

# Little Theater Play Time



December 2023

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## Dates to Remember

Wednesday, December 6, 7  
pm, Ballroom—HH Holiday  
Variety Show

Wednesday, December 13, 5  
pm, Marsh Mansion---HHLT  
Holiday Party

Friday, January 19, 7 pm,  
Marsh Mansion—General  
Meeting (note new location  
and date)

Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, April 9, 10, 11,  
Ballroom---HHLT Spring 2024  
Production

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## President's Message

The joy of brightening other lives becomes for us the magic of the holidays.

~ W. C. Jones

The holidays, for me, last year around. All it takes is a kind word, offering to help ease someone's burden and just listening with your full attention. Being a friend to others is the key to brightening lives and your own.

My term as President is now over and I made friendships that will last a lifetime. Our Board of Directors worked well together with me and now it is time to move on. A special thank you to the past Board and best of luck (and fun!) to the new one! Happy 2024!

Andy Mays



## HHLT Holiday Party

*Plan to join the Little Theater for our Annual Holiday Party*

**Wed., December 13**

**5—8 pm**

**Marsh Mansion**

*Potluck Dinner with Cash Bar*

*HHLT will provide the entree.*

*Please bring an appetizer, side dish, salad, party food, or dessert*

*Hope to see you there!*

# AGENDA

## New HHLT Board for 2024

The new Board was determined at the December Board meeting.

The officers are as follows:

**President:** Gene Schmiel

**Vice President:** Tom Taggart

**Secretary:** Sandy Grillo

**Treasurer:** Helen Gillikin

**Membership:** Billy Clay

**Activities:** Valerie Morris

**Member-at-Large:** Rob Brock

Enormous thanks go to Andy Mays and Sally Peterson for their dedicated service, imagination, and hard work for the past four years.



*Congratulations,  
Andy and Bob*

*November 11<sup>th</sup> marked a first in the history of Little Theater when two of our members celebrated their wedding!*

*Andy Mays and Bob Coggan were united in matrimony at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Haymarket!*

*Best Wishes and  
Congratulations to the  
happy couple!*

Interested in beginners' tap lessons? A new group is being proposed to meet on 12/12 at 2:30. Please reply to:

[\(roseann727@comcast.net\)](mailto:roseann727@comcast.net)

[\(Dtj1013@gmail.com\)](mailto:Dtj1013@gmail.com),



## **HHLT Announces** **Spring 2024 Production**

*Hogwash*, a comedy by Barbara Pease Weber, involves an incorrigible woman and her daughter who is attempting to find a solution to her mother's frequent behavioral malfunctions. After her mom is expelled from her senior center, the daughter has no choice but to take her to work with her. Here the story gets very interesting! The play has 7 characters (4 females and 3 men). This is bound to be a crowd-pleaser as laughs abound. Auditions will take place in January. Please contact Sally Peterson ([scp211@aol.com](mailto:scp211@aol.com)) or Andy Mays ([amays53@aol.com](mailto:amays53@aol.com)) if interested.

## **Break a Leg**



"I'M HERE IN CASE ONE OF THE ACTORS ACTUALLY DOES BREAK A LEG."

**Bowing** -- To "break a leg" is archaic slang for bowing or curtsying, placing one foot behind the other and bending at the knee "breaks" the line of the leg. In theatre, pleased audiences may applaud for an extended time allowing the cast to take multiple curtain calls, bowing to the audience.

**The leg line** -- The edge of a stage was marked in old times with a line known as the "leg" or "leg line". Beyond this point, one could be seen by the audience and those not required to be on stage had to remain backstage and not cross (break) the "leg". In a time when performers would queue for an opportunity to perform, and were only paid if they did perform, to "break a leg" meant the performer had crossed the line onto the stage and would therefore get paid. So, to tell a performer to "break a leg" was to wish them the luck to have the opportunity to perform and get paid.

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## GENERAL MEETING

Nov. 15, 2023

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.

A motion was made by Sally Peterson to accept the minutes of 10/26/23. Motion passed.

Pres. Report: At the last BoD meeting, after discussion we voted to purchase a set of 6 hearing assist buds for \$1280.

V. Pres. Report: 1. Andy gave Tom's report. As per by laws, a member can serve 2 (2 yr) terms consecutively. Helen has served 1 term so is eligible for reelection. Gene Schmiel and Billy Clay are nominated.

There are 3 seats on the Board available and no further nominations from the floor, so all were elected by acclamation. Positions will be determined at first Board meeting.

2. Spring play dates are April 9 – 11. One play has been submitted. Would welcome others for consideration.

Treasurer's Report: Just under \$10,000 on hand, \$1300 in bills expected to come in.

Activities: 1. Tonight's activity will be a Reader's Theater doing The Topaz Flower

2. Meeting in December 13 will be Holiday Party beginning at 5 pm at Marsh Mansion. Come a little early if bringing food.

3. No caroling this year, may resurrect next year.

4. HH Christmas Show will include 3 skits from HHLT. Priscilla Knight and Co. will do a parody of My Favorite Things, Billy Clay and Jerry Campbell will do a skit and Sally Peterson will do a reading.

Membership: Two new members this month.

Communications: 1. Error in location of next meeting will be corrected in Playtime.

2. Celebration of Life for Ginny McCardle will be in Ballroom, Sunday, Nov. 19 from 2 – 5. Family has asked for someone from HHLT to speak on her involvement. Walt Meyer and Gene Schmiel will do so.

At Large: No report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The next general meeting will be the Dec. 13 Holiday Party at Marsh Mansion at 5 p m.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Dec. 5 in Clubhouse Board Room.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:35 pm made by Walt Meyer, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Grillo, Secretary