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President's Corner

Hope everyone had a safe and fun holiday. I spent it in Chicago with children and grandkids (and dogs). In two weeks the Board will have it's first meeting of the year. We need to make plans for the coming year. Stay tuned..... We'd love to increase membership, so please share a copy of the attached 2024 HOH Membership Application with your friends & neighbors.

Annual Dues are DUE!

See the attached membership application form. You may also pay your annual dues online at: <https://hohplayers.org/membership/> You may mail form with check OR pay online. Thank you!

HOPEFULLY YOU WERE THERE

The HOH Annual Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at Ike's Restaurant was a huge success! Thank you, Humi, and your team for this wonderful holiday party and a BIG thank you to **Diana Schreiber** for the fabulous entertainment.

HOH Board Elections Results

Elections were held last month at our annual Holiday Luncheon. The new board consists of Chris Baird (586-939-6269), Elaine Baird (586-219-8996), Lorrie Garrison (248-404-8700), Rob Grodin (248-770-3551), Mary Jo Gunther (586-206-1731), Humi Koester (248-255-1357), Melanie Lee (586-295-3897), Cece Lesner (586-604-9881), Pam Messano (248-321-3608). Their Board positions will be decided when they hold elections within the board later this month!

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

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| 2 Mike Galat | 16 Jim Ahlberg |
| 6 Beverley Lukomski | 16 Jack Yee |
| 11 Les King | 18 Steve Krupa |
| 15 David Adrian | 22 Kathy Simpson |
| 15 Babs Johnston | 28 Sara Scrivano |

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

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| 2 Al Bartlett | 13 Leigh Whitmeyer |
| 2 Leonard Lukomski | 14 Denise Matthews |
| 2 Sally Noveras | 14 Valerie Mould |
| 3 Ralph Reseigh | 21 Anna Stewart |
| 4 Sharon Heltsley | 26 Sandi Krupa |
| 9 Martha Bock | 27 Diana Jones-Kirby |

Claws Christmas Caper Murder Mystery

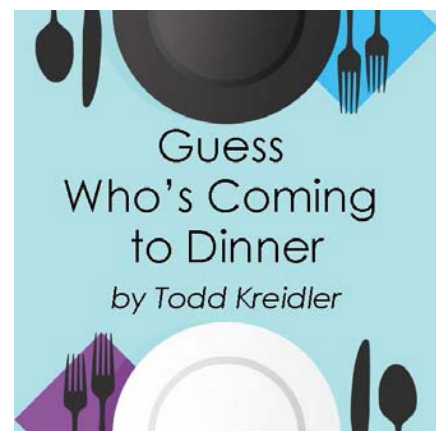
The final performance was held on Friday, December 1 at 7 PM at Unity East Church of Clinton Twp.. This sold out performance was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. Look for more murder mysteries in 2024.



***Come see HoH members
in other shows around town:***



This production was written by HoH member, Cece Lesner.



Al Bartlett will be directing "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" at the Depot Theatre, in Clarkston, 2024
Performance dates: May 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18.

HOH member in the cast: Steve Watkins.

Greek Theatre Quiz!

