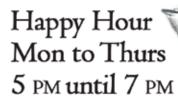




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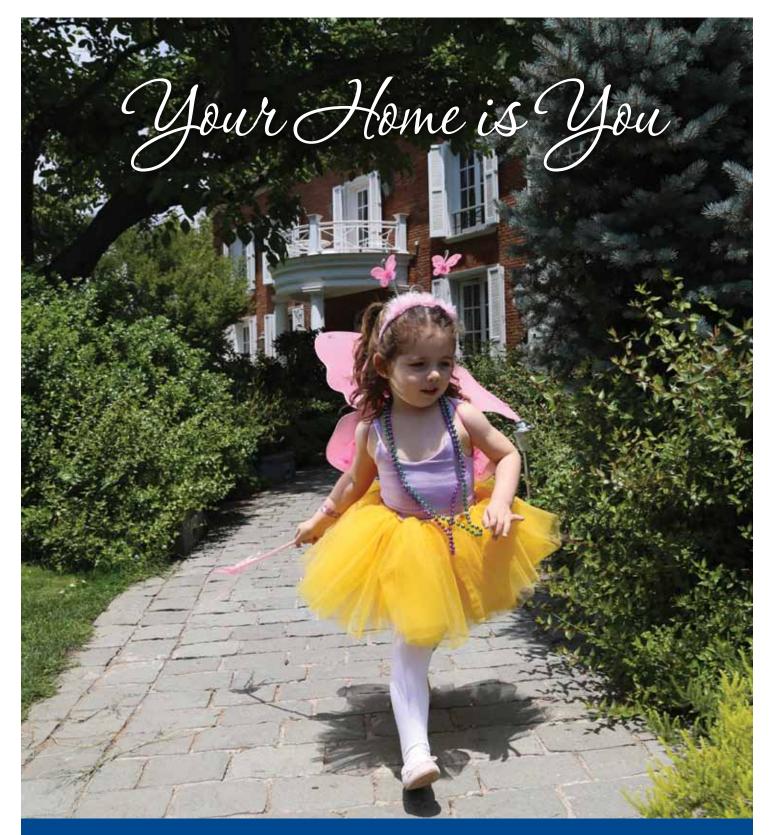
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Where in the Pointes is this object? On Monday, Nov. 24, we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to respond with the most specific answer will win a family pass to the Michigan Science Center. Participants MUST wait for the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

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# POINTE MAGAZINE

# 'Tis the holiday season!

s we approach the holidays, we in Grosse Pointe have a lot to be thankful for. But before I get into that, I wish to extend my condolences to the families of two dear friends we lost recently.

One was our dear neighbor, Rosetta Kalajian, who lived across the street. When we moved onto North Higbie Place seven years ago, Rosetta was a robust woman whom you would not call "elderly." Frequently, she could be seen taking brisk walks and taking care of the yard and chores and tending her ailing husband, Palmer.

Rosetta was also shrewd. She won



The little girl in "Forgotten" reminds us how fortunate we and our children are and how lonely and sad it can be for children not so well off.

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my friendship by telling me when we met, "I know you. You were the editor of the *Grosse Pointe News*. You treated me nice when I came into the paper once." I appreciated that — not to mention the homemade chocolate cake she brought over as a housewarming present!

The other good friend we lost was John C. Carlisle, a prominent Grosse Pointe Farms attorney and friend. I never knew John to be wrong about anything, and he was loyal to his family, friends and colleagues. We also want to thank is wife, Alicia, who organized what was probably the best funeral we ever attended. The service was held at beautiful St. Paul Catholic Church and the luncheon afterward was at the War Memorial.

Probably the best part, besides all the great "John stories" at the luncheon following, were bagpipes at the service. Not only are the melancholy dirges of the pipes fitting for a funeral, but they also tied into John's last great project — the remake of the former Jimmy Mack's bar into the a Celtic whiskey bar, the Cabbage Patch Saloon, which John just completed earlier this year even though he was in poor health by then. Good job John and Alicia!

The cartoon "Forgotten" near the beginning of this magazine is the official symbol of the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit. Founded in 1914 by James Brady, the goal of the Goodfellows is to make sure "No Kiddie Goes Without a Christmas."

Lauren, our able assistant editor, and I were fortunate enough to be asked to produce a book on the Goodfellows' 100 years for Arcadia Publishing. We were amazed that the descendants of the Old Newsboys' founders are still active in the organization, including the Brady family right here in Grosse Pointe.

The little girl in "Forgotten" reminds us how fortunate we and our children are and how lonely and sad it can be for children not so well off. We hope you give to the Goodfellows when you see them selling newspapers on the Monday after Thanksgiving. Also, we hope that you will attend the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade with an unwrapped child's toy to put in the Toys for Tots train as it goes by. In doing so, you will be helping to ensure "No Kiddie Goes Without a Christmas.

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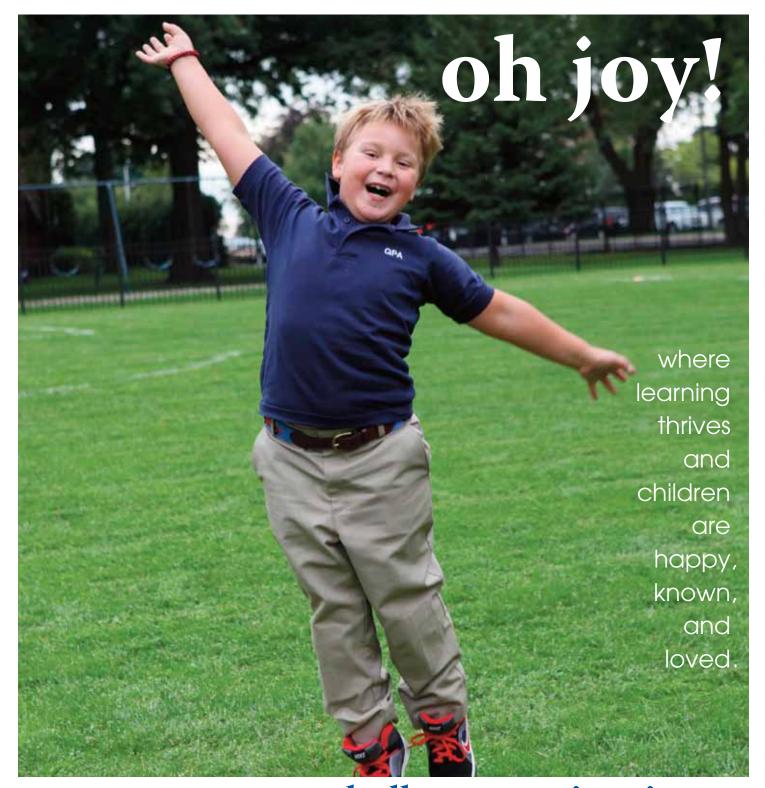
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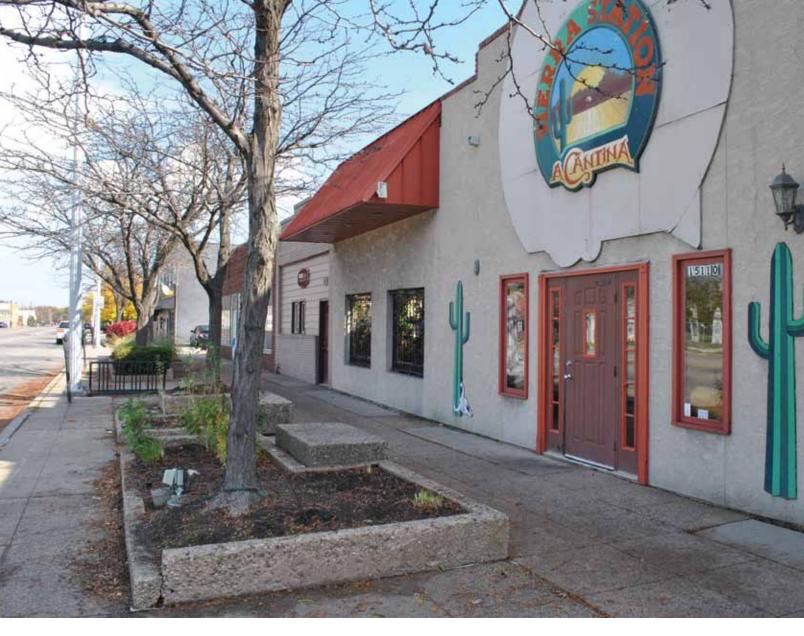
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### Mack in the Park to get streetscape improvements

By John Minnis

t has been three decades since the streetscape along Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Park got a makeover. The Park city administration plans to correct that lapse in the spring. "City crews want to take a bulldozer to it," says City Manager Dale Krajniak.

It is not that the city has not made plans for Mack. In fact, many hours have gone into drawing plans for a median on Mack. However, Mack business owners' pique over all the attention going to the Kercheval business district over the past years has brought the issue to the fore.

The city has a boulevard plan that was drawn up in 2010, however, there is a snag. In researching the project, city planners discovered the Mack Avenue roadway in the Park falls into two jurisdictions: west of the center line belongs to the City of Detroit and east belongs to Wayne County.

"So we would need both Wayne County and the City of

Detroit to sign off," Krajniak says. Further, Mack would have to be widened to accommodate a median and maintain minimum lane widths. These obstacles do not mean the project cannot be done, but it will take longer to get all the approvals.

In the meantime, Krajniak is drawing up plans to remove the aggregate planters that were installed in 1983 using Community Development Block Grant funds. Though the project incorporated sprinklers, lighting and even audio, they never worked as planned, business owners say.

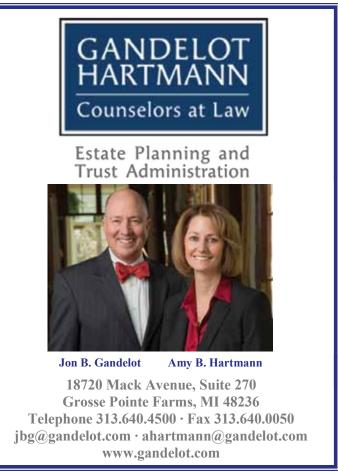
Along with new landscaping, the city plans to install decorative lampposts with planters like those on Charlevoix in the Park. Of course, business owners point to the blight across Mack on the Detroit side.

"We might be better off participating in landscaping on the Detroit side as well," Krajniak says.











What skill would you like to learn?

I would really like to learn to speak Italian.

What song on your iPod would people be surprised by?

"Fly Me to the Moon" by Frank Sinatra

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

- 1. A trip to Italy with my family and extended family
- 2. I wish I could have met my grandpa "Papa Joe" Aluia
- 3. I wish for good health

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Graduated from college, pursing graduate school and working in healthcare What did you want to be as a child and what do you want to be now?

When I was a child I wanted to be a fashion designer or a veterinarian. Now I want to be a Physical Therapist working with special needs children.

Name	Vita Grace Aluia
Age	17
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
School	Grosse Pointe North
Parents	Sam and Marietta Aluia

### Vita's

### **Favorites**

### **Music Artist**

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### **TV Show**

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### Movie

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#### Actor

Melissa McCarthy

### **School Subject**

Math

### **Vacation**

Walt Disney World and going to Blizzard Beach with my family

### Book

The Fault in Our Stars

### **Teacher**

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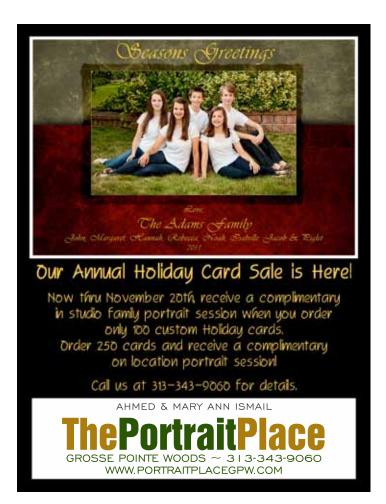
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# About **Vita**

"I really love to laugh and truly enjoy spending time with my family and friends," Vita says. She has one sibling, her brother Joe, 20.

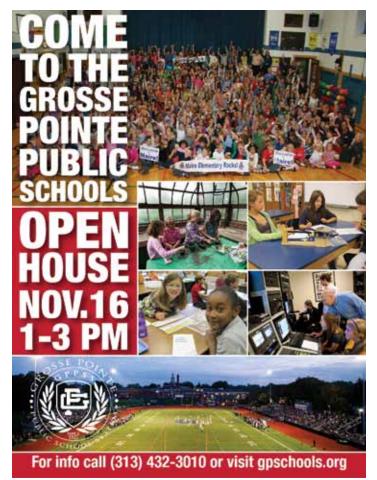
"I have a soft spot in my heart for all of the special needs young people I work with in my independent study class with Mrs. Lucas at Grosse Pointe North. This unique experience has helped me realize that I want to devote my career to helping them. I hope they have learned things from me, as I know I have learned many things from them."













