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For the cover of this issue of Grosse Pointe Magazine, we sought a photo that would span the three-months of May-June-July. We have two patriotic holidays, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July; we have weddings featured, as well as boating. We also have a feature on the Grosse Pointe Garden Center. So what better photo than that taken at the War Memorial. where many weddings are held, overlooking the lake, featuring the Veterans Center's gigantic flag, and, better yet, showing off the Grosse Pointe Garden Center's popular "Trial Gardens"? (And, speaking of, don't miss the annual Garden Tour in June! See page 32.)



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John Minnis Editor and Publisher

Celebrating our 1st Anniversary!

t seems like just yesterday that I was writing my first column in our inaugural issue of Grosse Pointe Magazine. Time does fly!

We will never forget that first issue, not only because it was a new and exciting project, but because it almost didn't happen.

A year ago, on Good Friday afternoon, we were paginating our first issue of "Pointe Magazine" when I received an email from an attorney in an office on Avenue of the Americas in New York City. The attorney wrote that it had come to his attention and that of his client, "Pointe Magazine," that we were about to launch a publication by the same name. He pointed out that "Pointe Magazine" was registered by his client and he provided a copy of the registration to prove it. He ordered us to "cease and desist"!

What to do? Did you ever try to get a legal opinion on Easter weekend? I called every attorney I knew, even those with cell phones, and could not get any to answer their phones!

We proceeded to paginate that first magazine, leaving the cover until the end. Terry and I decided to go with "Grosse Pointe Magazine" instead of "Pointe Magazine." We added the little word "Grosse" above the "O" in our very distinctive "Pointe" on the cover. Of course, every reference inside the magazine was still "Pointe Magazine." We only hoped the little name change on the cover would satisfy the New York attorney.

When we were able to reach him by phone on Monday following Easter, the attorney agreed to the name change from "Pointe Magazine" to "Grosse Pointe Magazine" only if the "Grosse" on the cover was the same size as "Pointe." We were disappointed. We felt that would ruin the very look of our name, the unique large "Pointe" with the curly "P."

We were referred to an intellectual property attorney, Doug Sprinkle, who agreed to look into it. He found out that while "Pointe Magazine' was indeed registered, it was registered as a ballet magazine. "Pointe," it turns out, is a ballet term. While the magazine name may be protected in the ballet industry it did not cover other types of magazines, like ours, that were general interest, non-ballet related.

Sprinkle's opinion was that we were free to use "Pointe Magazine" as planned. Nevertheless, to avoid confusion, particularly with misaddressed email, we decided to go with "Grosse Pointe Magazine" officially — with the small "Grosse" on the cover. We changed our domain name, etc., accordingly. We still refer to ourselves often as "Pointe Magazine" for short.

We have no regrets. In fact, the overwhelmingly positive comments the magazine has engendered from the public has been gratifying and humbling. We feel duty-bound to "keep up the good work"! Everyone we meet says, "I love your magazine!" And then add, "It is what this community needs." That is the humbling part.

A year ago, we did not know how we would be received. Thanks to our readers, and particularly our advertisers, it has gone better than expected.

In every issue, I end my column by thanking the advertisers, "without whom this fine, positive, colorful magazine could not exist." That is not insincere, Eddie Haskell flattery. This magazine is 100 percent advertising supported. So as we begin our second year in business, we once again urge readers to support their local businesses, without whom this community would not be as pleasant a place to work, live and raise a family!







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Parents	Larry and Ginny Simon	

Joseph's Favorites

Music Artist? Big Sean TV Show? Entourage Store? Nike Town - Chicago **School Subject?** English Food? Steak Thing to do on a Saturday night? Be with friends **Athlete?** Miguel Cabrera **Teacher?** Ms. Beckmann

About **Joseph:**

Joseph is President of the Upper School student body at University Liggett School and for the past three years captain of the varsity baseball team.

He plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall. Joseph has one brother, Anthony, 15 who also attends Liggett.



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27th Antiques Show June 2-5

Let's Go Antiquing ... at Christ Church G.P.!

By Judy L. Burke

ore than 200 volunteers are preparing for the Christ Church Grosse Pointe's 27th Antiques Show to benefit the church choirs and outreach ministries. It will be held June 2-5 at the church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Nancy Osborne and Ted Sweeney, co-chairs of the show, are coordinating the one-of-a-kind auction featuring world-class exhibitors, designer merchandise, antique art and collectibles. Show admission is \$10 for the three-day event.

The Preview Party and Silent Auction include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres starting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 2. The highlight of this year's auction is a two-year lease on a 2011 red candy Ford Fiesta SEL donated by Crest Ford. Other items include sports tickets, jewelry, voice lessons, a private organ recital, Chippendale-style dining room chairs, cooking classes and a vacation house in Florida. Reservations are requested and ticket prices vary for the event.

The Antiques Show begins Friday and runs through Sunday. There are a variety of exhibitors offering a wide range of inventories and price points from \$50 to \$65,000. These include Continental and American items: a silver charm for a bracelet, a 19th century mirror, sideboard, early 20th century American painting and handmade rugs. The dealers come from all over the country to share the merchandise and experience.

This year's show will have a few added attractions. For a fee, expert appraiser Charlie Miller will meet with you to have two of your antiques appraised. Parishioners Elaine Yates and Mike DeFillipi will lecture and give a demonstration on the newly restored Clement Heaton's *Salvator Mundi* and the other stained glass windows in the church depicting the life of Christ. The worldclass choirs will rehearse in the nave of the church and spectators will be free to listen.

The best part? Ted Sweeney says, "The funds provide scholarships to support our choirs. They sing abroad in many of the greatest cathedrals. The outreach ministries are provided with awards to develop new programs and services. It's a wonderful nonprofit charitable event for the community."

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Judge Giovan tours Egypt on eve of revolution

By John Minnis

rosse Pointe resident William Giovan, retired Wayne County Circuit chief judge now in private practice as a partner at Charfoos Giovan and Birach, was just 48 hours short of being a participant in Egyptian history rather than a tourist. Giovan returned from Egypt on Jan. 23, just two days before the Egyptian Revolution of 2011 erupted.

"There was really no sign of trouble while we were there," Giovan says. "I must have been a calming influence while I was there."

Giovan left Detroit on Jan. 11. His tour began in Luxor, where he then traveled down the Nile and ended in Cairo.

"The last day was a free day," Giovan recalls, "so I went to the Egyptian Museum, just a few yards from Tahrir (Liberation) Square where all this took place."



Photos by William Giovan

Giovan had a chance to go to Egypt in 1975 on an American Judges Association trip that also included Rome and Israel. The Egypt leg of the trip was canceled due to unrest at that time.

"Ever since then I wanted to go," he says.

While Giovan did not notice signs of trouble during his 11 days in Egypt, he did hear remarks about how poor the general population was. He recalls a tour guide saying that his wife, a doctor who taught at the university, made less than he did as a guide.

While the Tunisian revolution and the ousting of the country's president occurred while Giovan was in Egypt, it did not occur to him that the unrest would spill over.

"Evidently things were happening in the background, as we would learn later," Giovan says. "Things were happening on the Internet, which we wouldn't have seen."

Giovan, who hasn't had the opportunity to travel as much in recent years, was overwhelmed with the experience.

"The sights were even more impressive than I imagined ... the pyramids, the temples," he says. "It is really hard to appreciate."

The sights, of which Giovan took many outstanding photographs with a Pentax Optio 300, an early model pocket digital camera, included Luxor Temple, Giza and The Pyramids area, the Sphinx, Karnak Temples, The Colossi of Memnon, The Valley of the Kings, Old Cairo and the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, just across the Midan El Tahrir from where the revolution began.

"The art is in the eye of the photographer," Giovan says of his photos, only partially joking. "Photography used to be an avid hobby of mine. I won a number of trophies years ago. This trip showed me what you can do with even a simple digital camera."

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Putting Brakes on Teen Driving

By Randall D. Cain

eginning in 1996, Michigan was at the forefront of teen driver education by instituting a graduated licensing system. Studies showed that by restricting a teen's opportunity to

drive during their fledgling days behind the wheel helped to decrease instances of accidents, injuries and deaths. In fact, according to the



Centers for Disease Control, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for young drivers.

Another study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, in 2008, found 63 percent of teenage passenger deaths happened when the car was driven by another teenager. It's statistics like this which have led to additional driving restrictions for Michigan teens. Beginning March 30, the following took effect:

• Teens having a Level 2 driver's license (which includes most 16-yearold and some 17-year-old drivers) will not be allowed to have more than one person under 21 in their car at any one time. The only exceptions are immediate family members or if they are going to or from a school event.

• The other new rule prohibits teens from driving between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. The only exceptions are going to or from work, driving with a parent or with a parent-authorized adult.

There may be some moaning and groaning among our youthful drivers regarding the new restrictions but please keep in mind that we love you dearly and want you to be around for many years to come.

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Meet **Michelle**

Name	Michelle Balconi
Age	41
City	Grosse Pointe Park
Occupation	Freelance writer and public relations consultant



Best thing about living in Grosse Pointe? The sense of connection and community.

Item you cannot leave home without? Prescription sunglasses

List two of your best personality traits?

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List two of your worst personality traits?

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One thing not many people know about you? I'm a country girl

Best vacation ever? Maui

You win the million dollar lottery, what do you do?

Max out the kids' college funds, book a trip to Greece and have fun giving the rest away!

Michelle's Favorites

Color? Green Ice Cream? I prefer rice pudding Season? Fall!! Book? *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks **Restaurant?** Pegasus Animal? I'm allergic **Childhood TV Show?** ZOOM Thing to do on a Sunday afternoon? Reading a book by the fire - any season

About Michelle

Michelle and her family - husband Brian and children, Jacob, 10 and Bridget, 8 - moved to Michigan from Massachusetts five years ago. In that time, they've enjoyed experiencing many things in Detroit, including restaurants, museums and the beautiful architecture.

Michelle writes a weekly column called The Giving Pointe for AOL's GrossePointePatch.



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- ¹/₄ cup Fresh tarragon, chopped
- 1/2 cup Red onion, julienne sliced
- ¹/₄ cup Lime juice
- ¹/₂ cup Olive oil
- 1/4 cup Kalamata olives, pitted
- 1/2 cup Feta cheese

Directions:

- 1. Combine oil and lime juice to make dressing.
- 2. Add red onion to the dressing, let stand 10 minutes before mixing it with the salad.
- 3. Place watermelon wedges, fresh herbs and olives in a large serving plate or bowl.
- 4. Add dressing and onion. Cover and chill for about an hour.
- 5. Just before serving, add feta cheese.

If desired, you can add your favorite greens to the salad.

124 calories, 1 gm protein, 7 gms carbohydrates, 11 gms fat, 95 mgs sodium, .5 gms fiber



Basil Pesto Chicken Breast

Serves 6

Ingredients:

6 ea Chicken breast filet, pounded thin Olive oil 2 tbs Cloves garlic 6 ea 1¹/₂ cup Fresh basil leaves 1¹/₂ cup Fresh parsley Grated parmesan cheese 2 tbs Low - sodium chicken broth 2 tbs Salt 1 tsp 3⁄4 tsp Pepper

Directions:

- 1. Pound the chicken to thin texture, wrap and store in refrigerator.
- 2. To prepare basil pesto, place oil, basil, parsley, garlic, cheese, chicken broth, salt and pepper in a food processor and blend until smooth.
- 3. Lay each chicken breast flat. Spread 1 tablespoon of pesto over the chicken, leaving about a ¹/₄ inch from the edges.



