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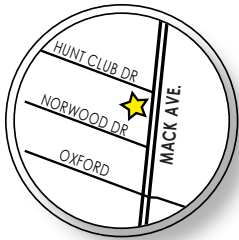
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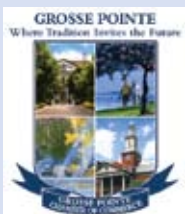
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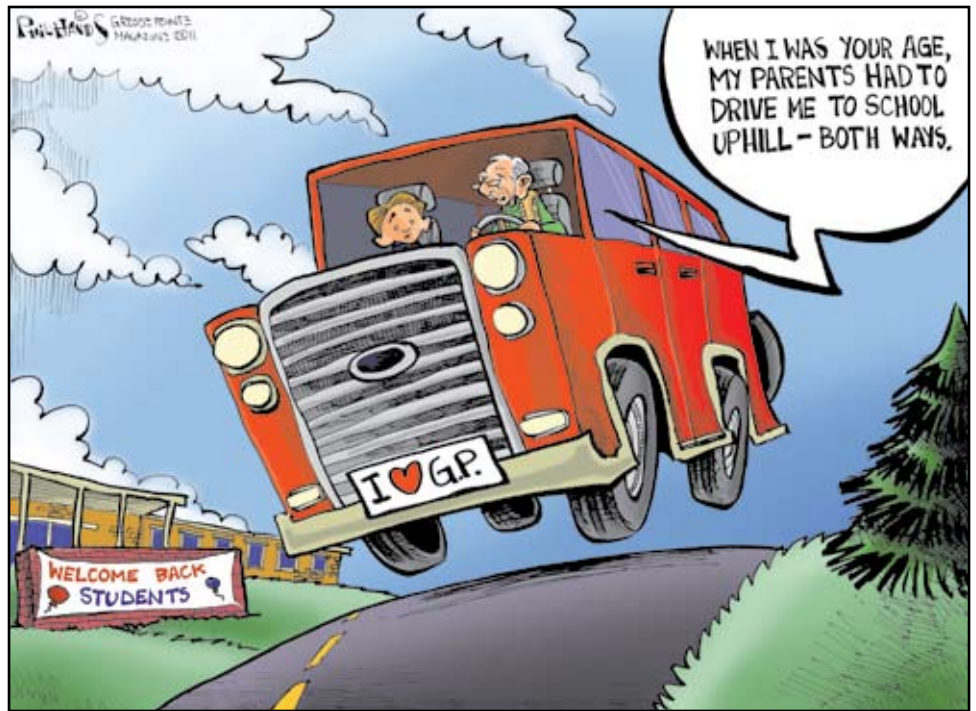
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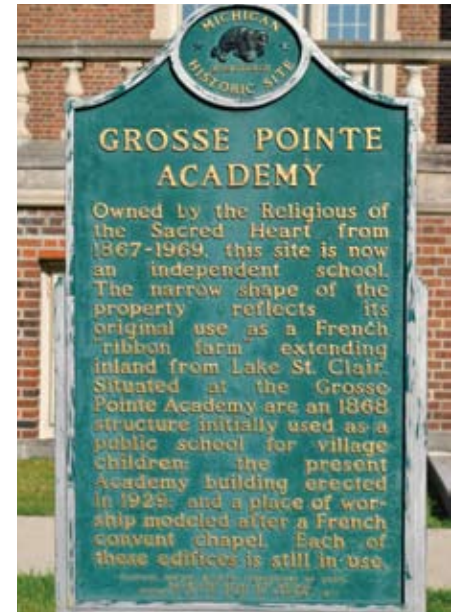


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On the Cover

For the cover of this issue of Grosse Pointe Magazine, we sought a photo that would be representative of “Back to School.” Older Grosse Pointe residents talk about going to “The Convent” for school. The school was known as the Academy of the Sacred Heart. In 1969, the The Sisters of the Religious of the Sacred Heart deeded the school and all buildings to a lay board of trustees, continuing under the same State of Michigan charter that was established in 1885. The academic building on the cover photo was built in 1928. (Photos by John Minnis)



May-June July 2011 Corrections

- The “Hunt Club to Host Premier Swim Meet” story should have said the Lochmoor Club was the defending champions in the 2011 MICSA Finale in July at the Hunt Club.
- The photo of the co-chairs of the Christ Church Antiques Show should have been credited to Brendan Ross.

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John Minnis
Editor and Publisher

Saying goodbye to Dad, ‘The Fighter’

As I write this, it’s hitting the 90s and the Dog Days of August haven’t even arrived! I don’t know about you, but we have been having so much trouble reaching folks that it seems we’re the only ones left in Grosse Pointe!

It is hard to imagine we are talking about back-to-school already. Where did the summer go?

A personal tragedy struck our family this summer. Terry’s father, Richard McRill, passed away June 12. He always treated me like a son. He will be sorely missed. He was “only” 79.

That doesn’t seem so old anymore. He was taken before his time.

In the hospital, Dad was known as “The Fighter.” And he was.

He was a cancer survivor. After being diagnosed with bladder cancer, he underwent the humiliating treatments even though they disgusted him. The procedure is so invasive for a man that one friend of Dad’s decided to let cancer take him rather than endure it. Not Dad. He not only survived, he did so with dignity and courage.

Dad was also a 160-pound loser. He lost that kind of weight long before they created a TV show about big losers. He did so without gimmicks — counting calories and fat grams. His

family physician, Dr. Saima Khan, and her father, Dr. Mohammad Khan, both of Grosse Pointe, can attest to Dad’s weight loss. Dad wanted the two of us to write a book about it. Now we won’t get the chance.

Dad grew up on the streets of eastside Detroit — literally. Going for a ride with Dad was like going back in time. He had tons of stories about roaming the streets as a kid. I can’t imagine his parents letting him do that! He was a loyal-but-critical Detroit Tigers fan and talked about how as a kid he would take streetcars to the stadium.

He never made it to college, which was not unusual for his generation. Yet you would never have known it, and it didn’t stop him from providing for his family and raising two great daughters.

When out of work, Dad did odd jobs for an attorney’s family in Grosse Pointe. When a job opened at a client’s factory, Dad got in. He had to promise not to get involved in unionizing the plant.

Dad, somewhat of a rabble rouser who could not sit idly by when injustices were occurring, couldn’t help himself. He got involved in the union, later to become shop steward. Terry recalls many great shop picnics and helping her dad write the union

newsletter.

Had he a formal education, I have no doubt Dad would have made it big in the union. He told me once that he went to confession after he led the men out on what turned out to be a long strike. The priest told him he was doing right. He was fighting for his workers. One wonders if a priest would say so today.

Even though it has been some 20 years since Dad retired, his shop was well represented at his funeral. In fact, we should all be so lucky and so well liked to have as big a turnout as he had. A man’s funeral is a good measure of the man.

Dad sadly leaves behind a lovely bride and mother, Dorothy (“Dot”); two daughters, Terry and Kris (Walt); and three perfect-in-every-way grandchildren, Lauren (fiancé Corey), Lindsay and Matthew. He will also be missed by his good friend Sonny and his Old Country Buffet chums Roger, Kathy, Angelo, Margaret, Ed, Ruth Ann, Nancy, Anna and JoAnn.

All we can say is be sure to appreciate your family today, because there may not be a tomorrow. Enjoy each day as if it were your or your loved one’s last — even if it is a Dog Day of summer!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John", written in a cursive style.

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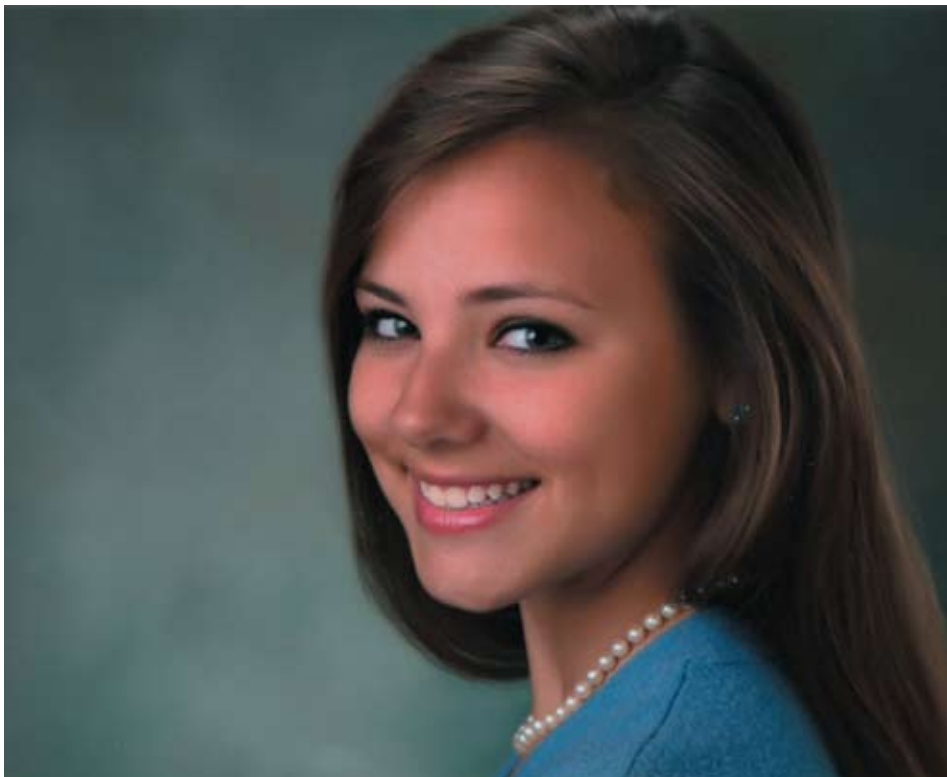
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Meet Katie

Name	Katherine Maggart
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Mrs. Randall, my Algebra II teacher my junior year.