# Iron Chef Michael Symon cooking for Detroit

**By John Minnis** 

ron Chef Michael Symon is a busy man. Besides being a regular on ABCs' *The Chew* (*The View* with food), he makes appearances throughout the United States and around the world. But even with his demanding schedule, he never misses The Greening of Detroit's annual fundraising gala hosted at his Detroit restaurant, Roast, as well as putting on a cooking demonstration for local media the day of the event.

This year's event, Oct. 4, was no exception. On a chilly morning at The Greening of Detroit's Market Garden around the corner from his restaurant, Symon seared fresh scallops and local greens while entertaining media and guests. "I'm from Cleveland, and I'm freezing out here!" he laughs. Five of Roast's six years in business, Symon has hosted the five-course meal fundraiser and cooking demonstration. "We've helped raise about \$200,000 for The Greening of Detroit," Symon says.

The Greening of Detroit was founded 25 years ago for the purpose of transforming "our city" into a healthier, greener urban center. Besides planting trees and creating urban gardens, The Greening of Detroit educates children and adults about the environment and agriculture. The organization also provides occupational training to put Detroiters to work in





"green jobs."

"One of the things we love about this event," says Rebecca Salminen Witt, president of The Greening of Detroit, "is that it brings back something that we have been doing a long time in Detroit, urban gardening."

Sandy and Rob Riney of Grosse Pointe Farms, co-chairs of the gala event, were on hand to cook with the Iron Chef during the demonstration. The Rineys have gotten to know

Symon quite well over the past five years. "What you see is what you get," says Rob Riney, President and COO of Henry Ford Health Systems, a sponsor of the event and 15-year supporter of the organization. "His Midwestern background comes through."

Henry Ford Health Systems' emphasis on health and The Greening of Detroit's promotion of local, healthy produce make a perfect match, Rob Riney says. Sandy Riney, who served on The Greening of Detroit's board for seven years and is now on the advisory board, says 85,000 trees have been planted so far and looks forward to reaching 100,000 in the coming year.

"I think Detroit is very cool," says Symon, an unapologetic supporter of the Motor City, "because entrepreneurs here are not afraid to take a risk."

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# A Grosse Pointe 'Homespun' Business

### By Patti Theros

oz (Leto) Gietzen grew up in Grosse Pointe and so did her love of sewing. Gietzen was eight years old when neighbor Mrs. John King told her daughter Sarah and friend Roz that 'you girls are going to learn to sew' when they were looking for something to do on a rainy summer day.

Mrs. King was the daughter of E.J. Hickey, owner of E.J. Hickey's clothing

store in Grosse Pointe. So together they went to Kresge's Dime Store, which was located in the Village, and bought fabric and a pattern. Geitzen says, "the bug bit me and I started to sew."

At age 11 she took sewing lessons at Singer Company in Detroit. At St. Paul Catholic High School she chose sewing as an elective class instead of typing, and in college she majored in

> clothing design and construction. After graduating from Wayne State University in 1974, the job market led her to a career in real estate development and finance. She retired in 2010 from a local

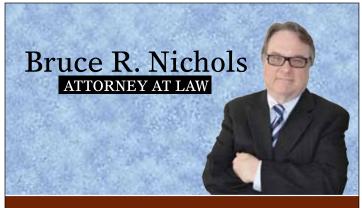
bank and in 2013 she started sewing an Easter dress for her great niece. "I basically haven't stopped sewing since."

She named her business Principessa Custom Couture and specializes in unique hand-made clothing for newborns to eight year olds. "I'm filling the gap in Grosse Pointe since we don't have Jacobson's or Young's for children's dress clothes," says Gietzen.

Her average clothing price is \$75 and her line has been on display at local vendor shows. She is currently preparing for shows at the Detroit Athletic Club on Nov. 11 and 12 and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Nov. 19 and 20.

"Sewing was my hobby that has become my small business," she says. "I love what I do." For more information, e-mail rozgietzen@yahoo. com or find her on Facebook.





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Right: DKNY Swarovski black sheath dress, \$150; Christian Dior heels, retail for \$600-700, being sold for \$170; gold bangle, \$26; Lauren Merkin clutch (in gold or black), retails for \$200, being sold for \$80.

The fur in the background is a knit rose and ivory beaver cape, one of many furs available

at Avenue Boutique. Holiday dresses range from \$50-500.







Christiane LaRue signature store opened in the Village this October. "We are also carrying a few exclusive lines for the winter season," says owner Bonnie Foley. "Alp n Rock, Dale of Norway and 27 Miles Malibu, which is a cashmere sweater line exclusive to the store." Christiane LaRue is located at 17114 Kercheval Ave. Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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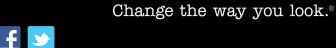


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**RIGHT**at Home

holidays literally 'out of the box'

By Virginia Ficarra

oliday decor need not break the bank.
Scramble through your house, search holiday bins, closets, the attic and scoop up things that make you laugh, smile or catch you off guard. Think about featuring your hobbies, collections or treasured pieces into a holiday vignette. Following are some 'out of the box' ideas. You can recycle, repurpose and rearrange existing items into an understated and elegant piece of work without leaving your home.



Create a vignette. Pinpoint a particular space as a focal point for your vignette. Repurpose and show off your Hummels, antique pipes, salt and pepper shakers, fishing gear or antique beer mugs. Alternatively, pull out that old cut glass punch bowl and fill it with collected holiday ornaments.

**Use inventive supplies.** Fresh organic evergreens, branches, garlands, ribbons or candles and tea lights visually pull your arrangements together.



Colorful winter scarves are the buzz this year. Note the candelabra topped with fruit and the red neck scarf twisted around the spray of pine and cones.

**Decide on a color scheme.** Select either a traditional holiday combination or your favorite color. If you prefer a monochromatic scheme, know that tints and shades of that same color blend well. Also, infuse something textured to break the monotony of one color.

A good example of a monochromatic setting is this hand-beaded tree, below, designed many years ago by my mom. It is a memorable family treasure filled with beautiful memories. The ivy also comes from her garden, made from wooden stems, shaped and dried to resemble a wreath.

**Repurpose old items.** This dinner table, right, begins with a red 28-inch by 70-inch shoulder scarf, in place of a tablecloth. The Santa figures are from an old collection, circled by a no longer





used outdoor wreath. Add pizzazz to your everyday dishware. Set it on chargers or colorful napkins and top it with heritage platters.

Snap a picture of one of your settings. We are anxious to see your homemade creations! Send your photos to colorwizard@me.com.

Best wishes to you and your family for the happiest holidays and a peaceful, colorful new year. The palette hues for 2015 are exciting. See them next time!

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# **Toy for Tots** — by the trainload!

The Grosse Pointe Express rolls into The Village to take part in the annual Tree Lighting ceremony co-hosted by, below from left, Councilman John Stempfle, Parks and Rec Director Chris Hardenbrook, City of Grosse Pointe Foundation President John Shook, Friends of Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade founder John Stevens and, of course, the U.S. Marines and Toys for Tot.



### **By John Minnis**

he Friends of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade are pulling out all the stops — and Rudolf, Santa's sleigh, the White Christmas Carriage and the Grosse Pointe Express — to make this year's holiday season one to remember. "We're really focusing on Toys for Tots," says John Stevens, a founder of the Friends of the Parade.

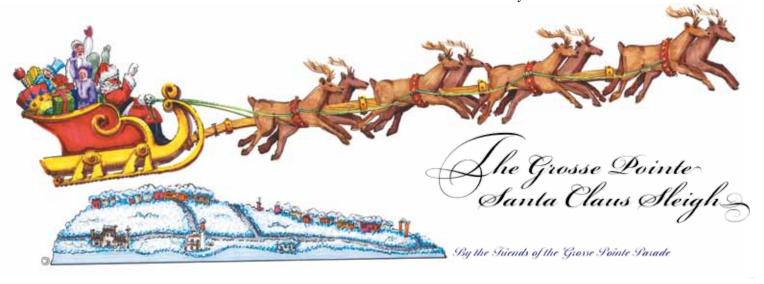
As usual, spectators coming to the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on, Friday, Nov. 28, the morning after Thanksgiving, are asked to bring unwrapped toys to drop in the Toys for Tots caboose. Unwrapped toys may also be dropped off in bins at Calico Corners in the Village, Atwater Brewery in the Park and at Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall on Mack.

The Friends are also once again co-hosting the Village Aglow Tree Lighting event on the Friday *before* Thanksgiving, Nov. 21. "We're going to kick off the holidays a week before Thanksgiving," says John Shook, president of the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation, which pays for the tree lights and holiday decorations in the Village. City Parks and Recreation Director Chris Hardenbrook says highlights will include free Coney dogs compliments of Harvard Grill, carols sung by Grosse Pointe South's Pointe Singers, warming fires and free s'mores sponsored by the City Parks and Rec Department, free hot chocolate sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Boat Club and, tentatively if Santa can spare them, a reindeer-sleigh-elf combo for photo opportunities next to the Village Christmas Tree.

The Friends will also be taking part in the Woods Aglow tree lighting Tuesday, Nov. 25, at the Woods City Hall. Friends volunteer Steve Sholty will be on hand with the White Christmas Carriage, which will remain in the Woods following the event. "I drove it in the parade last year and may well be doing that this year," he says.

The Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade starts on The Hill at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, and proceeds down to The Village, where Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace will present Santa with the key to the hearts of all Grosse Pointe boys and girls. Following the parade, according to another Friends founder, Dick Ruzzin, the magnificent Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Sleigh will be parked in front of Atwater Brewery on Kercheval in the Park.

More information about the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade may be found on Facebook.



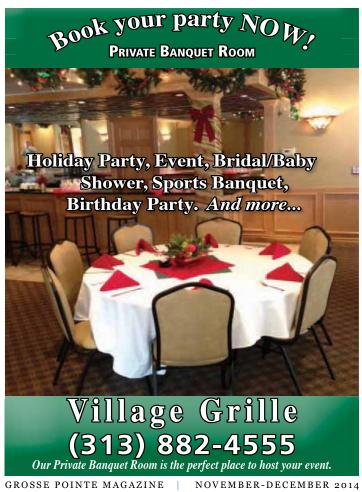


In Santa's Village, children can visit with Santa each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, 12, 19. No charge for photos. For the exact location, go to www.thevillagegp.com and Facebook.

### **Festive Fridays**

On Friday evenings in December there will be carolers and holiday music; activities for families and festive treats. Stores will offer specials as well. Visitors are encouraged to take the Trolley for shopping and dining.







Reduce Holiday Stress When Hosting a Home Party

### **Hire a Caterer!**

**By Patti Theros** 

ntertaining at home is a wonderful way to ring in the holidays. The house is decorated for Christmas and it's a fun and festive time to have family and friends over. But with all of the other responsibilities associated with the holiday season, planning and preparing the food spread may not be something you want on your to-do list.

If you're hosting a small cocktail party, it seems like a good idea to pick up a few frozen hors doeuvres from Costco and pop them in the oven before your guests arrive. However, during the holidays even a 'quick' trip to the store tends to take much longer.

Tony Marchiori, owner of Marchiori Catering, housed in the Assumption Cultural Center of St. Clair Shores, says convenience is one of the main reasons people hire a caterer, especially during the holidays.

"When you're cooking a meal for 20 guests, it seems simple; take your recipe for four and times it by five," says Marchiori. "But when you have this much food you may not

have the proper equipment to cook it or to properly store the additional food."

Hiring a caterer also allows a host/hostess to spend more time on other details of the event. Marchiori tells his customers, "I take the food portion out of it so you can tend to the other aspects of hosting a party such as decorating, cleaning your house, making sure you have the right furniture so you can seat everyone, beverages and setting up a bar."

Fran and Bob Maxey of Grosse Pointe Woods host an

annual family Christmas Eve party for 50 people. "Every year I pre-order a few meats, a pasta and a vegetable and then guests add to those items with salads and other dishes," says Fran, a mother of five. She picks up her order on Christmas Eve at Marchiori Catering. "There are so many other things surrounding hosting that having it catered or at least some of the food catered helps so you can also enjoy the party."

Aspects of entertaining at home during the holidays include finding the right tablecloth, place settings and centerpieces. Pictured above is a sample table designed by volunteers at the annual Festival of Tables fundraiser at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Right, fresh flowers are always a nice touch when hosting a home party. Left, sample of a catered grilled vegetable table station.

