

# Little Theater Play Time



January 2024

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## Dates to Remember

Wednesday January 3rd, from 3 pm to 6 pm; January 4th, from 5 pm to 7 pm; and Friday January 5th, from 5 pm to 7 pm, in the Board Room---Auditions for Spring Play *Hogwash*.

Friday, January 19, 6 pm, Marsh Mansion—General Meeting and readings from our Spring Production. (note new location, date, and TIME)

Friday, February 16, 7 pm, Marsh Mansion---21<sup>st</sup> birthday of HHLT, Valentines Day, celebration, and General Meeting

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

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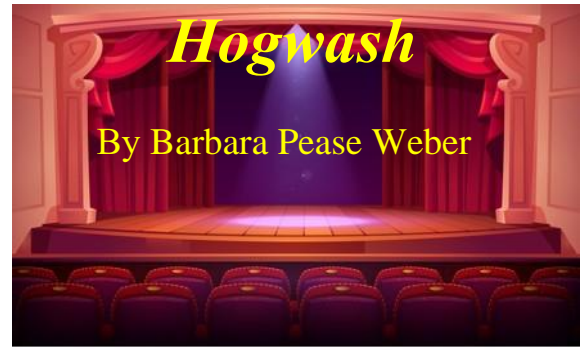
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## Message from Gene

As we look forward to another busy year of providing quality theater for the HH community, I can't help but look back with pleasure at the friendships and great working relationships I had with three recently deceased HHLT members: Ginny McCardle, John Gatt, and Joe Ganey. Ginny was always ready to do anything and everything to make our efforts successful, and yes, Ginny, I will give you that 40% raise. John was a skilled director with a sharp eye for making sure our plays were just what they should be. Joe always had a laugh and a smile and was always willing to do what he could. And no one will ever forget the CD of our play, "Larceny and Old Lace," in which Joe appeared in three different shirts at three different times in the same scene! Happy Trails, Ginny, John, and Joe!!



Mel Baxter is an incorrigible troublemaker and Mary Baxter doesn't know where to turn when Mel is expelled from the Sunny Hill Day Care Center for a variety of behavioral offenses, not the least of which is smoking in the bathroom and setting off false fire alarms...

*Hogwash* is HHLT's amazing comedy chosen for our Spring 2024 Production. Directed by Sally Peterson who directed *One Act Wonders* and *Carol Burnett and Friends* and produced by Andy Mays, the dates of the production are April 9, 10, and 11. **Auditions are taking place this week (see Dates to Remember on first page).** Characters:  
**Elizabeth Louise Baxter (Mel)** — a feisty and rambunctious octogenarian.  
**Mary Baxter** — Mel's daughter-in-law  
**Mr./ Mrs. Hall** — Principal of Sunny Hill (Adult) Day Care Center  
**Karen** — Mary's assistant  
**Mr. Turner** — Mary's Boss.  
**Ashley Mansfield** — Senior Vice President, Mansfield Consumer Products Company  
**Bradford Mansfield** — Ashley's Father and CEO of Mansfield Consumer Products Company  
**Waiter Roy** — Mary's Husband and Mel's Son  
**Delivery Boy**

Contact Sally at [scp211@aol.com](mailto:scp211@aol.com) for more information

# January General Meeting

First meeting of 2024!

Friday, January 19

**6:00 pm**

Marsh Mansion



## Activities

Meet the Board

Hear about Spring  
Production



*SHOAH* is the stage adaptation of the award-winning 1985 film documentary by French director Claude Lanzmann. The original nine-hour film has been condensed for the stage and includes interviews with Holocaust survivors, former members of Nazi organizations, and residents of communities near the death camps.

Walt Meyer, longtime member of HHLT, is a member of the cast performing in this production for the second time.

Performances will be at the AJ Ferlazzo Building, 15941 Donald Curtis Drive, Woodbridge, on Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 5, 6, 12, 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, Jan. 7, 14 at 2 p.m. Order tickets today at [castawaystheatre.org](http://castawaystheatre.org).

**Note that the time is**  
**6:00 PM due to the Free**  
**Movie scheduled for**  
**7:30**

In Memory  
of  
Joe Ganey

Longtime member and good friend of Little Theater Joe Ganey passed away on Thursday, December 14.

Joe loved Little Theater and appeared memorably in *Judgment at Nuremburg* and *Larceny and Old Lace*. Joe was an inspiration to everyone who knew him as he overcame a serious stroke and came back to appear in plays on the Heritage Hunt stage. He was a well-known presence at the pool in the summer and a friend to everyone. We wish to extend our sincerest sympathy to Joe's wife Peggy and their family.



**HHLT Board for 2024**

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