



# YOUR MONTHLY HEARTBEAT

Heart Of The Hills Players - 28401 Mound Rd., #946, Warren, MI 48090

March 2026

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## President's Corner

Hi friends! It is so nice to see some sunshine! Game day was a lot of fun! Thank you to those of you that came and brought delicious snacks and desserts! The baseball game is May 30th. Last year we ordered shirts. If you are interested in ordering a shirt, please contact me by April 10th. If you have any ideas for shows, venues, scripts or activities, please let one of the board members know. Thank you, Mary Jo Gunter.

## Baseball Fundraiser

This event is happening Saturday May 30, 2026, 5 p.m., at the UWM field (formerly Jimmy John's field). The cost is \$25 and includes a ticket to the game, one hot dog, pop, & a bag of chips. HOH members will get to sing the National Anthem on the field before the game.

Please purchase your tickets **as soon as possible**. We need to sell **50 tickets** and give **USBPL a count by April 30**. Send your check payable to "Heart of the Hills Players" to 28401 Mound Road #946, Warren, MI 48090. Include your name, email address and the number of tickets you would like to buy. The tickets will be sent to you in an email with a bar code for each ticket. If you would like an HOH baseball shirt to wear at the game call or email Mary Jo by April 10th.



*HOH members singing the national anthem before the 2025 game.*

## Play Reading Committee February 16<sup>th</sup>

We met to plan future shows for HOH. We welcome your suggestions! Our next meeting is 3/22, 10:00 a.m. If you would like to make a suggestion or join the committee, please contact Karen Elliot, chairperson, at 248-505-0659.

## The Next Board Meeting

Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Troy, 6363 Livernois, in Troy in room 207. It is open to all HOH Members.

## General Membership and Games Event

HOH had a general membership meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We learned more about our board members' roles, ate great snacks and played lots of fun games. A good time was had by all.



## HOH IHOP Fundraiser

Dine at IHOP, 3132 Rochester Road, Troy, any time from 6 am to 10 pm on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. A number of HOH board members will be there at 11am. IHOP will award HOH with up to 20% of your tab if you tell the waitress that you are there for the HOH fundraiser.

**See & share flyer attached with Newsletter**

## Garage Sale Fundraiser

We need volunteers to host HOH garage sales at their homes this summer. Please contact any board member if you are able to host, help out or have items to donate!

## New 2026 Tax Deduction For Donations

It's a great year to donate to Heart of the Hills Players and support our shows and social events! A \$2,000 maximum charitable deduction for non-itemizers is available in 2026 for married couples filing jointly; single filers can deduct up to \$1,000.

This is an "above-the-line" deduction available to taxpayers who claim the standard deduction. Only cash contributions (check, credit card charges, online donations) made directly to qualified public charities count. Written acknowledgement from the charity is required for any single contribution of \$250 or more.

## HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!!

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Terri Feldman       | 25 Virginia Ann Presnell |
| 18 Christopher Oakley | 30 Ron Koester           |

**Don't forget the start of Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 8**



## Murder Mystery

We've started rehearsing our next Murder Mystery. Please contact Mary Jo Gunter if you would like to participate.

### 2026 HOH Board of Directors

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### Wanted

News articles for **our** newsletter! Please email your articles to [hohplayers@gmail.com](mailto:hohplayers@gmail.com).

### Annual Membership Dues Renewal Time

Membership forms were sent out by Lorrie. Please fill out and return to HOH mail along with your check to Heart of the Hills Players, 28401 Mound Road #946, Warren, MI 48090 or use PayPal via [hohplayers.org](http://hohplayers.org). If you have any questions, please contact Lorrie Garrison @ 248-404-8700.

### Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you enroll in this program, Kroger will donate a percentage of your purchases to HOH without impacting your personal Kroger benefits.

Go to [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com), Community Rewards program, and select Original-Heart-Of-The-Hills Players.

Encourage your family. and friends to sign up, too!

If you need help or info,  
call Dan Lambrix at 586-804-8575.



## Happy St. Paddy's Day - March 17

### Help For An Irish Father

An aging man lived alone in Ireland. His only son was in Long Kesh Prison, and he didn't know anyone who would spade up his potato garden. The old man wrote to his son about it, and received this reply, "For HEAVENS SAKE, don't dig up that garden, that's where I buried the GUNS!!!!!"

At 4 A.M. the next morning, a dozen British soldiers showed up and dug up the entire garden, but didn't find any guns. Confused, the man wrote to his son telling him what happened and asking him what to do next.

His son's reply was: "Just plant your potatoes."

### Irish Coincidence

A man stumbles up to the only other patron in a bar and asks if he could buy him a drink.

"Why of course," comes the reply.

The first man then asks: "Where are you from?"

"I'm from Ireland," replies the second man.

The first man responds: "You don't say, I'm from Ireland too! Let's have another round to Ireland."

"Of Course," replies the second man.

Curious, the first man then asks: "Where in Ireland are you from?"

"Dublin," comes the reply.

"I can't believe it," says the first man. "I'm from Dublin too! Let's have another drink to Dublin."

"Of course," replies the second man.

Curiosity again strikes and the first man asks: "What school did you go to?"

"Saint Mary's," replies the second man. "I graduated in '62."

"This is unbelievable!" the first man says. "I went to Saint Mary's and I graduated in '62, too!"

About that time in comes one of the regulars and sits down at the bar.

"What's been going on?" he asks the bartender.

"Nothing much," replies the bartender. "The O'Malley twins are drunk again."