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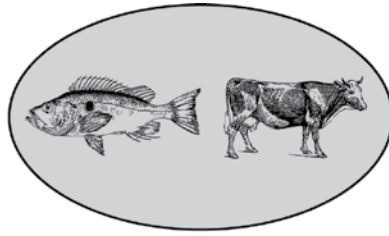
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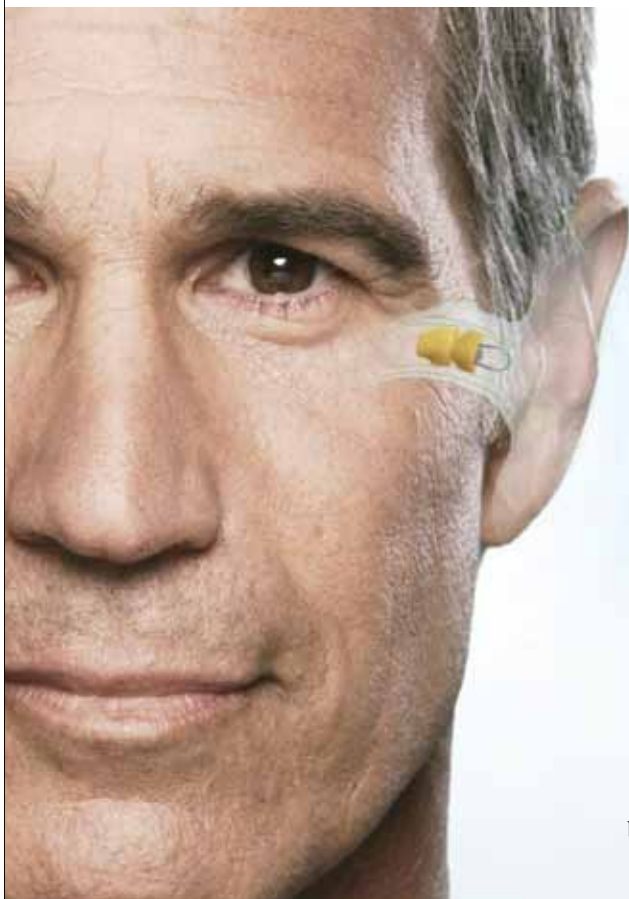
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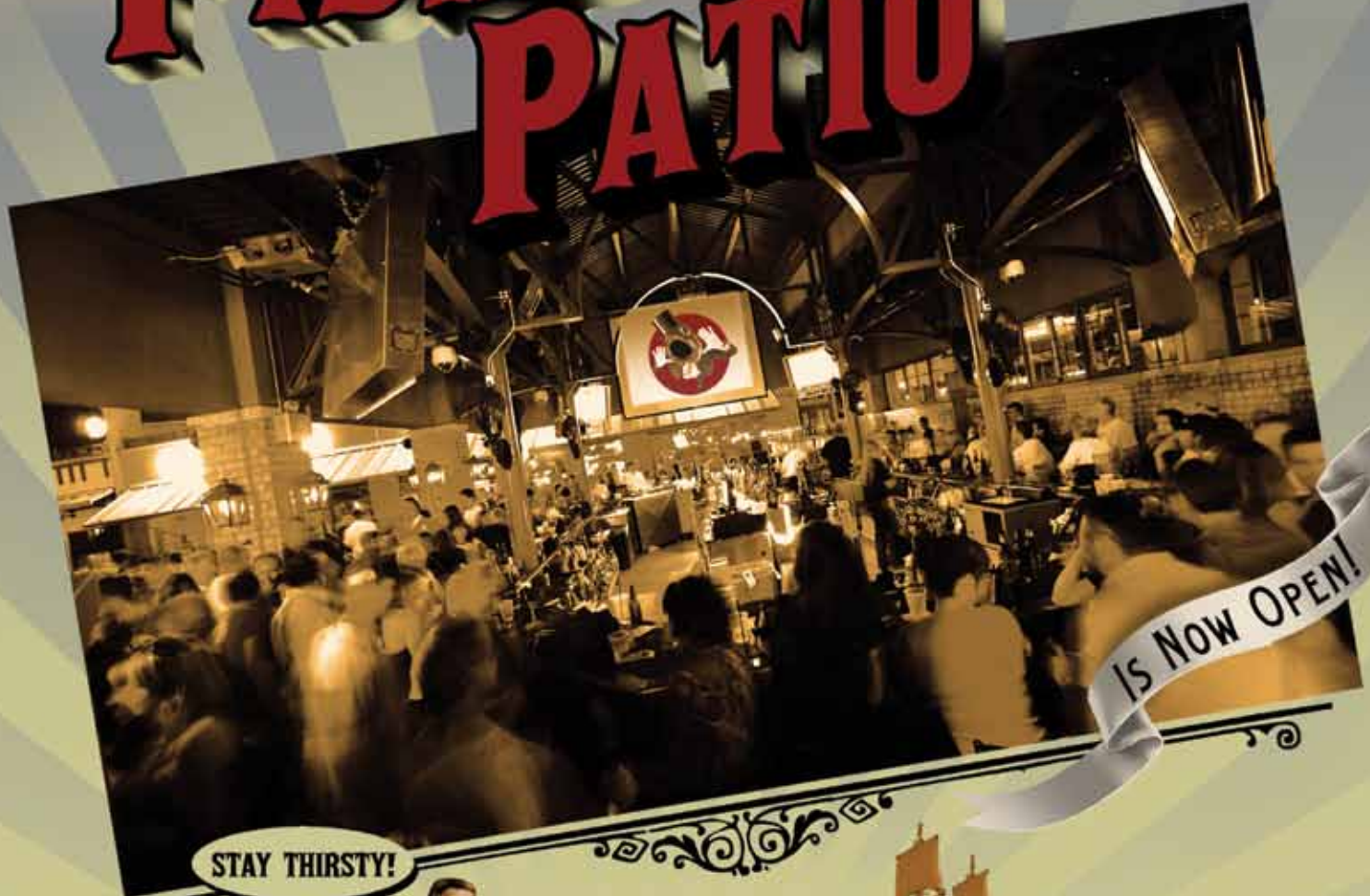
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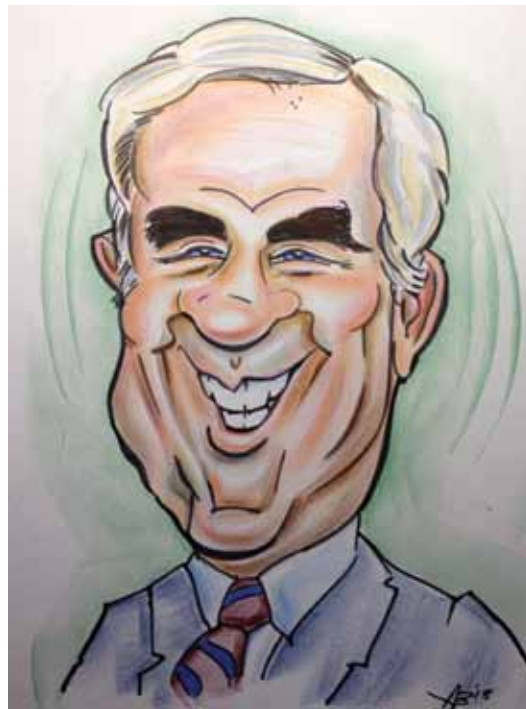
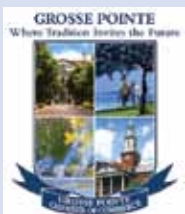
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Tribute to Mark Weber

Fellow Rotarian Kim Towar, of the little Blue Book, commissioned this caricature, by Aaron Badgley, of Mark Weber, Ph.D., who retired after 32 years as head of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Under Mark's leadership, the War Memorial grew into the highly respected institution it is today. Congratulations, Mark, and Godspeed in your future endeavors!



Photo by Donald Schulte Photography

On the cover

We would like to thank Sean and Marina Southers for allowing us and our photographer, Donald Schulte, into their beautiful yard and home, which will be part of the Grosse Pointe Garden Tour in June.

Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this object? On Monday, Apr. 29 we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to respond with the most specific answer will win a gift card to Mack Avenue Grille. Participants MUST wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck!

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John Minnis
Editor and Publisher

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*W*e were bestowed a tremendous honor in January. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce granted us, *Pointe Magazine*, the New Business Enterprise Pointer of Distinction award. It was quite a thrill and very humbling. We will strive to continue to merit such distinction. Thank you, Chamber!

Even with the deadline pressure of putting out the April-May issue of the magazine, we were able to get away for a week of Spring Training in Lakeland, Fla. The Tigers are looking great! We even had a chance to enjoy the game in a suite, compliments of the Central Florida Visitors Bureau. Who says publishing doesn't have its perks?

With this issue, we begin our fourth year of publishing *Pointe Magazine*. It has been an adventure. We cannot get over how well received the magazine is by friends and neighbors and businesses and, well, by everyone. As they say in sports, "We're just glad to be here!"

The staff does not like it when in my column I simply rehash what is in the magazine, but I can't help point out all the great stories we have. One of my favorites is the 90th birthday party for Wilfred Cook in the historic Cook Schoolhouse.

Yes, he is a true Cook descendant. His father, Charles, grew up on the Cook Farm on Mack where the school was originally located in 1890. Sadly, "Uncle Wil" is the last of the Cook line, but don't worry, there are plenty of descendants around to keep the family well represented. We are also fortunate to have the Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission preserving the Cook Schoolhouse


and making it available to Pointers to enjoy. Thank you, City of Grosse Pointe Woods!

Another great story is that of the Friends of Detroit Rowing, which includes several Grosse Pointe high school athletes who are rowing their way to Ivy League scholarships!

Also, this time of year, there is no shortage of worthwhile events and galas, all for worthy Grosse Pointe causes. They include Action Action for The Grosse Pointe Academy and galas for the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Alger House, Grosse Pointe Historical Society and the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. You also won't want to miss the opening of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum in May.

So much to do, so little time!

As always, we ask that you attend our many great events and patronize our many wonderful shops and businesses, without whom none of this would be possible.

Spring is here, let's hope the warm weather and blooms quickly follow! See you around the Pointe! 

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Siblings: **Molly**

Interests: **Baseball, basketball, golf and tennis**

Jack's Favorites

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Game

Wii

Family Activity

Play outside on the weekends

School subject

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Vacation

Up north skiing

Book

Harry Potter

Outdoor activity

Baseball

Q&A

What is your favorite thing about going to school?

My favorite thing about school is playing with my friends.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

When I grow up I want to be a baseball player for the Yankees.

Who is your hero and why?

I look up to my family because they take care of me.

About Jack

I was born in New Jersey and moved to Michigan when I was two years old. I like to go to Metamora and go fishing. My favorite television show is baseball. I love to play with my cousins and my next door neighbors.

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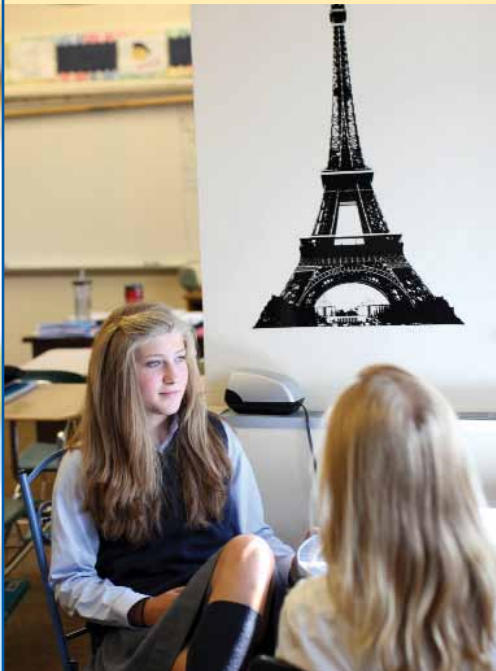
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All the places you'll go! Academy Action Auction

By Lauren McGregor

The Grosse Pointe Academy 2013 Action Auction, an event that has been held consecutively since 1968 and has raised more than \$13 million dollars in net proceeds, will take place Wed., May 8 and Sat., May 11 in the Grosse Pointe Academy Tracy Fieldhouse.