1. Which part of a Greek play would give the **BACKGROUND** of the story?

- a) Prologue
- b) Parados
- c) Choral Ode
- d) Exodus

2. In a Greek play which song is sung to **INTRODUCE** the chorus?

- a) Chorale Ode
- b) Parodos
- c) Exodus
- d) Episode

3. In a Greek play, what is a scene where actors speak and act their parts called?

- a) Parados
- b) Exodus
- c) Episode
- d) Hypothesis

4. In a Greek play what choral piece reflects on the actions in each scene?

- a) Parados
- b) Exodus
- c) Episode
- d) Chorale Ode

5. In a Greek play what is the final scene in the play that tells the

- a) Exodus
- b) Episode
- c) Chorale Ode
- d) Parados

6. The paths where the chorus made their entrances and exits.

- a) Orchestra
- b) Parados
- c) Skene
- d) Theatron

7. The place where the audience would sit. - The place where the audience would sit.

- a) Orchestra
- b) Parados
- c) Theatron
- d) Skene

8. The circular space where the chorus would dance and sing.

- a) Orchestra
- b) Theatron
- c) Parados
- d) Skene

9. Greek plays were performed for special occasions called...

- a) A.Birthdays
- b) B.Weddings
- c) C.Funerals
- e) D.Festivals

10. The building behind the stage where actors could make their entrances.

- a) Theatron
- b) Orchestra
- c) Skene
- d) Parados



11. Most Greek plays had this kind of theme. -

- a) A. Comedic
- b) B. Tragic
- c) C. Religious
- d) D. Mythological

12. Greek plays were _____. Actors could win prizes for their performances.

- A. Religious
- B. Competitive

Correct Answers

1. A. Prologue - Explanation

The prologue of a Greek play is the opening scene or monologue that provides the background information of the story. It sets the stage, introduces the characters, and gives the audience necessary context to understand the plot. This section typically includes exposition and may reveal past events or relationships that are important to the story. Therefore, the prologue is the part of the play that would give the background of the story.

2. B. Parodos - Explanation

In a Greek play, the song that is sung to introduce the chorus is called the Parodos. The Parodos is performed by the chorus as they enter the stage for the first time. It serves as an introduction to the audience and sets the tone for the rest of the play. The Parodos often includes choral singing and dancing, and it helps to establish the overall theme and mood of the play.

3. C. Episode - Explanation

In a Greek play, a scene where actors speak and act their parts is called an "Episode".

4. D. Chorale Ode - Explanation

In a Greek play, the choral piece that reflects on the actions in each scene is called the Chorale Ode. The Chorale Ode is a musical composition performed by the chorus, which serves as a reflection or commentary on the events and themes of the play. It provides insight and emotional depth to the scenes, offering a collective voice and perspective on the actions taking place on stage.

5. A. Exodus - Explanation

The correct answer is Exodus. In a Greek play, the Exodus is the final scene or act that signifies the conclusion of the play. It is often used to convey the moral or lesson that the audience should take away from the story. The Exodus is typically a reflective and didactic moment where the characters reflect on the events of the play and the lessons they have learned. It serves as a closing statement and allows the audience to reflect on the overall message of the play.

6. B. Parados - Explanation

The parados is the correct answer because it refers to the paths where the chorus made their entrances and exits. In ancient Greek theater, the parados was the side entrance or passage that the chorus used to enter and exit the stage. It was typically located on either side of the orchestra, which was the circular area in front of the stage. The other options listed, such as orchestra, skene, and theatron, do not specifically refer to the paths used by the chorus.

7. C. Theatron - Explanation

The correct answer is Theatron. Theatron refers to the seating area in a theater or amphitheater where the audience would sit. It is the section where the spectators would watch the performance or event taking place on the stage. Theatron is derived from the Greek word "theaomai," which means "to view" or "to see." In ancient Greek theaters, the theatron was typically built on a slope to provide better visibility for the audience members.

8. A. Orchestra - Explanation

The correct answer is Orchestra. In ancient Greek theater, the orchestra was a circular space in front of the stage where the chorus would perform their dances and songs. It was located between the audience and the stage, and it was often decorated with ornate patterns or symbols. The orchestra was an essential part of the theater, as it provided a space for the chorus to interact with the actors and engage with the audience.



9. D. Festivals - Explanation

Greek plays were performed for special occasions called festivals. Festivals were important events in ancient Greece, where people gathered to celebrate and honor their gods. These festivals provided the perfect platform for theatrical performances, allowing the playwrights to showcase their work to a large audience. The plays were often performed as part of religious rituals and were considered a form of worship. Festivals provided a festive and communal atmosphere, making them an ideal setting for Greek plays to be performed and enjoyed by the public.

10.C. Skene - Explanation

The skene is the correct answer because it refers to the building behind the stage where actors could make their entrances. In ancient Greek theater, the skene was a structure that served as both a backdrop and a changing room for the actors. It was typically a two-story building with doors and windows, allowing actors to enter and exit the stage as needed. The skene was an essential part of the theater, providing a space for actors to prepare and enter the performance area.

11 C. Religious - Explanation

Most Greek plays had a religious theme because ancient Greek society was deeply rooted in religion. The Greeks believed in gods and goddesses and incorporated them into their daily lives. The plays often revolved around religious rituals, myths, and the worship of these deities. They were performed during religious festivals and were seen as a form of worship and a way to honor the gods. Additionally, the plays often explored moral and ethical dilemmas, which were closely tied to religious beliefs and values. Overall, religious themes were a central aspect of Greek plays and reflected the importance of religion in their culture.

12 B. Competitive - Explanation

Greek plays were competitive. In ancient Greece, actors participated in theatrical competitions where they could win prizes for their performances. This suggests that there was a level of competition among actors to showcase their skills and entertain the audience.