Song that people would be surprised to see on my iPod: People who know me very well may not be completely surprised by this, but Un Bel Di, an aria from the opera Madame Butterfly, is in there. It's just too pretty to not be on my ipod.

Chore you hate doing the most? Vacuuming. Not to be gross, but I always break a sweat when I vacuum.

If you could be granted three wishes, what would they be? 1. I would wish for millions of dollars to give to my parents. My mom has always wanted to be independently wealthy as a career. 2. To magically have the dancing abilities of Anne Miller. I can sing, I can act, but I'm seriously lacking dance skills. 3. To one day be the lead role in *Funny Girl* on Broadway. I think I could die happy after that.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? I'll be 23 and hopefully graduated from college. By this time I hope to be living in some one room flat in the middle of NYC as a struggling actress. I'll probably have some glamorous job on the side like waitressing or pizza delivery while I take every musical audition opportunity I can find. It'll be a struggle, but a very fun struggle.

About Katie:

Katie has one sibling, Allison and is a 2011 Grosse Pointe North graduate with plans to attend Michigan State University this fall.

Her hobbies include singing, acting and art. She hopes to move to New York City after her college graduation and become an actress on Broadway.

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Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center is taking registrations for the Fall 2011-2012. Morning developmental classes are offered for Preschoolers (ages 3 to 4 years), Transition (ages 2 ½ – 3 years), Toddler (ages 1 – 2 ½ years) Young 5's (Kindergarten eligible students who need a growth year) and full- or half-day Kindergarten.

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Community building events are held throughout the year to bring children, their parents and the teaching staff together in a fun and educational setting. Events include Family Art Day, Super Science Saturday, Halloween Parade, Santa Claus visit, Very Important Valentine's Day, Family Fun Night, Annual Auction and the Ice Cream Social.

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3 Back-to-School Tips

(for parents!)

By Lauren Beaver



1 SLEEP:

Resetting sleeping patterns

To make sure your children are wide eyed and focused on the first day of school, have them observe school year sleeping habits for one week before school starts. By giving them several days to adjust to a new sleeping schedule of earlier tuck-ins and sometimes far earlier wakeups, children will have a much easier time being alert and prepared on their first week back. You can start small by putting your

child to bed at 9 p.m. instead of 9:30 p.m. Work your way to your usual school year routine by the first day back. One great way to ease your children into an earlier bedtime is by handing them a book an hour before shut eye instead of allowing them to sit in front of the television. This activity may be more calming than television and is also a way for them to get back into learning mode!



2 PLAN:

A calendar to weather the school year chaos

Before the school year begins, establish one location for your children to notify you of important events and activities. This can be anything from a large calendar posted in the kitchen (an item they are sure to pass often!) to a dry erase board in the office or den. With all the chaos of papers, flyers and bulletins sent home from school, it is a simple, functional way to organize key happenings. You can have fun with it, assigning a certain color to each child and using cut-out images of an activity instead of writing it out.



3 SHOP:

Avoid buying an entire fall wardrobe

As students get excited for new fall attire, remember that summer heat sticks around for the better part of September. Begin by purchasing some fall basics – a pair of jeans, shoes and a sweater or two. Your child will undoubtedly see the latest trends at school and be begging for those by October. Instead of having spent your fall wardrobe budget at the end of August, you still have the funds to buy them what they really desire when the cool weather rolls around.



Photo by The Portrait Place

Hannah Ayrault, Chantal Chuba, Elyse Croce and Harriet Steinke

AMONG THE ELITE

SOUTH GIRLS MAKE 'WALL OF FAME'

By Lauren Beaver


Grosse Pointe South students Hannah Ayrault, Chantal Chuba, Elyse Croce, Annie Slaughter and Harriet Steinke have taken their place among South's elite performers and musicians on the school's "Wall of Fame." The girls earned the recognition after being honored by the Michigan Music Educators Association in January. They were five of only 17 Michigan students invited to perform their

original composition in front of the MMEA in Grand Rapids.

The girls were either involved in choir, orchestra or the musical technology course at Grosse Pointe South. The high school is known for its premier music program, which can be attributed to the hard work and passion of two individuals, orchestra teacher James Gross and choir teacher and director Ellen Bowen.

Bowen says, "We have a ton of

talent. It's the motivation to excellence that teachers and parents have in this community and that's the difference at South."

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Michigan's first Montessori Early School

From left to right, Matthew Nicholson, Alexandra Larrea and Allison Larpenteur

By Lauren Beaver

In the early 1900s, Maria Montessori, the first female physician in Italy, created a philosophy of early childhood education that swept the world. Today her philosophy of providing children with rich opportunities to learn, discover and grow in their individuality can be found at the Grosse Pointe Academy Montessori Early School, the oldest Montessori school in Michigan.

“What Maria Montessori created is what this school has always believed in,” says Montessori Early School principal Jennifer Kendall, whose children attend the school. “All of our classrooms are true Montessori classrooms.”

Not all schools who claim to be “Montessori” are members of the American Montessori Society. GPA’s Montessori Early School is. Among its many strict requirements is the employment of certified Montessori teachers.

“Montessori teachers go through very rigorous training,” says Kendall. “We have incredibly certified directresses, most with 10 to 30 years

experience. Their assistants have also gone through Montessori training.” At the GPA Montessori Early School, each classroom has one directress and one aid, averaging one adult for every eight students.

All students take language classes. “I love to have the children that early because they can imitate the French without any hesitations,” says French teacher Claudia Leslie, teacher at the Academy for seven years and whose children also attend the school. All students study French until age 5, when they can then choose between French, Mandarin and Spanish.

In keeping with the Montessori tradition, each classroom is unique and divided into areas of exploration including practical life, sensorial, math, language arts, language and cultural. “It’s not just academics,” says Kendall. “It’s the whole child. Music, art, library, P.E., French, these are all programs we provide for them.” The students are encouraged to explore these subjects on their own and at their own pace.

The classes are multi-age, in which 2 ½-year-olds to 5-year-olds are in



Photos by Lauren Beaver

5-year-old Jack Nicholson traces a map of Africa. Students regularly replicate each continent in different formats to learn geography.

the same class. The benefit, Kendall says, is that the younger students can watch and experience what the older students are doing. Social skills, language and manners of older students influence and are cultivated in the younger students. The final step is when the older students begin teaching the younger students.

Montessori teacher Beth Plotzke, who has been with the Academy for 35 years, says, “The most incredible thing is when you see that light bulb go on. It’s the most exciting thing in the world.” ☐

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The sense of family is what I value most about GPA. My friends and teachers have created an encouraging and affirming environment in which for me to prepare for the challenges ahead. The Academy has provided me with the opportunity to develop academically, artistically and athletically. It has given me a deep appreciation of the Christian faith while enabling me to view all world religions with interest and an open mind. The Academy has also fostered my self-confidence. I have been surrounded every day by people I have known since preschool, and my friends and teachers have encouraged me with their warmth, enthusiasm and knowledge.

-GPA eighth grader, spring 2011



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TWO OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOLS, TWO OUTSTANDING PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

By Ann Marie Aliotta

Parental involvement is a hallmark of Grosse Pointe Public Schools and nowhere is that more evident than in the parent volunteer organizations at our two fine high schools. The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South and the Parents Club at Grosse Pointe North provide wonderful opportunities for moms and dads to be active participants in their children's school experience and to give back to an organization that is so important to their families.

Parents Club of Grosse Pointe North

The Parents Club of Grosse Pointe North funds student academic enrichment programs, merit- and need-based scholarships and school beautification projects, which are taken on by its sub-group, the Norse moms.

The group also publishes the monthly newsletter/calendar, *Northern Lights*, and the student directory while maintaining their website, which can be found in the Parents section of North's website.

President Terrie McLauchlan got involved after attending a meeting where a group of students spoke about projects that needed funding. "They

were very passionate. I was hooked," she says. "I just felt that we needed to



The Parents Club was responsible for new chairs in North's cafeteria.

commit to these kids and make some changes."

Recent projects include new chairs in the cafeteria, the sound system in

the gym, the purchase of software and teaching aids and college scholarships. Upcoming fundraising events include the fall fashion show. The ongoing engraved-brick project, initiated in 1998, is another way to support the Parents Club.

"The misconception is that parent involvement is not needed after elementary school and that is just not true. Or that your kids don't want you there. Also, not true," McLauchlan says. "If we can keep parents and families involved at our schools, everyone benefits. Students do better in school and in life and communities grow stronger."



Photo by Dana Kaiser

The Spring Benefit fashion show at South is one of the many fundraising events held by the Mothers' Club.

Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South

The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South dates back to the founding of the school in 1928. Since then, members of the Mothers' Club have been raising money for academic enrichment, college scholarships and preservation of the historic school building. Recent projects include historically correct upgrades to hallway lighting, support of Honors Earth Science field trips and administering about \$45,000 in merit- and need-based college scholarships.

The Mothers' Club publishes a comprehensive calendar of school events, a monthly newsletter and a student directory and maintains a new website: <http://mothersclubgps.com>.