The theme, "All the Places You'll Go!" is inspired by the Dr. Seuss book of a similar name, *Oh the Places You'll Go!*

"We chose this theme because we believe the Academy prepares kids for the ups and downs life presents while instilling in them the courage to pursue their dreams and move mountains," says chair Sandra Cavataio, who has three children currently attending the Academy and one who has graduated.

Peter and Sandra Cavataio and Chuck and Michelle Becker serve as general chairs of Action Auction.

Sandra Cavataio notes the 2013 auction will have some noticeable

differences from past years. Saturday's silent auction will now open Thursday, allowing bidding to begin before auction day.

Prizes are larger and more luxurious than ever. They include trips to Nicaragua, Colorado, the Grenadines, New York, Chicago, Hawaii, Italy and Germany. Experiences up for bid include tickets to the Masters Tournament, Country Music Awards and a Lions VIP package.

"We are also thrilled to have the last Gucci Fiat in the country," says Cavataio.

One thing that won't change from last year? The Nieman Marcus After-Glow party. "It was a great hit last year, so it was a must-have this year," says Cavataio.


"The auction is very important in that it generates funds for scholarships as well as helps keep tuition lower for everyone," says Michelle Becker, whose husband Chuck is former president of the Grosse Pointe

Academy Board of Trustees. They have one child currently attending the Academy and one who has graduated.

Proceeds also enrich academic offerings and support the preservation of the Academy's historic campus.

"The Grosse Pointe Academy does so much for our children that we both felt we needed to give back to the school," says Becker.

Wednesday's festivities, which run from 6-9:30 p.m., include a silent auction, live auction preview, cocktails and strolling food stations, for \$75 per person. Saturday's festivities, which run from 6-11:30 p.m., include silent and live auctions, cocktails, seated dinner and Nieman Marcus Club Action Auction, for \$175 per person. Tickets for both Wednesday and Saturday are \$200.

Reservations can be made online by going to academyactionauction.org or by calling the Auction Office at (313) 886-1221 ext. 182. Attendees are asked to make reservations by May 1. 



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Valet parking will be available. Cocktail attire. Space is limited. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Karen Lawrence at karen.lawrence@gpschools.org or (313) 432-3058. 

Correction: The GPFPE grant to support Homework Clubs in Defer, Ferry, Mason, Poupard and Trombly Elementary Schools did not include the “iLearn with iPads” program as reported in the February-March story “RAZ Readers and More for Grosse Pointe Students.”

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Meet Maria

Name	Maria Liddane
Age	16
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
School	Grosse Pointe North
Parents	Michael Liddane & Jeanne Lizza

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Maria's Favorites

Music Artist

Adele

TV Show

Smash

Brand

Nike

School Subject

A.P. Language & Composition

Food

Mexican

Thing to do on a Saturday night

Eat

Athlete

Lebron James

Teacher

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What song on your iPod would people be surprised by?

They would be surprised by the lack of songs.

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

Picking up my room.

If you could have three wishes granted what would they be?

1. Have the power to transport yourself anywhere at any time
2. A full-size gym in my backyard
3. A money tree

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Graduating college, deciding a career path and hopefully taking a vacation somewhere nice.

About Maria:

Maria, a student at Grosse Pointe North, has three siblings - Allison, Micaela and Thomas.

Her participation at North is very impressive. Some of her high school activities include basketball, tennis, *North Pointe* newspaper, Freshman Assist mentoring and student government.

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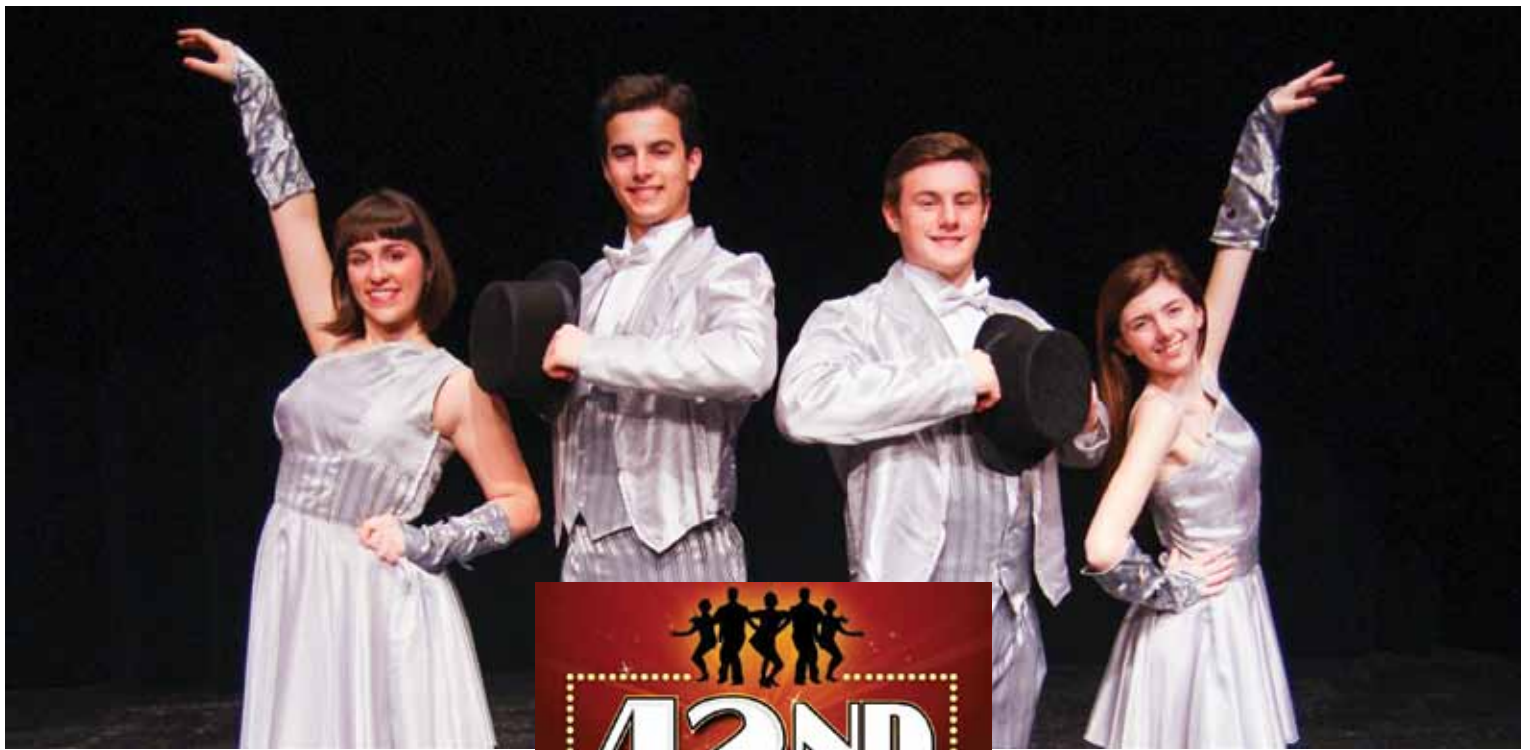


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By Patti Theros

Get ready to be entertained as Grosse Pointe South High School presents its all-school musical *42nd Street*. The show starts Wed., May 1 at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center.

South's new Director of Chors, Christopher Pratt, says the musical is a dance show with high energy.

"It's about a young aspiring actress who travels to New York from a town in Pennsylvania and gets a small part in a show," says Pratt. "It has a theme that everyone can relate to and never gets old." *42nd Street* illustrates hard work and the American spirit while following the aspiring actress's journey on Broadway in the 1930s.

"Choir is a great activity and pulls kids from all different areas," says

Pratt. "Any student can be in the production of *42nd Street*, in or out of choir. It's not all Pointe Singers [38-member voice mix choir] or Tower Belles [32-member voice all-female choir]."

"South's choral department has been very successful in many areas. I want to expand on those opportunities and give kids more outlets and opportunities to get involved. I want to encourage kids to do choir and other activities. We have students who play football, run cross country and do plays with the Pointe Players."

In March, some 70 members of South's show choirs and crew competed in two weekend regional competitions in an array of group and individual divisions including soloist, ensemble and concert. The outings proved very successful as the Pointe Singers and Tower Belles were named Grand Champion Show Chors in their respective divisions at the Teays Valley Prominent Rendition Show Choir Classic in Ashville, Ohio on March 16.

South students also took many individual awards including Grand Champion Soloist, Angela Dusina; Outstanding Performer Award for Tower Belles, Lydia Burton; and Outstanding Performer for Pointe

Singers, Grace Muawad. This was the first time in more than a decade that the Pointe Singers have competed in this type of competition.

"I really wanted the kids to experience this type of competition. It helps them see what other kids are doing. It's a different type of preparation since there is a panel of judges and time limits for setting up the stage," Pratt says.

Before joining South, Pratt was the choral director at Center Grove High School in his hometown of Greenwood, Ind. His award-winning ensembles won top honors at national and regional competitions, including seven consecutive national titles from 2003-09.

Pratt moved to Grosse Pointe in August and says he enjoys Grosse Pointe's neighborhood feel. "Parents walk their kids to school... and that sets Grosse Pointe apart from other suburbs." ☺

Showtimes

Wed., May 1: 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Thurs., May 2: 7:30 p.m.

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Christopher Pratt



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Hours: Mon.-Thur. 4-10 pm, Fri.-Sat. 4-11 pm, Sun. 3-10 pm
Web: www.champsrotisserie.com



RESTAURANT GUIDE

City Kitchen

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Located in the heart of The Village, City Kitchen prides itself on being a unique neighborhood eatery that serves quality fare in an upscale, yet relaxed and casual setting, as well as carry-out and on- and off-site catering. The restaurant offers fresh seafood from Foley Fish Co., Boston's famous fish house, as well as Great Lakes perch, pickerel and Lake Superior whitefish delivered daily. From the grill, try "Certified Angus Beef" New York strip or tenderloin steaks and some of the best burgers in town. Also enjoy seasonal salads, desserts, appetizers and wood-fired pizza. Join us for Happy Hour Monday–Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and enjoy your favorite cocktail, beer or wine of your choice at our special Happy Hour pricing Mon.-Fri. 4:30-6:30 pm. Late-night menu available Mon.-Sat.

Hours: Lunch: Mon.-Fri. 11:30 am-3:30 pm; Dinner: Mon.-Thurs. 4:30 - 10:30 pm, Fri. 4:30-11:30 pm, Sat. 5-11:30 pm, Sun. 4-9 pm.

