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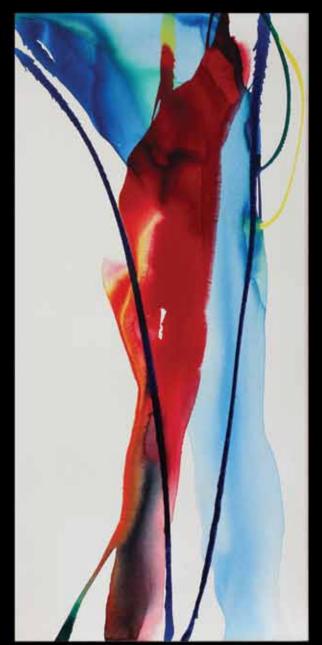
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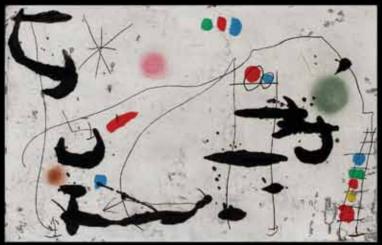
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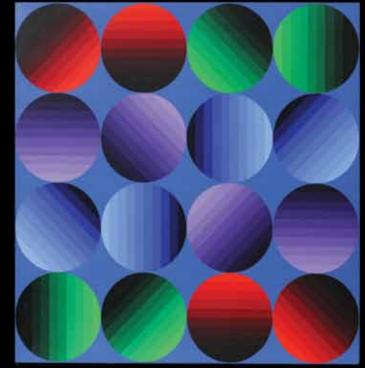
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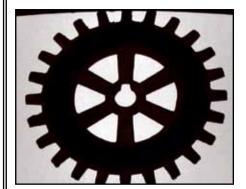




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# Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this object? On Monday, March 24, we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to respond with the most specific answer will win a family four-pack to the Michigan Science Center. Participants MUST wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck!

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# POINTE MAGAZINE

# Think spring!

he Winter Olympics in Sochi is on TV and the snow is still piled up outside. But there is good news: the Detroit Tigers have reported to Spring Training in Lakeland.

Sadly, we aren't going south this March. Ever since we were married some 37 years ago, we have rarely missed Spring Training. In fact, in the last two years, we were able to get press passes and go into the clubhouse and on the field. That was an experience!

The first year, crouched on the



at my age, I figured if a line foul ball was hit at me, forget trying to run. I would duck and cover. third-base line, I discovered the secret to not getting your knees and butt dirty was to bring a short step stool to sit on like all the "professional" photographers do. Last year, I went to Walmart and bought one and sat there comfortably like a pro! Still, at my age, I figured if a line-drive foul ball was hit at me, forget trying to run. I would duck and cover. Fortunately, there were no close calls!

The big news in Lakeland is the ballpark — Joker Marchant Stadium, a.k.a. Tigertown — is going to get a major renovation. The left-field-line bleachers are going to be razed and grandstand extended to the foul pole. The "berm" in left field will be wrapped around to right field, and a 360-degree concourse will circumnavigate the ballpark. It is a BIG DEAL — \$37.5 million worth.

The Tigers contract with the city of Lakeland expires in 2016, and negotiations are under way to sign a new 20- or 30-year agreement. If, and when, signed, the Detroit Tigers-Lakeland partnership will surpass the 100-year mark. Already at 78 years, the Tigers and Lakeland have the longest relationship in Major League Baseball. Work on the expansion is slated to begin next year after Spring Training. You have to know we'll be there in 2016!

Hasn't this winter been something? I have to say, though, that we are fortunate to live in the Pointes. In some communities, the streets aren't even plowed. Driving them is treacherous. Here's a thought: Don't leave Grosse Pointe!

Which brings me to my recurrent parting words: Please patronize our local stores and advertisers. You will not only be helping them, but you will also being securing our future — and property values.

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# Meet Patrick

**Patrick Lee Morris** 

Birthdate & time:

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City:

**Grosse Pointe Park** 

First words: No real words yet

Cute fact:

Mom & Dad:

**Jim & Carrie Morris** 

**Loves to watch Family Feud and** clap along with the contestants

Favorite toy or game:

Learning to walk, cooking socks and vacuuming

### About **Patrick** in Mommy's words

Patrick is a charismatic baby boy, who is constantly stealing people's hearts. He is always smiling and turns on the charm with the ladies. He is enthralled with the creations of Thomas Edison and Betty Crocker. He loves to turn on and off light switches to see what happens. He enjoys playing with pots and pans and pays very close attention to anyone that is cooking. He also enjoys chasing down any one of our three cats.

Name: Lydia Johnson

Age: **5** Parents: S. Lee Johnson & Beth Newhart

City: Grosse Pointe Park Siblings: Adam, 9

**School: Trombly Elementary School** 

Interests: Going to the zoo, going to the pool, going to Trader Joe's

#### **Favorites**

School subject Game

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What is your favorite thing about going to school? Reading with my reading buddy, Keira

What do you want to be when you grow up? An equestrian

Who is your hero and why? **Mommy and Daddy because I love them.** 

# About Lydia

Arriving in Grosse Pointe from South Korea a week after her first birthday, Lydia quickly became everyone's sweetheart. Her love of animals started with her family's standard poodles, Scarlett and Connor, and grew after

Meet Lvo Welcome to Kinde

> her first pony ride at the Hunt Club. When she's not swimming on the Diamond Team for the Grosse Pointe Gators, she can be found singing the songs of her favorite artists, the B-52s, the Ramones and Adele.

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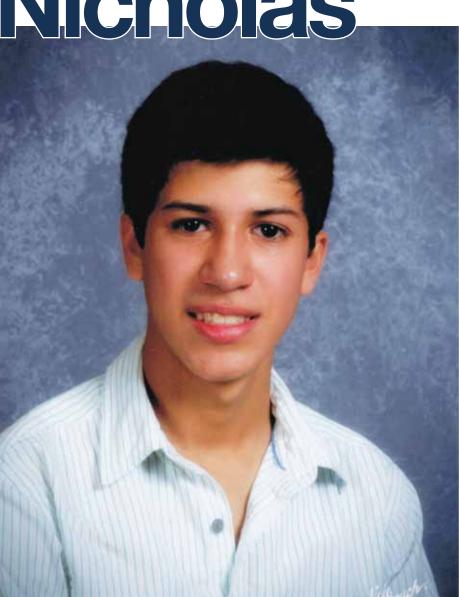
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Meet Nicholas



What song on your iPod would people be surprised by? "Changes" by 2Pac

What unique skill do you possess and what skill would you like to learn? I can solve 1/6th of a rubix cube. I would like to learn how to solve the other 5/6ths. If you could have three wishes granted what would they be?

- 1. Go back in time to the 1800s with my iPhone and freak everyone out
- 2. Go into the future where space travel is cheap and vacation on the planet Pandora.
- 3. Go back to present time after a quip gone wrong with some blue locals

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Pursuing a graduate degree and starting/running a startup
What did you want to be as a child and what do you want to be now?

I wanted to be Superman, and I still want to be Superman.

Name	Nicholas Morris
Age	16
City	Grosse Pointe Park
School	Grosse Pointe South
Parents	Margarita and Dan Morris

# Nicholas's

# **Favorites**

**Music Artist** 

Bill Evans

**Music Genre** 

Jazz

**TV Show** 

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Movie

Drive

Actor

John Travoltage

**School Subject** 

**Applied Mechanics** 

**Book** 

Animal Farm

**Vacation** 

Visiting "la familia" in Illinois

**Extracurricular Activity** 

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**Teacher** 

Mr. Cox

# About **Nicholas:**

Nicholas is a junior at Grosse Pointe South and has one brother, Chris, 18.

He has worked as a tutor, babysitter, busboy, landscaper and operated a lemonade stand. "I enjoy learning, working and clownin'."

Nicholas is also captain of the Grosse Pointe South Solar Car Team: gpsolarcar.com.

# Elite Training for Women

By Ken Welch



have a program called Elite Training for Women. It's about teaching women how

to engage weight training as part of their workout

routines and how to understand it, its benefits and its practical application in everyday life.



One of the things that has been hard for women to do

is to look at their weight workouts (sets and reps) as something they're doing to improve themselves and not as another list of chores. There's a tendency for women to view different pieces of weight equipment used in their workouts as things they need to do so they can check it off the list of things they have to do. This is not too different from how people in general view workouts: something to get done.

Throw the list away. It's about you making certain areas, or all of you, stronger, more useful and perhaps more attractive. This applies to both genders. The various pieces of weight equipment and free weights are tools that you use to sculpt, build and create a body more youthful and more fun to be in.

That is the mindset we try to teach. What tools are you going to use today to work on what part of your body? What part needs the most attention? Most people answer, "everything," but if that's what you think, then you've already started to analyze your body and recognize that there's a job to do.

Now get started learning the right tools for the job. The only other thing besides learning what tools to use is accepting that the job never ends.

Ken Welch is owner and trainer at Pointe Fitness on Harper south of Allard. Online: pointefitness.com.

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#### **By John Minnis**

he Detroit Tigers and the City of Lakeland, Fla., are celebrating 78 years together this year. The club first began training in Lakeland in 1934, with a few years absent during World War II. Since 1966, Joker Marchant Stadium (a.k.a. Tigertown) has hosted the Detroit Tigers in the spring and the Lakeland Tigers, the club's Triple A affiliate, now known as the Lakeland Flying Tigers in honor of the WWII pilots trained on the grounds of the former pilot training school.

The Tigers front office and Lakeland city officials



are currently negotiating a new 20- to 30-year lease, which when approved will take the Tigers-Lakeland marriage past the century mark. Already, the two have the longest relationship in Major League Baseball.

But wait! There's more!

Part of the negotiations

include a \$37.5 million renovation of Tigertown, which the city hopes to have completed by the expiration of the current lease in 2016. "It's still in the process," says Bill Tinsley, the city liaison to the Tigers organization. "It's still very much on track." It is fitting that Tinsley, retired parks and recreation director, is part of the team. Joker Marchant Stadium is named after a former Lakeland Parks and Recreation director.

Plans call for a 360-degree concourse around the field. Currently, the concourse stops at the clubhouse in right field and "the berm," added in 2003 in left field. The new concourse and berm would be extended around the rest of the outfield with a deck and bar. The scoreboard would have to be moved beyond the concourse.

Other tentative renovation plans include:

More shaded seating for fans. Only 15 percent of the seats are currently shaded.

An air-conditioned gift shop.

Adding artificial turf to one of the practice fields for year-round use.

New clubhouses and training facilities.

Covered pavilion along the first-base line for rentals in the office season.

Demolition of the concrete bleachers along the left-field line and extending the main grandstand seating.

As an aside, Tigertown includes three WWII-era hangers that are mainly used for storage. A group of WWII veterans, including some who trained there, as well as local residents



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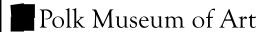
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are pushing for one of the hangers to be used as a museum.

Everyone, from Lakeland Mayor Howard Wiggs to Florida Gov. Rick Scott, is strongly motivated to make the Detroit Tigers, and the remaining MLB snowbirds, at home in the Sunshine State. Currently, the Major League teams are evenly divided, with 15 making their spring training home in Florida and 15 in Arizona.

Gov. Scott and his legislature are working to create a \$5 million annual matching fund with local municipalities tied to spring training facilities. Already, Central Florida's Tourist Development Council has earmarked 100 percent

of all its "bed tax" revenue over the next decade — \$17 million — toward Joker Marchant Stadium renovation. The City of Lakeland has committed another \$7 million, with \$2.5 million from the Detroit Tigers. Fifteen percent of ticket sales, as well as parking and concessions, goes toward stadium costs.

Spring training brings more than \$40 million to the local economy, and the Flying Tigers generate another \$20 million-plus locally. Central Florida business leaders are excited and anxious about the Joker Marchant plans. "It's already a great stadium now," says Kris Keprios, tourism

sales and marketing manager for Visit Central Florida. "With the renovations, it's going to be really great."

Detroit Tigers spring training attendance at Joker Marchant Stadium has hit new records for each of the last four years, with half the ticket sales going to out-of-state fans. The planned renovation will add another badly needed 600 seats, increasing the stadium's capacity to 9,800, not counting the berm. Tinsley, the Lakeland liaison with the Tigers, said the first construction work would not begin until after the 2015 spring training season.





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#### By Jim Stickford

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Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors' 26th
annual Home & Garden Expo. This
year's expo is on Saturday, March
15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the
Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"This is something we've been doing on a regular basis for the past quarter century," says Bobbi Sexton, CEO of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. "The whole idea behind the show is home improvement. We at the Board of Realtors do this for the public as a kind of free service."

There will be about 75 businesses represented, specializing in kitchens, bathrooms, roofing, siding, garages, landscaping, heating and cooling, additions, windows, alarms, carpets and waterproofing.

"The advantage to the public is that someone can, in one day and at one location, visit different businesses that specialize in home and garden improvement," Sexton says. "These contacts are face-to-face, and we think that's a good thing in this Internet age."

As an added draw, the Board of Realtors has invited the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society with adorable animals looking to be adopted.

"We look at having the adoption society at the show as a way of

having another attraction for people to give something for them to do," Sexton says. "At the very least, those attending the show will be able to have a pleasant walk around the War Memorial."

Judy Barker and Cheryl Gauss are again co-chairs of the event. Sponsors include Adlhoch & Associates, Bank of America, Beverly Tannian, Camelot Tree & Shrub Co., Century 21 Town & Country of Grosse Pointe, Ferguson Landscaping, Gibson Design Group, Great Dane Heating & AC, Grosse Pointe News, Higbie Maxon Agney, John Adams Mortgage and Johnstone & Johnstone.

Under President Randy Repicky, "the Board of Realtors, has about 650 members," Sexton says. "That includes professional realtors and affiliate members. Our ultimate goal is to bring together the public with the businesses who can help them realize their ambitions for their homes and gardens. We've had success in the past and expect to have further success this year. Quite a number of vendors return to the show year after year."

And, Sexton says, there will also be mortgage companies and title companies on hand for those looking for help on the more paperworkoriented side of home improvement.

To learn more about the show, call (313) 882-8000, or go to the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors website at www.gpbr.com.









Photos by John Minnis

# Rental changes in G.P. Park

By Anna Bartolotta

ove it or hate it, the new rental ordinance in Grosse Pointe Park has passed and takes effect immediately. Not a lot will change

in the day-today operations of rental owners in the Park, but there are key changes that everyone will need to be aware of and follow closely.



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# **Lighting & Landscaping**Spring tips and reminders

Tony Sieracki of Detroit Irrigation & Lighting and Brett Marshall, certified arborist, of Marshall Landscaping offer their top tips for lighting and landscaping.

When approaching a new exterior landscape lighting job, a lot of ground work must be done before you even think of installing the first light fixture. Here is a list of the top 10 things to consider when planning an outside lighting project.

- 1. Replace existing halogen systems with L.E.D. systems. L.E.D. systems require 1/10 of the energy required on older systems and last ten times longer.
- 2. Be aware of all exterior electrical boxes and G.F.I. plug locations for the proper location of transformer(s) and cable runs.
- Consult a design expert.
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- **4. Select fixtures** designed for the plants, shrubs and trees you are trying to highlight.
- **5. Install the minimum amount of fixtures needed** to do what you want. The last thing you want is to have your project so bright you can see it from space.
- 6. Use up lighting. Fixtures are mounted ground level and aimed up to capture the detail of the trunk and branches. Be careful not to overuse this method as you can light the area too much causing major washout.
- **7. Use spotlighting** to light or accent a feature in your landscape,

such as a vase or a gazing ball.