Top photo by Michael Bertakis; other photos by Patti Theros



# Questions to ask before hiring a caterer:

- 1. Do you want a professional bartender? "If you don't have a bartender, you may spend the entire night pouring drinks instead of talking to your guests. You can relax and enjoy the event with someone else tending the bar," says Marchiori.
- 2. How long has the caterer been in business? Do they have a hall or other accommodations if you decide you don't want the party at your home?
- 3. What are the caterers' specialty items? Any special dishes for the holidays? Marchiori says tenderloin is extremely popular during the holidays. Some popular sides include spinach pie, pastas and potato dishes.
- 4. Can the caterer accommodate special food restrictions? Many people have food allergies. Does the caterer offer gluten-free dishes?
- 5. Does the caterer support local growers? Do they shop at Eastern Market for their produce? Do they make their own bread or purchase from a local bread store?
- 6. Is the staff experienced? Do they dress in black tie or wear a t- shirt and khakis? Do you want the staff to greet guests? A professional staff always makes a good impression for a home party.







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# Holiday feast



n Christmas Eve morning, our family would go to Belle Isle to feed Santa's reindeer, a tradition that my Papap started with his kids. We would bring bread, marshmallows, apples and carrots so the reindeer would be well fed for their

long night ahead.

Our feast would begin in the early evening. I remember the adults preparing the food while the kids sat impatiently waiting for Santa to appear at the door with a bag full of toys. Once Santa sat in a chair to distribute gifts,

the chaos began.

Now that I am older, I think back to those great Christmas Eves and remember the joy of being with family and all the meals that we shared. I hope that the holiday season fills your home with joy, love and laughter.

### **Dauphinoise Potatoes**

serves 6

Ingredients
6 Yukon potatoes
2 egg yolks
2 cups heavy cream
3 sprigs thyme
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1 cup (8 oz) Gruyere cheese
Salt and pepper

### Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F
- 2. Peel and slice potatoes very thin
- 3. In a bowl, add together potatoes, cream, eggs, thyme, nutmeg, salt and pepper and let sit 30 minutes
- 4. Layer the potatoes and cheese in a greased 13" x 9" pan, starting with a layer of potatoes
- 5. Pour any remaining cream mixture over the top of the layered potatoes and cheese
- 6. Bake for 50 minutes, until golden brown

### **Mushroom Duxell**

Ingredients

- 1 pint mushrooms
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 shallot, chopped
- 1 tbs butter
- 1/4 cup white wine

### Directions

- 1. Sauté mushrooms, garlic and shallots in butter
- 2. Add white wine and reduce, let cool
- 3. Blend mushrooms and set aside

### **Puff Pastry**

#### Directions

- Place puff pastry on greased cookie sheet and top with another cookie sheet
- 2. Bake in preheated oven for 20 minutes, until golden brown

### Deconstructed Beef Wellington

serves 4

Ingredients
4 6-oz beef tenderloins,
halved

Directions
Prepare filets to personal liking. They can be

seared or grilled to the temperature of your preference.

### Dry English Mustard Paste

Combine Dry English Mustard and water to create a paste

### **Plating**

Layer from bottom: puff pastry, filet, mushroom duxell, puff pastry, filet, English Mustard, puff pastry

### Seared Vegetables

Ingredients
Brussel sprouts, halved
Cherry tomatoes, halved
8 slices bacon

### **1 sprig** thyme

- 1. Prepare bacon and keep some of the grease in the pan
- 2. Sear brussel sprouts and cherry tomatoes in pan with grease from bacon
- 3. Cut bacon into pieces and mix with vegetables and thyme in a bowl



Chef 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.

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. Today, Steiner is a chef at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Follow him on twitter@Chef Ethan.

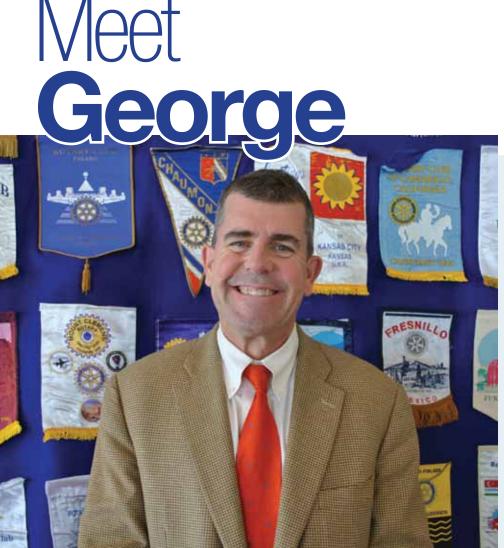


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What is one thing not many people know about you?

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You win the lottery. What do you do?

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My work on local issues that have contributed to passage by the voters of various millages and bonds.

Words to live by?

A strong local community is the foundation that the state and nation is built on.

Name George R. McMullen, Jr.

**Age** 57

**City** Grosse Pointe Woods

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## George's

## **Favorites**

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Fall

**Movie** 

Caddyshack

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The Bridges of Madison County

**Vacation** 

**Summers at Port Austin** 

**Spot in Grosse Pointe** 

My home

**Outdoor Activity** 

Walking

Food

Calamari

Restaurant

City Kitchen

**Sports Team** 

**Detroit Lions** 

Dessert

Crème brûlée

## About

## George

George McMullen is a great contributor to Grosse Pointe, his hometown.

A few of the local organizations George participates in include Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, Services for Older Citizens and The Family Center.

He is most interested in local issues and politics, attending galas and exercise.

## Protect yourself

By Ken Welch

few weeks ago I was talking to a Grosse Pointe high school student about an ad for her school newspaper.

During the conversation, I casually asked her if she worked out. "Not really," she said. "I don't have time." This from a 17-year-old — the same excuse I've heard from a lot of adults.



I then asked her what was the first thing she bought after she purchased her new cell phone. Easy answer: a hard-shell case. Why? To protect the insides of the phone and avoid the cost and aggravation of a repair.

Why wouldn't the same principle apply to your body? Exercise and, in particular, strength training does the same thing for you that the hard shell case does for your phone.

These days, we as a society are very conscious of the importance of protecting everything — home security, insurance, computers backed up and installed with the latest antivirus systems, seat belts, self-defense courses, sun block and, most of all, our children. The list goes on.

Our muscles protect our bones, organs and ligaments from a variety of potential and damaging situations including age. It's not just about being healthy or athletic.

A few years ago, an elite swimmer I worked with suffered double whiplash in a car crash. She was told she could have had a broken neck had she not been strong from training and lifting weights. That about says it all. Protect yourself or be vulnerable? You pick.

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



## Stahls to host Veterans Day open house

Stahls Automotive Foundation, a nonprofit organization created to preserve, restore, and exhibit specific vintage vehicles of the 20th century for educational purposes, is hosting an open house at Stahls Auto Museum from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day. Located near 26 Mile and Gratiot in Chesterfield Township, the museum

is home to over 100 historically significant cars from the Brass, Vintage, Pre War, Post War and Modern Eras.

In addition to the vintage cars and other memorabilia on display, guests will have an opportunity to view special presentations and enjoy interactive exhibits intended to commemorate this day of recognition and remembrance. Included will be videos of Bob Hope's USO variety shows and a presentation of the Top Ten Events in American history in the museum's drive-in theater. The Foundation's Music Room also features some of the most spectacular organs and mechanical music machines from the 20th century.

This is a family event for all ages. In addition to veterans and their guests, local youth are encouraged to attend. "One of the purposes of this event is to encourage open discussion about history between the generations, to allow veterans to share their stories," says Ted Stahl, creator of Stahls Automotive Foundation. "We are humbled to be able to recognize veterans in this way. My father served in the Pacific, and my brother is also a veteran. We have many family members who have served or are still serving."

There will also be military vehicles on loan from The Detroit Arsenal for Democracy available for viewing, including Gen. Eisenhower's staff car. Representatives

> from Certified Senior Solutions, a Grosse Pointe organization that helps families with senior care needs, will have advisers at the event to provide assessment and link families and veterans with the services and professionals they need.

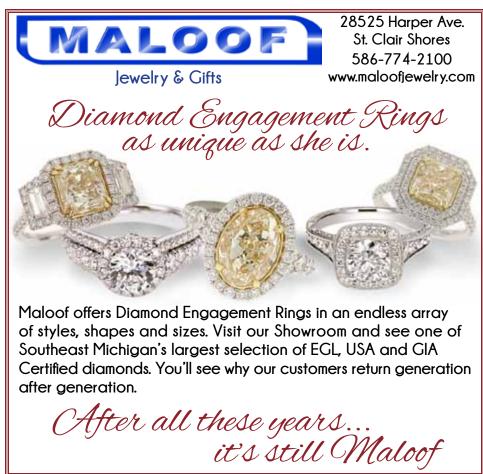
The event is open to the public and is free of charge. The Stahl Family will match any donations made on this day, with proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Stahls Auto Museum is located at 56516 North Bay Drive, Chesterfield Township. For more information, visit stahlsauto.com/veteransday14.

Stahls Automotive Foundation was created to build an appreciation for our history with a mission to educate, motivate and inspire young people with a passion and appreciation for vintage vehicles and help them to understand their contribution to the development of the car industry as well as their impact on society, history and everyday life. For more information, go to stahlsauto.com or call (586) 749-1078.











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Wine tastings are provided by Great Lakes Wine & Spirits and beer tastings are provided by Atwater Brewery. There will be a cash bar apart from the tastings.

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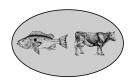


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## THE HILL

SEAFOOD & CHOP HOUSE

### **By John Minnis**

pon entering The Hill, one cannot help but notice how much lighter, brighter and open the landmark Grosse Pointe Farms restaurant has become following recent renovations. "We wanted to de-clutter, to simplify things," says Andrea Soave Provenzano, who became sole owner of

The Hill Seafood & Chop House two years ago.

She said the first year was spent evaluating the restaurant, "trying to determine what we were to become and where we came from." While the restaurant was closed for a few weeks this summer for dining room renovation, the behind-the-scenes work has been ongoing for some time.

"There are so many things that have happened here that people don't know about," Soave Provenzano says. "Usually what new owners do is the dining areas, not the kitchen because you don't see it. We did just the opposite. We did the kitchen first." Make that two kitchens — upstairs and down. Other big-ticket items include new coolers in the bar, things customers take for granted.

The most obvious change is the removal of the fireplace and glass wall partition between the bar and dining room. "Our thought in opening the dining room area is that we had a very polarized business," Soave Provenzano says. "There was the bar business and the dining room business, and they never mixed together."



"It's more open now," says general manager Gretchen Meeuws. "There's a good vibe." She notes that the atmosphere now flows from the more casual bar, to the midrange lower dining area to fine dining on the upper level. "You can find your space at The Hill," she says.

The lighter ambience carries to the menu, a "touchy subject," Soave Provenzano admits. "You have to tread lightly." Meeuws adds, "We like that people are comfortable enough to comment on the changes."

Lighter, healthier fare proceeds from the mayonnaise and oils to locally grown produce to the fresh-caught wild seafood to the prime Allen Brothers and Creekstone Farms meats. "There are no processed meats here," Meeuws says.

Of course, renovations and updating at a community institution like The Hill are ongoing. The former Wine Cellar in the basement has been remade into a private dining room that can seat 50. The front of the building now boasts The Hill's new sign and logo. And while the city has approved plans for rooftop dining, Soave Provenzano says, "We're not

there yet."

However, as of press time, Soave Provenzano's "pièce de résistance" — "The Mural," as it is simply called — had yet to arrive. The huge work of art will grace the northern wall of the elevated dining room. "It's going to be a little edgy, in your face," Soave Provenzano says.

The Hill is also investing in its staff, having sent its chefs to The Culinary Institute of America in New York. The effort paid off. The Hill boasts the "Best Turkey Burger in America" and was listed among the Top 10 restaurants in Metro Detroit by Zagat in 2013.

Above all The Hill, as it enters its 15th year, remains a community and family oriented institution in Grosse Pointe. "Fifteen years. That's a big deal, especially now," Soave Provenzano says. "We plan to be here a long time."



## Protect inherited IRAs from creditors

By Jon B. Gandelot

any clients have
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exempt from creditor claims. Frequently, clients want to pass the IRA to spouses and, after the spouse's death, to their children, using an inherited IRA.



The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a unanimous decision in June 2014 that inherited IRAs may not be exempt from the claims of creditors, as previously thought. In the *Clark* v. Rameker case, the debtor declared bankruptcy and tried to protect the money her mother had left her in an inherited IRA from her creditors using the "retirement funds" exemption. Her creditors wanted the court to force the debtor to use the funds in the inherited IRA to pay her debts. The court ruled that because of the differences between how a traditional or Roth IRA and an inherited IRA operate, assets in inherited IRAs do not fit the definition of "retirement funds" and are available to creditors.

A simple way to avoid this potentially disastrous result is to create a Retirement Benefits Trust ("RBT") and name the trust as the beneficiary of your IRA. The RBT must be carefully drafted and implemented to obtain the asset protection and the benefit of tax deferral, and to avoid an unintended distribution of the IRA, which would result in a large tax bill in one year.