Dan Kellogg is Executive Chef, Nutrition Services, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe

- 4. Roll the chicken, short end to short end.
- 5. Place chicken seam side down in a baking dish coated with cooking spray.
- 6. Bake in a 375 degree oven for 30 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 170 degrees. For even browning, turn chicken after 15 minutes.
- 7. Cool and refrigerate overnight.
- 8. Cut into ¼ inch wheels or pieces, arrange on a platter.

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Dr. David Balle

Dermatologist by day...



Dr. David Balle with Dr. Henry Lim

. talk show host by night

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By Susan Bollinger

ALL MAR MY

avid Balle, M.D., remembers the first time he realized his interest in medicine: "At the end of first grade, my teacher went

around the room and asked what we wanted to be when we grew up. I said, 'A doctor.' I don't know what planted the idea in my head, but ever since then, I was focused on becoming a physician."

Dr. Balle completed medical school at Wayne State University. He was a dermatology resident at Henry Ford Hospital where he also served as Chief Resident. Settling in the Grosse Pointes, he became the newest physician at Grosse Pointe Dermatology.

Dr. Balle chose to specialize in dermatology after his brother, a medical student at the same time, suggested he do a rotation in the field. "I wasn't interested at first" said Balle, "but after I was exposed to dermatology as a senior medical student and saw what it was all about, I quickly developed a passion for it."

Dr. Balle's brother, Mark, also specializes in dermatology, focusing on dermatological surgery as a MOHS surgeon treating difficult skin cancers. Dr. Mark Balle resides in Grosse Pointe Shores.

While Dr. David Balle's expertise includes treating

psoriasis, acne, sun damage, moles and skin cancer, a rapidly expanding part of his practice is cosmetic dermatology.

Many dermatologists offer injectables and fillers such as Botox, Restalayne, Perlane and Juvederm. However, Dr. Balle has not only received advanced training in their use, he is the only physician in Michigan who has trained other physicians nationally on behalf of the owners and manufacturers of injectables – Allergan for Botox and Juvederm; Medicis for Dysport, Restylane and Perlane; and Sanofi-Aventis for SculptraAesthetic.

"I teach proper and safe injection techniques as well as how to achieve optimal aesthetic results," he explains, "It takes a true artistic touch."

Tumescent liposuction is another growing area of his practice. "Using local anesthesia, we can achieve excellent cosmetic results safely," he confirms.

A new direction for Dr. Balle is one that truly takes him out of his comfort zone: He is a producer and host for Grosse Pointe War Memorial TV-5's medical talk show, "In a Heartbeat" seen daily at 8 a.m., 5 p.m., and 8 p.m.

Dr. Balle is active in community organizations including the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, and is very supportive of numerous charities helping others locally and beyond.



Before treatment



20 months after first injection

Individual results and treatment regiment may vary

20 months after first injection

Before treatment (all photos unretouched)



20 months after first injection

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A FATHER'S DAY TRADITION

By Robert Musial

icture a Sunday in June and dozens of gleaming classic cars spread out across the manicured lawn of a stately mansion overlooking Lake St. Clair. It's the EyesOn Design automotive design show — an annual Father's Day event that showcases more than 200 of

the best domestic and foreign vehicles plus a smattering of one-of-a-kind concept cars. Best of all, it's right here, on the tree-lined grounds of the

Best of all, it's right here, on the tree-lined grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The June 19 event is a car show like no other, a place where rare 1930s classics like Cords and Packards are shown on the same field as Mustangs, Corvettes and Porsches.

Now in its 24th year, EyesOn Design is unique in that it places a premium on automotive design, not price, vehicle rarity or celebrity ownership. It's a belief echoed in the theme of this year's show, "Designing for the Future."

While it does display expensive and rare exotica, EyesOn Design also features beautifully restored examples of the Buicks, Chryslers and Fords that your parents (or grandparents) once parked in their driveways.

Conceived as a fundraiser for the non-profit Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology in Grosse Pointe Park, the show honors its mission by having visually-impaired judges wearing soft cotton gloves actually feel the curves on a special group of collectors' cars to determine their own best-of-show.

The show is also unique in doing away with roped-off displays, allowing visitors to circle their favorite cars and

admire them up close — and to snap just the photo they want.

Of the more than 5,000 cars that have been displayed since the first show in 1987, not one has ever been willfully damaged because of this, noted Dr. Philip Hessburg, the DIO's founder and president.

Aided in its early years by Tom Gale, Jack Telnack and Chuck Jordan, the design chiefs of Chrysler, Ford and General Motors, respectively, the show's top trophies are awarded after judging by a panel comprised mostly of car designers, overseen by one of the major accounting firms to ensure unbiased accuracy.

As part of this year's EyesOn Design activities, Walter de'Silva, head of Volkswagen Group Design, will be awarded the show's Lifetime Design Achievement Award as selected by car designers who have previously won the award.

Ken Lingenfelter, owner of Lingenfelter Performance Engineering, Lingenfelter Motor Sports and the Lingenfelter Collection, will serve as honorary chairman.

The show is a major source of revenue for the DIO's research, education and support group programs for the visually impaired.

EyesOn Design is 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 19, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets are \$20; active duty military and children under 12 free.

Visit www.eyeson.org for more information and a complete schedule of events.

Your cold may be allergies!

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

any people are coming to see me for a "cold that doesn't seem to go away," weeks of sore throat, runny

nose or nasal congestion, sneezing, headache and cough. Most are surprised to learn that they actually have allergies.



Allergies can occur year-round

but are most common in the spring, summer and fall. Decongestants and antihistamines are the mainstay of treatment.

I recommend purchasing medications individually (rather than as combination products) because you may not always need the decongestant. These work fairly well, but some people need or may prefer a nasal spray. These require a prescription from your doctor and are not the same as the nasal sprays that are available over the counter, such as Afrin. (Afrin and similar sprays must not be used for more than 2-3 days, and doing so can actually worsen your nasal congestion.)

There are of course side effects with all these medications so please discuss with your doctor if these are right for you, especially if you have high blood pressure. Finally, if these medications don't do the trick or if you also have difficulty breathing or heartburn, see your doctor for further evaluation and treatment as sometimes allergies can be life-threatening.

Dr. Saima A. Khan, MD, MPH grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and presently lives in the Woods with her husband and three daughters. She practices Internal Medicine in Warren, 28351 Schoenherr, (586) 393-6500.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

CHRIS JANSON

hen Chris Janson, son of Alan and Linda Janson, was 8, he loved playing golf with his parents on Sunday evenings at Lochmoor Club. "At first," he says, "it was because they let me drive the cart." Chris didn't realize how far that cart would take him. He's been caddying at Lochmoor for four years.

Evans Scholars, a charitable trust, gives full-ride scholarships to 800 golf caddies from all over the country every year.

Chris applied. His interview, before the Evans Scholarship board, was "like a press conference," he says. "I stood at a podium in a room filled with about 100 people."

He got the scholarship and will attend Michigan State University in the fall. He is considering majoring in either business or law.

He learned the payoffs of hard work from his parents. "My uncle, Reg McIntyre, also showed me that hard work brings rewards.

When I was 12, he helped me compete in the Boy Scouts' Pinewood Derby. I won first prize for craftsmanship."

Chris is a Grosse Pointe North High School senior with a 3.5 GPA. He plays lacrosse and is a kicker for North's football team. He's the ad manager for the school newspaper and belongs to the investment club. He also anchors the Norseman News, an in-school TV program.

"I'm focused on my success right now. The important



things in my life are school, sports and family." Where does Chris see himself five vears from now? "Debt-free," he says without hesitation. "Probably working with investments, with Wall Street, perhaps in a different city. But if I can find a job here. I'll stav in Detroit."



MINNA SONG

inna Song, daughter of Hae Kyung Lee and Ki Hyung Song, wants to save the world. The Grosse Pointe North High School senior has a plan. "This is my dream," she says. "An undergraduate degree from Columbia University or the University of Chicago; MD degree; internship; residency; join Doctors Without Borders; set up a clinic in a medically impoverished area in Africa.

"It's a long journey," she says. "I could work at a suburban



hospital and make a ton of money and be stuck in a routine. I don't want to do that."

Minna's GPA is above a 4.0. At press time, she had been accepted to Loyola University and the University of Michigan, but is waiting to hear from Princeton, Yale, Columbia, NYU, Georgetown, University of Chicago, Northwestern and Stanford. "I really want to go to college in an urban setting," she says.

She will major in medical

anthropology or sociology. "I have always wanted medicine." She is currently taking an applied medical research class where she shadows doctors on rotations at Beaumont Hospital-Grosse Pointe. She also volunteers at Wayne State University in a lab that specializes in infectious diseases.

Minna plays the violin. She is first chair in North's

orchestra. She has been figure skating since she was eight years old and takes part in local and regional competitions. Minna is a member of the National Honor Society and is president of Students **Against Violating** the Environment (SAVE). She also does fundraising for The Hunger Project, a non-profit dedicated to ending world hunger. 🦻



POINTE CARGAZINE'S TOP GRADS 2011

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH ANDREW PYTEL

ndrew Pytel, son of Cindy and Kerry Pytel, loves performing. "I've wanted to be a performer since I was in a kindergarten play called *The Five* Chinese Brothers. I played the father."

The Grosse Pointe South High School senior is tentatively planning to go to Michigan State University. "I'll have a triple major: voice performance, dance performance and theater performance."

Acting is currently his forte, but he hopes directing and producing are in his future.

In addition to maintaining a grade point average above 3.0, Andrew has performed in Les Miserables, Hello Dolly, Pippin, Spelling Bee, To Kill a Mockingbird and Inspecting *Carol*. He is currently president of Pointe Players, South's theater group.

Andrew is a National Merit Scholar commended student. AP Scholar, International Honor Thespian, Division One-ranked soloist in the Michigan School

Vocal Music Association and has won a bronze award for the National Spanish Exam. He also played football for four years and was named most valuable scout player for South's football team.

Guitar, piano, tap dancing and composing are among his developing musical skills and he recently got a crack at directing in South's production of several one-act plays.

"My mom said she knew I was going to be a director when



I was in third grade. I was in a play called *The* Magic Pasta Pot. She said I was backstage telling the kids where to go, what to do and why."

In five years, Andrew, hopes to be living in New York City, performing on Broadway. In 10 years "I want to be a producer. The usual progression is performer, then director. then producer." 🦻



Kelsey Whitney

elsey Whitney, daughter of Stacey Whitney and Earl Whitney, likes digging for clues, exploring the unknown. "I'm interested in history, in secrets, in different cultures."

The Grosse Pointe South High School senior will attend Butler University next fall and plans to major in anthropology. She maintains a grade point average of 3.5.

She's a member of South's girls' swimming team. "I'm not the best swimmer, but I like doing it," she says. "I never



swam on a team before. I didn't know the strokes. I got in the water the first day, as a freshman, thinking 'How hard can this be?"

By the end of practice, she was exhausted. "I was thinking, 'Why am I doing this?' When I got out of the pool, the other girls came up and said I was fantastic and brave. That's why I stayed with it. I like the team bonding."

