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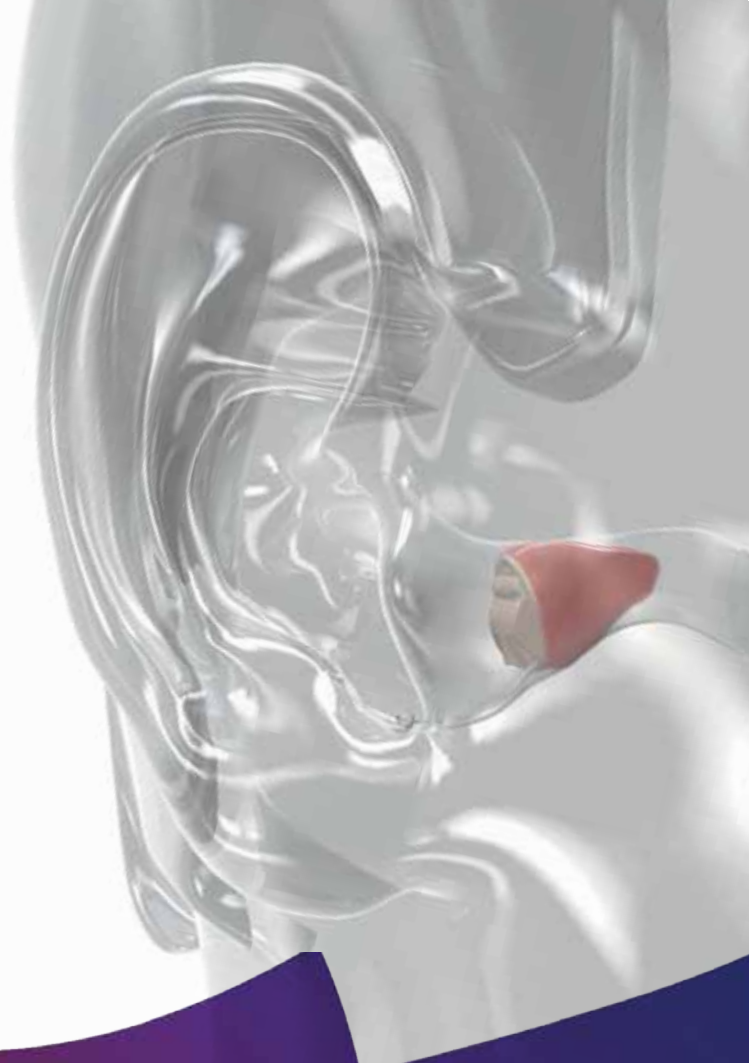
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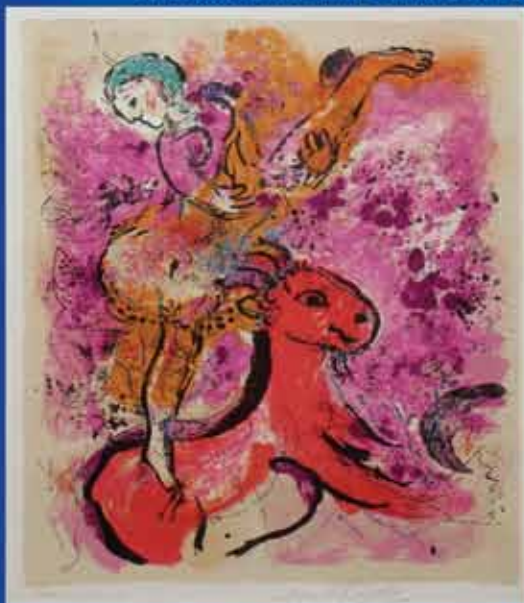
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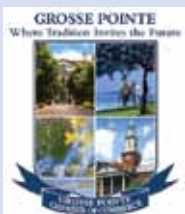
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This photo of 22 Webber Place — the 2012 Designers' Show House put on by the Junior League of Detroit — was taken by publisher John Minnis with the help of professional photographer Jeff Garland, who has “shot” the past dozen Show Houses (a span of 24 years!). Garland’s detail photos can be seen in the center spread, pages 30 and 31.



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John Minnis
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The rites of spring!

Spring has finally sprung. Hallelujah! Actually, we have little to complain about. Our winter was surprisingly mild. Do we have global warming to thank? Probably not, but we take what we can get. Do we actually have a choice? Can't wait to get out on the golf

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The kind words we receive all over town make us thrilled and humbled to continue to celebrate the Pointes as a great place to live, work and do business.

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course, but before that, there is just too much stuff to do in Grosse Pointe!

One annual rite of spring is the Grosse Pointe Academy's Action Auction slated for Wednesday, May 9, and Saturday, May 12. You won't want to miss it as the items for auction, including a Cadillac, are once again outrageous!

Then there is the biennial Designers' Show House put on by the Junior League of Detroit. The featured home this year is the historic and awe-inspiring 22 Webber Place built in 1928 by the nephew of J.L. Hudson. This is the second time 22 Webber Place has been chosen for the Show House, and we thank the owners for making it available. Don't miss this nearly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see this fabulous home.

These are just a couple of the many events going on in May and June. Oh, and don't forget Mom on Mother's Day, May 13. Make your reservations early as our many fine restaurants are sure to be booked solid that Sunday.

Speaking of auctions and biennial events, don't forget Grosse Pointe

Rotary's auction April 28 at the Country Club of Detroit. It is always a pleasure to go to the Country Club, and this time you can donate to the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

Sculptures will be cropping up throughout the Pointes this summer as the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and Services for Older Citizens host a dual fundraiser — Grosse Pointe Fish — a la the Grosse Pointe Frogs summer-long event some years ago.

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Meet Christian

Name	Christian Mellos
Age	17
City	Grosse Pointe Shores
School	Grosse Pointe North
Parents	Tom and Betsy Mellos



Christian's Favorites

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Frank Sinatra

TV Show

Real World Road Rules
Challenge

Store

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School Subject

Social Studies

Food

Flank steak

Thing to do on a Saturday night

Attend a Wings or Tigers game

Athlete

Tom Brady

Teacher

Mrs. Murray

What song on your iPod would people be surprised by?

“What Makes You Beautiful” by One Direction

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

Taking out the trash

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

1. A Stanley Cup, Super Bowl, World Series or NBA Championship won by a Detroit team this upcoming year
2. A return to good economic times
3. Decreased nuclear tensions between various world powers

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Graduated from the United States Naval Academy and being a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy or working on a graduate degree.

About Christian:

Christian's hobbies include music and sports. He also has an interest in politics.

Whenever possible, he enjoys spending quality time with friends.

He has one sibling — his twin sister, Carly.

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ACADEMY | ACTION AUCTION



Cadillac, in cooperation with Michael and Jennifer Bojarczyk, donated a fully loaded all-wheel drive 2012 Cadillac SRX to the auction.

Photo by Mary Anne Brush

By Lauren Beaver

The 2012 Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction will see a significant change to previous years. Proceeds will not only support Academy academic excellence, need-based scholarships and campus preservation, but give back to the community in a new way.

Co-chair Jennifer Bojarczyk explains how this year's auction will be unique to past events. "There will be thirty live items, all very unique donations. But most importantly, there is a new commitment this year - giving back to the community."

Co-chair Alison Arkison comments on this new direction. "We are giving back to Henry Ford Hospital." Grosse Pointe Academy school year partner, the Henry Ford Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, located at Cottage and Pierson Clinic, will receive 10% of the proceeds.

Another difference in this year's event, is that it will be the first auction co-chaired by Academy alumni.

"I cherished every experience I had there," says Bojarczyk of her Academy years. Both of Bojarczyk's and Arkison's children are current Academy students.

Arkison attended the Academy in 8th grade. "It completely changed my whole outlook on education, friendship and the value of school. I just flourished there." She has had both of her children enrolled at the Academy since they were three years old.

"It's like family there," says Arkison, after son Danny underwent surgery to have a tumor removed from his spinal cord. "Teachers visited and we received a gift from the school."

Now, both Bojarczyk and Arkison are excited to give back as co-chairs.

They spoke of a few key changes to this year's auction agenda. Following the Saturday night dinner and live auction, attendees will attend the unveiling of "Neiman Marcus Club Action Auction" in the Tracy Fieldhouse. This will include the entertainment of "Sips and Sounds" with DJ Prevu and world percussionist Jared Sykes until 11:30 p.m.

Wednesday's event will remain unchanged, beginning at 6 p.m. with cocktails, strolling food stations and a silent auction.

For tickets, check online at academyactionauction.org or call (313) 886-1221. ☎

Great Lakes Log

When the Rouge caught fire...

By Ted Everingham

Dr. John Hartig remembers the day in 1969 that the River Rouge caught fire when an acetylene torch fell and ignited oil on the surface of the river. He was a lad growing up in Allen Park at the time, but the scene stayed with him, eventually leading him to write *Burning Rivers: Revival of Four Urban-Industrial Rivers that Caught on Fire*.



The Rouge, the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland, the Chicago River and the Buffalo River in New York all caught fire because of oil pollution that resulted from steady industrial growth in the Great Lakes Basin over many decades. By the 1960s, all four rivers were "dead" from oil and chemical pollution. They no longer supported marine life for want of oxygen.

The fires in the late 1960s provided a resounding wake-up call that eventually resulted in the enactment of the Clean Water Act and other federal and state regulations aimed at restoring the environment and assuring a brighter, greener future.

The rebirth and restoration of these four rivers has been remarkable. The once dead rivers now are home to nesting bald eagles and peregrines, to northern pike, walleye and other fish and are popular parks and recreation areas. And, as Dr. Hartig says, "It all starts with the water."