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









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## A young author spins a not so scary tale

By Beth Newhart

iordan Kemp is a typical fifth grader at Trombly Elementary School. He's a little nervous when he is put on the spot and will crack jokes. He likes Fridays because he can get candy and eat it while reading in class. But he's been hiding something from his friends on the playground. Riordan is

a published author.

His e-book A Not So Scary Halloween Night (And Maybe Possibly Seriously the Best One Ever) is available as an e-book on Amazon,

and at one point, was number six in the holiday category for Kindle's

Children's Books.

In all fairness, it probably helps that his dad, Paul S. Kemp, is a *New York Times* bestselling author and knows his way around publishing. A couple of years ago, the younger Kemp came home from school with a story he had written as a class assignment. Dad was impressed.

"When I first read it, I thought, 'I need to do something with it. It's so clever," Paul says.

Self-publishing wasn't as widespread at the time, but this year, Paul decided the time had come. He found Cordelia Wolf through a friend, and she added illustrations to the story. By mid-September, it was

By Rioldan W. Kemp The Best One Evel
and Paul V. Kemp

available to the public.

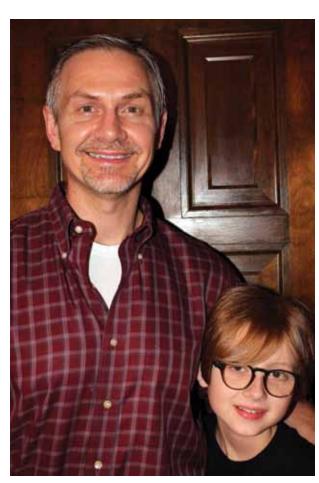
Riordan says he enjoys writing because he can make up anything he wants, whether it's about himself or the zombie attack of Abraham Lincoln. This story took him about a week, in school days, to write for his teacher, Mary O'Meara.

"She thought it was good," he says, "but she wanted me to edit it a bit. That's when the good stuff came out."

The story tells the tale of a friendly vampire with a coffin full of candy but no trick or treaters with whom to share. A series of loud noises raises him from his slumber and introduces a mummy, a witch and finally a tarantula that is clueless about where he should sleep. In the end, he joins the vampire in the coffin full of candy, and All Hallows' Eve ends well.

This might not be the last we hear of the second Kemp as an author.

"If the gig goes well, I'll have a sequel or something," he says. "Trick or treaters might come. Or maybe a demon comes through a portal."







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## By Lauren McGregor

he illumination of 80,000 twinkling lights will guide the way for Winter Wonderland merrymakers on the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. This year marks the second annual Winter Wonderland, a spectacle that enchanted 1,500 visitors last December.

"Winter Wonderland was a great addition to the Ford House holiday offerings and we received such positive feedback that we expanded the number of evenings that it's offered and we are adding even more lights to the path," says Ann Fitzpatrick, vice president of the Historic Ford Estates.

Holiday carols ring out along the half-mile light display leading visitors to open fire pits, where they can warm up, sip hot chocolate or mulled wine and listen to storytellers. Children are invited to wander around the decorated Play House, visit Santa's Workshop and create a holiday craft.

"There isn't anything else like it in

Grosse Pointe so it provides families with a unique outdoor evening out and to see the estate in a whole new light, so to speak," says Fitzpatrick. "A lot of families even combined it with their annual drive along Lake Shore to see the houses all lit up."

For those interested in seeing how the Ford family would have celebrated the holiday season, a candlelit stroll through the festively decorated estate is an additional option.

Winter Wonderland will take place Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person for outside activities only, and \$15 for both the indoor and outdoor experience.

The mainstay of a Ford House Christmas experience, Holiday Tours, are offered Tuesdays through Sundays, ending Jan. 4. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$11 seniors and \$8 children ages 6 to 12. Hours are Tuesdays from Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays, from 12 to





4 p.m.

For more information or to order tickets, visit www.fordhouse.org.
Tickets go on sale at 8 a.m. on Nov. 3.



## Dreaming of a White Christmas for Liggett Breast Center

oin Fontbonne Auxiliary's 61st White Christmas Ball celebration on Saturday, Dec.13 at the beautifully renovated Cobo Center in Detroit.

The event will honor A. Christine Watt, MD, FACR and proceeds will purchase a new breast ultrasound

White Christmas Ball I can see your

machine for the Liggett Breast Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

The elegant black-tie evening has an angelic theme of "I Can See Your Halo Glow" and music by L'USA. The evening, chaired by Pam Meyer, will begin with a cocktail hour in the glass atrium overlooking the Detroit River followed by dinner and dancing in the Grand Ballroom.

Guests will enjoy views of festive downtown Detroit and experience a creative ambiance provided by Scarlet Poppy.

Keepsakes for the evening have been donated by edmund t. AHEE jewelers. Admission is \$300 per person.



Top, White Christmas Ball Committee
Above, Fontbonne President Amy Danna of Grosse
Pointe Shores and Ball Chair Pamela Meyer of
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Afterglow admission is \$125 per person. Contact Raegan Movinski at (313) 343-3675 or raegan.movinski@stjohn.org for more information.

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programs are already under way, but they depend on community support and a successful signature event.

This year's **HOLLYFEST Benefit** Co-Chairs are Mary Beth Austin, Gaby Boddy, Judy Gafa, George McMullen, Anne Prokop, Rania Routsis, Marina Southers and Beth Vernon. The benefit support team includes John Minnis, Pointe Magazine; Donald Schulte, Don Schulte Photography; and

year's festivities, the HOLLYFEST organizing committee is partnering with the GPYC as the venue of choice for HOLLYFEST 2014.

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Friday, Nov. 21, at a

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"We are very excited to hold our ever-popular HOLLYFEST fundraiser at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club this year," said Cathy Leverenz, president of The Family Center board. "The larger space allows us to 'spread out' and offer even more fabulous silent auction items, not to mention the elegant atmosphere and superb cuisine at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club."

HOLLYFEST is an invaluable lifeline for The Family Center, as funds from guests and supporters help sustain programming at The Family Center, including the Ask the Expert lectures and articles in the Grosse Pointe News, Play Central (a place for parents, grandparents and all caregivers to play with their children while socializing with others), and more. Funds also underwrite communication outreach efforts to thousands of families and professionals via social media, newsletters and the website. Plans for the 2014-15

Vickie Winn, CKC Agency.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a VIP Reception for Partner Level sponsorships of \$250+, followed by cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions and dinner. The evening will conclude with musical entertainment courtesy of The Jalopy Brothers, a jazz trio with a 1920s New Orleans jazz sound. Past live auction items have included a week stay at a Fripp Island, S.C., vacation home kindly donated by Todd and Allison Baker, a week stay at a Colorado vacation home donated by John Danaher, Ippolita earrings from edmund t. AHEE jewelers and a Detroit Sports ticket package including four premier seats at a Lions, Tigers and Red Wings game.

General admission starts at 6:30 p.m. General admission (\$125) tickets and Partner Level VIP (\$25) tickets may be purchased online at www.familycenterweb.org.

For more information, call (313) 432-3832 or e-mail elizabeth.vernon@familycenterweb.org.





eople sometimes ask why I have worked for my favorite charity for so many years and the best I've been able to offer are vague explanations about kids and duty and charitable giving, etc. The usual stuff.

But when it comes right down to it, I think it all started with the memory of an orange.

I was 6 years old when my siblings and I got our first Christmas gifts from the Detroit Goodfellows. The nation was slowly crawling out of the first Great Depression. Jobs and money were scarce and families were still suffering. Some, like ours, were upended by desertion, separation and divorce.

We lived in a drab third floor walk-up

in the city's heart. Mom made sure we had a tree, but there were no lights and only a few decorations. On Christmas Eve, however, things brightened when two uniformed Detroit Police officers appeared at the door with gifts from the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit.

I can't remember all that was in the box the cops lugged up those three flights. But there was an orange, a rare treat, for each of us. I think I kept mine for a week before devouring it ever so slowly.

Scenes like the one my family experienced all those years ago have been repeated hundreds of thousands of times over the century since the Detroit Goodfellows were founded in

1914. Dozens of them, in fact, are among hundreds of illustrations of Goodfellows volunteers raising money, packing and delivering gifts that have been chronicled by co-authors John Minnis and Lauren McGregor and included

in a great new book from Arcadia Publishing.

If a picture is worth 1,000 words, these photos are worth a million memories of the people and events that for 100 years have made sure that the Goodfellows' mantra "No Kiddie Without A Christmas" has stayed true to its pledge.



Above, Detroit Police officers and Boy Scouts deliver packages to a family in need on Dec. 23, 1935. Left, Frank J. Brady, Edward J. Brady, Frank Brady Jr. and Joseph W. Brady sell newspapers downtown on Dec. 20, 1954. The Brady family has been an integral part of the organization since its patriarch, James J. Brady, founded the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund in 1914.

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## "OPENING OUR DOORS" Holiday Home Tour

### **By John Minnis**

or 30 years, the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement
Foundation has been improving the community and quality
of life in the Shores, and this is especially true during the
holidays. This year, the foundation will hold its fifth Holiday Home Tour
on Sunday, Dec. 7, featuring five Shores homes beautifully decorated for
the holidays. The Holiday Home Tour is a semi-annual event, alternating
years with the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South High School, which
also holds a semi-annual home tour during the holidays.

"We're on the off year of the Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club tour," says past President Susan Walton, now chair of the Projects Committee. "We're hoping to pick up some of the South moms," adds Hidee Neuenschwander, Events Committee co-chair.

Coinciding with the Holiday Home Tour will be the foundation's two-day "Deck Your Halls" holiday store, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6-7, at the Schroeder Fieldhouse, featuring decorated wreaths and miniature Christmas trees for sale. Having the Deck Your Halls store at the Schroeder Fieldhouse is significant in that the foundation dedicated the building in 2011. "It's just a way for us to showcase one of our projects," Walton says.

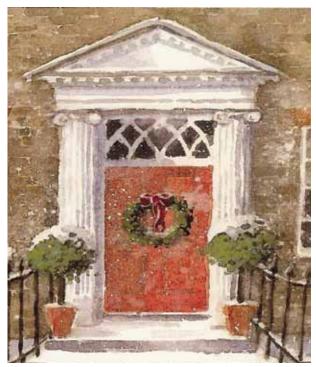
The Shores Improvement Foundation was formed in 1984 to improve Lake Shore Road. During its first 10 years, the foundation contributed to the improvement of the roadway and medians, including planting trees, shrubs and flowers and installing sprinklers and decorative road signs and lampposts. Other projects include the Tot Lot and, just this year, a Splash Pad at Osius Park, fencing around Vernier Field and, of course, trees. "We've planted hundreds and hundreds of trees," Walton says.

This year, under the leadership of President Lynn Kurtz, the foundation held its "Cheers to 30 Years" event Sept. 27, raising some \$13,000 on a "picture perfect day" at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, says Neuenschwander.

The Deck Your Halls store at the Schroeder Fieldhouse will be open Dec. 6 and 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. Home tour tickets may also be purchased those days at the fieldhouse. Home tour tickets are \$20 in advance at Shores Municipal Hall or \$25 the day of the event at the Schroeder Fieldhouse or at the individual homes. An optional brunch at Lochmoor Club is also offered the day of the Holiday Home Tour from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. Brunch and tour tickets are \$40 in advance or \$45 the day of the tour at Lochmoor.

Both the Holiday Home Tour and Deck Your Halls store are open to the public.

For more information on the Holiday Home Tour and Deck Your Halls, or on the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, visit gpsif.org or call the Village Hall at (313) 881-6565.







## It's flu season

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

t seems that every disease making the news these days starts with "flu-like symptoms." When you are ill, deciding when to rest at home, go to the doctor or even to the emergency room can be difficult.

The right information is crucial — you must tell your doctor about your symptoms, their severity and any chronic diseases. Don't forget other



things like travel, and working or living with groups of people (senior housing, dormitories, children).

Those with a chronic disease are at greater risk of complications from infections such as the flu and need the tools to help monitor their disease. Insurance can cover these devices.

For example, people with diabetes should have a glucometer; those with asthma should have a flow meter and an "asthma action plan." A blood pressure machine is a must for anyone with hypertension; this can also help doctors distinguish between true elevated blood pressure and "White Coat Hypertension." A pulse oximeter (a device that measures blood oxygen) is important for people with emphysema and other lung problems and many even have a built-in heart rate monitor.

Other important things to do: get the flu vaccine (everyone 6 months and older) and the pneumonia vaccine (ask your doctor) and wash your hands correctly. Scrub between fingers and for long as it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" slowly in your head — out loud is optional!

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



## historical holidays

## A 1914 Grosse Lointe Christmas

Looking back at what the holidays would have been like at the Drovencal-Weir House 100 years ago

By Kay Burt-Willson and Leslie Kaye, Ph.D., of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society

n 1914, the Provencal-Weir House would have been one of the many Grosse Pointe residences celebrating a French Catholic Christmas.

