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President's Corner

My heartiest congratulations to the cast & crew of the Pajama Game for a great show. Well done, everyone! **FOR SALE:** Heavy duty Pajama Game aprons with "Sleep-Tite Pajamas" embossed. **Order through Pam at 248.321.3608. See photo, page 2.**

Please consider the 3 events we have planned below ...

Please Join Us ...

1). Heart-of the-Hills Players will be hosting a General Membership Picnic at the Raintree Park at 3775 John R Rd. in Troy, MI 48083 on Monday, July 18, 2022, from 4:00 to 10:00 PM. Music will be provided. Due to COVID, please bring your own food and drink. No alcohol is permitted in the park! Everyone is invited. Also, your last show's video orders will be on hand.



2). **Join us at the Rec Bowl** at 40 Crocker Blvd. in Mt. Clemens, MI 48043. This is a bar and grill that provides live music and karaoke. The July schedule is:

- 7/20 TNT Band at 6:30 P.M. - everything from Neil Diamond to big band to the hustle,
- 7/28/22: karaoke at 7:00 P.M.

Contact Heidi Coffman at 248.514.6693 (call or text) for group attendance.

3). **On July 31, join us to see Alison Boggs** perform in the 2022 One-Act Festival at Birmingham Village Players at 34660 Woodward Ave., in Birmingham, MI, with dinner afterwards. **Contact Lorrie Garrison at 248.404.8700 (call or text) for group attendance.**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Margaret Bell
- 10 Kathy Miriani
- 18 Nancy Motrinc
- 18 Judy Satterthwaite
- 24 Peggy Bogart Graham

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- 24 Patsy Matyas
- 25 Suzette Rossilli
- 27 Patty Keylon
- 29 Dawn (Hall) Glambin
- 29 Dennis Menlen

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Gail Boykins
- 7 John Mayes
- 8 Judy Kerman
- 13 Cece Lesner
- 15 Carol Fett
- 15 Joanie Rizzio
- 17 Eleanor Santiago
- 21 Jerry Bock

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- 22 Justine Brace
- 23 Marion Upper
- 24 Mark Palmer
- 25 Gwenn M. Samuel
- 26 Melanie Lee
- 27 Lil Contrera
- 31 Darrell Ahlberg



The Pajama Game – We returned to the eastside to our friends in Warren, Sterling Heights, Utica, Clawson, Troy and had a successful run at the Warren Community Center! Thanks to all who attended at both locations. We hope to see you next time.

Getting To Know You...

Alison Boggs joined Heart of the Hills Players before the pandemic caused a hiatus. She was cast in the lead role of 'Babe' in *The Pajama Game*. She isn't new to theater and has been involved since high school. She has many favorite roles but loved being 'Dolly' in *Hello Dolly* and 'Alice' in *The Addams Family*. She was in the production of *9 to 5* twice, (which might be a play for HOH to consider in the future).

Alison and Ben have been married for 34 years and share a daughter, Hayley, their pride and joy. Hayley is a singer and has a master's degree in Opera. Alison is the baby of her family with an older brother and sister. She loves dogs and is an avid golfer. She plans on participating in more golf outings once she retires July 1st from her sales job with Granger.

Alison will be performing with the Birmingham Village Players in a One-Act Festival, July 29th and 30th at 8:00 p.m. and the 31st at 2:00 p.m. (See attached flyer.)

Did You Know That?



Sara Scrivano worked with the Secret Service and met President Eisenhower.



Sara Scrivano has Twin girls and **Heidi Coffman** has Twins: a boy & a girl.

Dennis Michael Menlen was almost Denise Michelle Menlen? His mother was convinced that she was going to deliver a girl.



Bill Jones qualified for "Who Wants to be a Millionaire", but was never called to be on the show?

Please see the tribute to Pearl Hipfel on pages 3-4.

July Trivia Questions and Answers for Seniors

See you at the HOH Picnic on
July 18, 2022 4-10 PM
Raintree Park, Troy



1950's History Questions:

1. Which president of the United States was in office from Jan. 20, 1953 to Jan. 20, 1961?
2. Which disease did Dr. Jonas Salk successfully create a vaccine for in 1952?
3. What was the name of the first satellite launched into orbit by Russia in 1957?
4. Who overthrew Fulgencio Batista in 1959 and became dictator of Cuba?
5. What year did Disneyland open?
6. What famous explorer first climbed Mount Everest in 1953?
7. Who became Premier of the Soviet Union in 1958?
8. Senator Joseph McCarthy, who conducted a nationally televised hearing in 1954 to root out Communists in the government, represented what state?
9. What is the name of the woman who refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955?
10. Which member of the royal family became head of state in Great Britain in 1953?