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 Wood, on WOW channel 18 in Grosse Pointe Woods and on AT&T U-verse in seven counties in Southeast Michigan.



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POINTES HOST MASTERPIECE ART REPLICAS FROM DIA

By Amy Andreou-Miller

From April 1 through June 30, ten reproductions of masterpieces from the Detroit Institute of Art's collection will be displayed on the outside walls of businesses in the Pointes.

"It's a huge honor that the DIA selected our community for its Inside|Out program," says Amy DeBrunner, Grosse Pointe Art Center Director, who is spearheading the educational opportunities and fun ways to view the art — such as tours via bicycle, trolley or walking with your dog.

Check out the Art Center website, www.grossepointeartcenter.org, for more activities, especially the family-friendly events on April 14 at the Central Library and May 12 throughout the Pointes. Interactive maps are also available at the DIA's website, www.dia.org, under "Exhibition & Events: Inside|Out."

The Pointes will display ten of the 80 replica paintings from the DIA; 11 other southeast Michigan communities will display the remaining art during the 2012 Inside|Out season.

DIA Director Graham W. J. Beal says the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation provided \$250,000 to sponsor Inside|Out for 2012 and 2013. "Knight Foundation's support ensures that we can continue to engage people with art in settings that are familiar to them, fostering both creativity and pride in their communities."

The DIA's Inside|Out Coordinator Michelle Hauske is especially pleased with the creative activities planned in the Pointes. The Art Center and Defer Elementary School art teacher Mike Heenan are collaborating to encourage children to write letters to "the Postman," in honor of Vincent Van Gogh's "Portrait of Postman Roulin" replica on display outside the Village Grille. The Art Center and DIA will display the children's letters.



Portrait of Postman Roulin, 1888
Vincent Willem van Gogh (Dutch, 1853-1890)
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buhl Ford II

"It is really neat to have that particular image back in the Pointes because it was owned by the Ford Family," Hauske says. The Josephine F. Ford Estate donated "The Postman" among \$15 million of art to the DIA in 2006.

Hauske says, "After discovering the reproductions of great treasures around your town, we invite you to visit the 'real thing' at the DIA." The DIA is providing Grosse Pointers free museum admission on Sun., May 6.

Locations for DIA reproductions include Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, Grosse Pointe Woods City Offices and Ghesquiere Park, Grosse Pointe Public Library- Central Branch, The Hill Seafood & Chophouse, Kercheval Place (Trader Joes), Village Grille, The Sprout House and Janet's Lunch. ☐

Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 14: G.P. Art Center's Nobuko Yamazaki leads an origami workshop, teaching children how to make paper cranes at Central Library Branch in sync with the DIA masterpiece replica "Reeds and Cranes" by Suzuki Kitsu that will be on display outside the library.

Sunday, May 6: Free admission for all Grosse Pointers at the DIA.

Saturday, May 12:

9 a.m. Bike Tour begins at Janet's Lunch and will stop at all 10 masterpiece locations in the 18-mile loop of the Pointes. A second origami class will be held at Central Library.

9 a.m. G.P. Park Dog Walk: See the art during the Park's first day of West Park Farmers Market, go to Pointe Pet Supply on Kercheval in the Park and tell them you viewed the art and your dog gets a free treat. Mulier's Market will be giving out treats to those who viewed the art.

10 a.m. Trolley Tour of the 18-mile masterpiece loop of the Pointe, free to Pointers

11 a.m. Village Dog Walk. Go the Barkery for a dog treat, if you've viewed the art!

3 p.m. Dog Walk in the Woods. Go to Lou's Pet Shop for a dog treat, if you've viewed the art!

June 13: Private function: SOC guided tour of all 10 masterpieces, ending with a luncheon at Cotswold Café.

April 1 to June 15: Take a photo of you or a friend in front of a masterpiece, bring it to the G.P. Art Center and be entered to win a prize.

April 1 to June 1: GPPSS students will write letters to the "Postman" inspired by Van Gogh's "Portrait of Postman Roulin." Mail letters to the Art Center that tell your opinion of the art work or ask the postman questions about art. These letters will be on display at the G.P. Art Center and then at the DIA.

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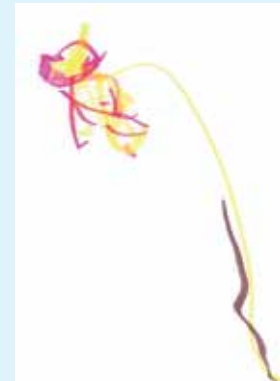
"It's my mom's birthday cake. She likes big frosting on it." - Sawyer Weisbrodt



"My mom and me are eating ice cream."
- Aiden Taormina



"My mom is sad that I went into her room and then I want to go to the police station with her. She is sad because she didn't like the red ice cream."
- Paul Banfield



"Birthday cake for my mom, she likes a vanilla cake."
- Yusuf Muhammad



"My mom lets me watch videos on TV."
- Karl Williamson



"My mommy had brown hair and she had yellow. This is my mom's kitchen and she's making food. Then my mom is washing her hands in the sink."
- Julia Matache



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“When my mom went home we were inside. My mom made food everyday.”
- Gruhith Yerramalli



“I feed the birds with my mom, and build a birdhouse with her.”
- Evan McNanney



“I’m taking my mom a Valentine at the beach.” - Scott Czerkis



“That’s my mom. Blue. My mom’s jumping on the bed.” - James Muawad



“I made the sun and this is me and Mommy. We’re having a tea party under the flower umbrellas.”
- Ava Zimmerman



“This is me and mommy in a castle. My mommy’s riding a horse. This is me and Mommy on the back. Me and Mommy are on the moon too. She’s driving the rocket ship.”
- Jack McHenry



“That’s me and Momma.”
- Nicholas Rogers



“I’m drawing a storybook because Mommy likes to read me storybooks. This is a storybook that me and my mom love to read.” - Ian Davis



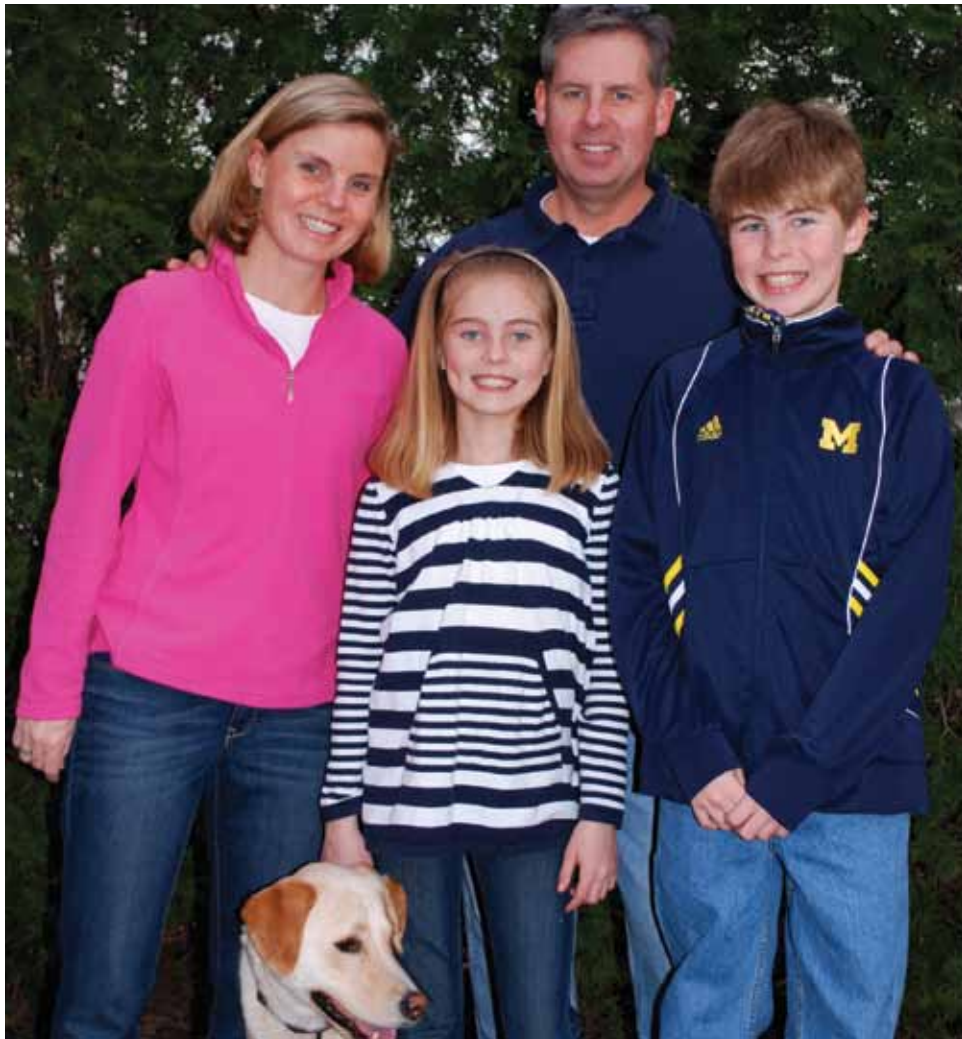
Meet Torrey

Name Torrey Ollison Stackpoole

Age 42

City Grosse Pointe Park

Occupation “Retired” Detroit Public School teacher currently teaching preschool at the Cooperative Nursery at Christ Church



Torrey's Favorites

Color

Blue and pink

Ice Cream

Mint Chocolate Chip

Season

Fall (Michigan football season!)

Book

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Animal

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Thing to do on a Sunday afternoon

Walk the dog or sail

Best thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

Sailing

Item you cannot leave home without?