Kelsey also plays softball. She has played all positions, but likes second base best. She's a member of the Pro-Life Club, the

Conservation Club and a youth group at St. Paul Catholic Church. She has worked in a soup kitchen and has helped build a Habitat for Humanity house in Detroit.

She works part time at TCBY in the Village and babysits three times a week. She recently bought a car which she uses to drive her 5-year-old cousin, Anthony, to school in

every morning. "He has Down Syndrome, a trach and an oxygen tank," she says. "I love him. He's such a goofball."

Five years from now Kelsey expects to be working on a master's degree in anthropology. In 10 years, she hopes to be working as an archeologist, digging for artifacts and solving mysteries. 🦻



DOMINIC JAMETT

ominic Jamett, son of Elizabeth Jamett and Renato Jamett, attended baseball camp at the University of Michigan at the age of 7. "I fell in love with the university," he says. "I went to baseball camp every summer after that. My lifelong goal was college at U of M."

Dominic will begin his freshman year this fall. He'll also play varsity baseball as a catcher. U-M baseball coach Rich Maloney has been monitoring Dominic's prowess for years. "He saw me play. We talked. We kept in touch. Coach

Maloney is my mentor." He maintains a 3.4 grade

point average. "I've always been into history. When I can't play baseball anymore, I'll teach history."

Dominic has attended University Liggett School since pre-kindergarten. His mother is ULS's director of college guidance. "My mom put together a list of schools for me — baseball-wise and academicwise. I was in touch with baseball coaches at Notre Dame, MSU,

Dayton and Miami of Ohio." But Dominic kept his eye on his early favorite, U-M.

He served on ULS's Athletic Council for four years, helps out at Casa Maria and volunteers as an aide for an older couple in the community.

He was first team All State in baseball last year; first team All Conference, Region and District for three years in a row.



He played on former

Tiger Dave Bergman's summer team for the last two summers.

"My mom and dad were big influences. They taught me the value of hard work. I spent a lot of time with them in the car, driving to practices."

Five years in the future, Dominic hopes to be playing minor league baseball. In 10 years, he'd like to be playing on a major league team.

Anne Sullivan

nne Sullivan, daughter of Tom and Sue Sullivan, will attend the United States Naval Academy this fall. She learned last December that she had been nominated by Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick.

"Last summer, I attended a week-long seminar at the Naval Academy. I loved it. I liked the people. We lived like plebes, learned about nuclear propulsion and oceanography and went out on a small aircraft carrier. That seminar convinced me I wanted to go to school there."



Last year, Anne set a national record for Kneeling Position in Smallbore Rifle. She was USA Shooting Outdoor State Champion for Women's Smallbore rifle in 2009 and 2010. In 2010, she took a silver medal in Women's Air Rifle and a bronze for 3 Position Rifle. She won a gold at the 2010 NRA Junior Sectionals in 4 Position Rifle. She holds a distinguished expert rating in rifle.

Anne was recruited by West Point and the Naval Academy. "I

chose the naval academy instead of West Point because of the seminar and because I like Annapolis," she says.

The Academy's admissions office was no doubt impressed by Anne's 3.5-plus grade point average and her four years as a midfield player on ULS's varsity lacrosse team. She received the National Spanish award in 2009 and 2010, as

well as the school's Thelma

Fox Murray Scholarship. She has coached lacrosse and volunteers at Casa Maria, Relay for Life and Special Kids.

Anne plans to major in nuclear engineering, but her long-term goal is medical school, where she'd like to specialize in radiology.

Five years from now she hopes to be working toward an MD degree. Ten years from now, she'll be serving in the navy. Twenty years from now? She hopes to be married, with children.



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Relay For Life Coming May 14-15!

he 2011 Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe will once again be held at the beautiful and accommodating Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park. The 24-hour event runs from 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14, to 10 a.m. Sunday, May 15.

Some 25 teams and 388 participants had signed up by mid-April with possibly more coming onboard. Participating teams hold fundraisers prior to the event and offer various food, beverages and activities during the Relay to raise funds. This year they hope to exceed last year's \$103,755 raised.

Veteran team Eagles Wings will be selling its ever-popular pulled pork sandwiches, along with Brunswick stew, brownies and cupcakes. J's Crew will again be inviting the Detroit Tigers' Paws to pose for pictures with donors.

Friends & Family will go with a Hollywood theme and sell crafts and chances to win prizes in a balloon-pop game. Grosse Pointe Congregational will be selling flowers, bracelets and necklaces. Team Caribou, obviously,



will be selling as much coffee as Relay attendees can drink, as well as water, sport drinks, juices and baked goods.

No Excuses is collecting used cell phones, laptops, personal data devices and handheld video games for recycling and raising money at the same time.

As well as Relay participants, the public is invited to attend, do some laps, browse and take advantage of many of the campers' offerings. All money raised goes to the American Cancer Society to support cancer research and provide support services for those battling cancer, caregivers and survivors.

Opening ceremonies begin at 10

a.m. Saturday, May 14, followed by the Survivors celebration and lap. The Luminaria Ceremony begins at 10 p.m. Closing ceremonies are at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 15.

Sponsors for the 2011 Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe include Grosse Pointe Magazine, Grosse Pointe News, Van Elslander Cancer Center, Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers, Andersen & Associates, Dold, Spath & Kiriazis P.C., Grant Thornton LLP, The Borushko Family and Wells Fargo Advisors.

The 2011 Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe Event Chair is Julie Borushko, relayforlifegrossepointe@gmail.com. For more information, visit www. relayforlife.org/grossepointemi.





2011 Grosse Pointe Garden Center Board Members and Tour Chairs, from left, are Carol Sauter, Sarah Flynn, Robin Heller, Shirley Martin, Jan Hagen and Jean Azar. Not pictured are Peg Noble, Marie Mainwaring, Barb Perez and Regina Gersch.

Garden Tour Celebrates 20 Years

By Patti Theros

njoy many a garden stroll during Grosse Pointe Garden Center's "Garden Tour" June 25-26 that includes eight private home gardens representing each of the Grosse Pointes.

"To celebrate our 20th anniversary tour, we're cosponsoring the event with LocalMotionGreen," says Co-chair Jan Hagen of the Garden Center.

New this year, the tour will introduce three pesticide-free gardens. These gardens are living proof that "going green" can be achievable without a lot of work. In one yard, a rain barrel system helps to water some landscape. Birdhouses, birdbaths, hummingbird and bird feeders are included in the landscape. Bat houses have been erected in several gardens to help control the mosquito population.

The tour offers ideas for designing garden space with an outdoor kitchen and an artistic fire pit. Other gardens include koi ponds and fountains. For rose lovers, there is a garden with an assortment of colors and varieties. Herb, vegetable and shade beds are present in many of the yards along with a mixture of perennials.

A master gardener and an artist from the Grosse Pointe Artist Association will be available at every tour home.

And back by popular demand is the "Garden Railroad."

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the education, beautification, horticulture and conservation LocalMotionGreen is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting healthy people and a healthy planet through reduced exposure to and use of harmful chemicals.

For more information about upcoming Garden Tour, contact the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at (313) 881-7511, ext. 206. The tour cost is \$12 pre-sale (at the War Memorial and various store locations) and \$15 the day of the tour. Rain or shine. Tours are from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. both days and guests can choose which garden to begin the tour.



Tau Beta Spring Market

By Patti Theros

pecialty boutiques from coast to coast will be selling their wares at Tau Beta's annual Spring Market on May 12-14. This eighth annual shopping-fest fundraiser has something for everyone: unique jewelry, children's clothing, home accessories, handbags, and handmade neckties, bow ties and cuff links.

Some 23 shops representing 11 different states including Michigan will line the aisles of the entire first floor of The Grosse Pointe Club in Grosse Pointe Farms to showcase hundreds of one-of-a-kind items. Spring Market 2011 offers shoppers the unique ability to visit independent boutiques in the beautiful lakeside setting of The Grosse Pointe Club next to Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"By gathering so many wonderful boutiques, we again promise all those who attend, an exceptional shopping experience!" says Tau Beta President Mary Farley.

This year's Spring Market general chairmen are Drew and Mike Ebbing and Jenny and Mike Nolan; Honorary Chairmen are Thumper and George Haggarty; and Preview Party Chairmen are Peggy and Peter Kross.

Spring Market begins with a Preview Night on Thursday, May 12, from 6-9 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$65 in advance, and \$80 at the door. All are welcome. A raffle will be held with prizes. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100.

Market shopping days continue on Friday, May 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A light lunch will be offered at the club in the Tau Beta Café. For preview party and raffle tickets, email sigridmcf@comcast.net or visit www.taubeta.org.



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MACKINAC: A TRADITION CONTINUES...

By Ted Everingham

remarkable tradition began under leaden skies on a damp, murky Saturday in July 1925, when 12 sturdy sailboats — their engines sealed were towed to lower Lake Huron by a 90-foot steam yacht for the start of first Bayview Yacht Club Mackinac Race. It is doubtful that any among those stalwart crews anticipated the bone-jarring, stomach-churning adventure that lay just over the horizon or that they were to become the first chapter in a journal still being written after more than 86 years.

Nine cruising boats started at 4 p.m. that day, headed for far-off Mackinac Island; three racing yachts answered the starter's cannon 20 minutes later. It was to be a wet, cold and difficult passage. Of the 12 boats that started, only four finished. One wonders how many of those battered sailors were thinking about "next year."

The Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race that will start this July 23 promises to be far different from that inaugural race. It is expected that more than 275 boats and upwards of 3,000 sailors will compete this year, and most of the individual classes will be larger than the entire 12-boat fleet in 1925.

Hundreds of people will stroll the docks in Port Huron

to inspect the fleet and chat with the sailors during the days before the race in what has become as much a part of the local tradition as the race itself. Many thousands more will pack both shores of the Black and St. Clair rivers on Saturday morning to cheer the crews as they make their way to the starting area five miles north of the Blue Water Bridge.

A Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking device will be placed aboard each boat to enable families, friends and fleet followers around the world to follow individual boats, particular classes or the entire fleet "live" from start to finish on the Bell's and Bayview websites (www.bellsbeer. com and www.byc.com).

Every summer since 1925, the Bayview Mackinac Race has filled a special need for those who crave the competition and embrace the challenges that Lake Huron offers. At the Tuesday afternoon awards party on the lawn at Mission Point Resort, beside the historic Straits of Mackinac, there will be more stories to be told and re-told, and plans to be made for next year, as the tradition that began on that murky, long-ago Saturday continues.

Ted Everingham is Past Commodore of the Bayview Yacht Club and Mackinac Race Chair (1994 & 1999). **P**



Commodore Rader takes helm at GPYC

By John Minnis

hat's the hardest part about becoming commodore of the No. 1 yacht club in the country? Keeping it that way. And that is what Robert L. Rader vows to do during his term as commodore of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

"We've been rated the No. 1 yacht club in the country for 10 years," Rader says, "and it's right here in southeast Michigan. It's really a special place."

Rader took the helm of the GPYC during the "changing of the guard" at the club's annual meeting in November. However, his social coming out was at the Commodore's Ball on the second Saturday in December. Not only is it a big night for the members, but also for the visiting commodores.

"There are 18 Commodore's Balls I go to," Rader says. "It is so cool to see all the burgees come here. It's decorated for Christmas." He says he was overwhelmed with all the cards, gifts and well-wishes he has received.