- 8. Use shadowing for larger areas. Light is aimed low to cast a warm shadow on a large wall or garden fence. This will also cast soft outlines of leaves and branches on the larger area you are trying to light.
- 9. Use cross lighting to light a large row of small trees and shrubs. Each light is aimed to the left and right of each other causing an "X" effect or pattern.
- 10. Use pathway/step lighting.
  Probably the most ignored feature
  of landscaping, you spent a lot
  of money on pavers, stamped/
  exposed concrete so light it up!



- Mow grass high, 3-3.5 inches
- Recycle/mulch clippings
- Maintain a sharp blade

#### Tree Care

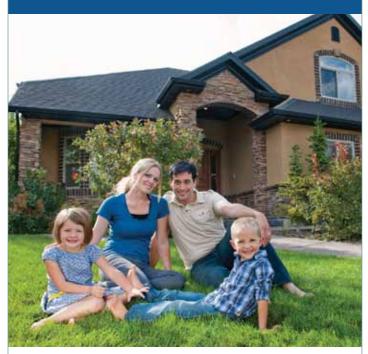
- Install 2 inch deep ring of mulch around base of trees to prevent lawn mower damage
- Trim Birch and Maple trees in summer only
- Trim Elm and Oak trees in winter only

#### **Shrubs & Ground Cover**

- Prune spring flowering shrubs soon after they bloom
- Shear/prune evergreen hedges wider at bottom, narrow at the top
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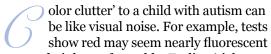
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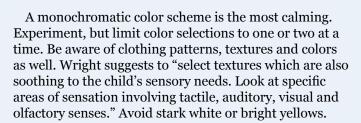
By Virginia Ficarra



to them, yet a muted pink was favorable. Feeling 'right at home' is often viewed as simply a matter of aesthetics. The psychology of color is the tool that can be leveraged to affect emotions, behavior and well-being.

Sandra McClennen, PhD, Professor Emerita of Special Education at Eastern Michigan University, explains, "People on the autistic spectrum as a group may react to color and visual clutter the same way you would. However, they often respond more intensely than a neurotypical child or adult."

The most calming colors are light blue-green or warm grey-green. Pearl M. Wright, MA, OTR/L, LPC, of Unique Options, in Warren, Mich., says, "the child should be involved in choosing a color scheme. Their choice may change depending on their behavior at the time. Provide specific choices to decrease confusion."



Top, red is often too fluorescent for children with autism; above, too many colors are used here, including red, yellow, and stark white

### **Decor Tips**

- Use undefined patterns in fabrics, such as bed and window covers
- For safety, attach window coverings to the frame with Velcro. Adjustable blinds may be used only if they are set between safety glass, and of course, no hanging cords.
- Avoid flickering or humming fluorescent lighting. Diffused or up-lighting is more effective in reducing glare.
- Control noise with cork wallboards, carpeting also absorbs sound but can provoke allergies.
- Extreme carpeting colors or patterns may appear visually disturbing to walk on, versus



wood floors.

- Furnishings and products designed for children are usually in primary colors. Select light stained woods or paint in a creamy soft tone. Be sure to secure heavy furniture pieces from tipping over.
- Beanbags are good for seating but a real risk for suffocation. Be diligent, ask about the covering and the quality of the filling.

Color is a daily mystery, learn how to make it work for you. Order your own copy of Making Color Work at (313) 330-9800, www.AssistedDownsizing.com or Downsizing In Style.





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# Spring Cleaning: Kitchen Changes

#### **Family Features**

The kitchen can be one of the most overwhelming and difficult rooms to clean. This spring, use our quick tips to make kitchen cleaning easier and the results last longer. A couple of these pointers will even make *future* cleaning a breeze.

Clean with baking soda

Backsplashes and tile flooring can be cleaned quickly with a simple solution made from things you may already own. Just mix a half cup of baking soda into a two gallon bucket of water and scrub those splatters away.

#### Brighten brass and copper

To clean up tarnish on pots and pans made with brass or copper, use a small amount of ketchup on a soft cloth and rub. Once the tarnish is

gone, rinse with warm water and towel dry.

# Remove countertop stains

Kids love their juice with breakfast just like mom loves her coffee, but little spills happen. To remove such stains, simply add a little hydrogen peroxide to water and a few small drops of ammonia and scrub with a soft cloth.

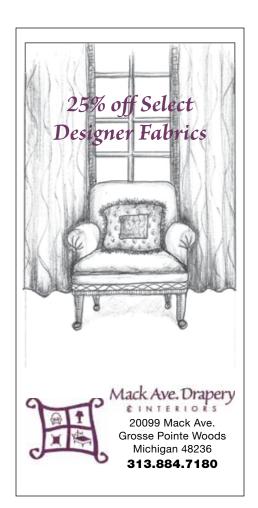
# Line the refrigerator

Hardened mustard or sticky juice and pop spills can be hard to remove from inside the refrigerator. For quick clean up, line the drawers with plastic placemats. When a mess happens, just pull out the mat, scrub it off and place it back in. As a bonus, these mats often come in fun colors or patterns to help jazz up kitchen décor.

Hopefully spring cleaning looks a little bit brighter with these quick fixes







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he 20th biennial
Designers' Show House is
a stunning Tudor at 1007
Bishop Road in Grosse Pointe Park.

"We are so pleased to be able to present this beautiful and historic home as our 20th Designers' Show House, which is a fitting milestone as we celebrate 100 years of service since our founding in 1914," says Junior League of Detroit President Cristina Garberding. "The dedicated volunteers of the Junior League of Detroit will once again present the house in a special way that makes our Designers' Show Houses among the best in the nation."

Local interior designers, artists, landscapers and decorators will be invited to transform the rooms and gardens of the house as design showcases for public tours Sat., May 3 through Sun., May 18. The house will also feature a boutique, greenery and cafe area.

The more than 9,000 square foot Tudor house was built in 1921 for the family of prominent Detroit banker, businessman, and owner of Murphy Chair Company, Michael Murphy.

The home features a black marble foyer, eight fireplaces, five family

bedrooms, a loggia, paneled library, Pewabic tile, leaded glass windows, hand crafted details throughout the home and is situated on a double lot.

Proceeds from the 2014 Designers' Show House will support the Junior League of Detroit's new health and nutrition initiative, Project E.A.T. Project E.A.T.'s objective is to provide and support healthy eating opportunities for the children of Detroit and their families.

JLD and Humble Design, a local non-profit organization, will outfit kitchens with essentials such as small appliances, pots and pans and utensils, for families who need assistance.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays from 12 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 prior to May 3 and \$25 at the door.

Parking and a free shuttle to and from the house will be available at Patterson Park. Parking is not allowed on the block of the Designers Show House itself.

Contact the Junior League of Detroit office (313) 881-0040 or visit ildetroit. org for more details and retail ticket locations.





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Free parking and shuttle service to and from the house is available at Patterson Park, located at 16010 Essex Road in Grosse Pointe Park. Parking is not permitted on the block of the Designers' Show House.

Regrettably, the Show House is not handicapped accessible.

No children under 8 years of age, including babes in arms or strollers, will be permitted.

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No-Prep Paint Workshops Help Students Restore Furniture Pieces

#### **By Patti Theros**

ost of us have a piece of furniture that we would love to restore but we just haven't found the time. Today, thanks to do-it-yourself, no-prep paints, and with the help of owner Beckie Kassner of Vera's Daughter Home, students can transform a piece of furniture into a gem in just a single painting class session.

"We get it all done in 4 hours," says Kassner. "My students walk in with their piece of furniture and they leave with a newly painted, beautiful piece." Kassner explains that it's very encouraging to paint in a group. "We just keep moving forward. It's paint and you can fix it. You can always go back after it dries and fix it."

How does the paint work? "No-prep paints require no stripping, sanding or priming, but you do need to clean the surfaces really well. These paints



adhere to anything except grease and wax," says Kassner. She recommends cleaning the furniture with mineral spirits and then following up with Simple Green, an all-purpose cleaner.

Kassner offers do-it-yourself painting classes in her store and at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. On March 27 and 28, Vera's Daughter will host and present "Faux Painting" with world-renowned faux finisher Micki Coles, co-founder of Paint Couture and Finishes. Students are asked to bring in a small piece of furniture. The supplies, right down to the brushes, are included in the registration fee. Class sizes are limited.

Kassner sells the paints in her store and says anyone can do it, but there are many painting techniques. She gives an overview about colors and paints and what the products can help a student achieve.



How did Kassner get started? "I painted furniture and I was always frustrated because latex furniture paint will chip. I saw chalk paint on the Internet and then I found [people] in Cleveland and I took classes from them and I fell in love with the paint. I researched what line I wanted to carry. Reclaim and Country Living texture base coat, under Caromal Colours is one of the first lines that I carried."

Today Kassner offers several lines of paint and paint products and credits her late mom, Vera, for encouraging her to open a store. Vera's Daughter Home was originally located in St. Clair Shores but is now located in Grosse Pointe Woods on Mack Ave.

For more information about classes, visit www.verasdaughter.net or www. warmemorial.org.





Before and after shots of a nightstand, compliments of Vera's Daughter Home expertise









ush the snow, ice and potholes from your mind. Think forward, to a day where the grass is green and Pointers don raincoats as they converge at the annual Grosse Pointe Woods Flower

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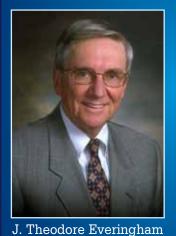
Friday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor's Beautification Advisory Commission and Grosse Pointe North Parents' Club will be selling flats and pots of annuals and perennials, as well as hanging baskets, concrete critters, collectable city tiles and Mother's Day gifts on the front lawn of Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall.

Indian Summer Recycling is providing compost, a product of residents' recycled yard waste, for the sale. Every purchase, from flower to compost, supports Woods' beautification programs and plantings and North High School's scholarships and student enrichment activities.

If you're unable to visit the Flower Sale, pre-order forms are available at Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall and Community Center, online at gpwmi. us and on Grosse Pointe North's Northern Lights newsletter website, gpschools.schoolwires.net/gpnorth. The pre-order deadline is May 10 and delivery will take place May 16. Pay by check or PayPal.

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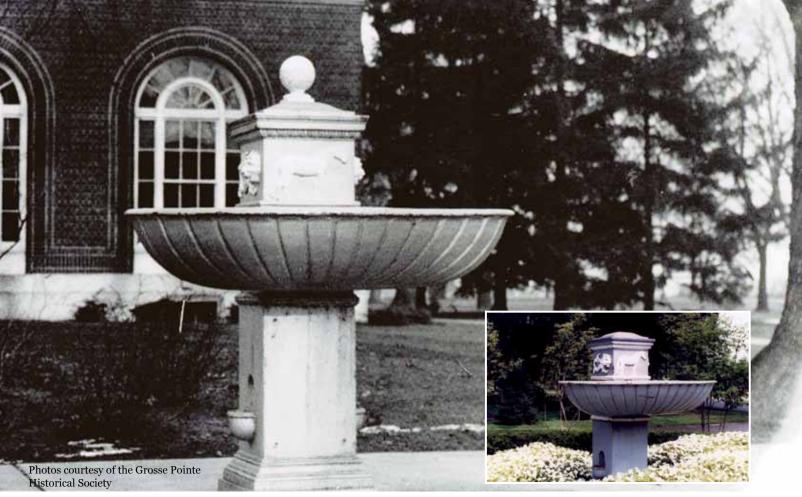
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### SHORES LOOKS TO REFURBISH HORSE FOUNTAIN

#### By John Minnis

pril 15, 1914 marks the 100th anniversary of the Grosse Pointe Shores "horse and dog fountain." Even if you've never heard of it, you've probably seen it — that is, if you have ever been to the Shores Municipal Building. The fountain sits — or sat until recently — in the middle of circular drive at the front door off the parking lot.

On July 21, 1913, according to information provided by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, the Animal Welfare Committee of the 20th Century Club approached the Shores council to request the installation of a permanent drinking fountain for horses and dogs at the intersection of Vernier Road and then Jefferson Avenue (renamed Lake Shore Road shortly before World War I).

The "Good Cheer Club" of the Girls Friendly Society donated the fountain,

which featured a large basin for horses, a smaller bowl below for dogs and bubblier on the side for pedestrians.

Unfortunately, the widening of Vernier Road made the fountain dangerously close to the roadway and, sure enough, in 1980 it was struck head-on by an automobile. The cast iron fountain "exploded" into its component parts, which were gathered and later reassembled. The fountain sat in the George Osius Municipal Park for a time before being relocated during a renovation of the municipal hall and landscaping to its most recent location.

With the fountain's centennial approaching, Shores Councilman Robert H. Barrette Jr., liaison to the Department of Public Works, the Park and Harbor Committee and the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, has been tasked with the job of getting the fountain refurbished

and repainted to its original condition. The problem is the fountain "weighs a ton," literally, "2,000 pounds," Barrette says.

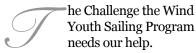
Because of shipping costs (due to weight), Barrette and DPW director Brett Smith sought to find someone nearby to do the work. "It needs to be sandblasted and repainted to its original color," Barrette says, a light blue.

At press time, Smith reports they had in fact found a local company, Strip It All & Paint on Groesbeck in Clinton Township. "It's crated and ready to go," he says.

City manager Mark Wollenweber says plans are to have the refurbished fountain rededicated on its April 14, 2014, anniversary. When the fountain is rededicated, Wollenweber would like a couple of horses from the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club on hand, but, he wonders, "will they drink?"

# Challenge the Wind

By Ted Everingham



Started in 1994 by members of Grayhaven Sailing Club, the program has its home in Detroit at Kean's

Marina on the Detroit River. This summer Challenge the Wind will offer a twoweek sailing instruction



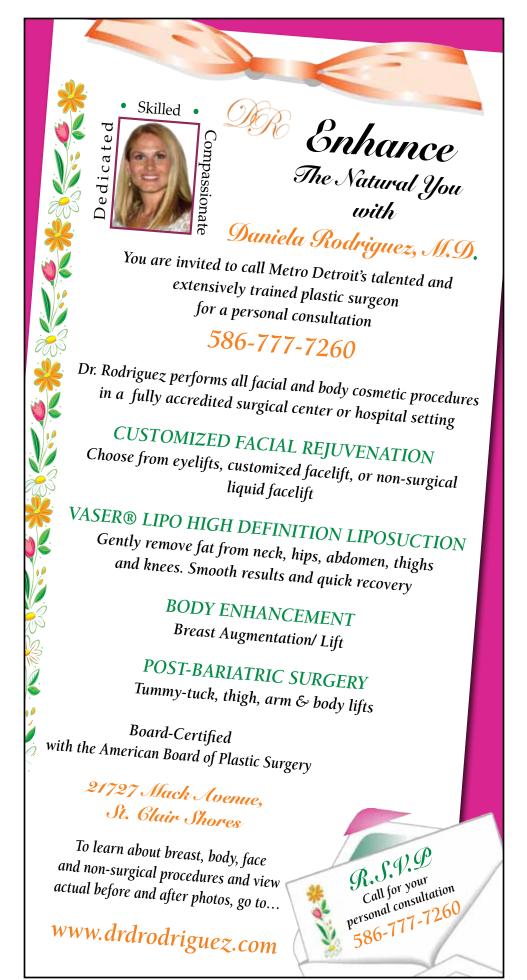
program for young people (ages 13-19) who otherwise might never know the joy of being on the water. The classes are led by an experienced US Sailing Association-certified instructor and a seasoned staff.

