



CITY OF FORT PIERCE

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FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 34950

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

Sunrise Theatre Advisory Board

Name: Jon Putzke

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Address: 1435 22nd Avenue

New Beach, Florida

Zip Code: 32960

Occupation: Director of Theatre Are you a citizen of the United States? yes

Do you own a business that operates within the City of Fort Pierce? no

If yes, list the address, and nature of said business: _____

Do you now or in the future plan to do business with the City of Fort Pierce? no If yes, in what capacity? _____

Are you employed by a business that is located within the City of Fort Pierce? no

If yes, state the business and location: _____

Do you have special training or knowledge in the area of:

Architecture _____

Engineering _____

Real Estate Brokering _____

Contracting _____

Land Development _____

Other areas: Theatre Operations

Describe your education, background, training and knowledge in the above areas.

Attended Indiana University with major in theatre / 50 years of experience

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes _____ No If yes, what is the nature of the crime(s) you were convicted of: _____

Date: 6/16/14

Signature: Jon A. Putzke

Referred by: _____

attached Bio

Bio Jon Putzke, Theatre-Go-Round Dinner Theatre

Jon A. Putzke began his theatrical career as a child actor in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" in 1955 at the Dunes Summer Theatre in Michigan City, Indiana. Bitten by the bug, he continued to pursue his ambitious dream to one day own his own theatre. In 1965 the dream became a reality when he opened the Gateway Playhouse, a summer stock theatre on the shores of Lake Michigan. Three seasons later a tornado ravaged his dream and Putzke moved his troupe lock, stock and barrel into a local restaurant where he produced and directed over 40 productions at Scotty's Dinner Playhouse.

At the same time Jon attended Indiana University, South Bend as a theatre major, married his childhood sweetheart Marg and together they continued to produce, design and direct major productions throughout the Midwest at such notable theatres as The Red Barn, Footlight Playhouse, The Tin Tree, and the Canterbury Theatre. Putzke also spent 18 months as the theatre manager of the famed Drury Lane-Martinique Dinner Theatre in Chicago, Illinois. He has worked with such notable stars as Dick Powell, Jr., academy award-winner Mercedes McCambridge, Debbie Reynolds, Lou Rawels, Bobby Vinton and the Stars of Lawrence Welk.

Throughout the southeast, Jon has directed award winning productions of "1776" at the Blue Grass Dinner Theatre in Lexington, Kentucky, "Hello, Dolly," "South Pacific," "Shenandoah," and "The Front Page" at the Mountaineer Dinner Theatre in Hurricane, West Virginia as well as moving his family permanently to Vero Beach in 1980 to head what was then known as The Sheraton Showplace Dinner Theatre on A1A. When the hotel was sold, Putzke Productions moved into the Riverside Theatre and produced a season of summer stock premiers including "Evita," "A Chorus Line" and "Two By Two."

Then in 1986 Putzke once again owned his own theatre when he opened Encore Alley and brought dozens of top-notch quality productions and premier performances to Vero Beach on an Equity Guest Star system.

Jon and Marg have traveled the world together aboard the cruise ship circuit for Peter Grey Truhune Presents. As production manager, Jon oversaw the placement of new productions going out to sea while his wife Marg created the costuming.

He has directed a multitude of productions for the Vero Beach Theatre Guild, most recently "Titanic, A Night to Remember," "Something's Afoot," "Our Town," "Tenderloin" and "Oliver!" He is also slated to direct their March '15 production of "Gypsy." Jon is the Artistic Producer of Theatre-Go-Round Dinner Theatre currently performing at the Quilted Giraffe Restaurant on South U.S. 1, north of Oslo Road in Vero Beach.