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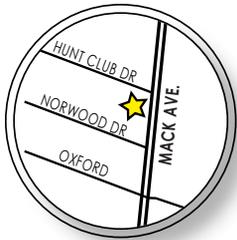
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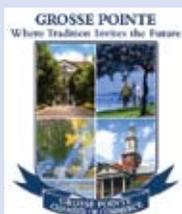
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On the Cover

This lovely bench surrounded by flowers and indescribable beauty belongs to Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Kirsten Frank Kelly of Grosse Pointe Park. Though Kelly calls gardening her “hobby,” she is being modest. She, in fact, is a Master Gardener, and if circumstances turn out as one would hope they should, Judge Kelly will one day be the next Grosse Pointe justice on the Michigan Supreme Court. Photographer Robert Chase shoots for Motion, a lifestyle magazine “For the Active Attorney” published by the Detroit Legal News, where Grosse Pointe Magazine publisher John Minnis also works as a writer on staff.

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John Minnis
Editor and Publisher

Spring will soon be in bloom!

As I write this, there is still a foot or so of snow outside. But as Phil Hands' cartoon most colorfully points out, "It won't be long now" before winter departs and warmer weather is the norm.

To kick off the season, the Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS will once again hold its Home & Garden Expo at the War Memorial. In fact, the 24th annual event will take up the entire veterans center — the Alger House and the Fries Ballroom. It is sure to be bigger and better than ever. It will be held Saturday, March 19. Don't miss it! Many Expo vendors

are advertising in this issue of Grosse Pointe Magazine. Be sure to stop and see them!

The first Earth Day was held April 22, 1970 — 41 years ago! — but it is still one of our favorite "Seventies" things to do. This year, LocalMotionGreen will be hold its fifth annual Earth Day Fair on Saturday, April 30, in the Richard School parking lot. There will be plenty of green things for kids and adults alike to enjoy — and learn!

To go along with our home, garden and green theme, don't miss Margie Smith's column about how she, with the help of a friend and a martini (for the friend!) got into raised gardening. It looks like a great way to have a "neat" garden and enjoy some fresh tomatoes and veggies!

Of course, Master Gardener Beth Quinn has some good advice on getting your yard and beds ready for the growing season. And don't miss the story about another Pointe Master Gardener, Judge Kirsten Frank Kelly, and photographer Robert Chase's wonderful photos gracing the front cover and center spread of this magazine!

Probably no one knows more about cooking veggies — and anything else

— than Master Chef Brian Beland, who just earned that top designation after eight days of *Iron Chef* like trials at The Culinary Institute of America. Congratulations, Chef, and the Country Club of Detroit!

The sad fact is that money for education is increasingly hard to come by, even here. Fortunately, Grosse Pointers will go to great heights to make sure kids have the tools they need to learn. One such Pointer is Dr. Russ Chavey, who scaled Mount Kilimanjaro along with Flat Stanley to raise more than \$60,000 in leveraged funds, thanks to the Bolls Foundation, for the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. Funds will go toward technology in the public schools.

Last, but not all, don't miss The Grosse Pointe Academy's 44th annual Action Auction May 4 and 7. This year's theme, appropriately enough: "Lights, Camera, Action Auction"!

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Proudest moment? I am only 16! I hope my proudest moment is still ahead of me.

Ambitions? To go to school in Chicago.

Most embarrassing moment? I was at work and alone I thought. I was practicing my British accent when a customer walked in.

Who is your hero — why? My sister Claire for being so strong after everything she has gone through.

Favorite teacher ever? Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Taylor from Pierce for helping so much.

About Kiera:

Kiera has two younger siblings, sister Claire, 13 and brother Dante, 12.

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MASTER CHEF

CCD Chef Brian achieves highest culinary level

By John Minnis

To call Country of Club of Detroit Executive Chef Brian Beland an *Iron Chef* would be flattering, but also inaccurate. The fact of the matter is that Chef Beland has attained a professional pedigree the TV *Iron Chefs* have not — that of Certified Master Chef, one of only 66 in the country.

Beland, 31, earned that designation in October. At The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., he was one of five out of 12 chefs taking the CMC exam to pass.

“It’s been a personal and professional goal,” says Beland, who became executive chef of Country Club of Detroit in February 2006.

After earning a bachelor’s degree from the School of Hospitality Business at Michigan State University — interning for two summers for then CCD Executive Chef Doug Ganhs. Beland continued his culinary education

at The Culinary Institute of America. After finishing his education at the CIA, he worked under a master chef at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, N.Y.

Later, when CCD Executive Chef Scott O’Farrell wanted to teach at Macomb Community College, Beland’s education, experience and hard work and skill as a former intern put him at the top of the list for a successor.

The CMC exam consists of eight days of cooking segments, culminating in the “market basket” on the last day when, like *Iron Chef*, the chefs receive the “mystery ingredients” and have a limited amount of time to prepare a menu and dishes. Chefs are graded on skills, presentation and taste.

“If you failed two courses, you go home,” says Beland who said he averaged four to six hours of sleep a night during the grueling week. “It’s very intense.” ☐

Go green, go local at 2011 Earth Day Fair

By Susan Bollinger

Every day is Earth Day, but especially Saturday, April 30. The fifth annual Earth Day Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Richard Lot on The Hill.

According to LocalMotionGreen Executive Director Robin Heller, “The Fair is our organization’s signature event, highlighting local resources that promote healthy and green daily living to the community.”

Vivian Day Stroh, co-chair of LocalMotionGreen, adds, “The event is a wonderful way to celebrate spring — outside in the fresh air with family and friends, enjoying fun activities and fabulous food, and learning about ways to keep our environment and ourselves healthier.”

Event vendors and exhibitors will offer products and services that are non-toxic and healthy for people and the environment. “This year we’ve discovered even more local businesses specializing in green products and services,” says Heller, “evidence of a

growing interest in green living right here in our own community.”



Attendees can look forward to live music and free samples of organic food, as well as food for purchase from local restaurants and caterers. Children are invited to take part in

an art contest, games and crafts, and anyone can learn how to make non-toxic cleaners from household ingredients. Enjoy a free manicure and cosmetics makeover with toxin-free products, then sit back for a free chair massage.

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Dog Day Afternoons

Reading is doggone fun at the library!

By Margie Reins Smith

Ruth Fradeneck, a third-grader at Mason Elementary School, went to the Woods Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library on a recent winter afternoon to read aloud from “Brewster the Rooster.” Emma, a yellow Labrador retriever, listened with her chin flat on the floor squarely between her front paws, her ears and “eyebrows” moving ever-so-slightly as Ruth used different voices for different characters in the story. Emma’s tail slapped the floor intermittently, especially when the story got exciting.

Madison Payne, a second-grader at Poupard Elementary School, read Dr. Seuss out loud while Mac, a 12-year-old collie, drowsed at her feet. Mac’s owner, Bill Stewart, helped Madison with the hard words.

Both girls were participating in the Grosse Pointe Public Library’s Dog Day Afternoons program that offers children from second through fifth grade a chance to read aloud to a dog. The dogs are registered therapy dogs.

The program began in 2003, according to Betty Kellogg, operations manager for the library. It’s intended to provide a noncompetitive environment for children of all reading levels to practice reading aloud.

“Studies show that reading out loud improves reading skills,” said Vicky Bloom, GPPL director. “We are happy to offer this popular program that encourages children to read.”

“Each dog has its own personality,” said Pat McClary, youth services librarian at the Woods branch and coordinator of the Dog Day Afternoons program.

Gabrielle Anusbigan, a second-grader at Grosse Pointe Academy, read to Ali, a golden retriever, on the same dreary winter day, while Mia Bodenborn, a Kerby Elementary



Photos by Margie Reins Smith

Abbey Homminga and Emma, above, and Madison Payne and Mac, right, enjoy their reading time together in the Grosse Pointe Public Library’s Dog Day Afternoons program.

School second-grader, read to Peanut, a corgi/golden retriever mix. Peanut kept an eye on her owner, Jim Gerardi, as well as on Judy Dolsen, a volunteer chaperone for the program. Peanut yawned and whined softly. Mia kept reading, absorbed in her book.

At the Woods branch, each program involves eight children who read for a half hour a week for three successive weeks. Four children are in the program at the Ewald branch.

“Children can bring their own books or choose books from our cart,” McClary said. At the end of the session, readers get Frequent Reader



cards with their dog’s picture on it.

The program is free, but participants must register in advance. For more information about Dog Day Afternoons or to sign up for the next session, go to www.gp.lib.mi.us or call McClary at (313) 343-2072, ext. 205. ☐

Margie Reins Smith is a Grosse Pointe freelance journalist. Her blog, “The Newfangled Gramma,” is at margiereinssmith.weebly.com.