With the Commodore's Ball behind him, it is back to work, both on the business side and the social side of the club. "There's a lot of different tasks to being commodore," Rader says. "Make no mistake. It's a lot of work."

Rader has been on the GPYC board for eight years, serving on the Rendezvous and Finance Committees. Rader's background is in finance. At Hewlett-Packard, he arranges financing for mega hardware deals



in Europe and Asia, taking calls at odd hours in his home office in the Shores. Working at home makes being commodore possible.

"It's a fun job," he says. "I have a lot of autonomy."

It also helps that Bob and Liz Rader are empty-nesters in that daughter Lindsay and son Robert are away at the University of Michigan, where Lindsay graduates this spring. (She has seven job interviews, only one in Michigan, Rader says.)

The Raders joined the club in 1998. At the time, they kept their boat at a Nautical Mile marina, but when in port, the kids wanted to get off the boat and play, but a marina parking lot was not ideal. While attending his wife's Grosse Pointe South class reunion at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Rader got a chance to look around. He liked what he saw.

"I was impressed with the harbor and the way the club was maintained," he recalls. "I thought it was a pretty nice place. We joined here so the kids could have a place to play."

By the end of the summer, they had made lifelong friends.

"Thirteen years later, I'm commodore," Rader says. "It's been a good ride. It's been a lot of fun. I have no regrets."

It also helps that the club he was given to steward is in good financial shape with membership exceeding goals.

"We've gone through high water and low water, two World Wars, recessions, housing bubbles, more bubbles than I could count," Rader says, "yet last year was our best year in a decade."

He credits not himself but past commodores. "I can't take credit for that."

Rader also credits the "Pointe Club," members 40 and under.

"Right now it's the younger members who are driving the club," he says.

Heaven's Chaplain makes a habit of leather

By Pete Waldmeir

athy Herron may be the ultimate multi-tasking woman. I mean, how many former convent novitiates do you know who are a hospital chaplain, play Johnny Cash tunes on their guitar to help comfort the disoriented and the terminally ill - and are adventurous enough to ride a F800cc BMW motorcycle across the Alaskan tundra just for relaxation?

"Now don't go telling people that I ride with Hell's Angels or anything like that," smiles Herron, the tall, blond veteran Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe chaplain. "I've never been on a Harley Hog and I rented that wonderful BMW F800 for the Alaska trip. My ride's a Honda Night Hawk 750cc."

A music therapy graduate of Eastern Michigan with a clinical pastoral M.A. from Marygrove College and three years in the IHM (Immaculate Heart of Mary) convent before she dropped out, Herron might well have ended up forming a biker group called "Heaven's Angels." But instead of a celestial harp, among the decals and quotations on the back of her "Free Spirit" women-on-wheels biker club's riding vest is one that tells it all: "Convent. Been there, done that."

"I love music," she says. "And I love what it can do to comfort people who are alone, disoriented, afraid. Music therapy is soothing. I play a lot of the old songs. Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, that era. Even the emotionally detached respond with a smile or a tap of their foot. It's very rewarding for me. And it keeps them somewhat in touch with reality."

Herron carries her pastoral duties over to her biker buddies. As Road Captain and Chaplain of the all-women "Free Spirit" riding club, she spends vacations, weekends and holidays on the road, touring all across the country. "The road captain is responsible to see that everyone rides safely," she explains.

And as the chaplain? "Well, they know they can come to me for guidance and spiritual help when they are troubled or disturbed. I've also performed marriages for two of my club members and their husbands. And I've officiated at a funeral for another."

Is the roar of a motorcycle music to her ears? "Just like the guitar," she says. "It gets you where you're going."




30th Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration

hen Edmund and Bettejean Ahee created the first annual "Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration" 30 years ago at the Roostertail, they never dreamed that it would grow to such an incredible fundraiser.

"We outgrew the venue and we needed more space," Bettejean Ahee recalls. "That's when we found a beautiful home at Comerica Park."

The Ahees had set out to raise awareness and much needed funds for the Capuchins for the exceptional work the organization does for the city and the less fortunate.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen was established during the Great Depression in 1929. The kitchen serves thousands of people each and every day. Each month the Capuchins deliver 300,000 pounds of food, 30,000 articles of clothing and 500 pieces of furniture to the less fortunate. All of this is made possible with the unconditional commitment of the Capuchin Friars, dedicated volunteers and caring generous donors.

Edmund Ahee grew up just blocks from the Soup Kitchen and understood the necessity of such an establishment in destitute areas. Thus, he, Bettejean and their seven children founded the Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration in 1981. The event has grown from about 500 attendees in its first year to over several thousand people each of the succeeding years and has raised over \$5 million for the charity.

"We are most grateful for the overwhelming support that has been received from so many throughout the last three decades," says Bettejean Ahee. "With their kind generosity, The Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration has consistently been a successful charity in assisting the less fortunate of our city."

The 30th annual Capuchin Souper



Summer Celebration begins at 7:30 p.m Saturday, June 18, at Comerica Park. This year's event has been dubbed "The Best of the Best" and offers attendees some of their favorites from over the past 30 years. The "Best of the Best" will include Skyline and The Back Street Horns, Motor City Glee, Anthony Birchett & Company, The Bob Mervak Trio, The Hogan's, Super Star Karaoke, celebrity look-alikes and more! The Big Cat court and Brushfire Grille, among other vendors, will offer varieties of food and drinks throughout the evening.

The Souper Summer's extraordinary fireworks display will commence at 10:30 p.m. followed by the everanticipated raffle. This year's raffle includes prizes valued at over \$30,000. It features fine jewelry and timepieces by Rolex, Cartier, Roberto Coin, Marco Bicego, Mikimoto, Tag Heuer and David Yurman. The "Best of the Best" event is free to attend. Those attending must be 21 years of age or older, and dressy springtime attire is required. There is complimentary self-parking and valet parking is also available.

Raffle tickets may be purchased prior to the event at AHEE jewelers, The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, online at ahee.com/capuchin or at Comerica Park (during the event). Tickets may be purchased with cash, check, or credit card. As they are every year, tickets will be \$1 each, and you need not be present to win; 100 percent of these proceeds go directly benefit the Soup Kitchen.

"It's been 30 years," marvels Bettejean Ahee. "It's hard to believe these many years have elapsed. We're very fortunate."

For more information regarding the event, call (313) 886-4600 or visit AHEE.com or CSKDETROIT.org



Prodigal Son before restoration



Prodigal Son after restoration

Christ Church's *Salvator Mundi* **restored to awesome beauty**

By Judy L. Burke

lement Heaton's Salvator Mundi, the stained glass window gifted by Gustava D. Anderson in 1935, is returning to its rightful place over the altar at Christ Church Grosse Pointe after a sixmonth hiatus.

The beautiful teaching window depicting the Life of Christ was the last window removed in November from Christ Church for restoration. In May, it will be returned and reinstalled over the altar.

Visitors attending the Christ Church Grosse Pointe Antiques Show on Friday, June 3, will be able to view the *Salvator Mundi* and 80 other newly restored stained glass windows in the church. Elaine Yates and Mike DeFillipi, co-chairs of the Stained Glass Committee, will give a lecture on the stained glass windows.

"Each window tells a story of a stage in Christ's life as prophesied in the Old Testament and depicted in the New Testament," says Yates. "That's what makes them unique, and they were given by one family to the church."

The back-story of the stained glass windows started in the early 1900s. DeFillipi found letters in the church archives from its first rector, the Rev. Francis B. Creamer, to Clement Heaton, the artist. Creamer asked Heaton to expedite the process of making and installing the stained glass windows in the church. Creamer wrote, "Got to be done by Pentecost." Heaton replied, "I could not do work hurriedly on what was to remain as a public work long after we were all departed, and we must give this window the time required to do it rightly. This, I believe, is not the American idea; everything must be done quickly, and everything sacrificed to speed!" Notably, the windows were finished on time.

DeFillipi added, "We might be the only church that has traditional glass made by Clement Heaton in the Detroit area. Heaton didn't care for modern glass or Tiffany style."

The windows have come full circle with the restoration leaving the restored *Salvatore Mundi* for the last installation in time for Pentecost.

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MATILDA DODGE WILSON

Shrewd in Marriage ... and in Business

By John Minnis

n their wedding day, Dec. 10, 1907, John Dodge, brother of Horace Dodge, gave his wife, Matilda, a stunning sapphire bar pin, in platinum, containing old European cut diamonds. The daughter of German immigrant saloonkeepers had come a long way.

Matilda Rausch attended the Detroit Public Schools and graduated from Gorsline Business College in 1902. She went to work as a secretary at the Dodge Brothers Motor Car Company in Hamtramck and five years later married the boss, John Dodge, who ran the business side of the then Ford Motor Co. supplier.

For an engagement ring, Matilda was given a signed Cartier platinum ring set with a breathtaking Golconda diamond, universally acclaimed to be finest in the world. Golconda diamonds were mined in ancient India. Matilda's diamond is classified as a Type IIa, the most chemically pure diamond with exceptional optical transparency.

Matilda's wedding gift, the sapphire bar pin, was the ultimate symbol of prestige.

We know so much about Matilda Dodge's jewelry collection because it was acquired at auction by Edmund T. Ahee a year after Matilda Dodge Wilson's death in 1967.

"We knew the Dodge family," says John Ahee, son of the late Edmund T. Ahee who founded the legendary jewelry store. In 1947, Edmund T. Ahee Sr. married Bettejean Joseph and opened a store in the lobby of his uncle's bowling alley in Detroit. In 1968, they

bought and

remodeled the old De Soto car dealership on Mack.

Today, Matilda Dodge's jewelry collection is on display in the Mack store. Obviously a good investment on his parents' part, John Ahee says not a single item in the Matilda Dodge collection has been sold.

Though Matilda Dodge married the boss, it was the husband who most benefited from the match. Matilda Dodge was a shrewd and successful businesswoman in her own right. As chairwoman of Fidelity Bank & Trust, she was dubbed the "most prominent woman in U.S. banking" by Time magazine. She was also influential in Republican politics, serving as the state's first female lieutenant governor.

At the time of John Dodge's death, Jan. 4, 1920, the couple was building a \$4 million, 80,000-square-foot home on a peninsula on Lake St. Clair.

But after being snubbed by Grosse Pointe society, Matilda Dodge instead spent the money on what would become Meadowbrook Hall. In 1957, she and her second husband, Alfred G. Wilson, a lumber baron, donated their 1,500-acre Meadowbrook estate to Michigan State University. The campus later became Oakland University.

Matilda Dodge Wilson died on Sept. 19, 1967, at the age of 83.

"She was one of the wealthiest women in the world when she passed away," John Ahee says.

She was a remarkable woman and wife.

Plan Your Wedding with Expert Insight

hether it's a simple, small affair or a lavish, overthe-top event, planning a wedding can be a daunting task.

For most couples, getting started is the biggest hurdle. Consider hiring a professional. A wedding planner can save valuable time by offering knowledge, relationships and often, good deals.

Choosing the venue is a key step in planning, and often the first big decision couples make. Availability, capacity and the overall "vibe" should all be part of the selection process.

Cheryl Armijo, special occasion events at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, says couples usually want the venue to reflect their individual taste and personalities.

At your first visit at a venue, have capacity in mind. "You'll need to make a tentative guest list," says Armijo. "Don't leave a deposit and then realize later the location can't accommodate all your guests."