This is the year that Henry Ford changed the world with doubling the working man's pay to \$5 a day! Detroit was one of the most modern, fast growing and ethnically diverse cities in the United States. This prosperity enabled Christmas Day feasting at the most elegant hotels from lengthy menu offerings of every imaginable holiday delicacy.

But nothing could be more delicious than the traditional Christmas dinner served in many Grosse Pointe homes, Le Reveillon!

The family would joyously look forward to this feast, eaten after Christmas Eve mass at St. Paul's Church. One would anticipate the cherished tourtiere, a minced pork pie with a holiday spice, the boudin, a sausage and the tarte au sucre, made from maple sugar.

Food connects us with our ancestors and heritage. The wonderful meals served on the table in Grosse Pointe would certainly have rivaled the holiday feasts of Detroit's fine dining establishments.

Decorations were handmade, often of natural greenery, felt or wood. Real candles perched in the Christmas tree and the family's best wares were showcased for the Christmas Eve feast.

And the attire was just as fine. One hundred years ago marked the era between Edwardian and Art Nouveau dress. With the start of the Great War in 1914, military motifs worked their way into winter wear dress and hats. If you were lucky enough to have an automobile, the duster, car coat, or "manteaux automobiles," and a scarf about your hat kept the snow off.

For a holiday night out, top hat, tails and black patent leather shoes were still right for men, and a lady might wear a traditional fur muff and collar.

For women, corsets were just giving way to the contemporary brassiere, patented in 1914 by Mary Phelps Jacob. Tight bodices were swapped for empire waistlines inspired by the Ballet Russe, forging the early path to flapper wear.

All of these traditions, from tourtiere to top hats and fur muffs, inspire the Provencal-Weir House during the holidays. Come see the Provencal-Weir house in its historical and festive best!







## historical holiday crafting



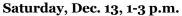


## Ornament making

Join Izzy for Second Saturdays at the Provencal-Weir House to make this craft and others!

Saturday, Nov. 8, 1-3 p.m.

Decorate your holiday table with a festive Thanksgiving table runner. Adorn with fall leaves, pumpkins, turkeys and pilgrims.



Decorate your Christmas tree with snowman, gingerbread man and reindeer felt ornaments. Modest sewing skills needed.

Both crafts are appropriate for children ages 7 and older. Refreshments will be served. Cost is \$15 per session for members, \$20 for non-members. Reservations must be made by the







Thursday before each event. Ask for Izzy at (313) 884-7010.

#### **Materials:**

Paper template of holiday figure Two pieces of felt Needle and thread Buttons Cotton stuffing Ribbon

#### **Directions:**

- **1.** Choose template figure (gingerbread man, snowman or reindeer), felt color and thread.
- **2.** Trace template on two pieces of felt, one for the front and back.
- **3.** Cut felt pieces and sew eyes, noses and buttons on the front of your ornament.
- **4.** Sew <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the ornament with a cross stitch and then stuff batting in ornament.
- **5.** Complete the sewing, add ribbon for optional bows and to hang ornament.

At table, clockwise from top left, Christopher Cleland, Sarah Bingaman, Hayden Barry and Lilly Cleland. These historical crafters have fun creating ornaments at the Provencal-Weir House.



### By Patti Theros

f you're looking for the perfect wine to complement your main entrée, or just want to talk about wines in general, Chuck Donaldson of Alger Deli & Liquor on Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe is your source.

"He (Chuck) loves wine," says his sister Claudia Muer, who also works at the family-owned store. "It's his passion. Over the years he has educated himself about wines. He has read about the wines, purchased them, done wine tastings and visited many vineyards."

And with so many wine choices available today, Chuck has many returning customers who rely on his guidance when making a selection.

"The most expensive mistake you can make when buying wine is picking a pretty label and not knowing what you are buying," says Chuck Donaldson. "I can help guide my customers through that process. I learn their palettes and direct them in that direction."

Chuck often begins by asking a customer what type of wine they like and what they liked or disliked about that wine. He says overall most customers want a good bottle of wine for a good price.

Couples hosting their wedding at the War Memorial and other venues often rely on Alger's for their wine and alcohol needs. Sheree Hill, another sister who works at the store says, "Customers will call and ask how much wine do I need for 200 people? We say, stop right there. We recommend that they come into our store and talk to us. Some of the questions we ask: Do you want wine at the table? Do you want wine at the bar? Do you want a toast? Does your family prefer beer over alcohol?

Do they like specialty beers? We listen to the customer and then figure out the order."

Alger also has

a deli where mom Louise Donaldson makes homemade dishes on various days of the week. "Every Wednesday is fried chicken and every other Friday she makes a Chicken Eisenhower (broccoli, chicken and cheese) or a Chicken Florentine," says Chuck.

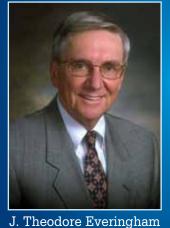
"She also makes homemade Pacific lump crab on Fridays," adds Claudia. "We have quite the following for our lump crab cakes on Friday nights!"



It's a family affair. Right, Chuck Donaldson of Grosse Pointe Woods, his mom Louise Donaldson, and sister Claudia Muer. Inset picture, sister Sheree Hill. All of them have worked in the business since the time their father, the late Chuck Donaldson, purchased it in 1974. Alger Deli & Liquor celebrated its 40th year in business this June.

Photos by Patti Theros





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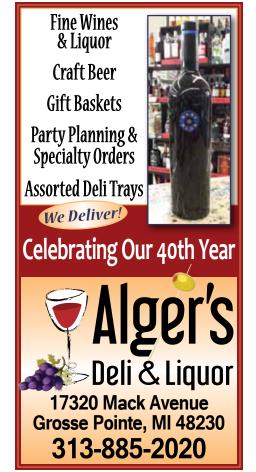
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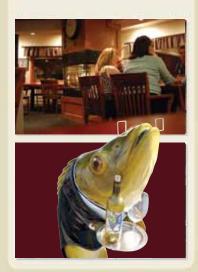
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### By Lauren McGregor

o one knows quite how the vocal jazz group got its name, but for the Grunyons, that seems wholly suitable. The fun loving, passionate group of vocal jazz singers, traditionally of university-level talent, is an experience to behold.

Quite simply, "We love singing," Sandy McMillan, Yale University alumnus and Grosse Pointe Farms resident, says. "It's a performing group because we have such a good time." McMillan still sings with former Yale Whiffenpoofs, the oldest collegiate a cappella group in the country, across the country every six months.

Founded by Grosse Pointe Yale alumni looking for an avenue to

express their continued musical interest, the Grunyons were formed. In 1949, the ensemble was of Grosse Pointe Yale stock. Today there are members from Harvard University, Princeton University, University of Michigan and beyond. Grosse Pointers now comprise about half the membership.

John Prost of Grosse Pointe Park jibes, "The guys know how long I've been around and they said I can stay in until I learn the music." Prost has been a Grunyon for 50 years.

The group is naturally social and has bonded Grunyon families, as rehearsals alternate between members' homes.

The youngest Grunyon, 21-yearold Adam Alcantara of Grosse Pointe Shores, echoes this. "My dad (Dr. Anthony Alcantara, leader of The Grunyons) and mom hosted rehearsals when I was younger, so I've been around it forever," says Alcantara, who joined in 2011. "It was an amazing thing for this group to come sing in our home. I would get so excited as a kid. It was the best night ever."

Rick Spina, who joined the Grunyons in 1983 and sang a capella at Princeton University agrees. "It became a natural, instant, mini-family. For me, it's an outlet. It's a combination of a social club and the sheer fun of entertaining."

The Grunyons match their easygoing rehearsals with a serious range of talent.

"Unlike a barbershop quartet, we







can create eight parts," says McMillan. "Our music historically came out of the 40s and 50s, very melodic, danceable material with a great tempo. We are also getting into younger stuff."

Grosse Pointe Park resident Philip MacKethan, who sang at Vanderbilt University and at University Liggett School, explains the Grunyons' wide range of material. "We sing music from Johnny Mercer all the way up to Randy Newman and a Michael Buble cover of a Beatles song."

"Vocal jazz is wildly adaptable to audiences if you have a reasonable repertoire," Spina adds. "We as a group have adapted over the years."

This adaptation has led to countless local and nationwide concerts and a membership age range of 60 years.

The oldest Grunyon, Ron Fredrick, 81, says, "Our founder, Bill Gard, was

Top, standing, from left: Adam Alcantra, John Gilbert, Tim Malefyt, Dave Whitehead, Phil MacKethan, Bill Flom, Steve Redding, John Birchler, Jason Hinz, Bob Montgomery, Rick Spina and Ken Faw; seated, from left: John Prost, Ron Fredricks, Dick Bourez and Sandy McMillan a fabulous musician. Even though he was so into the music, he felt that the fellowship was more important."

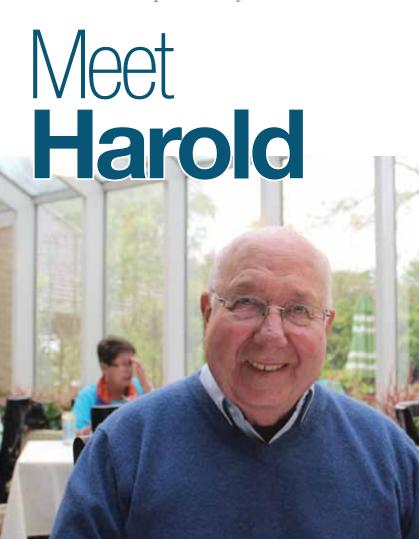
When the Grunyons began making money at some of their events, they decided to put these proceeds to good use and founded the Michigan Vocal Jazz Society in 1978.

"Our mission is to promote local

vocal jazz, particularly with young people," says McMillan. Their most common form of youth promotion is high school workshops.

Next up? The Grunyons' second annual Christmas Show at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Dec. 15, from 7:30-8:45 p.m. Be sure to get your tickets now!





What was your first job?

Golf caddy at Plum Hollow

What is one thing you miss about being a kid?

Nothing. I'm not grown up yet!

What did you want to be when you were a child?

A sailor

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

An Alaskan cruise with the entire family

What is the most historical day in your lifetime?

The end of World War II

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

I worked for General Motors Design Staff for 33 years.

Words to live by?

Each day is a gift.

Name Harold Chyz

**Age** 82

**City** Grosse Pointe Woods

**Occupation** Retired Supervising Design Sculptor at General Motors

## Harold's

## **Favorites**

#### **Season**

Fall

#### Book

Shane by Jack Schaefer

#### Movie

Magnificent Seven

#### **Musical Artist**

**Bunny Berigan** 

#### Food

Seafood

### Restaurant

The Hill Seafood & Chop House

#### **Dessert**

Banana cream pie

#### **Vacation**

Australia (for work, as well)

#### **Activity**

Sailing

## About

## Harold

Harold and Cynthia Chyz, who have been Grosse Pointe Woods residents for 47 years, are the proud parents of Grant (daughter-in-law, Laurie) and George. They are also loving grandparents of Helen and Paul.

Harold's greatest interest is sailing. He purchased a sailboat in 1971, which his sons won many races in for 15 years. "I still sail the same boat which has been completely restored and classified as a classic."

This year marks a milestone anniversary for Harold and Cynthia. "My wife and I are grateful to celebrate our sixtieth anniversary," he says.

## 'Aging in Place'

By Ronda Maniaci

ging in Place" refers to one's ability to live safely and comfortably within the home, while aging.

According to AARP, nearly 90

percent of seniors age 65 and older want to remain at home throughout their later years, and for millions of seniors, they are making it happen.



Beyond the cost, there are many

benefits to aging in place and with a variety of home health care services and products available today. Seniors are managing their care successfully at home with medical and non-medical (day to day) assistance.

Other benefits to aging in place, including:

• Maintaining independence

- Reducing fear and anxiety
- Familiarity of one's surroundings
- Remaining close to family and friends
- Staying healthier, reducing the exposure to communicable viruses
- Keeping a regular routine
- Reducing hospital stays and Medicare costs
- Promoting better health and recovery
- Promoting mental health

To decide whether aging in place is appropriate, it is always best to talk to your loved one and discuss his or her wishes. If you are considering aging in place, it is important to assess the current living conditions and consider home modifications, which will increase safety and adapt to changing needs.

Ronda Maniaci is a Certified Senor Adviser, wwner of Comfort Care and Medical Alert provider. She can be reached at (313) 881-3390 or at ronda.comfortcare@sbcqlobal.net.







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

Happy Hour: Mon-Thurs 2:30pm-5:30pm & 9:00pm-close

Web: WWW.BLUFINSUSHI.COM













## **Champs Rotisserie & Seafood**

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.