Youthful indiscretions

By Randall D. Cain

Do you remember growing up and never giving a thought that your actions could hurt you? We never put it into so many words, but we were invincible. As we matured, we began to realize that was not the case, we wiped our brow, let out a “phee” and were grateful to come through our youth unscathed.



The same holds true for youthful indiscretions at school or with the law. “I’m just a kid, that criminal charge or disciplinary action at school is not going to affect my future. In fact, it’s only going to make me “cool” among my friends.” My answer, “Wrong!” Your future is at stake, and running afoul of the law or your high school can have serious consequences regarding admission to college and employment.

I asked Carla Palfy, managing director of College Prep RX, what her advice is when confronted with a college applicant who was found responsible for a disciplinary violation at school or adjudicated guilty or convicted of a crime. She offers some sage advice:

All applicants are encouraged, if not required, to address these issues with an essay explaining the circumstances and, ideally, what they learned and implemented from the experience to better themselves for a successful college future.

As for future employment, my opinion is be honest, don’t try to hide an error in judgment, because it’s only going to come back and haunt you.

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Lauren's Picks

Little White Lie or Harsh Truth?

Little white lie

Ice Cream or Chocolate?

Chocolate

Winter or Summer?

Winter

Big City or Countryside?

Big City

The Hill, The Village or Mack?

The Village

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Not practicing piano as much as I used to.

Last book you read?

The Shack

Best vacation ever?

Going to Europe with my family.

About Lauren

Lauren was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2002. She speaks all over the country about living with MS and staying positive.

Her goals include having her own public speaking and consulting business and earning a PhD from Wayne State University in Health Communication.



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- 2 cups toasted rice cereal (like Rice Krispies)
- 1/4 cup toasted wheat germ (optional)
- 1/2 cup creamy or crunchy natural peanut butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar (packed)
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup or honey
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Directions:

Coat a 13" x 9" baking pan with cooking spray. Combine peanuts, sunflower seeds (or other nuts), raisins (or other dried fruit), oats, rice cereal and wheat germ (optional) in large bowl.

Combine peanut butter, brown sugar and corn syrup (or honey) in a large microwaveable bowl. Microwave on high until bubbling, approximately 1-2 minutes. Add vanilla and stir



until blended. Pour the peanut butter mixture over the dry ingredients and stir until coated.

Transfer mixture to the prepared pan and press down firmly. Let stand for about 1 hour to harden. Cut into bars.

Wrap individual bars in plastic wrap and store at room temperature for up to one week or freeze for up to one month. Thaw frozen bars at room temperature.

Calories: 255, Fat: 9gms (1 sat., 2 mono.), Chol: 0mg, Protein, 5gms; Carbs: 42gms, Fiber: 3gms, Sodium: 95mg, Potassium, 242mg



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

Tortilla Roll-up

Yield: 25 servings

Ingredients:

- 8 oz. fat free cream cheese
- 1 cup fat free sour cream
- 1 pkg. dry ranch dressing mix
- 1 cup mild or hot chunky salsa
- 1 1/2 cups shredded 2% cheddar cheese
- 10 ea. 10 inch flour tortillas

Directions:

In a medium size bowl, mix the cream cheese, sour cream, dry ranch dressing mix, salsa and cheddar cheese. Spread the mixture evenly onto the tortillas. Roll the tortillas and chill until ready to serve (or pack.) Slice tortilla in 3/4 inch slices to serve (or pack).

Calories: 43, Fat: 1gm, Protein: 4gm, Carbs: 4gm, Sodium: 321mg

Chef's Tip:

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Web designer Bill Costello of the Costello Design Group in Grosse Pointe Park

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Chamber rolls out new online presence

By Jim Stickford

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's redesigned website at www.grossepointechamber.com will better than ever connect its members with the public, creating a convenient way for customers, residents and businesses to see what's going on around town.

Chamber President and Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher says the website is designed to promote Grosse Pointe as a destination.

"It will show our community as a place to shop, to go to restaurants, that we are a destination for metro Detroit and beyond," Boettcher says. "People sometimes forget that we have theater, shops, restaurants."

The revamped website was launched on Jan. 25 at the Chamber's Annual

Meeting, Boettcher said. The idea for a redesign was first floated about six months ago. The site was designed by Bill Costello of the Costello Design Group in Grosse Pointe Park.

While the website is designed to inform the public about Grosse Pointe, it is also meant to give value to Chamber members.

"We have more than 450 members in the Chamber of Commerce," Boettcher says. "We got our start in 2005 and have been growing since then. Even though many of our members have their own websites, the Chamber site can be used to supplement member Web pages."

The Chamber's site will link to member sites, Boettcher said. It will also list events, making the website a

kind of electronic reference site that can be used as a resource.

"Each member will have a micro-site on our site," Boettcher says. "It will include a photo gallery, logos and even coupons, which the public can print. There will even be maps to show the location of the business."

In addition to showing off Grosse Pointe to the world, the Web should also give the Chamber a voice in the community.

"We feel that's important," Boettcher says. "A community is more than homes, its businesses, churches and schools. Residents sometimes forget that. This gives the business owners a say in the communities where they do business and contribute to the quality of life." 

Doggone tired!

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

The hectic pace of the holidays is over so how come you're still so tired? There are many reasons for ongoing fatigue.

Some are easy to spot and fix; others may require a trip to your doctor.

One of the most common reasons for feeling tired and rundown

is simply not getting enough sleep. Aim for 7-9 hours every night. "Sleep hygiene" refers to habits that promote healthy and restful sleep: sleep and wake at the same time every single day, even on weekends. Don't watch TV, work, play on the computer or even read a book in bed.

Eat properly: never skip breakfast, drink plenty of water, eat light, low-fat meals and limit caffeine (coffee, tea, sodas) and sugar. No liquids or a heavy meal 2-3 hours before bedtime to prevent heartburn and frequent bathroom trips.

Get regular exercise. Even a short stroll anytime during the day can help you get a good night's sleep.

Take your vitamins. If you eat a varied diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables, you probably don't need a daily vitamin; however a good multivitamin and/or a B-complex supplement taken several times a week can be good insurance.

After you have tried all these things and you still feel tired, see your doctor.

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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'Lights, Camera, Action Auction'!

By Margie Reins Smith

Emily and Tom Scupholm and Anita and Jack Valente will throw two spectacular parties this spring. They're co-chairs of Grosse Pointe Academy's 44th annual Action Auction, the school's largest annual fundraiser. They've been planning the events for nearly a year.

The first party will include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and — oh, yes, a silent auction of some 400+ items. It's on Wednesday, May 4. The



second party will offer cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a sit-down dinner and, — oh, yes, live and silent auctions of another 200 items. It'll be on Saturday, May 7, in the school's Tracy Field House.

Last year's Action Auction catalog swelled to 174 pages and this year's will equal that, according to Emily Scupholm. This year's theme, "Lights, Camera, Action Auction," was chosen to tie in with Detroiters' newfound fascination with the city's burgeoning movie industry.

"Decorations for the Wednesday event will be reminiscent of a wrap party on a Hollywood movie set," said Anita Valente. "On Saturday, we'll recreate the feeling of a glamorous 1940s-style movie premiere."

Guests with limited budgets can choose items starting at \$35: skateboards, children's LEGO sets, spa certificates, hand-made needlepoint accessories and tickets to Red Wings, Lions, Pistons and Tigers games. Guests with fatter wallets can vie for either a Jeep Grand Cherokee or a Chrysler Town and Country donated by Ken Meade, diamond and sapphire earrings donated by Ahee Jewelers and the usual variety of trip packages (airfare, hotel,



Photo by Margie Reins Smith

Anita Valente and Emily Scupholm, co-chairs of the 44th annual Action Auction, invite all to bid on many spectacular items to support scholarship funds and academic excellence at The Grosse Pointe Academy. Behind them are program covers of auctions past.

car, sightseeing excursions and more) to destinations all over the world.

A one-of-a-kind experience, according to Anita Valente, is a catered dinner party for 10 in the bidder's home planned by Neiman Marcus. Included is a \$5,000 Neiman Marcus merchandise certificate for new china, flatware, stemware or table accessories. Mikki Gardener, of Mood Events, will plan the event and Zach Sklar, from Cutting Edge Cuisine, will be the caterer.

Honorary chairs for "Lights, Camera, Action Auction" are Kathy and Bill

Whelan. Advisory chairs are Mollie and Geoff Donaldson.

Advance tickets are \$75 for the silent auction on Wednesday, \$125 for Saturday's silent and live auction, or \$150 for both evenings. Tickets are \$175 at the door.

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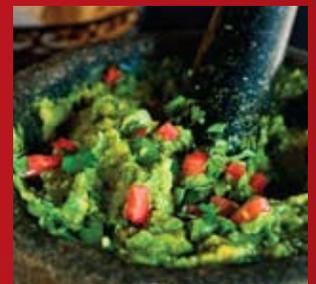
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Spring into Action!