Chapstick

List two of your best personality traits.

Hmmmm not sure!

List two of your worst personality traits.

Hold grudges, I like to be right!

One thing not many people know about you?

I want to be a Monday Night Football announcer.

Best vacation ever?

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On Saturday, April 21, 2012, the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education will host its spring gala, "Picture the Possibilities".

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Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m., supper at 7:30 p.m., with a live auction to follow. Auction highlights include a week-long stay in a Colorado home, personalized zoo tour, basket of fine wine and Tiger Den tickets.

Valet parking will be available. Attendees are asked to dress in cocktail attire and purchase tickets as soon as possible, as space is limited. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Karen Lawrence at karen.lawrence@gpschools.org or (313) 432-3058.

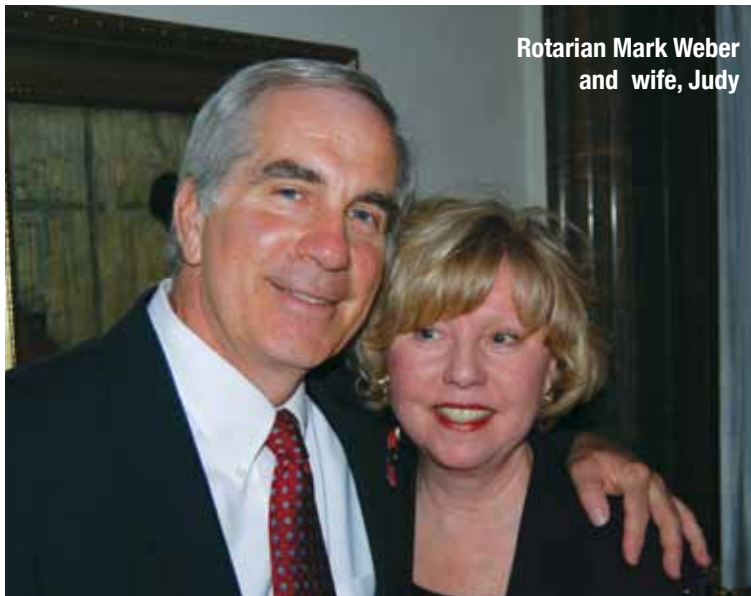
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Bi-annual auction marks milestone

The members of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe are celebrating 75 years of service to the community and to the world. Over the past 75 years, the club has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to local, deserving students, has renovated the tot lot on St. Clair, was the driving force behind SOC (Services for Older Citizens), spearheaded a highly-regarded literacy initiative in the city of Detroit, founded the Grosse Pointe tool lending library and so much more.

To celebrate this milestone, club members are planning an event of grand proportions and you are invited. The Rotary club's 27th bi-annual auction will be held at the Country Club of Detroit on April 28.

The black-tie evening will include a silent auction, dinner



Rotarian Mark Weber and wife, Judy

and a live auction. Some of the amazing items up for bid are a personal glider experience, a Tuscan vacation, stunning jewelry, fine cigars and spirits, and much more.

Rotary International is the world's oldest service organization, with 1.2 million members, in more than 200 countries. It is a worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities.

Proceeds from the auction will benefit two

very important local initiatives – Literacy and Hunger, with proceeds going to the Rotary Literacy Initiative and to Crossroads of Michigan's Soup Kitchen.

If you would like to know more about the auction or the local Rotary club, please contact Amy Gennaro at Amy.Gennaro@53.com or call (313) 408-0309.

Getting 'D' in the D

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

Nutritional supplements are extremely popular, but there is confusion about which ones and how much to take. It is always best to discuss with your doctor which ones would be good for you.

However, there are a few that most everyone living in Michigan will need.



Vitamin D is important for bone, colon and cardiovascular health. It has also been associated with improving mood, treating psoriasis and even preventing cancer. Sunlight is the best source of Vitamin D; however, with the gray Detroit-area winters and use of sunscreen, it is difficult to get. Aim for 1,000 IU of the supplement a day.

Omega-3 fatty acids from fish oil (DHA and EPA) are another popular supplement. If you eat cold-water fish like salmon, tuna, sardines or mackerel, at least two times a week, you may not need the supplement. Omega-3s are also found in plants as ALA and occur in high quantities in walnuts, olive oil and avocados.

The benefits of Omega-3 are best studied for lowering blood pressure and triglycerides but may help arthritis, menstrual pain, brain function and vision. Take 1,000 mg of Omega-3 a day.

We can't forget the old multi-vitamin. If you truly eat a varied diet, you may not need to take it daily; however it is great insurance as most of us do not eat as well as we think we do. One which contains 100% of the daily requirement is sufficient.

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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WHEN IN ROME ... SING!



By Kim North Shine

It was a trip of a lifetime that took 95 members of the Grosse Pointe South choir, 18 staffers and 69 chaperones to Italy in February, and now with the unique experience and countless memories behind them, the group is learning what so many performers do: The show must go on.

After singing at venues as prestigious as the Pantheon and St. Peter's Basilica, the singers have moved on to their next gigs — the *Phantom of the Opera* and the state solo and ensemble festival.

"I think they realize how lucky they are to be singing, just visiting, a place like this," says Dona Johnson-Beach, a trip organizer, attendee and mom to sophomore alto Elyse Beach.

The group visited Rome, Florence,

Venice, took gondola rides and saw the leaning Tower of Pisa. They were also student ambassadors exchanging songs and conversation with Italian high schoolers.

"What I told the kids was they represented Grosse Pointe South and the young people of America so admirably. You couldn't help but beam with pride," Johnson-Beach says.


The tour was a cross-Atlantic caravan of people and equipment traveling by plane, vans and bus, including one double-decker.

The award-winning choir's work is even more impressive in an international venue, says Johnson-Beach, a Grosse Pointe Park resident and school psychologist at Trombly Elementary and Brownell Middle schools.

"They do sing beautifully no matter where they are, but when you take a choir of this magnitude ... and put them in St. Peter's Basilica or the Pantheon or St. Mark's or the Pisa Cathedral, it takes your breath away," she says. "It has brought me to tears before."

After nine days most were ready for home.

"It was fun while it lasted," Johnson-Beach says. "It was nice to come back and settle into normal life."

... and the next show... 

In the center of three photos above, Grosse Pointe South Choir Director Ellen Bowen enjoys a cafe in Bologna, Italy, with Amy Argo, lead chaperone.

Photos courtesy of Chris Powell

SHIP SHAPE

Park retiree charts course by making wooden boats

By Pete Waldmeir

When he retired as a commercial building contractor nearly three decades ago, Grosse Pointe Park resident Pete Winkler went looking for something meaningful to do in his spare time.

"I was only 56 and that was too young to sit around watching TV," recalls Winkler, 84, a self-described "stink boater" and veteran member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. "Besides, I like action movies and my (late) wife, Lois, liked chick flicks. So we struck a deal. I'd spend 6:30 to 9 p.m. in my workroom above our garage while she watched her shows. Then we'd watch whatever I liked until bedtime."

So what about a hobby?

"I used to hang out at Mike's Marine store, and one day I picked up a magazine about how to build wooden boats," Winkler says. "That was it. I never had a wooden boat in my life, but I figured that if other guys could build one, so could I."

And now, as the old bromide goes, for the rest of the story.

Over the last 28 years, with loving care, Pete Winkler has built an astounding 35 small wooden boats in the workshop above his garage, ranging in length from 8 to 20 feet. Ideas? He finds a picture of a boat he likes, draws a plan (sometimes with help), builds a model to scale by hand and then buys all the materials and he's off!

"I like to keep the boats I build



narrow of beam and really light weight," Winkler explains. "Something that can be easily lifted, rowed or paddled."

The cost per boat? "About \$2,000," Winkler estimates. "Depends on how much help I have to hire to do things I can't do."

What's the market for wooden row boats? "Zero," Winkler says, smiling. "So I don't sell them. I give them away to a variety of summer camps run by boys' and girls' clubs and church groups. They either pick them up or I deliver them."

Do you build any sailboats? "Nope. Only been on a sailboat a few times in my life. Four miles an hour? You kidding? Boorrring!"

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By Virginia Ficarra

Being environmentally-minded by using sustainable materials is just good economics. To balance your budget, you need to do some homework prior to building or remodeling. Your choices of color and style set the personality of your home. The ecologically-sound products create the warm, healthy, earth-friendly environment.



Recently I had an opportunity to visit a new sustainable facility, the first hotel in America to achieve Platinum Certification. The U.S. Green Building Council has developed the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. Building projects are awarded certification by meeting certain prerequisites and performance benchmarks within each required category.

The Proximity Hotel in Greensboro, N.C. was based on a 1939 “cut and sew” factory. It uses about 50% less electricity and natural gas than a conventional hotel. Landscape usage of water for native plantings is reduced by 50% with a drip irrigation system, and 100 solar panels heat around 60% of the water for the hotel and restaurant. Special low VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) adhesives, sealants, carpet systems and paint reduce the amount of indoor air contaminants. Local vendors manufactured the furniture and furnishings. During building construction, 75% of waste was recycled.



The draped cubicles on either side of the wait staff's runway are open to diners enjoying a view of the gardens. Note the innovative floor covering, striated woven Chiliwich squares fabricated from cardboard and rubber. The restaurant uses geothermal energy to displace the energy needed for refrigeration.

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Eastside Group to Go Green on Moross

By Jim Stickford

After two years taking root, the Moross Greenway Project — an effort by Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and Detroit residents, groups and officials — is poised to really go green, as in flowers, trees, shrubs and money.

With the plans completed, says Moross Greenway board member Mildred Hurley, the hard part is done. Now all they have to do is raise the \$600,000 needed to implement the design.