"Being involved in the Mothers'

Club is a great way to meet the staff, make new friends and make positive changes that affect my children," president Allison Baker says. And despite the name, they heartily encourage South dads to join!

Baker is excited about the Mothers' Club's new Community Partnership Program, a comprehensive, year-long program of sponsorship and advertising opportunities. Mothers' Club volunteers are also busy preparing for South's Homecoming, Oct. 14-15, and the bi-annual Holiday Walk, Dec. 4.

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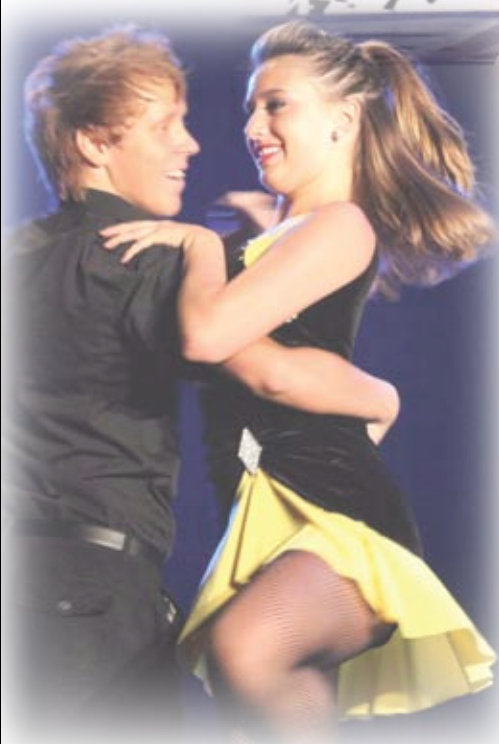
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By John Minnis

In 2009, the Foundation for Exceptional Children, founded in 1954, collaborated with the Judson Center, founded in 1924, to form the Judson Center Grosse Pointe. Yet many people don't know about the combined organization's great works.

"We're one of the best kept secrets in Grosse Pointe," says Program Director Deborah Moffat, who began as a volunteer while in high school. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in special education at Eastern Michigan University before returning to Grosse Pointe.

In 1964, the Foundation for Exceptional Children moved into the "new addition" at Memorial Church where it remains to this day as the Judson Center Grosse Pointe. From its humble beginnings as an orphanage, the Judson Center has grown. Besides providing services for individuals with special needs, the Judson Center also provides foster care, adoption, respite

care, family preservation and autism programs.

With the Judson Center's support, Moffat and her staff have been able to maintain after-school programs and summer camps and also to create the Grosse Pointe Supported Employment Program, a first-of-its-kind in the area providing vocational assessment and training for special-needs adults. Indeed, many of the former Foundation for Exceptional Children students have moved into middle age and have formed their own adult Friends group.

"The Friends group grew out of our alumni initially," Moffat says. "We used to call it the Teens Club, but now they are in their 40s. So we changed the name of it."

Another popular event for Judson Center Grosse Pointe students is the annual Michigan State University weekend when they get to sleep in college dorms and eat in the cafeteria. Parents of the children celebrate their

anniversaries that weekend, Moffat says, because that is the only time they can.



"We want to get the word out there," Moffat says of the Judson Center Grosse Pointe, "not just for financial support but for people who need assistance." ☐

Deborah Moffat may be reached at (313) 885-8660. The Judson Center may be found at www.judsoncenter.org.

Grosse Pointe Theatre presents

The Music Man




Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man* is set to hit the Grosse Pointe Theatre stage Sunday, Sept. 18. This classic, all-American musical involves a conman who tricks the people of River City, Iowa, into purchasing instruments and uniforms for a nonexistent band. While he originally plans to pocket the money and flee, things get complicated as he falls for the town librarian. Finally, chaos ensues as the townspeople learn of his greedy scheme.

All-American to say the least, *The Music Man* will feature a traditional barbershop quartet and a 45-member cast, ranging from 6 to 80 years of age.

"There is lots of dancing and

singing," says director Don Bischoff. "It's a fun storyline and a very comical musical. *The Music Man* is a standard and goes back to the old tradition of musicals."

Although this is Bischoff's first time directing at Grosse Pointe Theatre, he has been a choreographer there for 10 years. "I'm excited about how much happiness we can bring to the audience," he says. "It's a happy family musical. If they don't go away with a smile, then there's something wrong."

The Music Man will be performed in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Sept. 18, 22-25, 29, 30 and Oct. 1 and 2. For tickets and more information, visit www.gpt.org. 

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Back to school eating: a new balance

Replacing the food pyramid, the new dietary guideline “my plate” (ChooseMyPlate.gov) helps remind Americans, especially children, to make healthier food choices. It’s important to fill half of your plate with fruits and vegetables, opt for whole grains and varied types of protein and add a glass of skim milk or serving of cottage cheese for a complete, well-balanced meal.

Packing a healthy lunch for your child can be quite effortless with a little creativity. Many schools have microwave ovens available to students in the lunchroom, so don’t forget about your child’s favorite leftovers.



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

“Extras in the bag” from each food group will have your children counting the minutes to lunchtime!

Vegetables:

- Carrots, celery sticks, cucumbers or green, red or yellow peppers with ranch dressing
- Leftover stir fry dinner in a microwaveable container
- Cold pasta salads with veggies, vinaigrette and parmesan cheese

Grains:

- Whole wheat pretzel sticks
- Oatmeal-raisin cookies (keep a stash of pre-wrapped servings in the freezer)
- Whole wheat quick breads or muffins (see recipe)

Fruits:

- Fruit smoothie
- Fruit cups, packed with 100% fruit juice
- In-season fruits (cheaper and taste better)

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- String cheese
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Serves 12

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12 oz	ripened banana
1 oz	sugar/cinnamon mixture (blend equal parts)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees (convection oven to 325 degrees)
2. Combine water and extract in mixing bowl
3. Add dry muffin mix

4. Stir or fold mixture until blended smooth
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For best results, turn pan in oven for the last 5 minutes of baking

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Photo by John Minnis

Village Block Party Pointes to Auto History

By Jim Stickford

This year's Village Block Party, taking place on Sept. 10 and Sept. 11, will feature something new – a car show.

Mike Kramer, chairman of this year's block party and owner of Kramer's Bed, Bath and Window in the Village, says this party will be the fifth held by the Association.

For many years, the Village Association held an annual "Garage Sale" located in the parking garage behind the Jacobson's Department Store. But Jacobson's went out of business and the garage was torn down.

Grosse Pointe's Greatest Block Party replaced the sale. Kramer says events include Taste of Grosse Pointe, the Art Show, live entertainment, the Saturday Night Dance party and special kids games and activities. And, for the first time, a car show.


"We've been talking about a car show for a while," Kramer says. "In the past we've used two of the three blocks that make up the Village. With the car show, we'll be able to use all

three blocks."

The vehicles on display will come from around metro Detroit, Kramer says. But what he really wants to see are the cars kept by Grosse Pointe collectors.

"Detroit, of course, has a great auto tradition, and Grosse Pointe has been at the center of that history," Kramer says. "We want to see the cars that Grosse Pointers collect and maintain. There are so many people who have wonderful old and classic automobiles in their garages. We want the car show to be an event where they show off their cars. We really want to tap into Grosse Pointe's automotive history."

There will be room for up to 120 cars to be displayed. He credits Joel Armitage, manager of G.P. Geek, for heading up the car show and making it possible. Pointers who have classic cars they'd like to put on display should contact Armitage at jarmitage@gpgeek.com.

Kramer says, "We think this year's party, with the car show, will be the place to go on Sept. 10 and Sept. 11." 



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Season

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Animal

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Thing to do on a Sunday afternoon

Watching the Lions win...er, play

Best thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

The holiday traditions (Thanksgiving Parade, 4th of July fireworks)

Item you cannot leave home without?

My MacBook Pro

List two of your best personality traits?

Sense of humor and ability to overachieve (see my better half)

List two of your worst personality traits?

Overanalytical and a bit indecisive (do those sound like

good enough answers?)

One thing not many people know about you?

I kind of miss the appendix I had removed.

Best vacation ever?

Sanibel Island, Fla. with my family. We chased two dolphins in a kayak (we were in the kayak, not the dolphins).

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

Use the money to publish books, travel with my family, and support the arts.

About Terry

Terry and his wife Lisa are the parents of two children, Hannah, 15, and Henry, 10.

Terry enjoys coaching his son's sports teams and watching his daughter perform her music. He likes to spend his free time playing the ukulele, writing and playing basketball.

Sweet summer

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

Summer is full of outdoor activities, healthy, light eating and fun-filled vacations; unfortunately it can also be troublesome for diabetics.

Hidden sugars in drinks such as lemonade, ice tea and some sports drinks are a commonly overlooked cause of elevated blood sugars. Staying



well hydrated is important, however, as extra sugar makes the body excrete more urine leading to dehydration.

Exercise is a great way to lower your blood sugar and lose weight; just remember to wear good fitting shoes with socks to keep your feet dry and avoid blisters. It is also a good idea to never walk barefoot and examine your feet carefully every day. People with diabetes often have impaired sensation in their feet and can easily overlook a wound, which can be slow and difficult to heal.

Fruits are in abundance in the summer but are also full of sugar. This is especially the case with fruits such as oranges, kiwis, pineapples, pomegranates, grapes and bananas. Still, these fruits are full of fiber and nutrients so go ahead and enjoy, just count them as part of your carbohydrate allotment.

Finally, when traveling, remember that diabetic supplies require special handling: keep equipment out of direct sunlight and store insulin in insulated bags with small refreezable ice packs to keep it cool.