It's time to get your garden in shape

By Beth Quinn

Spring is a great time for preparing the garden for the upcoming growing season. While you might want to tackle your to do list on the first warm day, avoid walking on wet soil to avoid compaction. Wait until the soil is no longer moist enough to form a ball in your hand.

Before heading outside, take some time to inspect and condition your gardening tools. By cleaning your tools, you will prevent any plant pathogens from transferring to plants and shrubs. Scrub off any rust and rub on vegetable or mineral oil lightly after the tools have been cleaned to prevent rust from returning. Check to see if blades on hand tools are dull. Most local hardware stores and garden centers sharpen tools for a nominal cost.

Once outside, clean up garden beds and borders by removing fallen leaves and dead foliage, both of which can smother nearby plants and nurture disease. Pull up any annuals that were



left in the garden at the end of last year's growing season. Toss all organic material into a pile for composting. Be careful not to throw pulled weeds into the compost pile where they can heat up and go to seed.

Prune overgrown evergreens and

summer-flowering shrubs, such as Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia Davidii*), in the early spring while they are still dormant, but wait to prune spring bloomers, such as Forsythia (*forsythia x intermedia*) until after they bloom. Neaten up bushes by trimming any damaged branches back to live stems. Pruning not only gets rid of diseased wood but it encourages new growth by allowing sunlight and air to reach the shrub's center.

If you left last season's flowering perennials and ornamental grasses in the garden for winter interest, prune them back now to allow new growth to develop. Cut perennials down to a height of 4 to 5 inches

and grasses to 2 to 3 inches. Throw dead foliage into the compost pile. After the soil has thawed, dig up both to thin out crowded beds. Divide up the clumps and transplant them to fill in sparse beds. ☺

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Raised gardening... ...for fun and food!

By Margie Reins Smith

Four Januaries ago, while hacking into a tennis ball that was passing itself off as a tomato, I paused, wistfully, and dreamed of growing my own vegetables.

Martha Stewart grows big, beautiful vegetables. But Martha has staff. I don't.

My vegetable gardening experiment didn't turn out as well as Martha's Good Things, but it was a Pretty Nice Thing. Certainly a learning experience.

For the last four summers, I've grown vegetables in my backyard. I've been wildly successful with tomatoes, but have also have produced some decent lettuce, tasty broccoli and every kind of herb known to Western civilization. I've survived the heartbreak of thinning; I've reached a stalemate, for now, in the Rabbit Wars; and I've dealt with Broccoli Gone Wild.

A friend built a 12-foot by 12-foot raised garden bed for me, smack in the middle of my backyard. He supplied the know-how, the tools and the labor. I supplied the wood, some annoying kibitzing, and when it was complete -- three extra strength Excedrin, a Beefeater martini on the rocks and dinner.

The next problem was how to fill this giant box. Three yards of garden soil looks like Mt. Everest when it's

dumped on your driveway. I finally hired a studley young kid to schlep it, one wheelbarrow at a time, from driveway to garden.

I planted seeds — radishes, lettuce and carrots. I bought tiny plastic pots, each bearing a tender, newly sprouted baby veggie. I chose broccoli shoots, perky little peppers and six different kinds of tomatoes. I eased



ensure the survival of 12 of these, you have to hand-pluck and discard the other 999,988. Which ones to save? Which ones to sacrifice? They're all so tiny. So vulnerable. So innocent.

The tomatoes seemed to grow a couple of inches each day. Alarmed, I caged them. The broccoli and peppers thrived and soon grew into swaggering teenage veggies.

Then the rabbits came. Rabbits are cute, but they're hungry, lazy and fearless. The sassy things kept an eye and an ear on me as they chomped the tender lower leaves of my broccoli babies.

At first, I fought the Rabbit Wars with a spray. It worked for about two months. After "relocating" a rabbit family nestled under my struggling baby carrots, my friend built a chickenwire fence around the whole garden.

After four years, here's what I've learned about urban vegetable gardening in Grosse Pointe:

Peas are duds. Herbs are easy. Tomatoes turned out to be one of my Good Things. There's nothing like a fresh-picked, still-warm-

from-the-sun tomato that's full of juice and flavor and tomato-ey texture. Move over, Martha. ☺

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Photos by Margie Reins Smith

them into rows. I watered. I waited. I took pictures. I watered. I waited. And waited.

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In the Pink

Judge Kelly enjoys change of venue

By Taryn Hartman

“Pink is such a peaceful color,” says Kirsten Frank Kelly from the deck overlooking the garden at her home in Grosse Pointe Park.

It’s a cloudless June day, and Judge Kelly’s salmon-colored shirt matches the shades of her spread of mostly pink plants.

“They paint prisons pink to calm people down,” says Kelly, who when not gardening sits on the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The garden’s primary hue, along with the act of gardening itself, has always been a source of peace and relaxation for Kelly, a Master Gardener who insists that the preponderance of pink was never intentional.

“That just ended up that way,” says Kelly. “I’ll buy whatever looks pretty, but most of it seemed to come up pink and white just because it’s peaceful.”

A frequent site for judicial fundraisers and events for the Wayne County region of the Women Lawyer’s Association of Michigan, Kelly’s abundant garden is much more low-maintenance than it appears, consisting mostly of perennial plants that bloom year after year.

“It takes very little effort to keep it in shape because I don’t have the luxury of time, often,” Kelly says. “I try to have the perennials that are non-invasive or don’t spread, that don’t need a lot of fuss and muss.”

The garden’s few annuals are planted around the edging or in pots dotting the deck, where a round café table is always set, today with navy blue placemats and plates painted to look like watermelons.

“My favorite thing about the garden is, from late February until the end of November, there’s something always in bloom,” Kelly says.

Currently in full-color bloom are orange, white, and

stargazer lillies next to rose bushes whose blooms are just beginning to wilt in Kelly’s “summer garden,” planted around a trellis in the corner of the yard. Opposite the summer garden are many of the spring-blooming plants, including more roses. At the rear of the yard, where a fence borders the yard of neighbor Lamont Buffington, a partner with Garan Lucow Miller and also a gardener, are the plants that will bloom in the fall, such as hostas.

“I’ll buy anything that grows,” Kelly says of her weakness for snagging whatever new flowers catch her eye. “My husband has me on a budget, and I said, ‘Look at it this way, honey. I could be into jewelry or shoes or clothes. I like flowers.’”

On a tour around the garden, Kelly stops to point out a dark plant with thin leaves that hasn’t yet flowered.

“One of the reasons I bought this is because I love the name; it’s called Black Negligence,” she says. “How legal is that?”

Kelly says readying the garden in the spring takes only one weekend.

“Traditionally, in this family, every Mother’s Day weekend the gift to mom was I didn’t have to drive anywhere, I didn’t have to cook, I didn’t have to do anything, so I was able to spend all that time in the

garden getting everything ready.”

A local landscape company then spreads a layer of mulch to suppress most weeds, keeping Kelly from chemically treating her plants unless absolutely necessary.

“If you really like something, it’s not really work, it’s really enjoyable,” Kelly says of the time she spends working on the garden. “And actually it is a lot cheaper than shoes.” ☐

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Home & Garden Expo ...



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...blooms again!

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By Jim Stickford

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtor's 24th annual Home & Garden Expo will be held in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms on Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Event co-chair Cheryl Gauss is a longtime Board of Realtor member and has been involved with the show since the beginning.

"This all started as a Realtor's tradeshow and was held in the Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores," Gauss said. "After four or five years, we found out there wasn't a great Realtor turnout, but we did find that the public showed up. So it was decided that we were missing the mark and to move the show to Grosse Pointe and make it something for the public."

Co-chair Judy Barker said the annual event has become huge and that they take over the entire War Memorial for a day. Vendors from Grosse Pointe and across metro Detroit set up stands to demonstrate their wares and services. Members of the public can then go around and see what's available.



"We're talking about a wide variety of vendors – landscaping services, plumbers, home inspectors, interior designers," Barker said. "We send out invitations to our customers and remind them of the show."

Board member Randy Repicki and Bobbi Sexton, board CEO, call the show a great community event.

"There's something for everyone," Sexton said. "We have things that interest men, such as garage doors and home improvement projects, and displays that mostly interest women, such as interior designs. It's a nice mix for everyone. We get about 70 vendors and more than 1,000 people attend every year."

"Grosse Pointe has such great homes," Repicki said. "When the houses in Grosse Pointe were built, they weren't built cookie-cutter style. Each home next to another that looks exactly alike. Rather, the homes were built in different styles to order, so neighborhoods have a great mix of homes. People love to personalize their homes more, and this show gives them the chance to get the help they need to make their homes uniquely theirs." 