The objective is to teach the fundamentals of sailing so that at the end of the course, the students will be able to sail one of Challenge the Wind's 19-foot sailboats without the help of instructors. The students also gain the extraordinary self-confidence that comes from challenging the wind — of using it to take them where they want to go.

But the Challenge the Wind Youth Sailing Program needs our help. Taxdeductible contributions from folks like us will make it possible to provide partial scholarships to eager children who can't afford the modest \$250 cost for the two-week session. Contributions also will be used to buy another sailboat and renovate the three sailboats currently owned.

To learn more, including how you can help this 501(c)(3) organization, send an e-mail to ChallengeTheWind@gmail. com.

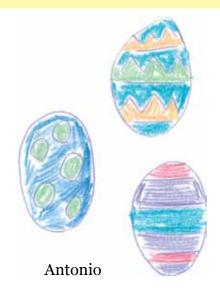
Ted Everingham's "Great Lakes Log" can be seen daily at 1:30, 5 & 10:30 p.m. and 2 a.m. on WMTV, a service of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, on Comcast channels 5 & 915 in the Pointes and Harper Woods, on WOW channel 10 in Grosse Pointe Woods and on AT&T U-verse in seven counties in Southeast Michigan.



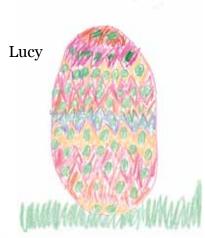
# Eager for Easter



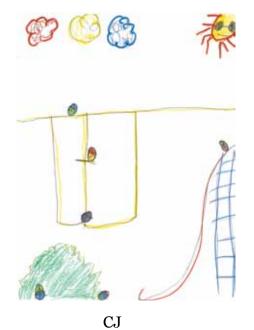


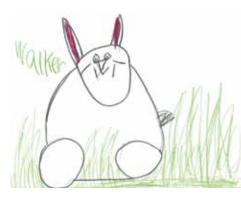






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# Grosse Pointe Academy first grade students in Kate Baudeloque's art class draw their favorite parts of Easter.



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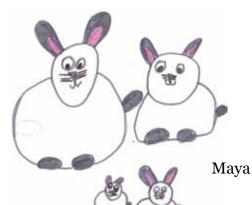
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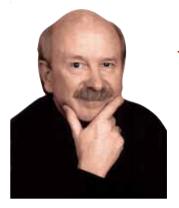


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# La Primavera "Spring and all the bird-things sing ... glory to the newborn green"

#### **By Doug Cordier**

raditionally, Easter time is the season of rebirth.
Our thoughts turn to this most uplifting holiday and the new beginnings about to unfold around us. Spring is in the air and the earth is stirring, ready to once again begin the inexorable rhythm we feel in our bodies and souls. To celebrate this season I have chosen two special Easter dishes that will help you celebrate the Easter holiday and the magic renaissance of springtime known as La Primavera.

# Prosciutto wrapped asparagus with goat cheese

Always the first vegetable to pop up in the spring, bright green and delicious. Latest research shows that asparagus contains high amounts of glutathione and histones which make it a powerful antioxidant and anticarcinogen.

12 asparagus spears
6 slices prosciutto
3 tbs softened goat cheese (1 1/2 oz)
3 tbs softened cream cheese (1 1/2 oz)
chopped parsley for garnish

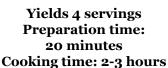
- Lightly peel fibrous skin from asparagus, best with a potato peeler
- 2. Blanch asparagus for 2 minutes in boiling water
- 3. Refresh asparagus in ice bath
- 4. Blend goat cheese and cream cheese together
- 5. Sprinkle 1 tbs of cheese mixture on prosciutto
- 6. Place two asparagus spears diagonally on prosciutto
- 7. Wrap prosciutto slice around

asparagus spear

8. Garnish with chopped parsley

#### Easter lamb ragu

Special lamb ragu from Tuscany. One of the traditional symbols of Easter is the spring lamb (witness the "butter lambs" in the specialty shops during this festive season). This year, treat your family to an Easter favorite.



 ${f 2}$   ${f lbs}$   ${f lamb}$  shoulder

**2** small Portobello mushrooms

1 1/4 cup chopped red onion

**1/2 cup** chopped celery with leaves (about one stalk)

1/2 cup chopped carrots

**3** cloves fresh minced garlic

3-4 tbs olive oil

**2 cups** "brodo" or chicken stock

1 cup Italian red wine

3 tbs Italian tomato paste

3 tbs flour

**2 tbs** each chopped, fresh parsley, sage, rosemary fresh ground pepper

1. Cut lamb into 1 inch cubes

- 2. Dust the meat with flour and brown in small batches, transfer to a plate
- 3. Add mushrooms, garlic, tomato paste and "trinity" (onions, celery and carrots)
- 4. Cook for 10 minutes



Photo by Doug Cordier

- 5. Deglaze pan with wine
- 6. When alcohol is reduced, add most of the stock and return browned meat to pan
- 7. Sprinkle parsley, rosemary and sage over surface
- 8. Cover pan and place in 275 degree oven
- 9. Remove the ragu after 2 hours to check consistency of sauce
- 10. If the ragu is too watery, return to oven; if ragu is too tight, add a little water
- 11. Garnish with fresh herbs and serve with polenta (grilled, fried or baked) or papparadelle pasta.

Wellness Chef Doug Cordier, is a food writer, TV cook, Certified Nutrition Wellness Consultant and business man. Doug is the owner of Cascom Group Travel and has been teaching corporate and Italian cooking classes for twenty years, plus leading culinary tours to their villa in Tuscany. For more foodie thoughts and recipes, visit www. cookingwithcordier.com.

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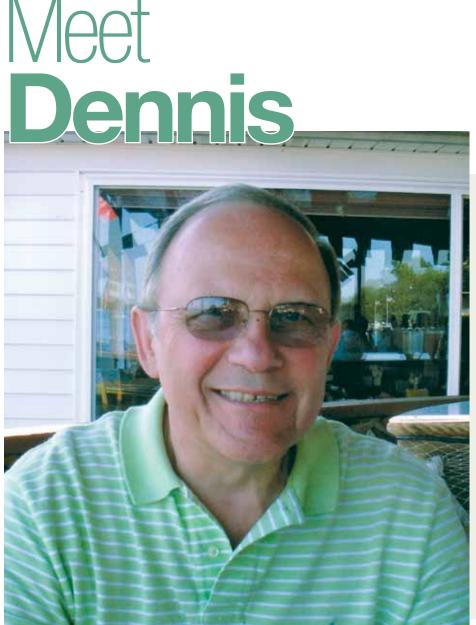
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What is the best gift you've ever received?

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Words to live by?

Never give up. Have faith because good things come to good people.

You win the lottery. What do you do?

First, be thankful for such a windfall. Secondly, support my church and some of my favorite charities and projects. Then, take a world cruise with my family just for fun!

#### What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Celebrating 22 years of perfect attendance in the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club has allowed me to be active in raising funds for worthwhile community and international projects.

Name	Dennis Hyduck
Age	62
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
Occupation Sales Manager	

### Dennis's

### **Favorites**

#### Restaurant

The Hill Seafood & Chop House

#### Movie

When I was a young boy, I won tickets in school and decided to treat my dad to the movie *Cheyenne Autumn*. It may not have been a blockbuster movie, but the memory of spending the day with my dad still means a lot to me.

#### **Book**

*The Path Between the Seas* by David McCullough

#### **Vacation**

Thanksgiving holiday 2005 in NYC with my wife and daughters. We played the tourist role to the max!

#### **Spot in Grosse Pointe**

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#### **Dennis:**

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eteran Grosse Pointe Theatre director Mike Trudel (Moonlight and Magnolias) will try his magical touch with another comedy, The Fox on the Fairway, debuting in March on the Fries Auditorium stage at the War Memorial.

Trudel said he saw the play by Tony Award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig at a community theater in Toledo and liked it. He thinks the War Memorial stage will make for an even more enjoyable performance.

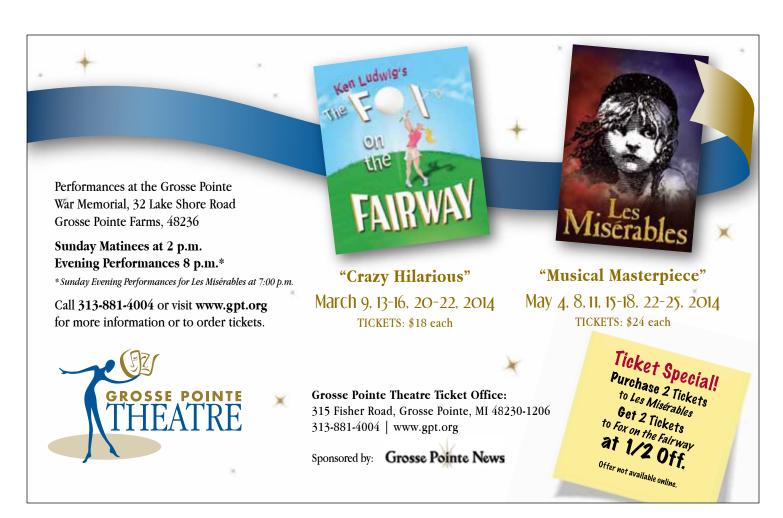
The Fox on the Fairway has been touted as "Ludwig's tribute to the

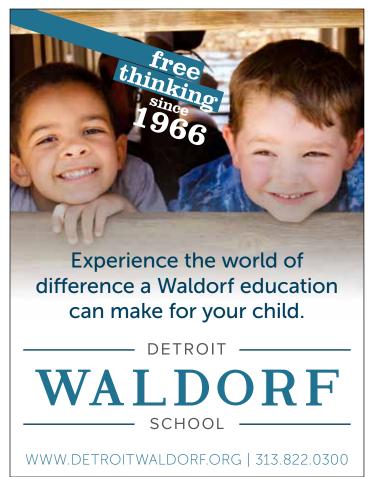
great English farces of the 1930s and 1940s." It takes place in The Tap Room of the Quail Valley Country Club. The plot revolves around a golf match orchestrated by Bingham, the Quail Valley Country Club president, and Dickie, an arrogant developer. Bingham thinks he has a ringer until the golfer is lured away by Dickie. However, he finds another champion in the guise of a new hired hand, Justin, who falls in love with Louise, a clubhouse waitress. The twists and turns and mishaps and maneuverings go on from there.

"All this crazy stuff keeps happening at every turn," Trudel says. "It's just one crazy thing after another happening in this show." Further, there is a lot of "romantic intrigue." This is a near 100 percent local performance in that all the characters save one are played by Grosse Pointers, Trudel says.

All action takes place in front of a backdrop of The Tap Room overlooking a luxurious golf course painted by Dorothy Wasinger. The front of the stage will be made to look like a stone retaining wall typical of a golf course.

The Fox on the Fairway runs
March 9, 13-16, 20-22, with evening
performances at 8 p.m. and Sunday
matinees at 2 p.m. In anticipation
of the sellout performances of Les
Miserables in May, Grosse Pointe
Theatre management is offering
a special to patrons of both plays.
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#### By John Minnis

y October 2010, Mike LeFevre had already been a successful restaurateur, enjoying semi-retirement in Florida, the East Coast and traveling the world. Along the way, he checked out the local establishments, unconsciously planning his new place. "For 7 ½ years, I didn't work," he notes. "When I traveled, I just didn't go to eat, I wondered how they did that."

Except for his sister, LeFevre may still be wandering the world. In 2009, Susan Amine was diagnosed with cancer. The older brother came back to Grosse Pointe to be near his little sister and help out, shuttling her to and from doctors' offices and chemo treatments. Every evening, from 8 to 10, they played Scrabble, her brother having been Scrabble champion in the seventh grade at Our Lady Star of the Sea. They kept score on the inside cardboard cover of the Scrabble game, the first score recorded on Sept. 23, 2010, the last on Nov. 28, 2012, two weeks before her death. Her service was one of the largest ever held at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

On Oct. 5, 2010, LeFevre and his sister were playing Scrabble when a friend of hers visited. The friend's husband asked LeFevre what he was doing, work-wise. He said, "Nothing." He then told LeFevre that Pete Beauregard, owner of Michigan Harbor on the Nautical Mile, was looking for someone to open a restaurant in an old bathhouse and warehouse at the docks. He recommended Mike LeFevre.

"That's how it all started," says LeFevre, who opened Mike's on the Water the following spring in May 2011. "There's a lot of emotional history behind it and how this came about because of her cancer."

The next day, LeFevre and his sister drove to Michigan Harbor and got their first view of the old clapboard bathhouse. It was love at first

sight. "It said 'burger bar," LeFevre recalls. It reminded him of the East Coast and Key West, a theme he has cultivated inside and out.

Beauregard wanted him to take the warehouse as well, but LeFevre, a veteran restaurateur of 35 years who began working as a kid for his grandfather at the Lido, wisely declined. He employed his own KISS method, keeping it small and promising good food and service.

Mike's on the Water began with a bar, some booths and additional tables in a three-season patio. Later, an outside deck bar was built, offering grilled food outside so as to not overload Mike's small kitchen. Last year, bowing to popular demand, Mike's full menu was offered outside as well. When Mike's opens this year, March 20, the first day of spring, regulars will be greeted with some new menu items, including barbecued ribs and escargot, and an expanded outdoor eating area with 60 more seats, eight to 10 more bar stools and a covered bandstand.

"Every year you need to make changes. I listen to my customers," says LeFevre, who greets patrons seven days and nights a week during the season and is not above bussing tables and serving meals. Mike's is closed four months during the winter — time its hands-on owner needs to "recharge his batteries" and to plan new stuff, like more outdoor seating, four to six new boat wells for bigger vessels and, in future years, a second-story outdoor deck for private parties and an onsite charter boat.

"It's been a successful run," LeFevre says. "I love what I do. I'm proud of what I've created. It was my sister's cancer that brought me back, and it fell into my lap."

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### **SOUTH GIRLS** RUN

**By Chuck Klonke** 

nyone who has watched the Grosse Pointe South girls track and cross country teams arrive at meets in three packed buses would have a hard time believing that coach Steve Zaranek once had to use his best salesmanship skills just to field a team.

It was back in the 1979-80 school year and high school sports for girls was just catching on. A lot has changed since then. The Blue Devils have won three state track and field championships and one state cross country title. South's 4 x 800-meter relay team set a national high school record. The one constant, however, is Zaranek.

"The first 10 years was constant growth. We went from 25 to about 70 or 80. We kept inching up to where it's not uncommon to have a team of 120." Zaranek says. "I attribute it to a culture within the team. We attract very intelligent young ladies to the program. They become your best recruiters. Our GPA for cross country hovers around 3.7, and that's for 100-plus girls."

One of the reasons that South has had such remarkable numbers is that Zaranek and his staff, Leo Lamberti, Mike Novak, Shawn McNamara and Tereza Schaible, make every athlete feel important.

"It's an individualistic sport but we've been able to combine that pure individualistic competitive instinct that many people like with the best of the team approach to everything," Zaranek says. "We're here for the team, you're here for your teammates. They come first, always."

