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President's Corner

SAVE THE DATE Heart-of-the-Hills Players will be hosting an Annual General Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at The Big Red Barn (DAV Hall) at 47326 Dequindre north of Auburn Road in Shelby Twp. Starting at 3:00 PM. Everyone is invited.

Social Get-Togethers for the Membership.

We are organizing a committee to promote social get-together activities like: dinner and attending a play or musical at a local theatre in the area, a dinner and the DSO, a group walk, etc.. People have expressed interest in doing group social activities. Many have told us they are ready to eat out now and go to activities that require a mask. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Humi Koester at HoHPlayers@gmail.com.

Please Support HOH

If you have not done so yet, please send in your 2022 Membership Applications with your dues. And please do not overlook your Angel Fund Donation. Please participate in HOH fundraising activities. Also, please remember HOH in your Will, Trust and Estate planning. And of course, please bear with us as we stay on "pause" during COVID-19.

MAR. BIRTHDAYS

2 Rich Boykins	15 Mary Roxburgh
6 Carole Coonan	16 James Ballard
7 Audrey Cieslinski	16 Kim Flaig
12 Margaret 'M.G.' Langoni	28 Harry Miriani
14 Kenneth Keller	30 Ron Koester

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

APR. BIRTHDAYS

6 Roger Jewett	21 Joe Heltsley
10 Dave Moore	23 John White
18 Beatrice Shia	24 Nancy McPharlin
21 Bill Fry	28 Maggie Curran

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

The CDC suggests that if you are under a doctor's care for immunity issues, please discuss with your doctor the advisability of getting an additional COVID-19 booster shot. Thank you Mary R. for this valuable tip!

Did You Know That...?



Sharon Heltsley's father was an FBI Agent. They visited Washington D.C. and she met J. Edgar Hoover and her family had their picture taken with him.

Craig Hull

coached little league in Royal Oak for 20 years and his teams won 10 championships.



Peggy Bogart has a booth at "On the Hunt" antique store in a shopping center on Dixie Hwy.

Tony Merlo's first job was working in an aluminum anodizing factory stapling boxes together and wrapping 24-foot-long aluminum girders in brown wrapping paper.



Nancy Motrinc used to have dark brown hair, but she really can't remember. Her son said he only remembers her hair being white.

20 Interesting Facts about Drama and Theatre

- In 1782, a lady named Mrs. Fitzherbert died laughing at a theatre performance of John Gay's *The Beggar's Opera*.
- When Shakespeare's Globe burned down in 1613, the one casualty was a man whose breeches caught fire; they were put out with a bottle of ale.
- If you say 'Macbeth' in a theatre, you are meant to walk three times in a circle anti-clockwise, then either spit or say a rude word.
- A precursor to the film Shakespeare in Love was an 1804 story by Alexandre Duval in which the Bard falls for an actress playing Richard III.
- The first recorded instance of a woman playing Hamlet was Charlotte Charke (1713-1760).

**What should the theatre be?
The theatre should be full. – Giuseppe Verdi**



YOUR MONTHLY HEARTBEAT

March 2022

- 6. The word 'exsibilant' refers to an audience's practice of hissing a bad performer off the stage; it first appears in a work of 1640.
- 7. A 'deuteragonist' is the second actor or person in a drama, after the protagonist. It's first recorded in 1855 in a book by G. H. Lewes.
- 8. The word 'background' originally denoted the part of the stage farthest from the audience; it first appears in a play by William Wycherley.
- 9. 'Scenario' originally denoted the front of a classical theatre; it first appears in English in the diary of John Evelyn (1620-1706).

- 18. In the years following the Roman empire, women were allowed to act in plays. Women would not be allowed on the English stage until 1660. In ancient Rome, there were a number of famous actresses, including one of Emperor Nero's concubines, Acte.
- 19. Trilby and fedora hats both took their names from plays first performed in the nineteenth century.
- 20. In 1944, K. O. Newman wrote a book, *250 Times I Saw a Play*, which fails to mention what the play was, who wrote it, or who acted in it.



I love acting. It is so much more real than life. – Oscar Wilde

- 10. To 'explode' originally meant to hiss or boo an actor off the stage.
- 11. Thespis is credited with being the person who invented the idea of the actor. It is from him that we get 'thespian'.
- 12. In high school, *The Catcher in the Rye* author **J. D. Salinger** was so fond of acting that he signed the yearbook with the names of the roles he'd performed.
- 13. Thomas Hardy's only acting role was a walk-on part in a pantomime at Covent Garden.
- 14. Molière died after collapsing on stage while acting in one of his own plays – ironically, he was playing the role of the hypochondriac.