Armijo also says to put your wishes in writing. "If you provide a bulleted list of your wishes to the location, you can be sure they'll happen. Don't rely on a comment you made six months ago," she advises.

Instead of posed photos, many couples today want their wedding pictures to tell a story. A good photographer can capture the essence of a wedding without unnecessary posing or interruptions. Talk to photographers about your vision.

"If you prefer more traditional photography, or would like a creative alternative that captures those unscripted moments, be sure to match your vision to your photographer's expertise," says John Martin, owner of John F. Martin Photography.

When couples decide to tie the knot, advice on planning the wedding is abundant. Take it all in, but rely on the experts, who will help you create an event with style, flair and personal meaning.

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Elizabeth and Sam August 28, 2010



Bride:	Elizabeth Ralstrom
Groom:	Sam Blanchard
	St. Paul Catholic Church
Reception:	Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

How did you know he was the 'one'?

Early on in our relationship, I think we both realized how many values and beliefs that we shared. Family is probably the most important thing for both of us. When I met Sam's family and saw the love and dedication that he had for them, I think that it made me feel very sure that we could build the kind of family that I wanted together.

How did you know she was the 'one'?

I suspected it from the beginning, after our first coffee date. As we spent three more years together, it became clear to me that Elizabeth was the 'one.' She is family oriented, has an endearing emotional openness, and is

constantly challenging me. Her willingness to share her thoughts, emotions, and idiosyncrasies made me fall in love with her and made the decision to make a lifelong commitment simple.

Describe the proposal

We started dating during our first year of dental school. Shortly before graduation, when we would be separating to go on to residencies in different states, Sam decided to propose. The dental school has a formal dance every spring, and Sam thought that it would be a great time to celebrate with our friends. We went down to Patterson Park to take pictures by the lake before heading to the party. Sam put the digital camera on "Video" mode, and recorded himself getting down on one knee to propose on the boardwalk. My first response was, "are you serious? Do my parents know?" after which I promptly put my new ring on my finger. We had a great time celebrating that night.

Most memorable moments

Seeing each other for the first time at the church.

Advise for couples planning a wedding?

Don't overwhelm yourself. Pick a few things that are really important to you, and make sure that they are exactly what you want. Then, be willing to be flexible on the rest. Mainly, remember that the day is about getting married, and all the other details are secondary.

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How did you know he was the 'one'?

I fell in love with Frank pretty early on in the relationship! I love that he challenges me to be the best woman I can be. If I have to tie that feeling of knowing he was absolutely the 'one' to a more specific moment, it would be around Novemberish 2007. I was applying for jobs and we were talking about what would happen once I received my PhD and he told me he would follow me wherever I went. And he did!

How did you know she was the 'one'?

I knew Alexis was the one the minute she stained my white, Don Juan Ralph Lauren Polo dress shirt with dark



chocolate cake. I was so furious that this girl at a party would stain my shirt. Let me tell you I could not get her out of my head; out of my mind. To be honest, I don't have a specific moment when I said "ah-a!" Instead, each day my love for her deepened and I am privileged to love her for a lifetime. Alexis makes me want to be a better man.

Describe the proposal

Frank proposed on Christmas Eve 2008 in front of my whole family. Earlier in the day he asked my father for my hand in marriage. The news then quickly spread throughout the whole family. My Dad did a toast to celebrate our family, my sister and brother-in-law's anniversary, and to toast our year together as a family. At the end of the toast he said and "now we have something more to celebrate" and lifted his glass toward Frank. At that moment, Frank dropped to his knee and I started crying.

Most memorable moments

Our first visit to St. Croix. It was wonderful to meet my husband's extended family and to see the place where he grew up, but it was also really nice to relax on some gorgeous beaches! Similarly, Frank's first visit to Michigan was pretty memorable. The whole family got very involved in quite the competitive badminton



match. Thankfully, Frank pulled on his tennis game so he was able to impress the family with his racket skills!

Advise for couples planning a wedding?

Be decisive! Also, use vendors who are respectable, who you trust, and who know your venues—doing so saves you so much stress. Another piece of advice is for couples to figure out what their style is early on.



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Happily Ever After...

by Virginia Ficarra

hite is undemanding, tranquil and romantic. Less is more. White bedrooms inspire sweet dreams. White rooms seem to glow with endless layers of tints and textures.

White defines forms, accentuates detail, opens up space and offers relief from the cacophony of every day life. This bedroom



is 11 x 12 with a sculptured zinnia-patterned area rug in white and light beige. The walls, ceiling, and wood trim are white along with a creamy queen-size poster bed.

The trick to keep a monochromatic room interesting is texture and pattern. Note the wicker chair, plants, and above all the facets of the crystal chandelier.

Colorful contrasting accessories can always be added or changed seasonally to suit your mood. If this is the case, for continuity, repeat the same color three times in different areas. An example would be in a bouquet of flowers, bed pillows, a throw or wall art.

Angles bring stagnate space alive so the bed was set in the corner at a 45-degree angle with a night light, which gives the headboard a glow in the dark. We also created more storage by replacing the night stands with 11 x 40-inch cabinets. Keep remaining pieces in scale with the room.

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Meet **Bette**

Name	Bette Prudden
Age	82
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
Occupation	Actively Teaching and Painting



Dessert? Carrot cake **Activity?** Knitting Author? Maeve Binchy **Restaurant?** City Kitchen **Vacation Spot?** Puerto Vallarta, London, Paris **Childhood TV Show?** Red Skelton **Ice Cream Flavor?** Vanilla Movie? Gone With the Wind

What is your guiding principle or words to live by? To keep the faith

One thing you miss about being a kid?

Making dandelion chains with my brother

Are you a collector of anything? Little antique purses

Biggest accomplishment? Having my three children **Biggest regret?** Don't have any

Most historical day in your lifetime? The end of WWII

About **Bette:**

Bette enjoys art, knitting and reading in her spare time. She is proud to have studied portraiture and done portraits of children.

Bette has had so many interesting things happen to her in her lifetime she would love to write a book!

POINTE | Great Lakes Log

Spring's sprung, it's time to sail!

By Ted Everingham

pring has come to Grosse Pointe, where flowering shrubs and ancient fruit trees welcome the season with unmatched pastels and the sweet aroma of a new beginning, and summer beckons from just over the horizon.

The 23rd annual Great Lakes Boating Festival returns to Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on May 20-22. The festival



is open to the public (no admission charge) and offers activities for the entire family. Watch for a special preview on Great Lakes Log beginning May 16.

Great Lakes Yacht Club will host the first of three Leukemia Cup Regattas in our area on May 21-22. The others are at North Star Sail Club (July 9-10) and Port Huron Yacht Club (Sept. 3-4). They all raise money to support the continuing fight against the blood cancers, including leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. Sailors and non-sailors alike are welcome. For information, click on www.greatlakesyc.com, www. northstarsail,org or www.phyc.org.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB

John Bruce set course for next 100 years

By Margie Reins Smith

he Neighborhood Club is celebrating its first century by responding and adapting to changes in the Grosse Pointe community. The club's history is one of morphing, changing and providing what the people of Grosse Pointe need.

The building at 17150 Waterloo its third — will be razed. The club has formed a partnership with Beaumont Hospital and is committed to a new facility double the size of the old one. Groundbreaking will be later this year.

"The Neighborhood Club is responding to the community's interest

in health and fitness," said Amy Roy, director of marketing and communications. The new building will include a fitness center, a warm water therapy pool and a gymnasium. It will have facilities for health services in collaboration with Beaumont Hospital's Center for Human Development, space for a preschool and a place for programs for special needs children. It will continue to offer its popular classes and recreation opportunities.

"We are moving into the health and wellness area mainly because the rate of childhood obesity is so high," Roy said.

"The club mirrors the history of Grosse Pointe and Detroit while remaining true to its Founding Mothers," said John Bruce, recently retired executive director. Bruce led the Neighborhood Club for the last 40 years.

"It was founded by women," Bruce said. "These wives of prominent businessmen, Detroit's movers and shakers, had a mission: to provide resources for the health and recreation of Grosse Pointers.





"The first thing it did during the flu epidemic of 1917," he said, "was to hire a visiting nurse and provide a car for her."

The club has always responded to community needs and trends. It was involved in the founding of Grosse Pointe's first hospital and its first public library. In the '20s and '30s, it offered job training to the gardeners, cooks, chauffeurs and craftsmen who worked on the Lake Shore estates.

During the Depression, the club was a center for government programs and social services. It served as a USO center during World War II.

It built the first community gymnasium, the first tennis courts, the first playground for kids under age 8 and the first teen center. It was headquarters for Little League baseball in the '50s and *the* place to go for tennis in the '60s. After Title 9, the number of girls involved in Neighborhood Club sports probably increased by 800 percent, Bruce said.

While the new building is under construction, activities will take place at other locations. The Neighborhood Club Thrift Shop is looking for a retail setting. Services for Older Citizens will move to the former Cottage Hospital nurses' residence.

A nationwide search is on to replace Bruce.

"I've had an extraordinary opportunity during the last 40 years to watch the Neighborhood Club change, adapt and work with Grosse Pointe schools and other organizations to make sure the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods continue to be a good place to live," Bruce said. "The next 100 years will be even better."

Margie Reins Smith is a retired journalist, now a Grosse Pointe-based freelance writer. Her blog is "The Newfangled Gramma" at margiereinssmith.weebly.com.

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Lenahan grooving swing for PGA Tour

By Chuck Klonke

ne obstacle after another has popped up in Ryan Lenahan's path to a career on the PGA Tour. None of them has stopped him. In fact, they've barely slowed down the 2002 Grosse Pointe North graduate. The first came near the end of his sophomore

year at North when he was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. The latest came last year when some of his major financial backers decided in the middle of the season that they were going to withdraw their support.

Lenahan met both of those obstacles head on and he feels that they have only strengthened his resolve to achieve his goal. "I feel like I play my best when the pressure is the highest," Lenahan says. "I'm more intense and focused."

Last August, Lenahan was packing his car for a trip to Rapid City, S.D., for one of the major events on the Dakotas Tour, the Arrowhead Pro-Am., when he got a phone call.

"It was 9:30 in the morning on Saturday," Lenahan says. "My biggest investors called and said they wouldn't be helping me financially anymore. I stopped packing. I went into the house and asked myself, 'Do I have the money to make this trip?"

After some serious soul-searching, Lenahan decided to go through with his plan to play in the tournament. It's a good thing he did. He won the tournament with rounds of 66-63-70 and drained an 8-foot putt on the final hole Sunday to avoid a four-way playoff. The victory earned him a paycheck of \$21,000. Most of it went to the sponsors/ investors who didn't give up on him. "That was one of the best phone calls I've ever made when I told them that I won the tournament," Lenahan says. "I'm so grateful for the ones who stayed with me. They know how hard I practice. They know I'm not just out on the course for two hours a day. I'll practice from sunup

to sundown.

"The ones who are with me now are people who have known me since I was a kid playing at the Country Club of Detroit. They've seen my improvement each year."

Last fall, Lenahan attended the PGA Tour's qualifying school for the first time and he made it to the second stage at Pinehurst, N.C., before being eliminated by a poor opening round.

Lenahan can be an inspiration to any youngster who finds his life altered by a diagnosis like the one he received.