South has had a remarkable string of success over the years, including 24 league championships, 48 invitational championships, 18 state regional titles and 21 undefeated dual-meet seasons. But the last three seasons the Blue Devils have reached a higher level with the four state championships.

"Every coach, whether they admit it or not, dreams of having the superstar athletes," Zaranek says. "We've had the good fortune of having the Meier girls [twins Haley and Hannah] as the focal point and around them the best distance runners, sprinters, hurdlers and field-event girls we've ever had.

"Girls were seeing these incredible performances. Human nature kicked in and all of a sudden you're competing at a higher level yourself. At a national level these girls were winning and setting national records."

The 4 x 800 relay team of Kelsie

Schwartz, Ersula Farrow and the Meier sisters set a national record. Their time of 8:48.2 in the 2012 state finals broke the previous state record by 17 seconds. Hannah Meier was a two-time national champion of the indoor mile run and last year the state coaches association named her Miss Track and Field. During the recent three-year run, South

Photos courtesy of Steve Zaranek

Coach Steve Zaranek with Lily Pendy. Haley Meier, Ersula Farrow and Hannah Meier; below, Haley Meier hands off baton to sister Hannah Meier

of talent at South," Zaranek says. "Hannah and Haley are the most versatile runners our state has seen. We've had Caitlin Moore, Veronica Schact and Jasmine Brathwaite blow away the sprint and hurdles records. Aubryn Samaroo became the best jumper in South history. We've had Mia Perkins, Andrea DiCresce, Elise Grever, Lily Pendy and Christy Ford combine with teammates to give us all-state record-setting sprint relay performances."

With success comes pressure. The Blue Devils felt it last spring when they went after their third straight state championship.

"Seeing how the girls handled it at the state level was beautiful. How they were there for their teammates. I was never so impressed with 16-, 17- and 18-year-old young ladies. They were so humble. It was always about their teammates and their school. I'll take that with me forever."





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## a Pointe wedding & love story

#### By Lauren McGregor

once featured *Pointe*Magazine Pointe Senior,
Peter Higbie, says he used his local fame to his advantage with new wife, Joan Hines. "It was a selling point," he jokes.

Peter, 89, a retired broker, and Joan, 82, owner and manager of local apartments, met at Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, where Joan was substituting in a game of senior men's bridge.

"She's better at bridge than I am," Peter says. "First, I asked her to dinner. Her counter offer was coffee and breakfast."

Their first date was at The Original Pancake House.

"I fell in love right away," Peter says.
"We discovered we had so many
similarities," Joan says. "At our first
date, we both had to tutor afterward."

Peter tutors Detroit Public School second graders and Joan tutors math at the Dominican Literacy Center for women working toward a GED.

On September 28, 2013, six months and one week after meeting, Peter and Joan married at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. Joan has been a member of the church since 1963.

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Former Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church minister, Rev. John Corrado, performed the ceremony, a special favor for dear friends and longtime Unitarian Church members, Peter and Joan.

Rev. John Corrado, performed the ceremony. He served the congregation for 25 years.

The reception, full of family and close friends, took place in the fellowship hall behind the church. Both Joan and Peter lost their

spouses, with whom they had families. Their marriage makes for a seven children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild combined clan.

They enjoy their new life together with shared and separate interests.

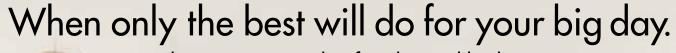
"She can cook and I can eat," Peter jokes. Both enjoy

Detroit Symphony Orchestra concerts, while Joan loves the opera, yoga and birdwatching. Peter participates in golf, tennis and Grosse Pointe Rotary.

They now live in Grosse Pointe Farms, in a home Peter has lived in since the early 1980s. "We're so comfortable with each other," Joan says. "It feels like we've been together forever."

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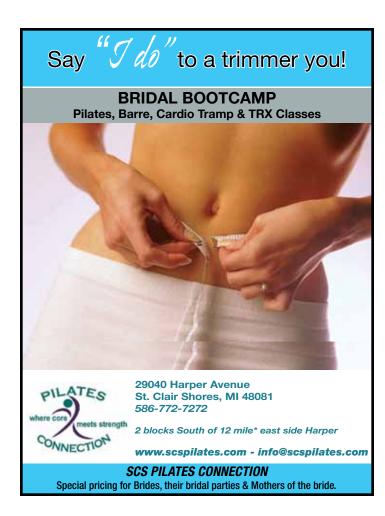
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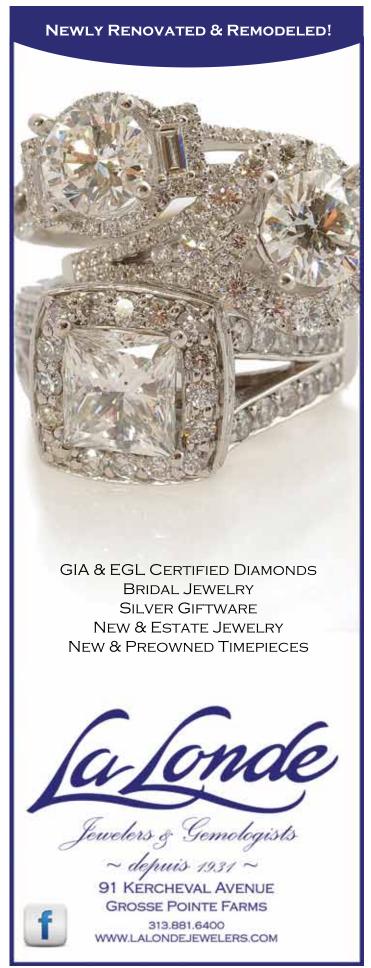




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### How did Jeremy propose?

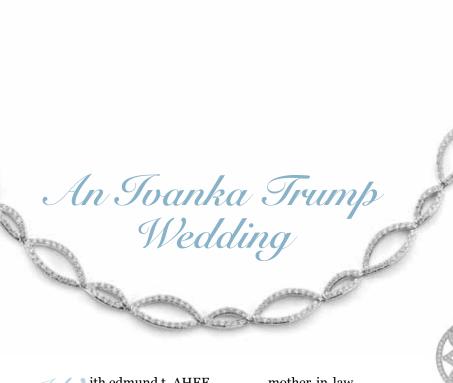
Jeremy and I would celebrate our Christmas on December 23. We have our own collection of ornaments and we get our own tree every year and put up in my parents basement. This was our second Christmas with our dog, Darla. When Jeremy came over, he hid all my Christmas presents in our Christmas tree and I was told they consisted of gift cards and ornaments. I helped Darla open her Christmas presents first, so I was already on the floor and I started looking for mine from the bottom of the tree to the top. He told me I had found all the all gift cards and I asked, 'How many more ornaments?' and he said, 'one.' It took a moment and then I found it. It was a clear ornament that said 'Marry Me?' with the ring hanging inside. I looked over at him and he asked me if I would marry him and I replied, 'Yes!'

# What was unique about your wedding theme?

I love Christmas, the presents, the colors, the lights, the feeling (and the food). But I didn't always want a Christmas themed wedding until a few years into dating. Our place cards were ornaments that said 'Merry Christmas 2013' on them. Tied to the ornament was your name and table number. During cocktail hour, we had two pianist playing Christmas music. From there, the theme took flight. Plus, my favorite color is red.

# What was your favorite wedding day memory?

The most touching moment of our wedding was my sister, Shelby's, maid of honor speech. She started it out quoting the TV show *Friends* but then went into a 'Twas the Night Before Christmas story of mine and Jeremy's relationship. It was really touching and completely unexpected from Shelby.



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Far left, Patras **Earrings with** Aguamarine in 18kt White Gold, \$7,600; **Patras Earrings** with Blue Sapphire in 18kt White Gold, \$4,400





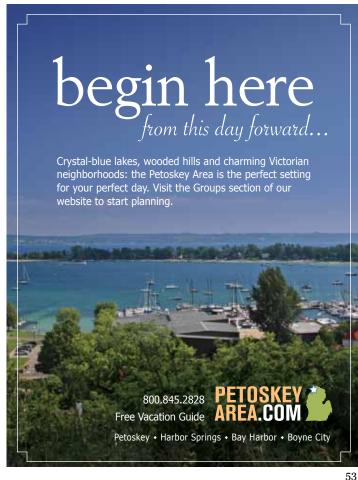
Above, Ivanka **Trump Cushion Cut Diamond Engagement Ring** set in Platinum, price upon request; left, Black & White Diamond Wedding **Band in 18kt White** Gold, \$1,050

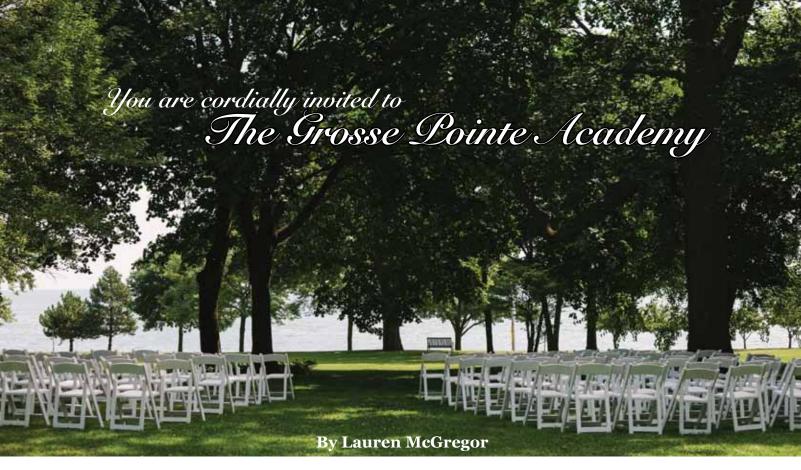












ost Grosse Pointers are aware of the stunning **Grosse Pointe Academy** overlooking Lake St. Clair, the esteemed academic reputation of the school and the beautiful architecture

of the 19th century building. What few Pointers realize, is that the Academy Chapel and lake front grounds are available for weddings. The freedom that the expansive property offers affords couples a unique level of

> creativity that combines the traditional and modern.

Built in 1889, the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel is a French Gothic splendor. A German pipe organ built in Quebec dominates the choir loft and intricate wood carvings, including the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph statues add to the rich history of the chapel. Apart from the 16 rows facing the altar, inward facing pews line the dark paneling that reaches up to stunning stained glass windows.

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grand at the same time. You can't just 190 people." Instead of a

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# Nuptials require estate planning

By Jon B. Gandelot

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First and foremost, if you have estate planning documents, they must be reviewed



and changed to include your spouse. Estate planning for married couples is essential in light of recent changes in the federal tax laws. Newly married couples must make certain that they take full advantage of what is known as "portability" in their estate plans. Moreover, planning to reduce or avoid the new 3.8 percent Medicare surtax is especially important with combined income and the fairly low increase in income threshold that can trigger the tax for married couples.

A comprehensive estate plan that includes a revocable living trust is a welcome addition to any new marriage. Addressing the special needs of blended families upon second marriages also requires trust planning for best outcomes.

Often overlooked by young couples are the beneficiary designations for each other's life insurance, retirement accounts, annuities or other employment benefits. Your new spouse must physically be added to the accounts as either the primary, or in some cases, secondary beneficiary to avoid the possibility of probate.

Likewise, married status alone does not allow your spouse to act on your behalf regarding health care or financial matters.

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



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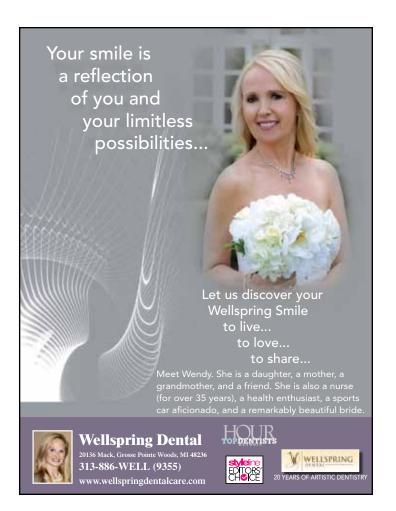


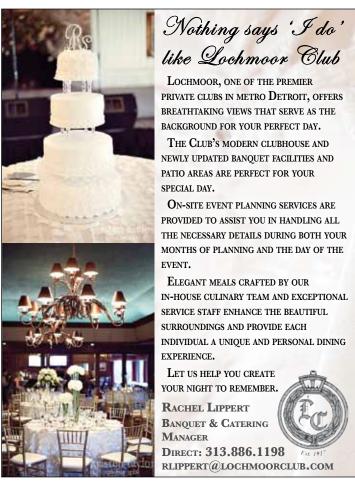




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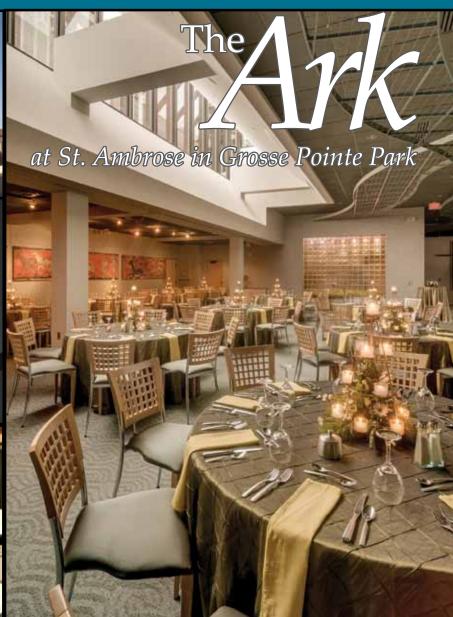












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Get a first-hand glimpse of the specialty items at the Preview Party/Raffle on Thursday, April 10, from 6:30-9 p.m. Tickets to the preview party are \$65. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The raffle drawing will be held at the Preview Party with items donated by edmund t. AHEE jewelers, Neiman Marcus and others.

Spring Market shopping days continue on Friday, April

11, from 9:30 a.m - 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 12, from 9:30 - 3 p.m. Admission is \$5. All are welcome.

Spring Market offers something for everyone — women, men, and children. Meet the specialty boutique owners first-hand and see some of their fabulous items.

Some new vendors

Some new vendors include Ellie Kai of Radnor, Penn. (women's clothing);

Grace Hayes Linens of Chicago; Vanderbilt Collection of Nantucket,

Mass. (jewelry); The Snappy Gator of Trumbull, Conn. (women's clothing); and Seesaw Society of Chicago (children's clothing). Some returning and popular vendors include Clara Williams of Chicago (jewelry); Sarah Oliver Handbags of Sausalito, Calif.; and Bird Dog Bay of Chicago (men's ties and accessories).

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Spring Market offers a complete day of shopping and the opportunity to have lunch at the Club during shopping hours on Friday and Saturday. The Grosse Pointe Club is situated on beautiful Lake St. Clair and offers a wonderful shopping setting for all.

For more information about Spring Market shopping days, Preview Party/raffle tickets, vendors and much more, visit tbspringmarket on Facebook or www.taubeta.org, or e-mail springmarket@taubeta.org.



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### **SUMMER CAMP ROUND-UP**

#### **By Patti Theros**

ummer camps offer a wonderful opportunity for children to explore and experience new activities beyond the traditional classroom. So instead of hearing the kids complain that "we're bored," sign them up for a camp or two and make the most of summer fun. Now's the time to register!

#### **Assumption Nursery School**

Youth camps, ages 7-12, include two summer sessions from June 16 - Aug. 21. This year's theme is "Explore Your World." Parents may elect to enroll for the entire summer or one of the five-week sessions. Session 1 includes an interactive theater arts clinic where children work with Grosse Pointe Theatre's Harry Burkey to produce and star in their own commercial.