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

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RIGHT AT HOME

By Virginia Ficarra

Q Virginia, how do you tastefully match multiple patterns and colors in a room? I always cringe when someone suggests plaids and stripes, but when you see a professionally decorated room it always seems to work. *-Janice, Grosse Pointe Woods*

A Mixing fabric patterns in a room is not as difficult as you think. Color is the key. You have been blending patterns and hues on a daily basis. Coordinating outfits is similar to dressing a room. Here are some helpful hints. *E-mail: rolocred@aol.com*



Begin with a dominant anchor fabric as a guide.

Consider the use of the room and a scheme to match. Will it be country casual, classic and traditional or a hobby room? Perhaps flowers or fruit in the kitchen, an animal print for the children's play room or a relaxing hunting theme for the den.

Draw a color from the anchor piece that will be common to all other selections. Think of the room as a family. The parents are the dominant fabric and the children are the coordinating fabrics, varying in size and personality. All are united by a particular hue. If green is in the foundation fabric, all additional patterns should have the same green somewhere in the design.

Select fabrics that also have the same color intensity.

There are three-hue categories: earth tones, pastels and jewel tones. Stick to one set of hues. Mixing soft pastels with rich jewel tones will throw the room off balance. Remember to consider all elements, such as furniture, floor, wall and window coverings.

Opposites attract. Vary textures and the size of patterns. A good look for a throw pillow or sofa roping is a check fabric laid on the bias. Example: a large floral pattern blends well with another floral but in a smaller pattern. To avoid monotony introduce a variety of fabric textures, as well as stripes, dots, diamonds, plaids and checks in various sizes.

To balance visual space, consider the scale of the room and furniture. Large-scale fabrics on a small item can overpower it and fragment the pattern. Stripe fabric looks especially handsome on square or rectangular pieces. In addition, a horizontal stripe can visually widen a small settee while a vertical stripe will add height. By the way, think of these principles when selecting your outfit tomorrow morning. Let them work for you.



The selection of colors and fabrics of this traditional living room, above, reflect the hues in the sofa pillow on the far right. Its hues wrap all the elements into a neat inviting package of common colors in varying sizes, textures and patterns.

Furniture, fabrics and accessories are courtesy of Denyse & Company, Interior Design Center, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Virginia Ficarra, author and owner of Smart Home Moves LLC, is a color and design coach, speaker and pioneer in instant room makeovers. This page is designed to answer your design and decorating questions.



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A NEW FORM OF PILGRIMAGE

By John Minnis

Some 16 faithful made the medieval pilgrimage of El Camino de Santiago one morning last May — without ever leaving Grosse Pointe. The “pilgrimage” was in the form of a slide-show travelogue by Dan Gallio, editor of Mosaic magazine and hosted by Dr. Clark Okulski in the great room of his Windmill Pointe home.

Gallio, who works for the Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, says he has had “the distinct privilege to walk the Camino de Santiago.” His presentation was titled “From the Pyrenees to the End of the World: A Journey on the Difficult and Glorious Camino de Santiago.”

Pilgrims have been walking the 580-mile Camino de Santiago — The Way of St. James — for more than 1,200 years, Gallio says. The Camino de Santiago ends at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela on the Atlantic coast in northwest Spain. Tradition has it that St. James’ remains were taken by boat from

Jerusalem and buried at what is now the city of Santiago de Compostela, the terminus of a Roman overland trade route called the Milky Way, since it followed the overhead path to the Atlantic Ocean.

“You’re walking on the same stones that Julius Caesar did when he conquered Spain,” Gallio says, as well the untold numbers of pilgrims, including murderers seeking forgiveness, saints and atheists looking to prove something. “Everyone walks his own Camino.”

The modern Camino de Santiago, from Roncesvalles to the Atlantic, takes 35 days at 15 miles a day.

A pilgrimage is not just a hike, it is a life-changing experience.

“It’s not about me. It’s about the grace that happens to people,” Gallio says. “It’s quite



a blessing to be there. It’s a struggle, everyday, but that’s the point. It’s not a walk in the park. It’s supposed to be difficult.” ☩

Top: Dr. Clark Okulski and presenter Dan Gallio, right. Also present were Tom Young, Bill and Carol Brewis, Anne Graves, Fran Maxey, Father Francis Weingartz, Kathy Crombie, Mary Beth Sepalla, Huong Reilly, Maria Jerome, Jo Marie and Joan Nardi, Jane Cracchiolo, Marie Gilbert and Elizabeth Eldridge. Above: Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, below: map of the pilgrimage of El Camino de Santiago



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By Christine M.J. Hathaway

On a recent summer night, Jeff Daniels arrived at Detroit Metropolitan Airport from New York City having completed a reading for his part in “More as This Story Develops,” the new Aaron Sorkin HBO series about cable news. Jeff’s wife, Kathleen, picked him up to go directly to the Grosse Pointe Farms residence of Ruth and Al Glancy. As Jeff, attired in a classic Detroit Tigers T-shirt, brought his guitars from his car, Al welcomed his 2010 Tony nominated guest, “Good, you’re not wearing a tie.” You knew right away that you were in good company.

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As part of their introduction to “Good Company,” the guests were treated to a musical performance by Jeff. Between songs, both humorous and touching, Jeff told entertaining stories about the challenges of live theater. He also noted he enjoys playing in smaller venues as he gestured to his oasis surroundings, “like playing in Ruth’s garden!”

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MOROSS GREENWAY

enhancing eastside living

By John Minnis

Twelve dozen volunteers from Detroit, Grosse Pointe and beyond got together June 4 to plant 130 trees along Moross from Mack to I-94 as a kickoff to the \$448,000 Moross Greenway Project.

“It’s just an amazing group of volunteers,” says Sheila O’Hara, chairperson of the Moross Greenway Project, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that seeks to plant an additional 115 trees, 500 shrubs and 9,700 perennials in the eight islands on Moross next fall.

O’Hara is also a board member of Greening of Detroit and a former member of the Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Commission. She along with commission member Anne Burke and County Commissioner Tim Killeen helped make the Moross Greenway Project happen.

“Sheila put this on my plate shortly after I got elected,” Killeen says.

“He’s amazing,” O’Hara says of Killeen. “He has been to every meeting. We wouldn’t be where we are today without his support.”

Following the formal

presentations, volunteers set out with Greening of Detroit experts for instructions and demonstrations on how to properly plant the trees. After that, they were on their own.

“This really is amazing,” O’Hara says. “I’ve been volunteering for Greening of Detroit for 11 years. The greening of Detroit is really happening.”

Donations may be sent to The Moross Greenway Project, 155 W. Congress, Suite 200, Detroit, MI 48226. [☎](#)

Other Pointers keeping it green...

Tim Kamego, managing director of the Riverview North Health and Rehab Center (former St. John Senior Community), looked over the facility’s unused expanse of lawn and thought, What a great place for a community garden, and what better beneficiaries of the produce than seniors?

He bounced the idea off his superiors at Riverview and Sharon Maier, executive director of Services for Older Citizens, which runs the local Meals on Wheels program. Everyone agreed it was a great idea. Detroit urban gardeners supplied 100 plants — yellow beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, cantaloupe, lettuce, celery, watermelon, strawberries and corn.

But best of all, says Kamego, “It is all sprinklered!”

Front row, from left: Richard Levin, CEO, Riverview North Health and Rehab Center; Sharon Maier, executive director, Services for Older Citizens; and Jim Mestdagh, director, Riverview North; back row, from left: Lorenzo Cavaliere, director, Riverview North; and Tim Kamego, managing director, Riverview North.



Left, the community garden in mid-July

WOW ! It must be August!

By Ted Everingham

There is a lot of on-the-water activity in these last weeks before the end of summer and the launch of another school year. Bayview Yacht Club will host the 8th annual Women on the Water — WOW — advanced racing clinic on Aug. 5, followed

by two days of competitive women's racing on Aug. 6 and 7. The clinic will be led by head coach,



Dawn Riley, assisted by world-renowned women's racing coaches.

The Cal 25 National Championship will be underway at Bayview at the same time as the WOW clinic and regatta but on a different course and race committee.

The action moves to Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for the US SAILING Junior Olympic Sailing Festival-Great Lakes starting with a one-day racing clinic on Aug. 12, followed by two full days of competition on three courses near GPYC for beginners through champions ages 8-18 sailing Optimists, Lasers, Laser Radials, Club 420s, Collegiate 420s and O'pen Bics.

The 4th annual Detroit Cup comes to Bayview Yacht Club for four days of world-class match racing on the Detroit River in front of the clubhouse. Top-ranked skippers from around the world will be among the 12 teams competing. Bayview is opening its gates to the public to watch this internationally ranked Grade 2 event being sailed in the club's fleet of lively U-20 sailboats. Go to www.detroitcup.com for details.

Join the fun in August. It'll be a long winter.

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

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College: There is nothing like it — I promise!



Lauren Beaver

Dear College Freshman,

It's been three months since I said goodbye to the banks of the Red Cedar, the proud Beaumont Tower and every English major's central hub, Morrill Hall. I realize now why adults become so proud of and nostalgic about their alma mater. The four years I spent at Michigan State University taught me independence, introduced me to a growing literary scene and forced me to push myself in incredible ways intellectually. After spending a good part of my life there, I want to offer three pieces of advice to college freshmen.