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## **City Kitchen**

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Located in the heart of The Village. City Kitchen prides itself on being a unique neighborhood eatery that serves quality fare in an upscale, yet relaxed and casual setting, as well as carry-out and on- and off-site catering. The restaurant offers fresh seafood from Foley Fish Co., Boston's famous fish house, as well as Great Lakes perch, pickerel and Lake Superior whitefish delivered daily. From the grill, try "Certified Angus Beef" New York strip or tenderloin steaks and some of the best burgers in town. Also enjoy seasonal salads, desserts, appetizers and wood-fired pizza. Join us 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.

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

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## **Harvard Grill**

### 16624 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park • (313) 882-9090

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Hours: Mon-Fri 6:30am-3pm; Sat 8am-2pm; closed Sunday Web: www.highergroundsministries.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!

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



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Hours: Daily 11am-1am (Kitchen closes at midnight.) Web: www.luxebarandgrill.com











## Lyla's Carry-out Deli

20083 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods • (313) 884-5841

A new Lebanese deli has arrived in Grosse Pointe Woods! Lyla's Carry-out Deli features all of your Lebanese favorites, including meat pies, spinach pies, baked kibbee, humous, freshly made salads to order and a variety of sandwiches. Lyla's also carries cheese and olives, Lebanese bread (baked fresh and delivered daily) and many non-menu items that are sure to please everyone's tastes. In addition to the deli menu, Lyla's also offers a catering menu that can be found online and features many delicious options.

Please think of Lyla's when planning your small family gatherings, office meetings and throughout the holiday season!

Hours: Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Closed Sunday









### **Mack Avenue Grille**

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

The new Mack Avenue Grille, under the ownership of veteran restaurateurs Louie and Dino Ropotos, offers fine dining at diner prices! Choose from three homemade soups du jour or freshly homemade chili daily. Or choose from 31 salads that come with warm pita bread and tomato vinaigrette. Of course, burgers and all manner of diner sandwiches are offered on the extensive menu. True to the owners' heritage, Greek specials include gyros, souvlakis and spinach pie, to name a few. To start your day, Mack Avenue Grille offers fresh-squeezed orange juice and three-egg, whipped omelets of all combinations. Dinner specials are offered daily, so you never know what culinary treats you will have to choose from besides the menu regulars. All ingredients are fresh — no frozen fish here! For a fresh change of pace, give the new Mack Avenue Grille a try! We now serve beer and wine to enhance your dining experience! Spirits coming soon!



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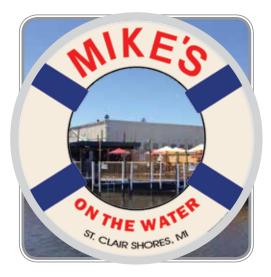
Kitchen Hours: Tues-Thur 11:30am-9pm: Fri-Sat 11:30am-10pm

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## **Morning Glory Coffee & Pastries**

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It's Grosse Pointe Farms' newest "go-to" hot spot! Morning Glory Coffee & Pastries' 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 coffee shop is its liquor license — guests may enjoy specialty coffee drinks such as Spanish Coffee, wine by the glass, or even a "spiked" lemonade! Stop in early for that first fresh brewed "cuppa" with a homemade pastry and come back for a Mediterranean Veggie Wrap and house-made soup 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 two 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







## **Rockefellers Oyster Bar and Grill**

15402 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park • (313) 626-5000

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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 quests. Join us on Thursdays for \$2 Margaritas. Carry-outs available.

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

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

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# **The Rattlesnake Club**

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Locally Grown since 1988. Watch "Bon Appetit, Detroit," our new cooking video series in partnership with Eastern Market, on our website! 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!

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**By John Minnis** 

ongtime Grosse Pointers are well aware of The Monahan Company. Think of the War Memorial and the Fries Ballroom and Auditorium, University Liggett School, the restored Albert Kahn Shores Municipal Building, Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Joan of Arc Catholic Churches and, going back to 1941, the John Lord Booth home on Provencal Road. They are all examples of The Monahan Company's long presence.

The company was founded in 1922 by Edward V. Monahan, who came to Detroit from Canada and began building custom homes. Today, 92 years later, the third and fourth generations of Monahans, many still residing in the Pointes, carry on the tradition of quality and relationship building started by their patriarch.

"It's a rare opportunity to become part of such a unique and close-knit company," says David Monahan, representing the fourth generation of Monahans to work for the firm. "I'm very privileged to carry on a legacy of dedication and integrity that my family has cultivated over 90 years." Allison Monahan, another Generation IVer, adds, "Being part of The Monahan Company allows me to have a link to the past that my family has built throughout the last 90 years and allows me to be a part of building the future."

Over the course of nine decades, The Monahan Company has evolved. The founder's custom homes became bigger and grander, culminating in the John Lord Booth house on Provencal, known for its inviting ironwork portico. Transitioning from grand homes to churches was another natural progression. Between 1948 and 1965, The Monahan Company built 183 structures for the Archdiocese of Detroit, including St. Joan of Arc at the Grosse Pointe-St. Clair Shores border. Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church at Morningside and Fairford in Grosse Pointe Woods is a more recent project, completed in 1999, as were additions and renovations at



D.J. Monahan, third-generation Project Director with The Monahan Company, takes in the view atop The Ashley, left, a nine-story apartment building, formerly the Milner Hotel, across from the Detroit Opera House, with his son, Patrick, who worked for the summer on The Ashley. In the background behind the Wurlitzer Building is the Metropolitan Building, The Monahan Company's next project. Photos by John Minnis



Third- and fourth-generation Monahans working at The Monahan Company, from left, standing, W. Daniel, Kevin C., Alissa D., Joseph A., David R. and Daniel J. "D.J."; sitting, from left, Michael J., Michael P. and John E.

Grace Community Church and St. James Lutheran Church.

The Monahan Company also has been, and is, a major player in commercial, institutional and medical construction. Bon Secours (now Beaumont) and Henry Ford Cottage Hospital have been key clients, as are the Oakwood and Detroit Medical Center health systems. The Monahan Company has done many projects for the University of Detroit Mercy, including its new 43,000-squarefoot, glass-and-block fitness facility. The company has also done major renovations at the UDM's dental and law schools, as well as converting a Rivertown warehouse into the towering, glassfacaded University Prep High School on Franklin Street.

Today, as The Monahan Company approaches its centennial, it is fitting that much of the firm's work is in historical restoration projects in Detroit. The former Newberry Nurses' Home (c.1898) in the Detroit Medical Center, the Old Fellows Hall (c.1917) in Southwest Detroit and the John R Rowhouse (c.1890) come quickly to mind of early restoration projects by The Monahan Company. Currently, the company is working on restoring the former Milner Hotel (c.1917) across from the Detroit Opera House and converting the space into 67 one- and two-bedroom apartments.

"Restoring old and often dilapidated facilities is both challenging and rewarding," says D.J. Monahan, Project Director for "The Ashley," as the former Milner Hotel is now called. "I enjoy all the work we do but there is something special about breathing new life into abandoned or underutilized structures."

Like many Grosse Pointe young people, Monahan moved to Chicago after earning a degree in construction management at Michigan State University. When he was ready to raise a family, though, he returned to Grosse Pointe. He is married to Mary Sue Stonisch-Monahan, D.D.S. They live with Dan's two daughters from a previous marriage, Ellen, 17, and Madeleine, 15 — both students at Grosse Pointe South High School and Mary Sue's son, Patrick, a third-year student at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland who Dan adopted in 2008. Patrick, 20, worked the summer with his father and another fourth-generation cousin, Andrew McCallister on The Ashley project, punching holes through footthick walls and carrying drywall up nine flights of stairs.

Father and son are excited by what they seeing happening in Detroit. "If you would have asked me 15 years ago," D.J. says, "I would have said Detroit is stagnate at best. Yet, now, there is a revival afoot and I'm excited for both my generation and my son's."

One can only imagine what wonderful structures the fourth, fifth and sixth generations of Monahans will build. If history is any indication, they will be magnificent.

**Great Lakes Log** 

# DYC, charter school program

By Ted Everingham

niversity Prep Schools, a charter school system in Detroit, this summer launched a unique partnership with the historic Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle that made it possible for 25 University Prep Science & Math (UPSM)

middle and high school students to learn to sail in the DYC's Junior Sailing Program as an extracurricular supplement



to the students' science and engineering coursework.

The collaboration was made possible by a large anonymous donation, part of which was used to help pay startup costs associated with the program, which is expected to continue for at least the next four summers.

UPSM students are selected for the program based on their academic performance — a minimum 3.0 GPA is required — as well as the students' essays and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or other adult who is not a parent or guardian of the applicant. They also must be able to pass a swim test that requires them to swim 50 meters and tread water for 12 minutes. More than 30 applications were received for the 25 available spots in the inaugural program, which ran from July 7 to Aug. 1.

The UPSM-DYC program was recognized by the National Sailing Hall of Fame based in Annapolis, Md., during its induction ceremony held at the Detroit Yacht Club in September.

Organizers hope to raise additional funds through donations to cover the costs of equipment, life jackets and program materials for the student-sailors and to ensure the longevity of the program.

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.

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very first combat mission. These crew members both lived—one through Thunderclap and one through the Black March—and this is their story: an account of both constant air combat and travail on the ground. First Lieutenant Addison Bartush, the co-pilot in this excerpt is a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe.

Author and lifelong Grosse Pointer, Richard Allison, is a retired trust bank lawyer and retired captain in the United States Naval Reserve JAG Corps. This is his first professionally published book.

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# Operation Thunderclap and the Black March

By Richard Allison



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irst Lieutenant Addison Bartush's voice was being drowned out by the unmistakable scream of a Pratt and Whitney-powered P-47 flying overhead. "To go dancing with the four 'M's," he yelled in answer to his friend's question. "At the Terrace Room of the Statler Hotel . . . Mary, Marilyn and Marion!"

Addison sat at a table in the Officers Club at Bassingbourn USAAF Air Station, about 40 miles north of London, where he served as a second pilot flying B-17s in the 91st Bomb Group of the mighty Eighth Air Force. The 91st completed its last mission of the war on April 25 and the Nazis surrendered unconditionally on May 8. The celebration on base had continued uninterrupted since then, and this day would be no exception. It was a time for the survivors to celebrate their hard-won victory and to rejoice at their own good fortune. It was a time to decompress and to dream about going home. It was a time to reflect upon their recent experiences that, over time, would become indelible memories, and it was also a time to think about the friends they had lost.

The P-47 roaring overhead was called the Thunderbolt, but just as often it was referred to by its ignominious nickname, the "Jug," as it looked like one. In a dive, the P-47 was magnificent and fast. This particular plane was used by the 91st to locate their bomb group in relation to other bomb groups forming up for missions over Nazi Germany. Today it had been liberated for a joy ride by one of the B-17 pilots who had 20 hours experience flying one.

Slowly sipping his beer, Addison was not the least bit distracted by the racket outside. It had taken the better part of a month for it to finally sink in that he had flown 31 combat missions and would not have to fly number 32. He no longer had to suit up every fourth or fifth day in the very early

morning. He no longer had to endure a somber breakfast followed by a tense mission briefing. Now he could relax and enjoy his morning cigarette rather than just suck one down for a quick preflight fix. Even the Officers Club was more fun now. Germany was "kaput"—destroyed. His gladiatorial lifestyle was now in remission. Although he might get dragged into the war against Japan, he was able to set those worries aside for the time being and bask in the satisfaction of a job well done. The nervous feeling he carried in the pit of his stomach was now subsiding.

Addison looked around the room packed with celebrants—men parked at the curved, polished wooden bar or seated at the tables; practically every table was filled. Cards were being shuffled and dice were shaken in a cup. It was early evening, getting towards sundown and a fair amount of scotch and beer had been consumed. "I'm lucky to be at Bassingbourn," Addison thought. "The Savoy Hotel of air bases!"

Addison thought of his last strategic mission, the attack on that airfield in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, on April 25, the last mission of the war for the Eighth Air Force. It had really scared him. The war was supposed to be about over, but there he was flying through the most ferocious flak field he had ever seen. The first pilots in his squadron, the 324th, including his own first pilot, had disobeyed orders to make a second pass at the target area and turned back for home.

This episode seemed like a bad dream. Most of his combat experiences were bad dreams, Addison reflected. He had seen things from a viewpoint almost five miles high, and even from that altitude some of what he saw shocked him. "Dresden," he uttered under his breath.

