tube

 **SUBSCRIBE**



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YOUTUBE RELEASES

We are pleased to announce the release of *Let's Murder Marsha*, *If in Years to Come* and *Angel of Death*. Follow these links:



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UNLOCKING READERS THEATER



**WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT:
“FINDING YOUR VOICE” WILL BE
PRESENTED BY PELICAN PLAYERS ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2027 AT 6 PM.**



Have you ever wanted to try acting without the pressure of memorizing lines? If you have any interest in readers theater or radio theater, this may be a workshop you will want to attend. Information will include how to audition, preparing your script, voice techniques, bringing the script alive, character building and microphone technique. Whether you are a veteran performer who wants to freshen up on some skills or you are a newcomer to theater, this may be a fun and entertaining way to participate in Pelican Player productions. The great part of Readers/Radio Theater is that there is no need to memorize your part but you still get the gratification of acting.... with only your voice. Come join this low-pressure way to explore the stage and the perfect gateway to other areas of theater.

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READERS THEATER UPDATE

Tuesday, November 24

"The 32nd of December" directed by Jack Stevens

"My Favorite Husband - The Wills" directed by Mary Anne Moseley-Sapia.



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LOVE OR BEST OFFER



“Love or Best Offer” written by Phil Olson and directed by Ruth Lake, Diane Keyes with stage manager Carolann Olson was performed on September 24 at the United Methodist Church in Sun City Center. A matinee and evening show were performed to audiences that laughed until it hurt. The cast and crew were thrilled to be able to do this show once again.

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By: Mary Banaszak and Diane Wade

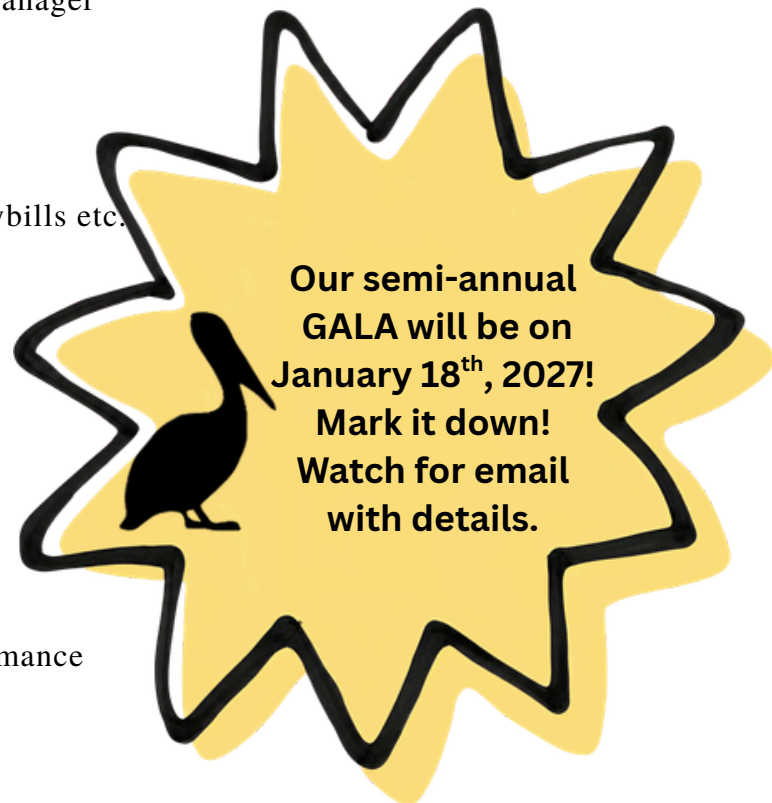
For a \$10 annual fee, membership to Pelican Players provides you with advanced knowledge of all events, productions and newsletters packed with more information on past, present and future productions, member testimonials and more!

As a community theater group, we thrive on input and support in many formats.

Not sure how you can get involved?

For those who do not want to act, there is always a large backstage team behind every production keeping busy behind the scenes. Some of the roles are:

- Be a Board Member
- Be a Director, Assistant Director and Stage Manager
- Act and sing
- Create promotional advertising plans
- Create promotional videos
- Create quarterly newsletter
- Sign up potential Playbill advertisers
- Create posters, flyer, ads, business cards, Playbills etc.
- Proofread advertising materials
- Distribute flyers and advertising materials
- Write press releases
- Work promotional tables
- Design, coordinate and construct stage sets
- Apply make-up
- Style wigs
- Procure and handle costumes and properties
- Operate preshow video, curtains and lights
- Take videos and photographs
- Place mics on cast members before the performance
- Operate sound effects and audio sound board
- Sell tickets at the door prior to performances
- Coordinate ushers
- Organize cast parties



If you have questions, feel free to contact any Board member or Mary Banaszak for more detail.

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IN HER OWN WORDS - SANDY YOSHA

Where are you from?