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Meet New HOH Member [DENISE MATTHEWS](#)

HOH is delighted to introduce our new member, Denise Matthews, who joined HOH in 2021. Let's get to know her better ...

Denise and her husband, Tom moved to Michigan in 2000 from Western Chicago. They have a son, Jake.

While in Chicago, Denise worked as a school teacher.

Volunteering is very important to her. She actively volunteers for Leader Dog on the Canine Transition Team, Troy Newcomers and her church.

Denise is an avid reader, loves scrapbooking and dancing.

She saw Heart of the Hills Players' "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. It intrigued her and she thought, "I'd like to try that".

Denise hopes to be involved with HOH sometime in the near future and is looking forward to meeting others in this group.

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In Memoriam

Joe Tocco	4/11/1926	-	1/15/2022
Lee Balch	8/30/1932	-	2/11/2022

- 15. When asked for some advice on a particular role, J. M. Barrie told an actor, 'Try to look as if you had a younger brother in Shropshire.'
- 16. In May 1849 the Astor Place riot broke out in New York – it was caused by two actors arguing over who was better at performing Shakespeare.
- 17. The first known instance of the expression 'the plot thickens' is in George Villiers' 1671 play *The Rehearsal*. The same play also features the phrase 'hip-hop'.



HOH MINI-SHOW MARDI GRAS - 3/1

The magic of 2022 Mardi Gras excited the happy residents of the American House on March 1, delivered as only our Queen Of Mardi Gras, Melanie Lee could manage.

The star-studded performances included song and dance from the incomparable ensemble:



Jim Ahlberg, Bea Shia, Gary Ahlberg, Craig Hull, Diana Schreiber, Bill Fry and Melanie Lee, herself!



Bill Fry, Diana Schreiber, Craig Hull delight the residents of the American House.



Bill Fry, Diana Schreiber, Melanie Lee, Craig Hull meet and greet during and after each show to make the HOH Mini-Show a senior community favorite!



A patriotic Mardi Gras!
Jim Ahlberg & Bea Shia strut their stuff!
Jim's son Gary in background.

Mini-Shows are a very important way for HOH to reach out and become a trusted source of entertainment within the local communities. Mini-Shows are also a great place to hone skills. And don't forget that the Mini-Show is an important income resource for HOH.



Here are some little known March Holidays:

- March 1: National Peanut Butter Lover's Day, Dadgum That's Good Day
- March 2: Dr. Seuss's Birthday, National Read Across America Day, Old Stuff Day, World Teen Mental Wellness Day
- March 3: National Anthem Day, National Mulled Wine Day, World Wildlife Day
- March 4: National Day of Unplugging, Pound Cake Day, Employee Appreciation Day
- March 5: National Absinthe Day, Cheese Doodle Day
- March 6: National Dentist's Day
- March 7: National Cereal Day, Flapjack Day
- March 8: International Women's Day
- March 9: National Barbie Day, Get Over It Day
- March 10: World Kidney Day, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- March 11: National Johnny Appleseed Day, Promposal Day
- March 12: National Girl Scout Day, Working Moms Day, Plant a Flower Day
- March 13: Daylight Saving Time
- March 14: National Pi Day
- March 15: The Ides of March
- March 16: National Panda Day, Artichoke Day, Freedom of Information Day
- March 18: National Sloppy Joe Day, Awkward Moments Day
- March 19: National Corn Dog Day, Certified Nurses Day, Let's Laugh Day
- March 20: First Day of Spring
- March 21: National Common Courtesy Day, California Strawberry Day, French Bread Day, World Down Syndrome Day
- March 22: National Goof Off Day, World Water Day
- March 23: National Puppy Day, World Meteorology Day
- March 24: National Cocktail Day, World Tuberculosis Day
- March 25: National Tolkien Reading Day
- March 26: Epilepsy Awareness Day, National Spinach Day
- March 27: National Spanish Paella Day

- March 28: National Black Forest Cake Day
- March 29: National Nevada Day, Mom and Pop Business Owners Day
- March 30: National Take a Walk in the Park Day, Doctors Day, Manatee Appreciation Day
- March 31: National Prom Day, Crayon Day, Tater Day

CROSSWORD PUZZLE WORD LIST

ACTION	CENTERSTAGE	DRESS
ACTOR	COMPANY	REHEARSAL
AUDITION	COSTUME	ENSEMBLE
BACKSTAGE	CURTAIN CALL	LEAD
BOXOFFICE	DIALOGUE	OBSTACLE
CAST	DIRECTOR	POSTURE
CASTING	DOWNSTAGE	RENDITION

LES KING'S FREE SNOW SHOVELING CLASS!