50 New Year's Jokes

1. Youth is when you're allowed to stay up for New Year's. Middle age is when you're forced to.
 2. What do New Year's parades have in common with Santa Claus? No one is ever awake to see them.
 3. What is a New Year's resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other.
 4. My New Year's resolution is to see my cup half-full, preferably with rum, gin, vodka, or moonshine.
 5. What is the digital camera's New Year's resolution? 1080p.
 6. What do you use in the bathroom on Jan. 1 after No. 2? A New Year's bidet.
 7. What do you call someone named Stephen on Dec. 31? New Year's Steve!
 8. What do cows say on Jan. 1? "Happy Moo New Year!"
 9. What's the worst part of jogging on New Year's Eve? The ice falling out of your drink!
 10. What is corn's favorite holiday? New Ears Eve.
 11. How did Prince celebrate the new millennium? He partied like it was 1999.
 12. My New Year's resolution was to drop my bad habits, but no one likes a quitter.
 13. What was the Amityville Priest's resolution? To exorcise more.
 14. What does a field grow on Jan. 1? New Year's hay.
 15. What was Dr. Frankenstein's New Year's resolution? To make new friends.
 16. What does a ghost say on Dec. 31? "Happy Boo Year!"
 17. What did Che Guevara make on New Year's Day? A New Year's revolution.
 18. What do you tell someone you didn't see on New Year's Eve? I haven't seen you since last year!
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19. A man asks his buddy for a cigarette. His friend quips, "I thought you made a New Year's resolution and that you don't smoke." The man replied, "I'm in phase one of quitting." Confused, his friend asked, "Phase one?" The man laughed, "Yes. I've quit buying."
 20. What New Year's resolution should a basketball player never make? To travel more.
 21. What does a jeweler do on Dec. 31? Ring in the New Year.
 22. What was the official snack food of New Year's Eve? Dick Clark Bar.
 23. I love when they drop the ball in Times Square. It's a nice reminder of what I did all year.
 24. What is the snowman's New Year's resolution? To chill out more.
 25. What did the cheerleaders say on New Year's Day? Happy New Cheer!
 26. Knock knock! Who's there? Abby. Abby who? Abby New Year!
 27. A woman took an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve. When she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?" He replied, "Aha, you'll know tonight!" At midnight, her husband handed her a small gift-wrapped present. Excited, she opened it quickly, but was even more surprised: In it was a book titled The Meaning of Dreams.
 28. Why do birds fly south for New Year's Eve? Because it's too far to walk.
 29. Knock knock! Who's there? Razor. Razor who? Razor glass and toast to a happy new year.
 30. What's the easiest way to keep your New Year's resolution to read more? Watch TV with subtitles.
 31. What do criminals pay on Jan. 1? New Year's restitution.
 32. May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions.
 33. An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.
 34. Where can you find comedians on New Year's Eve? Waiting on the punchline.
 35. An iPhone and a firework were arrested on New Year's Eve. One was charged and the other was let off.
 36. A man who had too much to drink decides to walk home on New Year's Eve. A policeman stopped the man and asked where he was going. "I'm on my way to a lecture," the man replied. The cop scoffed, "Who gives lectures on New Year's Eve?" The man answered: "My wife."
 37. Why is partying in Times Square overrated? Because they drop the ball every year.
 38. What do you call someone who says they know all the words to "Auld Lang Syne?" A liar.
 39. Why are there so many vampires out on New Year's Eve? For Old Fangs Time.
 40. What do you say when bidding farewell on Dec. 31? "See you next year!"
 41. I made a New Year's resolution to stop procrastinating, but I'm going to wait until next year to start.
 42. Where can you practice multiplication tables on New Year's Eve? Times Square.
 43. Why should you stand on just your left foot during the New Year's Eve countdown? So you start the New Year on the right foot.
 44. What does a ghoul say on Dec. 31? "Happy New Fear!"
 45. What food should you avoid on New Year's? Firecrackers.
 46. What happened to the man who stole a calendar? He got 12 months!
 47. What do you call always having a date for New Year's Eve? Social Security.
 48. What New Year's resolution guarantees success? Making a resolution to break your resolution.
 49. What does a caterpillar do on Jan. 1? Turns over a new leaf.
 50. Did you hear about the guy who started fixing breakfast at midnight on Dec. 31? He wanted to make a New Year's toast!
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