“To get the money, we are doing a series of presentations around town,” Hurley says. “We are seeking grants and donations from all available sources. We only started the money phase in the last couple of months. It will take time, but we have the passion and the tenacity to get it done.”


Sure to draw attention to the project, Lois and Gail Warden, of Grosse Pointe, have agreed to be honorary chairpersons. “We are so pleased to lend our support to this effort which involves a unique partnership of Detroiters and residents of Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes with the goal of beautifying this major thoroughfare that is so important to the eastside,” explains Lois Warden.

Once the money is raised, construction will go forward. All the permits and paperwork have been obtained, so that shouldn’t be a problem. Once the planting is complete, then eco-friendly lighting will be installed. The final phase will incorporate art from artists around the state.



Hurley says the project will do more than beautify a section of Moross. It will bring attention to an entire neighborhood. “People know neighborhoods like Indian Village and Palmer Park,” Hurley says. “Now they’ll know about the neighborhood that’s called Cornerstone.”

Sheila O’Hara, founding board member, says, “This project has really brought people together. People from different cities who would have never otherwise met have gotten together to build something that will beautify an avenue that we all use.”

For more information, go to www.morossgreenway.org. 



Sheila O’Hara and Mildred Hurley



Honorary Co-Chairs Lois and Gail Warden

Are we having fun yet?

By Ken Welch

If working out isn't fun I'm not going to do it." I hear people say that a lot.

When I hear that statement I always think of the "Wee" pig in the Geico commercials.

I think of someone running on a treadmill or lifting weights all the while going "weeeee, weeeee" much to the



annoyance of everyone else. There is an expectation, maybe even a demand, that if "you" want me to exercise, you better make it fun!

Activities like golf, paddle tennis, walking or riding a bike and even some articles suggest gardening and flying a kite might qualify as exercise. But the big question: Is your "fun exercise" effective?

The hard truth: As we get older, we gradually deteriorate physically so our ability to continue "fun exercise" will diminish unless we work hard to maintain ourselves. You have to work out, not just play games.

You need a program that develops and maintains muscle by lifting weights and increases your cardiovascular capability by pushing your limits in a steady, non-stop aerobic workout for at least 20-30 minutes. A good workout 2-3 times a week keeps the spring in your step, a sharper focus, your body tight and ups your fun factor.

The fun in the workout is the purpose it serves elsewhere, continuing to have more fun in all the other activities you enjoy throughout your years.

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Edible Gardening with the Whole Family

By Michelle Balconi

If your family's idea of gardening revolves around cutting the grass and deadheading the geraniums, these ideas may send you running outside with new-found enthusiasm.

Gardening requires patience and kids can be short on that virtue, so get them hooked with immediate and even yummy gratification.

Jim Meyers, of Historical Courtyards and Gardens in Grosse Pointe Park, advises families to remember the original purpose of gardening was to cultivate food and that kids can easily get involved in creating edible landscapes.

"Kids will love getting involved in gardening when they can eat what they grow," says Meyers. "Instead of planting boxwoods, try a broccoli bush, or plant raspberries between the formal bushes."

Meyers suggests giving children different varieties of lettuce, strawberries and sweet potatoes as these usually have a 21-day seed-to-harvest cycle. Gardening with edible plants makes the whole experience more interesting and fulfilling for kids when they can do more than just look at the rewards of their work.

Other suggestions from Meyers

include using herbs as ground cover in flower beds and dwarf fruit trees in tight spaces. He suggests thinking three dimensionally and planting vertically where space is at a premium. Tomatoes and cucumbers are both good options.

Mil Hurley, of A Southern Gardener in Grosse Pointe, suggests large container plantings for kids because they require less water and weeding. The planters can be placed on casters or put into a wagon to be moved around for maximum sun exposure. Container gardens also provide safety from nibbling bunnies.

"I find children are more willing to try and actually eat new things when they help grow them," says Hurley. "We can even eat pansies when they are grown organically, and how fun is that to a kid!"

Consider growing a themed garden with your children to hold their interest. For example, a pizza garden



Above: The exterior of this home presents a traditional landscape, but notice the surprising use of strawberry plants to line the front walkway. Top left: At first glance this formal backyard appears to be completely aesthetic, but look closer to find blueberries, elderberries, broccoli, sweet peas, blackberries, strawberries and peppers.

would consist of shaping the planting space in a circle with six "slices" to grow six different ingredients that are found on a pizza. Give the kids starter plants of oregano, parsley, basil, onions, peppers and tomatoes and enjoy a homemade pizza a few weeks later with all of your fresh ingredients.

Consider logging more time in the garden with your family as the weather warms. Maybe the watering and weeding will have more meaning when the fruits of your labor end up on your dinner table or can be given to a neighbor to enjoy. ♡



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More than 30 top area designers will transform historic 22 Webber Place in Grosse Shores for the Junior League of Detroit's 2012 Designers' Show House, which will open to the public in May. The house will also feature fully landscaped gardens, a Boutique and a Greenery garden area, with items for sale.

"We are proud to be able to showcase so many of the area's most talented interior designers at the 19th biennial Designers' Show House," says JLD President Ann Turnbull. "Additionally, we will be putting a special focus on technology and modern amenities, which will bring a unique twist to this historic home."

The 10,304-square-foot house was built in 1928 as the home of Oscar Webber, nephew of Joseph L. Hudson. Designed by famed architect Leonard

B. Willeke, the home features seven bedrooms, a third-floor ballroom, 11 Pewabic tile bathrooms, six Pewabic tile fireplaces and hand-carved wood and plaster throughout the home as well as a view of Lake St. Clair.

This will be the second time this historic home has served as the JLD's Designers' Show House. The first time the JLD invited the public to view this extraordinary house was in 1994.

The completed Designers' Show House will be open for public viewing Saturday, May 5 through Sunday, May 20. Hours of operation will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 3 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays noon to 5 p.m. The popular Preview Party will be held the evening of Friday, May 4.

Tickets to tour the decorated house will be \$15 if purchased in advance, or \$20 at the door. Group tour specials are also available. Tickets will be available throughout the area at local retailers; contact the Junior League of Detroit office (313) 881-0040 or visit jldetroit.org for more details and ticket locations.

Held every other year since 1976, the Designers' Show House is the JLD's most significant fundraiser. Close to \$2.5 million has been raised for programs and projects in Detroit.

Established in 1914, the Junior League of Detroit is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. For more information, visit jldetroit.org or facebook.com/juniorleagueofdetroit.





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PLANTERS, POTS AND FLATS, OH MY!

Picking out flowers at the Woods Beautification-Grosse Pointe North Flower Sale is an annual family outing.

Photos courtesy of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods

Dig out your trowel and garden gloves. The combined Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission and Grosse Pointe North Parents' Club Flower Sale returns to the front lawn of City Hall Friday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Proceeds help to beautify the Woods' boulevards, parks and other public spaces with colorful flower plantings. They also provide funding for projects that enhance education and opportunities for students at Grosse Pointe North High School.

For 38 years, the Woods Beautification Commission has


heralded the start of the gardening season with its sale of colorful flats of annuals, hardy perennials and beautiful hanging baskets, perfect for Mothers' Day gifting.

Recently, the commission joined forces with the Grosse Pointe North Parents' Club — traditionally the area's prime purveyor of pre-ordered geraniums — to offer the best of both sales in one convenient location. The combined sale offers an outstanding on-site selection of geraniums, petunias, impatiens and begonias, as well as an assortment of beautiful hanging baskets and a potpourri of uniquely planted pots. Plus, buyers have the option of pre-ordering geraniums and flats of annuals, and having them delivered directly to their homes.

"Years ago, the Beautification Commission would literally cover the City Hall lawn with hundreds of flats of annuals at its flower sale. But times and tastes have shifted, and now we find the convenience of pre-planted pots and hanging baskets has made them very popular,"

says Flower Sale Co-chairman Jerry Hilton. "So now, along with flats of annuals, we have an outstanding selection of planters all ready to set on your porch or patio. Whatever you're looking for, you'll find our variety, quality and prices very attractive."

The Flower Sale traditionally marks the debut of the latest issue in the Woods' commemorative tile collection, this year featuring the new brick and carved-wood sign at the south end of Mack Avenue. Also available are the custom-designed concrete stepping stone and home-grown compost from Indian Summer Recycling, the company that collects and composts the Woods' yard waste.

Can't get to the sale on May 11 or 12? Pre-order forms are available at the Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall and Community Center, the Public Library and online at gpwmi.us or on the high school's Northern Lights newsletter site at gpschools.schoolwires.net/gpnorth. The pre-order deadline is Thursday, May 10, and the plants are delivered on Friday, May 18. Payment for pre-orders can be made by check or with PayPal. For more information, contact Jerry at (313) 377-7166 or Kelly at (313) 885-2455. 



Workers are arranging quality annuals for the Flower Sale held on May 11 and 12.

Ask Mr. Hardware

Drainage woes — it's a slippery slope!

By Blair Gilbert

Water, water, everywhere.

If your neighborhood is in a clay soil zone, you know water does not drain into the ground very well. After a heavy rain, the cement patio is under water, so is some of the garage — not to mention the lake in the back yard. This is a pain except for duck hunters in waders setting up decoys and waiting for a few stragglers to drop in.

Any surface water near the house will drain toward the building and down to the basement drain tiles. This makes your home the main drain for water in your yard. To prevent this, slope the soil so water drains at least eight feet away from the house.

Mr. Hardware Tip 484: Use inexpensive fill that has a fair amount of clay so it will deflect water away from the house. Mulch, sand, stone and landscape fabric are all conductors of water. Usually they conceal the fact that the clay earth underneath slopes back towards the house.