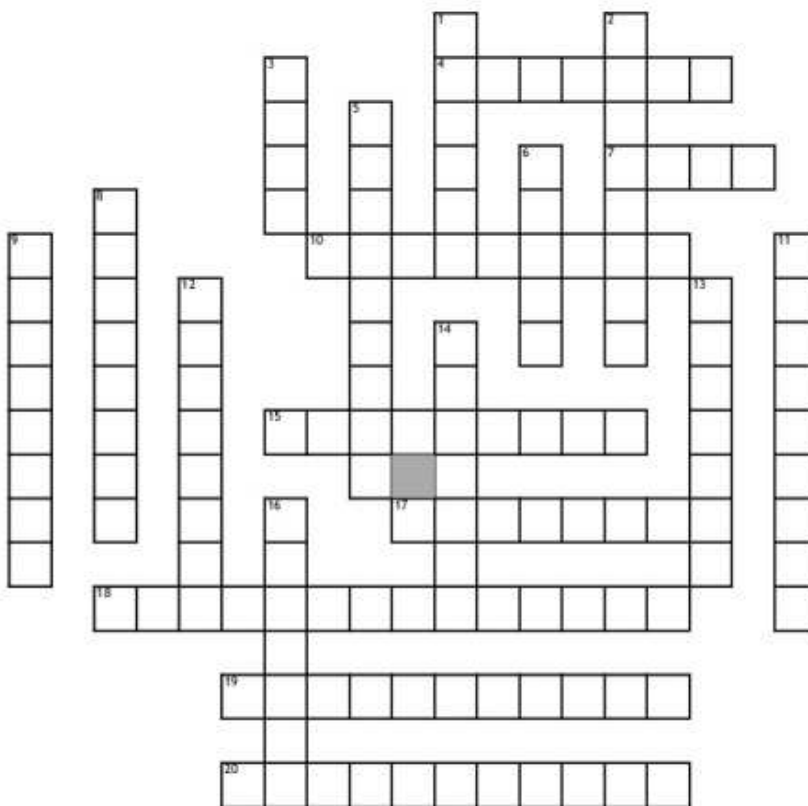
This Saturday I will be holding a FREE snow shoveling class in my driveway. Come and join the class and learn about the proper ways to shovel.

Reviewed techniques will include the scoop and throw method, the down and push method (AKA the plow technique), as well as the upside down scraping technique. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to enhance your snow lifting techniques without throwing your back out!

I will provide the driveway to ensure your training is conducted in the most life-like situation, I only ask that you bring your own shovel (Ergonomically designs suggested). Phone me for additional details and times. Seating is limited and handled on a first come first served basis ... Subject to date change depending on total accumulation!

Also, the shoveled snow is free, so bring plastic bags, a trailer or a truck. Wheelbarrows work well too! Take as much as you like to practice techniques on your own time, in your own happy place. No Charge....

Theatre Crossword



Across

- 4. The choice of actors to play particular roles in a play or movie.
- 7. Actor who plays a Principal Role
- 10. The front half of the stage. (As seen from the Audience)
- 15. A area of the stage that can not be seen by the audience
- 17. A Test of the Suitability of a Performer, An interview for you to show the director what you can do.
- 18. Fully uninterrupted rehearsal of the show in costumes before the actual show
- 19. End of show were all performers bow and get acknowledgement from the audience with applause.
- 20. The central area on a theatre stage

Down

- 1. The movement or development of the plot or story in a play
- 2. Lines spoken but he actors
- 3. Actors in the play
- 5. Office where tickets to the show are sold
- 6. A person who portrays a character in a performance
- 8. Someone who supervises the actors and directs the action of a show
- 9. The problem between characters in a show.
- 11. An actors portrayal of someone
- 12. Cast members other then the Principals.
- 13. The whole theatre organization, Includes Cast and Technicians
- 14. The pieces of clothing worn by an actor to show character in a play.
- 16. Movements that communicate a familiar feeling or signal.