Leukemia Cup Regattas

By Ted Everingham

*S*aving Sailing and Saving Lives” was the theme on a bone-chilling mid-February evening when nearly 200 people gathered in the comfort of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House to hear world-class sailor, television commentator and author, Gary Jobson, talk about sailing.



The purpose of the sold-out evening was to support the The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s continuing fight against the blood cancers, including leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, and to promote the Leukemia Cup Regattas, a national series of sailing events that have raised more than \$27 million for research and patient services.

There currently are three Leukemia Cup Regattas in our area at Great Lakes Yacht Club, North Star Sail Club and Port Huron Yacht Club. Sailors and non-sailors can participate. You don’t need a boat or to belong to a club. At the end of the season, the Leukemia Cup is awarded to the club that raised the most money. Skippers and crews can earn exciting incentives, including the opportunity to sail in the Fantasy Sail with Gary Jobson at the New York Yacht Club in October.

For information about the Leukemia Cup Regattas, check the websites of one of the three clubs at www.greatlakesyc.com, www.northstarsail.org or www.phyc.org.

Think of Saving Sailing and Saving Lives as Doing Well by Doing Good.

Ted Everingham’s Great Lakes Log can be seen daily at 1:30 & 4:30 a.m. and 1:30 & 10:30 p.m. on WMTV, a service of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, on Comcast channels 5 & 915 in the Pointes and Harper Woods and now on U-verse in seven counties in Southeast Michigan.



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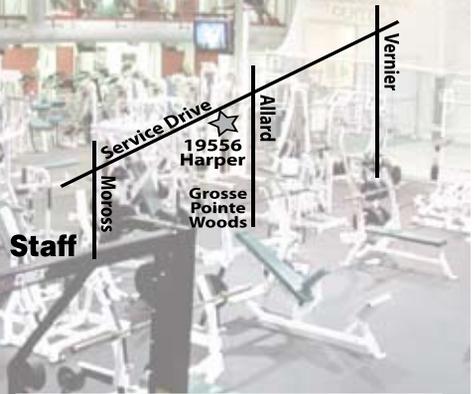
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Herb Society of America

By Michael Goodell

At the February meeting of the Grosse Pointe Unit of the Herb Society of America, Mary Northcutt guided the members in designing tussie-mussies. Originally a Victorian bridal bouquet, the tussie-mussie (or nosegay) is a handheld bouquet incorporating herbs.

The Herb Society isn't just about flower arrangements, though. Members' interests are as varied as the plants themselves, ranging from healthy eating to ornamental gardening. Having celebrated its 25th anniversary last year, the Grosse Pointe Unit is an integral part of the Herb Society of America. One of the highlights each year is the national conference, featuring workshops, presentations and general meetings.

Over the years, the Grosse Pointe Unit has helped design



Molly Valade and Mary Northcutt at the February meeting of the Grosse Pointe Herb Society at Grosse Pointe Methodist Church, where the group met to make tussie-mussies.

and maintain several public gardens within the Grosse Pointes, including the central beds in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's acclaimed Trial Gardens.

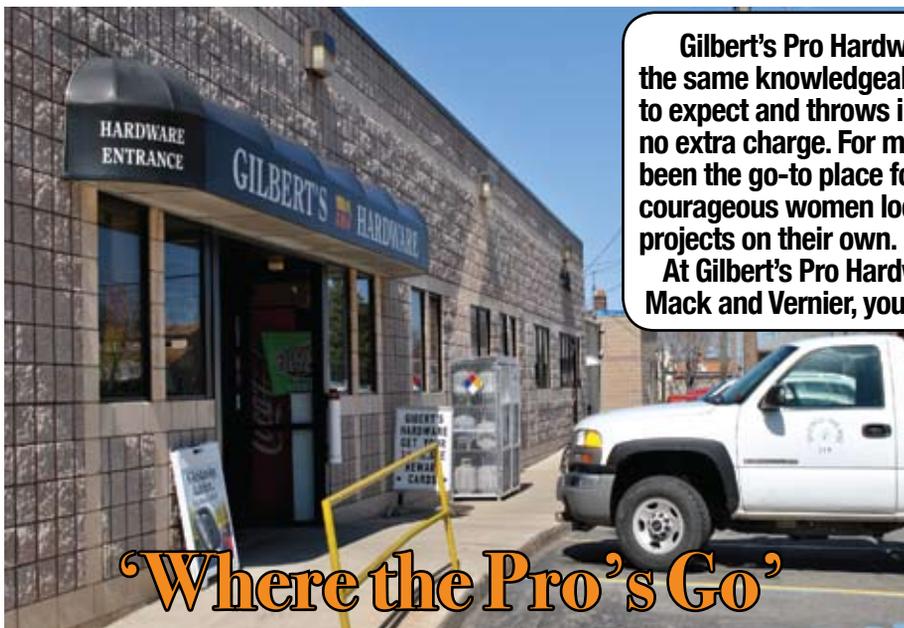
Like most clubs, the Herb Society is on the lookout for new members. Though the initiation fee and dues are reasonable, membership does have a price. New members select a signature herb and are expected to research that plant and give a presentation.

In addition to maintaining gardens and expanding herbal knowledge, the Herb Society provides an outlet for people who

share a love of plants, flowers, food and friendship.

If your green thumb sticks out like a sore thumb, take a look at the Herb Society of America, go to www.herbsociety.org/units/grosse-pointe.html.

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by Virginia Ficarra

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The entrance to this 1940s home, inset, was modernized by a recent renovation.

The scalloped fascia and wooden fence and porch posts were removed. New, boxed supports were added, as well as beige siding, light fixtures, and, for balance, a planter box under the double windows. To complete the renovation, a new wooden door was selected to highlight the welcoming center of the home.

To open the entrance area, a 6-foot-wide brick step was added.



Virginia Ficarra, author and owner of Smart Home Moves LLC, is a color and design coach, speaker and pioneer in instant room makeovers.

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Lenten Fridays never tasted so good!

By Patti Theros

During Lent, many area churches offer a variety of “meat-free” dinners for those fasting on Fridays. Here are some highlights of “fries” in our area. All of them offer a variety of main entrees, and if you’re watching your calorie intake, there are healthy options with oven-baked seafood dishes and salads. After you’ve reviewed the list, you’ll agree that it won’t be too hard to keep the Fast during Lent, at least on Fridays!

Christ Church Mardi Gras

Before you start fasting, have some fun at the annual Christ Church’s Mardi Gras Dinner and festivities in Grosse Pointe Farms on “Fat Tuesday” March 8 at 6 p.m. The dinner features a live band with traditional New Orleans music. According to Vesta Dajani, a parishioner of Christ Church, the dinner is always held the night before Ash Wednesday. It’s open to everyone and a great time for families. In traditional New Orleans style, the main course is jambalaya. It’s served with salad, hot rolls and



traditional King Cake, also known as Twelfth Night Cake. (Hot dogs and chips are also available for children.) Cost is \$8 per adult, \$20 per family. Reservations are encouraged but not required. For more information call Christ Church at (313) 885-4841 or www.christchurchgp.org.

St. Paul K of C Fish Dinner

Attend St. Paul’s Knights of Columbus Annual Lenten Fish Dinner in the school’s cafeteria at 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd. on Friday April 1st from 5-7 p.m. Proceeds from the dinner benefit K of C charities. Menu includes baked cod or “Bucci” salmon, soup, salad, potato, vegetable, desserts, bread and Mac’n Cheese for the kids. Milk and coffee included. Adults \$12; children 7-12 years old



are \$6; and 5 and under are free. Carryouts are available. According to K of C Grand Knight, Bob Haran, “Last year’s dinner was a huge success and funds benefitted Father Muma’s mission trip to Haiti and Pregnancy Aid.” For more information contact Kurt Schmidt at (586) 879-8598, Bob Haran at (313) 319-9955 or www.stpaulonthelake.org.

Fridays at The ARK

If you’re looking for a Lenten dinner every Friday, be sure to visit the ARK at St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

The ARK’s buffet includes five-signature salads, a choice of 2 soups, fried or baked cod, tater tots, cheese macaroni, vegetables, rolls and coffee and tea. Each week Chef Fred Whaley presents an alternate meatless main course. If you haven’t given up sweets for Lent, try a delicious pie at



the dessert bar. Beer and wine are available for an additional charge. Buffet starts Friday, March 11, and ends on Good Friday, April 22, 5-9 p.m. Adults \$15; \$10 for children 6-10

years old; children 5 and under are free. Carryouts are available.

The parish offers the “Stations of the Cross” Lenten devotions on the same day as the dinners. Guests can come for an early dinner and stay to pray ... or pray and come for a later dinner. The ARK at St. Ambrose is located at Wayburn and Hampton, next to the church in Grosse Pointe Park. For more information call (313) 822-1594 or visit www.stambrosechurch.net.