"I was 16 and I knew that I loved golf and I wanted to play at a Division 1 school," Lenahan says. "I had to make some adjustments, but I was able to do it and played four years at Nebraska.

"If anything, the diabetes made me mentally tough. That helps when you're playing golf."

Lenahan will return to the Pointes when the weather warms up and will help coach the South golf team. He hasn't finalized this year's tournament schedule. That depends on his financial support. He plans to play in the Michigan Open. He'd like to defend his championship in Rapid City. After that, it's another try at Q-School.

Anyone who'd like to support Lenahan can contact him at RLenahanLLC@gmail.com.



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LOCHMOOR **Two Pros, One Great Club!**

By John Minnis

s Lochmoor Club, founded in 1917, approaches its centennial mark, key steps have been made to safeguard its success as one of the top 20 private golf clubs in the country. One of those strategic moves was keeping the club debt-free, a prescient decision by past boards.

"The credit goes back to previous years' boards that looked forward to not only where we would be but where the economy would be," says Anita Marini membership services director, "and succeeding boards stayed with that."

Other key moves for Lochmoor's future include promoting Tom Hauff to Clubhouse Manager and luring back former assistant pro John Pershern as Head Golf Professional.

Hauff, 59, has been with Lochmoor for 10 years. He previously served as assistant clubhouse manager. Before coming to Lochmoor, he was the food and beverage director at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Pershern, 42, served as assistant golf professional at Lochmoor in 1996 through 1998 under then head pro

Tommy Valentine. He left Lochmoor to become the pro at Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, where for nine years he ran the entire golf operation and owned the golf shop. As a professional golfer, he has won numerous



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PGA events and played on two Professional National

Championships and three Michigan PGA Fuller Teams. Having learned from Hank Haney, Mike Adams and David Leadbetter, Peshern teaches the traditional golf swing and the "stack and tilt." He has taught beginners to high school state champions and prefers to structure lessons to meet the individual. "I don't like to do it by age groups," he says. "Everyone moves at their own pace."

Pershern would also like to return the Lochmoor Pro Shop to one of the Top 100 in the nation, a level not achieved since 1995.

For his part, Hauff wants to put the "private" back into the Lochmoor and would like to restore the "wow" factor club members deserve. How does one do that?

"It's all the little things," he says. 📍

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Grosse Pointe Fishflies... ...Run Like There's No Tomorrow!

By Elizabeth M. Vogel

rosse Pointe is a real running community. Even in the dead of winter, you'll see fearless runners battling the bone-chilling elements on Lake Shore Road.

A group of parents who are dedicated to health and fitness wanted to give their children a fun reason to get out and run, but realized that there was no organized venue for kids, particularly in elementary school, to learn about running in an organized manner. Cathy Ballinger and Stephanie Stallings, along with their husbands, Ron and Mike, and other Grosse Pointe Woods parents set out to fill that void. So in April 2010 they began a running group, the Fishflies, at Mason Elementary School.

"There are many running clubs in other areas of the nation for elementary schools, even some in Michigan." Ballinger says, with Stallings continuing, "We then found other running clubs' websites online, and modeled our program off of the basics of how they operated. That is how we got core elements down. In that way we knew we would develop a program in which the kids would have fun and be successful."

"We also want parents to know that this is a group that's free to join" Ballinger said. The group accepts children of all skill levels, and will not turn any child away.

So far Mason Elementary School has attracted more than

fifty students from all grade levels to join the Fishflies. Structured, goal-oriented fun.

The Fishflies meet twice a week. "This seems to be all the kids can commit to with all of their other after-school activities," says Ballinger. "One day we do a long or short distance run, on the other day we do drill stations and obstacle courses."

The ultimate goal is to prepare the Fishflies for a 5K race, so that is the longest run that the group will do on a longdistance run day. Usually a long run consists of one mile or a little more.

The group has spring, summer and fall sessions.

"This spring we are rolling the program out district-wide," Stallings said. "We have found that there are interested parents at four other elementary schools, so far — Trombly, Defer, Maire and Ferry. Although at this time there has not been an official commitment from the parents at these schools, there is genuine interest."

"With a larger group of schools," Ballinger says, "the Grosse Pointe Fishflies could then plan our own races, and have school competitions, rather than having the kids run in outside events."

More information about the Grosse Pointe Fishflies may be found at their website, www.gpfishflies.com. \square

POINTE | pastor

Spring Renewal!

By the Rev. Mitra Rahnema

pring has sprung! This is a time to spring forward and experience fresh hope with the budding of activity. Our senses wake up with the sight of new blooms,

the fragrance of an earth awakening, the sounds of birds and children, the feel of sun, and the taste of seasonal fruits. As the climate warms, if we pay attention, we too



are renewed in life.

Yet, as the season's activities and excitement grow, we have a tendency to let our religious commitment slip through the cracks. We forget that this is also a time to renew our sense of the spirit.

Renewing and reinvigorating faith can be as simple as taking a deep breath, and allowing the spirit of life into our lungs. Just one breath can carry hope, purpose and joy. Renewal might come in our weekly attendance at our religious home. Through the communal activity of worship we are reminded of our own and collective potential. Renewing our faith can also come in our service to one another as we nurture our relationships.

These days, at every moment, glancing in any direction will get you a glimpse of something sacred that renews our faith. Renewing means that we pay attention. Paying attention means taking deep breaths, attending communal religious ritual, and caring for one another. The spirit of life calls us to have reverence for the flourishing activity of spring. Therefore, every moment is an opportunity to renew your faith. Let not one moment pass you by.

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Head of School DeMartini set to retire

By Jim Stickford

rosse Pointe Academy Head of School Phil DeMartini is retiring after being with the school for 10 years.

"My fifth day on the job was Sept. 11, 2001," DeMartini says. "I remember taking the kids into the chapel and explaining what was going on. There were a lot of scared people that day. That was an interesting first week."

DeMartini came to the Academy by way of St. Francis School outside of Louisville, Ky., He is a graduate of Columbia and earned his BA from Fordham in the Bronx.

"My first teaching job was at the Elisabeth Morrow School in Englewood, N.J., back in 1972," DeMartini says. "She was the sister of Anne Morrow Lindburgh, wife of Charles Lindburgh. He was still alive at the time and served on the school's board of directors."

DeMartini taught the fifth grade and worked his way up the ladder. Even as principal of the upper school, he continued to teach. Eventually DeMartini left New Jersey and went to a school outside of New Orleans. From there he went to Kentucky and finally to The Academy.

In addition to teaching, DeMartini has also coached lacrosse. He fell in love with the sport while in college.

DeMartini said his he's proud of his decade at The Academy.

"We made the school as safe as possible," DeMartini says. "We changed the traffic lanes. Now there are two separate entrances. We also worked hard at developing a superior academic curriculum. We've added Mandarin Chinese to curriculum and now have two computer labs. You have to stay on the cutting edge to compete."

DeMartini says the parents of the students, as well as the staff, are what make The Academy great. He and his wife of 37 years, Wendy, also a teacher, plan on retiring to Florida. Both their fathers are still alive and live in the state.

"It's time to retire," DeMartini says. "I have some health issues and want to spend some time with my three children and my three grandchildren. But I am working on teaching history part time. I don't want to retire completely."

DeMartini says he came to The Academy for the challenge of working at a great school and preparing it for the future.

"The Academy is a wonderful family of learners," DeMartini says. "I am proud to say it has a great faculty, a solid and hardworking administration, a board that supports everything we do and a caring parent body. The parents really support the school. We have more than 100 volunteers who take spiritual care of the school. I didn't realize that when I started. They made my 10 years here a real joy." **Gilbert's Hardware Adds Paint Pro**



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he Grosse Pointe Library Foundation and honorary Co-Chairs Sven and Mary Beth Gierlinger of Grosse Pointe City and Laurie and Shail Arora of Grosse Pointe Park invite supporters of the Grosse Pointe Public Library to a first-of-its-kind fundraiser aboard the luxury charter yacht Ovation out of Jefferson Beach Marina.



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Co-Chairs of the Read, White & Blue Dinner and Fireworks Cruise, from left: Sven and Mary Beth Gierlinger and Laurie and Shail Arora.

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The "Read, White & Blue Dinner Cruise" will take place Friday, June 24, the night of the St. Clair Shores Fourth of July fireworks display. Following a cruise down the lake past Grosse Pointe and back, the Ovation will anchor off the Veterans Memorial Park at the foot of Masonic, where passengers will get an unobstructed view of the fireworks.

During the cruise, passengers will enjoy live entertainment, dinner and a premium open bar available all evening. There will also be a raffle, featuring a spirits basket, a luxury item donated by Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers and much more.

Tickets are \$125 and numerous sponsorship levels are available.

"We are hoping that this event marks the beginning of greater awareness of the symbiotic relationship between the library and our community," according to the Gierlingers. "The library system gives so much to Grosse Pointers, and we are creating an event that will make it possible for every individual to not only give back a little, but to enjoy a spectacular and memorable evening with their friends and neighbors."

"Guests are in for a real treat at this event," adds Co-Chair Laurie Arora.

"It's a unique evening on Lake St. Clair having fun as we celebrate our community treasure, the Grosse Pointe Public Library."

According to Library Foundation President Dr. Henry Sprague, the purpose of the event is to raise funds to support programs of the Grosse Pointe Library, which, as with all property-tax-supported entities, is struggling to maintain services to the community amid plummeting revenue.

"In view of the fact that the library has had its funds cut back due to the loss of property values," says Sprague, "the Library Foundation is trying to make up some of the funds



The fundraiser is independent of a millage request the Library Board plans to put on the November ballot. If approved, the added millage will go to pay off debt incurred by the construction of the new Park and Woods branches. No newmillage funds will be available for library programs or operations.

Sponsors of the event to date include Grosse Pointe Magazine; Henry Ford Cottage Medical Center; Russell Development; The League Shop; Dold, Spath & Kiriazis P.C.; Axe & Ecklund P.C.; American Speedy Printing; Municipal Financial Consultants Inc.; Cabresto Ultra Premium Tequila; Pointe Family Dentistry and Marick Press.

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those interested are asked to purchase their tickets as soon as possible.

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Tony Michaels, president and CEO of The Parade Company, caretaker of Cinderella's Carriage, and Kathleen Mullins, president of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, invite kids young and old to take part in their world during a Fairy Tale Festival at the Ford House on Saturday, July 23.

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Fairy Tale Festival Coming to the Ford House!

Upon a Cîme...

By Dianne Peters Pegg

land of enchantment awaits visitors to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House on Saturday, July 23, for a one-day-only "Fairy Tale Festival." Guests will be transported to long-ago and far-away places as fairy tales come alive in multiple activity areas on the Ford House grounds.

As you walk through the grounds, you might want to be photographed in Cinderella's golden carriage, compliments of The Parade Company. Or listen, under shade trees, as professional Michigan storytellers share Rapunzel's tale and those from African folklore and ancient Arabia.

Guests will also be able to enjoy a variety of performances. Grosse Pointe Theatre's Youth on Stage will act out parodies of traditional tales in a Fractured Fairy Tales production. Magic Carpet Ride Theatre will engage you in interactive drama. Hear musical rhythms from Marimbamania. Watch famous stories at Puppet Adventures.

Greet passing kings, queens and "Jack and the Beanstalk." Search for Mother Goose. Where's that fat, green caterpillar? See Mary's Little Lambs and the Three Little Pigs at the petting farm — but watch out for the Big, Bad Wolf!

