



YOUR MONTHLY HEARTBEAT

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President's Corner

Well, we had the first Board meeting and elected our officers. We'll share ideas on the year ahead at the Mar-4 Membership meeting and hope to get your input.

Annual Membership Dues are DUE!

If you have not paid your annual dues, please download the form & mail or pay at the website:

<https://hohplayers.org/membership/> .

Thank you!

HOH Board Elections Results

Elections were held last month at our first Board meeting of the new year. The new board consists of

- Elaine Baird.....President (586-219-8996)
- Mary Jo Gunther VP (586-206-1731)
- Cece Lesner..... Secretary (586-604-9881)
- Pam Messano Treasurer (248-321-3608)
- Lorrie Garrison..... Membership (248-404-8700)
- Humi Koester Social (248-255-1357)
- Melanie Lee Project Dev. (586-295-3897)
- Chris Baird Technical (586-939-6269)
- Rob Grodin... Member at Large (248-770-3551)

We look forward to a new and exciting year with our new board.

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 |

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!!

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| 1 Terri Feldman | 18 Christopher Oakley |
| 6 Carole Coonan | 26 Gary Hifko |
| 7 Audrey Cieslinski | 28 Harry Miriani |
| 12 Margaret 'M.G.' Langoni | 30 Ron Koester |
| 16 James Ballard | |

SAVE THE DATE!

The next General Membership meeting will be on March 4 at the DAV from 1-4 pm. We will be having a **Chili Cookoff!** All meeting attendees please RSVP to Humi Koester at 248-255-1357 by Saturday, March 2. Please bring a friend, your famous chili or dessert if you'd like! Water, coffee and pop will be provided. See you there!

Please join the KROGER Community Rewards Program

One of the ways in which we hope to generate funds for HoH is through our Kroger Community Rewards program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to HoH based on the shopping you do every day. We have been assigned a new NPO (Non-Profit Organization) number C1158. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program: Simply visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged onto your Kroger account please search for Original Heart-Of-The-Hills Players either by name or C1158 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

***Customers must have a registered Kroger rewards card account to link to our organization.**

*If a member does not yet have a Kroger rewards card, please let them know they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our organization until after you register your rewards card. Participants must swipe their registered Kroger rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count. Thank you for participating!

LITTLE KNOW FACTS:

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue so if you are near one and you have an ice cream cone you do not have to worry about it licking it. Isn't that a major relief?

A shrimp's heart is in its head so where do you suppose the brain is?

Giraffes are 30 times more likely that people to be struck by lightning so don't go near them in a lightning storm.

Sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins? Now don't you wonder why they need that skill?

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

DINNER THEATRE

February 9 & 10, 2024

"You Just Have No Idea"
by Cecelia Reuter Lesner
Dinner by Chef Abner
Presented by Grosse Pointe TALENT

6:00 pm Cocktails
6:30 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Show
(313) 580-5987

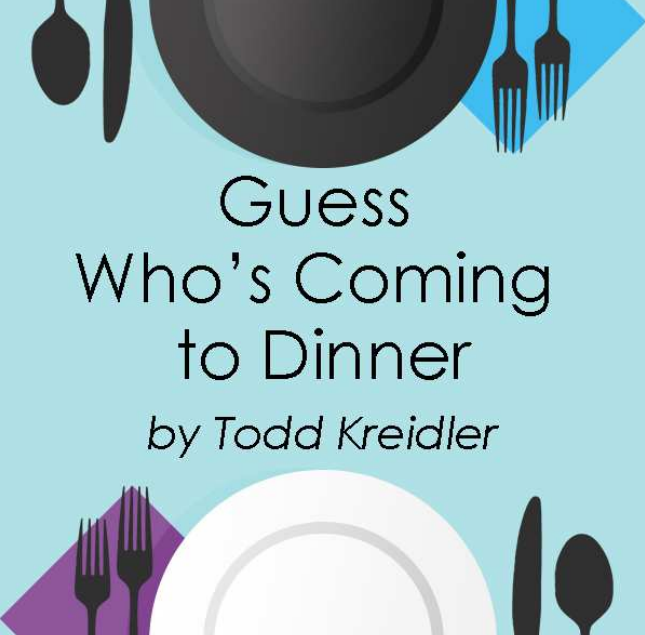
GPCC Theatre in the Pointes
240 Chalfonte
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236



<https://our.show/youjusthavenoidea2024>



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Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
by Todd Kreidler

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.

Our own Steve Watkins is also in the cast.

Rob Grodin, a HOH member, is in the ensemble of the following musical in March 2024.

LAKELAND PLAYERS COMMUNITY THEATRE
PRESENTS

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

March 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd 2024
7:30pm
March 16th and 23rd, 2024
2pm

Central United Methodist Church
3882 Highland Rd, Waterford
Tickets: \$18 Adults, \$15 Student/Senior Citizen

*In association with Concord Music Library/ Andrew Lloyd Weber Collection



This production was written by HoH member, Cece Lesner.

LITTLE KNOW FACTS:

Ants only rest 8 minutes in a 12 hour period. Could we bottle some of that stamina?

LITTLE KNOW FACTS:

No matter how hard you try, you cannot lick your elbow.