Sending the water away from the house is a first step, but what if it has nowhere to go? Some homeowners installed sump pits



in the back yard and are pumping the water to the front yard. My suggestion is to drain the water from the back yard to the front using drain tile and PVC pipe without a pump. This can be achieved by first determining if the front yard, near the street, is lower than the back. Most good landscapers have the equipment to check grade propose a plan to drain the yard if it is possible without pumping.

Well planned construction now can save a lifetime of grief and keep the basement dry.

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Meet Joanne

Name	Joanne Sibley
Age	93
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Joanne's Favorites

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Activity

Dancing, acting

Book

The Secret by Rhonda Byrne

Vacation Spot

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What is your guiding principle or words to live by?

To be where I'm needed

One thing you miss about being a kid?

Having no responsibilities

What was your first job?

At age 15 I was a messenger girl for Goodbody & Co. in downtown Detroit in the Guardian Building.

Are you a collector of anything?

Health food magazines

Your biggest accomplishment?

Writing a two-act play about Cadillac and the founding of Detroit.

What is your biggest regret?

I attended a junior college, but I wish I had gone to a four-year college and studied for a career - probably teaching or decorating.

About Joanne:

Joanne grew up in the City of Grosse Pointe and now resides in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Her hobbies include dancing, decorating and acting. She is also interested in environmental and health issues.

She would love to see a charitable group or a high school acting class produce the play she has written - possibly as a fundraiser.

When parents need care

By Ronda Maniaci

If you have aging parents, you may be noticing some telltale signs that your parents need assistance. However, there may be some not so obvious signs that you will want to look for. One thing is certain; it will not be your parents who will announce they need help. Signs to look for:



- Changes in personal appearance/lack of bathing and grooming
 - Decreased mobility issues
 - Driving issues — scratches and dents are on their vehicle
 - Decreased interest in meals/weight loss
 - Full (or empty) cupboards
 - Signs of depression or isolation (common in widowers or those living alone)
 - Poor judgement
 - Over medicating/under medicating or not refilling prescriptions
 - Signs of forgetfulness, confusion or disorganization
 - Signs of bruising (black and blue marks) could indicate they are falling
 - Complaining of pain or unsteady balance
 - Financial issues, i.e., late payments and/or frivolous spending
 - Signs of frustration or exhaustion
- When it comes to approaching the conversation regarding care for your loved ones, keep it positive and focus on what they can do. One of the greatest fears our seniors face is the loss of their independence.

Ronda Maniaci is a Certified Senior Advisor, Owner of Comfort Care and "Home Alert" Provider. Ronda can be reached at (313) 881-3390 or at ronda.comfortcare@sbcglobal.net.

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Jumps — All American, All Good

It's truly refreshing to be able to eat at a local establishment that embellishes only the basics. By not being pretentious, it allows them to focus on the important things in the dining experience — customer service and the ingredients.

Jumps is located at 63 Kercheval, Suite 105, on “the Hill” in Grosse Pointe Farms. The setting is absolutely beautiful and decorated in the most simple of colors and textures. It was quiet yet had that wonderful buzz. I thoroughly enjoyed the open kitchen concept; it allows you to be that much more in touch with your guests and it says we don't have anything to hide.

Chef Chad Stewart, the once executive chef now owner of Jumps, has surrounded himself with a knowledgeable staff of both cooks and waitresses. We were presented with the menus and very accurate descriptions of that day's specials and regular items and then decided to eat a whole bunch of stuff.

The soups, especially the Chicken Chili, were delicious, seasoned well, and not disguised by garnish. Is anyone else thinking of the Progresso commercial right now?

Our waitress had recommended a few salads to try, and she was spot on. The Bartlett Pear and Grilled Chicken salad was very enlightening with crisp greens, sugared pecans and a goat cheese truffle. The quiche of the day had bacon, broccoli and smoked Gouda, all playing very nicely inside a delicate crust.



Frank Cherro is Head Chef at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club

Whenever the words American Cuisine are paired with American basics, I think barbecue and burgers. Now how will that work in such an elegant eatery? Well you start by loving it, then follow up with their *modo*: fresh, clean and simple gourmet food. Chef Stewart has a tender pulled pork sandwich done Carolina style with the coleslaw served on it and a hamburger, but not just your ordinary meat, cheese and bun. Let's add the words juicy, soft, crisp and licking-the-sides-of-your-fingers good to it. I should mention the potato salad option should not be an option.

Even though a week's worth of calories were consumed at one sitting, I opted for a healthy choice over fries

and ordered the sautéed redskins with the two sandwiches.

If ever an opportunity allows me to mention the institution that I trained at, Schoolcraft College, I do it. Chef Brandon Kokoszki, also a Schoolcraft graduate, is the daytime sous chef and the pastry chef. He has definitely not let down a fellow Ocelot. His dessert creations include a refreshing Key Lime Pie, a hearty Bread Pudding with Bourbon Custard and my favorite, Apple Tatin. This is a French classic with soft, sweet apples and flaky crust. Why I didn't try all the desserts was truly a time issue, I promise.

The menu pricing ranges from \$6 to \$12 for starters on both the dinner and lunch menu. A very affordable lunch menu and modest dinner entrées only urge you to make reservations. Jumps is also well known for breakfast and Sunday brunch, which I am sure to try soon.

Upon exiting the restaurant, I took notice of a framed article from a magazine that had a catchy last line. No catchy lines here. Jumps is that good. 

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Mich. marriage by the book

By Randall D. Cain

Our Great Lake State is fairly straight forward with laws governing matrimony. Marriage is much like entering into a contract. A person must have the capacity to understand what they are doing, thus the need for a marriage license and a three-day waiting period before you can exchange vows. The license must be obtained from the county in which either party resides or, if both parties are non-residents of the state, from the county where the ceremony will be performed.



A person must be 18 years or older to contract marriage. Those 16 years of age or less than 18 may contract for marriage with the written consent of one parent or legal guardian.

Do you think announcing to the person solemnizing the marriage and the witnesses that you take each other as husband and wife is just one of those old-fashioned things people do? Well, you're wrong. It's required by law that the parties declare their intention.

That's Michigan marriage 101 in a nutshell. Just be glad we don't have to worry about laws from other states (or maybe it would be better if we did).

In Kentucky it's illegal to marry the same man four times.

If both parties intending to marry are in the military, Montana allows marriage by proxy where neither party has to be present for the ceremony and stand-ins take their place.

Thanks to Women's Day magazine for these quirks on marital bliss.

Randall D. Cain is a partner at Wilson & Cain, P.A., Attorneys and Counsellors, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

LAWYERS FORM

GROSSE POINTE BAR ASSOCIATION

By Jim Stickford

The days of going downtown for expert legal advice are over, which is why attorney Gary Wilson has formed the Grosse Pointe Bar Association.

"What we're trying to do is put together the best attorneys in Grosse Pointe with our separate specialties to provide better service for our clients," Wilson says. "What makes this a unique idea is the fact that you have to be invited to join. Most bar associations are open to anyone with the proper credentials and can write a check."

The GP Bar Association represents the attorneys that members feel best demonstrate the finest qualities of their particular areas of expertise, Wilson says. One specific requirement that all members must meet is that their offices are based in the Pointes. As it happens all members also live in Grosse Pointe, but that is more of a happy accident.

By belonging to the association, members can refer business to other attorneys they know are qualified to handle a particular type of law, Wilson says.

"If I have a client who needs estate planning, I can send that client to Jon Gandelot, who can help that person with his estate planning needs," Wilson says. "These days Grosse Pointe is home to all kinds



Gary Wilson

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of lawyers. In the old days, it was mostly attorneys who did things like house closings. If you were a small businessman, you went downtown for legal expertise."

But now big time corporate attorneys have spread out from downtown Detroit and many of them have ended up in Grosse Pointe. One association member is Ted Everingham, who was formerly a partner at Dykema.

The goal, Wilson says, is two-fold. First is to act as a referral service amongst its members. Second is to inform the community at large about the legal talent available locally in Grosse Pointe.

"We can offer the public big firm talent without the big firm costs," Wilson says. ☎

FIVE NEW EAGLES IN THE POINTES



By Jim Stickford

Five Grosse Pointe Boy Scouts of Troop 86 were honored on Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, when they were presented with their Eagle Scout badges.

The recipients - Gregory Detloff, Tyler Hoffman, Eric Lucander, Patrick Mulier and David Pingree - received their badges at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park Community Center.

Detloff, 18, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, has earned

21 merit badges. To complete the community service portion of the Eagle Scout badge, Detloff built a wheelchair ramp for a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Hoffman, 18, a South graduate, has earned 34 merit badges. For public service, he surveyed all fire hydrants in Grosse Pointe Park and raised money to purchase special reflective tape. He then helped apply the tape to the hydrants to make them more visible to emergency responders.

Lucander, 18, a South graduate, earned 26 merit badges. His public service project consisted of obtaining various levels of approval, raising funds and constructing a Ga-ga court

for students at Richard Elementary to promote communication, physical activity and sportsmanship. Ga-ga ball is an outdoor form of dodge ball played in an octagonal, walled court.

Mulier, 18, a South graduate, has earned 28 merit badges. His public service project consisted of designing and building hiking trail benches and securing these benches along the trails of the Pinckney Recreation Area. A small team installed the benches with the help of a park ranger.

Pingree, 19, a South graduate, has earned 38 merit badges. For his public service portion he designed and built 16 window shutters for the historic Cook schoolhouse in Ghesquiere Park. He also raised funds from the community to pay for the work.

