



YOUR MONTHLY HEARTBEAT

28401 Mound Rd., #946, Warren, MI 48090

April 2024

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President's Corner

Free food and a movie! We sure wish more than 28 members had come, but we had a great time. I encourage every HOH member to **participate** in as many of our activities as you can. For instance, we have a show coming up (Jukebox Jam) for which we would appreciate members to step forward and sell tickets, distribute flyers to activity centers and sell ads to businesses. When we hold auditions for future shows, please consider attending. And for the best of times that get back value for your dues, please attend our membership meetings, picnics and other events as often as possible. We love that you are members. Our love will grow as we see more of you! Above all, we look for your feedback. Keep in mind it's YOUR theater group. Give me a call any time.

Elaine Baird (586) 219-8996

WHAT A GREAT TIME WE HAD

The first **General Membership Meeting** of 2024 was held on March 18th at the DAV and was a lot of fun. It was a time to see old friends, get caught up on what they have been doing, hear about upcoming events and have great food. Several members made their favorite chili, salad and lots of desserts. We also saw a video of the Country Western Cabaret that HOH presented last Fall! If you missed it, you missed a good time!

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!

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| 6 Roger Jewett | 21 Bill Fry |
| 6 Judith Michalski | 21 Joe Heltsley |
| 10 Dave Moore | 22 Thom Shea |
| 12 Sharon Bracher | 23 John White |
| 14 Ray Claerhout | 24 Nancy McPharlin |
| 17 John Stewart | 26 Karen Elliott |
| 18 Beatrice Shia | 28 Maggie Curran |

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!!

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| 2 Barbara Baker | 18 Carmen Holcombe |
| 2 Lisa Watz | 29 Don Stidham |
| 10 Al Moore | 30 MaryLynn Bertetto |
| 13 Chris Baird | 30 Carol Scheffels |
| 14 Alison Boggs | 31 Brigitte Dunn |

WE ARE STARTING A MURDER MYSTERY TROUPE!

HOH will be holding auditions on May 1, 2024 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at the D.A.V. Building in Shelby Twp. for actors interested in presenting murder mysteries at local venues.

If you would like to participate but cannot get to the audition, email to HOHPlayers@gmail.com.

JUKEBOX JAM

HOH will present "Jukebox Jam", an exciting 50's & 60's style variety show on Thursday, April 25 at 2:00 PM and on Friday & Saturday, April 26 & 27 at 7:00 PM.

From the big turn-out at Feb. 28 auditions and March rehearsals, this should be a humdinger of a show!!

Ticket Prices: \$20 on paypal and at door, room permitting. \$18 from HOH members in advance. Get tickets at: <https://hohplayers.org/tickets> For more information, visit www.hohplayers.org or e-mail: hohplayers@gmail.com

Jukebox Jam

50's and 60's Variety Show

Presented by:



- April 25 (Thu) 2:00 p.m.
- April 26 (Fri) 7:00 p.m.
- April 27 (Sat.) 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$20.00

Purchase online or at door
www.hohplayers.org

Tickets: \$18.00*

*Purchased from HOH Cast & Crew

D.A.V. Building

47326 Dequindre Rd.
Shelby Twp., MI.

Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks,
and Snacks for sale



Dress up in your favorite 50's or 60's outfit!
Limited Seating ~ Get tickets early

THANK YOU FOR AN ANGEL DONATION

The HOH board sends a huge thank you out to **Roger Jewett**. His former employer, ITW, tripled his angel donation to us. We are thankful that he took the time to get us that grant. Kudos, Roger!!!!

If APRIL SHOWERS bring MAY FLOWERS,
what do MAY FLOWERS bring? Pilgrims!



Margaret Rose Bell, age 85, a resident of Romeo for 37 years passed away on March 9, 2024 at Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Michigan. She was born on July 3, 1938, the daughter of Leslie and Bernadette (DeVange) Schwartz. Family was most

important to Margaret. She loved her big (sometimes crazy) ever expanding family. Christmas, holiday and birthday celebrations were always a time for being together and enjoying food, games, jokes, conversations and laughs. She did many things in her long and happy life. Even though she couldn't swim and was afraid of the water, she spent many happy times boating with her captain. She cared not for dogs, but always had a favorite like Ginger, Brandy, Bandit or Alex. **Theatre (HOH Players) and performing were always a great interest. She had an artistic side and was always up for trying new things. Everything from learning the piano, playing ukulele, drumming, singing, dancing, quilting, stained glass, running props and even writing a play that was performed by HOH Players!** Recently, she made a big move to her new home where she quickly became involved in her new community and met some wonderful new friends. She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, James. She is survived by her 6 children, 16 grandchildren and 8, soon to be 9, great-grandchildren. A private service was held on Friday, March 15, 2024 in Romeo. Margaret was loved and will be missed!

