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# NEWSLETTER

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## *Theatre News: Celebrating our 25th Year!*



- Travis Dowhen 1927-2017
- Open Auditions September 9th at 10 a.m.
- Laugh Out Load \*\* Information
- Senior Program Information and Auditions
- F.C.T. 25TH Season's Line Up
- F.C.T. Second Season NEW PROGRAMS
- Semi-Annual F.C.T Meeting Novenber 16th @ 6pm

### *Firehouse In The Community:*

- Amazon Update \$\$\$\$ Update \$\$\$\$
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- Gulf Coast Writers Assc: August 19th

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Travis Dowhen 1927-2017



Our friend Travis Dowhen passed Saturday, July 29, 2017. Travis started with the FCT in 2005 with Fun with Broadway, and went on to act in many plays including, Harvey, Night Watch, Arsenic and Old Lace, The FCT's 1st Laugh Out Loud Comedy Night in 2016, and his final play was Humbug in 2016. Travis also helped on many project over the years including modernization of our wiring at the FCT.



Travis was a board member and loved the FCT and will be missed.

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## Open Auditions

Open auditions for the F.C.T.s 25th, 2017-2018 season will be held Saturday,

September 9th. From 10 am to Noon at the F.C.T. Please come to this auditions to showcase your talent.

The Senior Auditions for the "Old Time Radio" program will also be included.



Directors meeting also will be held before open auditions Saturday, September 9th from 9:00 to 9:30. If you are a director, stage or backstage manager, set builder or a light and sound technician, please attend this important meeting.

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The next Laugh Out Loud (L.O.L.) Comedy Night at the F.C.T. will be held Saturday, February 17th at 7:00pm. If you would like to be an on stage talent for this show please call Doug Patterson at 239-369-0903

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**SUSPENSE OLD TIME RADIO**  
 February 9, 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 7pm & Sunday at 2 pm  
 Classic Old Time Radio Programs  
 Featuring The Firehouse Goldies  
 Produced & Directed by Deborra Higgins Soja  
**firehouse community theatre**  
 Ticket Hotline 863-675-3066  
 241 N. Bridge Street (Beautiful Downtown) LaBelle, Florida  
 www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com

*Open Auditions  
 September 9th at 10a.m  
 and  
 November 4th at 10a.m. at  
 The Rehearsal Hall*

*Golden Radio Show looking for 4 Men & 4 Women  
 Interested Seniors, 55 years plus please email:*

**deborra@firehousecommunitytheatre.com**

Director/Producer: Deborra Higgins Soja  
 Assistant to the Director: Laurie Waninger

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Firehouse Community Theatre's  
2017 - 2018 Season (25th)

**Sex Please We're 60**  
(comedy) If you need a rollicking good time this is the play for you  
**Directed by Maureen Doucette & Cindy Shough (Dramatist)**  
October 27, 28, 29 & November 2, 3, 4, 5. 2017

**The Marvelous Wonderettes: Winter Wonderette**  
**Directed by Maureen Doucette (Stage Rights)**  
(musical) Featuring 60's versions of holiday classics  
December 7, 8, 9, 10 & 14, 15, 16, 17. 2017

**Continental Divide**  
(comedy) A delightful offbeat comedy  
**Directed by Deb Speckin (Dramatist)**  
January 18, 19, 20, 21 & 25, 26, 27, 28. 2018

**Always a Bridesmaid**  
(comedy) This funny comedy is definitely for you, and your dearly beloved  
**Directed by Michael Shough (Dramatist)**  
February 22, 23, 24, 25 & March 1, 2, 3, 4. 2018

**Looking Forward and Back**  
(a musical revue) Produced and Directed by Nick Fianza  
April 6, 7, 8 & 12, 13, 14, 15. 2018

*\*OFF BRIDGE STREET\* (not part of our regular season)*

**Almost, Maine**  
(dark comedy) A beautiful structured play with nifty surprise endings  
**Directed by Joel Hawkins (Dramatist)**  
May 4, 5, 6 & 11, 12, 13. 2018



\*\*\*\* **Second Season** \*\*\*\*

**2017-2018**  
**New Programs**

**Laugh Out Loud**  
Produced by Dough Patterson  
Date To Be Announced

**Old Time Radio**  
Suspense, My Friend Irma, The Mysterious Traveler &  
My Favorite Husband  
Produced/Directed by Deborra Higgins Soja  
February 9, 10, & 11th, 2018

**Children's Spring Program**  
Directed by Maureen Doucette  
Dates To Be Announced

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**Semi-Annual FCT Meeting  
Voting Meeting  
November 16th at 6 p.m.**

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THANK YOU to all of our volunteers!  
The FCT is always looking for more volunteers--and not just for stage-related jobs--  
Contact us to learn more about opportunities to use your own talents in support of  
the Firehouse Community Theatre.

**Send me your "shout outs" about a special volunteer. Share a moment, a smile, a  
handshake, a gesture of encouragement, pass that moment along,  
and keep it going!**



**Maybe you did NOT know...**

The Firehouse is staffed ENTIRELY by volunteers! Our volunteers love the theatre  
and give of their free time to help it function. Most have full time jobs, families,  
and other obligations, but they still find the time to keep the FCT alive and  
thriving!

Please send short "shout out"/story to:  
[deborra@firehousecommunitytheatre.com](mailto:deborra@firehousecommunitytheatre.com)



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## Firehouse In The Community:

### Firehouse Community Theatre Receives Amazon Smile Donations



**\$7.85 added ..  
from 1/1/2017-3/31/2017**


**Please remember us as your charitable organization during the Holidays and  
EVERYDAY!!!!!!**

THANKS to our thoughtful patrons, the FCT has been rewarded as an AmazonSmile recipient!

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when first visiting AmazonSmile, customers will be prompted to select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected organization.

Over the past year, friends of the FCT earned the theatre donations totaling over  
**\$100.00.**

Thank You for shopping with the  
FCT on your minds!

Click  [HERE](#) to shop for the Firehouse. Big thanks to the patron(s) who have chosen us as their charitable organization already!

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Closed month of August.

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**GULF COAST**

Writers Association

**August 2017**



**Judy Loose**

**August 19, 2017**

**10 am to Noon**

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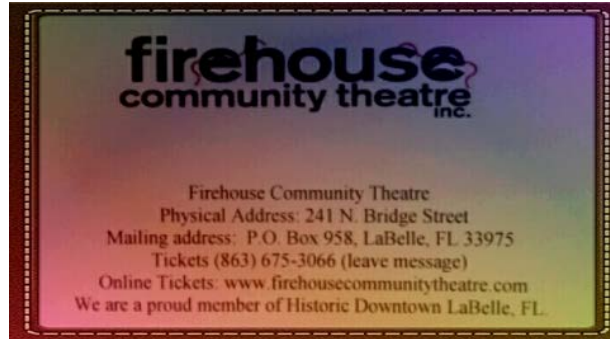
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Fort Myers, FL 33919 [\[map\]](#)

*First Time Guests Free*

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**Firehouse Community Theatre Editor**



Deborra Higgins Soja

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