The Grosse Pointe community can now proudly boast five new Eagle Scouts. ♣

Pictured left to right, Gregory Detloff, Tyler Hoffman, Eric Lucander, Patrick Mulier and David Pingree

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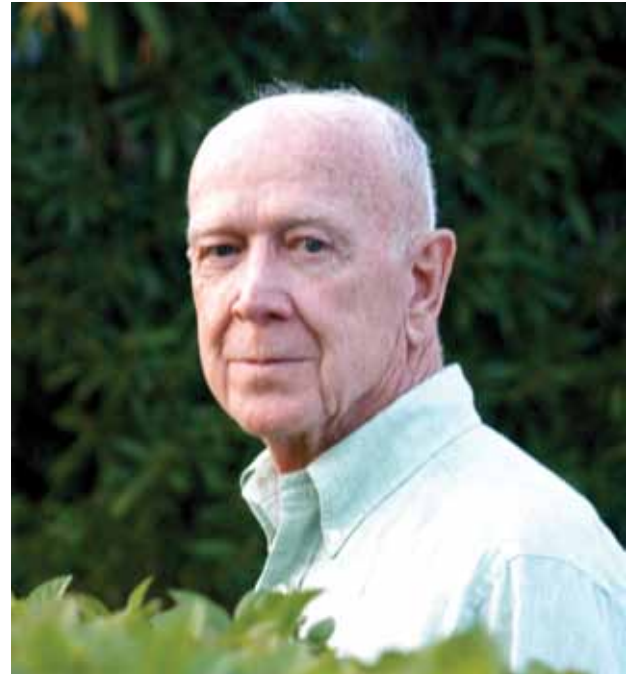
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Thrill of the Hunt

an automotive spy in the Pointes

By Dan Shine



*J*im Dunne’s car often drives like it has a mind of its own. “If I’m taking I-96 to Lansing, my car automatically exits at Kensington Road,” Dunne, 80, says with a laugh. “I can’t control it. Same thing if I’m heading to the airport on 94 – I get off at Oakwood Boulevard.”

Those exits have taken Dunne to the General Motors proving grounds in Milford and Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, respectively, as he set off on another hunt to photograph the cars of the future. Dunne, a Park resident since 1977, basically created the car spy photography industry. His photos of upcoming models, from Corvettes to Cadillacs, have graced every major automobile publication.

His book on his 40-year career, *Car Spy*, was published in 2011. It features more than 200 of his spy photos along with the stories on how he got them.

Dunne was the longtime Detroit bureau chief for the monthlies *Popular Science* and *Popular Mechanics*. He was frustrated that the daily newspaper reporters were able to report the latest auto news the next day.

One way to scoop them was by “telling readers what is coming in the future,” he says.

So he borrowed a camera and headed to Milford. There he saw a restyled 1965 Chevrolet Corvair circling the GM track and snapped some photos. He sent them in with his story and the feedback was extremely positive.

Soon he was staking out the Big 3’s proving grounds, dressing like an engineer to gain access to auto plants and chasing future

models across the country and even Canada. His photo was posted at auto plant security gates. GM planted a forest of trees to thwart him (named Dunne’s Grove).

“I loved the thrill of the hunt,” he says. “And I loved being the one who got the story first and got it right.”



Top, Jim Dunne; above and left, photos by Jim Dunne taken while spying.

LOCAL OWNER AIMS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD APPEAL



By Jim Stickford

Randy Suci is not afraid to switch things up. In his lifetime, he's worked as an executive for Chrysler, been a real estate developer and is now the owner of the Auto-Lab car repair franchise in the 21000 block of Greater Mack in St. Clair Shores.

"This Auto-Lab has been here for five years, but I purchased it last August," Suci says. "My brother-in-law, Chad Doser, is my general manager. He has 22 years experience and is ASE Certified. My son Drew is also taking classes at Macomb Community College. The classes are accredited, and he's getting his ASE certification."

Suci decided to buy the franchise — the only AAA Approved auto repair facility in St. Clair Shores — for a couple of reasons. He noted that people are keeping their cars longer than ever, meaning opportunities for well-run repair operations are greater than ever.

"This is a business that, if not recession proof, is recession resistant," Suci says. "The average age of cars on the road today is 10 years. We offer a full range of repair services except for body work."

Suci says the biggest surprise after he took over the Auto-Lab was learning about the complexity of today's cars and the skill set of today's technicians. Cars are computerized these days, and the notion that the people who work on vehicles are unskilled is just wrong.

"These men are called technicians for a reason," Suci says. "They're so much more skilled than yesterday's mechanics. If you look at all the services we offer, there are ASE certifications for each one. These technicians also have invested in their tools. Each one has spent thousands of dollars of their own money on the tools they use for their work."

Suci's path to Auto-Lab was not a straight line. A graduate of the University of Detroit before it became U-D Mercy, his first job was working in production control at Chrysler's Hamtramck



Owner Randy Suci
Photo by Jim Stickford

facility in the 1970s. He says it seemed like he was getting laid off for three months a lot. The last time he was told they might not bring him back, so he started looking at his options.

He decided to try real estate development. Back then, Houston was a boom town, and he got his start in the business there. Over the years, he took different jobs in different parts of the country and finally ended up back in Detroit.

"I was happy to come back," Suci says. "This is my home, where I grew up. I now live in Grosse Pointe."

While the auto repair business may be recession resistant, the competition is fierce. While he has a base of customers, reaching new customers is vital. That means using the Internet and social media, but also not neglecting old-fashioned sales techniques, such as excellent customer service.

"I want to cultivate this area, which includes the Pointes, the east side of Detroit and Harper Woods as well as St. Clair Shores," Suci says. "There are a lot of choices for customers on this side of town. We want our customers to come from the neighborhood and to think of our business as a local, neighborhood business. The Internet and social media are important, but the best advertisement is still word of mouth that comes from satisfied customers. That means fixing something right the first time. Nothing drives people away faster than having to bring a car in for the same problem over and over."

"For me, this is a neighborhood thing," Suci says. "We're community-based. We live here, grew up here and work here."

More than 300 people attended St. Paul Catholic School's Auction 2012 on Feb. 3 at the Detroit Yacht Club. Master of Ceremonies was Paul W. Smith and Auctioneer was Bob DuMouchelle.



Kim Guisinger, Paul W. Smith, St. Paul Catholic School Principal Dr. Mary & David Miller



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Soup servers Mark Venettis, Mary Penz, Sandy Moisodes, Rena Venettis, Dori Daskas and Cindy Vickrey volunteer for Cass Community Social Services' 'Souper' Bowl Sunday Fundraiser.



Delvina Leggett, Haley Mogk, Maddie Azar, Alexis and Anna Mellos



Rev. Faith Fowler of Cass, and Rev. Michael Varlamos of Assumption Church with the handpainted bowls

U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club Concert November 11 @ Grosse Pointe War Memorial



Arthur and Lynne Bryant, Charles and Debbie Fisher and Chuck McFeely

Marya Davis, State Representative Tim Bledsoe, Mike Bennett, John Thomas, Mary Anne Sizer, Sonja Bennett, Jim Sizer and Joe Walsh

Sparty Visit March 14 @ St. John Hospital & Poupard Elementary School

Photos by Kim North Shine

Grosse Pointe Woods City Councilman and MSU grad Richard Shetler, Kathy Herzog and President of Michigan State Eastern Wayne County Chapter alumni association Mark Makoski organized Sparty's visit to St. John Hospital and Poupard Elementary School. Sparty's first stop was the pediatrics unit of St. John Hospital. Next, Sparty visited Poupard Elementary School, where he participated in a celebration of National Reading Month.



Grosse Pointe Woods resident Blake Beers, 3, and a patient at St. John, shows his spirit - and big smile - during Sparty's visit. Nurses and doctors wore green too, not only to honor MSU but also its basketball team's NCAA championship drive.



Grosse Pointe School Board President Judy Gafa and Sparty



Sparty and Richard Shetler

1st-Year-Seminarians Fundraiser @ Paglia Residence, G.P. Shores

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Mario Amore, Jacob VanAssche, Maria Jerome and Grayson Heenan



Al Paglia, Ginny Kastner and Dan Goodnow



Tom Maxey, Thomas and Attarah Paglia and Brian Meldrum

Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting January 24 @ Grosse Pointe War Memorial

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Judy Gafa, Richard Shetler, Serge Garabedian and John Stoll



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Chamber of Commerce Business Expo November 1 @ Grosse Pointe War Memorial Photos by John Minnis



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Nursing Unlimited Ribbon Cutting Ceremony October 19 Photos by John Minnis



Nancy Viviano-Piatek, Darlene Thorpe, Valerie Minty, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, Carolyn Van Dorn, Pamela Boos, Jennifer Dill, City Administrator Al Fincham and MaryJo Harris



Mayor Robert Novitke, Nursing Unlimited Owner Pamela Boos and Al Fincham



Front row, Carolyn Van Dorn, Jennifer Dill and Valerie Minty, Back row, Nancy Viviano-Piatek, Pamela Boos and Darlene Thorpe

pets



Buddy and Scooby welcome your hi-res Pointe Pets pictures at 18530 Mack #106, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or e-mail buddy@grossepointemagazine.com

Luke



Luke, who has turned 3, is now drinking age in doggie years. He parties with Suzanne Favale and Thomas Poff.

Mimi



Mimi lives with Robert Walter in Grosse Pointe Farms. She was adopted through GPAAS. Her hobbies are napping and bird watching.

Gus



Gus is a 10-year-old Golden Retriever. He lives with Cindi and Chris Meyer of Grosse Pointe Farms. Gus likes to sail and swim.