Sugar Hill Clay of Midtown Detroit will bring its studio to Assumption and teach students how to manipulate clay. Students can also enjoy field trips, and photography, soccer, baseball and yoga clinics.

Session 2 focuses on art activities and features The Detroit Institute of Arts at Assumption. Campers will explore the study of music under the direction of Wayne State University Professor of Orchestral Studies, Kypros Markou. They may also participate in volleyball, karate and basketball clinics and enjoy field trips to the DIA, Greekfest, Lake Front Park and Comerica Park.

Full and half camp sessions are

**Assumption Nursery School Youth Camp** Photo courtesy of Assumption Nursery School available. For dates and to sign up, visit assumptionnursery.org or call (586) 772-4477.

#### **Grosse Pointe Academy**

From art and cooking to world languages, problem solving and sports, Grosse Pointe Academy camps offer activities in all interests.

While young children will enjoy Arts and Crafts, older students will explore the traditional ceramic techniques during Ceramics Week and discover creative ways to put basic materials to new uses during Jewelry Week.

Language lovers can enjoy learning the language and culture offered through French and Spanish language camps. Does your child love technology? In Application Design Camp, students design and create their own applications for use on tablets and smart phones.

In rocketry camp, campers learn about space travel and build their own flying model rockets. Camp Invention, a week-long camp in August, inspires inventive thinking through hands-on problem solving activities.

The Academy offers tennis, cross country, basketball, volleyball and lacrosse clinics. Space is limited and camp payments are non-refundable. For specific dates, times and costs, go to gpacademy.org or call (313) 886-1221.

#### **University Liggett School**

University Liggett School offers a variety of Day, Sports and Academic camps. Liggett's popular Day Camp, 1st-6th grade, includes archery, arts and crafts, swimming, sports, performing arts, science and nature and much more.

Sports camps include co-ed soccer and tennis; girls only field hockey, volleyball and lacrosse; and boys only baseball and lacrosse.

Major League Camp (MLC) offers an opportunity to play two sports each day, including volleyball, basketball, flag football, baseball, soccer, archery and water polo.

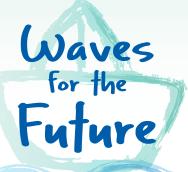
Outdoor Adventure Camp is a leadership-based program that includes hiking, camp-fire skills, sports, swimming, rope courses and an overnight canoe and camping trip.

Liggett also offers academic classes via their Summer Academic Academy for 6th-9th graders. For more information visit uls.org/summerprograms or call (313) 884-4444, ext. 371. Online registration begins Feb. 18.



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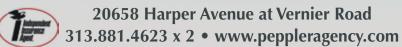






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# COOKING with CHEF ETHAN STEINER

### St. Latrick's Day Shepherd's Lie



### Shepherd's Pie Serves 8

#### **Potatoes**

Ingredients

1 1/2 pounds russet potatoes
1/4 cup half and half
2 tbs unsalted butter
3/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp black pepper

#### Directions

- 1. Peel potatoes, cut into quarters.
- 2. Put potatoes into saucepan and add water until potatoes are covered. Cover potatoes.
- 3. Bring to a boil
- 4. Once boiling, reduce heat and simmer for 15-20 minutes, until tender and a fork can be poked through the potatoes
- 5. Heat the half and half and butter in the microwave for 30 seconds
- 6. Drain the potatoes and return them to the saucepan
- 7. Mash the potatoes
- 8. Add half and half, butter, salt and pepper
- 9. Continue to mash until smooth

#### **Meat Filling**

#### **Ingredients**

1 1/2 pounds ground lamb

2 tbs oil

1 medium onion chopped

**2** carrots, peel and diced

2 cloves of garlic, minced

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp pepper

1 cup chicken broth
2 tsp tomato paste
1 cup Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp fresh thyme leaves, chopped
1/2 cup fresh or frozen peas
1/2 cup fresh or frozen corn
2 tbs flour



#### **Directions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
- 2. Pour oil in a saute pan and set over medium high heat
- 3. Once oil is heated, add onion and carrots and saute for 3-4 minutes
- 4. Add garlic and mix
- 5. Add lamb, salt and pepper and cook until brown, approximately 3 minutes
- 6. Sprinkle the meat with flour and stir to coat the meat
- 7. Add tomato paste, chicken broth,

- Worcestershire sauce and thyme and stir
- 8. Bring to a boil and reduce the heat to low
- 9. Cover and let simmer for 10-12 minutes, until the sauce is slightly thickened
- 10. Add peas and corn to the lamb mixture and spread into an 11 x 7 inch glass baking dish
- 11. Top with mashed potatoes
- 12. Start with the edges to create a seal, preventing the mixture from bubbling up
- 13. Smooth with a spatula
- 14. Bake for 25 minutes or until the potatoes begin to brown
- 15. Remove from oven and let cool for 15 minutes before serving

Ethan Steiner, a 2008 graduate of De La Salle Collegiate High School, graduated from Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts with an Associates of Occupational Studies Degree in Culinary Arts and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Culinary Management in Las Vegas, Nevada.

After working the Las Vegas hotel circuit, Steiner decided to return to Michigan. He has worked with, and for, Chef Jose Andres, Chef John Hilton, Chef Rick Moonen, Chef Gordon Ramsay and Chef Wolfgang Puck.

He is currently executive chef at T-Bones Steak and Seafood. Follow him on twitter@Chef\_Ethan.

# RESTAURANT (JUIDE

#### **Ardmore Café & Banquet Facility**

26717 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores • (586) 443-4597

Come dine in an atmosphere that is relaxing and comfortable. For lunch we have an array of salads, sandwiches and hot entrees and new specials daily. Some of our wonderful dinner menu items include steaks, lamb chops, stuffed salmon and much more. Dinner specials now include 1/2 roasted duck, lobster tails, surf and turf and evening specials. We offer beer, wine and cocktails from our full bar. New this fall: Formal WINE TASTING and FOOD PAIRINGS! Hark back to the time when dining was an elegant, relaxing affair. What better place than the historic Ardmore Park Place? Our next 7-course Wine Tasting Dinner is Wednesday, March 12, 7-10 p.m., featuring Southern European foods and wines from Spain, Italy and Portugal. Prepaid admission tickets are \$65 (tax and gratuity included). Make reservations early as seating is limited. Finally, you won't want to miss enjoying a fine libation in our new "Piano Lounge" during dinner hours, 6-9 p.m., featuring pianists Don Farrhh on Thursdays and Pam Kruczek on Fridays and Saturdays. Don't forget to book your wedding shower or party with us! Ardmore Park Place — it's more than dining; it's a shopping experience.

Hours: Lunch: Mon-Sat 10:30am-4pm Dinner: Thurs-Sat 5-9pm

Web: www.ardmoreparkplace.com









#### **Blufin Sushi**

18584 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 332-0050

Blufin is located on Mack just south of Moross. We have a great atmosphere in a cozy setting. At Blufin, we offer fresh, healthy foods using only the finest ingredients. We offer a wide variety of sushi, including our signature rolls like the Blufin. Las Vegas and Grosse Pointer made with only the freshest Alaskan King Crab. All our rolls are plated with amazing artistry, led by head sushi chef Lucky. Also on our menu are entrees such as Japanese fried chicken, ahi tuna, Mongolian Beef, fried rice and tempura vegetable. Blufin Sushi has so many items to choose from we can't list them all. We also offer salads, soups, sliders, desserts and a kids menu consisting of chicken fingers, grilled chicken, fish tacos, etc. We now have our liquor license serving sake, wine, beer and cocktails. \$250 Reservation fee up to 6 guests. \$ covers food and drink.

Hours: Mon-Thurs 11:30am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-11pm, Sun 3-8pm















#### **Champs Rotisserie & Spirits**

20515 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods • (313) 886-7755

Champs is located on Mack just three streets south of Vernier. Our soups, sauces and dressings are made daily using only the freshest ingredients from Michigan companies when possible. Champs is known for its Rotisserie Ribs and Chicken, served with our homemade BBQ sauce for which Champs has been known for the past 40 years since it was the BBQ House of Grosse Pointe. We also offer an exquisite variety of seafood, salad entrees, sandwiches, appetizers and a full children's menu. We also offer daily specials that we have become known for. For those warm nights, enjoy our patio with a big screen TV or you may choose to stay inside and snuggle by our beautiful fireplace. With this unique atmosphere, comes a full-service bar to make your dining experience complete. We have a great selection of Michigan-made vodka, gin and bourbon, and we will soon be getting Michigan beers by the bottle. Call ahead on those busy days for a carry-out. Our specially designed carry-out boxes will ensure your food gets home fresh and hot. We will cater your next event. Call and speak to one of our catering specialists after 4 p.m. Order off our catering menu or create your own.

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









# RESTAURANT (UIDE

#### **City Kitchen**

16844 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe • (313) 882-6667

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 at our NEW BAR 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.

Hours: Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:30am-3:30pm

Dinner: Mon-Thurs 4:30-10:30pm, Fri 4:30-11:30pm, Sat 5-11:30pm, Sun 4-9pm

Web: www.city-kitchen.com









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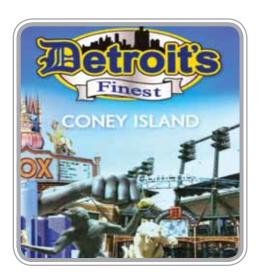
Hours: Mon-Sat 7am-10pm; Sun 7am-4pm Web: detroitsfinestconeyisland.webstarts.com











#### **Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe**

97 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 882-5299

Hour Detroit Magazine's 2010 Restaurant of the Year, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe features top guest musicians and award-winning food. Two-time "Best Chef" winner André Neimanis offers an American bistro menu in a well-appointed, 65-seat dining room with white-linen round tables surrounded by red-fabric walls with dark wood, wainscoting, Tudor carriage lights and dog-themed paintings and sculptures. Favorites include the foie gras terrine, the jumbo lump crab cake with scallop mousseline and the short rib beef burger with foie gras and sautéed forest mushrooms — to name a few! Live music Tuesday through Saturday offers patrons a unique and memorable experience (reservations are strongly recommended). Private dining is available for up to 25 people in The Boardroom, which also features full meeting and conference capabilities. Now introducing our new Lunch Menu served from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily! Take-out and catering also available.

Hours: Tues 11:30am-8pm; Wed-Thur 11:30am-10pm; Fri 11:30am-11:30pm; Sat. 4pm-11:30pm Web: www.dirtydogjazz.com









# RESTAURANT (UIDE

GREEN ZONE

#### **Green Zone Pizza**

17008 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe • (313) 332-0559

Nestled on the corner of Notre Dame and Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Village is where you will find us. When it comes to organic and fresh ingredients there is no substitute. Our organic dough is made fresh every day, as well as many of our signature sauces and dressings. You will not find any nitrates, sulfates or added preservatives in any of our food. Not only do we have fabulous pizza, but we also specialize in appetizers. salads, sandwiches, and even cannolis for dessert. We have an outstanding beer and wine list that will satisfy any thirsty patron of ours. Our wines are from many regions around the world, and we also have a self-serve wine machine to sample them. Most of our beers are brewed right here in Michigan. Come try one of our pints of beer or a glass of wine during our happy hour. Happy hour is Monday- Friday from 3-5 p.m. During this time, you can get \$3 pints and \$1 off all glasses of wine. We also have \$3 personal cheese pizzas available at happy hour. Don't miss out on our \$10 pitchers of beers Monday from 5 p.m.-close. Tuesdays from 5 p.m.-close we offer ½ off bottles of wine. Whether it's a evening with the family, a guick lunch or a special night with a loved one, we have something for all occasions. Dine-in, carry-out, delivery and even catering is available. We have a parking structure directly next to us, and even an alley loading zone where you can park real quick to pick up your carry-out. Green Zone has something for everyone.

Hours: Mon-Thur 11am-9pm, Fri & Sat 11am-10pm

Sun Noon-9pm

Web: www.greenzonepizza.com











#### Irish Coffee Bar and Grill

18666 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 881-5675

Irish Coffee Bar and Grill has been a staple on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Farms for 33 years, notable for their fantastic bar burgers (1/3 lb ground rounds) and numerous coffee cocktails. Three high-definition TVs make this neighborhood bar a great place to watch the game. Swing by after the game or any entertainment event in the area, bring your ticket stub and your burger is only \$1.96! The daily lunch special is the best in town: dine-in between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and for \$5.95 have a ground round, fries and your choice of beverage (domestic draft beer or pop). This is also good for a fish sandwich or a grilled chicken sandwich. This family-owned restaurant is a great spot for young and old, and there is something on the menu for everyone. The homemade onion rings are a local favorite, and the fresh, hand-battered yellow-belly perch is particularly popular among seafood lovers. Numerous corned-beef sandwiches top off the menu with a true, Irish flare. The grill is open until 1 am, seven days a week! Hope to see you there!



Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-2am: Sun 5pm-2am





#### **Little Tony's - Lounge in the Woods**

20513 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods • (313) 885-8522

Little Tony's is Grosse Pointe's favorite Bar & Grill. A place where families and friends have gathered for over 40 years for good food and good cheer. Cozy, quaint and warm, it's a throwback to when a business was run by an owner and not a corporation. A real neighborhood bar, where locals meet and everyone really does know your name. Serving only the freshest of Ground Rounds (they're delivered daily), Little Tony's has made a name for itself as "the place" to go on the east side for Great Burgers. Cooked to order and served with an array of extras, you are sure to have your burger craving satisfied here. Voted "Best Burger on the East Side" by the Detroit Free Press and Grosse Pointe Patch. The menu, although small, has a lot more to offer. Delicious Reubens, succulent Turkey and Ham sandwiches, Fish and Chips, Tuna Melts to die for, and don't forget Carol's Famous Chili. Our extensive bar is complimented by a great selection of beers, ales and wines. Dine on our beautiful, open-air patio during the summer months. Family friendly, so bring the kids, our great wait staff can't wait to serve you.

Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm Web: www.littletonysgp.com







# **RESTAURANT (JUIDE**

#### Luxe Bar & Grill

115 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 924-5459

Luxe is the neighborhood spot that serves quality food, drink and atmosphere — without pretense. Hospitality is our passion — quality and taste are the priority. We believe the character of a bar is its patrons, and we welcome all seeking food, company and friendly conversation to enjoy our charmed local bar. An eclectic menu features fantastic Prime Burgers on homemade brioche buns, as well as scratch soups, salads and entrées, including chicken, salmon, lamb chops and steaks in a variety of different daily preparations. Chef Christina Stanco embraces various elements of traditional and new American cuisine.



Hours: Daily 11am-1am (Kitchen closes at midnight.)

Web: www.luxebarandgrill.com





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#### **Mack Avenue Grille**

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





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









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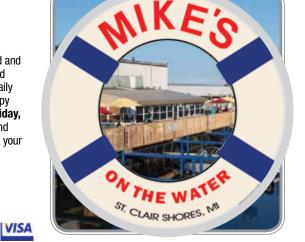


Bar Hours: Mon-Sat 11:30 am-2 am; Sun noon-midnight Kitchen Hours: Mon-Thur 11:30 am-10 pm; Fri-Sat 11:30 am-11 pm; Sun noon-9 pm

Web: www.mikesonthewater.com







# RESTAURANT (UIDE

#### **Morning Glory Coffee & Pastries**

85 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 647-0298

Welcome to Grosse Pointe Farms' newest "go-to" hot spot! Morning Glory's menu boasts everything from fresh breads, torts, cakes and pies from its full-service bakery to soups, salads, paninis and flat breads. A standout for the new coffee shop is its liquor license — Morning Glory is serving specialty coffee drinks such as Spanish Coffee as well as wine by the glass. Stop in early for that first fresh brewed "cuppa" with a homemade pastry and come back for a Mediterranean Veggie Wrap for lunch!