Charles Joseph Kase (June 16, 1937), age 86,



passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, January 5, 2024. He was born at home on Winthrop Street in Detroit, Michigan, on June 16, 1937 to Samuel and Addie Kase, becoming the eighth child of

ten. After multiple part-time jobs, Charlie started his professional career as an engineer at GM Fisher Body in 1957 at twenty years old. He worked for GM until his retirement in 1991, 3 months before losing Judy, his bride of 33 years. He attended St. Mary's of Redford from kindergarten through high school, enjoying a bonus year of first grade "because my teacher loved me so much." Charlie gained lifelong friends while attending school at St. Mary's and met his high school sweetheart and future wife, Judith Ankofski. Charlie and Judy married in 1958 and welcomed their first son, Chuck Jr, the following April. Charlie received an Associate's Degree from Lawrence Technological University, while working at GM and raising his family. Judy blessed him with 4 more children over the next 11 years. Charlie and Judy raised their family in Livonia, Detroit, and Warren.

After losing Judy to breast cancer, Charlie was fortunate to meet and eventually marry his second wife Patricia in June of 1996. Together, he and Pat performed with The Senior Show at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts (a singing and dancing group) that performed for the residents living in local nursing homes for 21 years. Charlie represented Santa Claus while Pat played Mrs. Claus on many occasions.

Sadly, after 27 years of marriage, Pat lost her battle to Alzheimers in October of 2023.

Please consider a memorial contribution to

- 1). The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan, 1921 W. Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
- 2). The Marquette Chapter of National AMBUCS, PO Box 412, Marquette, MI (to provide Adaptive Tricycles for Children with special needs).

Sara Scrivano remembers Charlie and Pat from the early days of HoH when they performed with the Senior Singing Sensations. She loved their duets, especially when they did "Me and My Shadow" in white and black tuxedos. She also remembers the parties they hosted at their home. Also, as Amy Ingham says, "Like Sara, I remember Pat and Charlie very well. When my sister and I started working with Margie Montross, they were in every show. They did many other parts in the shows. Charlie and Pat were two of the nicest people we ever met and it was obvious how much they cared for each other. They were close friends with three other couples, but liked everyone. I was invited to their wonderful Christmas parties and I will never forget Charlie and Pat Kase!"

A Michigan Poem

It's Winter in Michigan
And the gentle breezes blow
Seventy miles an hour
At thirty-five below.

Oh, how I love Michigan
When the snow's up to your butt.
You take a breath of winter air
And your nose gets frozen shut.

Yes, the weather here is wonderful,
So I guess I'll hang around.
I could never leave Michigan
'Cause I'm frozen to the ground!

A Valentine's Day Story

I met my husband while I was working in a science library. He came in every week to read the latest journals and eventually decided to take out the librarian instead of the books. After a year and a half of dating, he showed up at the library and started rummaging through my desk. I asked what he was looking for, but he didn't answer. Finally he unearthed one of the rubber stamps I used to identify reference books. 'Since I couldn't find the right engagement ring,' he said, 'this will have to do,' and he firmly stamped my hand. Across my knuckles, in capital letters, it read:

"NOT FOR CIRCULATION".

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you write poetry or short stories? Do you have a funny incident that just happened to you or a friend that you'd love to share with us? How about a joke you are aching to tell? Or that sketch you drew on the back of your notepad? We would love to hear or see some of this work and this is your opportunity to share. We know all of you have great theatre talents but most likely possess a wealth of other gifts. You can text Cece Lesner at 586-604-9881 to submit – she's looking forward to hearing from you!

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POET'S CORNER

YOU ASKED WHY

I write because I need to
It's the way that's suits me best.
Of releasing the emotions
That can set my mind to rest.
My thoughts put down on paper.
Help me better understand,
The whys and the wherefores
That make me who I am.

I can recapture any moment,
Feel again through every line,
Exactly as I did before
The words became a rhyme.
They may never please another
These verses I compile,
But what they give to me alone
Has made each one worthwhile.

This is our first submission – If you are the first one to guess correctly who wrote this – You will win a lottery ticket! Sorry, I wanted to give you a new Ferrari, but the budget didn't allow – maybe next month! Call Cece with your guess.

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ANOTHER STORY

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Once there were two children, one was always unhappy, complaining, whining and overall miserable. The other was so happy, upbeat and a joy to be around.

Two psychologists had differing theories as to why these children were so opposite. The one felt sure that it had to do with their environment and the other felt that it was inherent to their personality so they decided to do an experiment.

The child, who was always majorly unhappy, was placed in a beautiful castle with everything a young boy would want. He was surrounded with accommodating staff who catered to his every whim. Every toy he wanted was given to him and his every wish fulfilled.

The other child who was always happy was put into a deep dark cellar that was filled with horse manure. There was only a shovel in the whole cellar and enough food for him to survive for the duration of the experiment.

At the end of a full day the psychologists visited the first child in the mansion to check on his level of contentment. The boy was miserably unhappy – The staff were not efficient enough, the toys were cheaply made and his list of complaints went on and on!

So they went to visit the child locked in the dark cellar. As they walked down the steps they heard him whistling! He as shoveling the manure and whistling to his heart's content. They were confused! They questioned him as to how on earth he could be enjoying himself as he was shoveling through the manure. He looked up and grinned and said, "Well, with all this do-do, there must be a pony in here somewhere!!!

Try to be happy even when you are surrounded
In do-do!