Puffhead



Puffhead lives in the Park with Leah Nora. He is a rescued pom, who loves toast and hates buses!
Photo by Val Weiss

Turbo



Turbo, a 4-year-old Chocolate Lab lives with the Tedescos of Grosse Pointe Woods. A favorite pastime is lounging in the backyard.

Molly



Molly, a 4-year-old Maltese, is ready to play anytime. She lives in Grosse Pointe Woods with her pal Nancy.

Chloe



Chloe lives with the Babiarcz family in Grosse Pointe Farms. She was adopted from the Midwest Small Breed Rescue and loves the warmth of sunshine.

Woodward & Bella MoonPie



Waiting for the "Boys of Summer" to return, Bella MoonPie is a 3-year-old Rhodesian Ridgeback Boxer mix and her pal Woodward is 2. Both are rescues and live with Rob and Robin in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Meet Steve

Name	Steve Makos
Age	50
City	Grosse Pointe
Occupation	Builder/Carpenter



Makos Quality Home Builders

Makos Quality Home Builders is a general contractor specializing in residential construction, particularly additions to existing structures.

Projects range in size from a new entryway to total renovations, including thousands of square feet of new and existing structure.

Steve Makos founded the business in the spring of 1986. Over the years Makos has earned a reputation for quality workmanship, attention to detail and reliability.

Steve's experience as a master framer and finish carpenter has served him well.

Visit the company's website at www.makosbuilders.com to see photos of their many projects.

Something about you that most people don't know? My wife says I'm a big teddy bear whose bark is worse than my bite.

What was your first job? Freelance work at 12 years cutting lawns, lifeguard at City Park

Your most often used phrase? Attention to details

Best advice you have received? Listen first and don't speak too soon.

If you weren't a builder what would you be? I never wanted to do anything else!

What is your next goal? To continue providing quality work and expanding to new technologies.

Favorite thing to do outside of work? Watch sports, muscle cars, hunting for anything and skiing.

Words to live by? God is first; others second; myself third.

About Steve:

Steve and his wife of 27 years, Gail, are both life-long Grosse Pointers and Grosse Pointe South High School graduates.

They are the proud parents of Mitchell, 20, and Lindsey, 17.

Steve enjoys hunting, hockey, skiing and attending all of the kids' sporting events.

A recent addition to the family is 7-month-old Duke pictured above with Steve.

Order, Peace and Prayer

By the Rev. Michael Varlamos

There is an ancient saying in the Greek Orthodox Christian Church: "Wherever there is order, there is peace; wherever there is peace, there is prayer; and wherever there is prayer, there is God."

This saying is true today as it was centuries ago. Contemporary life in America is often described with words such as: busy, complicated, fragmented, overwhelming, anxious, etc. What is often missing is a sense of orderliness; and if this ancient axiom is true, when orderliness escapes, so do peace, prayer and a relationship with God.

Peace is a necessity of prayer: We can't really pray unless we have a sense of peace. Most worship services in the Orthodox Church begin with three petitions: "In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the peace of God ... let us pray to the Lord. For peace in the world... let us pray to the Lord." These three petitions remind us of the three types of peace that we must embrace before we can begin to pray: We must be at peace with ourselves; we must be at peace with God; and we must be at peace with one another.

One of humanity's basic needs is to commune with its Creator. The basic vehicle of this communion is prayer, and prayer can only be initiated when we satisfy these three conditions of peace, actualized by a life of orderliness. Simply put, the success of one's life can only be realized by two basic Biblical imperatives: "Seek peace and pursue it." (Ps 34:14) "Pray without ceasing." (1Th 5:17) Begin living a truly successful life!

Fr. Michael Varlamos
Senior Priest
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church



Young Life *Growing in Faith*

By Patti Theros

All week long Young Life Grosse Pointe offers students a comfortable environment to consider, discover and grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Young Life is an international organization founded in 1941 with thousands of locally-operated organizations.

The Grosse Pointe ministry has one full-time Young Life trained staff person, Julie Theis, and 10 volunteer leaders. Theis, 32, grew up in Grosse Pointe, went to college and then returned with husband, Brodie, 32, to make their home.

Young Life GP is relatively new to the area. Some Grosse Pointers may be familiar with FOCUS which began some 20 years ago and was a popular ministry among Grosse Pointe students. About eight years ago, FOCUS switched hands with Young Life and has been growing ever since.

"The ministries are similar, but Young Life is much larger in nature," says Theis. "There are thousands of Young Life staff people and Young Life areas all around the world. Living in Michigan, we also have much better access to one of the twenty-five Young Life camps (Timber Wolf Lake), which is near Cadillac, Michigan."

Young Life GP is not affiliated with a church, and is not designed to take the place of church. Young Life is about bringing adolescents together

regardless of their church affiliation or spiritual background. Theirs says everyone is welcome.

In any given week, Young Life GP attracts as many as 250 middle and high school students to their different events, which include Thursday night "Campaigners" (discussing life, faith and the Bible) or pizza lunches on Wednesday during GP South High School's lunch hour. Some 70-100 students attend Sunday night "Club" where they come to have fun, see their friends, play games, sing songs and hear a message about Jesus.

On a yearly basis, with middle school (Wyldlife) and high school included, Young Life has almost 400 teenagers attending some part of the ministry, whether it's a special event or camp. Wyldlife is for teenagers, grades 6-8. They also have monthly "Club" meetings and other activities.

Camilla Rodriguez, 15, a freshman at South, began attending Wyldlife when she was in 6th grade. She enjoyed it so much that she invited her friend Juliette Lux, 14, also a South student. "It's like another family. It's comfortable and there are fun activities," says Lux.

To learn more about Young Life-GP, visit www.younglifegp.com or to learn about Young Life International visit <http://www.younglife.org/US>. ☐

Photo by Patti Theros

08 SUNDAY - Easter

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Easter Brunch & Tour, \$34 per adult, \$19 per child ages 5-12, \$26 per adult for brunch only, \$14 per child for brunch only, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

11 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Park Afternoon Out: "Gone with the Wind" Luncheon at the Tompkins Center, purchase tickets by April 2 at the Lavins Activity Center Front Desk, \$10 per person, film at 10 a.m. with lunch intermission
- Judson Center Spring Breakaway, structured activities with opportunities for play and social interaction, ages 6-16, \$100 for three-day program through Fri. April 13, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

13 FRIDAY

- Family Center LEGO Artists Challenge, students bring a pre-constructed LEGO creation to Barnes Early Childhood Center for judging and great prizes, entry forms must be postmarked by April 13, \$15 per student entry

14 SATURDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House presents "Plant Adaptation Up Close: A Biological and Artistic Interpretation" through June 24
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Saturday Homemade Soap Event, ages 8 and up, children must be registered by Thursday for supplies, \$15 per member, \$20 per nonmember
- GPHS Izzy's Second Saturday Open House, 1-4 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at Camp Bow Wow Training Center, 12-3 p.m.
- GP Art Center's Nobuko Yamazaki leads children's origami paper cranes workshop at Central Library in sync with DIA masterpiece replica "Reeds and Cranes" by Suzuki Kitsu on display outside the library

15 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors Open House, 2-4 p.m.

17 TUESDAY

- Build a Twig Chair Workshop at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$53 per person and \$75 materials fee payable at time of registration, 6-10 p.m.

18 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Library Great Books Discussion Group in the Woods Program Room, 2-4 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Public Library, Visit with Sgt. Mike Almeranti and Raleigh the police dog in the Ewald Program Room, 4-5 p.m.

19 THURSDAY

- Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Classic Books Lecture Series featuring Ford Madox Ford's *The Good Soldier* at Grosse Pointe South Library, discussion leader: Dr. John Whittier-Ferguson, free to members and students and teachers with ID, \$10 for nonmembers, 7:30-9 p.m.

20 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Park Merry Music Maker's Pajama Party, \$12 per family, 7-8 p.m.

21 SATURDAY

- The Family Center's LEGO Artists Challenge Display at Barnes Early Childhood Center, \$2 per person, \$5 per family, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Mom-to-Mom Sale, \$2, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society SAH Driving Tour, bus will meet at Provencal-Weir House, half of the group will get a private tour of the Provencal-Weir House, while other half get driving tour of Grosse Pointe. Then the groups switch. Coffee and cookies will be served, 1-5 p.m.

22 SUNDAY - Earth Day

- Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra presents "A Bruch Spring" at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 7 p.m.

23 MONDAY

- Brownell Choir Concert, 7 p.m.

24 TUESDAY

- GPCC Business Before Hours at Auto-Lab, 8-9 a.m.

- Trombly, Maire, Defer Instrumental Concert in Maire's Gym, 7 p.m.

25 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Spring Luncheon featuring the Grosse Pointe Academy Seventh Grade Chorale in the Alger House, 12-2:30 p.m.

26 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe South High School Musical: *Phantom of the Opera* at Grosse Pointe North PAC, 8 p.m. through Sat., April 28

27 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Art Center Faces/Portraits Exhibit Preview, exhibit runs through June 2

28 SATURDAY

- Junior League of Detroit Kids in the Kitchen, a kid and parent workshop at the Sunday Dinner Company, 9-11 a.m.
- The Family Center presents LEGO - Artists Challenge, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at Camp Bow Wow Training Center, 12-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Art Center Faces/Portraits Exhibit Lecture by Bill Murcko in collaboration with Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, 1-3 p.m.

29 SUNDAY

- Detroit Symphony Orchestra Neighborhood Concert Series at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- The Family Center presents ChariTea Bear's 4th Annual Tea Party at the Assumption Cultural Center. Each child is asked to bring one small new teddy bear to donate. Children stuff, dress and keep their own plush animal, \$20 per child, \$15 per adult, 1-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors Open House, 2-4 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe South High School Musical: *Phantom of the Opera* at Grosse Pointe North PAC, 3 p.m.