Hours: Mon-Sat 6am-6pm; Sun 9am-3pm Web: www.MorningGloryGrossePointe.com











#### **Pepperoni Grille**

22411 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores • (586) 774-3998

As its name implies, Pepperoni Grille is a cheerful spot set in a welcome, casual atmosphere. The eatery features a small bar and dining room on one side of the central open kitchen, and a second dining room on the other side. It offers notable pizza along with a number of popular dishes from Calamari, Chicken Picatta and Lake Michigan Perch to Filet Mignon and New York Strip Steaks and Baby Back Ribs. The staff is friendly and courteous. The full bar offers wine, liquor and beer. Our Reverse Happy Hour from 8 p.m. to close 7 days features \$2 domestic beers, \$5 martinis and 1/2-off appetizers. Tuesday is half-off pizza all day, dine in or carry out. Wednesdays feature 2 signature pasta dishes and a bottle of wine \$38.

Hours: Mon 4-10pm; Tues-Thurs 11am-10pm; Fri 11am-11pm; Sat noon-11pm; Sun 3-9pm

Web: www.pepperonigrillescs.com









#### **Salvatore Scallopini**

19655 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods • (313) 886-3350

Welcome to Salvatore Scallopini with crafted offerings of Authentic Italian Cuisine. We are proud to serve real Italian food with grace and style never compromising on quality. We offer both classic and modern choices all made from authentic ingredients. Our restaurants further distinguished by its outstanding wine list, while the full service bar features a variety of imported and domestic spirits and beers. At Salvatore Scallopini we are dedicated to providing a memorable dining experience, a warm, relaxing ambiance is perfect for bringing the whole family in for a big Italian feast or an intimate setting for those guiet moments with that special someone. Whatever your preference, come experience the exceptional dishes made from secret Bongiovanni family recipes. With 6 locations in Southeastern Michigan, we're sure you'll find the most convenient for you.





Hours: Mon- Thur 11am-10pm; Fri 11am-10:30pm; Sat Noon-10:30pm; Sun Noon-9pm Web: www.salvatorescallopini.com







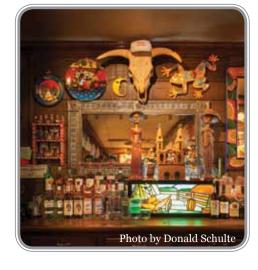
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#### **Sierra Station La Cantina**

15110 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park • (313) 822-1270

The Sierra Station was established in 1977 and has transformed into a favorite Grosse Pointe Park destination. The Sierra Station prides itself as a family-style Mexican restaurant, offering affordable dinners. Most impressive is the food! Few restaurants survive 36 years unless they have great food. The entrée menu features more than 30 dishes served with the standard rice and beans. House specialties are the Verda Sauce and Chili Relleno. It is one of the few places you can sit down, eat authentic Mexican food, have a Margarita, enjoy the South-of-the-Border ambience and bric-a-brac and let your kids run free. The patio veranda is an ideal space to throw your wedding party, family celebration or business luncheon. Prefer an indoor setting for your event? Sierra Station has a private dining room filled with beautiful authentic decorated space capable of setting 40 guests. Join us on Thursdays for \$2 Margaritas. Carry-outs available.

Hours: Lunch: Thurs-Fri 11:30am-1:30pm Dinner: Open daily at 5pm Web: www.sierrastationgp.com









#### Steve's Backroom

24317 Jefferson, St Clair Shores • (586) 774-9337

Since the 1980s, Steve's Backroom has been providing quality Mediterranean Cuisine. Old World recipes are prepared under the careful eye of Bouchra Raffoul. Many traditional favorites, such as Stuffed Grape Leaves, Cabbage Rolls, Lamb Kabobs, Chicken Tawook, Fattosh Salad, Steve's Backroom Chicken Salad and the more popular Steve Salad with homemade Pomegranate dressing, just to name a few. In 2010, Steve's won the Small Business Award from the Macomb Region of the Small Business Administration, and in 2012 Macomb Daily readers awarded Steve's as its favorite Middle Eastern restaurant. Steve's bakes fresh pita bread for dine-in customers, and serves a limited pizza menu baked in a stone oven. A full bar is available as well as a banquet room that seats up to 40. Carry out catering is available. Steve's also serves breakfast seven days a week starting at 8 a.m.

Book your bridal showers, bachelorette/bachelor parties, rehearsal dinners in our private room.

**Hours**: Mon-Thurs 8am-9pm; Fri-Sat 8am-9:30pm; Sun 8am-8pm **Web**: stevesbackroomjefferson.com











#### The Hill Seafood and Chop House

123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 886-8101 • (313) 886-9653

The Hill, in its 13th year as the premier dining destination on the east side, is UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP and is DEBUTING A NEW MENU. Don't worry, the Hill of Perch is still there! But new menu items include Allen Brothers® USDA Prime New York Strip Steaks and Burgers, Zingerman's Desserts. The Hill continues to satisfy its guests with the finest steaks, seafood and Michigan-grown produce. Whether you're out for a "night on the town" or just looking for a great burger and fries in our upscale bar, The Hill's diverse menu will please the most discerning diners. The vibrant bar scene offers Happy Hour Monday-Thursday, 5-7 p.m., featuring \$3 Beer, \$5 Well Drinks and \$6 Appetizers.

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

Dinner: Mon-Thur 5-10pm, Fri-Sat 5-11pm; Closed Sunday.

Web: www.thehillgrossepointe.com











# RESTAURANT (UIDE

#### The Rattlesnake Club

300 River Place Drive, Detroit • (313) 567-4400

Locally Grown Since 1988! Detroit's finest riverfront dining experience celebrates over 25 years of innovative cuisine and outstanding service in our exquisite setting. We take pride in providing diners with an unparalleled, unforgettable culinary experience. Memories are made here as Executive Chef Chris Franz and his renowned team creatively prepare the highest quality local and seasonal foods using Prime Certified Angus Beef and non-farmed, sustainably-harvested seafood. The wine list shines with rare and boutique wines as well as an extensive craft beer list which complements a bar stocked with the finest local-to-global products. The award-winning restaurant's elegant dining rooms offer picturesque views of the Detroit and Windsor skylines, and in the warm weather months, the lovely Garden Terrace is a lush retreat. The Rattlesnake Club's beautifully-appointed private dining rooms add an intimate ambiance to special celebrations and meetings, and the Stroh River Place Atrium, with its breathtaking blend of marble, brick & glass, is the ideal setting for corporate functions, vehicle displays and charity auctions. The Rattlesnake's stunning riverfront patio sets the stage for lavish wedding ceremonies and receptions. We'll see you at the 'Snake!



Photo by Joe Hakim/The Hungry Dudes

Hours: Tues-Thurs 11:30am-10pm; Fri 11:30am-11pm; Sat 5:30-11pm

**Happy Hour:** Thurs-Fri 4-6pm **Web:** wwww.rattlesnakedetroit.com







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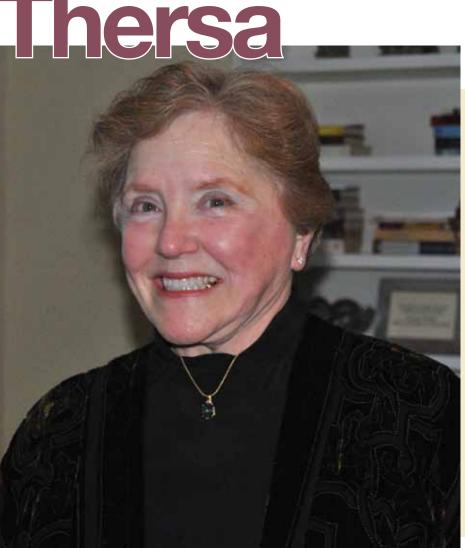
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Meet **Thersa** 



What was your first job?

Emergency registered nurse in a small hospital

What is one thing you miss about being a kid?

My parents

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

Moving and living in Japan with my family when I was a teenager

What is the most historical day in your lifetime?

The day the sun came up that ended the Cuban Missile Crisis. I lived in DC. My husband was in a secret location and came home.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Being a teacher and mentor as a certified midwife during a long career in the health care of women

Words to live by?

Remember the past and enjoy, live in the moment, but look forward to what lies ahead

Name	Thersa B. O'Rourke
Age	73
City	Grosse Pointe Farms
Occupa	tion Retired certified nurse and midwife

### Thersa's

### **Favorites**

#### Season

Fall with the gorgeous colors of nature

#### **Book**

Biographies, histories and historical novels

#### Movie

Love classic movies, but also recently loved *Frozen* 

#### Restaurant

Jumps

#### Food

Chocolate

#### **Activities**

Helping people, reading and learning new things

#### **Vacation**

Road trips

### About

#### Thersa:

"I've always needed to feel useful to others. Now retired after 52 years as a registered nurse, 38 of them as a midwife, I'm enjoying retirement and helping at SOC on a regular basis. I have a busy life full of great memories with loving friends and family. The Bible says our life span is four score and ten; to me after that it's a gift - I'm making the most of it!"

Thersa is widowed and mother to Jennifer and seven stepchildren.

# Senior advisers find solutions

By Terri Murphy

boomers, the size of the population 65 years and older is experiencing one of the biggest increases in history. The trend is expected to continue through the year 2030. At that point, it is expected that seniors will make up about 20 percent of the U.S. population.

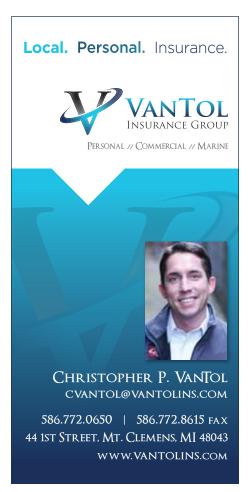
During this time, many of us will be confronting the question of senior care and services head on. When the time comes to make that decision, some families will opt for residential communities, such as assisted living, but many will prefer to keep their loved ones at home.

Deciding on how best to care for our loved ones can come with its own set of stresses and challenges. Hiring a professional who is experienced in the senior care and service arena is an increasingly appealing option for many families.

Every senior's situation is different. A senior adviser will assess each person's individual needs and provide situation-specific advice. Some seniors want to stay at home, while others might benefit from a senior living community. An adviser will help you decide what the best option is for you and your family. They will help you find a community or a home care service and equip you with valuable information and questions to ask when speaking with these organizations.

And once it has been determined where you will live and what your care needs will be, an adviser can help you find ways to pay for this care. It is essential that every senior make plans financially for their care. You want to have this conversation now and not when you are in the middle of a crisis.

Terri Murphy is the owner of Certified Senior Solutions. CSS provides consulting services to seniors and their families. Call (313) 881-4600 and visit www.certified-ssi. com.





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### GROSSE POINTE NORTH'S CHORAL PROGRAM SOARS

#### By Susan Bollinger

rosse Pointe North Director of Vocal Music Ben Henri's goal is for students to "connect with many different kinds of music, from centuries old masterpieces to modern pop hits, and experience the joy that comes from singing."

Through the high school's choral music program, more than 100 students lend their voices to perform outstanding music. Exploring many different styles of music, says Henri, opens students' ears to selections they don't hear on the radio. And students really respond.

"As the students connect with the music, I see them connecting with the choral music program and their peers. They develop a vested interest in the success of the program and become citizens of the school community," he

savs.

North's choral music program consists of four curricular choirs and two extracurricular groups.

In January, North students demonstrated their vocal skills at the District Solo and Ensemble Festival, where all five ensemble groups qualified for the state level festival. In 2013, the Pointe Chorale mixed ensemble group was a Michigan Youth Arts finalist, and one of 30 top ensembles in the state.

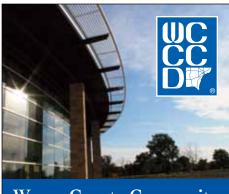
"The level of achievement is soaring at North," says Henri. "These are wonderful accomplishments for the students and an accolade for the program."

North's choirs will soon perform the annual Great Works concert.

"We'll perform the parts of Carmina Burana people recognize and enjoy the most," says Henri. "The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church was built for resonance. It makes this piece so powerful."

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# Services for Older Citizens Home Repair Program

By Lauren McGregor

hrough Meals on Wheels, home assistance, transportation to medical appointments and beyond, Services for Older Citizens employs incredible resources in its mission to keep seniors in their homes.

With winter still wearing on and spring preparation around the corner, seniors should also be aware of SOC's Home Repair Program, an invaluable resource for fixes big and small.

"It's important to keep seniors in their homes. Some cannot get around easily and often, and sometimes cannot afford the repairs," says SOC Home Repair and Housing Rehab director, Liz Mange. "They call me for subsidies if they qualify, or to connect them with reputable people."

What type of home repair calls does Mange usually receive?

"We get a lot of weather related calls. For example, right now we are doing a lot of plumbing," says Mange. "One call we get year round is from seniors coming home from the hospital, who need safety adjustments, like bathroom rails."

SOC's typical home repair jobs are minor and income qualified through HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development), a federally funded program. They include any minor adjustments and fixes under \$1,500.

Major adjustments are considered 'housing rehab' and are in the price range of \$1,500 to \$25,000. These major rehab projects are also federally funded. Qualified applicants are able to finance repairs through a zero percent interest deferred loan.

All of SOC's contractors are licensed, insured and used for both supplemented and non-supplemented programs. They offer SOC seniors discounted prices and free charge assessments. "All contractors are also screened for liability and background checks," adds Mange.

While those who qualify can receive assistance through HUD, SOC's home repair program is available regardless of income.

To learn more about the program or inquire about a repair, call Liz Mange at (313) 882-9600 ext. 2102.



Rick Nelson of Professional Plumbing on a SOC job

Photo courtesy of Services for Older Citizens

#### **Just a few** of SOC's home repair offerings

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# Services for Older Citizens' 2nd Annual "March for Meals" Walk

Date: Saturday, March 29, 2014

**Time:** Registration: 9:30 a.m. Walk begins: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Services for Older Citizens

158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms

Services for Older Citizens is partnering with the National March for Meals campaign by pledging to **end senior hunger by 2020**. Please join us for SOC's Second Annual March for Meals.

Walk 1 mile or 2.5 miles!

All pledges collected from the walk will help provide meals to senior citizens in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. *Your generous pledge* will help end senior hunger and support Services for Older Citizens' Meal Program. Please submit your pledges the day of the walk.

To obtain your pledge form, call SOC at 313-882-9600. To participate in the walk please contact huhlig@socservices.org or call 313-882-9600.







ark residents John and Toni Gibson love ballroom dancing. They waltz. They fox trot. They can do the swing, the Lindy, the rumba, the Charleston, cha cha, tango, samba and more.

They began taking dancing seriously nine years ago. "We had a very bumpy start," Toni says. "We found lots of lessons, but we discovered we prefer instruction that is followed by an actual dance, giving us a chance to practice."