Web: www.city-kitchen.com



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Web: www.greenzonepizza.com



Mack Avenue Grille

(313) 886-0680 • 19841 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods

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Hours: Mon. - Sat. 7 am - 8 pm, Sun. 8 am - 3 pm



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Web: www.SideStreetDiner.com



Steve's Backroom

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Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8am-9pm; Fri.&Sat. 8am-9.30pm; Sun. 8am-8pm

Web: stevesbackroomjefferson.com



Sweet Little Sheila's Pastry and Crepe Cafe

17045 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe • (313) 881-CAFE (2233)

Sweet Little Sheila's Pastry and Crepe Cafe is nestled in the vibrant Village of Grosse Pointe. Sweet Little Sheila's offers Savory Crepes, such as the "Run Salmon Run" salmon with herb cheese, capers, baby spinach, topped with hollandaise sauce and red onion, and other savory selections with tantalizing ingredients, such as prime rib and roasted vegetables. The Breakfast Crepes are unique as well; a favorite is the Seamist, which has lump crab, dill, herb cheese, and scrambled eggs topped with hollandaise sauce. Save room for dessert. At Sweet Little Sheila's you can always order dessert first! Choose from one of our sweet crepes or pick something from our pastry cases. We have added baby quiche to our menu along with Caesar salad, and a Tarragon Chicken Salad on a fresh-baked croissant. French Onion Soup and Italian Wedding are served daily. If you have a dietary request, such as gluten-, dairy- or sugar-free, just ask; we can accommodate most diets. We are adding to the menu as we grow, so stop in often and check out what is new. We are happy to introduce Grosse Pointe to Choffy! Choffy is brewed chocolate. It is 100% premium cacao bean. It tastes delicious and is good for you. Sweet Little Sheila's would love to be part of your next celebration, we make custom wedding, birthday and all and any occasion cakes! Birthday parties, bridal and baby Shower packages are available. Dine in, carry out or catering is available. Thank you for being our customer. Sheila, Meghan and Staff. 

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Hours: Lunch Mon.-Sat. 11:30 am-3 pm.

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Happy Hour: Thurs. & Fri., 4-7pm

Web: www.rattlesnakedetroit.com



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Village Grille

16930 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe • (313) 882-4555

Village Grille is located on the corner of Notre Dame and Kercheval in the Village. Established in 1994, Village caters to families and sports enthusiasts. The sports bar has more than 15 TVs, full bar and 25 different draft beers to choose from. The Village Grille also has a banquet room (The Point Room) that can hold up to 64 people and is perfect for hosting showers, wedding rehearsals, birthdays, Christmas parties and team parties. Many different menus to choose from or you can customize your own. Monday is 1/2 off pizza night and Mexican specials; 10 buck Tuesday offers select entrees for \$10; Wednesday is Italian night. Visit www.villagegrillegp.com for pictures and menus.  Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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Let's Dance...

...TO RESTORE THE HISTORIC ALGER HOUSE

By John Minnis

Do you jitterbug? Do the Charleston? The Twist? Then put on your dancing shoes to help restore the historic Alger House at the “Let’s Dance: Step Into the Future” fundraiser gala Friday, April 26, in the elegant Fries Crystal Ballroom at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Even if you don’t jitterbug, you won’t want to miss members of Grosse Pointe Theatre as they show how it is — or was — done with their routine, “Dancing Through the Decades.” Following a sit-down dinner prepared by the War Memorial’s culinary staff, attendees will get a chance to step onto the dance floor to the music of the Rick Lieder Band.

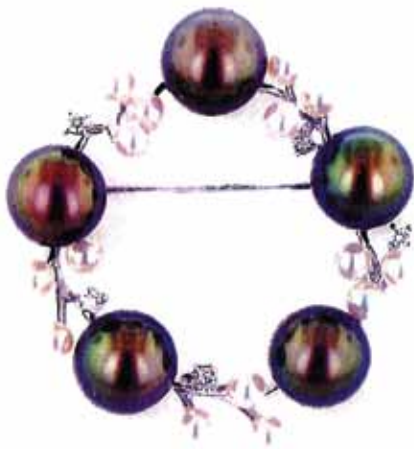
“This event is meant to be a friend-raiser. That is the primary purpose,” says Co-chair Sue Davies, who also serves as vice-chair of the War Memorial board. Her

fellow co-chair, Linda Lloyd, is also a board member. “The proceeds will go toward restoration. ... Oh, and to have fun. It’s to have fun, too!”

The historic Alger home was built in 1910 and dubbed the “Moorings.” Lloyd was co-chair of the 100th birthday celebration in 2010. “We are looking forward to a delightful event,” she says of her current assignment.

“It was important to the Alger family that this house be used on a daily basis, and not to be roped off like a museum. The ‘Let’s Dance’ proceeds will go to repairing and restoring the home to its historic grandeur,” says Karen Murphy, vice president and director of development. “The War Memorial Gala Committee members have strong passion for the mission of the War





A Mikimoto Tahitian brooch with a diamond circled in pearls (\$5,500 value) donated by the Ahee Jewelers family is one of three top prizes in a limited-ticket raffle (\$25/ticket or five for \$100). Other prizes include an entertainment package featuring tickets to Detroit-area events (\$500 value) and a family package featuring an "Alice in Wonderland" adventure at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House (\$250 value).


At left are Let's Dance event co-chairs Linda Lloyd and Sue Davies

Memorial and our beautiful Alger house."

"The building always needs looking after," Davies adds. "We're looking to get a fund going for restorations as necessary."

The fun begins with Joe Armijo on piano at the VIP Patrons reception at 6 p.m., followed by a Friends reception at 7 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. (Cocktail attire; black-tie optional.) Patrons tickets are \$250 and Friends tickets are \$125.

A limited-ticket raffle (\$25/ticket or five for \$100) offers three top prizes: a Mikimoto Tahitian brooch with a diamond circled in pearls (\$5,500 value) donated by the Ahee Jewelers family; an entertainment package featuring tickets to Detroit-area events (\$500 value) and a family package featuring an "Alice in Wonderland" adventure at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House (\$250 value).

Tickets are limited for both the raffle and gala. To purchase gala and/or raffle tickets (need not be present to win), call the War Memorial Gala department at (313) 881-7511. 

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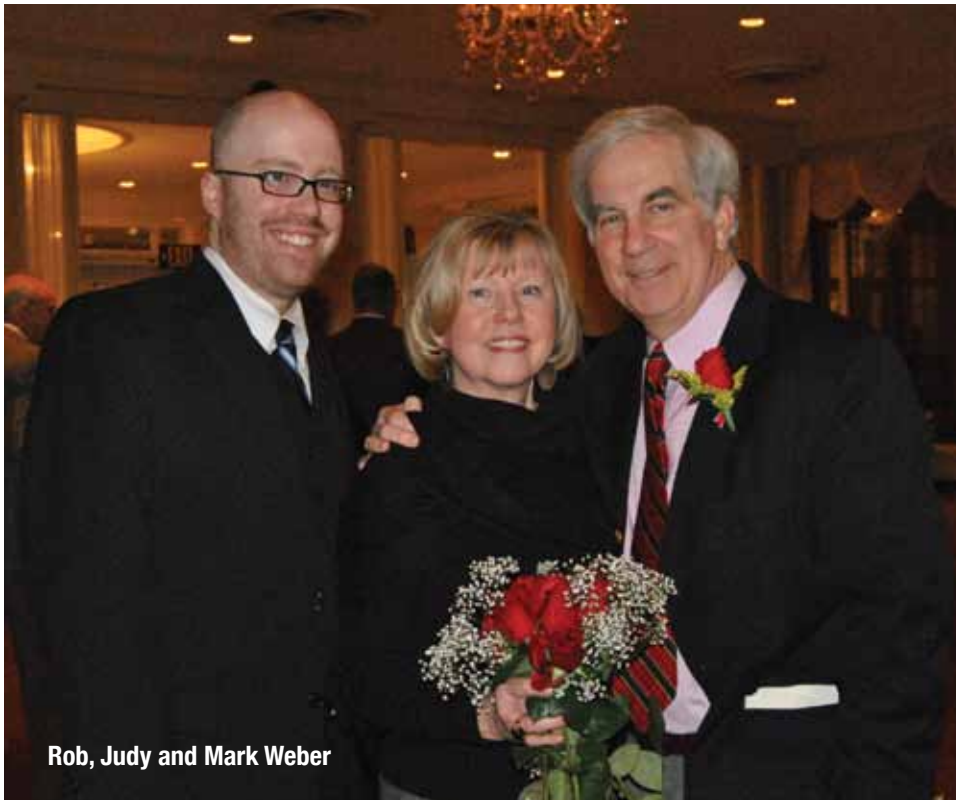
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Meet Mark

Name	Mark Weber
Age	66
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Rob, Judy and Mark Weber

Best thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

Having grown up in Grosse Pointe and working for the community for many years, I would have to say the best thing is the wonderful, caring people of all ages who take pride and work every day to enhance the quality of life.

Item you cannot leave home without?

Sense of humor

List two of your best personality traits.

Caring and passion for others

One thing not many people know about you?

I can ride a unicycle and play 5-string banjo sometimes with WDIV's Devon Scillian and his country band ... but not at the same time!

Best vacation ever?

Kentucky Derby trip with our adult children, led by Judy Weber, a native from Louisville and a well known Derby expert!

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

I would continue giving to charitable organizations, including one I started called the Mark R. Weber Presidents Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan.

Mark's Favorites

Color

Red

Ice Cream

Vanilla caramel crunch

Season

Summer

Book

Liberty Ship Survivor: Why Ray Laenen is so Proud to be an American. Ray is one of my heroes. He was a WWII veteran, Rotary member and War Memorial board member.

Restaurant

Nick's English Hut at Indiana University - my alma mater! Go Hoosiers!

Animal

Our calico cat, Rosie, who just showed up six years ago.

Childhood TV Show

Soupy Sales with Whitefang and Blacktooth

Thing to do on a Sunday afternoon

Boating on Lake St. Clair

About Mark

Mark and his wife Judy have two children, Rob, an attorney, and Marjorie, who is working on her Ph.D. in evolutionary biology at Cornell University.

While Mark has retired as President of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, he will continue to pursue opportunities that will enhance the quality of life and make a difference in people's lives.



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Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission and North Parents Club Flower Sale



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Grosse Pointe Relay for Life



Come walk for a cause at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park, Sat., May 11 at 10 a.m. until Sun., May 12 at 10 a.m. Food, games, music, and much more awaits you at this event to fight cancer!

Spring Save-the-Dates

See some of the latest spring styles and trends at Tau Beta's 10th Annual "Spring Market" April 25-27. More than 20 specialty boutiques from across the country will display unique jewelry, clothing and home accents at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place in Grosse Pointe Farms. All proceeds will be donated to the Children's Center of Detroit.

Get a first-hand glimpse of the specialty items at the Preview Party/Raffle on Thursday, April 25, from 6:30-9 p.m. Tickets to the preview party are \$65 per person. Cocktails and hors'd'oeuvres will be served. The raffle drawing will be held at the Preview Party with items donated by Clara Williams fine jewelry, edmund t. AHEE Jewelers and Neiman Marcus.

New this year and in honor of Spring Market's 10th year, a special Champagne Reception will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, and will feature "An Early Access Shopping Hour" for patrons who underwrite at Spring Market's exclusive Worth Avenue level and above and also purchase a preview party ticket. Spring Market shopping days continue on Friday, April 26 from 9:30 a.m - 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 27, from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Admission is \$5.

For more information, visit facebook.com/tbspringmarket or taubeta.org.



Diet, exercise

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

Weight loss frustrations and “yo-yo” dieting have haunted most people some time in their lives. You have probably lost a lot of weight over the years but then gain it back. I want to help patients understand the important distinction between diet and exercise changes that promote weight-loss vs. those that promote better health.



We have all heard: never skip meals (especially breakfast), eat multiple small meals throughout the day, incorporate more fruits and vegetables, drink lots of water and exercise regularly. Many overweight people follow these guidelines. It is possible to follow these principles and improve your health in terms of feeling better, having more energy and controlling glucose and cholesterol levels, without dropping a single pound.