1950's History Answers:

1. Dwight D. Eisenhower
2. Polio
3. Sputnik
4. Fidel Castro
5. 1955
6. Sir Edmund Hillary
7. Nikita Khrushchev
8. Wisconsin
9. Rosa Parks
10. Queen Elizabeth II



Music Questions:

1. Which famous song sung by Doris Day was introduced in the 1956 Hitchcock thriller, *The Man Who Knew Too Much*?
2. What singer had a country music chart hit with *Sixteen Tons* in 1955?
3. Which group had a hit with *Twilight Time* in 1958?
4. Which smoky-voiced singer sang *Too Young* in 1951?
5. What Cleveland disc jockey first used the term "Rock N Roll" in 1951?
6. Tony and Maria were the lead characters in what Broadway musical that premiered in 1957?
7. Who recorded *Rock Around the Clock* in 1955?
8. Who originally sang *That'll Be the Day* in 1957?
9. The Coasters recorded a song in 1959 with the line "You're gonna need an ocean of Calamine lotion." What is the name of the song?
10. B.J. Thomas sang *I Can't Help It If I'm Still In Love With You* in 1967. Who first recorded it in 1951?

Music Answers:

1. *Que Sera Sera*
2. Tennessee Ernie Ford
3. The Platters
4. Nat King Cole
5. Alan Freed
6. *West Side Story*
7. Bill Haley and the Comets
8. Buddy Holly and the Crickets
9. *Poison Ivy*
10. Hank Williams Sr.

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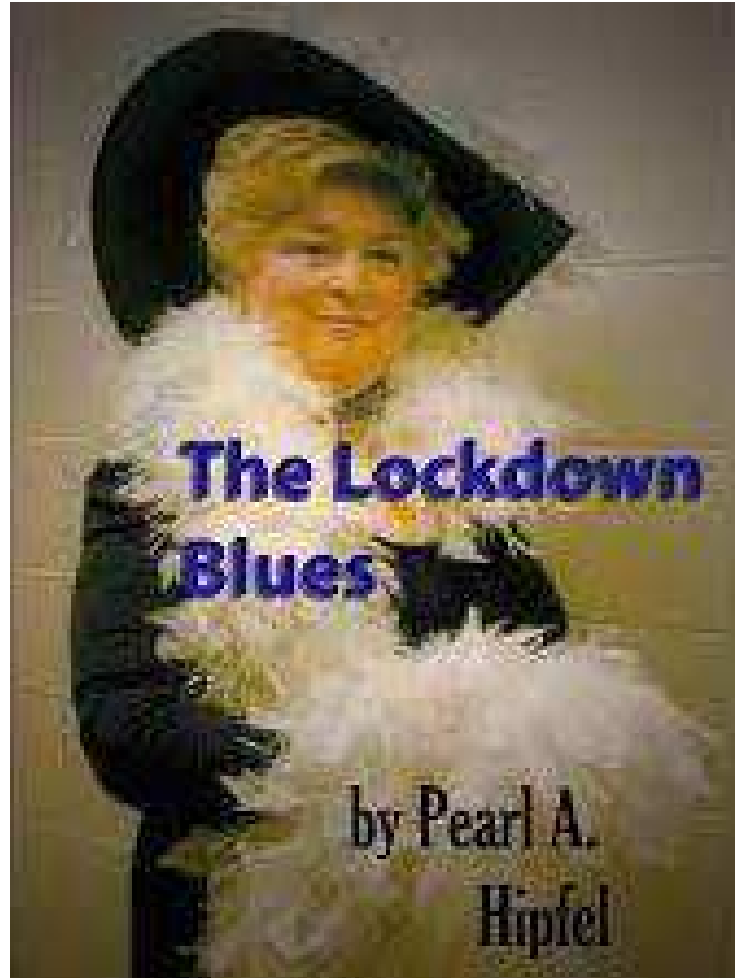
Pop Culture Questions:

1. Which aspiring rock-and-roll singer appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1956, but could only be shown from the waist up?
2. Which rising young star from the movie Rebel Without a Cause died in an automobile accident in 1955?
3. Which television game show first aired in 1956 and is still running today?
4. What famous baseball player married Marilyn Monroe in 1954?
5. What piece of women's clothing, named after a dog, became popular in the 1950s?
6. What teen idol sang, Kookie, Kookie, Lend Me Your Comb?
7. What type of hat/cap did both Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone wear on TV in the 50s?
8. Eating what type of live fish became popular in the 1950s?
9. What famous cowboy of the 1950s was really named Leonard Slye?
10. What was the name of the circular plastic 1950s toy that was placed around the waist and operated by gyrating the hips?