Marchiori’s at Assumption

Marchiori Catering at Assumption Center has been offering their annual seafood buffet during Lent for more than 15 years. This year’s buffet will officially kickoff on Ash Wednesday, March 9, and continue every Friday



until April 15. Their menu includes baked salmon and whitefish, breaded cod and calamari, asiago au gratin potatoes, penne with tomato & basil sauce, spanakopita (classic Greek favorite), soup and salad bar, bread, and coffee and soft drinks. All meals are served on fine china with linen tablecloths and napkins. Dessert is offered at an additional charge. 5-8 p.m. Prices are \$16 for adults; and \$8 for children 12 and under. Assumption Center is located at 21800 Marter Rd. in Grosse Pointe Woods/St. Clair Shores. For more information contact Marchiori Catering at (586) 771-8600 or www.marchioricatering.com. ☐

Easter offers the message of hope

Looking for Hope

By Rev. Matthew J. Swiatek

Over the last few years the word “hope” has been tossed around quite a bit. So let me ask you, in what have you placed your hope? Is it in a political party or a Dow index over the 14,000 level again or a rebound in property values? On the lighter side, perhaps your hope is that the Detroit Lions have really turned from their losing ways!



While all those things may offer some limited hope, deep down we know such things don’t ensure true hope. That requires something different—something eternal and unshakable—a hope found uniquely in and through our creator. Fortunately, God made each of us so that we might know Him personally, not just know about Him, but truly know Him.

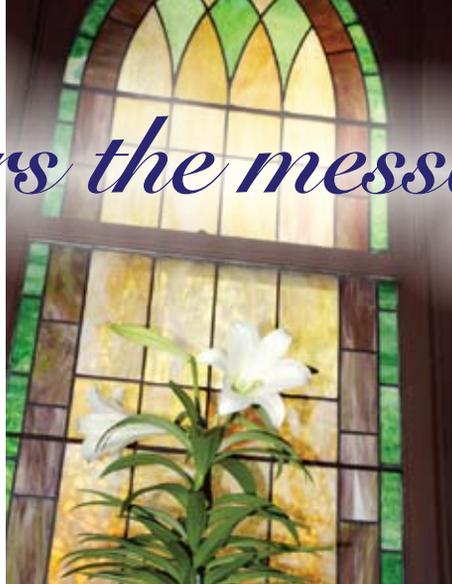
So, as we approach the Easter season, may I offer you real “hope”? It is available to all. You see, Jesus acted as both our holy priest and atoning sacrifice. He lived a perfect life and died on the cross. In doing so, Jesus fulfilled the law and took on himself the punishment for all our sins.

Jesus then rose from the dead, showing that God accepted his sacrifice and that God’s just wrath had been satisfied in full. God now calls us to acknowledge our sins, repent and trust in Christ alone for our forgiveness.

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Resurrection

By Rev. Ben Van Arragon

As I write I’m looking out the window at falling snow. It’s one of the coldest winters this area has seen in a long time. The world outside looks lifeless. While in the throes of a winter like this it’s hard to imagine spring ever coming. Novels like Cormac McCarthy’s *The Road* and C.S. Lewis’ *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* explore this



possibility, introducing worlds locked in endless winter. Winter is tolerable to most of us, but only because we know spring is on its way.

As you read this the snow has all but disappeared. Lawns are greening up; crocuses are emerging from their slumber; trees are getting ready to bloom. And churches are getting ready to celebrate Easter. Have you ever wondered why churches make such a big deal of Easter? It’s because Easter anticipates our passage from death to new life. On Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In Jesus’ resurrection God reverses death’s curse. In 1 Corinthians the Apostle Paul refers to Jesus as, “The firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.” Jesus, says Paul, isn’t an anomaly. He’s simply the first to emerge from death into new life. We endure winter because we know spring is coming. We can face life – and death – without fear because Jesus guarantees the promise of resurrection.

Ben Van Arragon
Pastor
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Meet Evelyn

Name	Evelyn F. Hansen
Age	77
City	Grosse Pointe
Occupation	Retired from D.A.C.



Evelyn's Picks

Newspaper or Television?

Newspaper

Bridge or Casino?

Bridge

Winter or Summer?

Summer

Dogs or Cats?

Dogs

Dine In or Dine Out?

Like both

Golf, Tennis or Boat?

Boat

E-mail or Snail Mail?

Snail Mail

What is your guiding principle or words to live by? The Golden Rule - Do unto others as you would have others do unto you - have a reputation as a person of integrity.

Favorite book of all time? *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

Do you have a winter retreat — where? No - but often get to Florida and enjoy the palm trees.

Favorite movie? *12 Angry Men* - starring Henry Fonda and Lee J. Cobb

Favorite restaurant? Salvatore

Scallopini
Biggest accomplishment? Successful career at the Detroit Athletic Club as Membership Director and Assistant Secretary

Biggest regret? Not being able to obtain a college degree and becoming the best attorney or private eye Detroit has ever seen!!

Most historical day in your lifetime? Bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, Assassination of John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963 and Neil Armstrong Steps on the Moon on July 21, 1969.

About Evelyn:

Evelyn, now widowed, enjoys the theatre, reading and gardening in her spare time.

She and husband Terry raised four children, Scott, Barbara, Stephen and Christopher.



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Chamber Business EXPO November 30 @ War Memorial

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Ted Everingham, Mary Kramer and Ed Russell.

St. Paul School Wine Tasting/Auction Kick-Off December 2 @ Country Club of Detroit



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Susan Stapleton, Jennifer O'Donnell and Jennifer Schmitz.



Jennifer O'Donnell, Renee Dasaro, Roseann Jamieson, Jennifer Schmitz, Karen Beil, Lynne Williams, Laurie Jost, Kathy Gregory, Linda Brennan, Susan Stapleton, Patti Theros, Geraldine LaCombe, and Sharon Kuchta.

Toys for Tots Celebration December 4 @ War Memorial



David and Janet Cornillie and Donna and Brian Satterfield.



Donna Satterfield with U.S. Marines Steve White, Chris Douglas, Ben Hehman, Chaz Washko and V.C. Shurig.



Donna Satterfield, Patti Theros and Paula Cornwall.

Pointe Magazine Christmas Party December 6

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Mary Beth Smith and John Minnis.



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Library of Congress Exhibit December 17 @ G.P. Historical Society



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Harry Kurtz, Mayor Jim Farquhar, William "Jake" Jacobs, Susan Hartz, Elizabeth Vogel, Jenny Nolan, and Mayor Dr. James Cooper.



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Elizabeth Vogel, Lindsay Marie Otterson and Kathleen O'Neill.



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Harry Kurtz, Congressman Hansen Clarke, Elizabeth Vogel and William "Jake" Jacobs.



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Alexander, Robert and Jack Doerr.



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Susan and Jon Hartz.

Commodore's Ball December 4 @ GPYC

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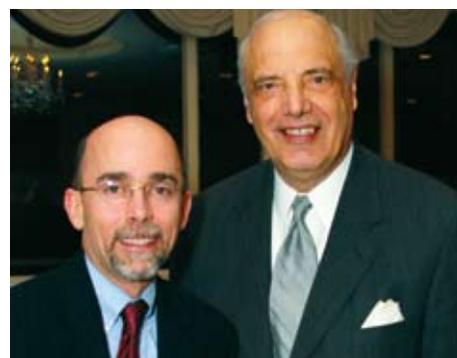
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Winterfest On The Hill January 15

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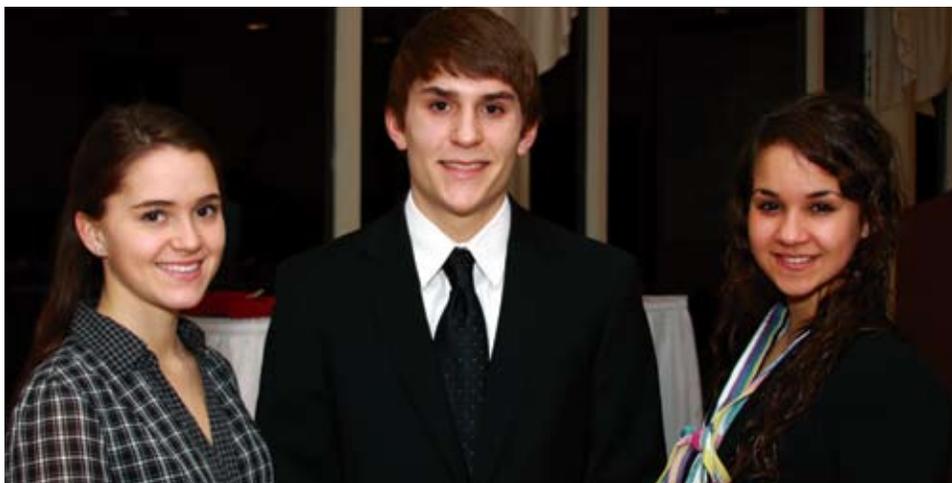
Charlie, Izzy and Katie Fruehauf and Chase Clark.