For weight loss, however, these instructions will be effective only if they result in the consumption of fewer calories overall. Exercise has myriad benefits, such as strengthening muscles and bones, improving mood and sleep and lowering sugar levels; however for losing weight, most people do not burn enough calories to justify a second helping at dinner or even an extra cookie.

Obesity is best viewed as a chronic condition like diabetes or high blood pressure: First educate yourself on the topic by reading books, nutrition labels, seeing a doctor or dietitian. The next step is to treat and monitor it with menu planning (the more structured the better) and food and exercise logs.

Finally, and most importantly: Do this every day for the rest of your life.

Dr. Saima A. Khan, MD, MPH grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and 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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DEAN HOUSE TO HOST ANNUAL SUMMER PARTY

The Charles A. Dean house, 221 Lewiston, Grosse Pointe Farms, is the site of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's 10th annual summer party, Thursday, June 6, from 7 to 10 p.m. This unique house incorporates numerous Tuscan features, thus this year's theme "La Dolce Vita." Susan Hartz, president of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, will be this year's Party Chair.

Designed by famed architect, Hugh Keyes, construction began on the house in 1924 and was completed in 1926. Current owners Lora and Sergio Mazza have preserved the gracious and romantic features of the home.

W. Hawkins Ferry in *The Buildings* of Detroit writes:

In the restless Twenties the desire for formal grandeur subsided and architects began their frenetic search for the romantic and picturesque. One of the most prolific and versatile architects of the period in Grosse Pointe was Hugh T. Keyes whose Charles A. Dean house...displayed a predilection for colorful detail and at the same time a fine sense of overall design. Located on one of the few sloping sites in the area and surrounded by giant oak trees, this rambling villa with its red tile roof evokes memories of rural Tuscany.

The house was originally built on 35 acres. The site was chosen because of its interesting topography, reminiscent of the Tuscan hills. Every major room on the ground floor of the approximately 8,800 square foot "L" shaped house has access to the lovely surrounding gardens. The exterior of the house includes decorative stonework plaques and insets, as well as two original fountains.

Of particular interest is the first floor powder room

vestibule with its hand-painted wall scenes based on those in the Palazzo Davanzati in Florence. The library also has the original hand painted walls which resemble hanging drapes and an unusual quarter round corner fireplace. In addition, the great room ceiling is decorated in the 14th century Florentine style. This room has two fireplaces, one at each end. In lieu of a mantel, the north end fireplace has an old imported chapel alter canopy of twisted columns and a niche built into the wall which contains an icon of the *Sermon on the Mount*, painted by a Russian artist in the Greek Orthodox style. The south end mantel is a copy of one found in the Palazzo Davanzati in Florence. Also Italianate in origin are the stone window seats in the east side windows of the great room. Other interesting features of the house are a spiral, tile covered staircase, two floral still-life mosaics by Edgar Yaeger (1982) and antique stained glass.

The house was originally built by Charles A. Dean and his wife, Helen. Mrs. Dean was active in Republican politics and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention from Michigan in 1956 and 1964. In the mid-1970s the house was sold to Frederick G. Ruffner, Jr. and his wife Mary. We are pleased to have members of the Ruffner family, along with the current owners, Lora and Sergio Mazza, as the Honorary Chairs of this year's event.

The party is a fundraiser for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and will include music, a strolling dinner, bar and tours of the house. For more information, contact the Grosse Pointe Historical Society at (313) 884-7010 or info@gphistorical.org or visit our website at www.gphistorical.org.

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Lynn Detwiler and Dorothy Tepatti

A HANDKERCHIEF QUEST

QUESTERS CREATE PRICELESS QUILT

By Lauren McGregor



Before the Franshaw State Handkerchief Quilt's debut to high acclaim at the 2012 State Convention and subsequent request that it be displayed and auctioned at the 2014 International Convention, Lynn Detwiler couldn't have anticipated the reception her chapter's ambitious plan would warrant.

Detwiler, a 12-year member of Questers, vice president of the Rose Terrace chapter and Grosse Pointe Farms resident, "wanted to create camaraderie within the chapter." She says, "It was a way to learn about each other."

The quilt's handkerchiefs, comprised of 51 Franshaw State Hankies (including one for Canada), took three months to collect.

Come see the quilt and meet Questers!

Discover more about Questers at their **"Code Blue and Gold" Luncheon, Thurs., April 11 at 12 p.m. at Assumption Cultural Center.** The Franshaw State Handkerchief Quilt will be on display during this delicious lunch party for members and those interested in joining. For more information, call Dorothy Tepatti at (586) 977-3506.

Detwiler wrote to Questers presidents in each state inquiring about the hankies. About eighty percent of the hankies that Detwiler acquired were from Questers connections. The other twenty percent were discovered in antique shops and internet searches.

Professional quilter Laura Rodin of the Hired Hand agreed to put the quilt together. "It was the largest she'd ever made," Detwiler notes.

The quilt will be on display at various locations until its raffle at the Questers International Convention Luncheon at the Amway Plaza in Grand Rapids, Mich. on April 27, 2014. Proceeds will benefit Questers International Historic Preservation and Restoration projects.

"It was an international organization and an international quilt," says Bonnie Medura, 7-year Questers Fox Creek member and Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

"It's about collecting and a quest," Detwiler says. She reminds, "We are the Questers."

The Questers is an

international 501(c)(3) organization with six Grosse Pointe chapters. Its purposes include the restoration and preservation of historic landmarks and artifacts and the support of scholarship and fellowship programs at Columbia University and the University of Delaware/Winterthur.

To learn more about the Questers or inquire about joining, call Dorothy Tepatti, east area coordinator and vice president of Pettipointe Chapter, at (586) 977-3506. [P](#)

Franshaw created souvenir state map handkerchiefs during the 1940-50s. The quilt topper is made of muslin fabric, attaching each 13"x13" handkerchief. The finished quilt is 99"x113".

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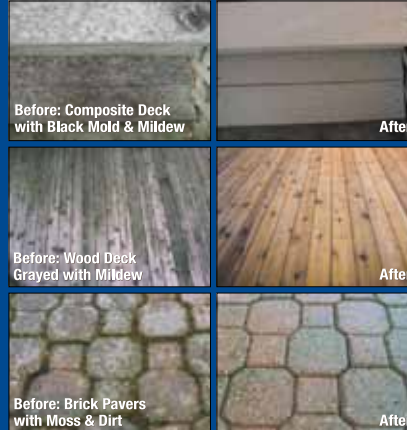
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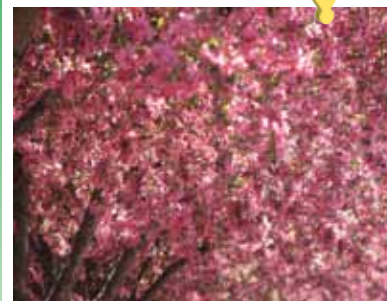
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European Ambiance on Grosse Pointe Garden Tour

By Michelle Balconi

*R*eliving a special vacation is possible through memories and photographs but Sean and Marina Southers decided to take it a step further. Through vision and hard work, this ambitious couple has recreated the look, feel, textures and aromas inspired by many of their European travels.

Recognized by the Grosse Pointe Garden Club and selected for this year's garden tour, the Southers' property features both formal and informal plantings, authentic European pottery, raised edible gardens, winding paths and a flowing water fountain.

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center (GPGC) is a non-profit organization created more than 60 years ago to promote education,



beautification, horticulture and conservation in the area. This is the 22nd annual garden tour and the group also sponsors grants, scholarships, lectures and how-to workshops.

Sean Southers describes their family's landscaping as a reflection of he and his wife's travels together, her childhood mostly spent abroad and says the layout is absolutely inspired by each other.

"In this scenario, our garden serves as a backdrop that is consistent with our interior design and becomes an extension of the house," says Southers.

The couple has incorporated key elements such as flowing water, formal hedges, raised vegetable planters and winding pathways. They planted more than 400 boxwoods to frame two patios as well as the back wall. Several varieties of tea roses, rhododendron, impatiens, arborvitae trees, lavender, bougainvillea, hibiscus and a lemon

tree create an environment designed to stimulate multiple senses.

"The soothing sounds, and the number of various birds that gravitate towards the fountain really add a sense of serenity to the garden," says Southers.

Staying true to their European inspiration, the Southers have invested in high-quality French and Italian terracotta pots of varying height, color and texture. Many interesting and authentically designed pieces of pottery from the small Italian village of Deruta are displayed along the back wall for added visual interest and remembrance of a special vacation.

The Southers say their children, Colin, 11 and Brandon, 8, were instrumental in the planning of the more functional aspect of the project, an old-world English cottage style vegetable garden. The boys planted and cared for a variety of chili peppers

in their own planter last year and the family harvested an array of lettuces, tomatoes, eggplants, carrots, onions and herbs. A bumper crop first year!

Inspired by faraway landscapes, the Southers family has created a European-like getaway in their own Grosse Pointe backyard to share with friends and neighbors. [Φ](#)

The 22nd annual Grosse Pointe Garden Tour, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, will be held Friday, June 21 - Saturday, June 22. Tour hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12 pre-tour and \$15 on tour days and available at certain local merchants and at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Call (313)881-7511 ext. 206 for more information.

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S.A.V.E.A LIFE 5K 04/28/2013 GROSSE POINTE NORTH

By Kim North Shine

The question for environmental club students at Grosse Pointe North High School was, “How should we spread the word about environmental links to childhood leukemia?” The answer was the S.A.V.E. a Life 5K.

The run is set for 10 a.m. April 28, starting and ending at the Grosse Pointe Woods school. As the students planned the event, it became clear there were many questions and answers — and, in the end, many purposes.

For starters, the run is connected to Earth Day, April 22, a day meant to remind us to think about — and

change — how we treat our air, water and bodies. The run itself is a way for participants to take care of themselves, and since 100 percent of the registration fee goes directly to local charities that research childhood leukemia and help children and families affected by it, it’s a reminder of the connection between polluted air and childhood illness.

The cost is \$20 for K-12 runners and \$30 for adults. Sign up at www.signmeup.com/89761. Children’s Hospital of Michigan and the Jacob Michael Davis Foundation will benefit.

“It’s a beautiful thing to see this come together, for the students and for the community,” says Chris Skowronski, adviser to North’s Students Against Violations of the Environment (S.A.V.E.) and a science teacher at North.

The run will wind through neighborhoods and attract serious runners with Hanson’s Running Shop handling official timing. It will also be just as comfortable for amateurs and serve as a community builder. On the

same day, North’s Student Association will host a carnival on campus. There will be a deejay, games and food. The goal is to sign up at least 400 runners.

“I wanted to get veterans out who are running for time, who want to be competitive. And a lot of people are coming out basically for the cause,” says Skowronski, a four-time marathoner. “A lot of teachers who have never done races are coming out for the cause. Everyone from the mayor to the students is excited about this.”


On race day, Vyletel will display hybrid Buicks and Volkswagens. Huntington Ford is donating funds as are other organizations, keeping costs at zero.

“Grosse Pointe Woods, as far as I’ve known, we’ve never had a 5K race ... not in our borders,” Skowronski says. “I just wanted to change that and get people excited about running, and get them thinking about our environment and how important the environment is to our health. Plus, it’s going to be a lot of fun.”