30 MONDAY

- Brownell presents *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.* in the Brownell Middle School Auditorium, 7 p.m.

01 TUESDAY

- GPPS District Honors Band & Orchestra Concert at Brownell, 6 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Lecture by Suzanne Bilek: "The Foundation of Detroit & the French," \$18 per person, \$6 per student, 7-8 p.m.
- GPCC Business After Hours at St. James Lutheran Church, 5:30-7 p.m.

02 WEDNESDAY

- GPPL Senior Symposium: "Laughter? The Best Medicine" in the Ewald Program Room, 1:30-3 p.m.

03 THURSDAY

- Friends of the GPPL Classic Books Lecture Series featuring Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* at the Grosse Pointe South Library, discussion leader: Dr. George Bornstein, free to members and students and teachers with ID, \$10 for nonmembers, 7:30-9 p.m.

04 FRIDAY

- Junior League of Detroit Designers Show House Preview Party

05 SATURDAY

- Junior League of Detroit Designers Show House: 22 Webber Place, Grosse Pointe Shores, open to public through May 20, Mon., Wed., Fri.: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tues., Thurs.: 12-3 p.m., Tues., Thurs., Fri. evenings 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sat.: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun.: 12-5 p.m.

06 SUNDAY

- DIA Free Day for Grosse Pointe residents
- Grosse Pointe Theatre's *Hairspray*, 2 p.m.

09 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Academy Auction Preview
- Grosse Pointe Theatre's *Hairspray* Girls Night Out, Outstanding Variety for the Retail Therapy Experience, martini and wine cash bar and complimentary food stations, \$45 per person, 5:30 p.m.
- GPPL Senior Symposium: "Advance Medical Directives: Courageous Conversations" in the Ewald Program Room, 1:30-3 p.m.

- Trombly Spring Concert at Pierce, 7 p.m.

10 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents *Hairspray* through Saturday, May 12, 8 p.m.

11 FRIDAY

- Beautification Commission Flower Sale
- Grosse Pointe Park Merry Music Maker's Pajama Party, \$12 per family, 7-8 p.m.

12 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Second Saturday Open House and paint your own birdhouse to hang in your yard, 1 p.m.
- Beautification Commission Flower Sale
- West Park Farmers Market opens 2012 season, 9 a.m.
- GPAAS Adoption Day at Camp Bow Wow Training Center, 12-3 p.m.

13 SUNDAY - Mother's Day

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Mother's Day Brunch & Tour, \$34 per adult, \$19 per child age 5-12, \$26 per adult for brunch only, \$14 per child for brunch only, seatings: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Mother's Day Brunch, seatings: 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre's *Hairspray*, 2 p.m.

15 TUESDAY

- Brownell Instrumental Concert, 7 p.m.

16 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Library Senior Symposium: "Big Band Memories" in the Ewald Program Room, live Big Band music played by request, refreshments at 1:30 p.m., program 2-3 p.m.
- GPPL Great Books Discussion Group in the Woods Program Room, 2-4 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe South Tri-M Induction Concert, 6:30 p.m.

17 THURSDAY

- Friends of the GPPL Book Sale in the Woods Program Room, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- GPW Senior Ice Cream Social at the Community Center
- Grosse Pointe Theatre's *Hairspray* through Saturday, May 19, 8 p.m.

18 FRIDAY

- G.P. North Vocal Spring Show, 7 p.m.
- The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's Summer Breeze Auction to support the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation, open to the public, 7 p.m.
- Friends of the GPPL Book Sale in the Woods Program Room, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

19 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Village Association's Paint the Window Contest, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Friends of the GPPL Book Sale "Bag Day" in the Woods Program Room, \$5 per bag, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Park Perennial Plant Exchange at Tompkins Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

20 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre's *Hairspray*, 2 p.m.

22 TUESDAY

- North/South Spring Jazz Concert on the Grosse Pointe South Front Lawn, 7 p.m.

23 WEDNESDAY

- Pierce Vocal Music Concert, 7 p.m.

24 THURSDAY

- The Family Center's Meet & Greet for Professionals at Grosse Pointe Academy, 9-11 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe North and South Outdoor Instrumental Concert on Grosse Pointe South Front Lawn, 7 p.m.
- Brownell Spring Choir Concert, 7 p.m.

26 SATURDAY

- GPAAS Adoption Day at Camp Bow Wow Training Center, 12-3 p.m.

28 MONDAY - Memorial Day

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Memorial Day Service, 10 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Memorial Day Service, 10 a.m. @ Mack & Vernier

30 WEDNESDAY

- Maire 75th Birthday Ice Cream Social, all alumni invited, 6-8 p.m.
- Parcels All Choir Spring Vocal Concert, 7 p.m.
- Pierce Spring Instrumental Concert, 7 p.m.



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By Lauren Beaver

A production jam packed with more than incredible toe-tapping musical numbers, *Hairspray* communicates a timeless message of equality and hope through the eyes of a teenage girl. Set to hit the Grosse Pointe Theatre stage May 6, 9-13 and 17-20, this rendition of *Hairspray* promises to be a memorable one.

“Grosse Pointe Theatre is looking to put its signature on *Hairspray*,” says Director Tim Higgins. “We plan to make this the best and brightest *Hairspray* that anyone has seen.”

Higgins’ unique vision focuses on detail and reality. “We tell the story of Tracy Turnblad through real relationships. That is one of the most important elements, to ensure people they’re seeing real people.”

Catherine Flores will return to the Grosse Pointe Theatre stage for the

second time to play the 16-year-old feisty lead, Tracy Turnblad. Flores was the first person to portray Tracy Turnblad in southeast Michigan when she starred in *Hairspray* at the Warren Civic Theatre. Her experience offstage is noteworthy, including national commercial credits.

“I love that Tracy looks less than perfect, but her talent shines through. She overcame bullying and that is special to me,” Flores says of her personal connection to the role. “When I was in high school I was made fun of like Tracy. And like Tracy, I still actively pursued what I wanted.”

Grosse Pointe Farms resident and South High School student Austin Montgomery will portray heartthrob Link Larkin. “For guys, it never hurts

to play the role of the heartthrob,” says Montgomery. “It’s fun to step out of my shoes sometimes. That’s the best part of acting.” For Montgomery, this production is a particularly unique experience, as both of his parents are involved. While his father is in charge of lighting, his mother Pamela portrays the mother of Link Larkin’s egotistical girlfriend.

“Our last number in the show, ‘You Can’t Stop the Beat,’ unifies the human family,” says Higgins. “The story’s message culminates through Motormouth Maybelle’s part in the song. She sings, ‘Tomorrow is a brand new day and it don’t know black from white.’”

To purchase tickets, please call the box office at (313) 881-4004. ☎

Top, cast of *Hairspray*. Above, Catherine Flores as Tracy Turnblad and Austin Montgomery as Link Larkin. “Although told with lightness and levity, there is a powerful message of a young girl’s dreams and conviction,” says Higgins of Tracy’s centrality to the story.

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LONDON CHOP HOUSE REOPENS TO GLORIOUS PAST



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

A century or so back when I was still a sportswriter, I boarded a train in Lansing for Detroit early one winter evening and headed for the packed bar and dining car. A heavy snow had fallen all day and the train was late and just creeping along.

The attendant ushered me to a corner two-top and seated me with a stranger who explained that he was on his way to Detroit by train from a speaking engagement in Grand Rapids because his flight had been canceled.

We exchanged pleasantries, then talked about our jobs. I'd been in East Lansing doing a feature for TIME magazine. "Used to work for TIME," he explained. "But I got a better job in an ad agency in New York."

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— The Rev. Billy Graham

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In time I discovered that he was Sloan Wilson, author of *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit* and *A Summer Place*, among other best-sellers of the bygone era which now is celebrated in nostalgic TV shows like "Madmen." His first question to me once I told him I had friends in the ad business in Detroit:

"Great restaurant there! How are things at the London Chop House?"

This and other memories were stirred afresh when that famous old Detroit landmark reopened after 20 years in mothballs. Here was a guy who hung out with the swells in New York's "21" Club and the "bums" in "Toots Shor's" and he knew the Chop?

What's the Chop like today under owner Nico Gatzaros and executive chef Robert Scherer, both of Grosse Pointe? Well, the prices have risen with inflation like everything else. But the ambiance has been freshened from the declining days when Les Gruber and later Max and Lanie Pincus ran it. The Hy Peskin caricatures are mostly gone, samples assigned to a shadow box on one wall, but the dance floor is still there.

Missing are the restrictive dress and other codes (coats and ties only for males; no single females at the bar, etc.), all things that went out with the three-martini lunches and astronomical expense accounts.

Under Gatzaros' direction, the revamped Chop is even more inviting for patrons. Huge, high-powered lights now illuminate the entrance and surrounding area on Congress Street in the Marquette Building. Valet parking is fully staffed.

There's still a prestigious No. 1 booth for the occasional celebrity patron, which one evening in my checkered past contained the Rev. Billy Graham and his Detroit host. A buddy and I had been dining and imbibing at a table nearby and he suggested that we go over and pay our respects to the Rev. Graham on our way out.

"Don't mean to interrupt," he apologized to Rev. Graham and his host with a smile. "But my friend Pete and I thought we ought to tell you that we just came here to drink and chase women tonight, but we didn't dance."

Rev. Graham broke up laughing. "Don't give it a second thought," he answered. "If you don't tell anyone you were dancing, I won't." ☐

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