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In honor of Arbor Day (April 26,2024):

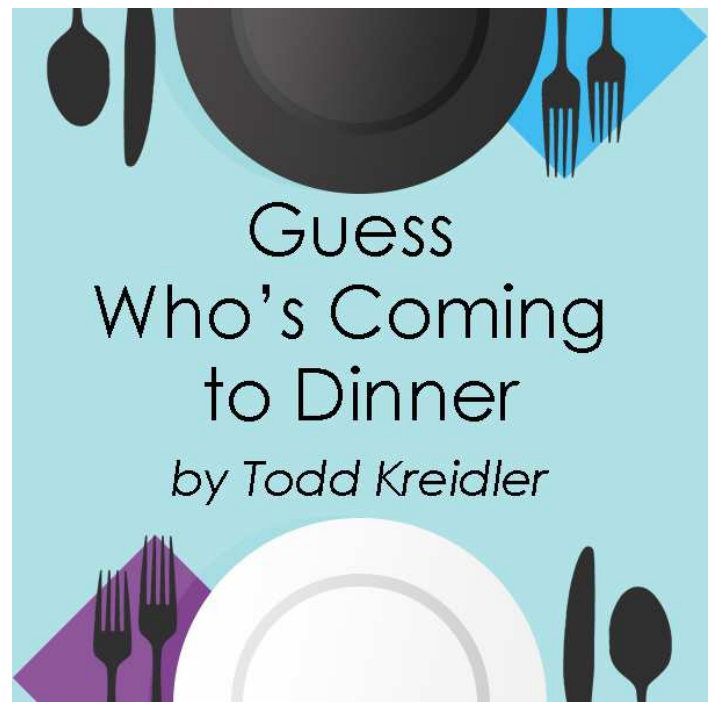
An eagle was sitting on a tree resting, doing nothing. A small rabbit saw the eagle and asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing?" The eagle answered: "Sure, why not." So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the eagle and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.
Moral of the story: To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.

How can you chop down a tree and then chop it up?

Getting to Know You...

Karen Elliott has been dancing since she was 2 years old. She has danced professionally and was a Go Go dancer for Bob Seger at The Hideout Club. Acting, directing and choreographing have been passions for her. She married her leading man, but the curtain closed on that after 25 years. She's worked with most area community theater groups, Dennis Wickline and Hyatt Regency dinner theaters and toured statewide with the Actor's Company. A fall from the stage while portraying Reno Sweeney badly injured her leg and it put dancing on the back burner. Karen had taught elementary school for 42 years.

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Come see HOH members in other shows around town:



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.

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News Articles For Your Newsletter
Please email your articles, stories or questions about HOH to
HOHPlayers@gmail.com Ple

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

Bill Baird is playing piano in a free concert with the **Swing Shift Orchestra** (big band) on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Roseville High School. The high school band director plays with the **Swing Shift Orchestra** (SSO) and asked for a co-concert. SSO will be working with the high school band to help show them that there can be a future in pursuing their musical talents. See the flyer below. Pete Dudley, well known to HOH, will be playing bass. Lisa & Geoff Watz (both HOH members) will be guest vocalists.