I was born in Indianapolis, IN but have lived in PA, MA, OH, MI, and 8 cities in FL so far.

What's your life experience e.g. jobs, family?

I studied to be a marine biologist and completed a MS and PhD at Tufts Veterinary School in 1986, so that I could rescue marine animals, wildlife and private pets (dogs, cats and fish). I was pregnant with my daughter Melissa freshman year in veterinary school, who later turned my tassel at the graduation ceremony. My son Galen was born 4 years later. I sang my entire life but suspended my theater activities while my children were young. I sat on the board of Theater Jacksonville and was able to reprise Children's theater where my kids both performed. Later, I resumed performing in local community theater shows at the Straz Shimberg Playhouse and community theaters near Carrollwood and now at community theaters near here. My son Galen continues to sing and play guitar. We were both cast in a musical together a few years ago. I have written a few scripts over the years and now I am working on musical parodies to support pet rescues.



When and how did you find out about The Pelican Players?

After my children were grown, I searched for a local active over 55 community. When I found and toured Kings Point, saw the Veterans Theater and the ad for Pelican Players Cabaret singers club and knew I found a home.

What is your experience with The Pelican Players and what is your favorite thing about belonging to this group?

I love everything about PP--especially because there are few opportunities at our age to be on stage. We are very fortunate to have such a talented group who continue to perform at this level. I hope to audition for a mainstage show this year and will continue to perform with Cabaret singers, help build and strike sets, support PP shows and the PP scholarship grants. I found talented friends with the same passion for performing and giving back that I have.



Sandy, Thank you for all you do for The Pelican Players Community Theater. You are so appreciated.

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IN HIS OWN WORDS - MIKE O'BRIEN



Where are you from?

I was Born in Long Island, NY and raised in Windsor, CT.

I have resided in Caribou and Bangor, Maine, Lincoln, Nebraska, Valdosta, GA, Biloxi, MS and for the last eight years Sun City Center.

What's your life experience e.g. jobs, family?

I am a former realtor, auditing business owner and also a plant manager. I am a Air Force Veteran rated 100% disabled and loved the time I spent serving our country. I am widowed. Susan Wright and I are life partners. I have three children, 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren with the 12th on the way.

When and how did you find out about The Pelican Players?

I was always involved in community theater and after Bob and Michelle Horvath and my partner Susan and I appeared in a few of Sun City Center's fund raising plays we decided to find a more professional place to utilize our passion. That is when we joined Pelican Players.

What is your experience with The Pelican Players and what is your favorite thing about belonging to this group?

I worked with and for Barb Streeter as an usher and loved being involved with the theater group. She recommended me for the House Manager position and I was appointed to that job. I find it very rewarding to work with all the ushers and Alexis Swenson and Pam Cole who sell tickets at the door before each performance. It is a total team effort and we all strive to make our patrons enjoy their experience at all of our performances. We also make a special effort to help our handicapped patrons so they too can enjoy our theater.



Mike, Thank you for all you do for The Pelican Players Community Theater. You are so appreciated.

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IN HER OWN WORDS - CATHY BAILEY

Where are you from?

Originally from New Jersey, but I spent most of my adult life in Jacksonville, Florida.



What are you job experiences?

I had a career in education, specifically instructing autistic or physically impaired children. I have taught ages 3 through 9.



When and how did you find out about The Pelican Players?

When my husband (Guy) and I moved into Kings Point 5 years ago we were looking for new and interesting activities. We decided to give Pelican Players a shot...and the rest is history!



What is your experience with The Pelican Players and what is your favorite thing about belonging to this group?

I have worked in a variety of positions: greeter, house manager, ticket sales, ran a survey, publicity, sound board, and editing. I also was assistant director for a radio show and have been in several radio plays. I love all my fellow "Pelicans," but my favorite thing is the interaction with our "guests", getting to know them and encouraging them to attend events or join our group.



Cathy, Thank you for all you do for The Pelican Players Community Theater. You are so appreciated.

New Members

Please give a warm Pelican Players welcome to our newest members:

Gary Beytin

Doug Niehouse

Mary Kraack

Ann Candrilli

Angelika Lorenz

Jim Richter

Helen Connor

Stanley Friedman

Rose Craig

Thanks for joining. We are thrilled to have you!



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THIS PUZZLE CONTAINS WORDS FOR WHOSE IN BED WITH THE BUTLER

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CONSTANCE
MARJORIE
CLIFTON
CARS

ART COLLECTION
MANSION
PET RAT
DETECTIVE

JOSEPHINE
BILLIONAIRE
LAWYER

RENEE
BIMBO
YACHT



Word games may give your memory a boost.

This is also known as your “immediate memory”, and exercising this special part of your working memory by regularly doing word searches, crosswords, and other word puzzles can be useful for your overall brain health!