Kyle, Ava and Andrew MacGillis.

GPCC Annual Meeting January 25 @ War Memorial Fries Ballroom

Photo by Christine M.J. Hathaway



Maddie Berschback, John Balle and Simone Arora were Youth Achievement honorees at the sixth annual General Membership Meeting of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, during which a handful of Pointer of Distinction Awards were given. Maddie and Simone attend Grosse Pointe South while John attends Grosse Pointe North.

Learning, Loving and Laughing in Italy

By Margie Reins Smith

Heavenly! Nancy Yuktonis Solak, a self-described “homebody,” visited Italy for the first time with her husband in the year they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They fell in love with the country, the language, the culture and the Italian people. She tagged the experience “heavenly.”

They visited again and in spite of the “homebody” label and her penchant for the safe, the secure, the familiar, Solak ventured to her husband, Rich: “Wouldn’t it be fun to live here?”

Surprisingly, he nodded. Enthusiastically.

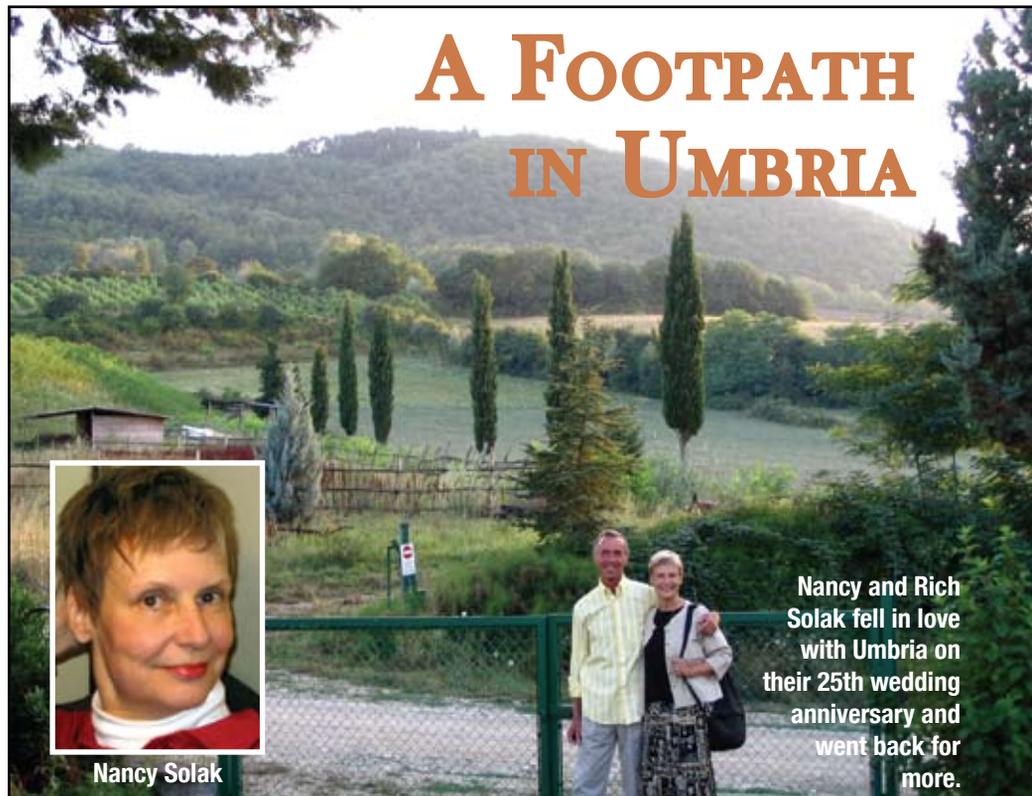
Soon after Rich retired, the Solaks moved to Umbria. They stayed for a year. Nancy kept a journal, which eventually blossomed into a travel memoir, *A Footpath In Umbria, Learning, Loving and Laughing in Italy*.

The Solaks are on a strict budget, for starters. Public transportation, walking and biking will be their sole modes of transport. Nancy also views the adventure as an opportunity to “shed the negative images of myself that belong to a past that no longer exists.”

As the year unfolds, Solak not only examines the footpaths, the language and the customs of “heaven,” but also the language (or lack thereof) and rituals of her marriage.

Solak explores day-to-day existence in her adopted country: the footpaths, the library, the post office, the cell phone store, the grocery store, holiday traditions, even the dentist and eventually and regretfully, the hospital.

She relates etiquette blunders first-hand — the unwritten rules of the two-cheeked kiss, for example, Sunday night suppers and unfamiliar hand gestures. She figures out how to walk to town avoiding the “evil” highway, and learns to enjoy unplanned and unscheduled side trips. “This is how



Nancy Solak

Nancy and Rich Solak fell in love with Umbria on their 25th wedding anniversary and went back for more.

retirement is,” she muses. “You run into something interesting and suddenly the plans you made that morning vaporize and you don’t care one whit if they change completely.”

Solak discovers what she suspected since the day they decided to spend a year in Umbria: “The people of Italy appear to live totally free from

useless hand-wringing guilt, indulging in all manner of pleasures, such as languorous meals, uplifting music, leathering their skin in the sunshine, drinking wine like it is water and enjoying sex,” she writes.

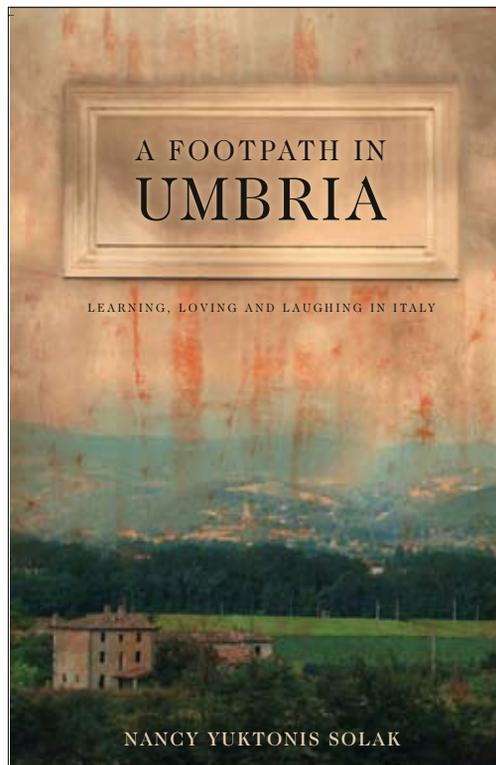
“How outrageously celestial!”

“*A Footpath in Umbria* offers not only a delightful description of moving to a foreign country and the difficulties of adapting to a different culture,” says Skip Gibson, a long-time friend of the Solaks, “but also a neat look at a long-term marriage.”

A Footpath in Umbria is available at Amazon.com in hardcover or as a download to a Kindle. Email Solak at qfootpathinumbria@yahoo.com or visit www.areluctanttraveler.com. She will deliver the book in Grosse Pointe.

Nancy Yuktonis Solak is an award-winning writer and editor who lives with her husband in Grosse Pointe Farms. They have two grown children and two grandchildren. 

Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Solak will provide a slide presentation on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the Ewald Branch. Admission is free, but attendees are encouraged to sign up online or by calling (313) 343-2074, x220.



Meet Patricia

Name	Patricia Reynolds Brinker
Age	69
City	Grosse Pointe Farms
Occupation	Owner of The League Shop



The League Shop, Inc.

The League Shop has quite a history! The shop was originally opened as The Little Shop in 1931 by the Junior League of Detroit, specializing in gift items and handicrafts produced by workers with disabilities. It was run by the group until it was sold to two local philanthropists in 1955.

Patricia and first husband, Henry Reynolds (now deceased), purchased the store in 1971. She has continued to provide fine products and excellent service to customers at the store located in the same location since 1948. Visit The League Shop at 72 Kercheval on “The Hill” in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Something about you that most people don't know?: I love ice hockey, and collected autographs of National League Hockey players during the 1950s and 1960s.

What was your first job? Gift wrapping at Max's Jewelry Store in Hamtramck.

Your most often used phrase? “No problem.”

Best advice you have received? Keep things simple and stay true to your basic style and mission of your business.

If you weren't a business owner what would you be? A librarian

What is your next goal? Getting our website to look and work in a very professional manner.

Favorite thing to do outside of work? Work in my garden and weed!

Words to live by? Enjoy every day and appreciate all living things that surround us.

About Patricia:

Pat has owned and operated The League Shop for 40 years!

She has six step-children and nine grandchildren.

Pat enjoys gardening and likes to watch hockey and football in her spare time.