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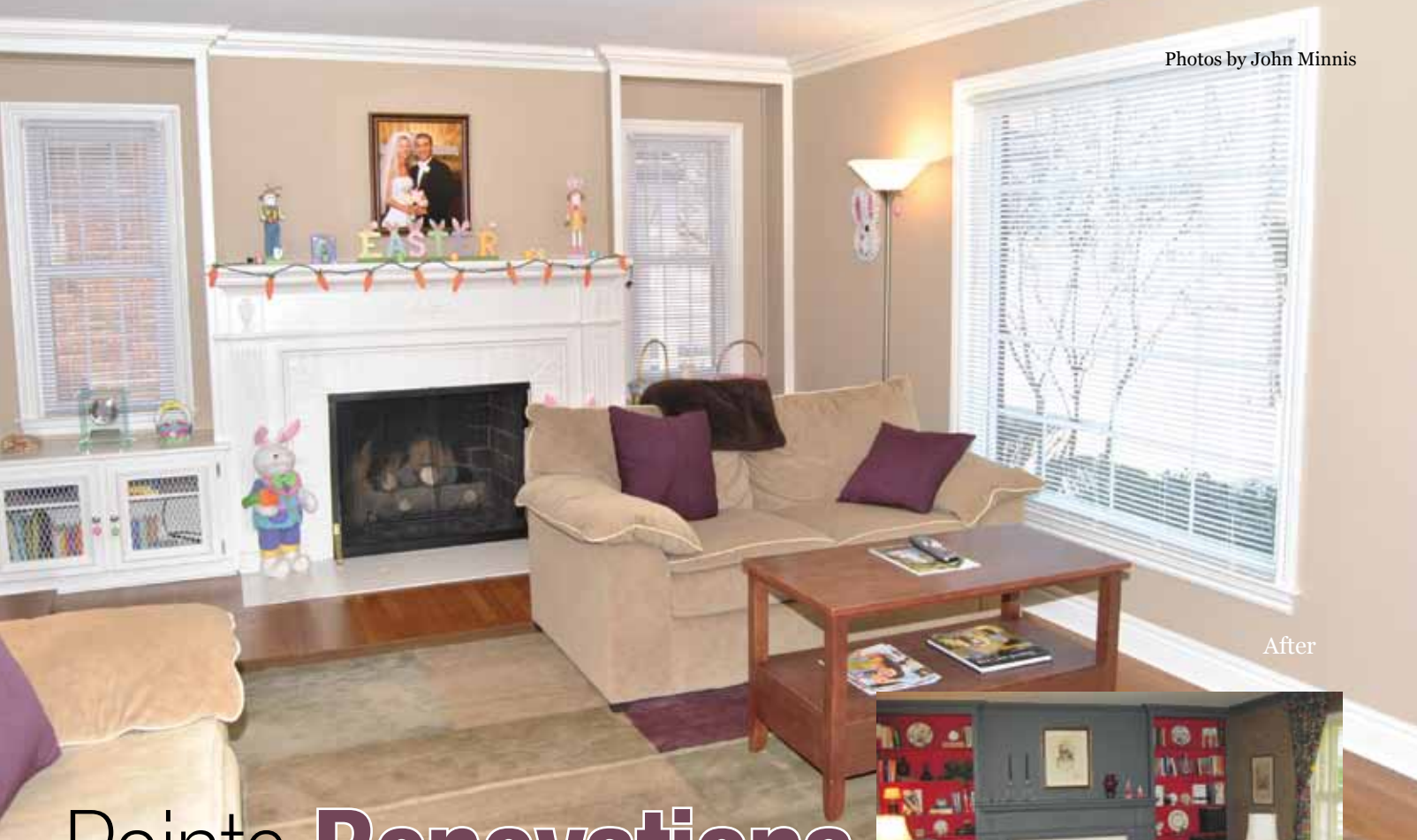


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Pointe Renovations


David and Nancy Ahee undertook an enormous project during wedding planning, Nancy's first year at a new job and David's medical school — a complete renovation of their first home.

They say the goal was to "brighten and modernize" the old Grosse Pointe Farms abode.

With the help of David's father, Joe Ahee, and some family volunteers,

the Ahees were able to finish all renovations in just eight months.

The only outside help needed was by Mark Lamphere of Grosse Pointe Woods, who installed a bathroom in what was originally a coat closet and new windows in frames bookshelves had once covered.

Nancy calls the kitchen her favorite renovation, and David, the bedroom. 



Before



Before

David and Nancy Ahee and their puppy, Pancake



The living room, above, saw several changes, the greatest being the removal of the bookshelves flanking the fireplace. Behind them were windows, which the Ahees renovated to brighten the room.

The second floor bathroom's renovation, right, included new paint, removal of wall tiles and new finishes, sink and cabinetry.



After



Before



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The kitchen, above, was completely refinished with new counter tops, sink and paint.

The dining room saw the removal of wallpaper, fresh paint and new light fixtures.



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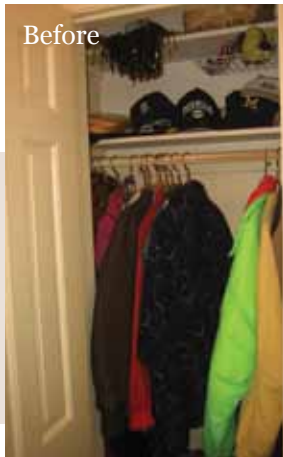


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Before

The front door coat closet has been renovated into an additional bathroom by Mark Lamphere of Grosse Pointe Woods.



After

RIGHT at Home

Using textures

By Virginia Ficarra



Give your home a hug, by adding a new design element that will not break the bank. Texture is a design element that is generally overlooked. It is a relatively advanced decorating concept; a power tool we designers use to develop the personality of a room. In this case, opposites truly attract attention when opposite textured fabrics or building materials are paired together. Just take an inventory room-by-room, look for accessories that can change the mood of the room. Shop and swap things you currently have. See the three following examples; a great room becomes cozy, a bathroom that feels like a spa and a dining area ready for a candlelit dinner.



Photos by Virginia Ficarra

This setting revolves around a smooth, soft finish, leather sofa. The added texture is the raised lattice fabric pillows, and small print cushions. Note the mirror-framed picture instead of a plain mirror, a clear tall vase now filled with flowers, and a shiny brass clock sits on the smooth warm tone of the console. A silk floor lamp shade was retired for the pleated leather shade; making it a cozier reading corner.



A tiny bathroom naturally can use plenty of texture. Solution; to soften all the cold, hard surfaces, the shower door is draped in

a soft flowing curtain, the window covered with a shutter, a valance over the sink and a nymph on the counter basks in natural sunlight from a round 12-inch overhead skylight. Moreover, the tile floor features a comfortable textured area rug and the ceiling is painted a soft blue-green.

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How charming is this dining room? The small woven check fabric on the host and hostess chairs convey a patterned texture in contrast to the wood chairs and floral chintz patterned seats. The smooth wood tabletop features a reflective cut-glass glass bowl with flowers that draw us into the textured oil painting on the wall. The window is covered with a soft translucent fabric that complements the lightly textured walls. Finally, yet importantly, the icing on the cake, the multi-textured chandelier with beveled crystal, silk trimmed shades and strong smooth gold arms.





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By Lauren McGregor

Jill Best, Sue Davies, Catherine Dry, Maureen Salim, Eleanor Marsh and Stella Heatley of the Windsor Castle chapter; Above: Stella Heatley and Maureen Salim discussing DBE plans and goals for 2013

If Stella Heatley had any reservations about working in the United States in 1966, who could blame her?

As a nanny to a British consulate's family living on Berkshire in Grosse Pointe Park, Heatley's introduction to the country included the 1967 Detroit Riots, followed soon after by the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. It was a period of great social unrest in a country unfamiliar to Heatley, a 21-year-old from Suffolk, England.

For her, and so many in similar situations, an organization based upon connecting British individuals to one another and to their new communities was of incredible value.

Heatley joined the Daughters of the British Empire in 1975, two years after returning to the States to marry Henry Heatley, a Detroit man she'd met during her first stay.

"We [DBE members] had a similar sense of adventure, because all of us had come from somewhere else," Heatley says. "I've gained long, long valued

friendships, a sense of continuing our traditions and being a value to the community."

Today, Heatley serves as regent of the Windsor Castle chapter, founded in 1969 and one of two DBE chapters in Grosse Pointe. The other is St. Lawrence Seaway.

Her impressive history with the DBE includes terms as state president, third vice president and nearly every other position, save State Treasurer.

Now, the Windsor Castle chapter boasts members from England, Australia, South Africa, Canada and America. The primary requirement is that members be of British or British commonwealth descent.

All meet with the same objectives in mind - to support the British Home, give back to the community and socialize with others of similar interests and background.

"We're a philanthropic group first," Heatley says. "We raise money for the British Home and for local charities."

The British Home in Brookfield, Ill. is

one of four national homes representing DBE and serving as living quarters and a community center. Founded in 1920 as a benevolent society for struggling British immigrants, the British Home served as a response to the lack of social security.

Today it offers senior housing for any nationality, from independent to 24-hour nursing, and a wider range of community outreach activities, including lessons and exercise.

Local charities who've benefited from Windsor Castle donations include Special Kids and, for 30 years, the Children's Home of Detroit.

Chapter meetings take place once per month in the homes of DBE members and often include tea, lunch and the best conversation this side of the Atlantic. Members are also invited to state meetings, an annual international meeting and summer and holiday chapter parties.

While membership is invitation only, those interested are encouraged to contact the DBE. [P](#)



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Friends of Detroit Rowing Pointe Students Row Way to College

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By Chuck Klonke

Success in any sport requires dedication. Few, however, can match the dedication it takes to be a successful competitive rower.

“It’s not unusual for them to get up at 4:30 a.m. to practice,” says Todd Platt, president of Friends of Detroit Rowing (FODR), which sponsors several teams that row out of the old Detroit Boat Club on Belle Isle. “It’s because they want to. Everything is geared to getting to the college level because there are so many opportunities for scholarships, especially for the girls.”

Practices aren’t easy. “I love the strictness of the sport, the bit of torment,” says Andrew Seski, a senior at Grosse Pointe South who is one of the captains on the junior mens team. “It’s an interesting passion, but it turns the young boys into better men because of it.”

The junior programs, which are made up of mostly high school


students, number about 70 rowers, split down the middle between boys and girls. Most of them are from the Grosse Pointes. They compete in several regattas during the spring, summer and fall. There is even indoor competition during the winter.

“More than anything, it takes dedication, getting out there and doing it every single day,” says George Sleator, who coaches the girls teams. “We see the most improvement in the people who are most dedicated,” he says. “Of the girls in our program who graduated from high school the last

three years, every girl except for one rowed in college.”

One of this year’s high school seniors who has a scholarship is Marijane Brennan, of South, who will be rowing for the excellent program at the University of Virginia. Brennan will follow in the footsteps of several other former Friends of Detroit rowers who competed for the Cavaliers. Brennan says that she took up rowing on the urging of her aunt, who competes in the masters program at FODR.

“I love the competitiveness of the sport, the racing,” Brennan says. “I’m excited about competing in college in that environment.”

Dick Bell, who heads the mens program, has been coaching rowing at the DBC for more than 40 years. “We have a great Olympic tradition here and we want to keep that tradition going,” he says. “We all attach ourselves to different missions in life. That’s my mission.” 



Give the gift of a lifetime

By Ken Welch

Spring ... and the advertisements for summer youth camps have already been out a month. You want to help your kids excel in their sport so you sign them up for everything from summer swim leagues to soccer camp. If that competitive edge is important, where does conditioning and physical development come in?



Having your child work with a personal trainer instead of going to a camp is the smartest money you'll spend this summer on your child. Honestly, a lot of kids get lost in the numbers during these camps with the best ones getting the most attention. A good personal trainer is going to focus solely on your son or daughter. The trainer help them develop the physical and physiological skills to improve in their sport and the self-esteem and confidence to go with it.

A good trainer moves at your child's pace and keeps things fresh and fun so they learn more. A trainer is patient when certain movements or skills are difficult to learn. The student doesn't have to endure an audience watching while trying to grasp something that's hard to do.