His thoughts switched back to dancing at the Statler Hotel in Detroit. He would proudly wear his summer khaki uniform with jacket and tie. Above his left breast pocket would be his silver USAAF wings and an Air Medal with a number of oak leaf clusters, each cluster denoting five combat missions performed. In 1943 when he left the company of those young ladies, the four 'M's, he had been a fraternity boy. In 1944 when he briefly saw them again on home leave he was a newly minted flight officer, proud but nervous about the future. Now he was returning as someone else entirely, and he felt good about the changes. The war had aged him well beyond his 23 years. Now he was a first lieutenant and a combat veteran. He had accomplished something. After the chuckles about his many girlfriends subsided, Addison's thoughts shifted again, as they often did that day. He remembered that horrible event of November 26, 1944 when German fighters shot down a B-17 that carried six of the crewmen that he had trained with in Gulfport, Mississippi, along with three veteran airmen. He himself had flown his first combat mission only the day before. When this happened a few parachutes had been spotted, but not knowing who may have survived, the USAAF listed

The entire crew of nine as missing in action. Of his six buddies from the

Gulfport days, he now knew, both from official sources and letters from family members, that two had been killed, three had been taken prisoner and that one, the tail gunner, was still not accounted for. All he could do in the immediate aftermath of that tragedy was to commiserate with his other two Gulfport crewmembers who, like him, were not assigned to fly that fatal mission. A devout Catholic, Addison also prayed with Father Ragan, a chaplain at the base, who had been wonderful to him throughout his time at Bassingbourn. Addison knew that top turret gunner Charles Cumings and radioman John Kendall were dead and did not hold out much hope for the missing tail-gunner, Owen Monkman. Six months on a MIA list with no International Red Cross change in status was not a positive circumstance for Owen. Addison also appreciated that a B- 17 tail-gunner had the least chance

of any crewman of evacuating a stricken bomber. With only a few chutes spotted, chances were that Owen's was not one of them.

And of his POW buddies?

The two officers, First Lieutenant Dave Bishop, his pilot, and Flight Officer Robert J. "RJ" Miller, his navigator, were said to be in the Stalag Luft I, a large POW camp for commissioned officers, near Barth, northern Germany. The news reported that the Red Army had liberated Stalag Luft I on May 1 without shots being fired. Addison was mindful that a U.S. and British airlift to this camp was in progress at this very moment. Hopefully he would be reunited soon with Dave and RJ, or at least be notified of their safe return to U.S. military control.

Where POW waist-gunner Sergeant Paul Lynch might be at that time was unknown. Paul had been shipped to an NCO POW camp in northern Poland in December, but there had been press reports that in early February the camp had been closed and that most of its occupants were put on a forced march through Nazi Germany. Both the International Red Cross and Paul's family were in the dark as to Paul's status since this march began. On the move, Paul

could not mail out letters or postcards as he did from the POW camp.

Addison remembered one thing about Paul that would serve him well if he was still alive: the guy was resourceful. At Gulfport, when their bombardier unexpectedly dropped out late in the B-17 crew training, the three remaining officers picked Paul out of six enlisted crewmen for training on the Norden bombsight. Paul was a quick learner and physically strong. Over several months Paul demonstrated time and again the ability to make sound decisions. If any one could make that march, Addison thought, it would be Paul. "Thank God that the shooting is now over," Addison reflected, thinking that if Paul were still alive this circumstance would help him.

A number of Addison's friends and associates had perished during his time at Bassingbourn. He was immensely grateful for his own survival, but contemplated from time to time, "Why me?" He looked slowly around the room at the faces of his fellow celebrants and knew instinctively that every one present had recently asked himself the same question. There had been

A book signing will take place Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. All proceeds from books sold that evening representing the difference between the discounted Casement price and the signing party sales price will go to the War Memorial. Along with author Richard Allison, First Lieutenant Addison Bartush is scheduled to attend.

close calls, lots of them, and all here had shared the risks.

Again, "Why me?" he asked.

The sound of the P-47 came back again, even louder than before. "Pull up!" someone shouted from the bar inside in response to the deafening noise. That yell was followed immediately by a loud crash outside.

"My God!" Addison screamed.

Major James Griffin, the well-liked operations officer of the 324th squadron, went down near the intersection of the two runways at the Bassingbourn airfield while attempting a low altitude roll. He became the last casualty of the 91st Bomb Group in Europe in 1945.

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For three months Sergeant Paul Lynch had been on a continuous march;

he reckoned that he had lost about a third of his body weight, but had no way of knowing this other than the fact that his filthy, itchy, lice-infested wool uniform hung off him like a loose bag. He smelled and looked horrible; his hair and beard were unkempt and matted by dirt—caked hard by the smoke of many evening fires and the dried-up perspiration that had accumulated after three months of slogging through snow and mud and sleeping in barns. He knew he looked like a wild beast, but there wasn't much he could do about it.

On May 12 his trek across Europe had finally ended, and for the past three days he had been billeted in a dormitory of what had been a technical school before the war. Paul was now in the custody of the Red Army and received regular meals, but he knew it would be some time before he recovered from the effects of slow, persistent starvation. And try as he might he could not significantly improve his personal hygiene, as there were no baths or showers available and no change of clothing.

The last three afternoons and nights had been horrible. He had never witnessed anything like them in his life. This was not the world that he had been

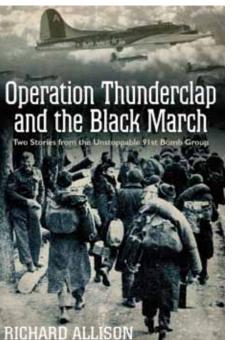
raised in. When would the horror end?

The U.S. Army was nearby, just across the river. The war was over. When would he be permitted to go home?

Paul remembered back to the day in early October 1943 in Leominster, Massachusetts, when he walked to the bus stop with his kid brother, Bruce, on his way to his induction at Fort Devens. Bruce was 11 years old and he looked up to his 18-year-old brother with envy and pride for the "adventure" that Paul was about to begin. "Some adventure," Paul muttered to himself, followed moments later by a defiant "I'm alive!" In the quiet of fading daylight, he then offered, "Thank you, God, for letting me live. If I ever return to my family, I vow to put this whole episode forever behind me."

Paul had accomplished something remarkable. Along with three other American airmen, on April 22 he escaped his Nazi captors and made his way through the battle line to be liberated by advancing Soviet forces. Now, in supposed peacetime, he and approximately 160 other Americans, all former POWs of the Nazis, were held in a Soviet-administered collection center for U.S. servicemen in the city of Riesa, Germany, anxiously awaiting repatriation.

Paul looked out a dormitory window at the balcony of an apartment house across the street. He dreaded the advance of the day as he knew that was when the drinking of vodka would start up in earnest. He felt truly sorry for his former enemy. Would he witness again what he saw before?



—Evangelii Gaudium, Francis the Bishop of Rome



# WHY DID JESUS FOLD THE LINEN BURIAL CLOTH AFTER HIS RESURRECTION?

Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple out ran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus's head was folded up and lying to the side. (John 20:7)

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the Master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and the Servant would wait, just out of sight, until the Master had finished eating, and the Servant would not dare touch that table, until the Master was finished.

Now if the Master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The Servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, "I'm done."

But, if the Master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because the folded napkin meant, "I'm coming back!"

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# Plan for your vacancies

By Anna Bartolotta

s we end the year, property owners in our area face different challenges in their investments and rental properties. The

weather always plays a factor in the number of available units in our area and the amount of people looking for housing; potential tenants are slowing down



their search as they prepare for the holidays. How does this affect the homeowner?

A vacancy in the late fall or the winter poses a problem for everyone involved, especially you and your bottom line. An attempt to resolve that vacancy is much harder than in the spring and summer months, but it can be accomplished. A proactive remedy would be a variation on the standard 12-month lease term. A 12-month lease is usually the safe idea for every party involved, but in fall and winter the property owner or their agent may want to look into a possible six- or an 18-month lease just to get us through the harder times.

The goal is to get that lease to end in an appropriate season when our tenants are plentiful. Springtime is incredible in our area for a multitude of reasons, one of those reasons being the new tenants coming in to live. In my opinion, the homeowner is best served making sure that their vacant unit is ready for new tenants at that point and not the harder months to ensure that you are not left in the cold with an empty unit.

Anna Bartolotta is owner of Grosse Pointe Apartments and Property Management. This area's only dedicated, full service, full time rental agency staffed with licensed agents.







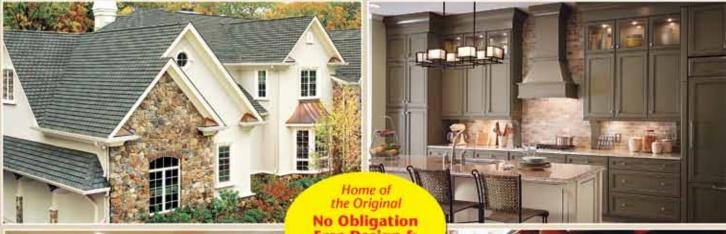


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## What was your first job?

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#### What is your most often used phrase?

I'm just trying to stay out of the way. I'm trying to fake it till I make it (I think I made it). What is the best advice you've ever received?

Your word means everything.

### Why did you want to become a restaurant owner?

I enjoy serving people. It is my life's passion to see people smile.

#### If you weren't a restaurant owner, what would you be?

Mayor or City Council President of the City of Detroit

### What is your next goal?

To expand Rockefellers and make it the number one restaurant destination on the eastside

#### Tell us something about you that most people don't know.

My family has been in the business for over 90 years in Detroit. I'm a fourth generation entrepreneur. Also, I'm an avid deer hunter and enjoy salmon fishing on Lake Michigan.

Name	Jai-Lee Dearing
Age	42
City	Grosse Pointe
Occupation Restaurant Owner	

# Rockefellers Oyster Bar & Grill

"Rockefellers has been open for about two months and is already the hottest spot in the community," says Jay. "We have a full dinner menu of seafood, steaks, raw oysters and sushi, as well as a full bar with a great wine list."

Rockefellers is located at 15402 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Park.

"Our patrons boast about the clean and beautiful appearance of the restaurant, the delicious cuisine and our awesome staff," says Jay. "We have also received a rave review from columnist Molly Abraham of *The Detroit News*."

# About **Jay:**

"I love what I do and I work hard to provide a good life for my family."

As owner of Rockefellers, Jay says, "I've always been passionate about food and making sure to provide a product and service that make my customers happy."

He enjoys hanging out at home with his children, cooking gumbo and other creole dishes, traveling and attending his children's extracurricular activities.

Jay and wife, Shellina, are the proud parents of Melba, 16, Miles, 13, Jai-Lauryn, 8, and Jordyn, 3.

# Louisa St. Clair Chapter, NSDAR May 15 @ Assumption Cultural Center



Seated: Grace Smith, Patti Theros, Peggy Scully, Julie Schroth, Dot Martin; standing Elizabeth Findeis, Shirley Hartert, Carole Jennings, Prudy Billiu, PJ Steeby, Barbara Nickles, Kris Fontichiaro, Kay Burt-Willson



Molly Clark, Jane Turnbull and Cheryl Holm



**Dot Martin, Jane Turnbull and Peggy Scully** 

## MSUAA-EWC Wharton Center Event May 21 @ GPYC

Photo by David Brown



Michigan State University Alumni Association of Eastern Wayne County brought together graduate student performers from the MSU Wharton Center for the Performing Arts with musicians from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at a gala scholarship fundraiser at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

## **Sunset at the Zoo** June 13 @ Detroit Zoo





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## Ambear

Ambear is a Newfoundland-Great Pyrenees mix who will turn 10 years old on Jan. 25. She enjoys taking her best friend, Marianne of Grosse Pointe Woods, for a walk twice a day and visiting the horses at Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.



# **Biscuit**

Biscuit is a 6-year-old rescue found in Manistee National Forest. She's very good at ignoring the playfulness of her sister, Maple, but stands at attention when treats are involved. Biscuit is so happy Bill and Danielle McAllister have found a big yard for her here in Grosse Pointe Woods!



## Leo

Leo is a nearly 2-year-old standard poodle, who lives in the Shores with the Kefalonitis family. He is getting into the Christmas spirit with groomer Katherine Zielinski: temporary green hair spray on his ears.



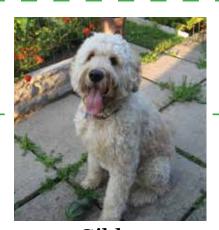
# JAX

"My name is JAX, I am a long haired German Shepherd and about two years old. I am a big dog, about 90 pounds, but gentle. I give paw shakes for treats. No treat, no paw shake. I have adopted Nancy and Craig and let them live with me in Grosse Pointe City."



# Jessie Daisy

Jessie Daisy is a 3-year-old golden retriever rescued from the Buckeye
State in 2013. Happily settled into her Spartan family home in the Woods,
Jessie enjoys basking in the sunshine, patrolling the neighborhood on her daily walks and 'innocently' annoying her feline sister, Jazzie.



# Gibbs

Gibbs is a 14-month old, 85-pound Golden Doodle, loved by Cindy Manardo of Grosse Pointe Woods.