Pat is a member of TauBeta and the Junior League of Detroit as well as a Neighborhood Club Board of Trustee.

It's 'Curtains'...

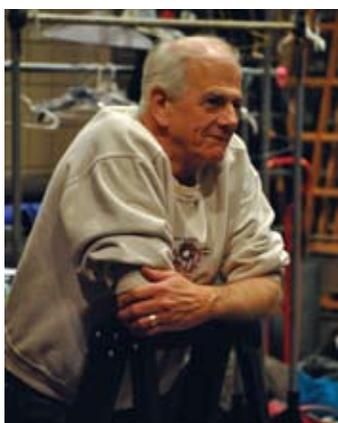


... for North!

By Judy Burke

Marty Bufalini, long-time Grosse Pointer, and movie actor in Clint Eastwood's *Gran Torino*, is directing *Curtains*, a musical murder mystery that takes place in Boston.

Students from Grosse Pointe North High School volunteered to be in the play to be performed March 3-5.



Director Marty Bufalini

"I wanted to do something new and different," says Bufalini, adviser to the North Student Drama Club and Booster Club. "Curtains is it. It's nothing like you would find in the old standard, but still gives us the old formula musical."

It's a show within a show. Scenes of *Robin Hood!* are played out while they look for the murderer. "It's a lot of fun, no set lead, and there are good character roles for the students. There's a love interest, good bits, and great

music," says Bufalini.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. in the North Performing Arts Center on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 3, 4 and 5. Following the March 4 performance, the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions of cast members and Bufalini.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20484 Mack, in Grosse Pointe Woods, or on the day of the performance at the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center box office beginning at 6:30 p.m. Main floor reserved seating: adult \$15; student/senior \$10; balcony non-reserved seating: \$8.

For more information, call (313) 881-1410. ☎

Spring Benefit ...



Photo by Dana Kaiser

... for South!

The pages of *Runway* magazine will come to life on Tuesday, April 12, from noon-3 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School at the 2011 Mothers' Club Spring Benefit Luncheon and Fashion Show, which features South students modeling fashions from local retailers. The theme of this year's event is "The Devils Wear...", inspired by the famous movie and book, *The Devil Wears Prada*.

"Every year the theme is different and this year we decided to have some fun with the idea of "The Devil Wears..." says event co-chair/production manager Barb Palazzolo. "We've got a terrific show planned with characters from the movie and 'photo shoots' with photographer Dana Kaiser taking place on stage, like they would at a real fashion magazine."

Of course, the true stars of the show are the student models and the local vendors, including Jos. A. Bank, Dawood, Girlie Girl, Yoga Shelter, Village Palm, Moosejaw, Cafanas, Hannah Bear/La Jolie Rose, Hydrangea, Voila Designs and Boutique Bellissima, along with the South fashions and fabrics class. Hair designs are courtesy of Salon Daniele; make-up will be provided by Estee Lauder. Entertainment will be provided by the Grosse Pointe South Choir, Jazz Band, and String Quartet.

Attendees can also shop for unique items from vendors including Albatross Recycled Sail Co., the Quilt Lady, Cavanaugh's, Flowers by Gabrielle, and Cindy Fogliatti Jewelry.

"This annual luncheon is one of the Mothers' Clubs' most important fundraisers — and one of the most anticipated events of the spring," according to Mothers' Club President Pamela Flom. "We are extremely grateful to our Title Sponsor, Beaumont Grosse Pointe, Spirit of Women."

Tickets are \$35. For more information on attending the event or becoming a sponsor, contact co-chair/business manager Polly Tech at (313) 885-3789.

The fundraiser supports classroom enrichment, college scholarships, and historic preservation projects at South. ☎

pets



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Teddy



Teddy, 6, was adopted recently from the GPAAS by Lou and Joe Sucher of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Tom and Jerry



Tom, the Schnauzer and Jerry, the Maltese, live with the Argel family of Grosse Pointe Woods. They each have their favorite spot on the couch.

Brooxie



Brooxie is a six-and-a-half-year-old female Golden Retriever. She lives with Erin and Brian Drieselman of Grosse Pointe Park.

Rinpoche



Rinpoche, an 11-month-old, 11-pound Maine coon kitten, lives happily in Grosse Pointe Woods with Marc and Linda Ewick.

BB Kollmorgen



BB Kollmorgen, a 4-pound Yorkshire terrier, makes her home with Bernadette Roberts-Hillier of Grosse Pointe Shores.

In Memory of Boyie



Boyie was a purebred Champion Pekingese from Kansas City who resided with his owner Robert John Phillips of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Bentley
and Edward



GPAAS — Bentley and Edward, 6-year-old male German shepherd with his best friend, a 12-year-old male Labrador mix

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Frank Cherro is Head Chef at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club

Sunday evening, the perfect time for a casual, relaxed dinner before the start of the workweek. With a craving for something hearty, my culinary journey led me to Champs Rotisserie & Spirits. Purchased in 2007 by owners Dan and Ann Curis, Champs, an “icon” in the Woods for 40 years, is a family owned and operated neighborhood eatery that offers a reassuringly warm and comfortable atmosphere.

The menu is a diverse mix of interesting appetizers along side a number of rib, chicken, and fish entrees. Champs’ signature dish is undoubtedly their rotisserie chicken, which was absolutely delicious (check the windows for the rotisseries!). Appetizers were a delight, while dinner portions were sized perfectly and served with plenty of napkins!

Dinners come with Champs’ signature garlic loaf, choice of soup, salad or cole slaw, cottage fries, rice or

Champs Rotisserie & Spirits

Grosse Pointe Woods



Chef Frank's rating

baked potato.

Champs Rotisserie and Spirits is the perfect local spot for a relaxed evening during the frosty winter months and even better once the patio opens in May.

The service was a amiable and efficient, and it is refreshing to see the owner out and about amongst patrons. Even if you're not in the mood for a full dinner, the bar is sure to serve your favorite drink. Reliable food along with a friendly staff and atmosphere combine to make Champs a must try restaurant. 



Climbing for Technology

By John Minnis

“Dr. Chavey, I presume?” Those words could have been uttered by an intrepid reporter had he followed Grosse Pointe Dr. Russ Chavey on his nearly 20,000-foot climb to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in December.

Flat Stanley, compliments of Mrs. Bayster and Mrs. Brown’s first-grade class at Richard Elementary School, accompanied Chavey every step of the way. For his part, Flat Stanley helped the doctor raise \$62,380.23 to go toward technology for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Dr. Chavey, who planned to be “in the area” with his family on a safari, decided to climb Africa’s tallest mountain, one of the “Seven Summits” of mountain climbing, as a fundraiser for his favorite charity, Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. He and Flat Stanley, who went along as a stowaway, sought \$1 for every foot climbed. That brought in \$20,793.41, including miscellaneous donations, which was trebled with the John

A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation’s \$2-for-\$1 match.

“I had always kind of wanted to climb a mountain,” Chavey told attendees at a recap of the climb Jan. 30 at Mooesejaw, a climb sponsor and outfitter. “My family didn’t want that,” Chavey continued, “but they wanted to go on a safari.”

Other sponsors included The Nicholson Family, St. John Providence Health System, the Bury Family, Flame Heating and Cooling, Henry Ford Medical Center – Cottage & Pierson Clinic, and Frontier3.

Using the very technology Dr. Chavey’s climb was raising money to support, Grosse Pointe school children followed the ascent via electronic breadcrumbs left by a YellowBrick GPS device that traveled with Flat Stanley. Using a Blackberry, Dr. Chavey was able to Tweet his followers and even conduct media interviews.

“It turned into a learning experience,” said schools Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Klein. “Thank you, Dr. Chavey.” 