A statistic I read stated that by age 13, 70 percent of kids drop out of youth sports. Kids spend so much time participating in sports that they don't spend enough time preparing to participate in sport. Money for a tutor? A personal trainer/coach for your child is an even bigger lifelong investment.

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Brookens coaching at a 2013 Spring Training game in Lakeland, Fla.

Tom Brookens, forever a Tiger

Photos by John Minnis

By Lindsay Beaver

In the baseball world, Tom Brookens has come full circle. After being drafted in 1975, Brookens went on to play 10 seasons for the Detroit Tigers, including a World Series win in 1984. Today, he is the third base coach for the very team that gave him his start. Taking time off between his playing days and coaching career helped Brookens avoid tiring of the game.

“Actually, I got out of the game and kind of kept away from a bit of a burn out that you can have,” Brookens says. “Usually players, at the tail end of their career, they’re a little tired of the game and the thought of going home for awhile is very appealing, and that’s what I did. It was a nice transition getting back.”

Brookens was offered the coaching job at first base after the departure of Andy Van Slyke in 2009. Previously, Brookens had been coaching in the Tigers minor league system. He said he was surprised when he got the phone call.

“I wasn’t thinking I would be considered in the running for it,” Brookens says. “Then when Jim [Leyland] called me and wondered if I would be interested in coming up and

doing the outfield and base running, I was very excited about it.”

Tigers’ manager Jim Leyland and



Brookens have a relationship that dates back to 1979. Leyland was the manager for Evansville, the former Triple A affiliate of the Tigers, where Brookens played. It was Leyland who informed Brookens he’d be heading to the big leagues twice - once as a player and then thirty years later as a coach.

Former third baseman Phil


Mankowski injured his finger and the Tigers were looking for a replacement. That’s when Leyland recommended Brookens.

“He’s responsible for getting me to the big leagues twice,” Brookens says. “I don’t know what’s the matter with him.”

Brookens said that Michigan has become like a second home. While he lives in Pennsylvania during the offseason, he spends the summer months on the east side.

“When I do get some time off I like to play golf in the area,” Brookens says. “The coaching staff usually plays, we have some grudge matches going. Plus I enjoy fishing. I get out on the lake there and do some bass fishing.”

As the 2013 season gets underway, Brookens will make the move to the third base side. The responsibilities are different than those at first base, but it’s something that Brookens is ready to tackle.

“I’ll take a little heat from time to time,” Brookens says. “You live with it. You’re going to make decisions that don’t work out, they were bad decisions, but unfortunately you can’t change it. It’s the way it is and you just move on.” 

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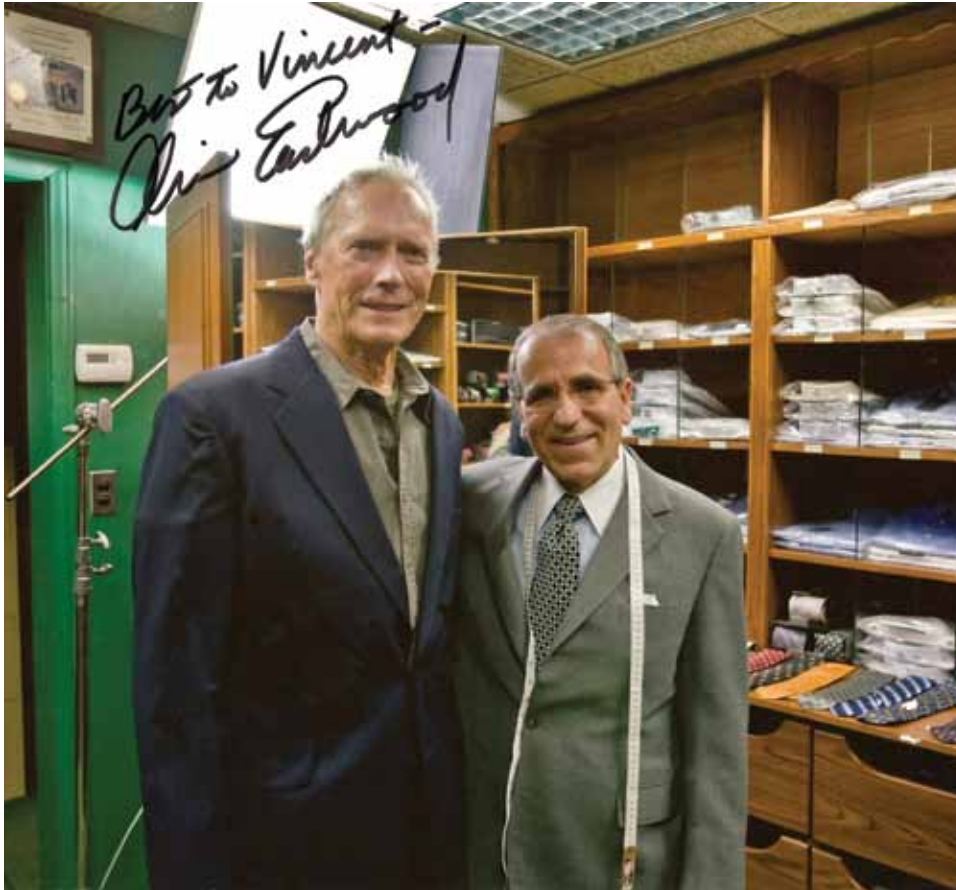
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About Vincenzo

Vincenzo lives in Grosse Pointe Woods with his wife Fausta. They have two children. Steve, married to Laurie, is a medical malpractice defense attorney at Corbet, Shaw, Essad, Tucciarone & Bonasso. Daughter Sandra works at St. Mary's Hospital in London - the same hospital many saw Princess Diana with her son William.

Vincenzo has three grandchildren — Jonas, 12, Grace, 10, and Vincenzo, 4. He says, "They are the light of my life. My wife Fausta is the best thing that ever happened to me besides becoming a father and grandfather."

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If you weren't a master tailor what would you be? I love what I do.

What is your next goal? Retire and enjoy my family.

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Torrey Stackpoole's Christ Church Preschool students draw pictures of what reminds them most of Mom.



"We do things with the whole family."
- Amy Del Mar, 4



"She takes me to YogoHut!"
- Gillian Byarski, 4



"She makes the BEST Easy Mac!"
- Sofia Danna, 4



"She holds me when I cry."
- Liliana Ivanaj, 4



"We read books."
- Valerie Koto, 3



"I walk with my mom and dad."
- Abbey Vanderwarp, 3



"I eat ice cream with my mom."
- Paul Howe, 3



"I like to go swimming with my mom at Kalahari."
- Brady Barbour, 5



"My mom plays blocks with me!"
- Samantha Kamman, 3



"We go get ice cream. I get chocolate. Mommy gets orange."
- Alex Young, 3



"I like to play knee hockey with mom."
- Brendan Stafford, 4





“My mom and I play with our phones.”
- Nicole McEnroe, 3



“I make muffins with my mom.”
- Brady Bond, 3



“My mom plays with me.”
- Nate Schantz, 3



“Me and my mom get subs at Subway.”
- Liam Willson, 4



“We go to the flower garden.”
- Matthew Summers, 4



“We go to TCBY.”
- Griffin Marchal, 5



“Mom takes me to TCBY.”
- Coco Marchal, 5



“My mom is the best because we like walking our dog, Lucky!”
- Lily Gagnier, 4



“My mom builds with me.”
- Ryan Gehlert, 3



“She plays Angry Birds - Star Wars on the iPad with me.”
- Sam Labadie, 4



“Me and my mom paint!”
- Alex Hurford, 3



“My mom and I play I Spy.”
- Dempsey Ciconte, 5



“My mommy takes me to the doctors.”
- Kate Ricci, 3



“My mom makes fried chicken and french fries.”
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Meet Cynthia

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What is your guiding principle or words to live by?

Each day is a gift.

One thing you miss about being a kid?

My parents

What was your favorite trip?

To Greece with Father Kavadas, organized by Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

Your biggest accomplishment?

A long and happy marriage of 58 years

What is the most historical day in your lifetime?

John F. Kennedy's assassination

What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

Services, schools and sailing on Lake St. Clair

About Cynthia

Cynthia lives with her husband Harold, a retired supervising sculptor designer for General Motors, as long time residents of Grosse Pointe Woods.

They have two sons, George and Grant, a wonderful daughter-in-law, Laurie, and two beautiful grandchildren, Helen and Paul.

They are blessed with family, friends, cousins, neighbors and excellent doctors.

Caring for ailing and healthy parents

By Ronda Maniaci

When a parent becomes ill, naturally, we center our attention and concerns around the ailing parent, and are not as intuitive as we should be when it comes to the healthy parent.

In this situation the healthy parent is often overlooked and their role in the relationship changes dramatically. The spouse, more than likely, will be taking on new responsibilities and tasks, such as paying bills, dealing with legal and financial matters, home maintenance, cooking, cleaning, shopping and providing personal care, for the ailing spouse.



Addressing these issues early on may avoid having two ailing parents. Be prepared, parents may be unwilling to accept help at first. It's important to be patient, supportive and reassure your loved ones that help is available.

Having a plan of care in place will give everyone peace of mind:

- Identify your parent's needs and concerns.
- List all tasks.
- Talk with family members about their willingness to help with tasks and respite care.
- Make sure the healthy parent is eating well, sleeping, exercising and having regular checkups.
- Encourage the parent to schedule personal time off.

If family has limited time to help and noticing signs of exhaustion and frustration, contact a local In-home care agency for short term, long term, or live-in care services.

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COOK DESCENDANT CELEBRATES 90TH IN SCHOOLHOUSE

By John Minnis

If your last name is Cook, what better place to celebrate your 90th birthday than in the historic Cook Schoolhouse next to the Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall? What's even more fitting is that Wilfred Cook is the grandson of Louis and Matilda Cook, who owned the Cook Farm where the schoolhouse was originally located in 1890.

"I spent time out here on vacations," recalls "Uncle Wil," whose father, Charles Cook, grew up on the farm. "Grandpa had 10 boys and four girls. On Sunday afternoons we would drive out from Detroit."

He also recalled how on one Sunday drive to the farm, his father became quite angry, declaring, "Look what they've done! They've paved right through our orchard!" That was Mack Avenue.

The fitting 90th birthday party in the Cook Schoolhouse on Feb. 17 was organized by niece Donna Berger and her husband, Bruce, a Cook descendant. Donna hails from another Grosse Pointe founding family, the DeSmyters. Wil Cook's mother was Mary DeSmyter Cook. She did not know in 1966 that she was marrying a distant relative. In fact, she is the third "DeSmyter gal" to marry a "Cook fellow" going back to 1909.

The Louis and Matilda Cook Farm, not to be confused with the Cook Road farm where the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club is now, totaled 118 acres and went from Mack Avenue to Beaconsfield.

"I could never figure out how much land Grandpa had," Wil Cook says. "My dad told me there was all trees there. It was a forest."

As the farm could not support 10 boys, Wil's father moved to Detroit to become a builder. "I said, 'Dad, why did you leave the farm?'" the son recalls. "He said, 'I did not leave the farm. I was asked to go.' Even after moving to Detroit, he never left the farm."



Wilfred Cook, grandson of the family that built the historic Cook Schoolhouse, celebrated his 90th birthday in the school with his extended family, including Bruce and Donna Berger, who organized the birthday party. Photos by John Minnis

The Cook line ends with Uncle Wil. "Because the Cook boys didn't have any children, the Cook legacy, as far as our Cook Family goes, ends," says Donna Berger. "That's why Uncle Wil relishes the Cook Schoolhouse and its continued existence. It's his family continuing on. It's not just an abandoned relic, but a treasure that can still be used and enjoyed by the Grosse Pointe community." ☐

Review your estate plan

By Jon B. Gandelot

Whether you know it or not, you have an estate plan. In the absence of a formal estate plan, the State of Michigan has a default plan called "Intestate Succession" which mandates a rigid determination of who inherits your property.