Put your creativity into action at craft stations. Help paint a mural featuring children's books and fairy tales like the one at Ewald Library.

The one day Fairy Tale Festival kicks off an exhibit, "Fairy Tale Art: Illustrations from Children's Stories," at The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. The exhibit runs two months at the Ford House Activities Center and features 59 illustrations from well-loved classic fairy tales, created by awardwinning artists.

The Ford House is teaming up with regional partners, such as Metro Parent magazine and The Parade Company, as well as Grosse Pointe organizations, including the libraries, school system and Grosse Pointe Theatre to make the Fairy Tale Festival a success.

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What is your next goal? Help the next generation grow the business.

Favorite thing to do outside of work? Besides spending time with my family it must be hockey because I play a lot.

Words to live by? You can do anything you believe in.

About Chris:

Chris and wife Julie reside in Grosse Pointe Shores. They are the parents of two children, Christopher, 26 and Lauren, 23.

When free time permits Chris can usually be found playing hockey!

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Assumption also offers exciting summer camps for children ages 1-6 and youth ages 7-12, to be held June 20 to Aug. 26. The theme the summer program is "Express Yourself!" For the younger set, ages 1-6, children will have the opportunity to discover the wonder of the arts, provoke a sense of curiosity through scientific exploration, instill a desire to learn and develop lasting friendships with other campers! They will enjoy activities including creative art, science, music, dance, storytelling, cooking, games, sports and outdoor fun.

Youth, 7-12, will engage in multiple hands-on activities that will increase awareness of physical and creative selfexpression. Sports clinics will include soccer — led by Stefan Harris, basketball — led by Angelo Gust, volleyball — led by Kim Slone and yoga — led by Angela Hill. Theater and Art instruction will be led by Izzy Donnelly, Director of Music, Art and Theatre. Celebration activities, open to family and friends, include a parents vs. campers basketball game and a yoga inspired healthy lifestyles meal. Field trips will be incorporated throughout the summer.

Parents may elect to enroll for the entire summer or to enroll in a five-week session. Session 1 will run from June 20 to July 22. Session 2 will run from July 25 to Aug. 26. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon with full-day child care available from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The registration fee is \$75. This is a great opportunity for your child to enjoy "New Friendships and New Challenges!" Application forms are available in the school office.



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Lira and Foxy share their home in Grosse Pointe Woods with Paula Cole.

Miley



Miley is a one year old lab who lives with Jerry and Janet Gadette in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Micah and Luchia



Micah and Luchia are sisters (from different litters!) They live in Grosse Pointe Woods with Jerry and Janet Gadette.

Lucy



Lucy is a 3-year-old Havanese that resides with Valerie and Jim Lightbody in Grosse Pointe Park.

Tyler



Tyler is a 4-year-old Collie adopted from the Collie Rescue Society of Michigan by Tim and Marie Matyn of Grosse Pointe Woods.





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Frank Cherro is Head Chef at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club

ow can you not get excited about walking into a restaurant and right into the live band and on a Tuesday night no less? Located at 15402 Mack Ave., in the Park, Dylan's Raw Bar & Grille was surprisingly alive at 10 p.m. The four-piece band was banging out the tunes and set the tone for the experience.

The menu, executed by Chef Derrick A. Collins, ranges from 20 entrees to 40 "Small Plates" (the house specialty) and a full sushi menu. Hoping to really get a feel for the food, I decided to try a little bit of everything. The oysters on the half shell were fresh, while the flavor was clean and briny. Steamed mussels served in a garlic, shallot and white wine broth were equally delicious. Dishes, such as the Italianinspired tenderloin tip pasta and the delicate whitefish, were also topnotch. In terms of sushi, the Dylan Roll was beautifully executed.

Dessert wise, the homemade key lime pie was silky, smooth, and offered just the right tartness to finish the

Dylan's Raw Bar & Grille

Grosse Pointe Park



Chef Frank's rating

evening. All dishes were served by a well-trained and educated staff.

Dylan's interior features separate seating from the lounge to allow for a more romantic dining experience or conversely a large group gathering. If live music is your thing, then for certain Dylan's is for you. The glorious line up of local and nationally recognized musicians is powerful, while a house pianist has been playing Dylan's daily for the better part of 20 years.

The dark wood paneling, relaxing lounge and superior menu are the reasons that Dylan's hits all the right chords. I recommend it as both a casual or a fine dining affair.
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Drawn by Rob Wood, the renovated commercial building at 63 Kercheval, above, is just one of many on the Hill that architect Rob Wood has designed. Others include Fifth Third Bank and 102, 112 and 130 Kercheval. His ability to tie new buildings into the existing neighborhood while drawing on the history of the Pointe's French and English ancestry made Wood a natural choice for builder/ developer Ed Russell.



Photo by Tricia Wood

A Future Inspired by the Past

By RC Paschke

he architecture of Grosse Pointe grew out of sense grandeur, often recalling the great European classical designs through history. From the most opulent mansions to more modestly sized homes, a patchwork of neo-Tudor, Georgian, colonial and Mission designs evolved, led by noted architects of the 20th century. As you stroll the streets of Grosse Pointe, you'll see the handiwork of Albert Kahn, Louis Kemper and Robert O. Derrick, to name a few.

As the modern-day architectural designer behind many additions to our main-streets, City resident Rob Wood has a deep respect for Grosse Pointe and its architectural heritage. For him, the neighborhoods evoke an architectural depth that is world-class. Maintaining Grosse Pointe's architectural integrity is a driving factor and challenge in his designs.

Wood knows the Pointes well. He grew up here, studied industrial design, urban planning and architecture at the Center of Creative Studies in Detroit, runs his design studio in the City and is raising his family here.

"Grosse Pointe was built with the finest materials, hardware and detail. The original builders employed the best craftsman who relied as much on art as science to create a premier community."

Wood's design philosophy draws upon these historic traditions of architecture: classical scale, balance,

proportion, texture and color.

"Transforming our older homes with today's lifestyles in mind is challenging, but more often than not, it saves time and money while preserving the old-world feel of our community." Combined with his thoughtful integration of the natural environment, his designs are timeless, classic, and true to the character of Grosse Pointe.

As generations of people move in and out, as lifestyles change, as new materials become available, Wood designs new homes or additions that bring back the same quality (or better) to preserve our community's sense of the past.

"We are only temporary stewards of these homes and buildings. In time, we will pass through, leaving our imprint on the community, just as the generations before us. It is important to restore and renovate our architectural assets respectfully to preserve our heritage, so future generations can enjoy the finest neighborhoods as we do."

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2011 MICSA FINALE JULY 29-31 Hunt Club to Host Premier Swim Meet

... after 17-year hiatus ... part of club's Centennial Celebrations

By Pete Waldmeir

his year marks the 100th anniversary of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, but that's not the GPHC's only *big* news this season. You might say that in 2011, things are going "swimmingly" under President Jim Nicholson and veteran prep and club swim mentor Mike Weaver, who has been hired to lead the "Seahorses"

Clarence Pinkston. Lochmoor Club and the GPYC finished second and third in the 2010 Championships behind Rochester's Great Oaks Country Club, this year's defending champion.

Lochmoor's swimmers won the most individual and relay medals in 2010 with 62.

team. As part of the centennial celebration and for the first time in 17 years, the Michigan Inter-Club Swimming Association Championships are to be hosted by the Hunt Club from Friday to Sunday, July 29-31, featuring the fastest swimmers from Southeast Michigan's 14 MICSA member clubs.

"We are delighted to host hundreds of these fine young athletes, their families and their fans," says Steve



Organizing and running the MICSA Championships, the first ever to be held in the Hunt Club's Olympic-size, 50-meter pool, will be a team effort. Spectator grandstands will be erected on both sides of the pool. Huge tents will shade and protect competitors as they await their events.

Dozens of club member volunteers, from Swim Chair Laura Berg to Co-Chairs Brownell, Finazzo and

Photo by John Minnis Hunt Club MICSA Host Committee member Carol Shea, new Swim Coach Mike Weaver, MICSA Host Committee Co-Chair Linda Finazzo and GPHC 2011 Swim Chair Laura Berg. Not pictured are Co-Chairs Steve Brownell and Jim Nicholson.

Brownell, co-chair of the Hunt Club's meet championship committee along with Nicholson and Linda Finazzo. "The MICSA Championships is Michigan's most prestigious club swimming event and one of the top events of its kind in the nation."

Four of the 14 MICSA member clubs are located in the Grosse Pointes. Besides competitors representing the Hunt Club, talented male and female swimmers, ages 7 to 17, from Lochmoor Club, the Country Club of Detroit and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club will compete for the team-title trophy named for the late Olympic champion and coach Nicholson, will be pressed into service, selling admission tickets and memorabilia, parking cars, driving shuttles and keeping the program moving on schedule.

Food and refreshments will be available on the Hunt Club grounds.

"We're a small club in a residential setting," says Brownell. "So we want to take special care not to disrupt our neighbors' daily routines, but still offer a spectatorfriendly environment and make sure that a good time is had by all."

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OD FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission and North PTO Flower Sale at City Hall through the 7th
- Grosse Pointe Public Schools Parcells One Act Festival in the Parcells Auditorium, 7pm

- 07 SATURDAY Grosse Pointe Village Paint the Window Contest
- · Grosse Pointe Academy's 44th Annual Action Auction at Grosse Pointe Academy, 5pm
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House presents "Art for Nature's Sake," and exhibit open through July 4, 10am-6pm

O8 SUNDAY - MOTHERS DAY

• Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Scarlet Pimpernel" through May 21 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial

10 TUESDAY

 Grosse Pointe Public Schools Honors Band and Orchestra Concert in the Parcells Auditorium, 7pm

11 WEDNESDAY

- GPCC International Cuisine Cruise, 6 pm
- Grosse Pointe War Memorial presents "Introduction to Genealogy," \$15 per person, 6:30-8:30pm
- · Grosse Pointe Public Libraries Senior Symposium "Math with Hart" in the Ewald Program Room, 2-3pm
- "Mental Health First" at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, register online, \$20 includes 2 or 4 days workshop, lunch or refreshments, and materials, 6-9pm
- Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Book Sale at Woods Branch, Friends of GPPL only, can become member at the door!, 6-8pm

12 THURSDAY

- · Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Ice Cream Social, 2 pm
- The Family Center presents "Parenting the Middle School Years" at Grosse Pointe Academy, no fee, 7pm
- Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Book Sale at Woods Branch 10am-4pm

- 13 FRIDAY Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Book Sale at Woods Branch 10 am-4 pm
- Tau Beta Spring Market at the Grosse Pointe Club, all proceeds will benefit the Children's Center in Detroit

- 14 SATURDAY Grosse Pointe Woods Family Bike Tour, 9am-12pm
- Grosse Pointe War Memorial presents: Flea Market, 9:30am-2pm
- Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Book Sale at Woods Branch \$5 per bag, 10am-2pm
- · Relay for Life of Grosse Pointe at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park, 24 hour event starting at 10am
- Tau Beta Spring Market at the Grosse Pointe Club, all proceeds will benefit the Children's Center in Detroit
- · Izzy's Second Saturdays at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society: Candle making to put in your own designed patterned tin lanterns, \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers, 1-4pm