March

Calendar

01 TUESDAY

- Family Center “Dining for Dollars”: Eat at The Hill Seafood & Chop House

02 WEDNESDAY

- Services for Older Citizens presents “Holistic Healing,” 11:30 am – 2 pm
- Family Center presents “Ask the Experts: Spirit of Giving” at the Grosse Pointe Academy, 6:30 pm
- South Pre-Festival Band Concert at the South Main Gymnasium, 7 pm
- Grosse Pointe Public Library presents “Crafts from Around the World: United States” in the Woods Program Room, 4 – 5 pm

03 THURSDAY

- North Musical at North PAC, through Saturday, March 5, 7 pm

04 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Library Baseball Movie Festival in the Ewald Program Room, 10 am – 5 pm

05 SATURDAY

- CARE presents the 16th Annual Parenting Conference at Community Assessment Referral & Education, 8 am – 3:30 pm
- Grosse Pointe Public Library Baseball Movie Festival in the Ewald Program Room, 10 am – 5 pm

06 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents Dixie Swim Club at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$18 per person, 2 pm

07 MONDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Library presents “Family Matinee: Beauty and the Beast” at the Woods Branch, 1 – 2:30 pm
- Grosse Pointe Public Library presents “The Science of Toys” in the Ewald Program Room, 4 – 5 pm

08 TUESDAY

- GPCC, Learn at Lunch in the Park Room at Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 12 pm

- North End Choirs Evening of Choral Music in the Pierce Auditorium, 7 pm

09 WEDNESDAY

- Family Center “Ask the Experts: Simple, Enjoyable Family Meals,” University Liggett School, 6:30 pm
- Family Center “Dining for Dollars” Village Grille

10 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents Dixie Swim Club at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$18 per person, 8 pm

11 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents Dixie Swim Club at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$18 per person, 8 pm
- Grosse Pointe Art Center presents “Green Show” exhibit through April 2

12 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents Dixie Swim Club at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$18 per person, 8 pm
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House “Bird Walk,” \$7 per person, reservations required, 8 – 9:30 am

13 SUNDAY-DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

- Family Center “Cupcake Challenge,” Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 1:30 pm
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents Dixie Swim Club at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$18 per person, 2 pm

14 MONDAY

- State Representative Tim Bledsoe hosts “Feathers Over Water: The Birds of Lake St. Clair”-Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 7 pm, RSVP at (517) 373-0154

15 TUESDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House “Behind the Scenes Tour: Staff Life,” \$15 per person, reservations required, 11 am – 12:15 pm

16 WEDNESDAY

- Bicknell Lecture on Detroit Area Test Tracks at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 7:30 pm
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents Dixie Swim Club at the Grosse Pointe War

- Memorial, \$18 per person, 8 pm

17 THURSDAY-ST. PATRICK'S DAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents Dixie Swim Club at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$18 per person, 8 pm

18 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents Dixie Swim Club at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$18 per person, 8 pm

19 SATURDAY

- Home & Garden Expo, War Memorial, 10 am - 4 pm
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents Dixie Swim Club at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$18 per person, 8 pm
- Daddy-Daughter Dance for all Grosse Pointe residents in the Grosse Pointe South High School Gymnasium, 7 – 9 pm.

20 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber Music Concert in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Ballroom, \$12 tickets at the door, 2:30 – 4 pm

22 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial presents “Get Your Book Published,” running March 22-29, \$50 for two classes, 7 – 8:30 pm

23 WEDNESDAY

- Family Center presents “Ask the Experts: End Bedtime Battles” at Assumption Nursery School, 6:30 pm

24 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial “Oil 101: Everything Everyone Should Know About Oil,” \$24, 7:30 – 8 pm
- Family Center “Dining for Dollars”: Eat at SideStreet A Finer Diner

26 SATURDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House “Behind the Scenes Tour: Staff Life,” \$15 per person, reservations required, 11 am – 12:15 pm

28 MONDAY

- Pajama-Rama at Woods Branch children 3-5 years old, 7 – 7:45 pm

March-April

Calendar

29 TUESDAY

- Build a Twig Chair Workshop at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$53 plus a \$75 materials fee, 6 – 10 pm
- Grosse Pointe Public Library presents “Family Movie: Tangled” in the Ewald Program Room, 7 – 8:45 pm

30 WEDNESDAY

- Family Center presents “Ask the Experts: 40 Developmental Assets” at Assumption Nursery School, 6:30 pm
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House presents “A Family Affair: Treasures from the Rothschild Collection at Waddesdon Manor,” includes presentation and reception, \$20 per person, \$15 for members, reservations required, 6:45 – 8 pm
- Grosse Pointe Public Library presents “Family Matinee: Aladdin” in the Ewald Youth Story Time Room, 2 – 3:30 pm

April

01 FRIDAY

- April Fool’s Day

02 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial presents “Mom to Mom Sale,” 9 am – 12:30 pm

03 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber Music Concert in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Ballroom, \$12 tickets at the door, 2:30 – 4 pm

04 MONDAY

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial presents “The Edmund Fitzgerald Investigation,” \$24 per person, 7 – 8:30 pm

05 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Library presents “Crafts from Around the World: Ukraine” in the Ewald Program Room, 4 – 5 pm

06 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial presents

“Money Origami,” \$24 per person plus \$5 materials fee payable at time of registration, 7 – 9 pm

- South Musical – Spelling Bee in North PAC, through Saturday, April 9, 8 pm

07 THURSDAY

- Wedding and Party Planning Show at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, tickets \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door, 5 – 9 pm
- Grosse Pointe War Memorial presents “Creative Journaling – Who Am I?,” \$24 per person plus \$6 materials fee payable at time of registration, 7 – 9 pm
- Grosse Pointe Public Library: Swedish writer and professor of the History of Literature, Kjell Espmark introduces his first book of poetry translated into English, Lend Me Your Voice, 7:30 – 9 pm

09 SATURDAY

- Family Center presents “LEGO Challenge” at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, register online at www.familycenterweb.org, 1:30 pm

10 SUNDAY

- South Musical – Spelling Bee in North PAC, through Saturday, April 9, 3 pm

13 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial presents “Songs of the Great Lakes Sailors,” \$24 per person, 7 pm

15 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Art Center presents “Fire and Ice” exhibit through May 28
- Grosse Pointe Public Library: Nancy Solak’s A Footpath in Umbria: Learning, Loving & Laughing in Italy in the Ewald Branch Program Room, register online to attend

16 SATURDAY

- Easter Egg Hunt - Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Park, 10–11:30 am
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House “Bird Walk,” \$7 per person, reservations required, 7:30 – 9 am

18 MONDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public School System Spring Break, through April 25

20 WEDNESDAY

- Bicknell Lecture, Newscast for the Masses at the War Memorial, 7:30 pm

22 FRIDAY

- Earth Day

23 SATURDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Easter Eggstravaganza, \$8 for children, \$6 for adult. Including Bunny Lunch: \$18 for children, \$16 for adults, reservations required, 10 am – 12 pm

24 SUNDAY

- Happy Easter!

25 MONDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Library presents “Pajama-Rama” at the Woods Branch, children 3-5 years old, 7 – 7:45 pm

30 SATURDAY

- LocalMotionGreen presents “Earth Day Fair” in the Richard School Lot, 10 am

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GOLF LEGENDS

AS I WAS SAYING TO LEE WHO
 WAS SAYING TO ARNIE WHO
 WAS SAYING TO DAVEY ...



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

*B*ack in the years when I wrote sports for a living, people would ask me which I liked best to cover: Football? Baseball? Basketball? My answer was always the same: Golf. Oh, they'd say, so you like the fresh air and the warm weather, not to mention the ritzy clubhouses and the cozy mens' grills?

Sure, I'd agree. But the players are just more interesting. Now, I'm not only talking guys like Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and that solid, steady crowd. They

were pleasant enough, but not a lot of laughs there. My favorites were duffers like Davey Marr, Lee "Sarge" Trevino, Dandy Doug Sanders and the irrepressible Juan "Chi Chi" Rodriguez.

The Sarge is the only pro golfer I ever knew who was hit by lightning on the course. Asked what he'd do if he was caught in a lightning storm again, Trevino smiled. "I'll just stand there and hold up a 1-iron," he said. "Not even God can hit a 1-iron."

You think John Daly's choice of crazy-quilt duds is bizarre? Doug Sanders came to the Masters at Augusta one year with a personal valet and an array of outfits with matching shirts, pants and Corfam plastic shoes, all in colors ranging from bright purple to candy apple red.

Chi Chi? What can I say? A poor kid who grew up in San Juan, P.R., caddying at a posh country club, he regularly infuriated USGA traditionalists by plopping his trademark straw hat over the hole after sinking a tough putt and dancing around it like a bull fighter.

Chi Chi, when asked about John Daly's long, long drives: "When I was a kid we didn't go that far on vacation." Someone asked Chi Chi how hot summer's were in San Juan: "Hotter than my first wristwatch."

My favorite, when Chi Chi was asked about growing up in poverty: "Our

family was so poor we couldn't afford a mother. The lady next door had me."

Back to golf, and my all time favorite:

Davey Marr won only one major championship in his long career, the 1965 PGA played at Laurel Valley, in Ligonier, Pa., where Arnie Palmer's dad was the head pro. Gary Player had won his first U.S. Open title a few weeks before and, in gratitude, had donated all but \$1,000 of the \$26,000 first-place prize to USGA Junior Golf Program.

With the TV rolling for the PGA awards ceremony, Palmer, who finished tied for 33rd, first was congratulated for "playing like a member," which drew a laugh from Arnie and the crowd. Then Marr accepted the over-sized \$25,000 cardboard winner's check with a straight face.

"I have decided to cash this check," the solemn Marr told the TV and live audience, pausing for effect, "and to give Gary Player to charity!" ☺

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