"Ballroom dancing is not like riding a bike," John says. "It's like golf. You take lessons; you practice; you get better; then you practice some more." Woods residents Lynn and Jerry

Wiszowaty are members of The Villagers, a local dance club that sponsors five dances a year with live bands. Each event attracts about 100 people. "We've met some nice couples who also love to dance," Lynn says. "These people have become like family."

Farms residents Tamra and Brian Fromm signed up for a dancing class at Assumption Cultural Center when they were preparing for their wedding. "We love music from the 40s," Tamra says. "We're mostly into swing. It combines music, exercise and getting to know new people."

"Ballroom dancing involves give and take between partners," Toni says.

"We call it 'marriage counseling.' He has to learn to lead. She has to learn to focus. It doesn't come naturally. So, we practice."

John claims the man, who has to lead, has the more difficult role, but Toni points out it's hard to follow too. "And the woman has to follow, whether or not he's doing it correctly."

The Gibsons are looking forward to an evening fundraiser, "Dancing at the Grand," on Saturday, April 5, in the Detroit Yacht Club's grand ballroom. Paul King & the Rhythm Society Orchestra will provide the music and an optional swing dancing lesson, \$5 per person will be offered early in the evening. Funds from the event go toward restoration of the DYC's 90-year-old clubhouse on Belle Isle.

There are dozens of dance clubs in Grosse Pointe and in the metro Detroit area. "We could attend a dance every night of the week if we wanted to," John says.

The Gibsons say they'll be taking dance lessons for the rest of their lives. "Every move can be made better,"

"A jump or a lean," Toni adds. "There's grace; forgiveness, give and

Dancing at the Grand begins at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Swing lesson is from 7 to 8 p.m. The band plays from 8:15 p.m. until midnight. Tickets, \$25 per person, are available at the door.

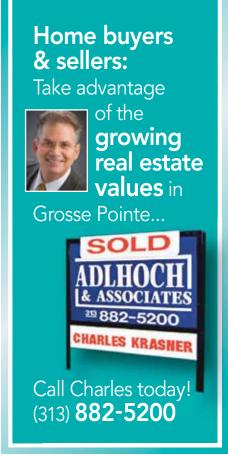


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# THIRD ANNUAL WAR MEMORIAL GALA IS 'GATSBY'

**By John Minnis** 

oard members of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and Co-Chairs Diane Zedan and Valerie Moran are excited for this year's third annual Alger House preservation

fundraiser, dubbed
the *Great Gatsby Gala* to be held April
26.
Gala attendees
will also get a chance
to meet the War

will also get a chance to meet the War Memorial's new president and CEO, Charles Burke, former senior



**Charles Burke** 

director of education for the Detroit

Symphony Orchestra.

"This is going to be a fabulous party," says Moran. "We change its theme every year." Last year's event was "Let's Dance." The year before was "Come Fly with Me!," a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Alger House.

"We're asking people to dress in Gatsby style and optional black-tie," adds Zedan. "If you loved it last year, you're really going to love it this year."

Proceeds from the gala will go toward the restoration and preservation of the dining room ceiling in the historic Alger House. "We want to make it as grand as when the Algers lived here," Moran says.

The evening kicks off with a VIP Reception for Sponsors





2013-14 Grosse Pointe War Memorial board, from left, front row, Deborah Thompson, Beverly Walsh, Chairman Susan Davies, Betsy Creedon, Linda Lloyd and Toni Stinson; back row, Ted Everingham, Brett Collins, Jim Motschall, John O'Brien, Bill Jennings, Ed Lazar and Col. Rolf Mammen. Not pictured: Don DeSeranno, Lt. Col. Constantine Leon, Pat Moran and Theresa Selvaggio.

and Patrons at 6 p.m. All Friends admittance is at 7 p.m., followed by a sit down dinner at 7:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Rhythm Society Orchestra and Jazz Quartet with character portrayals by Grosse Pointe Theatre cast members. Fitting the Gatsby theme,



Gatsby Gala Co-chairs Diane Zedan and Valerie Moran

antique cars will be on display.

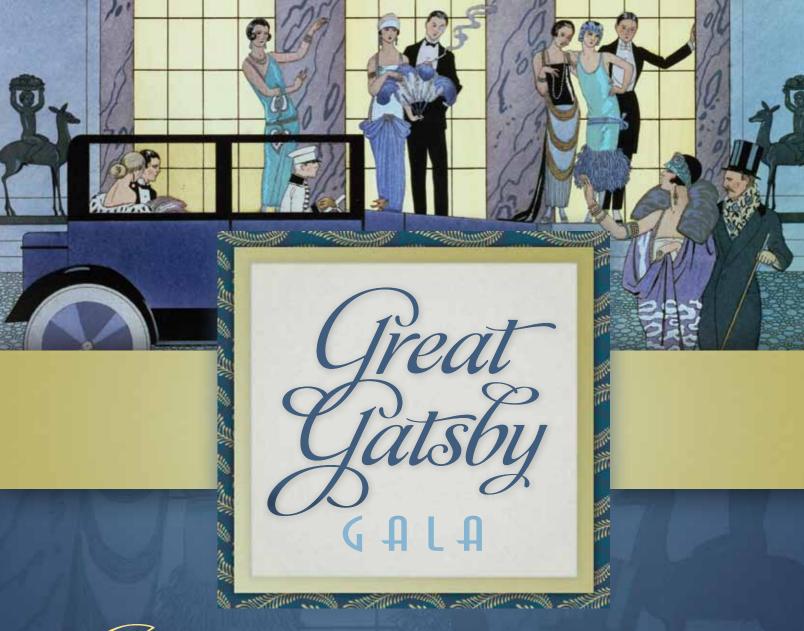
The co-chairs are hoping to surpass the 100th anniversary attendance of 250. "We'd like to sell out at 260," Zedan says.

While the organizers are stressing the Gatsby theme and apparel, they are quick to point out that everyone is welcome and black-tie is optional. "We want people to come here and be comfortable," Moran says.

VIP tickets are \$250 and includes VIP Reception, dinner, valet parking and a keepsake photo. Friends tickets are \$125 and include dinner and valet parking.

To make reservations or for more information, call (313) 881-7511.

Proceeds from the Grosse Pointe War Memorial annual galas go toward restoration of the ceilings in the Alger House.



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Name	William Mestdagh, Jr.
Age	54
City	Grosse Pointe Park
Occupa	ation President & CEO of Frontier 3 Advertising



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# About **Bill:**

Bill and Cathy have been married for 24 years and are both lifelong Grosse Pointe residents. Bill attended Grosse Pointe North ('77) and Cathy attended Grosse Pointe South ('80).

They are proud parents of three children - Billy, 22, a student at University of Michigan, Lindsey, 18, a student at Michigan State University and Courtney, 15, a student at Grosse Pointe South.

Bill enjoys traveling, sports, reading, skiing, boating and vacationing with his family at Torch Lake, Mich. and Vero Beach, Fla.

#### What was your first job?

Account executive at Federal Mogul Corp.

What is the best advice you've ever received?

Hard work and perseverance will always pay off in business and your personal life.

Why did you want to become an advertising executive?

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If you weren't an advertising executive, what would you be?

Medical doctor or real estate investor

What is your next goal?

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Words to live by?

Be honest, caring, show compassion and always give people a chance.



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**Colleen Livingston, Abby Rauchfleish** 



Mariah and Lilyanna Forth, Amanda Lowe, Matthew Schafer



Santa arrives!

#### **Detroit Historical Society Ball** Dec. 7 @ Fillmore Detroit

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Stephen Polk, Ball co-chair Bobbi Polk, CEO Bob Bury, Trustee Rick Ruffner, co-chair Cat Ruffner, co-chair Leslye Rosenbaum and Dr. Lewis Rosenbaum



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#### **G.P. Historical Society Christmas Party** Dec. 13 @ Provencal-Weir House

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#### **G.P. Rotary Christmas Dinner** Dec. 14 @ Ardmore Park Place



**Judy and Mark Weber and Glenn Housey** 



Kim Towar, Mike Carmody and Jackie Rentenbach



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#### **G.P. Chamber Annual Dinner** Jan. 30 @ Country Club of Detroit

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Dr. David Balle, JoAnne Thompson, Ron **DiCicco and Tom Harwood** 



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#### Sack Out Hunger Jan. 31 @ Our Lady Star of the Sea School

#### Photos by Lauren McGregor



**Our Lady Star of the Sea students** gathering around their packed lunches



Sophie Leszczynski, Michaela Cosgrove, **Emma Bierkle, Alyssa Carlino and Abby** Castaldi



Autumn Sear, Antonio Spindler, Matthew Orsi and Mary Katherine Kozak

#### SOC Annual Meeting Feb. 11 @ John A. and Marlene L. Boll Building

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### Oliver & Molly

Oliver and Molly are Australian Shepherds that live in Grosse Pointe Woods with Bob and Terry Lynch. Oliver is a happy lovable dog who was adopted from the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society. Molly adores her big brother and works very hard to keep up with him. They love long walks, looking out the front window, barking at other dogs, treats and running around the backyard.



### Monty

Monty, a 1 1/2-year-old terrier mix, was adopted from NBS Animal Rescue by Jeff and Sara of Grosse Pointe Woods. Monty loves walks, treats and cuddles.



### Diego

April Fools, also known as Diego, is owned and loved by Kalie Pettet Ryan and lives at The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. Diego, a retired racehorse, is now a champion jumper. He and Kalie, a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South, compete in horse shows around the state.



# Pappillon

Pappillon, a parrot, loves his new window view since his family, Faye and Alan Skiba, moved to Grosse Pointe Woods in November.



Jake
The oldest dog in Grosse Pointe?

Jake, an 18-year-old Jack Russell
Terrier, was the spunkiest in a
litter of three. His father was from
England, and mother from Kentucky.
He was delivered to the Duffy family
in a small shoebox at six weeks old.

Extremely smart but mischievous, Jake jumped out of an apartment window and a moving car window to catch a squirrel. He also punctured a battery and had to be rushed to an expensive vet that was open on Thanksgiving.

As a small dog, Jake often traveled with the family. During a canoe trip, he was given "doggie relaxers" and proceeded to howl for 3 hours while paddling down the Au Sable River.

As a senior, Jake sleeps a lot and is also almost completely deaf and blind, however he still knows when mommy pulls in the driveway. To see more pictures, check out his fan page: www.facebook.com/ JaketheJackRussel.

Photo by John F. Martin Photography

# Heartworm is preventable

By Dr. Elizabeth Doppke

eartworm disease is a potentially life-threatening condition that can affect dogs, cats and other mammals. It is most commonly found in canids,

which includes dogs, coyotes and wolves.

Transmitted by infected mosquitoes, heartworm disease causes destruction of the lungs and heart of the afflicted animal. The mosquito must



take a blood meal from the infected animal, then bite another animal in order to transmit the disease. Pets that spend more time outside are at greatest risk; however, even indoor pets can contract heartworm disease as mosquitoes can, and do, get into houses. While there is a treatment, it can be a lengthy, painful and expensive process. There is currently no approved treatment for heartworm in cats.

Clinical signs of heartworm disease may not be recognized until late in the disease process making early detection very important. The signs may include coughing, lethargy and weight loss.

The good news is that heartworm disease is completely preventable, and the prevention is safe, easy and inexpensive. There are multiple preventative products on the market including monthly oral tablets and monthly topicals. All of these products are regulated by the FDA and must be obtained through your veterinarian. Many of the products also have an added benefit of eliminating common types of intestinal parasites (worms), and some even include flea and tick prevention.

Dr. Doppke is a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University. She joined the veterinary staff of Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in 2005.









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LEGENDARY
LOCALS
OF GROSSE POINTE

#### By Elizabeth Vogel

hen Arcadia Publishing approached Suzy Berschback and Ann Marie Aliotta with a new theme in their local history series called "Legendary Locals," they jumped at the chance to write about the many legendary Grosse Pointers!

"We were used to writing about buildings and notable architecture. When the letter came in to write about the people of this community, we were thrilled at the opportunity to try something different," says Berschback, continuing "this was the perfect avenue to share the stories of the people who were instrumental in building this community."

Aliotta agrees, "We were able to focus solely on the people of the Grosse Pointes—their personalities and their stories." This book wasn't just for legendary locals of the past, either, says Aliotta. "We were able to celebrate 'living legends' through the present day."

This is the fourth book for Berschback and third where she has teamed with co-author, Aliotta. "We've known each other for a long time," remarks Aliotta. "She knew I was a writer and had that background. I was editing The Moorings for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society prior

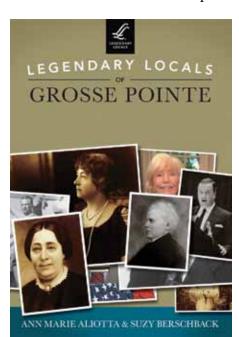
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Ann Marie Aliotta and Suzy Berschback

to our first book."

So how does this team divide up the



work? "Berschback does the photo research and gets that together, and I

do a lot of the writing. That is basically how the tasks are divided, but we cross over occasionally." Aliotta continues, "It is the case with these books that the photos absolutely have to come first and the photo portion was well suited to Berschback."

Berschback encourages Pointers to buy these books at local venues. "They are for sale at places such as the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and War Memorial. The profits stay with the seller, so they act like little fund raisers."

You can meet the authors at Woods Branch on Wednesday, March 13th. In addition to a book signing, the authors will discuss their research complete with a slide show. The program is from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and free of charge, but seating is limited. Please register using the calendar at gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2074 ext 222.



# Dirty Dog's Chef André: Let's do lunch!

By John Minnis

ver the past six years, The Dirty Dog Jazz Café and Executive Chef André Neimanis have strived to make their cozy bistro on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms not just the "mecca" of jazz in Detroit, but also one of the top destinations for fine dining in southeast Michigan. They have succeeded on both accounts. In 2010, Dirty Dog was name Restaurant of the Year by Hour Magazine. The following year, Chef André was named Chef of the Year.

"We are a destination for the evening crowd," says Chef André, who also does double duty as general manager of the operation. "We get everybody from the east side and west side and all over."

Indeed, Dirty Dog's upcoming performance schedule reads like a Who's Who in Detroit Jazz: Johnny Trudell, George "Sax" Benson, Sean Dobbins, Kimmie Horne, Michael Zaporski, Kyle Eastwood, Joan Belgrave, Dave McMurray and Alexander Zonjic. Live music is offered Tuesday through Saturday evenings, and needless to say, reservations are a must.

However, reservations are not mandatory for lunch. With that in mind, Chef André, Dining Room Manager Willie Jones and Chef de Cuisine Eli J. Fox recently held a VIP Tasting at the Dirty Dog to roll out their new lunch menu and hours. "My team and I look forward to seeing you and welcoming you to the new world of lunch at The Dirty Dog Jazz Café," invites Chef André.

To attract the lunch crowd, Chef André has expanded his midday menu. "We wanted more food choices for people in Grosse Pointe so they will want to come in here for lunch," the chef says. Lunch offerings include a broader sandwich and flatbread selection and a wide range of entree salads. He has also extended the lunch menu hours to 5 p.m.

But while Chef André acknowledges the evening menu reflects fine dining pricing, the lunch menu is in line with the business or

friendly daytime meal. "Our lunch is not expensive," he says.

"We're competitive."

The chef also vows to get lunch patrons in and out in an hour. And for those in a real hurry, call-ahead takeouts are available. Chef André also points out that The Dirty Dog will cater any event, from the swanky to the backyard gathering to something in the restaurant's

Board Room, which can accommodate up to 20 people and 14 sitting at the "board table." Morning events in the

Board Room, or your business, are also possible with pastries and coffees catered by The Dirty Dog's sister restaurant, Morning Glory, a couple of doors down.