Be as involved as you possibly can be. I promise you will meet amazing people, find your niche and get the opportunity to be surrounded with whatever it is you are passionate about. At most colleges today, there is a club for virtually anything. I spent my Thursday afternoons at Grand River Coffee Café sipping tea, reading story submissions and discussing poetry with other staff members of the *Offbeat* literary series.

Speak to your professors outside of class. Going to my professors' office hours not only offered me better insight into the class material, it gave me lasting connections with some of the most interesting people I have ever met. I will never forget discussing classic literature and places to travel with my Scottish professor Dr. Matheson.

Lastly, make sure you accomplish a college bucket list before graduation. Go to football games, watch the homecoming parade, eat at the campus hot spot (Peanut Barrel for us Spartans!). Most importantly, appreciate the time you have in college. I promise you there is *nothing* like it.

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Hometown foundation and tradition for 22 years

By John Minnis

While Racing for Kids has become an international phenomenon, the Racing for Kids to the Hill remains its biggest single fundraising event. And this year's daylong, fifth annual community street fair on the Hill, followed by a VIP Cocktail Reception and Auction at its customary location in the Northern Trust Building, promises to be another blockbuster.

Sponsored by The Hill Association, Racing for Kids to the Hill calls for Kercheval to be blocked off for a single day, Wednesday, Aug. 31, from McMillin to Hall Place, to make room for tents, refreshments, a bandstand, dream cars, music, entertainment, sidewalk sales, games and an IndyCar showcar.

"If you recall when you were a kid," says J. Patrick Wright, executive director of Racing for Kids, "nothing is more exciting than a blocked off street."

The VIP reception and auction will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., and at only \$75 a ticket, it has to be one of the



most affordable and fun gala events of the year.

"We basically turn over total use of our building to Racing for Kids," says Dorothy Toelle, second vice president at Northern Trust. "We've done that for the past five years. That's our involvement, plus we make a large donation. That's Northern Trust's philosophy to give to the local community."

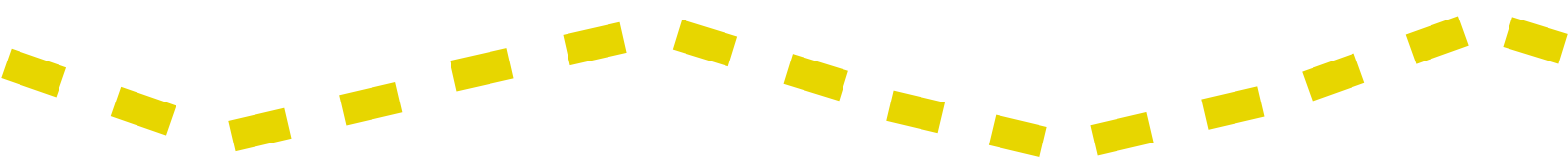
Wright recalls back in 1989 meeting with Dr. William Pinsky, then chief of pediatric cardiology at Children's Hospital of Michigan, and discussing the lack of concern for child healthcare. "We developed Racing for Kids," Wright says, which involved getting racecar drivers to visit children in hospitals. "I told Pinsky, 'I have the

perfect driver to start this thing.'" That ideal driver was Robbie Buhl of Grosse Pointe, who remains Racing for Kids' national spokesperson. "We started with Robbie and it just grew," Wright says.

A driving force behind the local event is the Hill Association, especially past presidents Ed Russell and Mary Wells. "When you see those (now infamous) checkered flags lining Kercheval, that is Mary," says Elizabeth Vogel, who worked with Wells for four years on the Racing for Kids Steering Committee and is now heading it. "Racing for Kids does important work and brings smiles to sick children across the country. I hope — no, I know — this year's street fair will be the best one yet, and much of that is due to the energy and passion of Mary Wells!"

For more information, call (313) 882-3403 or go to www.racingforkids.org.

Professional race car drivers like Justin Wilson, far left, and Ryan Hunter-Reay, below, meet with Racing for Kids participants.





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RETIREMENT LIVING — IN THE POINTES!

By John Minnis

Thanks to The Rivers of Grosse Pointe, planned for the former Children’s Home of Detroit property on Cook Road, moving to a retirement community doesn’t mean leaving the Pointes.

“We felt Grosse Pointe was an area that should be served,” says Richard Levin, CEO of The Rivers development. “Those needs were not being met in Grosse Pointe.”

Ground will be broken for The Rivers within a year. The campus will consist of a main building — including 82 independent living apartments, 84 assisted living units, 100 skilled nursing beds, a salon and other conveniences — 40 “cottages” for independent living seniors, a pond, a pool and a park.

The Rivers of Grosse Pointe is not a “nursing home.” In nursing facilities, husbands and wives are often split up due to the differing levels of care they require.

At The Rivers, couples and individuals can live out their lives in dignity — and remain in Grosse Pointe.

“We are not thinking ‘nursing home,’” says Levin. “This truly is a continuing care campus.”

Surrounded by luxurious landscaping, including 71 preserved trees, The Rivers will feature classic architecture by Edmund London & Associates, which is designing the

main building, and Grosse Pointe’s own Rob Wood, whose charming style is being brought to the cottages.

“It is very nice architecture,” Levin says. “We are certainly trying to be as compatible with the local community as possible.”

The Rivers has strong Grosse Pointe ties. Levin, a Franklin attorney, has represented Grosse Pointe clients for decades, and prominent Pointer James Mestdagh and the

Mestdagh Family Trust are co-owners in the venture.

Levin says he and his partners — who are also involved in the former St. John Senior Community on East Warren — determined that there was a vital need for a continuing care community in Grosse Pointe. The Children’s Home of Detroit’s 15 acres on Cook Road are perfect for what they had in mind.

While the main building will be completed at once,

the cottages will most likely be built as they are purchased, says Levin, who has already received 50 inquiries.

“We’re thrilled with the response so far,” Levin says. “We are thrilled we have been accepted by the community with a concept that is in real need.”

The Rivers of Grosse Pointe will, without a doubt, be an easy sell. ☐



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One of several “cottage” facades designed by Grosse Pointe’s Rob Wood.

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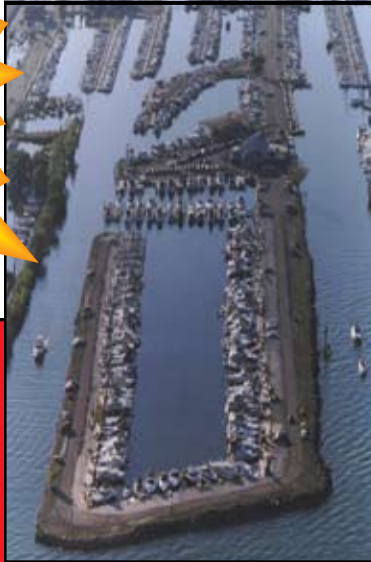
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Opa! GreekFest is a tradition

By Patti Theros

Assumption's GreekFest returns this year with four full days of fun and Greek culture. The festival will kick off on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 11 a.m. and run through Sunday, Aug. 21 until 8 p.m. "We've extended the hours so there's plenty of time to enjoy all the festivities," says Assumption GreekFest co-chairperson Tom Thomas. "GreekFest is an annual tradition in the community. Thousands of people attended GreekFest last year. We're planning for even more attendees this year."



Festival goers will enjoy an abundance of delicious Greek food, pastries, entertainment, Greek dancing, shopping with vendors from all over the country and a taverna. Performances from the

popular Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts are scheduled. Dancers of all ages will perform in colorful costumes representing regions of Greece.

GreekFest 2011 includes a "Children's Tent" with plenty of great rides, activities and games. Friday, Aug. 19 is "Free Family Day" from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with no admission charge for the entire family (including parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles!). Regular admission is \$2 and children under 12 years of age are no charge. Free parking and shuttle service is provided.

Purchase a \$5 raffle ticket for several prizes including an opportunity to win 1st prize –Chrysler 200, 2-year pre-paid lease from Jim Riehl Friendly Chrysler Jeep. Take a tour of Assumption Church to view its beautiful new iconography or visit the new Hellenic Room featuring a "History of Iconography."

For more information, call (586) 779-6111 ext. 3 or visit www.myassumption.org or www.greekfest2011.com. Proceeds from the Festival will benefit programs for the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Cultural Center and the Assumption Nursery School. ☐

EXPERT ADVICE AT SENIOR EXPO

By Patti Theros

Whether you're an older adult or a family member caring for an aging parent, you'll want to attend the 18th annual Senior Expo at Assumption Cultural Center on Thursday, Oct. 13. In just a few short hours and under one roof, visitors obtain a wealth of information about the ever-changing needs of aging Americans. This eastside Expo provides area adults with over 90 informative exhibits, educational seminars and valuable resources.

More than 1,500 seniors and their families attend the Expo each year. "The Expo is not only informative but it's also a lot of fun," says Assumption Cultural Center and Senior Expo Coordinator, Joan DeRonne. "Every year we have a well-known keynote luncheon speaker, entertainment and a gymnasium full of vendors to answer virtually any question about aging and options to maintain a happy, healthy, active and secure lifestyle."



For almost two decades, an eastside community-based committee representing some 10 area organizations dedicates itself to offering a day of health, wellness, recreation and community resource information for older adults. Each visitor receives a 40-page resource guide that includes more than 30 topics with website and contact information.

Visitors also enjoy exhibits about healthcare, retail products, managed care, informative workshops, on-site health screenings such as blood pressure, osteoarthritis, sleep evaluation, vision, balance, lung function and much more.

