



YOUR MONTHLY HEARTBEAT

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

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President's Corner

Hi friends,

I hope spring is on its way!

If anyone would like to purchase an HOH T-shirt, the deadline to order is April 10th. They are only \$15.00. Many of us wore them to last year's baseball game and picnic, and they looked great while we sang the National Anthem!

I still need 6 more orders to submit the next batch.

Thank you! Mary Jo Gunter

The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, April 13th at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Troy, located at 6363 Livernois in Troy, in Room 207. The meeting is open to all HOH members.

We had a wonderful time at our IHOP fundraiser in Troy on March 30th!

HOH members enjoyed sharing stories, laughter, and great conversations over a delicious meal together. A heartfelt thank-you to IHOP for generously donating a portion of their all-day sales to support HOH, and to everyone who came out to join us. **Your support means so much and helps keep our mission thriving! We raised around \$120.**



Baseball Fundraiser Event

**Join us for a fun evening at the ballpark!
Open to HOH members, family & friends.**

Early orders ensures
we can sit together and
have T-shirts game ready

WHEN: Saturday, May 30, 2026 5:00 PM

Where: UWM Field (formerly Jimmy John's Field)

Cost: \$25 per person Includes:

- Game ticket
- Hot dog
- Pop
- Chips

Special Opportunity

HOH members will have the chance to sing the National Anthem on the field before the game!

How to Purchase Tickets

Make check payable to "Heart of the Hills Players" and send it to:

28401 Mound Road #946
Warren, MI 48090

Please include:

- Your name
- Email address
- Number of tickets

Once HOH receives the tickets, they will be emailed to you with a barcode for ball park entry.

**Don't wait—get your tickets today
and support a great cause!**

See picture below of HOH at the 2025 game



HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!

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

**If anyone has suggestions for HOH fundraisers
contact Dan Lambrix.**



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HOH Mini-Show Wizards

Melanie Lee and her amazing group of volunteers performed **7 Mini-Shows in February** and **5 in March** — and they're just getting started! They already have **9 shows planned for April** and **7 lined up for May**.

Last year, HOH performed an incredible **58 total mini shows** — truly the heartbeat and **life force** of what we do.

A huge **thank you** to everyone involved for your passion, dedication, and impact. **We couldn't do this without you!** ☐

If you know of an organization that might be interested in hiring HOH for **mini shows** or **murder mystery performances**, please reach out to any board member! These shows make fantastic fundraisers for the groups that host them — including churches, senior living communities, and community clubs like the **Lions, Elks, K of C**, as well as local **schools**.

Help us spread the word! Just have them contact a board member for details and scheduling.

Fundraiser Event – Save the Date!

Join us on **April 23rd** from **5:00 PM to 8:00 PM** for a delicious way to give back! Let's all go to the

Big Boy – 11587 E 12 Mile Rd, Warren, MI

Bring your friends and family — come in, enjoy a meal, and support a great cause!

Special Bonus:

At **7:30 PM**, we'll be drawing a lucky ticket for a chance to win one of 3 generously donated pies from Big Boy (each a \$25 value)!

Flyers are being made as we speak and will be emailed to all members very soon—stay tuned!

We hope to see you there!

2026 HOH Board of Directors

President:..... Mary Jo Gunter
Vice Pres / Membership.....Lorrie Garrison
Treasurer Heidi Coffman
Secretary..... Denise Matthews
Social Humi Koester
Prod. Dev Melanie Lee
Tech Chris Baird
Publicity / Member-at-Large Dan Lambrix
Member-at-Large Elaine Baird

BOARD CONTACT: hohplayers@gmail.com

HOH Variety Show Announcement!

Mark your calendars! **HOH Let us entertain you Variety Show** is happening on **September 30th from 1:00–3:00 PM**.

Want to perform?

Email your ready-to-go act by video to Dan Lambrix at **dannboylamb@gmail.com** for a chance to be part of the show.

Details

- You must become a HOH Member to perform,
- Only **25 acts** will be selected
- **Submission deadline:** June 30th
- **Gift card prizes** for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

The official flyer will be emailed in May and also shared on our Facebook page and HOH website. We can't wait to see your talent—start preparing your act today!

HOH Garage Sale:

Heidi Coffman has offered to host a garage sale on Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17, to benefit Heart of the Hills. It will be part of the Huntington Woods city wide sale, so we don't have to do any advertising!

Please drop off and help set up gently used items Wednesday, May 14 and Thursday, May 15.

We also need volunteers to help run the sale on Friday and Saturday. Please call or text Heidi at 248-514-6693 for more information.

Help support a fundraiser that will earn funds for our activities! Our last garage sale at Patsy Matyas' home in Berkley earned over \$1,100! We had fun doing the set up, talking to customers and just hanging out together.

Entertainment Quiz

Question: Who won The Academy Award for Best Picture in 2000?

Answer: American Beauty.

Question: Who won the Academy Award for Best Actress in 2010?

Answer: Sandra Bullock

April Fools!

There will be no HOH Newsletter today (4/1/2026)