In honor of Tax Day (April 18, 2024)

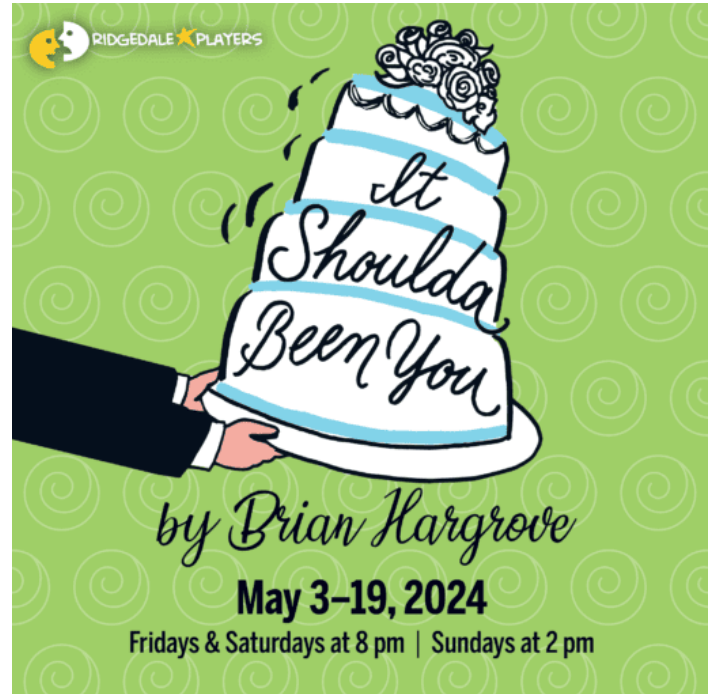
1. Where do homeless accountants live?
In tax shelters!
2. How do you know you have a good CPA?
He has a tax loophole named after him.
3. What sort of sense of humor do accountants have? Self-deprecating.
4. What does the pessimistic accountant think?
It's accrual world.

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in other shows around town:***

Alison Boggs is in "It Should Have Been You" a play at Ridgedale Players.

The show runs from May 3rd – 19th, 2024

Visit: <https://ridgedaleplayers.com/tickets/>



THEATRE TRIVIA

1. Which musical is based on Victor Hugo's 1862 novel?
2. What musical tells the story of the witches from 'The Wizard of Oz'?
3. In which city is 'The Phantom of the Opera' primarily set?
4. Which musical features a song about 'Skid Row'?
5. Who wrote the music for 'West Side Story'?
6. Which Broadway musical is set in the African nation of Uganda?
7. What musical is about the founding fathers of America?
8. Which musical's main character is a nanny with magical powers?
9. In 'Cats', which cat sings 'Memory'?

10. Which 1996 musical is based on Puccini's opera 'La Bohème'?
11. Who wrote the lyrics for 'Into the Woods'?
12. What musical centers around a murderous barber in London?
13. In which musical does the character Tracy Turnblad appear?
14. Which musical features a helicopter on stage?
15. What is the profession of Henry Higgins in 'My Fair Lady'?
16. In 'The Lion King' musical, who is Mufasa's trusted advisor?
17. Which musical is centered around the students of Rydell High?
18. Who wrote the music and lyrics for 'The Music Man'?
19. In which musical would you find the character Eliza Doolittle?
20. Which musical features the song 'Seasons of Love'?
21. What are the names of the two gangs in 'West Side Story'?
22. Which musical tells the story of Eva Perón?
23. What city is the setting for 'Chicago'?
24. In which musical does the character Tevye appear?
25. Which Andrew Lloyd Webber musical features a song about a train race?
26. Which musical is set in the Paris Opera House?
27. In 'Cabaret', which character is the Master of Ceremonies?
28. Which musical is based on a Shakespeare play about shipwrecked twins?
29. Which musical features the characters Curly and Laurey?
30. In which musical would you find the 'Time Warp' dance?
31. Which 1980 musical features dancers auditioning for a Broadway show?

Answers: 1. Les Miserables; 2. Wicked; 3. Paris; 4. Little Shop of Horrors; 5. Leonard Bernstein; 6. The Book of Mormon; 7. 1776; 8. Mary Poppins; 9. Grizabella; 10. RENT; 11. Stephen Sondheim; 12. Sweeney Todd; 13. Hair Spray; 14. Miss Saigon; 15. Phonetics Professor; 16. Zazu; 17. Grease; 18. Meredith Willson; 19. My Fair Lady; 20. RENT; 21. Jets & Sharks; 22. Evita; 23. Chicago; 24. Fiddler on the Roof; 25. Starlight Express; 26. The Phantom of the Opera; 27. Emcee; 28. 12th Night; 29. Oklahoma! 30. The Rocky Horror Show; 31. A Chorus Line

Florida Court Sets Atheist Holy Day

In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood and objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays..."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counselor, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned..."

You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!

In honor of April Fools Day (April 1)