- 15 SUNDAY Relay for Life of Grosse Pointe at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park, ends at 10 am
- The Family Center presents ChariTea Bear's Tea Party at Farms Pier Park Community Center, \$25 per child, \$20 per adult, registration required, 2-4pm

- 17 TUESDAY Grosse Pointe Public Libraries presents "Michigan State Fair: A Photographic History" by authors John Minnis and Lauren Beaver in the Ewald Program Room, 7:30pm
- Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Lunch & a Movie at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, Register by May 9, \$9 per resident, \$11 per nonresident, 12pm
- · Henry Ford Health System obestrician/ gynecologist David A. Richardson, M.D., presentation at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. He specializes in treating incontinence in women. Light meal provided, free of charge, reservations required, 6:30-8 pm

18 wednesday

• GPBA of Mack Sidewalk Sale

- Learn at Lunch with Scott Advertising: Marketing on a Shoestring Budget at Northern Trust, 12-1:30 pm
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House presents Frontier Metropolis: Picturing Early Detroit 1701-1838, Brian Dunnigan presents a program relating to his book, reservations required, book signing to follow, 7:30-9pm
- Grosse Pointe Public Schools South Spring Jazz Concert at Hard Rock Café, 7:30pm
- Grosse Pointe Public Schools Senior Symposium "Birdfeeding 101 & Nuts About Squirrels" in the Ewald Program Room, 2-3pm
- "Mental Health First" at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, register online, \$20 includes 2 or 4 days workshop, lunch or refreshments, and materials, 6-9pm

19 THURSDAY • GPBA of Mack Sidewalk Sale

- Grosse Pointe Public Schools Pierce Spring Vocal Concert in Pierce Auditorium, 6pm
- The Family Center presents "Are Your Kids at Risk? Trends and Signs of Addictive Behaviors" at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, RSVP by May 10 online, no fee, 7 pm

20 FRIDAY

- GPBA of Mack Sidewalk Sale
- Grosse Pointe North Choir Pops & Broadway Concert at North PAC, 7pm
- Grosse Pointe Public Schools Pointe Players - One Acts in South Auditorium, 7pm
- Great Lakes Boating Festival at the GPYC runs through May 22. Free admission and open to the public

21 SATURDAY

- GPBA of Mack Sidewalk Sale
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House "Hunting for Habitat" for children ages 6-12, \$7 per child, 10am-12pm
- Grosse Pointe Public Schools Pointe Players - One Acts in South Auditorium, 7pm

June

22 SUNDAY

 Grosse Pointe Public Schools Pointe Players - One Acts in South Auditorium, 7pm

24 TUESDAY • The Family Center presents "Meet & Greet" at Grosse Pointe Academy for school, mental health, and health professionals, 9am

- 25 WEDNESDAY Grosse Pointe Public Schools Parcells Spring Vocal Concert in Parcells Auditorium, 7 pm
- "Mental Health First" at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, register online, \$20 includes 2 or 4 days workshop, lunch or refreshments, and materials, 6-9pm

26 THURSDAY

 Grosse Pointe North and South Outdoor Concert outside North PAC, bring a blanket or chair, 7pm

27 FRIDAY • Grosse Pointe Shores Pool opens for season

28 SATURDAY

- Neff Park pools open for season
- · Last Day of the Grosse Pointe Art Center's "Fire and Ice" Exhibit
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents Relatively Speaking at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial

30 MONDAY - MEMORIAL DAY • Grosse Pointe Woods Memorial Day

- Ceremony "Circle of Honor," 10am
- Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Memorial Day Service, 10-11am

31 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Schools Pierce Band & Orchestra Spring Concert in Pierce Auditorium, 7pm
- 4th Annual Knights of Columbus Fundraiser Card, \$10 per card, call the Family Center for locations to pick up a card!

O1 WEDNESDAY

- "Mental Health First" at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, register online, \$20 includes 2- or 4-day workshop, lunch or refreshments, and materials, 6-9pm
- · Brownell Spring Vocal Concert in the Brownell Multi-purpose Room Auditorium, 7pm

03 FRIDAY • Grosse Pointe South Vocal on Broadway Concert at North PAC, 8pm

04 SATURDAY • Grosse Pointe South Vocal on Broadway Concert at North PAC, 8pm

• Grosse Pointe Chamber Music Concert at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 2:30-4pm

08 wednesday

 Grosse Pointe South Composers Concert in South Auditorium, 7pm

09 THURSDAY • St. John Hospital & Medical Center presents the 2011 Music on the Plaza Jazz Concert featuring Grosse Pointe North and South Jazz Bands at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, 7pm

10 THURSDAY

• St. John Hospital & Medical Center presents the 2011 Music on the Plaza Jazz Concert featuring the Motor City Brass Band at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, 7pm

18 SATURDAY

- · Jack Boni Family Perch Derby at Lake Front Park, 9am-2pm
- Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration at Comerica Park 7:30pm for more information call (313) 86-4600.

19 SUNDAY - FATHER'S DAY • EyesOn Design Automotive Design

Show at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 10am-4:30pm

21 TUESDAY

Grosse Pointe Public Library Craft

Calendar

"Away We Go" at the Woods Library, Woods Program Room, 1-2pm

23 THURSDAY • St. John Hospital & Medical Center presents the 2011 Music on the Plaza Jazz Concert featuring Los Gatos at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, presented by Grosse Pointe Theatre, 7 pm

24 FRIDAY • Read, White & Blue Dinner Cruise on the Ovation to benefit the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Tickets \$125, boarding begins at 7:30pm

25 SATURDAY • Grosse Pointe Garden Center's Garden Tour 10am-4pm through Sunday. Tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 day of tour.

26 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods 4th of July Fireworks at Parcells Field
- Grosse Pointe Theatre hosts "A Theatrical Affair Afternoon Tea" at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. \$55 per person, reservations required, 2-5pm

27 MONDAY • Grosse Pointe Public Library Children's Summer Film Festival in the Woods Program Room, 10:30-11:30am

28 TUESDAY

 Grosse Pointe Public Library Family Matinee "The Tale of Despereaux" in the Ewald Program Room, 1-2:30pm

- 30 THURSDAY St. John Hospital & Medical Center presents the 2011 Music on the Plaza Jazz Concert featuring Metro Jazz Voices at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, 7 pm
- Grosse Pointe Public Library Grease Sing-a-Long: The Original High School Musical in the Woods Program Room, 7-8:45 pm

July

Calendar

04 MONDAY - INDEPENDENCE DAY • Edsel & Eleanor Ford House exhibit

"Art for Nature's Sake" ends, 10 am-6 pm

07 THURSDAY • St. John Hospital & Medical Center presents the 2011 Music on the Plaza Jazz Concert featuring the Sun Messengers at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, presented by Wells Fargo, 7pm

08 FRIDAY

• DSO at Ford House, grounds open at 6pm, concert at 8:30pm, fireworks at 10pm. Call (313) 576-5111 for more information.

- 09 SATURDAY Grosse Pointe Shores Centennial Celebration
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10 SUNDAY

 Grosse Pointe Shores Centennial Celebration

12 TUESDAY

• Grosse Pointe Public Library Craft "How We Live" in the Ewald Program Room, 1-2pm

13 wednesday

GPBA of Mack Sidewalk Sale

14 THURSDAY

- GPBA of Mack Sidewalk Sale
- · GPW Bike Decorating Contest at City Hall, 6pm
- St. John Hospital & Medical Center presents the 2011 Music on the Plaza Jazz Concert featuring Dave Bennett Jazz Quartet at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, presented by Flagstar Bank, 7pm

15 FRIDAY

- GPBA of Mack Sidewalk Sale
- · GPW Campout & Movie at Lake Front Park

• Grosse Pointe Library Harry Potter's Birthday Party in the Ewald Program Room, Dress as your favorite character, play quidditch, make a wand, and sort into houses! Space is limited, registration required, 1-3pm

10 SATURDAY

- · GPBA of Mack Sidewalk Sale
- GPW Antique & Attic Treasures Appraisals at the Community Center, 10 am-3 pm

18 monday

 Grosse Pointe Public Library Summer Story Time in the Woods Story Time Room, ages 2 and up, 10:30-11:00am

19 TUESDAY

• Grosse Pointe Public Library Family Matinee "Around the World in 80 Days" in the Woods Story Time Room, 1-2:30pm

21 THURSDAY

• St. John Hospital & Medical Center presents the 2011 Music on the Plaza Jazz Concert featuring Paul Keller Orchestra at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, 7pm

22 FRIDAY

 Grosse Pointe Art Center exhibit "Our Rivers, Our Lakes" begins and runs through Aug. 27

23 SATURDAY • Fairy Tale Festival at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, go to www.fordhouse.org for details.

25 MONDAY • Grosse Pointe Public Library Summer Film Festival featuring class children's stories in the Central Second Floor Conference Room, 10:30-11:30am

29 FRIDAY • Annual Village Sidewalk Sale and Street Festival, 12-9pm

30 SATURDAY • Annual Village Sidewalk Sale and Street Festival, 9:30 am-5:30pm



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STINK BOATING Covering the Mackinac from the Pink Pony and fishing with The Mick!



Pete Waldmeir, long-time columnist, lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.

s a young man, I set an aquatic record that may stand for centuries. I fell off of three different boats in three different countries — the U. S., Canada and Mexico — all in the same year. Alcohol, of course, had nothing to do with my clumsiness. Well, almost nothing.

I am a confirmed stink-boater. I gave up trying to use the wind for propulsion at the ripe old age of 10, when a buddy and I rigged an old bed sheet to a pole and tried to sail my grandfather's water-logged wood rowboat across Union Lake. Thankfully, we took the oars along.

This is not to say that I have not had tons of fun in and around boats, mine and other's, some of them even rigged with sails. I have lived close to the water for years and have owned a dozen powerboats, from a 6-horse outboard aluminum skiff to a 38-ft double cabin Chris Craft.

Thank heaven hulls can't talk. I'd long ago have been jailed for malicious neglect and abuse.

Truth to tell, the most fun I've had in boating — aside from swimming and sunning with my family on Lake St. Clair — was covering events like the Port Huron-to-Mackinac Race, usually watching from the air and then doing post-race interviews in the Pink Pony and assorted other saloons on the Island.

But nothing surpasses the time that Mickey Mantle and I (yes, that Mickey Mantle) were stopped at a road block in northern Ontario one dark night long ago by the RCMP Mounties.

Cutting swiftly to the chase, Mantle and I and some other folks had been at Chrysler Boats' fishing and boat show at Honey Harbour, on Georgian Bay about 90 miles north of Toronto. Unknown to us, a kid had been kidnapped in the area while we were out fishing. So as we were hurrying south to Toronto that evening to catch the last plane out, we were flagged down by the RCMP cops at a roadblock.

The Mounties made us all get out of the car, demanding our IDs. The Head Redcoat looked at our driver's ID, checked the picture. Looked at mine, checked the picture. When he got to Mantle's photo, he flashed his light in Mick's face. "You really Mickey Mantle?" he asked.

"You got me," Mickey responded. "And we really have to catch a plane..."

The only stops we made between there and the Toronto airport were at the next two Mounties' roadblocks to sign autographs. We even got there before the last bar closed.

Who said stink boaters don't have more fun?

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Mickey Mantle may have been one of the greatest ballplayers ever, but he was a lousy fisherman!



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