A complimentary luncheon is provided by ShorePointe Nursing Center and Marchiori Catering. Entertainment is provided by the Detroit Police Department and the Gentlemen of Swing. Expo hours are 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For further information call Assumption Cultural Center at (586) 779-6111. ☐

Foot care and diabetes!

By Ronda Maniaci

A person with diabetes often has poor circulation and is prone to numbing in the hands and feet, decreasing the ability to feel pain, heat and cold. Diabetes also decreases the ability to fight infection.

This combination can make it difficult to recognize early signs of trouble.



Daily foot care is "key" to keeping your feet healthy. However, older adults with physical or visual limitations may have difficulty examining their feet and may find it helpful to use a mirror for a closer look.

Daily Foot Care

- Wash feet daily using mild soap and water. Check water temperature using your elbow.
- Dry feet well, especially in between toes.
- Inspect your feet daily for red spots, cuts, dry skin, swelling and blisters.
- Maintain good control of blood sugar levels.
- Keep your skin soft with lotion. Do not apply lotion in between toes.
- Drink plenty of water to hydrate the skin.
- Wear comfortable shoes and socks at all times.
- Exercise to increase circulation.
- Nails should be trimmed straight across and file the edges with an emery board.
- Immediately report any noticeable changes in your skin to your physician.
- Visit your podiatrist for a regular foot examinations.

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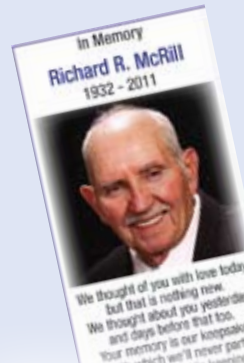
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Big city theme for big benefit auction

By Margie Reins Smith

*N*ew York, New York is the theme for a pair of Services for Older Citizens (SOC) benefit auctions in September. Some 200 people are expected to bid on silent and live auction items at each party. They'll get a crack at affordable items such as gift certificates to the Beach Grille and the Irish Coffee and autographed sports memorabilia as well as chances to win more extravagant packages such as a week's stay at a condo in Umbria, Italy or Cabo San Lucas, Mexico or a house in France's Loire valley.

"SOC is a wonderful organization," says Vicki Liggett. She and her husband, Bob, are honorary chairmen.

"It fills a need for Grosse Pointe seniors. My mother was a recipient of Meals on Wheels when she was recuperating from surgery."

The auction and party at the Detroit Yacht Club on Thursday, Sept. 15, will include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as well as 175 silent auction items. The party at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Friday, Sept. 30, will feature cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a gourmet dinner and dancing to a live band, Nemesis, along with silent and live auctions. Funds raised at the two events go to SOC's operating expenses.

"The auctions are our only major fundraisers for the year," says Sharon Maier, executive director. "These

events will make a difference as to how we can serve our seniors in the upcoming year."

A special raffle will offer ticket-holders a chance to win one of a dozen of the hottest live auction items. Only 101 tickets will be sold for \$100 each.

SOC is a non-profit organization focused on helping Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods seniors live independently, with dignity. SOC programs include Meals on Wheels, Home Repair, Information and Assistance and more.

Katie Williams Smith is chairman of the fundraisers. Tickets to the Sept. 15 event are \$45; tickets to the Sept. 30 event are \$115. Call (313) 882-9600. [P](#)

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Biggest regret?

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About John:

John, a semi-retired attorney, lives in Grosse Pointe Shores with his wife Terry. They have five children, Laura Bommarito, John A., Thomas M., Michael J. and Jeanne Lizza-Liddane.

John's interests and hobbies include law, badminton and music.

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POINTERS AT HOME IN THE VILLAGES



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By John Minnis

Except for weddings or funerals, don't expect Bob and Ruth Bollinger to return to Grosse Pointe anytime soon. That's OK, because they are enjoying retirement in The Villages, "Florida's Friendliest Hometown!"

The Bollingers, who lived 20 years on Harvard in the Park and put two children, Chris and Susan, through Grosse Pointe public schools, "discovered" The Villages seven years ago and fell in love with it. They purchased a new home in the Village of Calumet Grove, one of hundreds of "Villages" making up The Villages, sold their home in Michigan and moved to the Sunshine State — much to their children's surprise.

"We felt guilty and went back up for Christmas," Bob recalls, to which Ruth retorts, "Big mistake." They hit snow in Knoxville, which became a blizzard that closed I-75 and stranded them in Lexington, Ky., for two nights. They made it to Michigan for Christmas ... barely. Except for funerals and weddings, they plan to stay put during

the winter.

At The Villages, Bob, a retired Wayne State Medical School professor, and Ruth, a former lab technician at the Detroit Medical Center, discovered the game of golf. "We weren't really golfers then," says Bob, "and I'm still not. When you start at age 66 to play golf, at 72 you're not going to be very good."

While The Villages boasts nine championship courses, including the Palmer Legends and Nancy Lopez Legacy, the Bollingers stick with the 29 executive courses that are free to residents.

As Villagers, the Bollingers have some 1,300 clubs to choose from. Bob is in the Genealogy Club, flies radio-controlled airplanes on the Polo Grounds (yes, polo is played there, too!) and is on the County Emergency Response Team, a FEMA program. Ruth belongs to a Red Hat group, plays mahjong and is active in the Calumet Grove Social Club. She also takes turn hosting once-a-month

Live entertainment is offered 365 evenings a year in each of The Villages' two town squares, which are surrounded by retail stores and restaurants.

driveway parties in her neighborhood. The parties always coincide with a full moon. "We howl at the moon," Ruth says. "We're called the 'Lunatics,'" Bob says, "and we do howl at the moon."

All major chains are represented within "golf cart distance" of The Villages, which also has its own hospital, school system, daily newspaper, magazine, cable channel and radio station.

The Villages is home to 81,000 residents. A third downtown and surrounding residential are currently under construction, which should bring The Villages population over 100,000.

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By John Minnis



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hospital.

“The best model for us is to be in a full-service hospital,” says Miriam Deemer, CEO of Select Specialty Hospital-Grosse Pointe. “It’s just more convenient for our patients. It was a positive move for us and our patients.”

It took Select Specialty a year to remodel its area at Beaumont-Grosse Pointe, but it was worth it. Its 21 rooms, including an isolation unit, are all high-tech with cardiac monitoring and in-room dialysis capability. Select Specialty even has an oxygen-equipped shower room that can accommodate patients on ventilators.

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“We have an open medical staff,” Deemer says. “Every physician is welcome to apply for privileges at Select Specialty Hospitals.”

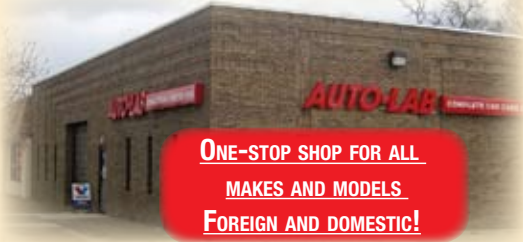
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New era dawns at CCD



By John Minnis

*M*embers of the Country Club of Detroit recently celebrated the reopening of their championship golf course following its fourth major redesign.

“Combined with the recent renovation of the club’s dining and lounge facilities in 2008,” says General Manager Mark Petzing, “the completion of the golf course work and the addition of more than 30 new golf members, positions the Club to do very well in the future.”

Undertaking changes to a classic golf course is no simple matter. To get it right, the board hired noted golf course architect Tom Doak and his firm Renaissance Golf Design to redesign and reconstruct the greens and tees, bringing back the classical elements indicative of a Colt/Alison design.

The course was originally designed by British golf architect Harry S. Colt

after the club moved from Fisher Road at the beginning of the 20th century. The Colt course was completed in time to host the 1915 U.S. Amateur Championship. The course measured 6,412 yards. In 1924, the Colt/Alison firm was contracted to redesign the course. The following year, the original Albert Kahn clubhouse burned to the ground. Both the redesigned golf course and new clubhouse were completed in 1927.

Ironically, the 2010 golf course renovation was also hampered by fire when the club’s maintenance barn burned down.

In 1952, Robert Trent Jones Sr. was hired to bring the course up to championship standards, which he apparently did as the club hosted the 1954 U.S. Amateur in which a victorious young Arnold Palmer launched his golf career. (Fifty years later, Palmer would return, along with

30 past U.S. Amateur champions, including Phil Mickelson, to play at the Country Club of Detroit in the 2004 Turning Point Invitational to benefit Cornerstone Schools.) In 1996 in response to tired and aging greens and in preparation for the club’s 100th anniversary in 1997, Robert Trent Jones Jr. was hired to reconstruct the greens, bunkers, tees and practice area.

The fourth and recently completed course redesign was not planned. “We had a serious agronomy issue that wasn’t going away,” Petzing says. “Our problem could only be remedied by rebuilding the greens.”

It didn’t help that this happened during the downturn of the economy. Nevertheless, the board recommended redesigning and replacing the greens, and the membership agreed. “When presented with the facts, our members knew that this was the right thing to



Photos courtesy of the Country Club of Detroit

Members of the Country Club of Detroit celebrated the reopening of their Tom Doak redesigned golf course June 24 and 25 to great fanfare and praise.

the tees within three to five years anyway, this would prove to be the perfect time to do that work as well.

Rather than going to the membership with an assessment for this work, the oversight committee raised the necessary funding from more than 170 active golf members to make the tees project a “go.”

Projects of this size and scope don’t come without some issues. Before the course was closed last summer, the club had already taken down a significant number of diseased and damaged trees for safety reasons. However, architect Doak, who revels in being “controversial,” recommended more removals to improve growing conditions for the greens and tees and to improve playability and visibility on the course.