"We definitely have a lot of meetings here," Chef André says of the Board Room.

To schedule your meeting, lunch or dinner, call The Dirty Dog at (313) 882-JAZZ or visit online at www.DirtyDogJazz.com. The Dirty Dog may also found on Facebook and Twitter.

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# March

# Calendar

- O5 WEDNESDAY
   GPPL "Know the Rules (Before You Break Them)" at Ewald Branch, free creative writing workshop, also March 19, 6-8 p.m.
- Return to Traditional Tuscan Cooking with Doug Cordier at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, must be 21, \$48, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

# O6 THURSDAY

- Preview Pre-launch of Eureka by Christos Garkinos at Assumption Cultural Center, be first to purchase Eureka clothing before it launches on HSN, VIP Luncheon, \$25, 12 p.m. and Meet 'n' Greet, wine and cheese evening, \$10, 5-9 p.m.
- St. Clair Shores Public Library New Release Thursday, "Gravity," 6:30 p.m.
- GPPL Classic Book Lecture Series "Enoch Brater: Hamlet's Five Soliloquies" at Ewald Branch, \$10, free to members, 7 p.m.
- · Grosse Pointe North All School Musical Oliver! at North PAC, March 6-8, 7:30 p.m.

### **O**7 FRIDAY

- Atwater Brewery Beer Tasting at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$30, 7-9 p.m.
- · "Friends Forever" at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, friendship workshop for girls ages 7-9, \$48 for two friends, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- The Grosse Pointe Art Center exhibit "The Green Show," runs through April 5
- SCS Public Library Classic Movie Friday, "Road to Singapore," other Classic Movie Fridays Mar. 14, 21, 28, 1:30 p.m.

# 08 saturday

- GPPL Doll Tea Party at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$5 per person, tickets at Central Library, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Metalsmithing Studio Tour in Detroit, meet at Ford House visitor center, \$65 per person, lunch at Traffic Jam & Snug, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- GPHS Open House at the Provencal-Weir House, 1-4 p.m.
- · GPHS Izzy's Second Saturdays at the Provencal-Weir House, sew and stuff Grosse Pointe's native black squirrel, \$20, \$15 for members, reservations must be made by Thurs., March 6, starts at 1 p.m.
- · Signing Story Time at Peet's Coffee & Tea, drop in for songs, rhymes and stories, all ages welcome, free of charge, 10 a.m.
- Antique Appraisals by DuMouchelle, presented by the Pettipointe Questers at SCS Library, \$10 for appraisal, \$5 per additional appraisal, limit two, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- O SUNDAY

   Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 7-9 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Sunday Dog Walk, also March 16, 23, 30, 8 a.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Metal Detail in Architecture, includes tea & cookies, \$20, 1 p.m.
- GPT presents "The Fox on the Fairway" at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$18, March 9, 16 at 2 p.m.; March 13-15, 20-22 at 8 p.m.

#### 10 MONDAY

· Grosse Pointe War Memorial "Publishing Your Book," \$50 for two weeks, second class takes place Mon., Mar. 17, 7-8:30 p.m.

#### 11 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Meeting at The Hill Restaurant, also March 18, 25, 7 a.m.
- GPCC Business After Hours at Raymond James & Associates, 5:30-7 p.m.

#### 12 WEDNESDAY

• USTA Midwest Open Mixed Doubles Championship at The Hunt Club, through Mar. 16

- 13 THURSDAY

  Ann Marie Aliotta and Suzy Berschback discuss Legendary Locals of Grosse Pointe in Woods Program Room, 7-9 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Come Dine With Us! bring your own wine, \$19.95 per person, also March 14, 15, 20-22, 6:30 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Artist Lounge: Emerging Artists, \$25 per person, 7 p.m.

#### 14 FRIDAY

• St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee Behind the Scenes Tour of the DIA, \$20, tickets at SCS Public Library, bus leaves library at 9:30 a.m.

- 15 SATURDAY
   Edsel & Eleanor Ford House present Inner Rhythms as Seasons Change: Relaxation and Stress Reduction, \$11, 9:30-11 a.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$15, \$13 for members, combined with House Tour, \$22, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### 16 SUNDAY

• Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Artist Lounge: Emerging Artists, adult beverages and hors d'oeuvres, \$25 per person, 1 p.m.

# 17 MONDAY - St. Patrick's Day

# 18 TUESDAY

· College Night at Grosse Pointe North, 6 p.m.

19 WEDNESDAY
• Grosse Pointe North Choir "Great Works" at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 7 p.m.

#### 20 THURSDAY

- Bridal Showcase at Assumption Cultural Center, 5-8 p.m.
- The Family Center presents Self Defense for Mothers and Teen Daughters and Ask the Experts Multi-Program Night at Barnes Early School, 6:30 p.m.
- · GPPL Classic Book Lecture Series, a Shakespeare lecture by Ralph Williams at Ewald Branch, \$10, free to members, 7 p.m.

#### f 22 SATURDAY

- Bird Walk at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, \$7, 8-10 a.m.
- · All Pointes Daddy Daughter Dance at Grosse Pointe South Gymnasium, 7 p.m.

- 23 SUNDAY

  ChariTea Bear's Royal Themed Tea Party at Assumption Cultural Center, \$10, bring one small new teddy bear to donate, presented by The Family Center, 1-3 p.m.
- Christ Church Choirs & Orchestra perform Solo Cantatas of J.S. Bach, 4:30 p.m.

25 TUESDAY
GPCC Business Before Hours at PetPeople, 8 a.m.

- 27 THURSDAY

  Grosse Pointe War Memorial Faux Finish Workshop, sponsored by Vera's Daughter, \$85 for two classes, 11:30 a.m.
- Full Circle's Stone Soup Art Festival at Tompkins Center in Windmill Pointe Park, \$20 per person, 5-8 p.m.
- · The Family Center "Finding Balance in a Stressful World" and Ask the Experts Multi-Program Night at Barnes School, 6:30 p.m.
- Brownell Middle School performs "Bye Bye Birdie," also March 28, 7-9 p.m.

29 SATURDAY
• Friends of the GPPL Books, Bags and Bagels in Woods Program Room, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

# Calendar

#### ()1 TUESDAY

- · Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Meeting at The Hill, also April 8, 15, 22, 29, 7 a.m.
- Stewart McMillin Tour of Italian Art Collection at DIA, \$10, call (313) 922-1990 for more information

#### 02 WEDNESDAY

- · Grosse Pointe South's Art Fest in the multi-purpose room, 7-9 p.m., awards at 8 p.m., exhibition from Wed., Apr. 2 - Fri., Apr. 4, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Sat., Apr. 5, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- GPPL presents "Know the Rules (Before You Break Them)" at Ewald Branch, free creative writing workshop, 6-8 p.m.

O3 THURSDAY

• GPPL Classic Book Lecture Series featuring Gregg Crane, a sampling of poetry by Emily Dickinson, at Ewald Branch, \$10, free to members, 7 p.m.

- O5 SATURDAY

   Grosse Pointe War Memorial Mom-to-Mom Sale, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Beaumont Hospital Baby Fair at Barnes Early School, 11 a.m.
- · Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$13 per member, \$15 per nonmember, combined with House Tour, \$22, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### 06 SUNDAY

- · Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Sunday Dog Walk, also April 13, 27, 8 a.m.
- North Band and Orchestra performing at DSO Orchestra Hall in Detroit, tickets available at the door and at Wild Birds Unlimited, \$20 per person, \$10 per students and seniors, 7 p.m.

#### **09** WEDNESDAY

• The Great Michigan Read: Annie's Ghosts Book Discussion in GPPL Woods Program Room, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

#### 10 THURSDAY

- DIA Art Lecture "Puppet Art" at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$18, 10:30 a.m.
- Tau Beta's 11th Annual Spring Market Preview Party & Raffle at the Grosse Pointe Club, \$65, 6:30-9 p.m.

### 11 FRIDAY

- Food & Wine Harmony 101 Class at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, must be 21, \$45, 7-9 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Park Merry Music Maker Pajama Party, ages 2-8, \$12 per family, 7-8 p.m.
- Tau Beta's 11th Annual Spring Market at the Grosse Pointe Club, \$5, 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

#### $12\,$ saturday

- Bird Walk at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, followed by hot drinks and tally of species spotted, \$7 per person, 8-10 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Easter Egg Hunt at Lake Front Park, includes a visit with the Easter Bunny, egg hunt, treat bag and petting zoo, 10:15 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Farms Easter Egg Hunt at Pier Park, meet the Easter Bunny, 10 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Shores Easter Egg Hunt at Municipal Park, 10-11:30 a.m.
- GPHS Open House at the Provencal-Weir House, 1-4 p.m.
- · GPHS Izzy's Second Saturdays at the Provencal-Weir House, create egg shell votive candles, 7 years and older, \$15 per member, \$20 per nonmember, reservations must be made by Thurs., Apr. 10, craft starts at 1 p.m.
- Signing Story Time at Peet's Coffee & Tea, drop in for songs, rhymes and stories, all ages welcome, free of charge, 10 a.m.
- · Tau Beta's 11th Annual Spring Market at the Grosse Pointe Club, \$5, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### 13 SUNDAY

 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, sundae bar, egg hunt (bring a basket!), \$18, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

#### 15 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe South Mother's Club Spring Benefit Luncheon and Fashion Show
- · A Road Trip at GPPL, Woods Program Room, Michigan travel video and discussion, 7 p.m.

### 16 WEDNESDAY

- GPPL presents "Know the Rules (Before You Break Them)" at Ewald Branch, free creative writing workshop, 6-8 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Park Windmill Pointe Park Egg Scramble, up to 8 years old, egg hunt, Easter Bunny and petting zoo, \$5 per child, tickets available Mar. 15 - Apr. 15, event at 4:30 p.m.
- GPHS Bicknell Lecture at Cook School House, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

· GPPL Technology Petting Zoo in the Woods Program Room, 6 p.m.

# 18 FRIDAY

· Christ Church Chorale, Soloists and Orchestra perform St. Mark Passion: Johann Sebastian Bach and Reinhard Keiser, 7 p.m.

#### 19 SATURDAY

- Bunny Breakfast or Bunny Brunch at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, tickets on sale March 7, breakfast at 9 a.m., brunch at 11:30 a.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$13 per member, \$15 per nonmember, combined with House Tour, \$22, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### 20 SUNDAY - Easter

• Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Easter Sunday Brunch, 11:30 a.m.

### 26 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Great Gatsby Spring Gala, 6-11 p.m.
- · Italian Culture and History Tour of Detroit, luxurious coach bus tours significant Italian homes in Grosse Pointe, DIA, lunch at Mario's and more. For details, call Stewart McMillin at (313) 922-1990. Check payment due March 20, \$55, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

27 SUNDAY
• Grosse Pointe Community Chorus 62nd Annual Spring Concert at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, \$12 per adult, \$5 per child under 12, 3:30 p.m.

• GPCC Business After Hours at Grosse Pointe Stone Works, 5:30-7 p.m.

#### May

#### O 1 THURSDAY

- Meet & Greet for Professionals in Grosse Pointe Academy's Lakeshore Parlor, 9 a.m.
- GPPL Classic Book Lecture Series featuring John Whittier-Ferguson: Gertrude Stein "Three Lives," at Ewald Branch, \$10, free to members, 7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe South presents The Will Rogers Follies A Life in Revue at Grosse Pointe North PAC, 7:30 p.m.



Photos by Marianne Schrader

# Women at Play

#### By Beth Newhart

hen a group of men founded the theater troupe The Players in 1910, their wives and sisters did the same, creating the Theatre Arts Club of Detroit. Over 100 years later, 55 women, about half from the Grosse Pointes, come together twice a year to put on a show at the iconic Playhouse on Jefferson near McDougall in Detroit.

"The best part of being in an all women's group is the opportunity to work with fun, intelligent women sharing an interest in the arts and the wonderful friendships formed as a result," says Susan Lewandowski of Grosse Pointe Farms, club president and a member since 2002.

Performances range from comedies to musicals to dramas to, as in the case of this spring's show, vignettes based upon a popular 70s television show.

Pat Vintevoghel of Grosse Pointe Shores has been a member of TAC for 11 years. Always interested in theater, she found an old article about local theater groups and decided to join. Her favorite role was her first role, a transsexual in Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean.

"The most challenging and the most rewarding [part] is stepping outside of your comfort zone to portray a character that is totally opposite of who you are," she says.

This March, the group will perform The Carol Burnett Show, based upon skits from the show as it ran on television from 1967 to 1978. One "Carol" will open the show by taking

questions from the audience. One will close the show by singing the actress's signature song and tugging on her ear. Vintevoghel will get to shine in "As the Stomach Turns."

In addition to performances, the

group endows the Eva Woodbridge Victor Scholarship, presented each year to a Wayne State drama student; the 1963 recipient was Barbara Tarbuck, a television actress best known for her role as Lady Jane Jacks on "General Hospital" from 1996-2010. TAC members also spend their summers conducting theater workshops at Alternatives for Girls in southwest Detroit.

For more information on the March 22-23 performance, visit theatreartsclub.com.



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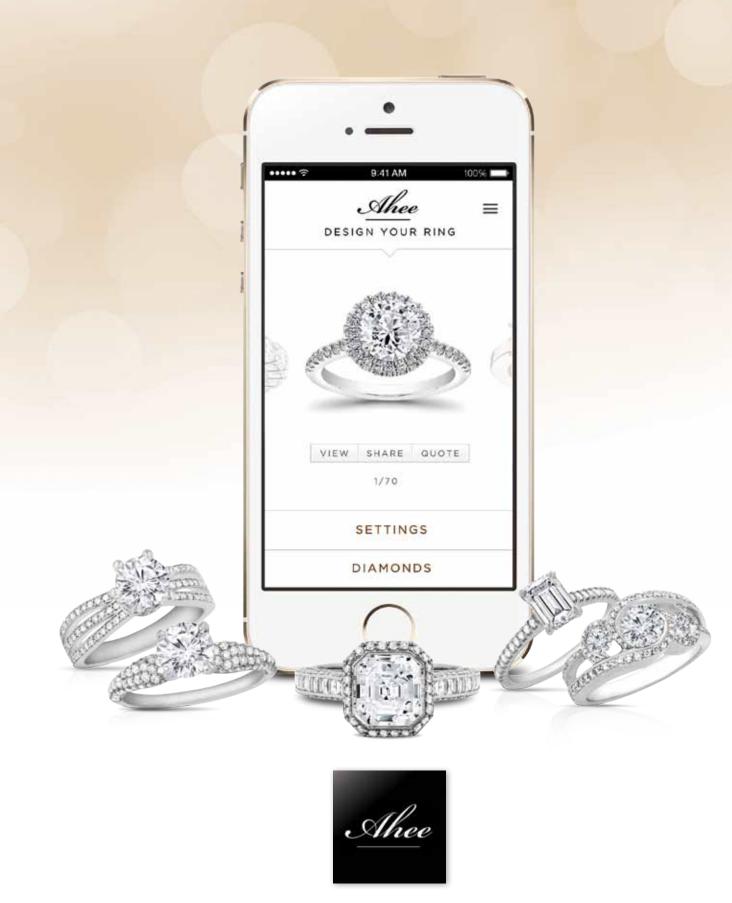


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