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TO PREPARE FOR DISABILITY OR LONG TERM CARE

Executing a Health Care Power of Attorney and designating a Patient Advocate can ease the burden on your loved ones in difficult circumstances. There are also steps that you can take to prepare for the financial burdens associated with long-term health care.

LIFE CHANGES AND SO MUST YOUR ESTATE PLAN

It is advisable to reassess your decisions regarding beneficiary designations, specific gifts and those whom you have entrusted to manage your estate or make important health care and financial decisions in the event of your incapacity.

Jon B. Gandelot is founding principal of GANDELOT & ASSOCIATES, an estate planning and trust administration firm in Grosse Pointe Farms.



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DAC ASSISTANT GM TAKES HELM AT CCD

By John Minnis

It took a national search for the Country Club of Detroit board of directors to find its new general manager and chief operating officer — working right here in Detroit. Craig Cutler was serving as assistant general manager at another venerable institution, the Detroit Athletic Club, when the CCD board tapped him Feb. 1 to manage the Grosse Pointe Farms club.

“I can’t convey how happy I am to be here,” says Cutler, 45, of Royal Oak. “It is a real pleasure.”

The CCD board was impressed with Cutler’s professional qualifications, as well as his personal character and integrity. He and his wife, Joan, have three children — Grace, 13, Collin, 12, and Landen, 6. He is a Michigan Quality Council certified examiner, certified Food & Beverage Executive, member of the Culinary Arts Curriculum Advisory Panel at Oakland Community College and the Detroit Club Managers Association and served on the Finance Committee of the Royal Oak School District. At the DAC, he led the club’s effort to win the Michigan Quality Leadership Award and added dining venues to the club, including the outdoor seating for Tigers and Lions games.

Cutler grew up at the Dearborn Country Club, where he


was on the swim team. He recalls coming to swim meets at the CCD, and even as a child being awed. “It was an impressive experience coming onto the grounds here,”

he recalls. “The property, the buildings, you can’t help but be impressed. The setting is spectacular. This is one of those special places.”

A telecommunications graduate from Michigan State University, Cutler says it was summers working with his mother catering that taught him the service industry. He learned retail hospitality in Los Angeles at Engine Co. No. 28 and the legendary Greek Theatre. He learned private club hospitality at the DAC.

“Whether it is here or at the DAC or the Greek Theatre,” Cutler says, “it is a privilege to be part of these iconic institutions.”

The new GM says he has been tasked with building the club, adding new members and yet keeping it a traditional club experience with excellent service and amenities along with the values that make the 116-year-old Country Club of Detroit the family-focused club that it is.

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The Fantasticks

Theater & Dinner at Assumption Cultural Center

By Mike Trudel

Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 9, when the Metropolitan Academy of Performing Arts (MAPA) stages the timeless musical classic, *The Fantasticks*.

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MAPA was started in 2012 to provide musical, vocal, theatrical and dance training for young people in Southeastern Michigan. The objective

of the academy is simple: enhance a young person's training in music and allow them the advantages of having performance in their lives.



Director Melissa Smith, musical and vocal director Ellen Bowen and choreographer Melissa Peters


The principals instrumental in MAPA are very familiar to Grosse Pointers — director Melissa Smith, musical and vocal director Ellen Bowen and

choreographer Melissa Peters.

The talented cast features a mix of actors, young and old. Audiences will be familiar with local high schoolers Nick Muer, Jackie Chylinski and Isaac Pieuch, and Grosse Pointe Theatre veterans Bob Montgomery, Jef Fisk and Mike Trudel.

Tickets for this one-night-only show are available at Posterity – A Gallery, Small Favors, Assumption Cultural Center and at the MAPA website, mimapa.org.

Premier seating is \$75, general seating, \$50, seniors, \$45, and includes a delicious buffet catered by Marchiori Catering. After-dinner college and high school student tickets are \$10.

The Assumption Cultural Center is located at 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores. Call (313) 377-4760 for more information. 

Why 2 dates for Easter?

By the Rev. Michael Varlamos

All Christians observe the feast of Easter, which is the celebration of our Lord's resurrection from the dead. Most years, Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter on a different Sunday than do our fellow Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians. There are several reasons that account for this discrepancy, but two should suffice to explain the basic differences without making this too complicated in the space provided.



In the year 325 A.D., the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea and Constantinople established the formula for calculating the date of Easter. "Christians are to celebrate Easter on the first Sunday, after the first full moon, and after the spring equinox." March 21 was the invariable day of the spring equinox, according to the Julian calendar.

In time, Christians discovered that the revered Julian calendar was progressively inaccurate. Thus, by the 16th century, Western Christians adopted a new calendar introduced by Pope Gregory, the Gregorian calendar. The difference between these two calendars is 13 days.

So Eastern Christians (Orthodox) celebrate Easter on the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the spring equinox (March 21, Julian calendar), after the Jewish Passover.

Western Christians (Roman Catholic/Protestant) celebrate Easter on the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the spring equinox (April 3, Gregorian calendar), regardless of when Passover takes place.

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Chamber Mixer Dec. 6 @ Grosse Pointe Hunt Club

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Anthony Castranova and Tony Marchiori of Marchiori Catering



Matalie Skorupski and Katelyn Bowles wearing gowns by Alessandra



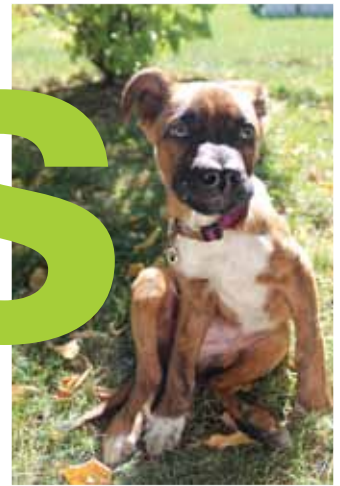
Andrew Mitter and Jason Thomas wearing tuxedos by Valente's



Ashlee Ruggeri, Kathryn Stoehr and Amy Grivalsky

pets

Molly welcomes your hi-res Pointe Pets pictures at 18530 Mack #106, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or molly@grossepointemagazine.com.



Mitzi

Mitzi, a maltese puppy, makes her home with Melissa and Bryan Wolf in Grosse Pointe Woods.



Mia

Mia is a 3 1/2-year-old Samoyed who lives in Grosse Pointe Woods with Tom & Diane Foerster. She loves the snow and snow shoeing with mommy and daddy. She also loves all people and dogs, running, long walks and playing with her doggy friends at the dog park.



Chester

This is Chester. He's 17 years old. Chester loves to meow and lay in front of the fireplace. He lives with the Coughlin family in Grosse Pointe Woods.



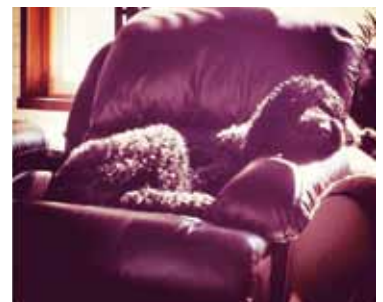
Spirit

GPAAS - Spirit is a 7 1/2-year-old female Labrador Retriever and weighs 60 pounds.



In Memory of Buddy

Former Pets page mascot and beloved member of the Beaver Family leaves behind best friend, Scooby. He is dearly missed.



Sam Adams

Sam Adams is a 3-year-old poodle who lives with Chris and Jill Maki in the Woods. His favorite activities are playing fetch and lounging on furniture. Sam is a very goofy and happy dog, who always makes people laugh and smile!



Huey, Rainbow & Hudson

Sue, John and Chris Boll with Huey, Rainbow and Hudson at the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.



Dudley

GPAAS - Dudley is a 1-year-old male Shih-tzu-Poodle with a gray and white coat.



Ridice & Rudy

GPAAS - Ridice and Rudy are 4 and 5-year-old male and female Brown Tabbies.

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06 SATURDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Nature of Dogs Photographic Exhibit, through June 2, and an Afternoon with Mary Ludington, the exhibit photographer, \$5 per member, \$10 per non-member, in the South Cottage, 2-4 p.m.

07 SUNDAY

- Sunday Dog Walks at Ford House, gates will open to leashed, licensed dogs April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 12, 26, \$5 per non-member, 7-11 a.m.
- MHS Pet Owner Etiquette Series: Lesson 1 at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, price included in admission, lessons 2-4 take place April 21, May 5 & 26, 10-11 a.m.

08 MONDAY

- SOC Salute to the Fifties, Grosse Pointe Academy Elementary Chorus will sing songs from the fifties & folk melodies, 11:30 a.m.

09 TUESDAY

- GPCC Business After Hours at PNC Bank, 5:30-7 p.m.

10 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center Meet and Greet for Professionals at Barnes Center, 9-11 a.m.
- G.P. Park Afternoon Out, "Something's Gotta Give" and luncheon by Blue Pointe Restaurant, purchase tickets at Lavins Activity Center Front Desk, \$10, 12 p.m.
- SOC April Birthday Celebration! Have an April birthday? Celebrate with a piece of cake with a candle, a happy birthday song in three languages and a keepsake photo. \$3 per person, 11 a.m.

11 THURSDAY

- Soroptimist International of GP presents Body & Sold at Lakeview High School's Schaublin Auditorium, 7-9 p.m.
- Questers "Code Blue & Gold" Luncheon at Assumption Cultural Center, talk by Quester Isamy Osborn on "The Great Cover-Up," a delicious lunch, dessert, coffee, tea and the Franshaw State Handkerchief Quilt featured on page 34, \$25 per person, 12 p.m.

12 FRIDAY

- Beaumont Hospital Day of Dance at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

13 SATURDAY

- "Heroes Among Us" Auction 2013 at St. Clare of Montefalco Church Social Hall
- Mom to Mom Sale at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- GPHS Izzy's Second Saturday "Lovin' Spoonful of Chocolate" at the Provencal-Weir House, \$15 per member, \$20 per non-member, reservations required, 1-3 p.m.

17 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center presents "Taking Care While Giving Care: Coping with the Challenges of the Sandwich Generation" at Barnes Center, 6-9 p.m.
- GPHS Bicknell Lecture "Tashmoo Park and the Steamer Tashmoo," Woods Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Junior League of Detroit General Membership Meeting & Placement Fair at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 6:30-9 p.m.

18 THURSDAY

- Spring Luncheon at Grosse Pointe War Memorial featuring a presentation on "Gone with the Wind," \$25, 12-2:30 p.m.
- Girls Night Out at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church & Cultural Center, proceeds benefit the renovation, relocation of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, \$75, 6-10 p.m.

19 FRIDAY

- War Memorial Corps de Ballet performance at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$9 per adult, \$6 per child under 12, 8-9 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Park Merry Music Maker Pajama Party in Lavins Center Gymnasium, \$12 per family, 7-8 p.m.
- St. Clair Shores Public Library "Classic Movie Fridays" featuring Spellbound in the William R. Gilstorf Room, free of charge, 1:30 p.m.

20 SATURDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Bird Walk, \$7 per person, 8-10 a.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Training: Bring Out the Good in Your Dog, \$20 per member, \$25 per non-member, 9-11 a.m.

23 TUESDAY

- GPCC Business Before Hours at Stifel, Nicolaus and Company, 8-9 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe South Mother's Club Spring Benefit: Fashion Show and Lunch, "Now and Then" celebrating South's 85th anniversary,

12-3 p.m.