“We still have over 5,000 trees,” Petzing says, “but now they’re in the right place.”

As painful as it was to lose some trees, the results are breathtaking. Where once the sentinel oaks were lost in the clutter of smaller trees and evergreens, they now stand out in their majesty. Vistas are now offered that have not been seen in decades. Players can now appreciate the full scope of the Country Club of Detroit’s 220-acre setting.

The elevated tee boxes have been


lowered to make them part of the natural terrain. Forward tee areas were added to accommodate children, women and seniors, and some of the holes have been lengthened. The redesigned course measures 7,100 yards from the tips, 5,275 yards from the forward tees. All tees play to a par of 72.

Among the most noticeable changes, the first tee has been moved closer to the pro shop, and the 17th green was entirely relocated.

“There is not an unfair shot on the golf course,” Petzing says. “There are no blind holes; yet it’s a very challenging golf course.”

The course reopened to much fanfare and parties on June 24 and 25.

“When it’s all said and done, everybody loves the ‘new’ golf course, and there is a revitalized energy amongst the membership,” Petzing says. “The membership deserves a lot of credit for taking this project on. I know we’re better positioned for the future for having done it.”

With the golf course now complete, a growing membership, an award-winning Chef and thriving youth programs in swimming, tennis and golf, the Country Club of Detroit, one of Grosse Pointe’s true jewels, will continue to be an asset to the community. 

do for the long-term vitality of the golf course and the club. The support was remarkable especially in these challenging times,” Petzing explains.

The greens project came on the heels of a renovation of the club’s dining facilities in 2008. The main dining room was made less formal in order to make it more family friendly, consistent with the trend to more casual dining, and a new classic English Tavern was added as well.

With the greens project decided, the Golf Course Renovation Oversight Committee recommended that, with the course to be closed for a year, it would be a good time to redo the tees, to get them “right.” The tees had been altered, raised and tinkered with over the years without consistency and without a professional golf architect’s leadership. The tees had lost their “classic” features. Given that it was part of the club’s master plan to redo

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What was your first job? Legal assistant for 13 years and 1st graduating class of para-legals in state.

What is your most often used phrase? Enjoy your birds!

Best advice you have received? My father encouraged me to buy American made products to sell.

If you didn't own WBU what would you be? Field biologist.

What is your next goal? To take education of my customers regarding conservation concerns to a new level.

Words to live by? Never pass up an opportunity to connect with nature.

About Rosann:

Rosann has three children, Carly, Matthew and Ryan and one granddaughter, Isabelle. Her hobbies include gardening, kayaking, cooking and reading.

Rosann earned the Friend of the Environment Award presented by the franchise in 2007, the Excellence in Business Award presented by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce in 2008 and was the Grosse Pointe Birding Challenge Winner from 2009-11.

Oysterfest fun 2011

Oysterfest has been a remarkable, evolving party that has come to be known as a signature event of St. Ambrose Parish. Back in 1990, when Tom Brandel of Tom's Oyster Bar approached Fr. Tim Pelc with the idea, his first reaction was "Who's going to come to a party featuring oysters?"

Still, there was something decidedly offbeat about the idea that seemed to fit the character of a decidedly offbeat parish. The proof is in the pudding—or in this case—the seafood chowder, and in the hundreds of people who now show up year after year for Oysterfest. What began with a single restaurant and a school piano, has grown

into an event with dozens of area restaurants, bakeries and breweries serenaded by sounds of cool jazz provided by the Edgar Wallace Trio.

This year's festival takes place under the Oysterfest tent in the parking lot next to Mulier's Market on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park on Monday, Sept. 26, 5-9 p.m. Admission is \$25 for adults and \$12 for children under 12. For the price of one ticket, patrons can eat from the array of dishes and desserts. Beer and wine are available at a small charge. Don't forget the grand raffle—prizes include a 40" HDTV, an Apple iPad and a Kindle reader.


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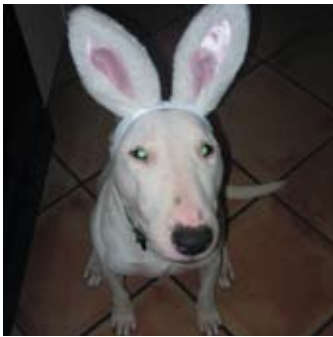
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Argyle



Argyle, a bull terrier, lives in Grosse Pointe Woods with Holly Towle.

Buster



Buster is best buddies with his Gramma, or "Danda," Barbara Hudson of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Dori



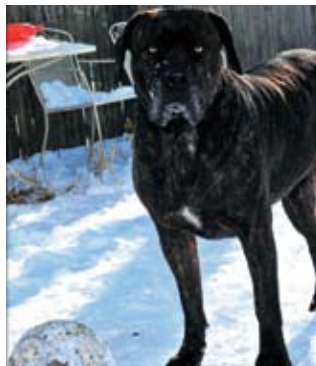
Dori is a 1-year-old cocker spaniel mix who resides happily with Sam, Kay and Olla Reisen in Grosse Pointe Park.

Jackie and Lola



Best friends Jackie and Lola live in Grosse Pointe Farms with Christy Vrana and Robert Stevens.

Sadie



Sadie, a Mastiff, enjoys "Winter Kickball" in Grosse Pointe Woods with Shawn, Piper and Jon Jon Perkins.

Billy



GPAAS-Billy is a 10-week-old male DSH orange tabby.

Willa



GPAAS-Willa is a 7-year-old female yellow Labrador Retriever.

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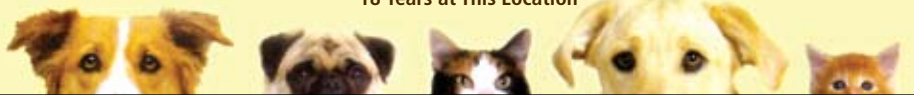


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BRINGING THE WORLD TO DETROIT

By Lauren Beaver

Although the Detroit Jazz Festival has dropped the “International” from its name, this year’s event is the most international it has ever been. Including performers from Japan, the Netherlands, Israel, West Africa, England and Brazil, the 32nd annual Detroit Jazz Festival is literally “bringing the world” to Detroit.

The Detroit Jazz Fest is the largest free jazz festival in North America. The event is a major tourist attraction for the area and has a significant economic impact on Detroit, as 23 percent of the festival attendees are from out of state.

Grosse Pointe resident Gretchen Valade, owner of Dirty Dog Jazz Café and Morning Glory, both on the Hill, is chair of the Detroit Jazz Festival. She is an amazing example of the extraordinary philanthropy that can be found in the Pointes.

The festival runs from Labor Day Weekend – Friday, Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 5 – and takes place from Hart Plaza to Campus Martius Park. For information on the festival schedule, map, donating and more, visit www.detroitjazzfest.com. 

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'Rules of the Road'

By Randall D. Cain

One of the pleasures of living in Grosse Pointe is boating, and to keep it pleasurable it's wise to learn the 'Rules of the Road' to avoid collisions on the water. I spoke with Dave Charvat from the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron and he offered some right-of-way fundamentals.



Different types of vessels have varying levels of right-of-way with the greatest right-of-way going to boats that have lost their steering. The next level belongs to vessels with restricted maneuverability (freighters), and they are followed by commercial fishing boats, sailing and rowing boats. Power-driven vessels (including personal water craft) have the least right-of-way of all the types. Sailboats under power are considered part of the power-driven class.

If another power boat is passing you, that boat must give you the right-of-way. If a like type of boat is approaching you from the starboard (right), it has the right-of-way.

Dave also advised that two vessels approaching each other should pass port to port (left side to left side). But, he cautioned, rules can be broken to avoid a collision.

Boating at night presents its own challenges. Per Michigan law, personal water craft may not be used at night.

I would encourage everyone who has a boat or may get a boat to take a Grosse Pointe Power Squadron course. The power squadron information line is (313) 418-5911 or visit www.gpps-d9.org.

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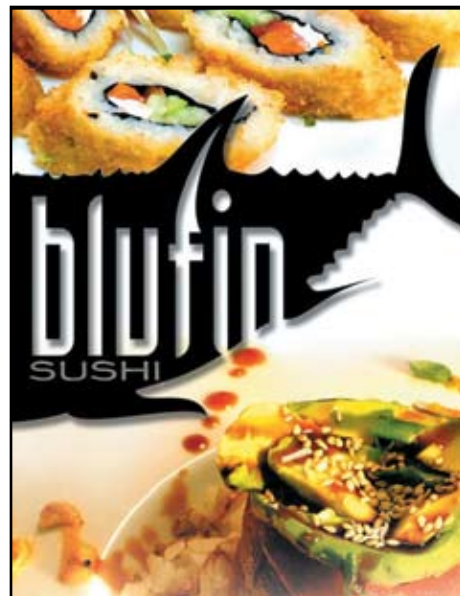
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August

Calendar

06 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Mom-to-Mom Sale, 9 am-12:30 pm
- Grosse Pointe Woods City Picnic at Lake Front Park, 12 pm
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Fairy House Workshop, \$12 per child, 10 am

08 MONDAY

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial "American Girl Camp" through Aug. 12, 9 am-12 pm
- Grosse Pointe War Memorial "Trendy Tweens – Fashion Illustration from Gaga to Gossip Girls" through Aug. 12. Learn to design the latest fashions, 1-4 pm