A big shout out to Craig Cesarone for donating a laptop to HOH. Also, a big THANK YOU to Heidi Coffman for donating her time {10+ hours} to help teach treasurer the ins and outs of Quick Books, and still more to learn! Thanks to both of you! --- Pam

Pop Culture

1. Elvis Presley
2. James Dean
3. The Price is Right
4. Joe DiMaggio
5. Poodle skirt
6. Edd "Kookie" Burns
7. Coonskin
8. Goldfish
9. Roy Rogers
10. Hula Hoop



Pearl Anita Hipfel: b. 2/6/1935 d. 6/22/2022

We are crestfallen to report the unfortunate loss of Pearl Anita Hipfel, our long-time friend and performer.

During the year before her demise, Jeff Babbitt worked a musical project with Pearl Hipfel. You will find his introduction of her during an interview on the next page. It serves her well as a eulogy.

Thank you, Jeff!!

Farewell, Pearl!

Some website links to see Pearl Hipfel interviews and performances:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtdXDqVOO6o>
<https://www.fox2detroit.com/video/951258>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwYcfnd8woI>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpxgM5LcVSs>

Jeff Babbitt's interview with Pearl
Fox TV 2 Interview re "The Lockdown Blues"
Pearl sings "The Lockdown Blues"
2017 "String Of Pearls" - Part 1



Two Minute Monolog about Pearl Hipfel (aka: Introduction / Eulogy)

By Jeffrey Babbitt

Hello, my name is Jeff Babbitt. I'm here to introduce you to a phenomenal lady (singer, actor, director, producer) who came into this world at a time of the Great Depression when unemployment was over 20%, when the Social Security Act was made into law, and of course the birth of 'Swing' by Benny Goodman and his orchestra. The price of gas was \$0.10/gal., the average annual income was \$1,600.00, the price of a home was around \$3,500.00, Amelia Earhart made her first solo flight across the Pacific, and Mickey Mouse's "The Band Concert" was release for the first time in Technicolor.

Pearl had been in love with entertaining since her youth. She was born at Grace Hospital in Detroit Michigan. Her mother, also went by the name 'Pearl', was a great singer and regularly performed in the nightclubs with whatever orchestra was there. As a child, Pearl Jr. showed a remarkable interest and talent for performing, singing and dancing. Her mother was a huge fan of Shirley Temple (everyone was) and thought her daughter had the same aptitude and talent to make a go of it. So, she took Pearl to the Roth and Verdone Dance/Singing Studio for lessons. That certainly gave her a foundation, but it was her mother who really trained her and showed her the ropes. She started performing on stage at the age of 6. From then on she would perform on stage through several community theaters, banquet halls and even large auditoriums such as Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Although she claims to love all sorts of styles of singing, I personally have seen her perform songs from **Madam Butterfly** and **Mame** to name a couple. Her operatic voice is as good as they come.

To make ends meet, she worked 30 years at Chrysler Corporation in Detroit Michigan and worked her way up to Production Controller in the steel industry before retiring, to focus on her true passion ... the Entertainment Industry.

She decided to share her knowledge and talent, and become a director/producer of a Senior Show group called "**String of Pearls**". Her group performs countless shows across the Metro Detroit area's venues and senior centers. These shows involve other seniors who sing, dance, and act. The shows involve elaborate costumes and seasonal themes. She sends the message to all seniors that YOU are NEVER too old to get up, move around, use your God given talents ... and to make a difference in someone's life through entertainment. I know this all first hand because I was her drummer for several years, in several orchestra pits, as well as my father and mother performing in her group.

As with all things, especially given recent events of the COVID pandemic, her shows and performances came to a screeching halt. Pearl, like many other seniors, felt like prisoners in their own homes and literally afraid to walk out the door. Pearl doesn't own a computer, internet, or cell phone, only a phone landline and cable. She is actually one of the lucky ones who, at age 86 years young, is living self-sufficient in her own home. The real story is those seniors who live in 'assisted living' or nursing homes that do what they can, but still went through a most difficult time not being able to see loved ones or even leave their rooms for weeks and months.

All this inspired Pearl to speak for those who could not speak for themselves. She has become the voice for 100's of thousands of seniors, not just in this country, but all over the world who found this COVID lockdown to be ranked as severe as some of our country's worst historical events. Pearl took pen to paper and started writing her own song: "**The Lockdown Blues**". With a little bit of luck, a local publishing company, "Big River Edge Publishing" out of St Clair Michigan caught wind of the song and decided to not only send Pearl to a recording studio in St. Clair called "The Farm", but also invite several very talented musicians to perform the song. Groups of senior centers across the country are waiting for its release so that it may be shared with those who can relate to its message. It's scheduled to be released sometime in the summer of 2021 and available on Amazon, i-Tunes, and everywhere you purchase and stream music.

Ladies and Gentleman, allow me to introduce to you, Pearl Hipfel.

THANK YOU, JEFF!