24 WEDNESDAY

- St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Family Dinner Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- The Family Center presents "Discovering and Accessing Resources for Different Learners" at Barnes Center, 6-9 p.m.
- Fiction & Playwriting Workshop at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$138 for 6 weeks or \$143 for 6 weeks on class day, Wednesdays, April 24 - May 29, 7-9 p.m.
- SOC "Pizza and a Great Movie" featuring *The Artist*, \$5 per person for pizza, dessert, beverage and a box lunch to take home, call (313) 882-9600 for reservations, event begins at 11 a.m.

25 THURSDAY

- Tau Beta 10th Annual Spring Market Preview Party, Grosse Pointe Club, 6:30-9 p.m.

26 FRIDAY

- Let's Dance: Step into the Future at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, music, dinner and dancing, 6 p.m.
- St. Clair Shores Public Library Classic Movie Fridays, *Red River* in the William R. Gilstorf Room, free, 1:30 p.m.
- Tau Beta 10th Annual Spring Market at Grosse Pointe Club, 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

27 SATURDAY

- Puppy Pottery with Pewabic at the Ford House, ages 4-12, \$25 per member, \$30 per non-member, 10 a.m. or 12 p.m.
- GPFPE Annual Spring Gala at the home of Anne and Thad MacKrell, call (313) 432-3058 for tickets, cocktails at 6:30 p.m., supper at 7:30 p.m., live auction to follow
- Tau Beta 10th Annual Spring Market at the Grosse Pointe Club, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

28 SUNDAY

- S.A.V.E. a Life 5K Race sponsored by Grosse Pointe North Environmental Club at GP North High School, 10-11 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Community Chorus 61st Annual Spring Concert "Can't Help Singing" at Parcels School Auditorium, \$10, \$3 per child 12 and under, 3 p.m.

30 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Build a Twig Chair Workshop, \$53 plus \$75 materials fee, 6-10 p.m.

01 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe South Musical *42nd Street*, 1-3 p.m., runs through May 5
- Bird Walk at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, led by Rosann Kovalcik of Wild Birds Unlimited and Bill Rapai of Grosse Pointe Audubon, call (313) 884-4222 for reservations, also take place May 2,3,4, 7:30 a.m. and May 2 at 6 p.m.

02 THURSDAY

- Tracing Your Heritage at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$25, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- G.P. Shores Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 7:30 a.m.

04 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adopt a Pet Day at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 12-3 p.m.

05 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Shores Annual Arbor Day Fun Run at Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Park, 9:30 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents *Drowsy Chaperone* with performances May 8-12 and 16-18, visit gpt.org for tickets & times

07 TUESDAY

- Parenting with Love & Logic at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$100 per couple for 5 weeks and \$15 material fee payable at time of registration or \$105 on day class starts plus \$15 material fee, Tuesdays, May 7-June 4, 6:30-8 p.m.

08 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction, see page 12 for more information
- GPCC Business After Hours at Beaumont Vein Center, 5:30-7 p.m.
- Beginners Digital Photography at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$33, 7-9 p.m.

09 THURSDAY

- Come Dine with Us! at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$18.95, please make reservations, also May 9-11, 16-18, 6:30 p.m.
- The Fantasticks Theater and Dinner at Assumption Cultural Center, see page 62 for more information

10 FRIDAY

- Annual Auction at Assumption Cultural Center, 6:30-10 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission and North PTO Flower Sale at Woods City Hall through May 11
- Grosse Pointe Park Merry Music Maker Pajama Party, \$12 per family, 7-8 p.m.

11 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction, see page 12 for more information
- Grosse Pointe Relay for Life at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park, 10 a.m.
- GPHS Izzy's Second Saturday "Sew Love Birds on a Woodland Swing" at the Provencal-Weir House, \$15 per member, \$20 per non-member, make reservations by the Thursday before the event, 1-3 p.m.

12 SUNDAY - Mother's Day

- Mother's Day Brunch at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$26 per person, \$12 per child 8 and under, seatings: 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Mother's Day Brunch at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, \$34 per adult for brunch & tour, \$19 per child for brunch & tour, \$26 per adult for brunch, \$14 per child for brunch, two seatings: 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

14 TUESDAY

- Detroit Future City at Grosse Pointe War Memorial sponsored by Grosse Pointe Public Library and WCCCD, to register call (313) 343-2074 ext. 222, begins at 7:30 p.m.
- GPHS Pointes of Celebration at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, GPHS gives a bronze plaque to three Grosse Pointe homes, 7 p.m.

15 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe South Tri M Concert in South Auditorium, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- GPHS Bicknell Lecture "Living on the Edge: A History of Auto Racing in Michigan" at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 7:30 p.m.

16 THURSDAY

- GPBA of Mack Sidewalk Sale, through Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- "How Dogs have Evolved in Literature" at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, free to members, \$20 per non-member, 7-9 p.m.

17 FRIDAY

- North Spring Concert, 7-9 p.m.
- Michigan Micro-Breweries: A Beer Tasting at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$30, 7-9 p.m.

18 SATURDAY

- North Spring Concert, 7-9 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Calling All Future Vets! ages 6-12, \$10, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- G.P. Park Perennial Plant Exchange/ Shredding Service & Electronic Recycling at Windmill Pointe Park, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

19 SUNDAY

- CARE of Southeastern Michigan's Bike PATH at Metro Beach, 12-4 p.m.

20 MONDAY

- GPCC Business After Hours at Aria Salon, 5:30-7 p.m.

22 WEDNESDAY

- St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Family Dinner Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

23 THURSDAY

- North/South Outdoor Instrumental Concert, outside North PAC, 7-9 p.m.
- DIY Flowers at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$18 per person, 7-9 p.m.

24 FRIDAY

- Making Accessories Yours at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$25 plus \$5 materials fee, 6:30-8 p.m.

25 SATURDAY

- West Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

27 MONDAY - Memorial Day

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Memorial Day Ceremony, 10 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Memorial Day Ceremony "Circle of Honor," 10 a.m.

31 FRIDAY

- South Choirs on Broadway Concert at North PAC, 8-10 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Outdoor Movie Night: *Lady and the Tramp*, \$5 per person, 7-9 p.m.



RED WINE & DARK CHOCOLATE

By Doug Cordier



Who would have guessed that two substances long associated with indulgence could be so good for us? For the last several years, food researchers, chemists and doctors have learned that both red wine and dark chocolate contain powerful phytochemicals that offer disease prevention and are beneficial to our good health. And together, they can be a key to wellness and healthy living.

Red wine and dark chocolate (in moderation)

- Contain CATECHINS that raise HDL (good) cholesterol levels
- Contain RESVERATROL which rejuvenates cells
- High in antioxidants, flavonoids, saponins and polyphenols
- Prevent blood clots
- Reduce FREE RADICALS
- Lower blood pressure and blood sugar
- Harden enamels and prevent tooth decay
- Contain GUERCETIN, which helps prevent lung cancer
- Increase libido
- Prevent osteoporosis
- Support your immune system
- PLUS help with ADD/ADHD, allergies, Alzheimer's, anemia, wrinkles, asthma, cataracts, atherosclerosis, constipation, fibromyalgia, insomnia, memory loss, prostate cancer, stroke, stress, inflammation and much more!

Make your own healthy chocolate/nut/fruit bark

- 1 cup coconut oil
- 3/4 cup light raisins
- 3/4 cup sliced almonds
- 1/4 chunky almond butter
- 3/4 cup un-sweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tbs vanilla
- 3 tbs agave nectar or quality honey

It's easy. Just melt the ingredients in a pot, let it cool down and pour onto a sheet of parchment paper. Chill in refrigerator or freezer.

Wellness Chef Doug Cordier is a food writer, TV cook and Certified Nutrition Wellness Consultant. Owner of Cascom Group Travel, Doug has been teaching corporate and Italian cooking classes plus leading culinary tours to their Tuscan villa. For more foodie thoughts and recipes, try cookingwithcordier.com or call (313) 881-6699.

Pairing red wine and dark chocolate

- Pairing red wine and chocolate is a delicious task. Both red wine and chocolate have more than 500 subtle flavor components that enhance each other.
- Chocolate has been enjoyed since the Olmec Indians discovered its benefits in 1500 BC.
- Both chocolate and wine come from fruits and are products of fermentation.
- Choose dark chocolate with over 50% cacao
- Enjoy the color, textures and aromas of both
- Chocolate melts at body temperature (98 degrees)
- Observe the tastes and textures of both as you slowly swirl combinations in your mouth
- Cleanse your pallet with water after each pairing
- Both red wine and dark chocolate contain impressive amounts of healthy chemical compounds.

Here are some pairings you can try:

Hazel Nut Truffle + Block 9 Pinot Noir
 Semi Sweet + Ferreira Ruby Port
 Mocha Brandy + Grayson Zinfandel
 Dark Chocolate Sea Salt + Buller Tawny Port
 Grand Marnier + Red Dust Shiraz
 Raspberry Truffle+ Twenty Bench Cabernet Sauvignon

The Secret: "The polyphenols and antioxidants in red wine and dark chocolate in combination are more effective than alone. So enjoy these two super health foods together everyday." - *The Chocolate Therapist* by Julie Pech

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WOODS CAPTAIN PILOTS OPENING OF FREEDOM CENTER AT METRO

It may be just a twist on a tired old saying, but it fits Grosse Pointe Woods resident John McCandless like a tailor-made set of dress whites. You can take the man out of the military, but you can't take military out of the man.

A long-time fundraising booster of the Blue and Gold crews of the USS Michigan, one of the U.S. Navy's early nuclear "boomer" submarines, retired USNR Capt. McCandless, a Vietnam-era vet and former automotive PR guy with a flair for promotion, keeps volunteering for military-related civilian projects.

Latest among them: playing a key role in the founding, support and operation of the new "Freedom Center" at Detroit Metro Airport's Gate A40, a hospitable haven for the throngs of current and former service personnel who transit the Delta Airlines hub terminal every day.

"The center's a comfortable place to rest, get help with travel plans, have a soft drink and a snack — even bunk out for a few hours, kind of like the old USO," McCandless explains. "Single

service men and women, couples, even families with children, all are welcome. We owe a lot to the people who serve our country."

The Freedom Center is staffed and supported by volunteers. Its board includes three former Navy captains, an Army and an Air Force colonel — all out-ranked by a retired female Air Force brigadier general. But nobody checks insignias, ranks, decorations or gender at the door.

"The idea for the gate-side lounge was spawned by some Delta employees during Christmas in 2010," McCandless explains. "They set up a special area for service personnel and drew 2,400 visitors over three weeks. Afterwards, Ken Pratt, a former Air Force colonel who's a Delta pilot, called me and we got the others together."

Several local businesses helped out. Delta and the airport authority arranged for the Freedom Center's terminal space. Two defense contractors pledged large, long-term donations. Rent-a-Center came up with some furniture as did Art Van. Others chipped in things like



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

a refrigerator, carpeting and lounge chairs.

The Freedom Center debuted in November 2011 and since has entertained more than 35,000 visitors.

McCandless' next project? Helping to organize local crew support for the USS Detroit, another of the Navy's newest class of small, shallow-draft fighting ships to be commissioned in 2015.

Personally autographed copies of Pete Waldmeir's hardcover collection of Detroit News columns, "Little Beads of Blood," make perfect gifts for birthdays and other special days. Pointe Magazine sale price: \$9.95. E-mail: pwaldmeir@aol.com or call (313) 882-5490.



USNR Capt. McCandless and WJR's Paul W. Smith at opening of the Freedom Center, left, at Detroit Metro Airport.

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