09 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Library Family Matinee: "A Little Princess" in the Ewald Program Room, 1-2:30 pm
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Twilight Fairy Desserts, \$15 per person, 6:30 pm
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Once Upon a Time: Writers Discussion with Gloria Whelan, \$10 per person, 7 pm

10 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Summer Music Festival featuring New Odyssey, \$8 per person, 7:30 pm

11 THURSDAY

- Kids on the Go Ice Cream Party, see below for details!
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Twilight Fairy Desserts, \$15 per person, 6:30 pm

16 TUESDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Capturing the Story Through Art: Illustration Workshop, \$30 per person, 7 pm
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$15 per person, 11 am-12:15 pm

18 THURSDAY

- GreekFest at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, runs from 11 am Thursday to 8 pm Sunday, Aug. 21
- Grosse Pointe War Memorial presents "Big Chef Little Chef – Pizza & Salad," 6-7:30 pm
- Annual Senior Fun Day at WCCCD - University Square, free lunch,

seminars, entertainment and more, 10:30 am-3 pm, register at (313) 882-9600

20 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Farms Outdoor Family Movie, "Despicable Me," at Grosse Pointe South's Football Field, bring park passes for entry

22 MONDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Family Bike Tour, 9 am-12 pm

27 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Art Center's final day of "Our Rivers, Our Lakes"
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$15 per person, 11 am-12:15 pm

30 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Art Center presents "73rd Member's Show" through Saturday, Sept. 3

31 WEDNESDAY

- Racing for Kids to the Hill on Kercheval, featuring car displays, activities for children and more, followed by a reception and auction at Northern Trust Bank

August 11



Kids on the Go

Sponsor celebration ice cream party!

In honor of Kids on the Go sponsors, an ice cream party will be held Thursday, Aug. 11 from 6:30-8 pm at the Assumption Cultural Center. The fun includes Dan Dan the Choo-Choo man, a bounce house from Fergie's Rental and Wally's Frozen Custard served from the Fire Party Engine. There will even be a special appearance by Detroit Tigers Mascot PAWS!

September

Calendar

02 FRIDAY

- Detroit Jazz Festival in Downtown Detroit through Monday, Sept. 5

05 MONDAY - Labor Day

- GPW Community Bridge Walk at Lake Front Park, 9:30 am

06 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Schools First Day of School

07 WEDNESDAY

- GPCC Learn at Lunch "Marketing on a Shoestring: Branding, Publicity, and Social Media" at City Kitchen, 11 am

08 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre's Talking Headstones at St. Paul Cemetery, \$15 per ticket, 8 pm, runs through Sunday, Sept. 11

10 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe's Greatest Block Party, 11 am-10 pm
- Grosse Pointe Woods Annual Senior Citizens Day at Lake Front Park, 11 am-1 pm

11 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe's Greatest Block Party, 12-5 pm
- Michigan Anti-Cruelty Pooch Prance, 9:30 am

13 TUESDAY

- Village Garden Club chairs Benefit for the Belle Isle Conservatory at the Conservatory, 5:30-7:30 pm, \$40, includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, call (313) 881-1465
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$15 per person, 11 am-12:15 pm

14 WEDNESDAY

- GPBA of Mack Sidewalk Sale begins and runs through Saturday, Sept. 17

15 THURSDAY

- "New York, New York" Services for Older Citizens' 15th Annual Auction at the Detroit Yacht Club, \$45 per person

18 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "The Music Man" at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Sept. 18, 22-25, 29, 30 and Oct 1, 2
- Final day of Edsel and Eleanor Ford House's "Fairy Tale Art: Illustrations from Children's Books" exhibit

23 FRIDAY

- North-South Tailgate at Grosse Pointe South, 5-7 pm, see below!
- "Team Gloria Benefit for Cystic Fibrosis" fundraiser at Blossom Heath Inn, \$75 per person, strolling dinner buffet, entertainment, raffles,

auctions and more, 7-12 pm, visit www.kitchenfoundation.com for more information

24 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Rotary Club's 75th anniversary celebration and thanks to the community for involvement in the three million pound challenge, the celebration includes music, food, face painting, a moon walk and dedication to Dr. Klein, 9 am-4 pm
- West Park Farmers Market Fall Festival, 9 am-3 pm
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society's "Angels Fur Animals" at Lochmoor Club, includes silent auction, entertainment, open bar and more, 6-10 pm, call GPAAS at (313) 884-1551
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$15 per person, 11 am-12:15 pm

25 SUNDAY

- Community Open House Event, showcasing the architectural diversity, waterfront parks, renowned schools, vibrant shopping districts and exceptional dining and entertainment, 2-4 pm

26 MONDAY

- St. Ambrose Oysterfest, 5-9 pm

28 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center in partnership with members of the Beaumont Health Coalition begin a 4-part series in honor of September and October, National Suicide Prevention Month and National Depression Awareness Month. Part 1 is "In Our Teens' and Parents' Voices." Visit www.familycenterweb.org for more info

30 FRIDAY

- "New York, New York" Services for Older Citizens' 15th Annual Auction at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, \$115 per person

September 23

TAILGATE!

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce begins its "Fall into Grosse Pointe" events by sponsoring the annual North-South Tailgate. This year's tailgate will take place at Grosse Pointe South from 5-7 pm.



CITY KITCHEN

IT'S CHIC ... AND IT'S CHICK'S!



Frank Cherro is Head Chef at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club

Follow Chef Frank on his blog at <http://toastedpbandj.com>.

I recently had the pleasure of joining a friend for dinner at City Kitchen.

Having only heard about what owner Chick Taylor had created, it was time to experience his vision. Located at 16844 Kercheval in the center of the Village, City Kitchen is more than just the look.

Whether you enter the restaurant from the rear to see the open air kitchen and the wood burning pizza oven or from the front into the zinc topped bar, the atmosphere is relaxing. The custom designed wood bar has plenty of accent lighting to highlight its lines while the brick and wood walls complement the earth toned paint and crisp white linen. The greeting from the staff was warm and welcoming.

Although the staff was hustling, a busy restaurant is good; there was no rush to the service. We started off with a recommended appetizer – Shrimp Casalinga, fried and served with a garlic cream sauce. Very delicate coating and the sauce was just fitting. I was informed prior to my visit that City Kitchen soup is always good. Caribbean style black bean was the offering and it was perhaps a touch too salty for me but right on the money otherwise. The waitress steered me toward the Atlantic Swordfish entrée which was blackened to perfection. The mango butter added just the right amount of sweetness to calm the tongue. Maine Sea Scallops


City Kitchen

Grosse Pointe City



Chef Frank's rating

served blackened was a favorite at the table as well. Both entrées were paired with Yukon mashed potatoes and beautifully sautéed asparagus. The Grilled Atlantic Salmon with an orange glaze was both mouthwatering and cooked to perfection. The sides of vegetable stir fry and rice pilaf added a healthy bite to the dish. Eating one of the wood oven pizzas was like listening to Andrea Bocelli's "Con te Partiro." For an Italian boy, is there another way to describe it? The two decades of culinary experience definitely shows in the quality of food.

To accommodate large parties, graduations and much more, City Kitchen offers a large private room for up to 45 people. It comes equipped with a large screen television and a fully stocked bar. Also to better serve guests, City Kitchen offers an online dinner reservation option. Open until 10:30 p.m. during the week and 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, this offers late night diners a chance to taste this "quality fare served in an elegant, yet casual setting." 

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DENNY McLAIN'S LAST TRUE FAN

... AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!



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

*A*s the Detroit Tigers charge headlong into the American League pennant race I am reminded of the time my publisher's still-youthful wife felt moved to tell me what she thought of me as a sports columnist back when she was a budding young Tigers' baseball fan in the mid-1960s.

"I hated you," she explained one evening over dinner, "for all the stuff

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I couldn't have all those impressionable youngsters thinking Denny was a just another nice guy being picked on, now could I?

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you wrote about Denny McLain. He was my hero and you were always picking on him. And the way you treated him at the World Series..." Well, it went downhill from there.

Now, I must confess that I took a few shots at McLain in those halcyon years, few of them unearned as his later two trips to the hoosegow attest. Denny was a conundrum wrapped in a confusion. He had the sports world by the tail, winning 31 games and the Cy Young Award while leading the Tigers into the 1968 World Series. But his personal and, later, criminal life was a bona fide disaster.

I happened to cover them both, not only for The Detroit News but for Sports Illustrated magazine, too, as he bankrupted an upstart paint company, leaving friends and investors unhappily twisting in the wind, got mixed up with the Detroit mob during a federal gambling investigation and embarrassed his wife and family with his multitude off-the-field antics.

Not that there wasn't some fun involved, mind you. After all, Denny's 31-6 won-lost record made for interesting copy. His organ-playing nightclub appearances alone prompted an occasional humorous comment that might make a young fan cringe.

For example:

When Denny was yanked from the Series opener in St. Louis after giving up a 4-0 lead, I couldn't resist just a touch of sarcasm. Recounting the 4-1 loss, I opined in print that "McLain started out as the organ grinder and ended up as the monkey." Talk about things going downhill...

It helped, of course, that my long-time friend and all around nice guy Mickey Lolich rescued the Tigers by winning an amazing three games in the team's 4-3 Series' victory and ended up as the MVP.

In the end, Denny, however indirectly, got a measure of revenge. When I later broke a Detroit News story that scooped an SI exposé of McLain's gambler contacts, the magazine fired me. But hey, it was worth it. I couldn't have all those impressionable youngsters thinking Denny was a just another nice guy being picked on, now could I? ☹

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