# Cruciate ligament injury in dogs

By Dr. David Balaj

ruciate ligament injuries are a common orthopedic condition affecting the knee joints in dogs. Sometimes called ACL or CCL tear, it mostly occurs in large breeds but can affect dogs of any size. Veterinary studies show that up to 60 percent of dogs who tear one CCL will eventually tear the opposite one as well. While a torn

ligament is not a lifethreatening injury, it is one that must be addressed for the sake of your dog.

The cruciate ligaments form an X-shape within the knee joint and are



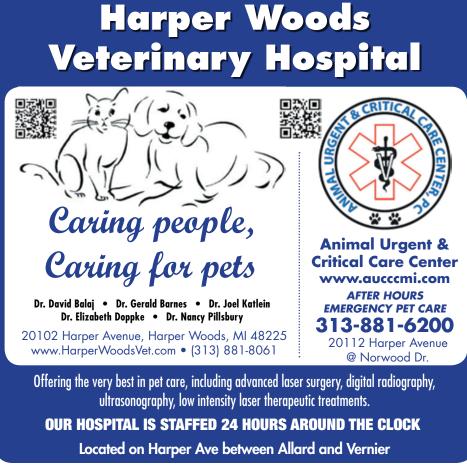
responsible for its stability. An injury can present as intermittent mildly painful lameness, or it can be a sudden onset of extremely painful rear leg lameness. Causes include genetics, poor physical condition, breed disposition, trauma, and obesity. The injury can eventually result in variable degrees of arthritis, but the proper therapeutic plan will help minimize this.

If you suspect your dog has a CCL injury, your veterinarian will perform an orthopedic examination and palpate the knee joint. Radiographs of the hips and knees are often required to help determine the best treatment plan. While most dogs with cruciate injuries require surgery, treatment options may include medical management and physical therapy. Your veterinarian will work with you to create an individualized therapeutic/surgical plan based on your dog's individual needs in order to help your four-legged friend return to normal activity levels as soon as possible.

Dr. David Balaj, a 1987 graduate of Michigan State University, has expertise in advanced surgical procedures, laser surgery and oncology, including chemotherapy. He joined Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in 1987.









# Doctor's Care Goes Skin Deep

**By Beth Newhart** 

Ithough Dr. Carol
Kowalczyk specializes
in reproductive
endocrinology, her practice
encompasses the body, mind and
spirit of her patients. Hers is a line of
medicine that deals with raw emotions,
and her patients are always seeking
answers. What caused the condition?
How can I improve my chances? Am I
eating the wrong foods?

"People are worried about what's being put in the food we eat," she says, adding that patients are looking for ways to maximize their fertility and chances at conception. "Then a patient asked me about what she was putting on her face."

Kowalczyk started to think. People are concerned about what they put in their bodies, but most skin care product ingredient lists are rife with

unpronounceable words.
Was this really the best way to care for your outside? She saw a need and set out to fill it, launching a line of organic skin care products called in Harmony.

Over the past two years, in Harmony has brought several products to market, including a facial cleanser, moisturizer and toner, a masque, eye and face cream, hand and body lotion as well as lip balms and glosses. This holiday season, she will introduce an organic line of cosmetics, too. Kowalczyk has not only worked hard to create pure-and-simple products, she has also worked to keep prices reasonable as well.

"It's affordable," she says. "I want people to benefit from these organic products. I want a good, quality product that everyone can enjoy."

Photos courtesy of in Harmony

Kowalczyk has partnered with a female-owned Michigan company to produce the products in an effort to support the local economy. Born in Detroit and raising her four children with her husband in Grosse Pointe Farms, the good doctor wants to make things better not only for her customers but also community in which she lives.

In Harmony products are currently available in several locations in Grosse Pointe, including Wild Birds Unlimited on Mack Ave. in the Woods, El's in the Village and Do by Hair in the Park's West Park.



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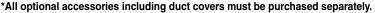
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- "The Art of Jerry Crowley" Grosse Pointe Historical Society Fundraiser at the Provencal-Weir House, \$20, includes wine and appetizers, art sale continues Nov. 7-8, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce **Business Exchange the Grosse Pointe** War Memorial, 5-8 p.m.

- O7 FRIDAY
   Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish hosts "American Heroes: A Musical Salute to the Armed Forces," 7-8:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation Fall Fundraiser and Membership Drive Kickoff at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$125 per person, \$200 per couple, "buy one, get one free" admission for attendees under 40, appetizers, beer and wine included, 7-9 p.m.

# 08 SATURDAY

- · Grosse Pointe Historical Society Second Saturdays at the Provencal-Weir House: Open House, 1-4 p.m., and Children's Workshop, Thanksgiving decorations, \$15 per member, \$20 per nonmember, 1-3 p.m.
- Mom-to-Mom Sale at the War Memorial, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

# **09** SUNDAY

- · Sunday Dog Walk at the Ford House, every Sunday in November and December, 8-11 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents A View from the Bridge at the War Memorial, also Nov. 13-15, 20-22, for tickets, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org

# 11 TUESDAY - Veteran's Day

- Stahls Automotive Foundation 2014 Veterans Day Open House at a museum showcasing more than 100 vintage vehicles at 56516 North Bay Drive, Chesterfield, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- The Family Center: "The College Selection Process: Keeping it Real and Making it Yours" at Grosse Pointe North, 7 p.m.

 Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce **Business After Hours at Smile** Enhancement Studio, 5:30-7 p.m.

# 12 WEDNESDAY

- The Montessori Night at The Grosse Pointe Academy, at the GPA Early School, 7 p.m., call (313) 886-1221 or visit gpacademy.org for more information
- Terme Day Spa Open House and Networking, 4-8 p.m.

13 THURSDAY
The Family Center, "The College Selection Process: Keeping it Real and Making it Yours" at Grosse Pointe North, 7 p.m.

- 15 SATURDAY
   Holiday Pictures at Bow Wow Baketique, call (313) 469-7204 for more information, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Camp Bow Wow Pet Adoption, 12-3 p.m.
- The Taste at Our Lady Star of the Sea, evening of beer and wine tastings, food samplings, jazz music, \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door, 6:30 p.m.

# 10 SUNDAY

• Grosse Pointe Public School System Open House, for more information visit gpschools.org, 1-3 p.m.

17 MONDAY

"Music with Wine" at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial with the DSO's Hai-Xin Wu on violin, 7 p.m.

# 18 TUESDAY

- · Grosse Pointe Public Library presents Capital Park: Historic Heart of Detroit author talk with Jack Dempsey at the Ewald Branch, 7:30 p.m.
- McMillan Lecture Series at Grosse Pointe Academy Field House, "World Class Learners: Educating Creative and Entrepreneurial Students" by Dr. Yong Zhao, 7 p.m.

## 19 WEDNESDAY

- Meet the Author at the War Memoral: Operation Thunderclap and the Black March by Richard Allison, 7 p.m.
- · GPHS Bicknell Lecture at the Cook Schoolhouse "Michigan's Drive In Theater" by Harry Skldra, 7:30 p.m.

# 21 FRIDAY

- The Family Center's HOLLYFEST 2014 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, \$125 per person, other admission levels available, silent and live auctions, dinner and entertainment, VIP reception begins at 6 p.m., general admission at 6:30 p.m.
- Village Aglow Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5:30 p.m.
- · Grosse Pointe Public Library "After Hours" for the whole family, "All About Turkeys" in the Woods Program Room, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## **22** SATURDAY

• Bird Walk at the Ford House, \$7, call (313) 884-4222 to register, 8 a.m.

25 TUESDAY

• Woods Aglow Tree Lighting at Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 7-9 p.m.

# 27 THURSDAY - Thanksgiving

- Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on Kercheval, between Lewiston and Cadieux, 10 a.m.
- · Come In! Warm Up! Have Fun! at Central Library after the Santa Claus Parade. shop used books, check out holiday movies and books, door prizes for first 100, all movies and games are free to check out, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- 30 SUNDAY
  Grosse Pointe War Memorial Family Holiday Double Feature, \$6 per person for one movie, \$10 per person for both: Frozen, 2 p.m., pizza intermission, and Miracle on 34th St., 5 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Lighting

# O2 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at Grosse Pointe Art Center, 5:30-7 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House General Holiday Tours, Tuesdays through Sundays, ending Jan. 4., \$12 for adults, \$11 seniors and \$8 children ages 6 to 12, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sundays, 12-4 p.m.

# December

# Calendar

O3 WEDNESDAY
• Grosse Pointe Park Tree Lighting, 6:30

# **04** THURSDAY

· Holiday Luncheon and Gift Boutique at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$25 per person, 12-2:30 p.m.

- 05 FRIDAY
   GPPL Senior Dance in the Ewald Program Room, 2-4 p.m.
- Winter Wonderland at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, details on page 50, also Dec. 6, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-28, from 5-8 p.m.

# 06 SATURDAY

- Camp Bow Wow Pet Adoption, 12-3 p.m.
- Free Family Movie Matinee at St. Clair Shores Public Library, 2 p.m.
- · Detroit Concert Choir "A Joyful Christmas" at St. Hugo's of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills, call (313) 882-0118 for more information, 7:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation "Deck Your Halls" sale through Dec. 7

- 07 SUNDAY

   Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation Holiday Home Tour
- · Breakfast with Santa at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$20 per person, also Dec. 13 and 14, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- · Holiday Tea and Tour at the Ford House, also Dec. 8 and 15, 3 p.m.

# **U9** TUESDAY

· Nutcracker Tea at the Ford House, also

- Dec. 10, 14, 16-18, 21, seatings at 4 and 6
- Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Holiday Shopping Evening at Wild Birds Unlimited, 5:30-7 p.m.
- Bedtime Stories with Santa at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$12 per child, also Dec. 10 and Dec. 15, 7-7:45 p.m.

## 12 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Christmas Open House at the Provencal-Weir House, 6 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Sugarplum Luncheon featuring excerpts from The Nutcracker, \$25 per person, 12-2 p.m.
- · Grosse Pointe Woods Polar Express, registration required, 5:30-8 p.m.

# 13 SATURDAY

- · Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Second Saturdays at the Provencal Weir House: Open House and Book Signing Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit by Lauren McGregor and John Minnis, 1-4 p.m. and Children's Workshop Christmas Ornaments, \$15 per member, \$20 per nonmember, 1-3 p.m.
- Camp Bow Wow Pet Adoption, 12-3 p.m.
- White Christmas Ball at Cobo Center, 6 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents Irving Berlin's White Christmas at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, also Dec. 14, 17-18, 20-22, for tickets, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org

14 SUNDAY
• Detroit Concert Choir presents "A Joyful Christmas" at Old St. Mary's in Greektown, Detroit, call (313) 882-0118 for more information, 3 p.m.

- The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus presents their 62nd Annual Holiday Concert "We Need a Little Christmas" at First English Lutheran Church, \$12 for adults, \$15 at the door, \$5 for children 12 and under, discount tickets available at Moehring-Woods Florist and Do by hair co., 3:30 p.m.
- The Turning Pointe presents "The Nutcracker Experience" to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation, tickets available at the studio, 6 p.m.

# 16 TUESDAY

 Wayne County Community College District "December Delights" at the War Memorial

## 21 SUNDAY

• Detroit Concert Choir presents "A Joyful Christmas" at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts, call (313) 882-0118 for more information, 3 p.m.

# 25 THURSDAY - Christmas Day

# 28 SUNDAY

• Grosse Pointe War Memorial Dinner and a Concert featuring Hai-Xin Wu on violin, Zhihua Tang at piano, Robert deMaine on cello, concert at 4 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.

31 WEDNESDAY - New Year's Eve Grosse Pointe War Memorial New Year's Eve Party, \$75 per person, \$125 per couple, music, dancing, food, Midnight Champagne Toast, dress to impress, cash bar, 21 and over only, 8 p.m.



A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS Concert Series: Saturday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills Sunday, Dec. 14, 3 p.m. Old St. Mary's in Greektown Sunday, Dec. 21, 3 p.m. **Macomb Center for the Performing Arts** 

Headquartered at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church and with rehearsals at Grosse Pointe North High School, the Detroit Concert Choir still grows where it was planted in 1987 by Grosse Pointer, Gordon Nelson.

The choir consists of 70 singers who perform everything from a cappella to folk to gospel music and beyond. "We've sung in over 30 languages and dialects," says executive director, Christine Rouce. "We've always had international themes because music is an international language." The choir is not only nationally acclaimed, but intertionally award winning.

Look for a feature on DCC in spring 2015.





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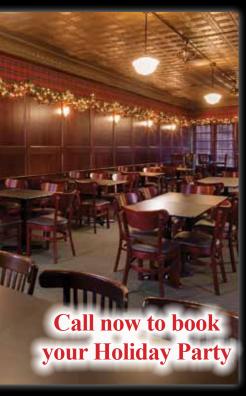




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